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Now in its 10th year, the event recognized 37 outstanding student employees from departments over campus and named Michael Bruchelli the 2003-04 Outstanding Student Employee of the Year.

Department supervisors nominat ed their top staffers and a selection committee reviewed and deliberated over the nominees, looking for “pretty much whatever makes any employee a good employee,” event coordinator Luann McDonald said.

Sometimes referred to as “The Handsome Man” by his colleagues, Bruchelli, an athletic senior, works for Associated Students Inc. as the collegiate sport program manager. He coordinates, manages and supervises Cal Poly’s 17 club teams and more than 700 athletes. He also takes care of all safety and risk management requirements.

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Classical and jazz, classical and popular music that the Morris Street Band and high school students gathered at the small venue.

The atmosphere to the event, courtesy of the music senior and cello player Kristin Baker.

Gourmet appetizers, chilled water and sparkling cider were served by Campus Catering.

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The unusually blunt comments from L. Paul Bremer came amid a weekend of new fighting that pushed the death toll for U.S. troops in April to 99, already the record for a single-month in Iraq and approaching the number killed during the entire war.

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Hamas threatened "100 unique reprisals" against Israel for killing its leader, Abdel Aziz Rantisi, as hundreds of thou­ sands of mourners flooded the streets Sunday in a show of strength and fury.

It wasn't clear if the Islamic militant group was strong enough to carry out large-scale attacks after a sustained two-year Israeli campaign against it.

Despite promises of revenge, Hamas still has not struck in the three weeks since Israel assassinated Rantisi's predecessor, Hamas founder Sheik Ahmed Yassin.

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VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. — A Virginia Beach man said he saw a UFO and shed light on the unidentified flying object mystery.

George L. Shinn, 72, said he saw the flying saucer while he was cooking dinner about 9:45 p.m. Sunday. Shinn said the object was above his home for about 10 minutes, and then it zoomed off toward the horizon.

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Automating America

Commentary

The other day we walked into the bathroom at a gas station (separating you perverts) and were amazed by what we found. No, it wasn't clean, per se, but it had all of the modern technological advances with which one expects a bathroom to be equipped. Toilet paper, seat covers, automatic flushers and motion sensor sinks. It was glorious.

But what surprised us the most about this bathroom was the newest innovation: motion-activated paper towel dispensers. We tugged and tugged at the paper to rip it off of the roll and it wouldn’t give, but as soon as we placed our hands under the sensor, it came to us.

Which begs the question: Are we extremely germ-phobic society, or are we just plain lazy? Seriously, does a paper towel dispenser really need to be automatic? First, if you are grabbing for a paper towel, you’ve just washed your hands. So, if you are going to push down a lever and make the paper come out, you shouldn’t really be too worried about germs, since everyone who came before you should have also just washed their hands, right?

This leads us to the second option, that automatic towel dispensers aren’t about hygiene but about sloth. And, as we learned from Brad Pitt and Kevin Spacey, sloth is one of the seven deadly sins. This means next time you go to the bathroom, you may be stricken down by the hand of whatever deity you worship.

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COMMENTARY

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“Cross and Lopez” were intro­duced as the new personalities squeezed into Stern’s former spot. “Howard’s out, and we’re in,” announced Cross triumphantly before going on to discuss Stern’s on-air cancellation by the rate FCC. He and Lopez were to be there for the “Fun that the Fucks,” a clean, wholesome entertainment show. As he ramboned, sounding more and more like “American Idiot” Ryan Seacrest with each shallow, gap-toothed, the wildly infuriat­ing roll of Lopez’s voice entered the airwaves to discuss how exciting it was to be brought back, back to American entertainment.

Then came some music that Michael Bolton wouldn’t touch with a 10-foot comb over. Next, some head-poundingly stupid “Guess That Movie Laugh” contest, with a sound bite of Scooby-Doo and Lopez twit­tering, “My oh my, who can that be?”

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ARTS & CULTURE
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‘Punisher’ makes good on the original version

Thomas Jane finds vengeance as “The Punisher.”

Dan Watson

Dark and drudgery with a periodic escape in humor, “The Punisher” mixes a cloud of gun smoke with a cast of amusing characters in a remake of the Marvel Comic story of a man out to avenge his family’s death.

Frank Castle, an FBI agent played by Thomas Jane, is on his final undercover mission before retirement, but the sting goes wrong when the son of powerful money launderer Mr. Saint (John Travolta) is killed.

Saint orders for Castle’s death, but Saint’s attractive wife Livia (Laura Harring) adds her request for the death of Castle’s entire family.

Director Jonathan Hensleigh shows a slew of emotional family moments before the disturbing scene of Castle’s relatives, acquaintances and extended family being mowed down by Saint’s gunmen. Castle walks on the beach with wife Maria (Samantha Mathis), hugs his young son and the scene could be too much to take, yet for others it might make the rest of the movie more passionately excusable.

Somehow, the rugged and ripped Castle survives and takes to alcohol, loneliness and an obsession with revenge. His preparations are made in a shabby hotel room where the story is introduced to three off-beat characters: Joan (Rebecca Romijn-Stamos), a beautiful out of place woman trying to escape her former boyfriend; Mr. Bumpo (John Pinette), an overweight opera-singing goof and Spacker Dave (Ben Foster), a little man with obscure piercings on his face.

In the end, the audience is actually left with a legitimate plot, which was lacking in the 1989 Punisher movie that featured Dolph Lundgren in the title role.

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One of the more comic scenes involves Castle vainly trying to fight Saint’s giant hitman Kevin Nash, who is a professional wrestler in real life.

This takes place after an odd scene where the disgruntled Castle is invited over to enjoy dinner and ice cream with Joan, Mr. Bumpo and Dave.

In the end, any movie with the name “The Punisher” exceeds expectations if it has a plot with a storyline, and this one does.

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Drunken driving arrests, injuries up last four years

DMV statistics reveal an increase in felony drunken driving arrests and alcohol-related injuries and deaths

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WOODLAND, Calif. — After more than a decade of decline, felony drunken driving arrests and alcohol-related injuries and deaths have increased in California in each of the four most recent years for which records are available.

Alcohol-involved injuries and deaths also have crept up as a percentage of total injuries and deaths, according to the 2004 Department of Motor Vehicles report. It contains statistics through 2002.

"It's not only here, it's across the country that it's inching up," said California Highway Patrol spokesman Tom Marshall. "We probably haven't kept the public pressure up, and there's a new generation of drivers out there that maybe hasn't gotten the message.

"The troubling trend is spurring new legislation, including a package of five anti-DUI bills by Sen. Tom Torlakson, D-Martinez, slated to be heard Tuesday in the Senate Public Safety Committee.

Police made 10,623 fewer DUI arrests in 2002 than in 1999, mainly because misdemeanor arrests dropped by more than 11,000 even as felony arrests increased. Felonies are generally filed in cases resulting in deaths, injuries or after three previous DUIs in seven years.

Changing that last provision by removing the seven-year limit is the most controversial of Torlakson's proposals.

"I'm paying the ultimate price now because of that law. Maybe my kids might not have been killed," said Bob Pack of Danville, whose two children, Troy, 10, and Alana, 7, were riding their bicycles on a sidewalk in October when they were struck by a hit-and-run driver.

The alleged driver, now awaiting trial, has a record including nine license suspensions and two recent drunken-driving arrests. But two DUIs from 1991 and 1992 couldn't be considered under the law, according to Department of Motor Vehicles records, and the sentencing judge at her last conviction couldn't consider a public intoxication charge that didn't involve driving.

Torlakson's bill would let prosecutors and judges consider a driver's complete record, including non-driving public drug or alcohol use that he argues also indicates a substance abuse history.

The state report found 23 percent of the nearly 180,000 people arrested for DUI in 2002 were repeat offenders; Los Angeles police in December began intensively monitoring such habitual offenders.

"This woman continually had drug and alcohol problems, yet the court system treated her lightly," Pack said. "She should have been imprisoned and put away."

Torlakson's other bills would expand when drunken drivers can be compelled to attend an alcohol and drug problem assessment program; require drivers to prove they completed a DUI program before they get back their driver's license; consolidate the DMV's authority to revoke drivers' licenses; require the Department of Motor Vehicles records, which are pure alcohol," Marshall said.

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In addition to its ongoing DUI patrols and check points, the CHP has a $1.2 million grant for anti-DUI advertisements beginning this fall targeting sixth, seventh and eighth graders.

"The first reaction is they're too young to drink and too young to drive," Marshall said. "The answer is, some of them do it anyway, and two, we're trying to get to them before their peers do."

Similarly, the Department of Traffic Safety is funding new experimental programs in Santa Clara and San Joaquin counties in which high schools host real DUI trials and middle schoolers witness DUI sentencings in hopes of teaching them the consequences before they are of drinking age.

Near Woodland, northwest of Sacramento, CHP Officer Patrick Brown made three DUI arrests in the first 10 days of this month, working the graveyard shift. His first call of the day last week with a reporter and photographer in tow was a suspicious rear-end collision involving four young males in a new Cadillac, blocking Interstate 5.

Brown conducted a partial field sobriety test on the 19-year-old driver, who came up clean. The only visible beverage in the vehicle was a liter bottle of Shasta Cola.

The district's DUI arrests are down the last few years as officers spend more of their time coping with such collisions in the rapidly growing area, said Loren Jacobs, the district's accident review officer.

Yet education may be more the answer than increased enforcement, said Marshall. He suggested the statistics show the social stigma attached to drinking and driving through anti-DUI campaigns in the 1980s and 1990s is waning with a new generation.

Social drinking declined, less potent wine and beer became the drinks of choice and communities established designated driver programs.

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A softball marathon

Three hours and 50 minutes of play and the Mustangs' biggest win of the season, ended in the most anticlimactic of ways Saturday with a hit batter. Jessica Geva was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded in the 7th inning, forcing in the only run of the game as Cal Poly upset No. 20-ranked Long Beach State 1-0 in a Big West Conference softball game at the 49er Softball Complex. Emily Hardy (4-6) went the distance, allowing seven hits. She struck out six and walked five. With the win, Cal Poly improves to 15-21 overall and 3-4 in Big West Play. Long Beach State falls to 9-6 and 6-1, remaining in first place in the Big West despite the loss.

Women's tennis sweeps

Cal Poly swept the three doubles sets and won all six singles matches for a 7-0 victory over UC Davis in a non-conference women's tennis match Saturday afternoon at the Mustang Courts. Chelsey Thompson and Nicole Lee won their doubles match 8-0 while Samantha Walker and Kristen Grady posted an 8-4 triumph and Carol Erickson and Sheila Lewis earned a 8-5 win.

Walter, the lone Mustang extended to three sets in rallies, for a 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 victory over Aly Muller of UC.

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The Mustangs are now 5-4 in the Big West after the sweep.

Brian Koser

MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly baseball team improved to 5-1 in the Big West and 33-13-1 on the season after beating the Pacific Tigers 8-3 on Sunday at Baggett Stadium.

In the first inning, Brandon Roberts hit a chopper to left field and took second base after an over-throw. When Matt Guillon did hit third, he saw the wild throw get past Tiger Jesse Kovacs and scored. Roberts went on to steal third and Kyle Blumenfeld ripped a pitch to left to send Roberts home.

The Tigers scored two of their runs in the third inning when catcher Brandon Gommer and first base- men Dave Harper hit back-to-back home runs off pitcher Tony Saipe. Saipe shook off the two coughing hits to retire the rest of the side without giving up any more hits.

Also in the third inning, Roberts came up to plate with two outs and was walked. Rightfield Chalon Tierje followed and slammed his fourth home run of the season to get the lead to 2-0. In the fifth inning, Roberts was walked again and went on to steal second. Tierje helped advance Roberts again following a line drive that fell into the gap between right and center field. Blumenfeld stepped up to the plate and hit a smoking ball to left that resulted in a double play. Roberts tagged up and ran home to tack on another run for the Mustangs.

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The seventh saw both sides go three up and three down with a series of groundouts, pop-ups and one strike out. In the eighth, Mustang Dennis LeDuc came to the mound and watched his first pitch go to the top of the center-field wall and bobble over for Harper's second home run of the game.

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