Choral program adds ‘Spring Cabaret’

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The Cal Poly choral program recently added another concert Saturday in the Alex and Faye Spanos Theatre at 7:30 p.m. The concert, titled “A Spring Cabaret,” is the last one of the year for the program.

One of the groups performing is the Cal Poly a capella ensemble, Take It SLO. This group performs without instruments and is accompanied by two beat-boxers. Some of the songs include Michael Jackson’s “Smooth Criminal” and “Billy Jean” and songs by Evanescence, said music sophomore Jessica Reed.

SHOWCASE

Architecture projects on display in UU

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Cal Poly fifth-year architecture students have evolved to their final destination: graduation. For the first time ever, all graduating architecture students will showcase their design-studio thesis work under one roof.

The “Evolution Destination” exhibition will be on public display starting today in the Chumash Auditorium from 3 to 6 p.m. The showcase will continue over Memorial Day weekend from noon to 5 p.m. daily.

The exhibition will showcase more than 130 fifth-year student’s yearlong final projects. The fifth-year project is the first time an architecture student has the opportunity to work on something for longer than a quarter. The students wrote a thesis for their project during the fall quarter, designed the project for the winter quarter, and worked on the production of the project during spring quarter.

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UC San Diego blocks broadcast of beheading video on campus TV

SAN DIEGO — Administrators at the University of California, San Diego blocked a student from broad- casting the Iraq beheading of American civilian Nicholas Berg on closed-circuit campus television.

Daniel Watts, a junior and host of a political talk show, had planned to air the graphic footage Thursday on Warren College TV, which is available to all six residential colleges, a hospital and a grade school on campus.

Watts said he hopes to get the video aired on another campus channel and gain recognition on campus since they were not able to have a concert this quarter. Also, it is a fund-raiser to raise money for the music department. A lot money was spent on this tour, director of choral activities Davies said.

“I am really proud of the kids this year. We have represented Cal Poly across the country,” Davies said.

Choral Program went to Las Vegas to perform for the American Choral Directors of the Western Division Convention in February. The Vocal Jazz group also traveled to Carnegie Hall in New York in April for a jazz festival. Both groups were sponsored by the music department. The fund-raise will give the department some of the money spent on those tours, Davies said.

The groups have been working on this specific concert since April. The smaller choral groups perform once a quarter and are often hired to sing at various campus events such as singing the “Star-Spangled Banner” at sporting events.

A silent auction will take place during intermission and at the end of the concert. Items in the auction are gift certificates from local restaurants and businesses from San Luis Obispo and the Pismo Beach area, Reed said.

Tickets for the concert are $10 each and be bought at the Cal Poly Performing Arts Ticket Office from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Jacqueline Law. "This is the center. Alpha Zeta, Latinos in Agriculture were with their different causes."

"Everyone seemed to do so much, and it was incredible to hear everyone speak about how passionate they were with their different causes."

According to a press release, alumni Jeff and Carla Land established the "quest for the best" award to recognize students who have achieved the highest level of excellence in their ability to balance their academic pursuits with community service. Hardcastle's extracurricular activities led her to her nomination. She has been a residence advisor for the "Respect House" dorm which focuses on multiculturalism and community service. She is a member of Student Community Services, "SoulSpeak poetry collective" and is also the Greek coordinator for ASI.

"The awards recognize leaders in each college who exemplify core values of excellence, stewardship, collaboration, integrity and community," Student Life and Leadership coordinator Patricia Harris said.

"But we think it is important to show all the students at Cal Poly what we have been working on," Colley said. "We don't get much of a chance to show other students what we have learned and what we can do."

Projects range from a high-speed rail station for Los Angeles, a trans-Bay terminal, a biological research lab for Georgetown University and Colley's project of a monument that looks back on Japanese internment. "It will be a chance for many of the fifth-years to look at what we have done," he said. "This has been our first chance to do a yearlong project and it will be exciting to look back at the whole experience with our friends."

LOUIS ANGELES (AP) — Jurors deadlocked on charges that three high school students raped a woman who attended the University of California, Los Angeles, but convicted one of sexual battery and acquitted the others on additional sexual assault charges.

The jury was unable to reach a verdict on the charges of forcible rape and forcible oral copulation against Deshawn Stringer, 19, and Jamar Dawson and Chuwan Anthony, both 18.

Jane Robison, a spokeswoman for the district attorney's office, said the jury was deadlocked 11-1 in favor of acquittal on those charges. "We will have to decide whether to retry those counts," she said.

The three also were acquitted of charges of burglary, forcible rape in concert and forcible oral copulation in concert, Robison said.

They had pleaded not guilty to charges that they forced the student — identified only as "Jane Doe" — to commit sex acts with them when they visited the campus dormitory in 2002.

Prosecutors argued the teens, who were students at Carson High School, attacked the woman and raped her in her dorm room after they left a group that was touring the UCLA campus. They were charged as adults.

The three contended the woman invited them into her dorm room and initiated the sexual encounters. Stringer was convicted on a separate charge of sexual battery for grabbing another female student from the buttocks the same day in a different dormitory.

Stringer is due back in court June 21 for sentencing. He faces up to six months in prison, Robison said.

The report issued last week criticized the athletic department, which has been led by Tharp since 1997.

"I don't think it's necessarily a time for celebration, because there have been a lot of people hurt," he said. "I really believe that if there is any good to come out of this is that there will be some reform, hopefully throughout college football."
State Briefs

REDWOOD CITY — Six men and six women were selected Thursday to form the panel that will decide whether Scott Peterson killed his pregnant wife.

Six alternates — three women and three men — also were chosen to backup the jury, which will hear opening statements in the former fertilizer salesman's double-murder trial Tuesday morning.

The rapid-fire process was detailed briefly when one of the original 12 jurors was promptly excused after saying he would likely lose his salary during the trial, which is expected to last six months. It wasn't discussed why he waited so long to announce that conflict.

Nearly 1,600 prospective jurors were summoned to court over the past nine weeks. All but 76 had been dismissed for reasons including work hardships and opinions that Peterson is guilty or that the death penalty should never be imposed.

SACRAMENTO — Google's new e-mail service that promised to tailor ads to e-mail content would be limited, under a bill approved by the state Senate Thursday.

The bill is a reaction to Internet search engine Google Inc.'s plan to start a free e-mail service, "Gmail," that gives users a gigabyte of storage but attaches ads for products related to what's being discussed in the e-mail.

Technology that allows e-mail content to be scanned could allow companies to "use our e-mails to create profiles on us, based on our most personal and intimate thoughts," said the bill's author, Sen. Liz Figueroa, D-San-Joaquin.

LONG BEACH — It was the headquarters of the Navy's first Pacific Fleet and served a key role in World War II.

But seven years ago, the giant base and shipyard in Long Beach fell victim to military cutbacks. Now, local preservationists, veterans and others are about to unveil a memorial that details its distinguished history.

The Navy Memorial consists of an anchor, 50-foot mast and sculpture of an ancient navigating instrument known as an armillary sphere. It has taken five years to plan and build the memorial, which will be dedicated July 10.

— Associated Press

National Briefs

NEW YORK — Abu Hamza al-Masri, the fiery Muslim cleric whose shuttered London mosque was linked to Zacarias Moussaoui and shoe bomber Richard Reid, was arrested Thursday in Britain and accused in a U.S. indictment of trying to establish a terrorist training camp in Oregon and providing aid to al Qaeda, officials said.

Al-Masri, 47, also is charged in the 11-count indictment with hostage-taking and conspiracy in connection with a December 1998 incident that killed four tourists in Yemen.

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Former Rite Aid Corp. chief executive Martin L. Grass was sentenced to eight years in prison Thursday for conspiring to falsify the value of the company his father founded and cover up the scheme.

Grass, 50, who headed up the nation's third-largest pharmacy chain in the late 1990s before being forced out in October 1999, also was fined $500,000 and given three years' probation for his role in a billion-dollar accounting fraud that sent the company's stock tumbling.

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration has told officials who oversee federal education, domestic security, veterans and other programs to prepare preliminary 2006 budgets that would cut spending after the presidential election, according to White House documents.

The programs facing reductions — should President Bush be re-elected in November — would also include the National Institutes of Health, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Interior Department.

Many of the targeted programs are widely popular. Cuts could carry a political price for a president who has touted his support for schools, the environment and other domestic initiatives.

A spokesman for the White House Office of Management and Budget said the documents contained routine procedural guidelines so officials could start gathering data about their needs for 2006.

Democrats said the papers showed the pressures that a figure that would nearly double the toll from storms that hit Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

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SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — A hostage-taker put down his knife and freed a woman Thursday after Puerto Rico's governor entered the building and agreed to listen to his demands, ending a nearly three-hour standoff.

The man had been holding the captive, a receptionist, in a mail room outside the governor's mansion and was demanding to talk with Gov. Sila Calderon.

The ordeal ended at the door to the room, where police were negotiating with the assailant by speaking loudly through the closed door.

— Associated Press

World Briefs

NAJAF, Iraq — The U.S.-led coalition agreed Thursday to suspend offensive operations in Najaf after Iraqi leaders struck a deal with radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr to end a bloody standoff threatening some of Iraq's holiest Shiite shrines.

Coalition forces will pull out of most of Najaf once Iraqi security forces reenter the city and assume control of strategic buildings from al-Sadr's militia, coalition spokesman Dan Senor told reporters in Baghdad.

JERUSALEM — Struggling to avoid a second defeat for his Gaza withdrawal plan, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon proposed Thursday that the Cabinet vote only on a very small portion of it — the evacuation of three small settlements — and that a repeat vote be held several months from now.

Three undecided ministers indicated they would now vote yes, giving Sharon a majority. But in a further setback for the Israeli leader, a pro-settler party in his coalition government pressed for even more concessions.

FOND VERRETTEES, Haiti — U.S. and Canadian troops on Thursday rushed to a town left completely submerged by flooding, and health officials feared 1,000 people could be dead in that town alone, a figure that would nearly double the toll from storms that hit Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

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— Associated Press

Friday, May 28, 2004
The Cause of re-segregation and the culprit is not discriminatory

After passage of the Medicare bill, the Bush administration produced and aired what looked like news reports, replete with actors posing as journalists.

These fake reporters read a script, created by the Bush administration, which promoted the Bush bill and put a positive spin on what it will do. They never even identified that the source of the advertisement was our tax dollars, fooling the average viewer into believing it was an objective news story by a news organization. Even some news organizations reportedly mistook it as a news story instead of an ad.

A ruling from the General Accounting Office, a congressional body which investigated the ads, declared that the videos were, in fact, illegal and in violation of federal law. Not only did they rule the videos were "covert propaganda" since the source was not identified and misleading, they also ruled the administration violated the "Anti-Deficiency Act" after spending more money on the ads than was allo­

Even though this administration has been violating federal laws, it is very unlikely those in charge of the videos will face any penalties. Administration officials have already come out and stated they would not take any action as a result of the ruling.

The head of the General Accounting Office, David Walker, said, "We do have reason to believe that this violation was knowing and willful, and we are not in the enforcement business." These laws are so weak it would be hard to believe these officials were not aware of their existence. Besides, when violating the law, the administration gets to "encourage homosexuals (and) judge and resent any­

Contrary to what Walker implied, this coincides with most religions in preach­ing and also should not engage in "wrong doing."

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mental for society. However, the labels used simply the only negative labels apply to conservatives. There are equivalent inaccurate labels for every political position including liberals (hippie liberal conservatives (ultra-conser­

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. Like most minorities, they would rather have an identity than not exist.

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The main point of the essay is to get us to realize that we can cut these ads with the kind of ad that is offensive to many people. It shouldn't be shown in public because it isn't "polite" to express one's opinion.

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Or, since this administration seems bent on using fake journalists, maybe they should rehire the actors and get them to read fake corrections in another fake news report.
The benefits of learning another language

Commentary

"Hark tizak, hark tizak!" I quickly recognize the Arabic command to move your bum and squeeze into the counter as another waitewashes past carrying a tray full of food. I've only been working in the diner a month but I've already gotten used to being surrounded by voices shouting languages I'm not used to. In the very middle of the American Midwest, I grew up, I was rarely exposed to other cultures. While you can pretty much learn the eyes to many different cultures, I still seldom heard or spoke a foreign language outside of my own French classes. At a conference in Montreal this winter, myántent interest in foreign languages was for the most part met with knowing smiles and responses in English. But as much as I was immersed in English before, I find myself immersed in other languages. I slip through the dinner doors.

Coming from places such as Morocco, Palestine and the Central African Republic, my foreign co-workers argue, sing, joke and talk with each other in different dialects of Arabic and French. Some have been in this country for years and perfected their English in school prior to moving here. Others arrived only a matter of weeks ago. "I study English for "yes" and "no." Almost all of them are undergraduates or MBA students at area universities and many of them have at least a part-time job in addition to the diner. After graduation, a few want to return home but most want to stay and bring their families here. One commonality that they all share with their American counterparts is that none of them want to work in a diner forever.

But while they're here the money is good. Many of them have loved ones who remain on the other side in their sections and order in either French or Arabic, sometimes both.

"I don't have done business, the night the waiters will sit down with them and have a cup of coffee and a cigarette. Whether they talk more of their experiences at home or here, I haven't been able to tell.

Often times one of the waiters will go straight from talking to me in English and immediately start talking to someone else in Arabic. Out of curiosity, I once asked one of them why he always talks to the other foreign employees in English when they all know English. He replied, "When I talk to you in French, I feel as though you are understanding what I'm saying, right? C'est le meme chose. It's not like we're always talking about things we don't want you or the other waiters or customers to understand, though sometimes we are telling jokes and making fun. But mostly just it's easier, more comfortable. To be comprehend?"

One morning, as I'm getting ready to leave I notice that it's 6 a.m. and the exception the gal talkative couple, she's doing devotions of all customers. My shift has been started for an hour and a half and when I finally hang my manager's time card he searches around the counter and asks me if I have a pen. I shake my head "no" and he turns and yells in Arabic toward the kitchen. Immediately another waitress, an American student, walks out and hands him her pen without hesitation. One of the paladines, noting, resting at the counter pokes his head up and asks in English, "Shall I order?" The other manager shushes and replies, "Of course the go, understood that. She's been working here a long time."

Here in America, we exist in a sort of geographic and linguistic isolation. To live in our country one is expected to and must speak English. Of course, there are areas of the country where it is useful to know Spanish but nevertheless English rules alone as our official language. And when we leave our country, we often find ourselves in places where English is just another entry in a long list of national languages.

American businessmen attend conferences, make deals and write contracts in a language entirely foreign to them. As a result of our experiences at home and abroad we are able to easily food ourselves into thinking that English is the only language really worth knowing.

But when you learn a language, you inevitably become more aware, if not more accepting, of the cultures that use it. And when you are an American are able to converse with someone in his own language. To which my manager replied, "Of course the go, understood that. Fortunately we as a country have not recognized our need for these kinds of benefits.

Of course, it has been said many times before that while English may be the dominant language in the global community, by no means is it the only one. And the argument has often been made that if we as a country close ourselves off to other languages and limit ourselves to English, we will inevitably miss out.

In the article her quotes are ridiculous, melodramatic and have no truth to defend them.

To say that the repaint of the rainbow "P" has reached a culmination of hate is ridiculous. You have no right to assume the perpetrators acted in hate. How do you know, unless you painted it yourself?

And I'm sure the painters were bored and decided to paint something. Maybe they just for the sake of it. Oh, who knows, maybe they painted the thing.

Andlig uses false melodrama to stir emotion and make people believe a grave crime has happened on the Cal Poly campus, when really, Maya, freedom of expression is in effect—it's a beautiful thing. Don't be such a victim all the time. Simply go back up to the diner.

Be it gay, straight or whatever, never stop painting statements—just try to keep them honest.

Wesley Tietjes is an animal science junior.
Best late night snack
For college students, sometimes three meals a day is just not enough — but it seems the later hunger calls, the fewer options you have. We at the Mustang Daily tend to head south of the border for our late-night munchies. Taco Bell made the top of our list... because... well... it's cheap, it's convenient and it's open when we need it most.

Tonica's, Tio Alberto's and Taco Roco were also nominated for this category but failed to live up to the fast-food phenoms. Not all our late-night picks are for those with Mexican cravings. Sunshine Doughnuts was voted as the second favorite late-night food spot. Sunshine is open 24 hours and allows us to stuff our face with cheap, fried, sugary pastries. In the words of Homer Simpson, "Mmmmmm doughnuts."

Favorite drink special
One of the unwritten policies of the Mustang Daily is that if you work hard, you need to play hard. That's why we love Pint Night. Frog and Peach's Tuesday night special is, simply, super awesome. It's the best bang for your buck, and its laidback atmosphere keeps us coming back every week. One of our voters said, "Pear cider is so good, and who doesn't like crowded hallways and bathroom lines?"

While Pint Night topped our list, second place was just too tough to call. Some other votes went to 80s Night, 80s prices at Mother's Tavern, $1 pitchers at Laguna BBQ/Brew ("Nothing finer than a cheap beer") and $4.99 box wine at Rite Aid.

Friday
Creekside Lanes - Atascadero
Blessed with Embers, The Shame & Terrah - $5 at the door
Linnaea's Café
Jud Duncan - Singer/songwriter - Starts at 8:30 p.m.
Mother's Tavern
Band: JNO - Cover $3 to $5
SLO Brew
Dancing w/ DJ MEL and DJ Phase - 21+
The Grad
Hot Latin Night - 18+
Tortilla Flats
Flats Friday - Hot music & dancing - 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

Mustang Daily's
Mustang Daily staff gets a chance to reveal their secrets to staying office, the staff is probably at one of these locations.

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Best breakfast
We at the Mustang Daily need a hearty breakfast to get us through our long work days of editing and reporting. To begin out days right, we head to Frank's Hot Dog's for breakfast. And because processed meat is a little harsh on the morning stomach, we like Frank's for their breakfast burritos and breakfast sandwiches, which are filling and inexpensive. Hurry, they stop serving breakfast at 11 a.m. Margie's Diner was our second pick because of their "gianormous" servings and laidback atmosphere.

Best street to live on
Some said Stenner, others said Johnson, but the winner was Hathaway. Why you ask? Apparently Campus Bottle is nearby. So much for breaking the alcoholic journalist stereotype. Other nominees: Casa, Mill, High (yes, we are the people you trust to report news everyday), Monterey, Woodbridge and Foothill.

Favorite coffee shop
Coffee is near and dear to college students. The king of corporate coffee has won the hearts of the Mustang Daily. Starbucks, with its quality, its convenience and its comfortable consistency, was picked as our favorite coffee shop. For those of us who say, "Damn the man," Linnaea's is a better fit. The simple and relaxed coffee shop was chosen as our No. 2 pick because of their good prices, study-friendly atmosphere and because we feel hippy-chic when we drink a matte late there.

Favorite surfing spot
When we're not putting our noses to the grindstone, we like to put our toes on the nose. Montaña de Oro was chosen as our favorite surf spot because of its consistent swell, rugged feel and variety of wave types. A number of variables, such as wind, tide and swell direction, sometimes make surfing this locale a challenge, but when all the pieces fit in place, Montaña's surf is extra sweet. Watch out for the locals, they can bite. Just show them some respect and stay out of their way — remember you leave in four years, they live here.
**Saturday**

- **Creekside Lanes - Atascadero**
  - Cosmic Bowling - Starts at 8 p.m.
- **Frog & Peach**
  - Band: Raining Jane - 21+
- **Linnaea's Café**
  - Catherine Feeney - Singer/songwriter - Starts at 8:30 p.m.
- **Mother's Tavern**
  - Band: Bloody Lovers - Cover $3 to $5
- **SLO Brew**
  - DJ Dance Party w/ DJ Phase with Nick Storm - 21+
- **The Grad**
  - Wet & Wild - 18+
- **Tortilla Flats**
  - Saturday release w/ DJ Fitz - 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m.

**Sunday**

- **Creekside Lanes - Atascadero**
  - California Karaoke - 8:30 p.m.
  - **Tortilla Flats**
    - Hot salsa & swing - 9 p.m. to midnight - 18+
- **Mother's Tavern**
  - Karaoke
- **SLO Brew**
  - Double D Monday Mayhem - All ages
  - **Tortilla Flats**
    - 80s and Beyond - 9 to 2 a.m. - 18+

**Monday**

- **Mother's Tavern**
  - Karaoke
- **SLO Brew**
  - Double D Monday Mayhem - All ages
  - **Tortilla Flats**
    - SLO Brew DJ Dance Party w/ DJ Phase with Nick Storm - 21+
  - The Grad
    - Wet & Wild - 18+
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**Best dinner**

This is no contest, it's like asking a football player what their favorite sport is. Of course it's Firestone. Everyone at the Daily is a big sports fan. Big screen TVs and enough games on to ruin your plans for the rest of the day. It's like a time warp, you walk in hungry and walk out later, wondering what day it is. Most people go there a dozen times a quarter and can only say they've had the tri-tip sandwich. It's OK. Branching out is not a good idea in this situation. For the journalist, anywhere we don't have to cook is usually preferable. Honorees; Mondello Pronto and Big Sky.

**Place to get a haircut**

Pounding away at a computer all day, it is very important for the journalist to have a sleek, slick, sexy haircut he or she can see in the reflection of the computer screen. And that's why the staff goes to Supercuts or Elements. Since all journalists are filthy rich, forget Barber Bobs. We spend our money like it's our birthday and we're in Las Vegas. But seriously, walking out of Supercuts or Elements, you'll most likely have a stupid smile on your face, as a journalist can be!

**Favorite place to work out**

In an attempt to keep our "Mustang Daily physiques," we are happy to support our campus Rec Center as the best place for students to work out. Really, what can you say, it's free, it has variety and it's across the freaking street. With lots of courts, machines and classes, this place brings in some big crowds, which is one downfall of the facility. Those who aren't Rec Center fans suggested "the couch," "the good ole' road" and Poly Canyon.

**Best thing to do sober**

College is a time of firsts: first Greek keg party, first Ski Club keg party, first work keg party, etc. Yet after a while most of us grow out of this binge fest lifestyle and opt for more low-key activities _ most of us. So when we aren't doing keg stands or body shots, many of us can be found spending the rest of our money shopping. Then there is that other activity of indulgence _ sex. Some other honorable mentions include "capture the flag" and "study, should do more of that."

**Best place to get clothes**

No clear winner, but here are some of the best comments:

- "PRSSA Clothing Sale"
- "It doesn't apply because about three-fourths of my wardrobe is from high school."
- "Dumpster behind thrift-shop"
- "Goodwill"
- "El Corral"

**Greatest date activity**

Somebody said, "I don't go on dates" another said "Dancing (girls like that, from what I hear), one said, "Feeding ducks" and yet another wrote "dinner ... sushi ... Saki bombs!" (what?) Anyway, the top picks were dinner and a movie. So to the Mustang Daily Staff, Firestone and a romantic walk to Downtown Cinema or the Palm are the perfect date. Others said Farmers' Market, a walk on the pier or yogurt at Bali's.

**Study spot**

Denny's hits the grand slam with this one. Anyway to get out of the house — away from those weird people you choose to live with — and to a place where the food is abundant and cheap as dirt. Oh yeah, and you can study there too. It's always open. The library reserve room also might see a journalist from time to time. A good place to meet with groups, books on reserve and it's somewhere other than the Daily office. So you people can't bother us there!

**Best place to take a nap**

There is nothing like a nap in between classes to help you through the day. We suggest you head to Dexter Lawn, our No. 1 napping location. This grassy pasture is conveniently located and complete with built-in paddding and almost constant warmth. Our second favorite place to catch up on sleep is the Mustang Daily couch. While this is not really open to the public, nor it is comfortable, it is very convenient and helped us to develop the keen ability to sleep under harsh office lighting. Other suggestions were class, University Union and the Library.
**Tuesday**

**Frog & Peach**
Band: SIKO w/ Homeboys - PINT NIGHT - 21+  
**Linnea’s Café**
Touring magazine - Lost & found - Starts at 8:00 p.m.  
**SLO Brew**
Band: Pato Banton - All ages  
**Tortilla Flats**
Happy Hour - 4 to 7 p.m.  

**Wednesday**

**SLO Brew**
Jack’s Wasted Life w/ Further Down & New Tomorrow  
**The Grad**
College Hop Night w/ SLY 96-18+  
**Tortilla Flats**
Happy Hour - 4 to 7 p.m.  

**Thursday**

**Linnea’s Café**
Rachel Leyco Band - Starts at 8:00 p.m.  
**SLO Brew**
Andrea Nicolaia - 8 p.m. - All ages  
**The Grad**
Big Chill Night - 21+  
**Tortilla Flats**
Thursday Nite Live w/ DJ Mel

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**Salsa club spuces up SLO Friday nights**

**Carrie McGourty**
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At the salsa music’s deep-set rhythm begins, a nervous computer science graduate student takes his partner with his sweaty hands. The instructor chimes, “one-two-three, five-six-seven,” and he cautiously moves his left foot forward, right foot in place and repeats with the other side. Bodies spin around the dance floor. His movement coincides with the conga drums andcowbell blaring from the boom box. A smile spreads across his face as he leads his dance partner across the floor.

“The first time I went, I felt kind of nervous because it means they cannot communicate with their partner,” Berkman said. “I met someone at Cal Poly who was interested in learning and we chartered our own club. It started out small with teaching private lessons and having house parties.”

The club’s small creation has evolved into a socially organized group composed of numerous dedicated students, who work for hours to produce events and host the weekly Friday night classes.

The club holds workshops where they chartered a private boat in Morro Bay and danced until sunrise. They’re planning another cruise for Oct. 16. “The club enlivens the community and gives people a chance to meet someone. We have experience salsa and make new friends,” Berkman said.

Berkman discovered salsa while studying at University of California, Irvine in 1998. “I got into salsa because I really enjoy the music, which is slower, more romantic and interesting,” Berkman said. “Salsa is such a social form of exercise, it’s a good stress reliever, and it helps round out an individual,” Berkman said.

Friday classes are held at 8 p.m. for $5 in building 3, room 225. “This week’s class has been cancelled due to the salsa congress in Los Angeles.” The salsa club has an event online until Oct. 14. salsa.com.

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**Cayucos: quaint town that’s worth the drive**

**Anastasia Kilham**
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About 17 miles north of San Luis Obispo, off Highway 1, sits a quintessential beach town. With a population less than 3,000, Cayucos is known for its slow and simple lifestyle.

Coming from Morro Bay, along known as Mormon Grey, the sunshine of Cayucos radiates. This is appealing for its slow and simple lifestyle. Store attendants seem genuinely happy. Some cringe at the sight of new construction because it means they cannot enjoy the town. Karen Frazier of LKeanfixrnt surf shop, (kxxl Clean Fun, said, “You meet new people, it’s a great form of exercise, it’s a good stress reliever, and it helps round out an individual.”

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Whether looking for a Friday night out of the ordinary, or a fun first date, salsa dancing has its rewards.

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People downing too many beers without recycling

Tim Molloy
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LOS ANGELES — Californians have a drinking problem. New research says they're downing too many beers without recycling the bottles.

Consumers allow more than 1.6 billion bottles a year to go to landfills instead of recycling them, throwing away $70 million in redemption value, according to findings released Thursday by the California Department of Conservation.

The state rate of recycling bottles has fallen to 52 percent — its lowest level in 10 years.

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The research adds to concerns that consumers are less dedicated to recycling, according to the Container Recycling Institute, a nonprofit group that encourages producers and consumers to take more responsibility for recycling.

Possible reasons for the dropoff include consumer apathy, more consumption away from home and redemption values not climbing fast enough to keep pace with inflation, said Patricia Franklin, the institute's executive director.

California's redemption value is 4 cents for bottles that are 20 ounces or less and 8 cents for larger bottles.

"If you make the opportunity available, people will recycle," Franklin said.

"If a yuppie pulling down $70,000 a year doesn't care about the dime, someone will care about the dime."

With more money at stake, people who are less affluent or schools and scout troops can recycle to raise money, she said.

Throwing bottles away also wastes energy because recycled glass can be melted down at a lower temperature than it takes to make new glass.

"We can run our furnaces at slightly lower temperatures, which over time saves a lot of energy because we're running 24-7," said Dan Steen, president of Owens-Illinois California Container, which uses recycled glass to make bottles and food containers.

He said the company had to increase quality recycled glass from Oregon last year because there wasn't enough in California.

The energy wasted by sending 1.6 billion bottles to landfills would be enough to power 8,500 households annually, according to the conservation department.

In 2002, only 84 of California's 128 certified recycling programs served bars and restaurants. To encourage more participation, state officials are providing promotional items related to recycling.

Along with making at least 4 cents on every recycled bottle, business owners would save trash hauling expenses, though they would take on the additional costs of recycling pickup, according to the research.

The estimated net gain for business would be $10 for every 1,000 bottles recycled, the department found.

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Freshman thrower Chris White qualified for both the shot put (55-10.00) and discus (169-02). Leighton Hope will also compete in the shot put (53-11.50).

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100-meter hurdles, but is choosing to only compete in the latter, in which she has a low time of 58.12. Martin is currently ranked 14th in the nation in the 400-meter hurdles.

Kaylene Wagner and Sharon Day both qualified for high jump. Wagner, the second-ranked high jumper in the nation, set the school record twice in the last month. She first did it at the BigWest Championships with a jump of 6-02.75 and then again last week at the Home Depot Center with a jump of 6-03.25. Day is not far behind and is ranked third in the nation (6-

02.25).

Corney Stafford has qualified for both the triple jump (42-5) and the long jump (19-10.75). Jessica Eggleston also qualified for the triple jump (40-07.25). Rounding out the rest of women athletes are Williema Cisco, Katie Murphy, Kelly Dahl and Amanda Garcia. Cisco will compete in the 100-meter hurdles (13.69), Murphy will compete in the 3000-meter steeple chase (10:43.75). Dahl will compete in the pole vault (12-

3.50), and Garcia will compete in the shot put (49-10). The top five finishers in the individual events at the West Regional Championships will move on to the NCAA's and the top three finishers in the relays will move on as well. There are also eight at-large bids up for grabs.

Competition will begin on Friday and finish up with the finish on Saturday.

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W omen's tennis finished 16-8 (8-

02-25). Los Angeles. They will play in the NCAA post season.

Leadership awards were also given out. The leadership committee received 1,177 nominations from 296 schools and only 324 student-athletes were selected, four of which were Cal Poly athletes. The awards went to Blake Naukenahse, Ben Cobian, Michelle Henke and Jennifer Wexer.

For the first time, Cal Poly honored its standout freshmen with the Golden Mustang Awards. History professor Andrew Morris awarded Katie Collins with the female award and computer engineering professor Albert A. Liddicoat awarded track and field's John Takashii with the male award.

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the first time what they see on television.

But can the momentum generated by Smarty Jones extend beyond the Belmont Stakes?

"It might be too optimistic on our part to think that," Nader said, adding that having Smarty Jones race as a 4-year-old could carry the sport through next year. Smarty Jones has generated interest in racing in the same way as the "Seabiscuit" book and movie and the failed Triple Crown bids of Funny Cide, and War Emblem in 2002.

Funny Cide won the Derby and Preakness for his owners, a group of high school buddies from upstate New York. The gelding drew 103,222 people to the Belmont Stakes on a cold, rainy day, but he lost his bid to become racing's 12th Triple Crown winner. He is still racing but hasn't won much. However, co-owner Jack Knowlton sees Funny Cide's influence when he talks to people who have bought racehorses. "They saw a little guy can win and they saw how much fun the partners and I were having," he said. "That's what it takes. You get people involved in ownership, they'll come to the races and they'll bring their friends."

Racing will gain greater TV exposure beginning June 12 when the National Thoroughbred Racing Association launches "NTRA Super Saturdays" on ABC and ESPN.

Five two-hour shows, featuring races from tracks nationwide, will air once a month from June to October to maintain the sport's profile between the Belmont Stakes and Breeders' Cup on Oct. 30. "That's what got baseball and basketball huge," jockey Smith said, referring to TV coverage.

About 17 million people watched Smarty Jones win the Kentucky Derby. NBC's ratings peaked during a 30-minute window when the race was run, giving the network a 27 percent increase from last year.

When Smarty Jones won the Preakness by a record 11 1/2 lengths, the race enjoyed its highest rating since 1990 and a 35 percent improvement over last year.

"The general public is behind him," Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas said. "Everybody loves the story of the little guy rising up. It's good for racing.

Smarty Jones has turned his human connections into media magnets. Servis, jockey Stewart Elliott and elderly owners Pat and Roy Chapman, who has emphysema and uses a wheelchair, had low profiles before Smarty made it big.

The N Y R A is expecting a record crowd for the Belmont. They're adding bleacher seats at the top of the stretch, along with reserved seating on the grandstand apron.

"Maybe this is the year. Maybe this is the horse," Lukas said. "It is going to be a boost when it happens. People want to be there. They want to be a part of it when something special like this takes place."

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Track heads to West Regional

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Cal Poly will send 23 athletes to the NCAA Track and Field West Regional this weekend as they compete for a spot at the NCAA Championships on June 9 to 12 in Austin, Texas. The men are highlighted by junior Ryan Moorcroft, the Big West Track Athlete of the Year, who qualified for Championships on June 9 to 12 in the NCAA Track and Field West Regional, along with Joe Okafor, Joe Pappalardo and Paul Edwards. Together they are ranked 14th in the nation with a time of 40.02. Edwards will also compete in the 200 (21.11). Tracy Session will compete in the 400-meter hurdles. (52.69)

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Night of the Mustang marks end to another year of athletics

Dan Watson

The people's horse runs for the Triple Crown at Belmont

Beth Harris

Smartty Jones is the people's horse. He has an undefeated record, modest pedigree and a trainer, jockey and owners who are regular Joes.

His victories in the Kentucky Derby and Preakness sent the people into a sport that struggles to maintain its fan base beyond the Triple Crown and Breeders' Cup.

"It's reaching a lot of people and making new fans are on big-event days such as the Triple Crown races and the Breeders' Cup," Ellerson said. "What it does do is bring people into a sport that they knew nothing about. They recognize for the first time that thoroughbred racing is exciting, fun and it might be for them," he said.

"Somewhere beyond that date, they will come and experience for the first time that thoroughbred racing is exciting, fun and it might be for them," he said.

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