A roadblock in the master plan

New route creating two-way access on California Blvd. may put 100-year-old Founder's Tree at stake

Devin Kingdon

Relief for campus traffic problems may come fall quarter. The construction of a new thoroughfare extending California Boulevard to Highland Drive will create two-way access to the west side of campus. The cost: $900,000 and possibly one historic tree.

The construction of 350 new feet of roadway is expected to get underway this month. The road will allow for a direct traffic route from California and Foothill boulevards to the north end of campus near the railroad bridge and the new engineering building.

An unexpected speed bump in the plan, however, is the historic Founder's Tree, which was planted by Cal Poly's first graduating class in 1906. The tree came with the idea that each subsequent graduating class would plant a tree.

The notion that the tree could be cut down has angered some faculty.

"I think it will speak volumes on how the administration feels about preserving the Founder's Tree and are hopeful that it will not have to be cut down," Kolt said.

Kolt, who claimed she was partially misquoted in a Tribune article regarding the construction on Monday, clarified that officials were actually worried about damaging the tree.

"The tree is very old," Kolt said. "We were afraid that the paving of the roots of the tree and possibly kill it."

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WASHINGTON — Doctors are about to get the first in a new class of antibiotics to treat patients with a type of drug-resistant pneumonia, as well as those with sinusitis and bronchitis.

The Food and Drug Administration approved Ketek Thursday.

It's the first ketolide, a new family of antibiotics structurally similar to drugs like the old standby erythromycin — but different enough to offer an alternative that could prove important for certain patients, said FDA anti-infectives chief Dr. Janice Soreth.

Doctors are "eager to have another option," she said.

Dr. Paul Iannini, a Yale University professor of medicine who helped research the drug, predicted it will quickly become a first-line choice.

A type of strep bacteria that cause community-acquired pneumonia is increasingly able to overpower one or more antibiotics. About 20 percent of streptococcus pneumoniae now is multi-drug-resistant, Lannini said. Newer antibiotics called fluoroquinolones have been used to treat drug-resistant strep pneumonia, but a few strains resistant to those drugs are starting to form.

Ketek not only would offer an important option for patients running out of other options, but it may prove less likely to spur germs to resist antibiotics, Iannini said.

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of those statins should temporarily seemed to happen more often to Soreth said.

Users other hazardous activities. Soreth said. People experiencing the go away once the drug is stopped, women under 40, and does seem to remain and could be reinstated.

Aventis said Ketek will be available, by prescription, in late July; it has pleaded the University of Wisconsin-Stout in Menominee, Wis., has pleaded the of Fielder’s investments in our infrastructure. "It was really rewarding for me to collect than 1.5 million valentines to U.S. airport rally and gave their heart­fel­led thanks to students who are participating in the campaign. "Just the fact that people take their time to send us a letter means a lot," said Cpl. Frank Guerra, who returned from Iraq in July and is stationed at Camp Pendleton. "It’s just blow away that they are doing this. I’ll give my support in any way I can."
State Briefs

PASADENA — NASA's Spirit rover uncovered more evidence of past water activity on Mars, although not in the large amounts its twin rover Opportunity has found halfway around the planet, mission scientists said Thursday.

Spirit found limited amounts of water altered a volcanic rock nicknamed Mazatzal, coursing through tiny fissures that crisscross the boulder and cementing together the multiple layers that make in round. The findings were made during a weeklong analysis of the rock in the Gusev Crater region where Spirit landed Jan. 3.

Since then, Spirit has been overshadowed by Opportunity, as it found signs that extensive water presence, possibly a salty sea, once covered in landing site on Meridiani Planum.

DEVORE — Scores of cars and big-rigs tangled on Interstate 15 after fog-shrouded Cajon Pass, causing some vehicles to explode in flames in a series of chain-reaction pileups. About two dozen people were injured.

About 66 cars were involved in at least four accidents along a two-mile stretch of the freeway, the main highway between Los Angeles and Las Vegas, fire spokeswoman Tracey Martinez said.

Five vehicles were engulfed in flames and several big-rigs jackknifed during Thursday's chain-reaction accidents that started around 6:40 a.m.

About 24 people suffered minor to moderate injuries, but no one reported life-threatening injuries. Seven victims were taken to area hospitals, while the rest were treated at the scene, Martinez said.

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NATIONAL BRIEFS

SAN FRANCISCO — A federal appeals court is standing by its October ruling that Internet providers should be allowed to sell their service over the cable and telephone lines they use.

The Federal Communications Commission asked the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to review the decision, but in a 2-1 ruling Thursday, the court declined to do so late Wednesday. The commission is mulling an appeal to the Supreme Court.

If upheld, the court's decision would likely subject cable operators to the same rules that the phone companies must adhere to — such as allowing access to competitive Internet providers.

MIAMI — Three Miadolla police officers were convicted Thursday for their part in a scheme in which guns were planted near the bodies of two fleeing robbers shot to death by police.

Sgt. Jose Quirotero faces up to five years for conspiracy for planting one of the guns. Lt. Israel Gonzalez and Officer Jorge Garcia were convicted of covering up the scheme and face up to 10 years in prison for conspiracy, perjury and obstructing justice.

The case was the latest trial to come out of Miami's biggest police scandal in a generation. Eleven officers in all were tried in the scandal; two others struck plea bargains.

WASHINGTON — Republicans conceded Thursday they would not resolve their dispute over limiting future tax cuts until after Congress' spring recess, abandoning hopes of finishing a $2.4 trillion budget this week.

"We're on ice," said House Budget Committee Chairman Jim Nussle, R-Iowa. Lawmakers return to work in late April.

A leading potential compromise would restrict tax cuts but exempt some expected to be enacted this year, said several party negotiators.

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CHICAGO — It's just a little bit of wording on a condom packet — so small that Justin Kleinman hadn't even noticed it until he squinted to read it recently.

"This is completely pointless," the 24-year-old Chicagoan said of the warning telling him that, while condoms can prevent some sexually transmitted diseases, there are no guarantees.

Even the tiniest bit of print is at the center of a raging debate now that President Bush has asked the Food and Drug Administration to modify the current warning to include information about human papillomavirus, commonly called HPV or genital warts.

On one side are scientists who believe that condoms should be promoted as a crucial line of defense against several STDs and cervical cancer. On the other are groups that advocate waiting for sex until marriage, and who see the dangers of HPV as an argument for their cause.

"The lack of information getting to the American public regarding this disease is beyond comprehension," said Linda Klepacki, manager of the abstinence policy department at Focus on the Family, a California-based organization.

And she and others point to research showing that condoms don't necessarily prevent the spread of HPV, in part because it may be found on partners of the body the latex device doesn't cover. Abstinence is the best way to prevent the disease, she argues.

Adding information to a condom label would be "truth in advertising," said Libby Gray, she who directs a New York-based group, called Project Reality, an Illinois-based group that teaches public school students about abstinence — and notes that most students she speaks with have no idea what HPV is.

But scientists who study HPV worry that abstinence groups are dismissing important information about the disease. "If I want to be polite, it baffles me when I see scientific and medical studies being manipulated for a different agenda," said Tom Broker. He's a professor of biochemistry and molecular genetics at the University of Alabama at Birmingham and president of the International HPV/Human Papillomavirus Society, a coalition of experts who study HPV.

The focus, Broker said, should be on the fact that condoms have been shown to reduce the risk of cervical cancer, which is caused by HPV and which can be detected and treated if women get regular PAP smears. (The federal Centers for Disease Control issued a recent report to Congress that included the same conclusion.)

Broker has also said research has shown that HPV transmission is less likely when a person does not have other STDs, such as HIV, gonorrhea and chlamydia, which condoms have been shown to combat.

Both he and Dr. Ward Cates, former head of the CDC's STD/HIV prevention group, agreed that teaching abstinence is a key to preventing the spread of disease.

World Briefs

FALLLAHJ, Iraq — A U.S. general vowed an "overwhelming" response to the murder and mutilation of four American contractors, but U.S. troops fought back Friday against a brutal Iraqi police attack.

U.S. forces said they were preparing to take on the Americans if they try to enter Fallujah, where schools and shops remained open a day after insurgents ambushed the contractors, one of whom was multiply wounded and carried corpses on an iron bridge spanning the Euphrates River.

Near Fallujah on Thursday, insurgents set off a bomb beside a U.S. military vehicle, killing five Associated Press Television News footage showed smoke and fire pouring from an abandoned Humvee on the side of a road.

LONDON — Although suicide rates around the world are about three times higher for men than women, evidence is mounting that in developing countries in Asia, suicide is far more common among young women than men.

In a study this week in The Lancet medical journal, researchers give the first picture of suicide among young people in India. In a region near Vellore in southern India, more than twice as many young women aged 10 to 19 committed suicide as men in the same age group.

The study found the average suicide rate for women in that age group was 148 per 100,000, compared with 56 suicides per 100,000 men.

Globally, the suicide rate for men is about 24 per 100,000, and about 6.8 for women.

ANKARA, Turkey — A sweep against a militant Turkish group known more as an Islamic-based than a terrorist organization, researchers with the Netherlands launched raids against houses used by the Revolutionary People's Liberation Party-Front, or DHKP-C, a Marxist group that calls for the overthrow of the Turkish government.

Two separate proposals

1. Increase Health Services Fee
2. Increase ASI Fee supporting student athlete scholarships

have been approved for a student referendum on April 14th and 15th.

The following Open Forums have been scheduled where students can ask questions and learn more about these two important proposals.

Wednesday April 7, 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Thursday April 8, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Monday April 12, 1:00-2:00 p.m.
Location: UU 220

Additional information including an Objective Statement & Financial Analysis, Pro and Con Statements, sample ballot and polling times and locations is now available on the web, by clicking on the link located on Cal Poly's home page (www.calpoly.edu).
Pledge to keep church and state separate

Commentary

About 60 million school-age children recite the Pledge of Allegiance every day. This is an alarming fact. It can be inferred that many of these elementary and middle school children have little or no concept of the meaning in the oath they are taking day after day, year after year. Pledging allegiance to anything should not be taken lightly.

Beyond the simple irony that children are encouraged to pledge their allegiance to the flag of the "land of the free," there is another major problem with the pledge: the words "under God." The original Pledge of Allegiance, as written by social- 1ist Frances Bellamy in 1892, included no references to God or religion. The Knights of Columbus, a Catholic organization, spearheaded a campaign in the early 1950s to add "one nation under God" to the religious reference to the pledge. In 1954, after President Dwight D. Eisenhower heard a sermon in church on the subject of "one nation under God," his approval of the president and Congress.

The addition of the religious reference was intended to separate the United States from the "Godless Communists." There is no doubt that the God being referred to in the Pledge is indeed the traditional Judeo-Christian God. The trouble is, not everyone believes in this God or any God for that matter.

In the 21st century that has passed since the Pledge of Allegiance became a prayer, the issue has remains relatively quiet. That is until February 2003 when the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in favor of California atheist Michael Newdow. He argued that reciting the Pledge of Allegiance in his young daughter's classroom is indeed unconstitutional.

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Letters to the Editor

Facets and myths about emergency contraception

There are ways to get emergency contraception (EC). "The morning after pill," "Plan B," evening birth control and community health centers are closed. In California, any female can get emergency contraception by going to a pharmacy that provides the pills, requiring only to see the pharmacist. At Health Plus Pharmacy in San Luis Obispo, they also have on call pharmacists (who can be reached at 805.543.6950 x 219), making it possible to get emergency contraception anytime day or night, by calling in the prescription to be filled and taken over-the-counter. How, where and under what condition the product will be administered is still being researched and discussed.

The decision on how the drug will be administered is expected by June 1, 2004.

Emergency contraception is not a form of abortion. In fact, emergency contraception prevents pregnancy if it is used in time, thereby reduces the need for induced abortion. Emergency contraceptives work before implantation, not after a woman is already pregnant.

Emergency contraception over-the-counter? Yes! It can be used when a condom breaks, after a sexual assault or when time is an important issue. For couples who did not use any contraception, emergency contraception provides a critical last chance to prevent an unwanted pregnancy. Remember, emergency contraception is not recommended as a regular method of birth control, as it is less effective than primary contraceptive methods and does not protect against sexually transmitted diseases. It is safe, effective and perfect for just that: emergencies.

Melanie Ball is an agriculture science senior.

MEXA should learn how to accept ignorance

Alicia Garcia asks if MEXA's filing of a criminal report against someone who "insulted" in guests by saying, "Ewww, immigrants," is worthy of the Crime Roundup. ("MEXA Insulted by Crime Roundup" April 1.)

It is a sad state of affairs when a group of individuals finds such a passing comment so offensive that they file a criminal report. Learn how to accept ignorance without reacting to it, or else you will encounter it frequently in this world.

David Davenport is a city and regional planning junior.

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Blind patriotism divides U.S.

Commentary

We are highly diverse. Second, most of the people I know who are antiwar are neither anti-soldier nor pro-Saddam. We are made up of a group of people who care about our soldiers. We want them to come back home. They are risking their lives.

However, most often this phrase is followed by the word "for our safety," as if to imply that if these men and women weren't over there fighting, our freedoms would not be at an "imminent danger." The terror tactics used by our media keeps this our citizen's loyal to the government and the decision to go to war.

We have been in more "danger" of our freedoms being stripped from us internally. Seventy-four percent of Americans say that they rely on television as their No. 1 source for news. That's an incredible percentage. Local news is not a creative way to obtain information. Sure, one can recognize main themes of what may be going on. But national news can't be trusted to be heard at a whole on how to be media literate. We have not been taught to watch the news with a critical eye.

As a result of these scare tactics, more and more Americans have agreed (in numerous polls taken since Sept. 11, 2001) that they would be willing to trade some of their First Amendment rights for the assurance of protection from "terrorists." When freedoms are taken away with the promise that it will protect other freedoms, or perhaps even create new ones, we need to keep our little media literate ears open.

Essentially, if you were in the "with us" category, you were pro-soldier and anti-Saddam. And if you were "against us" you were anti-soldier and pro-Saddam.

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Ah, spring is in the air and along with it comes a feeling of twitterpation. Young college students begin noticing the object of their affection through eyes glazed with spring fever. This fever, a common affliction among college students, often induces an embarrassing reaction in which the afflicted asks their one true love out on a date and gets rejected horribly. So what's a young lover to do?

There are many ways to ask someone on a date and many ways a person would like to be asked. Not all are the same. Have an understanding of the person you like, know if they're into jokes or creative dates. Then, work any one of the following ways to ask someone out around your personality.

1. Be yourself.
   - Being yourself seems to be an important requirement, and that's a good thing.
   - "He doesn't need to dress up or anything," said agricultural science senior Vikki Fotthoff, "because then you're pretending you're someone else.''
   - Beyond that, as long as you're genuine it's golden.

2. Be funny.
   - "All he's got to do is say 'Breakfast tomorrow? Should I nudge you or call you?'" said English senior Amber De Gelia.
   - "The smile is the most important thing," biochemistry sophomore Jeff Koecke said. "If a girl comes up with a huge smile, she's in for sure.
   - "Creativity is key. Everyone's ever considered asking someone out has probably thought about the 'dinner date' or the 'movie date.' What that might tell a person you're asking out is you're both unspeakably boring and unoriginal, or you don't care enough about them to think of something original.
   - "I'd rather have someone ask me to go snake hunting or play on the swings at the beach rather than some traditional date," said political science junior Angie Eckhardt.
   - "Creativity shows personality and that's what matters. Well, unless he knows the Macarena, that's totally hot."

3. Smile like it's going out of style.
   - If you want to win over some people, the smile is the way to go. Smiles make people look better because they appear to be enjoying life. No one wants to go on a date with someone who looks unhappy.
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5. Speak confidently.
   - Despite what people might think, staring at the ground and talking in a shaky voice won't earn pity points. Confidence, however, goes a long way toward impressing the person you're trying to ask out.
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From perusing a guy at a fraternity party to pick up lines at Mother's Tavern, the art of courting evolves with age and maturity. Sometimes humor and a smile is just as attractive as a six pack and dimples — so show those pearly whites and take a chance.

Confidence, it doesn't matter what they say," he said.

So remember young Mustangs in love, the Top 5 ways to ask someone out are also the best medicine for your dating failures. Be confident in who you are, take a light-hearted approach using the humor that works for you. If you're not sure about your ability to speak confidently, remember the main things you want to say and practice them in a mirror until you can say them with ease.

And be creative. Come up with something that really shows off your personality. Good luck you crazy dating go-getter.
Therapist offers insight on getting in touch

**Randi Block**

**Mustang Daily**

You can learn how to touch more than your lover's heart.

Cal Poly students can now take advantage of a new opportunity to enhance their sexual self-esteem. Arroyo Grande resident Stephanie Wadell is extending her expertise in the field to include younger generations.

Her sessions focus on teaching people how to touch their significant others in various pleasing ways. These include presence, attention, comfort, friendship and fun, among others. Also, she teaches people social and romance skills, as well as instruction on how to get out of a relationship rut.

"I want to get into positive functioning of communication like touch, different kinds of touch, and for people to say what it is they like and to make agreements up front," Wadell said. "Instead of people coming together and hoping it all works out, saying a few scripts and then having it all fall apart. People usually feel very burned by that and they have a big hole in their heart."

While these sessions focus on what could be perceived as sexual topics, they do not focus on intercourse at all. Everything she discusses deals only with improving communication skills in a romantic sense. She said she thinks this fits into the conservative nature of San Luis Obispo because mastering these techniques would delay a couple’s rush toward having intercourse.

Wadell has been working in the field since 1987, after receiving her master’s degree in counseling psychology from the University of San Francisco. Along with the sessions she is offering Cal Poly students, she also teaches sexual disciplines that she learned from her Cherokee lineage. These include Tantras, Tao and Chuluaqui-quodoushka which all integrate the body, mind and feelings to increase spiritual awareness.

Wadell thinks the integration of hands-on sexual education is very important to impress upon people at a young age.

"This is the one thing that humans do that they have to learn without watching someone do it," she said. "Everything you learn from dressing yourself to walking to driving a car, you learned because someone showed you. Within the bedroom and within touch, no one shows you."

Another reason she wants to impart this education on Cal Poly students is the negative views she believes many people have about sex. It is what she refers to as the "grab and grope" for men and "pretend and surrender" for women.

"The way that men are raised is that men usually have to figure out the right move to make at the right time in order to get the woman from the couch to the bedroom," Wadell said. "And for women it usually involves if he said 'I love you,' and then (they) can pretend (they’re) in love and she will surrender that part of herself."

Wadell hopes to increase people’s abilities to communicate what they want so they can avoid situations like these, as well as giving people more options so they don’t have to depend on intercourse as the only option.

She prefers to see couples so she can work with them on improving intimacy, but welcomes singles to come as well. Her student rate is $75 an hour, and she says she usually works with people for about six sessions. She can be reached at 473-2545 to answer questions or to make appointments.

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**...a flock of single women who will he choose?**

**Check out next week’s On the Rocks for our bachelor’s bio.**

**Then apply to be one of his potential dates.**
Establishing roots in SLO

Rachel Musquiz

There is something about San Luis Obispo that makes people want to stay. The character and individuality of this town is like a magnet. It's nice enough to keep both San Luis Obispo High School and Cal Poly alumni in the area even after graduation.

"It's big but not too big. It's small but not too small," said agribusiness junior Kristin Griswold, who graduated from San Luis Obispo High School in 2001. In Fall 2003, about 20 percent of the student body were residents from the Central Coast (San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Monterey counties) according to the Cal Poly Web site. Each year, about 30 graduates from SLOHS attended Cal Poly and about 85 to 100 attended Cuesta College, said SLOHS counselor Greg Bettenhausen.

One reason people chose to stay is the atmosphere and location. The town is located near the mountains and the ocean with stereotypical California weather. All year it never gets too hot or too cold.

"It's in the midst of everything. It's a nice place to live," biology junior and SLOHS graduate Rick Griswold said. "You don't have to worry about the problems of big cities."

San Luis Obispo changes after making the transition from high school to college.

"The way it was in high school, it was boring," Griswold said. "It became fun to live in this town once I went to Poly."

Griswold did not plan on going to Cal Poly until the golf team offered him a scholarship.

"I definitely didn't want to go to Poly when I was in high school," he said.

It is also common for Cal Poly alumni to live in the area after earning a degree.

Both Warther's parents went to Cal Poly and encouraged her to attend.

"I'm glad I stayed, I appreciate (San Luis Obispo) more," she said.

Significant others fear of being away from friends and family and money turn SLOHS graduates into Cal Poly students. Yet, some students later regret not taking the chance to attend a school farther away.

"I don't think I got the same amount of growth in my college experience. I always had the security blanket of friends and family," business junior Lacey Harris said. "I love the town, but I regret staying. I feel like everyone already knew me."

While it may seem like Cal Poly students have taken over San Luis Obispo, local residents do not see much interaction with the college students.

"I thought of Cal Poly as another town almost. I didn't think of it as part of San Luis Obispo," horticulture junior Clare Hill said. "I never even came to this area."

Cal Poly is in a world of its own, separated from the majority of the community with the exception of sparsely placed residents.

One challenge with so many SLOHS students remaining in the area is to create a college atmosphere while living just miles away from high school friends. The dorm experience offers a chance for locals to branch out and meet students at Poly.

"It wasn't hard to meet new people but I didn't want to so I still had all my friends from high school," Hill said. The reason behind the choice to attend Cal Poly after graduating from SLOHS varies from student to student.

"Some students want to get away and see another part of the world," Bettenhausen said. "Some students stay here because they realize what a nice place it is, and lot of students come back after leaving."

After students get a taste of life in San Luis Obispo, many of them can not imagine it any other way.

"It's been a positive experience staying here, but you can benefit from going away, trying something new and coming back," Hill said. "Poly would have been better if I wasn't from around here."

Another local agreed with Bettenhausen's opinion.

"It's a good place to raise a family," Griswold said. "As nice as it is though, I want to venture out."
Bush signs bill: 
It is a crime to harm a fetus

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush invoked the case of pregnant murder victim Laci Peterson on Thursday as he signed legislation expanding legal rights of the unborn.

"The suffering of two victims cannot ever equal only one offense," Bush said.

Bush was joined on an East Room stage by Peterson's mother, Sharon Rocha, and her stepfather, Ron Grannski. Peterson was eight months pregnant when she disappeared in December 2002 in the highly publicized case. Supporters of the bill have cited her and the son who was to be born, "the president said. "All who have been named Connor.

"This little soul never saw light, but he is loved and he is remembered," the president said. "All who knew Laci Peterson have mourned two deaths and the law cannot look away and pretend there was just one."

Bush gave the bill, an important one to many in his conservative base, the first elaborate signing ceremony of the year. The law makes it a crime to harm a fetus during an assault on a pregnant woman.

"As of today, the law of our nation will acknowledge the plain fact that crimes of violence against a pregnant woman often have two victims," Bush said. "Therefore, in those cases, there are two offenses to be punished."

The bill passed by a 245-163 vote in the House and by a 61-38 margin in the Senate. People on both sides of the fetal pain and abortion issue have said the new law will have far-reaching consequences.

Abortion opponents welcome it as a step toward more sweeping protections for the unborn, while abortion-rights proponents say the measure represents the first recognition in federal law of an embryo or fetus as a separate person.


Bush has said he doesn't believe the country is ready to completely ban abortions; he opposes them except in cases of rape or incest or when pregnancy endangers a woman's life. That position has become a standard line in most of his speeches.

Bush has taken several actions that have pleased anti-abortion advocates.

As one of the first acts of his presidency, he reinstated the "Mexico City policy" that bans U.S. money from international groups that support abortion, even with their own money, through direct services, counseling or lobbying activities.

In January, he signed an executive order defining human life as beginning at conception.

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momentum of last year’s 83-79 fin-
ish will help.

"But as I said to our players in
our initial meeting, $1.95 plus our
roster will get you a double expres-
so at Starbucks. This is a good hall-
club, but we’ve got to stay healthy,
No. 13, commented. "I do think there is such a thing as momentum," Baird said. "But I also think that can change quickly, too. The stakes are higher with big-
ger expectations."

Same thing in San Diego, where fans are going to want to see a winner. Towers’ goal is to improve by 25 games.

"If you win 89, you’ve got a chance," he said.

That’s quite a jump. But the Padres keep reminding themselves that the last two World Series win-
ers came out of the middle of the payroll pack, after qualifying for the postseason as wild-cards.

"Ahern won two years ago, the Florida Marlins won last year," noted left-handed Starter Hitecchock, who rejoins the Padres after spending the last two seasons with the Yankees and St. Louis Cardinals.

"The economics of it really don’t matter," Hitchcock said.

"What matters is that you have tal-
ent in the clubhouse, guys that believe in one another, guys that have played together. There’s a chemistry there, and I don’t see any reason why we can’t com-
pete."

Towers began rebuild-
ing in August when he traded for Brian Giles. He added All-Star catcher Ramon Hernandez and reserve outfielder Torrence Long in a trade with Oakland, signed the 40-year-old Wells to lead the rot-
ation and Jay Payton to play the spa-
cious right field at PETCO Park. He even added a luxury — Jeff Carrell as a $6.6 million utility infielder.

"The last five years have been very difficult," Towers said. "Moving into PETCO with addition-
al revenues, we’re increased our payroll significantly from last year.

This club should be very competi-
tive this year. If this club comes in last place once again, or not in the top three, I would say that we failed."

Stagner Phil Nevin, acquired the spring after the Padres were swept by the Yankees in the 1998 World Series, has no doubt the Padres can contend.

"I think realistically, for the first time, we can leave camp and say that to ourselves and not be kid-
ding," he said.

The last five years, Nevin said, have been frustrating. "I don’t think you can ever get used to los-
ing."

Since the last out of the ’98 Series, the Padres are 92 games under .500 (359-451). They fin-
ished last in the NL West three times and in fourth place twice.

But even optimism has its limits.

"Everything will have to go just right, like 1998," Towers said. "We need to keep our core players on the field to do that."

So far, they haven’t even been able to do that in spring training. Nevin strained his left shoulder on March 7 and hopes to be back opening day. Payton strained a hamstring. Reliever Rod Beck, who filled in nicely last year while Trevor Hoffman rehabbed double-
shoulder surgery, left the team due to personal problems and no one knows when he’ll be back. Roy anderson quit when it appeared he was losing the battle for the start-
ing shortstop job to rookie Khalil Greene.

And everyone’s wondering how long Wells’ surgically repaired back will hold up. But Boomer has lost about 30 pounds since being forced out of Game 3 of the Series with back spasms while with the Yankees.

"The day is.

As momentum at approximately 5 p.m.

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depth, the Padres had no chance last year after losing Hoffman and Nevin during spring training. Nevin returned in July and Hoffman in September, when the Padres were already buried in last place.

Injuries remain the X factor in San Diego.

"Maybe more so with us than say the New York Yankees or Red Sox," Nevin said. "They have a guy go down, they can go spend another $80 million and get another guy. That’s just how they operate. We can’t do that."

And the Padres need to prove themselves.

"The San Diego Padres, for right now, don’t have the respect from people that we are going to have to contend with," Hoffman said. "Until you prove otherwise, that’s the way it is."

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coaches were such an inspiration.”

The feeling is mutual: teammate Athlete Dave, also a junior, calls the former team captain “the sunshine of the team.”

Coach Mark Conover notes the improvement Murphy has made on and off the field.

“I’ve been really proud of the transformation he’s made to really go after higher goals in athletics, school, and all areas of her life,” Conover said. “She’s led by example, been a peer who makes other people happy, and brought about real matura-
tion.”

Murphy, an aspiring teacher from Danville, will compete in the steeple-
chase at this weekend’s Cal Nevada Invitational at Cal Poly.

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side, while the women will look out for the San Diego State Aztecs, Corkery said.

The meet will give the team to view some of the competi-
tion it will see later in the sea-

son, reorder freshman Jackie Salamon said.

The meet will get underway at 3:30 p.m. Friday with the men’s hammer, the only event set for the day.

Saturday’s competition begins at 8:45 a.m. with the women’s hammer.

Field events, sprints, and dis-

dance runs will also start on Sa-

turbine at approximately 5 p.m.
San Diego: NL West's shocker?

Bernie Wilson
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hey, remember the San Diego Padres? There was a time when they were pretty good, winning two National League West titles in three seasons and even reaching the World Series. They had big-time ballplayers Tony Gwynn, Ken Caminiti, Greg Vaughn, Steve Finley and Kevin Brown. Then they simply disappeared. Repeatedly invoking the excuse that they were a small-market team, they sent good players packing and hacked millions of dollars from their payroll while waiting through numerous legal delays for their downtown ballpark to be built.

The result was pretty ugly — five straight losing seasons, none as embarrassing as last year, when they finished at the bottom of the NL with a 64-98 record. They would'nt win a series to baseball's worst team, the Detroit Tigers.

San Diego native David Wells in the sand-colored road getup? The Padres are confident they'll contend in the NL West, where they were the most active team in the offseason. As they worked out in $458 million Petco Park prior to spring training, they mentioned how nice it will be to play in October.

That would be some surprise, wouldn't it?

"I think our division has a lot of balance," said Kevin Towers, the general manager who made 12 major acquisitions in the offseason."If there ever was a year to go from last to first, it would be this year. But we have to make major strides."

The Kansas City Royals, coming off a 21-game turnaround, are in a similar situation in the wide-open American League Central. The Toronto Blue Jays and Baltimore Orioles would like to think they've improved, but they share the AL East with baseball's big spenders, the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox.

Royals general manager Allard Baird brought in several new players, including two-time MVP Juan Gonzalez. He thinks the Padres, page 11... and who wouldn't want to see San Diego native David Wells in the sand-colored road getup?

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Murphy coming off record performance at Stanford

Stacey Anderson
MUSTANG DAILY

Breaking a school record for five seconds is an impressive feat, especially when you were the former record holder.

Katie Murphy did just that last weekend in the steep challenge at the Stanford Invitational. She ran the event in 10 minutes, 43 seconds to finish 11th, which qualified her for the NCAA Championships and shared five seconds from the previous school record — which she also owned.

"I didn't expect that when I finished the race," the junior runner said. "After I finished, I stood by myself on the track and looked up and saw my time. I jumped around a little but no one was nearby, so I shared it with God."

Murphy is an active member of Campus Crusade's Athletes in Action program. She modestly brushes aside any accolades, crediting her abilities and talent to God, and smiles in embarrassment when her teammates imitate the attentive media at her door.

Her teammates have been showering her in praise.

"Oh wow, is that the new Cal Poly record holder Katie Murphy?" exclaimed fellow runner Ryan Hayes between drills, leaning over a fence in mock rapture.

Added teammate Ryan James, "I'm going to bring a pen tomorrow so you can sign the back of my shirt!"

"My goal in races, what I've tried for, is 'get out of the boat and compete.'" Murphy has a different view on her success. "I just run and I enjoy the event and what it's brought to me," she says. "My goal in races, what I've tried for, is 'get out of the boat and walk on water,' or just feel that good about what I did. When I first felt that, in a cross-country event last November, it was awesome. All the training paid off and my team and my...