CRIME ROUNDUP

Events from the week of May 17

May 17
The University Police Department received a telephone call reporting a theft-in-progress at 1:53 p.m. The individual who contacted UPD was attempting to buy a laptop on eBay. After an investigation, officials learned the laptop was stolen from the University of Puerto Rico. The computer was eventually returned to its rightful owner, and the case has been turned over to the FBI for further investigation.

May 18
For unknown reasons, two "gorilla"-parking posts with a combined value of $320 were stolen from the R-2 parking lot. UPD executed a warrant at 8:24 p.m. and arrested a male in an off-campus residence for failing to appear in court.

May 20
A 21-speed Mongoose bicycle worth roughly $100 was reported stolen from Fremont Hall at 1:15 p.m. At 11:27 p.m., UPD arrested a female on Hathaway Street and took her to County Jail at 1:43 a.m.

May 21
A Cal Poly student was arrested for public intoxication on South Perimeter Road and taken to San Luis Obispo County Jail following a call from someone who saw a "stagging female covered with foam."

May 22
UPD arrested a 18-year-old Cal Poly male for public intoxication in the R-2 parking lot and took him to County Jail at 1:45 a.m. At 1:58 a.m., UPD arrested an 18-year-old on Foothill Boulevard for public intoxication.

May 23
A resident of Fremont Hall reported the theft of a yellow 21-speed Mongoose bicycle at 3:08 p.m. — Brian Koser

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Southern California program cuts green card renewal wait time

State service system utilizes Internet technology to slash period from roughly one year to about a week

Laura Wides Koonce

LOS ANGELES — Immigration officials announced a pilot program Tuesday that cuts the average time to renew or replace green cards from a year to about a week.

The program allows immigrants in much of Southern California to file renewals for permanent residency over the Internet to local processing centers, rather than sending applications to the state service center. If successful, the program could be expanded nationwide.

"All it takes, once the applicant has filed electronically, is a visit to one of our Application Support Centers," said Jane Arellano, district director for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. "Applicants get a new green card in less than a week, in most cases."

About 1,300 immigrants have already used the online service since it began quietly last month. The service is available to all immigrants living in Southern California except those in San Diego and Imperial counties.

Applicants get an automatic receipt including a telephone number they can call to set up an interview within a week. Los Angeles immigration attorney Carl Shusterman said immigrants who expect to wait months for their green card renewals sent flowers to his office when they received them in week.

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Those who already filed for green card renewals can readily under the new program. The fee for a renewal or replacement is $85.

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The Justice Department, under pressure to explain its indefinite detention of a U.S. citizen as an "enemy combatant," detailed Padilla's alleged al Qaeda training in Afghanistan and contacts with the most senior members of the terrorist network, his travel back into the United States and preparations to rent apartments and set off explosives.

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National Briefs

WASHINGTON — A federal judge Tuesday declared the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act unconstitutional, saying the measure infringes on a woman's right to choose.

The ruling applies to the nation's 900 or so Planned Parenthood clinics and their doctors, who perform roughly half of all abortions in the United States. U.S. District Judge Phyllis Hamilton's ruling came in one of three lawsuits challenging the legislation President Bush signed last year.

"The act poses an undue burden on a woman's right to choose an abortion," she wrote.

Federal judges in New York and Nebraska also heard challenges to the law earlier this year but have yet to rule. **

REDWOOD CITY — Laci Peterson's mother knew something was "very seriously wrong" when Scott Peterson called on Christmas Eve 2002 and said his wife was missing, prosecutors said Tuesday as opening statements began in Peterson's trial.

Prosecutor Rick Distaso told juries that Scott Peterson called his mother-in-law that afternoon and said he had returned from a fishing trip to an empty house — though he allegedly later told her uncle he was golfing all day.

SACRAMENTO — Veteran California Highway Patrol Commissioner Dwight "Spike" Helmick announced Tuesday that he will reluctantly retire after leading the agency for nine years under three governors, the longest tenure of any commissioner in 50 years. Helmick, 59, will step down Sept. 15, three months shy of the mandatory retirement age for a uniformed officer.

The state will immediately begin a nationwide search for a replacement, said Sunne Wright McPeak, secretary of the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency that oversees the CHP adding that the administration has no one in mind.

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World Briefs

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A powerful Sunni Muslim tribal leader and critic of the U.S.-led occupation was named president of Iraq's incoming government Tuesday, after Iraqi leaders rejected the Americans' preferred candidate for the post.

After the selection of Ghazi Mashal Ajil al-Yawer to the post, the U.S.-picked Governing Council decided to dissolve immediately to make way rather than wait until June 30. The incoming prime minister, Iyad Allawi, said his government would soon negotiate a crucial agreement on the status of U.S.-led international forces that will remain in Iraq.

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That's not the case this year in a campaign where the incumbent typically highlights his own accomplishments while the challenger tries to portray him as weak on national security. The few commercials that try to portray Kerry as a flip-flopping liberal who would raise taxes and remains weak on national security. The few commercials that have been run so far have been positive ads — and misleading statements in some cases — to claim Kerry isn't fit for the White House.

Bush is going full blast against Kerry, said John Geer, a Vanderbilt University professor who has studied 40 years of presidential election campaigns. "It's somewhat surprising, but it's not unlike what we've seen previous incumbents." Still, Kerry's commercials have been whole­ly positive since early May when he launched his biographical spots. His latest commercial, unveiled Tuesday and set to begin airing Wednesday in 19 states, focuses on his domestic and foreign agenda.

"We're a country of the future. We're a country of optimism. We're the can-do people." Kerry says in the ad, part of a $18 million buy for June. It doesn't mention Bush but is meant to subtly contrast Kerry's proposals with Bush's record.

Political analysts say there's no reason for Kerry to draw sharper contrasts now, given the bad news coming from Iraq and the fact that Kerry's allies among independent groups are running anti-Bush ads.
Weather Psychology

Devlin Kingdom

Beating the heat, but don’t beat others because of it

The weather is usually associated with being near the Rec Center pool or heading to Avo to cool off. However, when the weather gets too hot, there can be adverse effects. The main association made is with heat and that it leads to higher rates of aggression in people; psychology professor Dan Levi said, “There are certain temperatures that can cause people to get irritable, but there is a huge debate over this.”

Levi said that temperatures in the high 80s to low 100s can often lead to irritability depending on how one looks at the evidence.

“Once the temperature reaches a certain height just people get really tired and are not able to function properly,” said Levi, who specializes in environmental psychological effects. “Something like this would occur in the 100s and with a high level of humidity.”

According to a story done by BBC News, heat was the buildup in the body of heat generated by the muscles during work and of heat coming from warm and hot environments. When the body becomes overheated, less blood goes to the active muscles, the brain and other internal organs. People get weaker, become tired sooner, and may be less alert, less able to use good judgment, and less able to do tasks well or be as active.

“When it gets too hot people are a lot more likely to fall asleep and their task performance will drop; that is also true for when it gets too cold,” Levi said. “Studies have shown that we adjust to cold and the heat. A comfortable winter temperature is between 72 and 75 degrees. Summertime ideal temperatures are closer to 80 degrees. It depends on the time of year and the person’s location. There is definitely an adaptation effect involved.”

Levi has also noticed the effects that heat have on students in his own class.

“Anything out of the ordinary, including heat, add distraction to the classroom,” Levi said. “I haven’t noticed any students being irritable to me, but they are more apt to be falling off. When it’s hot, I’ll turn the lights off, which creates an illusion that they are in the shade and to speak. It’s a perceptual phenomenon.”

When the heat strikes, many students find themselves not wanting to be in class at all.

“When it is just too hot in my classroom I feel like I’m not truly taking advantage of my day” business junior Tracy Clarke said. “I really just want to be outside enjoying the weather. Besides, everyone is wearing in class and no one really wants to be surrounded by that.”

And as for that rumor that murder rates go up in cities as the temperature rises.

“The field research on that is really a myth,” Levi said. “It wouldn’t work in Arizona where it is too hot. There is a small correlation because when it is hot out, more people are outside on the street. More people out can lead to more conflict. However, in the winter, time you might get more domestic violence cases because more people are staying inside where it’s warm. The study has been done multiple times and sometimes there is a connection and sometimes there isn’t.”

Levi said it has been proven that heat has also been proven to lead to increased cases of road rage.

“In California, traffic is the number one case of road rage,” Levi said. “The other two are heat and air pollution, both of which irritate drivers.”

Heat won’t drive anyone to commit murder, but it might increase the urge of that ever-symbolic middle finger.

George Michael doesn’t stray far from safety on ‘Patience’

Sarah Cutsforth

George Michael has habitually used his music to offer two choices to the average listener: One can either dance his pants off and leave it at that, or one can choose to cry like a baby high in the 100s and with a high level of humidity as well.”

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Packing rat keep old items for comfort, ‘some day’ usage

Jamie Brady
MUSTANG DAILY

Ticket stubs, old toys, clothes that might fit again one day, papers and things that could be needed are all items that people known as “pack rats” may collect.

Pack rats are almost always in need of more space because they have so much stuff. They put it in shelves, in boxes, in closets, under beds — anywhere they can store the precious belongings they just can’t part with.

Psychology professor Charles Slem is known as the resident pack rat by his colleagues in the psychology department.

“Some pack rats are very sentimental people and attach great value to objects that they associate with good times or special events,” Slem said. For most people, parting with items from a fond memory is something that can be done with ease, but pack rats still find the need to keep their dead from corsages or the fishing pole they used at age 5 on a camping trip.

Slem said that, most importantly, pack rats are “what if” people. They constantly think about how an item might be used later and are afraid to get rid of an item in case they need it later. This is the reason a pack rat would keep a small baggie of not-so-tiny bits or a box full of random nuts and bolts, because at some point in life they might actually use them.

“There is a worry element to being a pack rat, and that is why it is so hard for a severe pack rat to throw things away,” Slem said. “The anxiety that is generated by discarding items is so great that it is easier just to put it in a pile rather than ruminating about what if.”

An article from www.stretchcom.com entitled “Helping a Pack Rat Get Organized,” suggests some ideas to help pack rats deal with their attachment issues. Make a someday box, take a photo and recognize what is done.

A person can put the items that they believe they may use one day in a someday box. By putting it all in a box, there is less clutter in the living space, and if one of the items is ever needed, the pack rat will know exactly where to find it.

Taking a picture of an item that has sentimental value but may never be needed is a way that a pack rat can always remember how much the item meant to them. This way the item won’t be taking up space but will always be around.

Recognizing what is clutter is important for pack rats so they can get rid of unnecessary items. If one doesn’t enjoy or use an item, if one doesn’t even know what the item is or if it’s too nice to toss, the article advises they throw it away or give it to someone who will use it.

“I think it’s troublesome to keep so many little things around that you might not even use,” mechanical engineering senior and anti-pack rat David Brown said. “My dad is a pack rat when it comes to spare parts and scraps of metal and wood. Now, our garage is so full that you can’t even find the little things that are needed. He could throw away some of the stuff so that we can find the things we need to use.”

‘Day After Tomorrow’ big on disaster, small on story

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MUSTANG DAILY

“The Day After Tomorrow” is everything it looks like in commercials: Amazing visuals featuring lots and lots of destruction and death. But sadly, like most disaster movies, the story is just a small part of the package.

Director Roland Emmerich is a master in this department, as he proved in previous films like Independence Day” (1996) and his other stinker, “Godzilla” (1998). Both of those movies, especially the latter, suffered from many of the same problems that “The Day After Tomorrow” does.

Granted, I did not go into the theater thinking I was about to see the next “Schindler’s List,” but this film went out of its way to be stupid.

The plot revolves around Jack Hall (Dennis Quaid), a D.C.-based climatologist. He does some serious research that proves global warming is pushing Earth toward a huge climate shift, which results in a new ice age. In a half-hearted attempt to add some emotion into the movie, Hall has a family. Sela Ward has a small, unimportant role as his wife, Lucy. Jake Gyllenhaal plays his 17-year-old son, who is stuck in New York City because of the huge super-storm that is sweeping the northern half of the United States.

The movie had the possibility of being a lot better than it was. It had a solid cast, each with a fair share of quality movie under their belts. Besides, The Rock or Vin Diesel were nowhere to be found. Unfortunately, the cast had nothing to work with. There are only so many ways to convey lines like “I’m using my body heat to warm you” or “You gotta get out of there. This is the last day.”

Hall’s initial warnings are ignored by the government, even after Los Angeles is leveled by tornadoes, among other freak weather patterns. One particularly pleasant part of the movie is how the executive branch is an obvious mock-up of Dubya and his natty little sidekick, Dick Cheney. Interestingly enough, the president is portrayed as an idiot and the Cheney-like Vice President is the puppet master behind the curtain, both of which got some laughs from the audience.

Sam and his friends, who are stuck in the New York City Public Library, are burning books to stay warm. Sam tries to tell the others not to leave and head south because his daddy told him that if they go outside they could instantly freeze to death, but they don’t listen. Luckily, just closing a door keeps out the negative 50-degree temperatures. Anyway, they attempt to evacuate. To where you ask?

Mexico. Sam, the son of an actor, is a bit naive. The US citizens are illegally running across the Río Grande river into the warmer climate of Mexico. The president finally brokered a deal to allow it, only after the United States agreed to give up all foreign debt owed by Latin American countries.

At this point, all you can do is sit back and enjoy the visual ride because there is no point in thinking about all the plot holes. The odds of global warming causing events like those in the film within the next few decades is virtually unfathomable. Global warming is a legitimate issue, and if something is not done, Earth probably will see a dramatic climate change. But that change is going to occur over many years, and no one wants to see that movie. That movie most definitely would not open with close to $90 million over Memorial Day weekend.

However, “The Day After Tomorrow” has sparked a lot of conversation regarding global warming and that is important. Too bad they made such a laughable movie out of such a serious subject.
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**Local Music**

**SLOMO fest fuses charity, senior project and tunes**

Collaboration with community partners is a key factor in planning of an event that will benefit the Wheelchair Foundation.

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**MEETING DAY**

Who knew senior projects could be fun? On Friday, music will flood Santa Rosa Park when it hosts the SLO Music Odyssey, or SLOMO for short.

The event is the brainchild of business marketing seniors Jason Hodges and Margaret Sherer, who planned the event with four other business majors. It will open at 3 p.m., with music kicking off at 4.

All proceeds will go to the Wheelchair Foundation, which was $20,000 short of fulfilling its goal of $20,000.

Hodges thought of throwing a concert as part of a senior project, and when Sherer agreed they enlisted the help of juniors Jessica Enger, Chuck Foster, Ashley Guglielmo and senior Laaila Balg.

Foster created the festival's promotional advertisements, including the T-shirts and paper ads that can be found on many campus walls and telephone poles.

"Basically, it's a concert in the park," Hodges said. In reality, the music festival will be much more than that.

An art gallery will present work by Cal Poly students, and a beer garden hosted by Mother's Tavern will serve drinks to those who want to enjoy the music with a glass of beer in hand.

Hodges said he thinks the partnership with Mother's is an opportunity for students and businesses to cooperate and exist.

"(Mother's Tavern is) giving Cal Poly students a chance to show responsibility in the community," Hodges said.

After applying to the city to have liquor in the park, the business majors created a sponsor relationship with Mother's Tavern.

"We worked closely with Mother's," Hodges said. "We all worked together and followed the rules."

By doing so, the marketing majors have done what few believed they could do, especially in the aftermath of the Mardi Gras riots that have put a strain in the relationship between students and the city.

With Mother's agreeing to provide its own security and pass out wristbands to those who are of legal drinking age, the city gave the thumbs up and accepted the application for an alcohol license.

Jamba Juice, Mondave's and local surf shops are planning to show their support by setting up vending booths. Boo Boo Records will sell tickets for $7.

"We want to do something fun and create something fun for the students."

Bands slated to play at the festival are The Fated, Kissing Tigers, New Tomorrow, Fly By Night, Golden Shoulder and Rough Cut.

Matt Kaner, guitarist for The Fated, and the three other members of his band will travel north from Santa Barbara for the first time.

"We want to gain a fanbase in San Luis," he said, "We never played there before. We usually play in Hollywood, so it's the first time up north."

"We're all music enthusiasts," she said. "We wanted to do something fun and create something fun for the students."
‘Fear premium’ pushes gas prices ever higher

WASHINGTON (AP) — A "fear premium" is driving up gasoline prices well past $2 a gallon. Motorists may be paying as much as 36 cents a gallon more at the pump because of the petroleum industry’s anxiety that terrorists might disrupt oil supplies, a fear that increased with two murderous rampages by al-Qaida-linked gunmen at oil complexes in the heart of Saudi Arabia.

Estimates vary, but some energy economists said as much as $10 to $15 is being added to the cost of every barrel of crude oil because of fear that terror in Saudi Arabia, violence in Iraq or unrest elsewhere could disrupt future oil supplies.

The fear factor went up a notch over the long holiday weekend with the attack in Khobar, Saudi Arabia, that killed 22 people, mostly foreign oil workers. It was the second attack in a month against oil workers in the Islamic kingdom.

Oil prices surged more than $2 a barrel Tuesday, the first trading day since the Khobar attack. The price of gasoline jumped 6 cents a gallon on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

"There obviously is a fear premium," said Seth Kleinman, an oil market analyst at PFC Energy, a Washington-based consulting firm. While there always has been such a premium in oil prices, with the targeting of Saudi’s oil industries, "It’s gotten a lot further and it’s gotten a lot bigger."

One reason is that Saudi Arabia, which pumps 10 percent of the world’s oil, is the only producer that has significant spare capacity to produce more as needed to stem demand and prices, economists said. While the attacks did not target Saudi pipelines, terminals or oil fields directly, the psychological impact has raised the markets.

After receding somewhat last week, the price of light crude for July delivery jumped $2.45, settling Tuesday at $31.50 a barrel. The price of crude for October delivery rose $1.85, or 6 percent, and settled at $31.55 a barrel.

The fear factor has rattled the markets. "The impact has been significant, with the target-impact moving up oil prices, with the target-impact moving up oil prices, which pumps 10 percent of the world’s oil, is the only producer that has significant spare capacity to produce more as needed to stem demand and prices, economists said. While the attacks did not target Saudi pipelines, terminals or oil fields directly, the psychological impact has raised the markets."
WASHINGTON — No matter what Pentagon officials say, the idea of restarting the military draft never seems to go away. Defense officials say they don't want it. And polls show the American public doesn't either. So why do lawmakers keep suggesting that conscription be reconsidered?

Pauline Jelinek ASSOCIATED PRESS

Since the fall of 2002, when the Bush administration asked Congress to approve force against Iraq, the Defense Department has said repeatedly that it sees no reason to abandon the all-volunteer, professional military and return to the days when thousands of untrained men were forced into service.

"I don't know anyone in the executive branch of the government who believes it would be appropriate or necessary," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said again recently.

Recent polling indicates four out of five Americans surveyed oppose resuming the draft, which would appear to seal its fate as a dead issue during an election year.

"It's an idea whose time may never come," said Charles Moskos, a Northwestern University sociologist who studies military issues. Still, lawmakers keep questioning whether perhaps a draft may be needed, even as proposed legislation on it goes nowhere.

Analysts say there are two main reasons the idea keeps coming back. One is that even with 1.4 million active-duty volunteers and thousands more reservists, the United States seems to have too few troops for the wars it is fighting.

"The war in Iraq, coming on top of the global war on terrorism, has caused unprecedented strain on U.S. armed forces. The Defense Department has stopped thousands of soldiers from leaving when their enlistment times were up, made some stay longer in Iraq than the promised year, made unprecedented use of the National Guard and Reserve forces and is bringing troops from Korea for the first time in decades as it struggles to maintain more than 138,000 in Iraq," Rumsfeld said.

Officials say they can continue using those same methods, as well as incentives to get sufficient volunteers. Rumsfeld further says the high amount of military activity now probably is temporary — "a spike."

But even if most troops come out of Iraq within several years, the war against al Qaeda and other terror networks could last decades. And there is no predicting how many more sizable military campaigns there might be over that time.

"If we in fact, as the president says and I agree, are in a generational war here against terrorism, it's going to require resources," says Republican Sen. Chuck Hagel. "The mission must match the resources."

"Who is doing all of the fighting?" Hagel asked. "Should we continue to burden the middle class who represents most all of our soldiers, and the lower middle class ... burden them with the fighting and the dying if in fact this is a generational — probably 25-year war?"

"It's not a shared burden," said Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., noting that most Americans have sacrificed little through the Afghan and Iraq wars that started after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States.

The military drafted conscripts during the Civil War, both world wars and between 1948 and 1973. The Selective Service System was reincorporated in 1980 to maintain a registry of 18-year-old men, but call-ups have not occurred since the Vietnam War.

Letters to the Editor

Chastity belts are the answer to sexuality

After much deliberation, I have come up with the perfect solution to America’s problems concerning homosexuality, sodomy, promiscuity and sexuality: chastity belts. A device in use and unappreciated, the chastity belt serves a variety of purposes. If people were required to wear them beginning at puberty, all those nasty, natural biologicalstartstocancel the innocent child, prematurity and sexuality would be diminished. In fact, the government could further free this nation of homosexuality, bisexuality and sodomy by only allowing removal of said chastity belt when licensed, church-approved couples applied for permission to procreate.

Additional benefits would include population control and “natural” selection — after all, why not make this a nation of geniuses by granting rights only to those with high IQs? If that’s too generous, the government and society could always follow this simple rule: Keep the belts on females. If the bond between two people is so sacred, why is everyone acting like peeping toms?

Rebecca Levin is a psychology junior.

Painting the ‘P’ is not the correct forum for LGBT

I am writing this letter in response to the yearly “vandalism” on the “P” during Cal Poly student or, I do not see a major problem with painting the “P” rainbow colors for the group that it represents. I do see a problem with it being used as a symbol to express a certain group’s opinions or beliefs. When I see the “P” I see it as a neutral icon that various groups should be able to use to advertise. Once it is used to express a specific position or standpoint, then I believe the line of acceptability has been crossed.

Granted, the paint is harmless in its own right, but many people see rainbow colors as a sign of pride. Therefore, just like darker colors could be used to represent less positive messages, I think instead of painting the “P” rainbow, the Lesbians, Gay, Bisexuals, Transgender should instead use their club letters to spread their message. Hey, if groups were allowed to express opinions on the “P” then someday we might have the “P” paint -ed purple and yellow for the Lakers, and then maybe all the hell that would break loose.

Jason Shepard is an aerospace engineering senior.

Newspaper should cover alternative sports

Reading the May 26 edition of Mustang Daily nearly brought tears to my eyes. Every time I open up a paper and turn to the sports section, all I read is basketball, this baseball, that baseball, crap. What about the other athletes out there who train just as hard, bleed just as much and try hard to get their sport into the spotlight? What about all those cyclists, skaters, free-style walkers or any other athlete in any form of extreme or alternative sport? What do they get? You never see them in the newspaper. You never hear about them. They aren’t looking for fame and fortune like all those jocks out there. They ride, board, walk, flip, bounce, do whatever they do for the love of their sport. They have a passion that is rooted deep into their soul. Little does anybody at Cal Poly know that there are dozens of student athletes competing in sports around the world who never get mentioned. We have cyclists who race professionally. We have athletes with large corporate sponsorship deals. We have wheelchair racers who race for Cal Poly against other colleges in events through out the year. So come on, where’s the love for extreme or alternative sports?

Enough of this,” I have a free ride through college” crap. Let’s hear about some new. Give respect where it is deserved.

Mike Brown is a mechanical engineering junior.

Will Brown’s letter was filled with hypocrisy

As I struggle to finish my senior project, through the blood, sweat and tears of my last weeks here at Cal Poly, I am truly appreciative to Will Brown (“Keep homosexuality out of public view” May 26) for giving me a good laugh in such an emotional time. Hey, if you have issues with homosexuality, fine, that’s your prerogative. I don’t agree with you, but whatever. The thing I find funny about the letter is that it condemns publicly expressing views that may offend other people’s feelings sensibilities. That’s right, according to Brown, people should not demonstrate possibly offensive viewpoints in a public forum. I cannot overlook the fact that huge factions of the student body will be offended by his letter, which was published in the Mustang Daily, which I believe to be a public forum. The obvious irony of the letter has kept me smiling for the last couple days, so once again, thanks for the laughs.

I also wanted to respond to Tim Nelson’s bizarre letter (“Ways to destroy a moral nation” May 26), but I wouldn’t know where to start, so maybe somebody else could tackle that nonsense.

Michael Terbush is a materials engineering senior.

It is rude to dictate how people show affection

Author Virginia Woolf once stated, “If we don’t believe in freedom of expression for people we despise, we don’t believe in it at all.” These are the only words which ran through my mind while reading Will Brown’s “Keep homosexuality out of public view” (May 26).

Would someone justifyably compare a couple’s act of affection to belching, farting and scratching oneself in a public setting? How is it rude for a homosexual couple to display their love, but OK for a heterosexual couple to do the same? Brown stated, “As humans we are all entitled to make our own decisions as to who we want to be; that’s the beauty of free will.” Then he tried to limit the free will to only heterosexuals.

Since when did a person’s sexual preference define their level of humanity! This logic can only be linked to one thing ignorance — the kind of ignorance which assumes that all relationships are simply based on sex and the hate and intolerance which finds it appropriate to paint over a symbol of love and acceptance.

I don’t care to know what goes on in a heterosexual bedroom or homosexual bedroom — that’s a private place that doesn’t concern me. When I see a heterosexual couple holding hands or hugging, I don’t automatically think of what goes on in their sex life, so why would I think of anal sex when I see a homosexual couple doing the same? Above all, I’m not going to tell anyone how and when it is appropriate to express their affection, because that, Will Brown, would be rude.

Vanessa Mathews is a sociology freshman.

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Writing the liberal politics column is not something you get to do at Cal Poly. There’s a strong force of conservatism here, and reflecting as to whether or not I’ve made an impact, I can’t really be sure. Abortion, same-sex marriage and gun control went over like a ton of bricks. Commentaries are a strange forum to exchange ideas; some people simply miss the point. I offer the video game debate as an example. Thus in a last-ditch effort to encourage change and impact, I write this column.

My last column isn’t about politics. I realized Monday that the worst characters in a movie always left the plot in the same way. They tell a crucial story that highlights the plight of the hero before they die. While slipping away into the great unknown, this judicial character would look at the hero, caress their arms and whisper, “Remember the purple elephant and the cheese factory.”

The hero is now changed. With new determination, he charges toward the endgame, stubbornly. His life now has meaning, and with resolve, the hero will save at least one man can do to stop him.

I am headed to the real world. The reality of school is fading away and as I lay here in the arms of the campus one last time, I’ve decided to follow the most memorable characters in any movie and tell a story. Hopefully it will inspire you, help you battle against the forces of adversary in getting your education.

Before the faculty and staff of Cal Poly, I offer this final gift. A story so touching you might choke back a tear — but that’s OK. We’re only human and this can only make you stronger. With fond memories and yet nary a tear in the eyes, I say goodbye. The story: Sean and Lisa

Sean loved Lisa. Lisa loved Sean. Together they would skip in the fields and pick flowers grown in the sunshine. It was a blissful existence. Gophers would sing songs of just how very happy Sean and Lisa were. Birds would kiss them on the cheek and their laughter was like rainbows. That is, until Thursday. For some reason, Sean and Lisa exploded. The gophers were surprised. The end.

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Promises made to get paid

Commentary

Payday is a glorious word. But what if you had to sign the following statement in exchange for your check?:

"...I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of California against all enemies, foreign, domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of California ...

Would you still sign it if you knew it was a watered-down anti-Communist loyalty oath?

Every Cal Poly employee, from student graders to professors to maintenance workers, along with all other employees of the state of California, must sign the statement according to Section 3 of the state constitution.

In most cases though, students do not read the statement before they sign. In those few that read the statement seldom see it as an issue.

"It is pretty rare that we have somebody who doesn't want to sign," payroll supervisor Donna Massicotte said. "If they want to work for us, they have worked here, only about a dozen people have refused to sign."

The oath originally was required by the state constitution only for public officials. Then in 1941 during World War II, it was extended to cover all state employees.

In 1956, the Levering Act was passed by the state Legislature that also required signers to affirm that they were not members of or believers in organizations that advocated overthrowing the government (i.e. Communists). The state Supreme Court struck down the University of California version in 1951, after 31 UC faculty and some others were fired, and again in 1967 for the entire state. The statement was watered down and has not been overturned since. However, that doesn't mean it is acceptable to everyone.

Many people who object to the current version argue that it is an unnecessary and harmful vestige of McCarthy-era paranoia that has no place in the context of academia.

One such dissenter is former UC Berkeley graduate student Jimmer Edmonds, who added J. Edgar Hoover's name to the oath when he was required to sign it.

He declared the oath "an affront to the rights of every citizen and antithetical to the principle of academic freedom."

Edmonds also said it is self-contradictory in that it violates the freedom of speech guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution.

When you agree with Endres or wholeheartedly support the oath of allegiance, read before you sign it.

and don't be afraid to ask questions.

Crystal Phend is a journalism and physical science senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Jessica Simpson capitalizes on her ditzy persona

Commentary

With each commercial, celebrity group column and MTV News update grows America's obsession with Jessica Simpson. Thanks to a second season of "Newlyweds," there is even more credibility to the stereotype of "dumb blondes."

The "I don't eat buffalo" comment on "Newlyweds" inspired Pizza Hut to make her the spokeswoman for the new buffalo chicken pizza. Millions of viewers get to

Eventually, the obsession with Simpson will get old. Like any shallow pop icon, she will be replaced with a newer version of herself.

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Local speedway a Saturday diversion

Stephanie Ikel
WEDNESDAY DAILY

With summer quickly approaching and the list of new outdoor sporting activities thinning, Santa Maria offers at least one place for fun and an exhilarating time: the Santa Maria Speedway.

Every Saturday night the speedway is home to a crowd of pumped-up fans and revved-up teachers. The tracks grandstand is full by the entrance to it is quite modest. The ticket booths are small and resemble the ones found at carnivals.

Beyond the excitement of a race and the black and white checkered seats is the history. The speedway has devoted racers and loyal fans that cannot remember life without it.

Randy Claborn of Santa Maria started racing in 1950, but has been going with his dad and older brother since 1964 when the track opened. Claborn, 50, retired from races and now has a driver for the car he bought a year ago, a late model Monte Carlo, GRT.

"I stopped driving nine years ago and started running a racing tour that travels all over the West to places such as Reno, Las Vegas, Perris and even Santa Maria," Claborn said.

The tour, titled the Western Extreme Tour Travel, took place last Saturday night at the speedway. It is not uncommon for a car owner to hire a driver but there are still owners that like to feel the track and the adrenaline rush themselves. Rick Coffey of Santa Maria drives his own classic late model GRT, although sometimes it is not as rewarding as he would like.

"I did terrible Saturday night and I did terrible in Bakersfield on Sunday," he said. "A week ago I did good but I don't know what happened to it.

He has been racing for 20 years and is waiting for his son to turn 16 in a few years so he can turn lans himself, he said. He started racing go-karts at the airport and got noticed by a car owner because of his aggressive style. He drove that racer's car for a year but did not like how he was doing things, he said. He bought his own racecar and has driven ever since.

"I get the pleasure of owning it and racing it, not like Mr. Moldt," Coffey said.

Steve Moldt of Nipomo is another car owner that instead of driving on the track himself, hires a driver to do it for him. Moldt races a car to Santa Maria and also takes his car to Las Vegas for competitions, he said.

As far as racetrack conditions, Santa Maria is one of the best, Claborn and Coffey said. Both are well known in this racing industry and have traveled to many different racetracks in their time but agree the Santa Maria Speedway is a nice one to race on.

"It is one of the best in California for track conditions. It has a lot of clay while most have more dirt. Having the clay gives a lot of bite with the car and makes it fast," Claborn said.

Santa Maria never gets dusty he said. Coffey agreed.

The Santa Maria track is a fast one because there is not a lot of dirt and I have grown accustomed to it," he said.

Even though Claborn has personally stopped driving at the track, he still has many ties to it. He owns Claborn Motor Sports in Santa Maria and sells most of the parts that all need to race at any speedway, including Santa Maria, he said.

"We have built five to six street stock division cars that race there and sold many cars that currently race in Santa Maria," he said.

Going to the races is a family event for many of the racers, including the Claborns. His father is the one that sparked the interest and Claborn's nephew recently started racing in Santa Maria.

One of the downsides to racing is the price. Claborn's car is worth $65,000 and winning a race is only a price of maybe $1,000, he said.

"It is really competitive," California captain Jasone Kjala was as much ango as he was disappointed the Flames couldn't keep that momentum Monday, especially with a chance to take a command- ing 3-1 lead. No team has rallied from that score since the 1942 Maple Leafs.

"It is one of the best for the budget. I heard it is a huge part of my life and I really enjoy it," Coffey said.

Calgary hopes playoff history repeats itself

Alan Robinson
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TAMPA, Fla. - Three times before in these Stanley Cup playoffs, the Calgary Flames have been 2-2 in a series. Three times they went on the road and won, then took the series.

Twice before in these playoffs, the Tampa Bay Lightning played a pivotal Game 5. They won both, once to end a series and the other time to take control of it.

So is it any surprise the Flames and Lightning are going through Thursday night's Game 5 of their tighter-than-tight Stanley Cup final tied, with Tampa Bay building its advantage but neither team really in control.

"We don't look at what number the game is," Lightning coach John Tortorella said Tuesday. "It's Game 5, and it's exactly what it is. It's the first of two and we're looking to get to four (victories)."

The Flames are so accustomed to being in this position, they don't seem unamimated by the necessity of having to win at least once more in Tampa, where two of the next three games could be played. Calgary is 9-3 on the road and won Game 1 in Tampa, where the Lightning are 8-2.

"Game 5 has got to be our best game of the series and then we go from there," Flames' Coach Craig Simpson said. "We have done it before so maybe we've learned something from that, but still this is the first time we've done it in the Stanley Cup finals."

Anyway, our Vincent Lecavalier didn't play the final four plus minutes after being rammed into the glass face first by Ville Nieminen. The Lightning have yet to disclose Lecavalier's status for Thursday, and the NHL hasn't announced if Nieminen would be suspended.

The Flames' determination to not be out-hit or outmuscled has forced Tampa Bay to fight for every inch of ice, and they've been successful. The Lightning have scored only six goals in four games, all but two coming in their 4-1 victory in Game 2.

But the Flames paid the price for their own aggressiveness by giving the Lightning a 5-on-3 advantage early in Game 4, which they turned into Brad Rivett's record seventh game-winning goal of the playoffs. Tortorella, whose team has alternated wins and losses over each of the last two rounds, isn't surprised the final has so defense-oriented, even though both teams were much more aggressive offensively in previous series.

"As we've gone along, Calgary has gone into more of a defensive mode and, against us, going about business and try to do our job," Tortorella said. "I just think that although the long road to the playoff, it's a matter of trying to keep momentum."

"The Flames are the ones with momentum Monday, especially with a chance to take a commanding 3-1 lead. No team has rallied from that score since the 1942 Maple Leafs.

"There is a best-of-three for the Stanley Cup," he said. "It wasn't supposed to be easy and I wouldn't want it any other way. The more on the line, the more fun it is to play and the more fun it is to win."
Two to play for USA rugby team

Rachel Musquiz

After finishing second in the nation, the dust is still settling for the Cal Poly rugby team. By breaking many of their own records, the rugby team made a name for itself in the collegiate ranks. With the entire country’s eyes on the team, two players asked to represent the United States as part of the Eagles, the United States Rugby National Team.

There are between 40 and 50 players on the United States Rugby National Team. Before each game, about 28 of the best possible players are selected for the traveling team. Factors that play into this selection include the previous game’s outcome and injuries. If a player continues to excel, they will continue to play for the Eagles, receiving compensation.

Tony Petruzella has received an invitation to play for the national team as a flanker in the Churchill Cup this summer. The tournament begins June 12 in Calgary, Canada with the United States playing Canada. This professional team is comprised of the best players in the country with a typical age range of 23 to 32. Petruzella said, “I will play as one of the few active college students on the national team.”

“I'm still nervous to see how it will go,” he said. “I’ve never played at this level before.”

Through this process, he said the Eagles may ask him to continue playing for the team at a game against France on July 4.

Petruzella has played rugby since high school. With a growing program, those who are selected for the traveling team. Petruzella has played four years at Cal Poly and will return next year.

Through various teams, Petruzella has spent the last few years playing rugby all year round. His sophomore year, he played for the Southern California Collegiate All Stars. This summer, besides playing for the Eagles, he will also play for the Pacific Coast All-Stars and travel to London in August. Since he has been named to the national team, he will automatically play for the Collegiate All-American team in August for two weeks in either Canada or Australia.

Petruzella was selected as Player of the Month in April by Golf on Rugby, the provider for North American Rugby News.

“That represents how our whole team was playing,” Petruzella said. “I wasn’t necessarily playing the best, but the best in one of the games.

However, during the national finals playing the best in one game made all the difference. With a final ranking of second in the nation, Cal Poly made their name known in collegiate rugby and Petruzella left the field with many coaches talking. During a coaching conference where player of the month is decided, many coaches spoke highly of Petruzella, Broom said.

“He’s the guy that you will notice on the field,” he said. “You don’t wonder what he’s doing.”

After this opportunity to play for the national team, Petruzella would eventually like to pursue a professional career in rugby overseas. “If rugby is your job, you’re putting in just like a nine to five, whether it’s training or coaching,” he said. “You can never know everything about the game; there’s always something new.”

Lock Jason Lauritsen, a former All-American, represented Team USA in competition in Japan.

Last year, Lauritsen returned to the United States as a Collegiate All-American in New Zealand. He returned with his strengthened skills to the Cal Poly rugby team for his fifth and final year on the team. While the Mustangs had made the playoffs in the last few years, it became apparent after last season that this would be a monumental year for Cal Poly rugby.

Inches away from Olympics

Almea Anderson

Track & Field

What is in an inch and a half? An inch and a half less than two years, Wagner placed fourth in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 8:51.67, good for a fourth-place finish.

During this time, her high school and college careers, Wagner qualified for the World Junior Championships in Japan. Despite having participated in the event for less than two years, Wagner placed fourth.

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