By Ashley Wolf
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The FDA is expected to rule on the recommendation in a few weeks. Although the U.S. House of Representatives is moving to strike President Bush's block the FDA from approving over-the-counter availability, according to the IMF press release.

Emergency contraception is available in California, Alaska, Washington and New Mexico by prescription only.

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Emergency contraception is a method of preventing pregnancy after unprotected sexual intercourse, when a condom breaks, birth control is forgotten, after a sexual assault or any other time when unprotected sex occurs.

When taken within 72 hours of unprotected sexual intercourse, emergency contraception can lower conception risk, according to the National Women's Health Network. However, in the last week of unprotected sex, it is not effective.

The pill works by blocking the release of the hormone estrogen, which is necessary for ovulation. When taken within 72 hours of unprotected sex, emergency contraception can lower the risk of pregnancy by up to 80%.

However, if taken after unprotected sex, emergency contraception will not prevent pregnancy, according to the National Women's Health Network. It is not effective in the last 72 hours after unprotected sex.

Emergency contraception is available without a prescription at many health centers and pharmacies, but it is best to take it as soon as possible after unprotected sex.
**News**

**Weather**

5 - Day Forecast

**TODAY**

high: 56° / low 43°

**SATURDAY**

high: 61° / low 46°

**SUNDAY**

high: 58° / low 44°

**MONDAY**

high: 59° / low 46°

**TUESDAY**

high: 60° / low 46°

**Sunrise/Sunset**

rise: 6:44 a.m. / set: 5:49 p.m.

Tides

high: 9:20 a.m. - 6.17 feet

low: 2:05 p.m. - 4.56 feet

San Diego

601/49

Anaheim

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Riverside

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Los Angeles

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Santa Barbara

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Bakersfield

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in dynamic, full sound." Davies also enjoys the songs, as do the singers.

"What I enjoy pick music is that it has historical importance and is of interest to me," Davies said. Fortunately, the students will enjoy the choices, although I'm sure they will prefer some others.

The University Singers, an ensemble comprised of 60 voices, will open the program with various popular songs as "Kyne" and "Glória" as well as several by Columbia and Beyond. PolyPhonics will be performing pieces they intend to present at the American Choral Directors Association Western Division Convention in Las Vegas on Feb. 26. Their program includes compositions by John Nicksom, Jim Sweidnick, James MacMillan, Craig Kingebum, Stephen Chatman and Ron Keen. Choir rehearsals have gone well, Davies said.

"PolyPhonics will represent Cal Poly very well with their performance," he said.

Cal Poly Vocal Jazz will also be presenting material they will perform at their debut at Campeche Hall in April. Their performance will be part of Phil Martin's Vocal Jazz Workshop. Their program includes "I'm Thinking Tonight of My Sweetheart," "Someone Loves Me," "A Thousand Years," "I'm a Fool to Feel This Way," and "Lady Be Good."

"This is the first of the workshop quarters. "Here Comes Trouble" and "Men-So-Forte," will also be performed. They will try to get some real standards," Davies said.

"The students have worked very hard," Davies said. "I am very proud of them for their efforts." Tickets are $10 for students and $15 at the door and can be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office.

**VAGINA**

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The play is not just a feminist rant and rave, Kob said. "When you first want to go to show packed with women and girls on stage," he said. "It's just common sense to me."

The ticket money will go to the Sexual Assault and Recovery Prevention Center and to ReMember week to help support the cause.

Alpha Epsilon Pi, a new Jewish fraternity on campus, offered to assist with the ticket sales for the play.

"All the other frat's do food drives," Kob said. "We didn't want to be cliché and wanted to do something interesting." Besides the Rape-Free Day on Tuesday, the team was on Dexter Lawn Thursday for information on violence and Thursday for a "sexual fun day" with free condoms.

"Of course people on a college campus have sex," Burkholder said. "We want them to be better informed about safe sex, as opposed to preaching abstinence."

Tickets are $8 for students and $10 for the general public and can be purchased from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the University Union every day, at Fanny Wrappers, Farmer's Market or online.

For more information or to reserve tickets, T-shirts or chocolates, visit www.sxc.calpoly.edu.

**Coffee**

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Indo-Pacific. This specialty offer will benefit people who are already customers, Kimball said.

Julian's relies on word-of-mouth to publicize their promotions, she said. On the back of the flyer announcing Specialty Coffee Month is a crossword puzzle. If completed correctly, it can be redeemed for a free house coffee. At the downtown's third drive-thru, many students, their sales of coffee beans by the pound are not as strong as they would hope, Kimball said.

"When you can go to Trader Joe's and get coffee beans dirt cheap, we just can't compete," she said.

Julian's gourmet coffee are in the top 1 percent of the top 1 percent, she said. The popular flavors vary according to taste.

"We don't have to drink the same thing every day," said Paul Hangs, Brewed Behavior bushes and business junior.

"With specialty coffees, you're still getting coffee, just with a twist."

Certain regions are known for richer beans, and better pricing, he said.

The barista demonstrations on Tuesday will attempt to show students what a real coffee shop should look like. Sometimes national chains have different ways of making the same drink. Kimball said. "We are looking at the differences between lattes and cappuccinos to see what we consider each drink to look like."

"Students should make macchiato with more milk and less coffee than they are supposed to have."

However, most average coffee drinkers won't know the difference, Hangs said. Julian's is participating in Specialty Coffee Month because they are members of an organization that gives them access to a number of retailers, beans and roasters, as well as educational material and other resources, Kimball said.

**Sorority**

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ing one member from each house was created in order to review recruitment statistics from the past few years.

Statistics included the percentage of women who participated in the recruitment process, the percentage who dropped out and the number of women turned away, said Michelle Smith, former Alpha Phi president and nutrition senior.

The information collected was presented to the Cal Poly sorority chairs for review and to the NPC delegates who provided consultation to the chapters, Carlson said.

In January, Cal Poly's Panhellenic delegates voted 5 to 1 in a secret ballot to move forward with the expansion process. One of the sororities who agreed with the expansion was Alpha Phi. When the house approved of the decision because it will benefit the Greek system as a whole," Smith said. "Hopefully the Greek system will continue to grow along with Cal Poly.

Since the vote, the expansion committee has been advertising the decision to expand on the NPC Website and personally contacting the other NPC sororities and encouraging them to submit letters of interest. Thus far, 20 sororities have been contacted, those who show interest will be narrowed down to three and asked to visit Cal Poly.

The Panhellenic board will make the final decision on the additional sorority in May.

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**Pill**

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woman's risk of becoming pregnant by 75 to 88 percent according to the FMF press release.

The pill raises the moral question as to when life begins. In order to consider Plan B a form of abortion, vice president of public affairs for Planned Parenthood Tri-Counties Christine Leon said that one of the biggest problems society has with the "morning after pill" is the misunderstanding that it is not a form of contraception. Plan B works by delaying ovulation or preventing fertilization, but it does not abort a baby if the woman is already pregnant.

Since Plan B is only offered by prescription, if a woman has unprotected sex on a Friday night, she would need to wait for one of the local centers to open on Monday in order to receive emergency contraception, lessening the potential effectiveness of the pill.

One reason Peters believes that Plan B hasn't been approved as an over-the-counter contraception is because of the potential for sexual promiscuity."I don't believe that college students who are responsible with their sexuality would abuse it," Peters said.

But in my opinion, there might be a problem with junior high and high school students, who are experimenting with their sexuality, to abuse Plan B and use it as a form of contraception, not a form of contraception."

Over-the-counter access to emergency contraception could prevent more than a million unplanned pregnancies and almost as many abortions every year, according to the FMF press release.

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**Crime Roundup**

Events from the week of Feb. 11

**Feb. 11**

• University Police responded to a call from someone in Yosemiti Hall who called on behalf of a potentially suicidal person.

• UPD responded to a report of an assault at the Rec Center. Two subjects were involved. No arrests were made or charges filed. The case was forwarded to Judicial Affairs.

**Feb. 12**

• UPD responded to a narcotics call from Yosemiti Hall. The smell of marijuana was reported, but no citation was issued.

• A theft was reported in Fremont Hall. Twenty dollars was reported stolen from the front desk over a 24-hour change. No suspect information was given.

• A 62-year-old female fell in the bathroom at the Health Center. She was treated at the Health Center for a bleeding head wound and taken away in a private vehicle to an unknown location.

**Feb. 13**

• A vending machine was broken into at the building 52 between C-wing and D-wing. Damage is estimated at $150 and $450 in coins stolen.

• A scooter was reported stolen from the computer science building. It was last seen Feb. 5. The scooter is a silver, stand-up variety with low handle grips and a black hand-brake.

• UPD made a traffic stop on the 1200 block of Hinge St. The driver, a 20-year-old male Cal Poly student from Stockton, was arrested for driving under the influence.

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NY YORK — Sunday's finale of "Sex and the City" promises to be a fight to the finish for the heart of Carrie Bradshaw. 

Hanging in the balance is not just the man (Aleksei Petrovsky or Mr. Big?) or the place (Carrie's beloved Manhattan, or Paris, where she detected last week?), but also the feelings of fans after six racy seasons on the town with sex columnist Carrie and her three gal pals.

Many questions are shot as "Sex and the City" concludes.

Of course, what made the show so much more than a hit was, in part, its knack for raising questions the viewers were already asking themselves — if it's okay to stalk, for instance. "Sex and the City" treated the audience to one tasty morsel after another.

LOS ANGELES — FBI labels warning against illegal copying of digital music, movies and software could begin showing up as a blank as computer games, DVDs and CDs as part of a new effort to fight billions of dollars in intellectual property losses, federal officials said Thursday.

The labels, which bear the FBI seal and promise those who have appealed on VHS tapes for years, warn of the consequences of illegally copying and distributing digital content.

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LOS ANGELES — President Jean-Bertrand Aristide declared Thursday he was "ready to die" to defend his country, indicating he would not resign as demanded by political rivals and a bloody rebellion in the north.

And the chaos, Washington said it was sending a military team to Haiti to assess the security of the U.S. Embassy but emphasized it still wants a political solution to the two-week-old uprising that has killed at least 60 people.

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**Prison guard suspected of plotting**

CORCORAN (AP) — A prison guard was arrested on suspicion of plotting with an inmate to use drugs to pay someone outside the prison to kill her husband.

Authorities said Linda Brock, 43, had a sexual relationship with the Corcoran State Prison inmate in recent months and the pair eventually developed the unsuccessful murder-for-hire scheme.

Corrections investigators and county authorities arrested Brock on Saturday at the prison and later found more than a pound of marijuana and 7 ounces of heroin at her Bakersfield home.

Prosecutors said Brock and the inmate, whom they did not identify, also organized a separate unsuccessful plot in which she would smuggle knives in the inmate's mail to use to kill rival gang members.

Brock faces charges including solicitation of murder, sex with an inmate, conspiracy to commit a crime and offering to distribute a controlled substance, said Kings County Chief Deputy District Attorney Patrick Hart. Brock was held on $500,000 bail.

The inmate probably won't be charged and may be used as a witness against Brock, Hart said.

A string of incidents at the Corcoran prison in recent years has prompted calls from lawmakers and activists for reforms at prison statewide.

**Five Britons return home from Guantanamo**

By Ed Johnson

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — Five Britons being held in the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, will be sent home within a few weeks, and could be arrested by British authorities upon return, Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said Thursday.

Discussions about four other British prisoners at the American base were continuing, he told a news conference.

Straw said the five to be released could be taken into custody when returned.

“Once the detainees are back in the U.K., I understand that the police will consider whether to arrest them under the Terrorism Act 2000 to question in connection with possible terrorism activities,” he said.

Earlier Thursday, Danish Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen told parliament that a Dane held at Guantanamo Bay will soon be released.

Danish media have identified him as Slimane Hadj Alkhrarmane. He was transferred to the U.S. Naval base in Cuba in February 2002 after being captured in Afghanistan.

“Under Danish law it is not possible to put him on trial. He will come to Denmark as a free man,” Foreign Minister Per Stig Moller said during a debate in parliament.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said the detainee would be released soon. He did not provide a more specific time frame.

He said Secretary of State Colin Powell had spoken with the Moeller about the situation.

At the White House, spokesman Scott McClellan said the United States has received assurances from Denmark and Britain that the detainees being released will not pose any future threat to America or our friends and allies.

Five other Guantanamo prisoners were recently released and returned to their countries for detention or possible prosecution.

In Washington, White House press secretary Scott McClellan said the countries involved had assured the United States that the men being returned would not pose a future threat.

“These detainees who are at Guantanamo Bay are people who are a threat to our country. That's why they were detained there, they are a danger to America and our friends and allies,” McClellan told reporters.

“We have been provided assurances from those countries that we are returning those detainees so that they will make sure that they do not pose the future threat to America or our friends and allies,” he said.

In Britain, Peter Clarke, the Metropolitan Police national coordinator for terrorism, said the returning men would face investigation.

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By Michelle Rushio

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Why we celebrate National Engineers Week

From cell phones to cars to indoor plumbing, walking down the street, you look around and there's not a single thing that has not been engineered by somebody.

National Engineers Week celebrates the role of engineers in everyone's lives. "says Cal Poly Civil Engineering student Andrea McGrath-Massie. co-commissioner with Garrett Glover of Poly's N.E.W. activities. In addition to celebrating engineers, N.E.W. offers an opportunity to show a new generation of elementary students the incredible variety of engineering career choices available. An important activity during the week is the outreach program by the Society of Women Engineers, which coordinates hands-on presentations to fourth graders at local elementary schools. Other activities at local elementary schools. Other N.E.W. activities (see schedule this page) include free McPhee's, the free movie "Office Space," and a College of Engineering booth at Farmer's Market. McGrath-Massie adds another benefit of N.E.W. "It lets engineering students get out of the library and the labs for a little while to get some sunshine."

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The winning design and prototype is a Multifunctional Wireless Audio Adapter (MWAA), a device that can broadcast the signal of a cell phone, MP3 player or CD player through a device that can broadcast the signal of a cell phone, MP3 player or CD player through a cellular phone conversations, which may help reduce the number of driving accidents that are caused by cell phone use. The 3rd place team created an Automated Hand Cleaner (AHC) to improve sanitation in public facilities by combining a sensor-activated water faucet with an automatic soap dispenser. More information on SHPE is available at ceng-web.calpoly.edu/shpe.html.

Poly to host civil engineers Pacific regional conference

More than 600 civil engineering students from 18 western universities will converge on the Cal Poly campus April 1-3 to compete in the American Society of Civil Engineers Pacific Southwest Regional Conference. "Students compete in all aspects of civil engineering, from steel bridge construction, concrete canoe racing, concrete Fissibe, structural design and construction bidding," says CE student Kristen Roberts. host coordinator for the event. "Poly has won the event nine years in a row, so we're expecting the competition to be extra motivated to beat us here at home." For more information, see http://ceengineering.calpoly.edu/ sce/pswrcindex.html.

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The Cal Poly Society of Hispanic Engineers team was all smiles at the 2003 SHPE National Conference after winning a first place medal. At right: The group's winning design was a Multifunctional Wireless Audio Adapter that broadcasts the signal of a cell phone in your car.

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Mechanical engineering Senior Ernie Gutierrez had a goal when he returned to Cal Poly after serving in Iraq. "The vision I had was to put out two design teams and win 1st and 2nd at the SHPE National Technical Career Conference," he says. "That had never been done before, but I knew that I could get the help of our members to make it happen."

Ernie was almost right — all it took was teamwork, dedication, determination, and elbow grease to bring home 1st and 3rd place.

The national 2004 Design Contest sponsored by the National Science Foundation and the Society of Hispanic Professionals Engineers (SHPE) Foundation consisted of three phases: submittal of a preliminary design, submittal of a detailed design, and the formal presentation before a panel of judges at the conference held January 9 in Chicago. Ten SHPE student chapters were chosen as finalists, including Cal Poly, Carnegie Mellon, UCLA, UC Berkeley, and the University of Washington.

"The submitted designs had to be for a commercially marketable product that improves the quality of life," explains 1st place team leader Jose Becerra.

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Cal Poly's HPV Club sprints to victory

Pedaling their egg-shaped, front-wheel drive bike to first place in both men's and women's sprint competitions, the Cal Poly Human Powered Vehicle Club finished third overall at the 2003 American Society of Mechanical Engineers West Coast Challenge. Mechanical engineering junior Ron Layman cycled the fastest time of the competition at UC Davis when he reached 38.9 mph in Poly's egg-shaped, front-wheel drive HPV over the quarter-mile track. Environmental engineering senior Leslie Kopf finished first in the women's sprint at 31 mph. Twenty college clubs designed, built, tested and raced HPVs at the annual meet.

Electrical Engineering students Maria Eugueta, left, and Jill Jackson worked with Marco Rizzo, owner of San Luis Obispo restaurant Café Roma during the annual Society of Women Engineers TeamTech Competition.

Teamwork pays in TeamTech competition

Cal Poly's Society of Women Engineers TeamTech worked with Hewlett-Packard and San Luis Obispo restaurant Café Roma on a prize-winning project that will make us all happy — food that's fresh and hot. The project's goal, says co-team captain Jill Jackson, was to implement a sensor network that allows restaurants to monitor how long a plate sits before being served, how many times a freezer door is opened and overall refrigeration system failure, which could prevent a freezer full of meat from spoiling. The team's innovative solution was to employ a system of radio frequency transmitters and receivers which export data into a computer database. For their efforts, Cal Poly's Team Tech received a first in the nation award at SWE's annual convention in October.

"The students had to work through vague problem descriptions, figure out the necessary tools and put together a working product," TeamTech advisor Dr. Diana Keen says. "The biggest lesson was how different the real world is from tidy lab problems given by instructors."

Students design a better SUV

Cal Poly Space Systems blasts off

Launch a rocket into space. Fly the rocket back to a safe landing on earth. Repeat. That's the process the members of Cal Poly Space Systems (CPSS) successfully demonstrated last spring in Fresno when it flight tested the StarBooster™ Reusable Launch Vehicle. Launched twice in 24 hours, the rocket was outfitted with a data acquisition system which sent velocity, altitude, GPS coordinates, acceleration and roll rates to the ground during flight. The StarBooster™ project explores the concept of remotely controlled, reusable, fixed-wing, flyable booster rockets that lift a second stage rocket and payload to orbit in a vertical launch but then fly and land horizontally like aircraft.

Students can design a better SUV

Cal Poly students drove off with two awards from FutureTruck 2003, a national student contest sponsored by Ford Motor Company and the Department of Energy. Cal Poly won second place in use of virtual instrumentation and was also named most improved team. At the annual FutureTruck competition in Romeo, MI, teams of students from 15 top North American universities refine their reengineered Ford Explorers to achieve lower emission and at least 25% higher fuel economy, without sacrificing performance, utility or safety.
Howling winds, frigid sea air and damp fog are some of the obstacles faced by ironworkers moving maintenance equipment on, above and below the Golden Gate Bridge. Three mechanical engineering students — Alan Buccigrossi, Kristian Cozyris and Scott Gabler — in associate professor Frank Owen’s class worked on an aluminum boom crane that makes the job a little easier in all weather conditions.

After extensive stress analysis and testing, the students developed a 350-pound crane that lifts 2,000 pounds and, since it quickly attaches to the handrail, is extremely portable. Both the students and the Golden Gate Bridge and Transportation District were pleased with the result. "It was absolutely fantastic to have the opportunity to work on a project of this scope — from conception to design — with a sponsor as notable as the transportation district," Cozyris says.

Ironworker Superintendent Arturo Meuniot was impressed: "The students met all of my design criteria and their presentation was top-notch. I look forward to presenting other projects to Cal Poly students."

Poly’s Mini Baja, Formula cars motor to success

Cal Poly’s Mini Baja and Formula racing cars clocked fast times at competitions sponsored by the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) in 2003. Poly’s Mini Baja car placed second in maneuverability and 12th overall out of 104 entries at the 2003 Mini Baja West competition, while the Formula car was ranked 21st out of 123 cars at the Formula SAE contest in Pontiac, MI.

Advanced composite materials make Poly’s Formula car lighter.

ME students assist brace manufacturer

A group of Cal Poly mechanical engineering students tackled a design project for a San Luis Obispo-based company that manufactures braces for injured human joints.

Students Sara Coleman, Tom Amick and Hans Mayer designed a machine that automizes the foam cutting process for brace prototypes produced for DeRoyal, Inc. Working with ME alumnus Tom Weltner, the students developed a machine that combines a programmable logic controller with a foam cutter that speeds up the process significantly. Weltner was pleased with the result. "The enthusiasm and innovation of these students is contagious," he says.

Building to last on Mars

Because Mars has about one percent of Earth’s atmosphere and temperatures range from -125 to 25 C, the environment severely affects friction and wear behavior of the vehicle," Niebuhr says.

The Spirit and Opportunity Rovers now on Mars were built to last only 90 days, but planned missions in 2009 will increase operational times to 18 months, making the study of frictional behavior critical. Currently JPL (Jet Propulsion Lab) does limited component testing in dry nitrogen or in a vacuum, but we need more information on wear behavior in a thin CO2 atmosphere," Niebuhr says. "So this project is pretty cool!"
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Cal Poly aircraft design team soars in national competition

Ten Cal Poly College of Engineering students won first and second place awards at the 2002-2003 American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) Undergraduate Team Aircraft Design Competition. The eight members of Cal Poly's Team Hyperion won the $2,500 first place award in the Team Aircraft Design category with their proposal for a six-engine ultra-heavy-lift aircraft capable of carrying a 1.2 million pound payload at 520 mph.

In the AIAA Individual Aircraft Design Category, Cal Poly's Francesco Giannini won the $2,500 first place award and Gene Gleason won $1,500 second with designs for an unmanned combat air vehicle, similar to the Predator in use by the U.S. military today. For their "Hyperion" transport plane, the winning Cal Poly team went to a WWI-era biplane design to stay within a Federal Aviation Administration wingspan limit of 262 feet.

Concrete canoe team paddles to win

Cal Poly's Society of Civil Engineers (SCE) concrete canoe team finished in 1st place at the American Society of Civil Engineers Pacific Southwest Regional Conference last spring. Fifty-five Cal Poly civil engineering students traveled to Arizona State University to compete in events like concrete canoe racing, steel bridge construction, surveying and others.

Overall, Cal Poly finished 1st in all concrete canoe events, 1st in impromptu design, 1st in the Frisbee competition and 3rd in the quiz bowl. It was the ninth win in a row for Cal Poly, which hosts the 2004 ASC Pacific Southwest Regional Conference in April.

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Cal Poly's concrete canoe team is already working on its boat for 2004. Above, Dennis Walters Jr. loosens the Styrofoam mold from the hardened concrete.

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Local animal adventures

By Katie Schiller

CAL POLY'S agriculture fields and "spot" some cows. Collect;e Blakeslee Auditorium Saturday niyht.

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Looking for some extreme animal adventures? Go out into Cal Poly's agriculture fields and "spot" some cows.

Charles Paddock Zoo in Atascadero is not the world-famous San Diego Zoo, but it is still home to wild animals such as a Black Bear, tiger and a red panda. Although the inactive Black bear appears hanging over, the Caribbean flamingos straights their necks and stay at each other like schoolgirls. The $3 admission is worth every penny just to see the three cow-like spotted black and white sheep.

The muscovy, cockatoos and the gray parrot are by far the most interesting birds, in their parallel dimen sorces and numerous "pretty birds." Make high-pitched clicking noises and they go wild. Just hanging around is the two-teeth shrew, who moves fast in slow motion. He travels so slowly that green algae grows in his fur!

Next on the turtle express of slow-moving animals are the elephant seals at Piedras Blancas. A quick 45-minute drive up Highway 1 will transport you to a beach inhabited by aggressive bulls, gentle mamas and sweet pups. Through the winter, ele­phant seals vacuously vie for females to mate with.

Naming maps flip their fins in the sand to keep cool, and monk makes open their mouths to roar. These huge-sized alpha males sound like a-groan between a lion roarer and a whoopie cushion. When a seal slips into the water, he looks like a 500-pound man doing the worm at a dance club.

Although his blubber drives and he moves slowly, he is actu­ally quite dangerous. This January, a seal shredded a man's thigh. But why travel up the coast when Cal Poly has its own unique animals right here? In the agriculture units await lowly livestock. Horses play, build fences and the Farm Shop, down Feedmill Road, and enter a beef paradise. The cows stare intently, not "mooint;" to you doinj; the worm at a dance club.

Students seek Splash Café at Pismo Beach, but there are many animal adventures to be had there as well. Seals swim with the surface and dive and splash in the waves. Armed with Jeri Mix or an empty bread box, you can attract флагом of sea lions to amuse the beachgoers. The pigs on the pier make a little warbling noise while they throw their necks out, only to be interpreted as a mating call. You might even catch a glimpse of a willow's swinging fur as a fishermen данным his prey over the rail.

And who could forget the Schnaurers in sweaters that sniff around San Luis Obispo. From a protective glass, you can view bridal Ballet Poloons, cedid Chidchicks and puppes in town newspaper. Petro's impressive array of parakeets will stimulate the bird lover within, provided you don't slip on the seeds covering the floor.

Take fun at the Goliath goldfish, with his bubble crest, find Nemo in the mass of odoriferous ClamsChalk. Even unless sweet nothing to the resident glasses — you will surely be rewarded with a loud "Whoa!"! At the end of an afternoon of animal adventures, nothing is more relaxing than coming home to your loyal Bitch. Watch him swim in his bowl and be thankful you don't have to polypele the balloon-shaped gall of a bull like some animal-science students. And remember, walk your hands.

Eclectic concert turns Cuesta into three ring circus

By Randi Block

The worlds of art, music and comedy will collide in the Cuesta College Blakeslee Auditorium Saturday night.

Musical magician Joe Craven will be performing alongside Sam Bevan on the keyboards, stand-up and electric bass, and the seminal-rock duo Kristine Grinn and Mitchell Barrett.

Craven is known for his ability to take random household items and turn them into regular instruments. Everything from cake pans to shoes have been part of his acts in the past, and this year is no different. Dozens of items will be part of the unique musical experience.

In addition, Craven is a world-class fiddle player and percus­sionist. He takes these skills and combines them with his ability to make music on random objects to create a unique event. Craven said he first learned of this skill when he was recouping and needed a special percussion sound that he was able to create on his violin case. From there, he experimented with other house-hold objects.

"I started getting into the sound object realm," Craven said. "An object already has a particular function but you redefine the object a little bit, and then you redefine the sound properties of the object..."

Craven has become very successful in his unique form of musical entertainment that is very far out. The world is my musical stage." And it works so successfully and everybody loves how it sounds. It's a little bit of magic and deception that is very attractive to me. The world is my musical world."

Bevan, while still in his twenties, has more than 20 years of experience playing the piano. His main addition to the group are stand-up and electric bass. Beyond working with Craven, the highly in-demand Bevan is a session player in San Francisco. He has worked with such people as David Grisman and Matt Flinner. The show's third element comes courtesy of the famous circus act from Grinn, originally from Copenhagen, and Barrett, originally from New York. They have worked together since 1988 entertaining audiences through their humor. Performing on cruise ships, fairs, festivals and for Fortune 500 companies, the duo is ready to entertain local audiences. They will share the stage with Natalie Cole, Willie Nelson and Kenny Rogers, among others.

When these three take the stage it will be a night not to miss. The doors open at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are $21 and $27 for adults and $11 and $12 for children 12 and under. They can be purchased through Vailtix.
By Meghan Reerslev

At first glance, the sleepy town of Solvang has little to it but a German Christmas market, Danish bakeries and antique shops. Further investigation of the numerous shops produces an array of collectibles, tasty treats and fine wine.

"Solvang is not really a college party, but more of a getaway," Solvang native and Cal Poly aerospace engineering junior Carvey Cowgill said. "It's a good place to bring your parents." Cowgill said the best times to visit Solvang during holidays because of the "festive decorations and Christmas lights," or the summer because of the warm weather and Fourth of July festivities. He said that Solvang is crowded during every holiday because of tourists who come to capture the Danish atmosphere.

Solvang was established in 1911 by a group of Danish educators from the Mid West who created a folk school to preserve Danish traditions. Some of the Scandinavian traditions remain today, as seen in the architectural style of the buildings, Scandinavian eateries and the monthly Danish service at the local Lutheran Church.

Students wary of participating in a Danish church service can still have fun in this small town of 5,500 people. Recommended places to visit include the Solvang Antique Center, Gerda's Iron Art, the Red Viking restaurant, the Solvang Bakery and one of the many wine-tasting rooms.

The Solvang Antique Center, located at 486 First St., contains collectibles from 65 antique dealers. Items include jewels, china, paintings, furniture and a large collection of clocks. The most intriguing is a German wall clock that features a hand carved, chained dragon and three bells. At $80,750, the walnut wall is best suited as a daydream, instead of a souvenir.

Budget-friendly souvenirs are found at Gerda's Iron Art, 1676 Copenhagen Drive. Storeowner Birgitte Pedersen said the most popular items are the Danish collectible plates and figurines. These items sell for $10 to $450, but less expensive mementos are available. These include $3.50 magnets with catchy phrases such as, "You can always tell a Dane, but you can't tell 'em much!" and "Kiss the Cook, She's Danish!" Other fun items are toy trolls and Danish dolls. The dolls are $16 and feature traditional Danish costumes.

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The Solvang Bakery, located at 448 Alisal Road, the Santa Ynez Valley is well known for its Chardonnay and Pinot Noir. "The wines in the valley are really good and probably the best around," he said. "Santa Ynez is supposed to be the next Napa Valley." Cowgill also recommended attending Danish Days, a festival held in September. The weekend highlights Solvang's heritage with entertainment such as Danish music and folk dancing.

Fans of festivals and other special events can access the 2004 Solvang special events calendar at http://www.solvangusa.com/index.html, the Solvang Visitors Bureau Web site.

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Cal Poly earned Westmont College 17-0 on Wednesday’s game at Fogarty Stadium. While the non-conference win certainly wasn’t much of a challenge for the Mustangs, it gave some undermanned players a chance to shine.

First baseman Steve Pettit chucked up his first career home run as a Mustang in addition to two RBIs. Those two stats were Cal Poly Division I records.

"Steve really stepped it up and had a great game," Mustang coach Larry Lee said. "This game gave players who don’t normally play a chance to see some time and Steve made the most of it."

Pettit was happy about his performance, but was also wary of the effect that the win will have on his team.

"The real test is to see how we return from this game," Pettit said. "With teams like Westmont we get a chance to crush the ball, but conferences are going to be different."

Westmont was plagued by consistently sloppy defense. The Warriors’ infield missed three basic fly ball catches and demonstrated team communication more commonly seen in little league.

As demonstrated in last week’s series with Pepperdine, the Mustangs are trying to play a pitchers’ game until they can start hitting. Lee used the Westmont game as a testing ground for non-starting pitchers Gary Duley and Kevin Waldhorne.

“They’re both kind of one-speed pitchers," Lee said. "We used this game to work on their command."

First baseman Steve Pettit had two triples to go along with his first career home run. Long took third place with a season-best score of 297.85. Marcia Rarbach, 257.15, and Stefany Rowers finished second and sixth (247.95). The 800 freestyle relay team of Mary Thomas, Kira Linsmeier, Leslie Lorentz and Peterson took fourth with a season-best time of 7:39.58. In the first leg of the 800 freestyle relay, senior Mary Thomas broke a school record for the 200 freestyle with a personal-best time of 1:52.72.

Lee also noted that consistency was an issue with Duley. While the fourth inning was particularly rough for Duley, his pitches steadily improved throughout the game. He ended up with 26 strikes for 49 pitches.

Women swimmers leading Big West

- The women finished second in the 200-meter medley relay on the way to the lead

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On the men’s team, Nate Williams, Ben Palmer, Kenji Yoshino and Nick Boesman turned in a season-best time of 1:14.49 in the 200 medley relay for a fourth-place finish. Also in the 200 medley relay, the team of Joel Payne, Matt Davis, Ross Long and Scott Groovy took seventh place with a time of 1:38.46. In the 800 freestyle relay, Adam Wengert, Nate Hall, Peter Friedhoff and Williams finished with a fourth-season-best finish of 6:56.32.

The women’s team was led by the 200 medley relay team of Stacy Peterson, Rea Landell, Mary Thomas, and Jess Denis who finished with a season-best time of 1:47.86. In the 3-meter diving event, McKenna First baseman Steve Pettit had two triples to go along with his first career home run. Lee used the Westmont game as a testing ground for non-starting pitchers Gary Duley and Kevin Waldhorne.

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