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By Katie Schiller

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The "morning after pill" can be up to 95 percent effective if taken within 24 hours, but with college and community health centers closed on the weekends, females might need to wait up to three days before receiving emergency contraception.

Emergency contraception is available in California, Alaska, Washington and New Mexico by prescription only. Plan B is offered at Cal Poly's Health Center, Planned Parenthood of San Luis Obispo and Economic Opportunity Commission Health Services.

"Emergency contraception has been available here as long as I've been here," said Marla Perez, head of the nursing department at the health center and a staff member for 29 years. "It hasn't been the same pill, but different medications cycle through over the years. Currently, we do offer Plan B to students by prescription for $10 plus a $3 administrative fee.

"Emergency contraception is a method of preventing pregnancy after unprotected sexual intercourse, when a condom breaks, birth control fails or any other time when unprotected intercourse occurs. When taken within 72 hours of unprotected sexual intercourse, emergency contraception can lower the risk of pregnancy."
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The play is not just a feminist rant and rave, Koh said. “What gave us the idea to go to a show packed with women and 15 girls on stage,” he said. “It’s just common sense.”

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

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

“All the other frat food drives,” Kob said. “We didn’t want to be cliché and wanted to do some-
thing really interesting.”

Besides the Rape-Free Day on Tuesday, the team was on Dexter Lawn the previous day for information on violence and Thursday for a “sexual fun day” with free condoms. “Obviously 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.wet.alpolphy.com. For general background on V-Day, visit www.vday.org.

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Ind-Paco. This specialty offer will benefit people who are already cus-
tomers, 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 crossed-out coffee cup. If completely corrected, it can be redeemed for a free house coffee. A few other coffee shops will have drinks on the house for a certain time. The deal is to separate, make macchiato with more milk and less coffee than they are supposed to have.

“We are looking at the differences between lattes and cappuccinos to show what we consider each drink to be,” Kimball said.

“Sometimes restaurants have different names for making the same drink,” Kimball said.

“The barista demonstrations on Tuesday will attempt to show students what a real coffee should look like. Sometimes national chains have different ways of making the same drink.”

Kimball said, “We don’t want to drink the same thing every day,” said Paul Hagen, Brewed Behavior busi
ness

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Sorority members will also be attending this week to review recruitment statistics from the past five 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 pre-

sent to the Cal Poly sorority chap-

ters for review and to the NPC dele-
gates who provided consultation to the chapters, Carlson said.

In January, Cal Poly’s Panhellenic delegates voted 5 to 1 on a secret bal-
lot to move forward with the expan-
sion, Carlson said.

One of the sororities who agreed with the expansion was Alpha Phi. The house approved of the deci-
sion because it will benefit the Greek sys-

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• University Police responded to a call from someone in Yeames Hall who called on behalf of a potentially suicidal per-
son. UPD took the person to mental

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• 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.

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• UPD responded to a narcotics call from Yeames Hall. The smell of marijuana was reported, but no con-

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

"I always pick music that is inte-

resting and important of its his-
tory," says Davies. "Unfortunately, the students will enjoy the choices, although I’m sure they will prefer some choices of my own.

The University Singers, an ensem-
ble comprised of 60 voices, will open the program with various pieces such as "Kyne" and "Gloria" as well as some from Colombia and India.

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 compo-
sitions by Johans Nichson, John Swedjik, James MacMillan, Craig Kingburn, Stephen Churchman and Ren Korn.

Choir rehearsals have gone well, Davies said.

"PolyPhonics will represent Cal Poly Polyphonics well with their per-
formance," he said.

Cal Poly Vocal Jazz will also be presenting their pieces at their performance at their debut at Carnegie Hall in April. Their performance will be part of Phil Mattson’s Vocal Jazz Workshop. Their program includes "The Best Is Yet to Come," "Somewhere Under the Rainbow," and "Lady Be Good."

The chamber quartet's program includes "Here Comes Trouble" and "Mon-Sor-

F e b . 1 3
• A vending machine was bro-
ken into on the building 52 between G-

ing one member from each house was

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Since Plan B is only offered by pre-
scription, if a woman has unprotected
sex on a Friday night, she would need to wait for one of the local cen-
ters 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 stu-
dents 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 experiment-

ing with their sexuality, to abuse Plan B and use it as a form of contracep-

tion,” said Peters.

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PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — 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.

On Thursday, pro-government thugs patrolled Haiti's second largest city, Cap-Haitien, vowing to counter any rebel attempt to seize control as frightened police remained in their station.

SEUL, South Korea — North Korea is willing to discuss allegations it has a uranium-based nuclear weapons program, a media report said Thursday, as Washington warned progress at six-nation talks will hinge on the North's willingness to abandon its atomic ambitions.

South Korea's Yonhap news agency said the report said Thursday that a U.S. delegation held a working-level meeting with North Korean officials on the nuclear negotiations in Beijing involving the United States, the two Koreas, China, Russia and Japan.

North Korea has denied a U.S. contention that it has a secret uranium program in addition to its program using plutonium. But the communist government conveyed to a "third country" its willingness to discuss the matter with Washington, South Korea's Yonhap news agency said.

NICOIS, Cyprus — Greek and Turkish Cypriot leaders met for two hours Thursday at the opening of talks hailed as the best opportunity in decades to reunify the island. Hours earlier, a small bomb exploded outside the home of the prime minister of the self-declared Turkish Cypriot state on the northern side of the island.

The U.N. envoy mediating discussions between Turkish Cypriot Rauf Denktash and Cypriot President Tassos Papadopoulos termed the meeting "very constructive."

"The leaders had ample good will and a business-like spirit," U.N. envoy Alvaro de Soto said.

— Associated Press

CHICAGO — Paramedics are testing an experimental blood substitute on severely injured patients without their consent in an unusual study under way at 20 hospitals around the country.

The study was launched last month in Denver and follows similar research that was halted in 1998, when more than 20 patients died after getting a different experimental blood substitute.

LOS ANGELES — Some microscopic images of martian soil taken by NASA's Opportunity rover show peculiar threadlike features, the mission's main scientist said Thursday, but he strongly suggested they could simply be fabric from the air bags that cushioned the spacecraft during its rough landing.

"The ones that I've seen are millimeters to a few centimeters in length. They are extremely thin — tens of microns, probably," Steve Squyres, of Cornell University, said.

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Hostage condition changes tactics

By Michelle Rushlow

PHOENIX (AP) — Medical opinions regarding a female prison guard's likely condition late into a hostage standoff prompted tactical team members to change their tactics, the prison's top administrator said Thursday.

Three doctors told negotiators on the 12th and 13th days of the standoff in Buckeye that the officer being held hostage by two inmates was probably dehydrated and was potentially facing other serious medical problems, said Lt. Col. Norm Beasley, the state Department of Public Safety's safety officer.

"Necessities in life were very important to him," Beasley said. He said that the pressure had the intended effect and surrender negotiations began after that.

Wassenaar and Coy released the female officer on Feb. 1 and surrendered. They had taken her and a male hostage guard on Jan. 18. The male officer was released Jan. 24.

Five Britons return home from Guantanamo

By Ed Johnson

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP) — 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.

"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 detainees would be released soon. He did not provide a more specific time frame.

"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 a future threat to America or our friends and allies," he said.

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

Judge blocks minor expenses haggling

NEW YORK (AP) — A federal judge in Martha Stewart's securities fraud trial blocked prosecutors Thursday from showing jurors how the homestyling guru haggled over company reimbursement for haircuts, coffee and other minor expenses.

Prosecutors wanted to raise the issue to head off defense assertions that Stewart would not have focused closely on her sale of ImClone Systems stock. The sale netted less than $250,000 for Stewart, who was once worth $1 billion.

The government claims Stewart was tipped that ImClone founder Sam Waksal was trying to sell his shares, then made her own sale on Dec. 27, 2001, just before a negative government decision on an ImClone cancer drug sank the company's stock.

"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 for questioning in connection with possible terrorism activities," he said.

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 into the inmate's cell 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.

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Why we celebrate National Engineers Week

F rom 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 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.”

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: submission 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 José Becerra.

Cal Poly’s Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers bring home gold and bronze medals

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Members of the Human Powered Vehicle Club and their bike "Suspended Freedom."

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 clocked 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 Eggeson, 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."

Student Council leads engineering activities

The Engineering Student Council represents the students within the College of Engineering to the Associated Students, Inc., the community and industry. The ESC for 2003-04 is led by faculty advisor Kurt Colvin (left) and includes (left to right): Vice Chair of Communications Christina Vignalats, Vice Chair of Finance Sean Greenwood, Chair Daniel Iverson, Vice Chair of Events Andrea McGrath-Massie and Senior Vice Chair Amanda Carlton. The ESC is responsible for various large activities like National Engineers Week and Open House.

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 StarBoosterTM 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 StarBoosterTM 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 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 in-strumetnation 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 emissions 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 attacked 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

The work of chemical engineering student The Bertini, left, and ME assistant professor Dr. David Niebuhr may extend the life of rovers sent to explore Mars for NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab.

Extending the time NASA's Rover is able to cruise around the surface of Mars was the focus of a study by materials engineering student Tim Bertini and assistant professor Dr. David Niebuhr. The pair used an atomic force microscope (AFM) to study the wear behavior of several materials in a simulated, low pressure "Martian" environment.

"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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Local animal adventures

By Katie Schiller

Not an animal adventure! It your idea of excitement is tapping; a Mustang's helmet near Avila Beach, many furry and feathered friends wait eagerly for some human attention.

Charles Paddock Zoo in Atascadero is not the world-famous San Diego Zoo, but it is still home to wild animals such as a Block Bear, tiger and a red panda. Although the inactive Block Bear appears hung over, the Caribbean flamingos straighten their necks and step 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 participative, as they can parrot human sentences and numerous "pretty birds." Make high-pitched clicking noises and they go wild.

Just hanging around is the two-toed sloth, who moves leisurely 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 animal slants at Piedras Blancas. A quick 85-minute drive up Highway 1 will transport you to a beach inhabited by aggressive bulls, gentle mammo and sweet pups. Through the winter, elephant seals vacillate their birth to mate with. Naming moms flip their fins in the sun to keep cool, and sons make their months to the north. These bi-annual alpha males sound like a cross between a loren mower and a whoopie cushion. When a seal slides into the water, he looks like a 500-pound man doing the worm at a dance club.

Although his robber drake 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 'wee' Cushions. When a sea lion slides into the water, he knicks like a SOO-ply plank. When a humpback bull romps in the waves, he is a highly powerful creature. With his blowhole up the road, you encounter a few equine companions. Excrement builds up as horses prance up to the sandbanks. Students seek Splash Café at Pismo Beach, but there are many animal adventures to be had there as well. Seal with the water, but not diving in the waves. When armed with Chess Mix or an empty bread box, you can attract flocks of seagulls to annoy the beach-goers. The penguins on the pier make a little warbling noise while they throw their necks out, only to be translated into a mating call. You might even catch a glimpse of a wildly swinging fish as a fisherman dances his pole over the railing.

And who could forget the Schnauzers in sweaters that sniff around the sand crabs at the shore?

Finally, (Steve Irwin, I'm sure), let's not forget the pet stores around San Luis Obispo. From a protective glass, you can view brutal Bull Potions, cuddle Chicks and puppies in tom-top newspapers. Petco's impressive array of parakeets will stimulate the bird lover within, provided you don't slip on the seeds covering the floor.

To get the gust at the Goldeb downhill skin, with his bubble crest, find Nemo in the mass of adorables Cthulhu. Even the simplest notion to the resident parakeets — you will surely be rewarded with a "Whoa, What's Up?"

At the end of an afternoon of animal adventures, nothing is more reassuring than coming home to your loyal pet. Watch him sway in his bowl and be thankful you don't have to polyline the bumblecore gland of a bull-like some animal science students. And remember, wash 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 Bakers Auditorium Saturday night.

Musical magician Joe Craven will be performing alongside Sam Bevan on the keyboards, stand-up and electric bass, and the senorita-recording duo Kristine Grim 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 shoelaces have been part of his acts in the past, and this year is no different. Tunes 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 recording and needed a special percussion sound that he was able to create on his violin case. From there, he experimented with other household objects.

"I started getting into the sound object realm," Craven said. "An object already has a certain function but you redefine the object." Matt Francioni, owner of Midwest productions in Paso Robles, decided to book Craven as an act after seeing the performance for himself.

"The first time I saw Joe perform his solo act live I was completely mesmerized," Francioni said. "This whole thing was put together to be a complete evening experience of all kinds of different things that will entertain our eyes and encourage our ears. You just sit there and wonder how he's doing it.

Since 1989, Craven has been a part of the famous David Grimman Quintet and also entered at the Live Oak Music Festival. He took his love for jazz, folk, blues and world music, as well as his skills on percussion instruments and turned it into the show he puts on today.

Also, Craven has played with the likes of Jerry Garcia, Stevie Wonder and The Persuasions. From this experience he went on to create two solo compilations, "Campion" and "Me Joe" which received national acclaim. "Campion" is comprised of folk music, while "Me Joe" is a twist on American folk songs. Craven has been very successful in his unique form of music.

"Craven has an organically unifying something with just my hands and mouth," Craven said. "And it works so successfully and everybody loves how it sounds. It employs a little bit of magic and deception that is very attractive to me. The world is my musical center."

Bevan, while still in his twenties, has more than 20 years of experience playing the piano. His main additions 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 Flintier.

The show's third element comes courtesy of the famous circus act from Grim, 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 have shared the stage with Natalie Cole, Willie Nelson and Kenny Rogers, among others.

When these four take the stage it will be a night to not miss. The doors open at 6 p.m. and the show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are between $21 and $27 for adults and $11 and $12 for children 12 and under. They can be purchased through Vaillirs.
At first glance, the sleepy town of Solvang has little to offer Cal Poly students. 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," Cowgill said. He suggested visiting one of the many wine-tasting rooms. The Chardonnay and Pinot Noir are the most popular choices. So whether it is for the treats of the shopping, Solvang is a quick escape.

Recommended places to visit include the Solvang Antique Center, located at 486 First St., contains collectibles from 65 antique dealers. Items include jewelry, china, paintings, furniture and a large collection of clocks. The most intriguing is a German spun 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.

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Monte Carlo Drive.

Mouth-watering dishes are served down the block at the Red Viking Restaurant, 1684 Copenhagen Drive. The top selling items are aebelskivers served with powdered sugar and raspberry jam for $2.50. Meals range from $5.95 to $12.95, with an average price of $8.

Storeowner Thomas Olsen recommended the frikadeller, a Danish red cabbage, mashed potatoes and gravy and a basket of various types of bread, including pumpernickel and onion cheese. The meatballs are seasoned with a mix of spices, making them fat from bland. The cabbage is cooked with currant jam, which made it sweet and tangy.

Happy Friday!

By Meghan Reerslev

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Sports

A smashing performance

By Spencer Marley

Mustang Daily Staff Writer

Cal Poly routed Westminster College 17-0 on Wednesday’s game at Kaggett 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 triples. He also led the team with eight RBIs. Those two stats were Cal Poly Division I record.

“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.”

Lee 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 respond from this game,” Pettit said.

With teams like Westminster we get a chance to crash the ball, but conference teams are going to be different.”

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

As was 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 Westminster game as a testing ground for non-starting pitchers Gary Duley and Kevin Waldhorn.

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

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Women swimmers leading Big West

The Cal Poly swimming and diving teams completed the first day of competition at the 2004 Big West Swimming and Diving Championships Wednesday in Long Beach, Calif. After day one, the Cal Poly women’s team is in first place with 129 points leading Pacific, UC Irvine, CS Northridge and UC Santa Barbara.

The men are currently in fifth place with 60 points behind UC Irvine, UC Santa Barbara, Pacific and CS Northridge.

On the men’s team, Nate Williams, Ben Palmer, Kenji Yoshino and Nick Boeeman 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 Gilroy took seventh place with a time of 1:38.46. In the 800 freestyle relay, Adam Wengert, Nate Hall, Petr Friedholf and Williams finished fourth with a season-best finish of 6:58.32.

The women’s team was led by the 200 medley relay team of Stacy Peterson, Rea Landelbo, Mary Kryvor and Jess Dumen who finished second with a season-best time of 1:47.86. In the 3-meter diving event, McKenzie

Wrestlers face Davis

The Mustang wrestling team, ranked No. 26 in the nation, returns to action Friday as they host Pac-10 rival UC Davis in their final home meet of the year.

In the NCAA Division I Top-20 Individual Wrestling rankings released by Internet Wrestling on Feb. 17, the Mustangs have three wrestlers in the top-10. Vic Moreno is ranked No. 9 in the 125-pound division, Derrell Vaquero is ranked No. 7 in the 133-pound division with a overall record of 23-4. Ryan Halsey is ranked No. 15 as he is 23-6 on the season.

Last week, the Mustangs got back on the winning track, defeating Portland State 47-0 in a Pac-10 Conference dual meet and San Francisco State 36-0 in a Pacific Coast Conference dual.

Freshman David Roberts extended his dual match win streak to six in the 149-pound division as he led the Mustangs off in both meets with a pair of wins. In the win over Portland State, Roberts opened the meet by pinning visiting Vikings’ Ben Barch in 1:43. Roberts would wrestle a strong second match as he scored five points for the Mustangs with an 18-2 win by technical fall over San Francisco State’s Chris Osiain. Roberts goes to 15-7 overall, 1-1 in the Pac-10.

Derrell Vaquero (133 pounds), Matt Cox (149), and Ralph Garcia (197) all added two victories to their win columns. Vaquero went to 23-4 overall as he defeated PSU’s Kevin Leake by a major decision and SFSU’s Donald Lockett 1-0.

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.

The Mustangs are now 7-8 overall, division with an overall record of 23-4. Ryan Halsey is ranked No. 1 5 for the Mustangs with an 18-2 win over SFSU’s Chris Bostick. Garcia goes to 10-9 overall, 4-3 in the Pac-10.

The UC Davis Aggies are coming off an 0-1-1 weekend. They were defeated by the Stanford Cardinals 21-16 and then defeated Portland State 48-0. The Aggies are now 6-7 overall, 3-4 in the Pac-10.

UC Davis is led by Brandon Rear, Motire, and Schurkamp are all undefeated in the Pac-10. Bear and Schurkamp are all undefeated in the Pac-10. Bear (17-1 overall) and Moore (17-5 overall) both have five wins by major decisions. Bear is 13-6 overall, 3-2 in the Pac-10, and has six wins by way of pinfall.

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