Ohio looms as this year's Florida: 250,000 votes remain to be counted at press time

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Bush lost Pennsylvania, a major blow after counting votes with steel tariffs and 44 visits in a bid to steal from the Democrats. The loss raises the stakes in Florida and Ohio, both states for 249 votes. Kerry won 16 unsettled, Kerry was still on the hunt for the coveted electoral votes after voting in a firehouse at Crawford, Texas, hoping to avoid the first wartime president bounced from office.

The race showed signs of being close as 2000, when Bush lost the popular vote to Gore but won the Electoral College count and the presidency after a ruling by the Supreme Court gave him Florida. The incumbent hoped to avoid the fate of his father — former President George H.W. Bush, who was bounced out of office in 1992 after waging war against Iraq and overseeing an ailing economy.

Reacted to a replay of the 2000 recount, legislations of lawyers and election-rights activists watched for signs of voter fraud or disenfranchisement. New lawsuits sought clearer standards to evaluate provisional ballots in Ohio and a longer deadline to count absentee ballots in Florida.

While complaints were widespread, they weren't significant. "It's no big, but lots of little," said elections expert Doug Chapin.

Voters were torn over the presidential race, in ways all too familiar. Exit polls suggested that slightly more voters trusted Bush to handle terrorism than Kerry. A majority thought the country was safer from terrorism than four years ago, and they overwhelmingly backed Bush.

In the end, Brizuela and Booker were happy with the campaign they ran.

"We ran what we thought was an ethical and straightforward campaign," Brizuela said.

Booker remained strong. "It'll be a replay of the 2000 callback. A lot of doors for me," he said.

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Though he was greeted by supporters wary of the election's outcome, Booker remained strong. "I'll be where I'll be," he said.

"We had such a good time doing it," he said. "It was really a family affair."

In the next two years,Romero plans to continue with his work to improve water supply, housing, traffic and transportation.

"A lot of the city's problems are going to get solved," he said.

Booiker said campaigning was exciting but difficult.

"I have been a very intense, draining and physically exhausting experience," he said.

All in all, the Booker team was still in good spirits at the end of the night.

"We disagree with Romero on some issues, but we think he's a good person and we respect the public's opinion," said Booker's campaign manager Tony Brizuela.

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er hiking the fines during its Dec. 7 meeting.

In September, the council endorsed the idea of tripling such fines only in certain areas of town known for student parties.

SANTA BARBARA — Halloween violence was down in party-hearty Isla Vista this year but arrests tripled.

From Friday through early Monday, 328 people were arrested with the majority of them alcohol-related offenses. Additionally, an estimated 380 people were cited for minor offenses such as having an open alcohol container or urinating in public.

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The citywide proposal to triple penalties for certain offenses is designed to improve community relations in wake of February's Mardi Gras rioting by 5,000 people. The City Council will consid-

national news

Washington — Machines malfunctioned, tempers flared and edgy voters often waited in lines for hours Tuesday to pick a president in a contentious race watched by thousands of monitors who expected the worst. By nightfall on the East Coast, several local snafus had been reported but no widespread allegations of voting problems emerged. Florida, t was again a
doubtful spot, as nearly 40 votes may have been lost after nine voting machines ran out of battery power.

Hagerstown, Md. — The third of seven U.S. soldiers from a Maryland unit charged with abusing Iraqi detainees at Abu Ghraib prison near Baghdad has pleaded guilty to reduced charges of dereliction of duty for failing to prevent or report the maltreatment, Lt. Col. Steven A. Budlan said.

Washington — The Supreme Court considered on Tuesday whether a lawyer was wrong to concede a death now sentence's guilt without his consent, and many justices seemed unwilling to second-guess a trial strategy aimed at saving the man's life.

On Election Day, the high court appeared ready to set aside a Florida Supreme Court decision to grant a new trial for Joe Elton Nixon, who was convicted in the 1984 murder of a woman. At issue is the attorney's decision to admit at trial that Nixon was responsible for the victim's death, in hopes that his candor would persuade the jury not to impose the death penalty.

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international news

Baghdad, Iraq — The kidnappers of ad worker Margaret Hassan threatened to turn her over to al-Qaida-linked militants noto-

rious for beheading hostages unless Britain agreed within 48 hours to pull its troops from Iraq, Al-Jazeera television reported Tuesday. Al-

Jazeera broadcasted only the portion of the video that showed a hooded gunman, but did not air the sound. The newscaster said the kidnappers gave Britain 48 hours to meet their demands, "primarily the withdrawal" of British troops.

Amsterdam, Netherlands — A Dutch filmmaker who had received death threats after releasing a movie criticizing the treat-

ment of women under Islam was shot outside his house in Amsterdam on Tuesday. Police said a suspect was arrested after a shootout with officers that left him wounded, police said.

Filmmaker Theo van Gogh had been threatened after the August airing of the movie "Submission," which he made with a right-wing Dutch politician who had denounced the Islamic faith of his birth. Van Gogh had received police protection after its release.

London — After a passion-

ate debate in the House of Commons, British lawmakers voted overwhelmingly

against banning parents from spanking their children.

Some lawmakers argued that even mild spanking should be outlawed and insisted children should have the same legal protection as adults when it comes to being hit. But Prime Minister Tony Blair's government has shied away from an outright ban, fearing it will be accused of intruding into family affairs.

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**Ballot Cast:** 94338 58.07%

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**State Senate — 15th District**
- Abel Maldonado (REP) 43062 or 67.85%
- Peg Pinard (REP) 5584 or 7.97%
- Brook Madsen (CRN) 48904 or 74.28%
- Tom Hutchings (CRN) 5584 or 7.97%

**New News**
**Wednesday, November 3, 2004**

**United States Senator**
- Kerry (Dem) 4396 or 50.63%
- Bill Jones: 43062 or 47.35%
- Barbara Boxer: 43285 or 47.60%

**Abel Maldonado (REP) 51394**
- Tom Hutchings (CRN) 4346 or 4.78%

**NEW SOR**
- Jerry Lenthall 9587 or 50.63%
- Tim Mackay 35042 or 33.73%

**Write-in Votes**
- 110 0.12%
- 18 0.10%

**San Luis Obispo Mayor**
- Jerry Lenthall 9587 or 50.63%
- Matt Mackey 35042 or 33.73%
- David R. Booker 4913 or 23.28%

**Write-in Votes**
- 23879 15.48%
- 18 0.10%

**State Assembly — 3rd District**
- San Blaskeles (REP) 47969 or 54.45%
- Tom Hutchings (CRN) 5584 or 6.34%
- Gary L. Kirkland (LIB) 4767 or 5.14%

**Write-in Votes**
- 22 0.10%

**San Luis Obispo County Supervisor**
- Mary Ann Reilly 9896 or 51.23%
- David R. Booker 4913 or 25.07%
- Matt Mackey 35042 or 19.52%

**Write-in Votes**
- 32 0.18%

**San Luis Obispo Councilman**
- Paul Lepp 7847 or 28.37%
- Andrew Carter 4340 or 15.64%
- Orval Osborne 3251 or 11.71%

**Write-in Votes**
- 50464 56.29%
- 40328 46.31%
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California voters’ comments at the polls

California voters’ comments on the presidential election and state ballot measures:

"I don’t doubt the current administration’s passion for the country, I just don’t think they know what they’re doing. Everybody seems to have their hand on the trigger."
— Malcolm Cooper, 33, of Hollywood, on the Bush administration.

"Too much war. He (Bush) doesn’t even care too many soldiers die. I don’t even know them (and) I cry."
— Gloria T. Calomay, 84, of San Diego, on Kerry's anti-war comments in the 1970s.

"I'm very worried they're going to try to seal the elections."
— Kerry supporter Michael Weithorn, 47, producer and writer of the CBS comedy “King of Queens,” on his concern that the Republicans will take the election results to court.

"The latest polls look very good. It's 50-50 now. I must at least in our house."
— Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, voting in Brentwood with his wife, Kennedy family member Maria Shriver.

"It’s definitely the war. People see these soldiers who are 18 and don’t have an education, and they’re over there dying. It’s really sad that that (the military) is their best option.”
— Eliana Deutsch, 20, of San Diego, on why young voters went to Hollywood, on the Bush administration.

"Die. I don’t even know them (and) I cry."
— Rebecca Maggard, 40, of North Hollywood, on Kerry’s anti-war comments in the 1970s.

"Are we going to fight for world freedom or watch it collapse around us?"

"Because he represented Vietnam vets before Congress."
— Judy Hileman, voting for Bush in North Hollywood, on Kerry’s anti-war comments in the 1970s.

"I am a Christian but we’re talking about utilizing embryos that already exist for the purpose of moving along medical technology to improve our health. I see that as a good thing. We’re not going to get out and grow embryos … and just use them for our benefit."
— Lisa Pompa, 39, of Huntington Beach, on why she voted for a state bond measure to fund stem cell research.

"Three strikes was a bad law. It put a lot of people in jail for longer terms than they needed to and I think the change is probably worth-while."
— Lawrence Fulvio, 67, a retired high school history teacher from Huntington Beach, on why he voted for a measure to amend the state’s three strikes’ law to require the final strike to be a violent or serious felony.

President Bush mounted almost no campaign in California, where he lost to Democrat Al Gore by 12 percentage points in 2000. And Boxer was never seriously challenged by Republican Bill Jones, former secretary of state who ran a poorly funded campaign.

In the state Assembly and Senate races, voters were expected to return large Democratic majorities, with few seats seen likely to change hands. Democrats currently enjoy a 25-14 advantage in the state Senate and a 48-32 advantage in the Assembly.

Voters also faced 16 major ballot initiatives, ranging from Propositions 66 and 72, which would require large and medium-sized employers to provide health insurance to their workers. At a North Hollywood polling place, social worker Bill Wilson, 49, said the most important issue for him was “getting rid of Bush.” He also voted yes on Proposition 63, the mental health initiative, and yes on Proposition 66 the three strikes initiative.

"The three strikes is too rigid,” Wilson said.

In Orange County, Tustin resident Tom Gaffron, 61, called himself “a devout Republican” who’d voted for Bush.

"Other than that, and regardless of any disagreements I feel he’s made, I’m confident he knows what he’s doing and he does what he knows.

He also said he voted against Proposition 66 because it was “too drastic” an approach.
The Multicultural Center at Cal Poly is nursing a movement of performance poetry that represents creativity, freedom and expression.

The first Thursday of every month they hold an event called Another Type of Groove, an evening of poetry and opinion. This month's event will take place on Thursday, Nov. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Vista Grande restaurant and will feature Rupert Estanislao, a renowned performance poet and member of the award-winning spoken word trio, The Suicide Kings.

"The primary goal for Another Type of Groove is to provide a forum for students, faculty, administrators, staff and community to speak their minds on a respect-for-all basis," Katrina dela Cruz, coordinator of the event and history senior said.

The event is in collaboration with the San Luis Obispo County Arts Council.

"Before Another Type of Groove, there really was no large, all-encompassing creative outlet for the San Luis community," she said. "There were strictly student venues or strictly community venues, but nothing like what we've seen with Another Type of Groove."

One of the things dela Cruz said she loves about the event is the broad range of attendees.

"The audience is compiled of everyone from freshmen in college to former faculty and business owners in their 60s, 70s, 80s and even 90s," she said.

Adam Serafin, a business administration major who helps with the event, said dela Cruz is the brains behind the event.

"I just help move the heavy stuff and try to get the word out," he said.

Serafin's favorite aspect of the event is the opportunity everyone has to express themselves.

"It's a chance for people to share their beliefs, opinions and ideas in an environment that fosters respect for difference," he said.

Serafin also said the poetry itself really makes the audience understand the poet better.

"It's highly concentrated emotion that gives form to experience," he said. "Spoken word poetry allows you to connect with the poet, in that his poetry might express something you felt but couldn't articulate."

Past events have drawn crowds of more than 100 people, and dela Cruz and Serafin hope this event will at least meet that number. With Estanislao making an appearance, they have confidence that it will.

Estanislao, who moved to the United States from the Philippines in 1993, uses his experience in different cultures as motivation and content for his performances. He has been on HBO's "Russell Simmons presents Def Poetry," has made radio appearances on NPR, and was on the Berkeley Slam Team in 2002 and 2003.

His experience has made him the front man for the bilingual, hardcore band ESKAPO. He has also performed at high schools and colleges around the country. Both dela Cruz and Serafin have high hopes for what people will get out of the event.

The diverse audience makes dela Cruz hopeful that people will feel at home and not be afraid to express their opinions. Serafin hopes the event will, "open minds through the power of the spoken word."

For more information about this month’s Another Type of Groove and future events, contact the Multicultural Center in the University Union.

COURTESY PHOTO
Rupert Estanislao, a member of the award-winning spoken word trio, The Suicide Kings, will be a featured performer at Another Type of Groove.
Lost in Cyberia

While it works for Donald Trump. As illustrated on his show “The Apprentice,” the man's apartment is literally carved from gold. IKEA need not apply — every tablecloth probably costs more than a Cal Poly education. He swaths himself in such glittery excess, even his most comfortable quarters radiate the sheen of success, power and bravado. Look at the million-dollar sofa, and you could never imagine him sitting there in his boxers, working through a bag of Doritos and watching the big game. He uses the available outlet of his home to further encourage the image he wants, and it has helped his celebrity surpass the work that cemented it.

For those of us who don’t have reality, TV minions and heavy-lidded one-liners — it’s a different thing entirely to promote a single extremity as the whole picture. Take Internet journals/blogs/Live Journals, or whatever they’re called today. Fuelled greatly by college students, they’re a free vehicle for expressing spiritual hunger, rage and hormonal excitement to millions of like minds. They’re hardbound diaries photocopied and delivered to your 10,000 closest friends — but ones that often give the wrong idea and may even be damaging to the writer. After all, something that is written in the guise of privacy, but with intent to display, will never be written with unrestrained honesty. And that’s why people craft their images — I mean their display, will never be written with unrestrained honesty. After all, something that is written in the guise of privacy, but with intent to display, will never be written with unrestrained honesty. That’s why people craft their images.

In rude imitation of my friend Omid, who started a Live Journal only to mock it, I created two online journals over the summer and kept them in complete secrecy; my friends knew nothing, so they wouldn’t be able to tamper with my highly-scientific research. I also kept the diaries made up of complete lies (I have a real, paper-and-ink journal and ain’t no one ever reading it). In one log, I kept everything pretty stable; I made up outrageous anecdotes about a waitressing job and griped about the hours and the pay, but I also mentioned a one-liner — it’s a different thing entirely to promote a single extremity as the whole picture. Take Internet journals/blogs/Live Journals, or whatever they’re called today. Fuelled greatly by college students, they’re a free vehicle for expressing spiritual hunger, rage and hormonal excitement to millions of like minds. They’re hardbound diaries photocopied and delivered to your 10,000 closest friends — but ones that often give the wrong idea and may even be damaging to the writer. After all, something that is written in the guise of privacy, but with intent to display, will never be written with unrestrained honesty. That’s why people craft their images.

The second diary was much more fun. Remember that “South Park” episode where Stan, moose over his cheerin’ girlfriend, falls in with the goth crowd and whines agreeably that “life is pain?” The whole journal was just one big solipsism that could’ve followed that line. I pounded my keyboard to dust complaining about the cruelty of a world that has forgotten me; its child deceived by the light. I included such blatantly depressing phrases as “horror is the human smile,” “my soul tears in rage” and “that new Avril Lavigne song.” Parody though it was, the whole journal had serious flow. I wouldn’t have wanted to come across me in a dark alley.

Conclusion: People responded to the pissy, come-sweet-death entry and ignored the emotionally balanced one entirely. These people I’d never met responded in steady trickles to my “dark” side and offered their own interpretations of the human condition, most of which made me want to swallow antifreeze. I wondered if they were joking too, but a quick peek into their own journals proved they were following precedent. One wannabe Vampirella complained about the “pain in school” but also hosted a journal with a picture of her in a cheerleading outfit, smiling brightly atop a human triangle of grimacing girls.

Maybe my extremist entries were more interesting. Maybe people just wanted to revel in life chronicles worse than their own. Still, the little experiment proved that exaggeration draws the attention in cyberspace and that desire for attention, one that probably prompts the creation of a public journal, can lead a scribe into concentrating too heavily on extremes. A genuinely expressed desire for attention is a whisper too soft for anyone to listen to.

So where’s the truth in the confessional? Maybe it’s not healthy to encourage a medium that suggests truth but is often far removed from it, because that undermines whatever honesty some people bring to their entries.

Those who really feel down and need help probably won’t find it in cyberspace — and that’s a shame but not a surprise. As both “Almost Famous” and “Fight Club” attested, most people don’t listen; they wait for their turns to talk. And in the great void of cyberspace, nobody is surprised, but normalcy doesn’t draw the same attention as one-note insanity.

So, technogeeks, internet journals on the whole should be seen as what they are — inflation, exaggeration and fiction written for attention and not introspection. That’s why Al Gore invented them.

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Capping units at 14 causes concern

When I heard the university was changing the registration to 14 units, I almost had a heart attack. Last week people wrote letters to the editor and came into my office to express their concerns about the registration changes. Across the board, students are worried about not being able to sign up for 16 units on the first round. It's important to keep in mind that the university means well. I'll explain a little about the changes.

Consider the unfortunate student who can't get one class because they have low priority. The idea behind capping units at 14 is that students will have the opportunity to register for up to 22 units. Students from the university show that the average student takes roughly 14 units per quarter. This is typically the result of students registering for 16 units and dropping to 12 after the quarter starts. In the new system, you can enroll three courses you need, and after the quarter starts, you can fill up again and I'll explain a little about the changes.

I spoke with the Vice President and Provost Robert Dreweiler and University President Warren Baker, and they assured me that if the 14-unit limit turns into a crisis, then they will not hesitate to switch back to 16 units for the first registration rotation. Again, let me impress upon you that the reason they are switching to 14 units is to make things easier, not to keep us here longer than necessary. I admit that I am hesitant to lend my support, but I am waiting for the facts to back this up.

The irony of this change is that while students are afraid that this will prevent them from graduating, the university's goal is for students to succeed. Student Success is a series of changes that are meant to speed up the graduation process and streamline a lot of the bureaucratic processes. All in all, most of these registration changes are needed and will be extremely beneficial.

Matt Phillips
Engineering junior

There are clubs that cater to the non-mainstream ideas. I was really concerned when I read the headline "Campus clubs keep the faith" (Oct. 22). As a Jewish student, I have always felt bombarded by Campus Crusade telling me that I'm eternally damned for not embracing Jesus as the Savior. I was relieved, however, to see that you gave as much space to Campus Crusade as to the Hillel and MSA. It's important for students to realize that there are clubs available for people of all beliefs.

When I was a freshman, I felt like I was the only person who didn't go to church. Campus Crusade harassed me for belonging to a group of people "that killed our Savior." The release of "The Passion" didn't make things any better.

Feeling out of place made me miserable and made me wish I had gone to college somewhere more diverse. As I was filing my transfer applications, I found that there were other clubs on campus — clubs that shared my beliefs. After becoming involved with a few of these clubs, I decided to withdraw my transfer requests. For all of the clubs that cater to non-mainstream, get your message out there. There is diversity in this small town; we just need to expose it.

Jeanette Osterloh
Biochemistry sophomore

I was rather upset to find that the non-mainstream ideas are being "chased out" by the "gangster mentality" or "bad person mentality." I realize that this is not a very important thing to pick on, but please be careful how you say things. I would also like to point out that the article which I'm addressing did not base its information on facts or scientific studies, but rather opinions.

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Defense says hating Scott Peterson is not enough reason to convict him

Mark Geragos admits Scott Peterson was a "liar and a cheat," but said he had no motive to kill his wife.

Brian Skoloff \n\n\n\nREEDWOOD CITY — Hatred for Scott Peterson is not enough to convict him for the murders of his pregnant wife and the fetus she carried, Peterson's defense attorney told jurors during his closing argument Tuesday.

"I don't care if you want to walk over to my client and just ask all you do, you all hate him," defense attorney Mark Geragos said, adding that prosecutors have portrayed him as a "jerk and a liar," not a murderer.

"But if you hate him, then maybe what they're asking you to do is just convict him. Don't bother with the five months of evidence ... don't bother with the fact that the evidence shows clearly that he didn't do this and had absolutely no motive to do this," Geragos said.

"You're not supposed to just decide this case on whether or not you like Scott Peterson," he added.

Geragos then accused authorities of wafting on their theory of the crime, first presenting Peterson's affair with massage therapist Amber Frey as his motive, then raising the possibility that the baby's death was his motive, then suggesting he disposed of the body, then suggesting his fatherhood.

"And yesterday for the first time witnesses ... that he didn't want to pay child support," he added, noting that payments would have been minimal once Laci received her inheritance.

"They called no less than four wives to suggest that there was a financial motive," Geragos said, adding that clearly Peterson stood to gain more if Laci remained alive.

She was said to inherit nearly $1 million, he reminded jurors.

"There was no motive for him to kill Scott Peterson or any other Laci Peterson's attorneys.

Prosecutors claim Peterson killed Laci on or around Dec. 24, 2002, then dumped her weighted body into San Francisco Bay.

The remains of Laci Peterson and her fetus were discovered about four months later, a few miles from where Scott Peterson claims to have gone fishing alone the day his wife vanished.

Defense lawyers claim someone else abducted and killed Laci.

Geragos noted how Peterson found that someone had used a computer in the Petersons' home on the morning Laci vanished — after authorities contend Peterson had already killed Laci — to search Web sites for a fleece scarf and a sunflower-motif umbrella stand.

He suggested the user was actually Laci. The schoolteacher had a tattoo of a sunflower on her ankle.

Geragos said the police never attempted to determine who the computer user was "because they didn't want to know the answer."

He reminded jurors how prosecutors tried to downplay numerous reported sightings of Laci the day she vanished, referring to a detective's testimony that the reports were "not a priority."

"That is stunning," Geragos said, noting how prosecutors brought in witnesses who lived in the Petersons' neighborhood and looked like Laci to try to discount the sightings.

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Scott Peterson's attorney

Geragos told jurors how Peterson had 36 minutes on his computer in the warehouse that Christmas Eve morning and assembled a woodworking tool before police claim he disposed of the body.

"Laci is dead and decomposing and he then goes eight feet away into his office and uses the computer?" Geragos said. "At a certain point, when you follow this out, it is so absurd ... but they hope you're going to presume his guilt and they hope you're going to hate him."

Later, Geragos questioned the prosecution's timeline.

Police contend Peterson made a cellphone call the morning his wife vanished from their house at 10:08 a.m. A neighbor said she found the couple's dog running loose at 10:18 a.m., leaving just a 10-minute window for Laci to have been abducted and Peterson to have appeared with the defense suggests.

But the call, Geragos noted, was to Peterson's veterinarian.

"You can't draw any degree of certainty whatsoever as to where somebody is located when they're checking their voicemail," he said.

He then moved to two key points in the prosecution's case — that a search dog picked up Laci's scent at the marina where Peterson claimed to have launched for his fishing trip and a hair found in a pair of pliers on Peterson's boat that DNA testing indicated likely came from Laci.

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"To some degree, I think he wanted to believe that she thought he was innocent because everyone else was on him," Geragos said.

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"I would love nothing more ... than to solve this case ... point to who did it ... but the fact of the matter is that they have not proved that this case, they have not proved that Scott Peterson did anything except lie," he said.

Geragos was set to conclude his arguments Wednesday.

Scott Peterson listens intently at the beginning of the defense closing arguments in Redwood City.

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5-year-old helps deliver her baby sister

OAKLAND (AP) — A 5-year-old boy who aspires to be a doctor received some unexpected training as an obstetrician when he helped his mother deliver her baby sister.

Tara Mills woke up at 5 a.m. Oct. 15 and realized that it was time. She called 9-1-1 and many family members, and with keys and purse in hand attempted to get down the stairs of her East Oakland apartment.

But now two-week-old Mya Daylene was impatient, and Mills had to turn to her son, Devon.

"(The baby) was crowning, and I just dropped to my knees and told Devon to get me some towels," Mills told the Oakland Tribune.

A calm and composed Devon helped with the towels, kept the family cat, Smokey, out of the area, and held his mother's hand while she pushed.

In a matter of minutes, Mya entered the world two weeks before her scheduled arrival, weighing six pounds and 15 ounces.

Mills said she was in a daze after the delivery, but Devon helped her snap out of it.

"He said, Mom, the baby's on the floor, and that just got me alert again, and I picked the baby up. Devon kept me thinking straight, and he was very comforting," he then gazed over the medics at the door, and rode in a car with a family friend as his mother and sister traveled in an ambulance to the hospital, where his accomplishment was the talk of the maternity ward.

"We all call him Dr. Devon, now," said Mills.

"It was so amazing how he stayed so calm. Devon's eyes were as big as his head, but he didn't panic at all."

The little hero had only a few words to say about his experience. He denied being scared and described his baby sister as looking "like chocolate."

Asked if he now knew what babies come from, he simply said, "Yep, No storks."
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But it won't be the hope of hav­
ing home-court advantage that
drives the players to win, they just
know to trust each other.
"We have to really trust each
other and work with each other," art
and design sophomore Janny
Kuo said. "It's not individual
skill, so we rely on each other." The
team credits much success to
it's cohesiveness.
"I consider every person as a
friend more than a player. My rela-
tionship with everyone is more
than just a club person, but as a
friend," Ogles said. "On and off the
field, I can rely on every single
player.
Coach and civil engineering
senior Todd Robinson shared the
team's belief.
"I would say it's our team har­mony," Robinson said. The girls
bonded so much that they're begin­
ing to play as a unit. They
learned each other's style.
Even through the cuts and
bruises, players won't let go of a
goal that's close at hand.
"I personally try to take each
game at a time and play each team
with a blank slate," Ogles said.
Robinson said Cal Poly might
one day have an NCAA-recog­
nized women's field hockey team.
He's one of the many who would
like to see this happen. Field hock­
ey, which resembles ice-hockey,
but has soccer positions and is one
of the most physically demanding sports.
In a team sport like this, it's
no surprise that team trust and respect
translates into success.
"We'd like more support and
recognition so we could get more
funding from the Rec Center," Kuo
said. "We want to take our team to
the next level. We're collegiate
right now, but we want to take it
to a higher level."
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Ji Jun

As far as club sports go, the Cal Poly women's field hockey team rivals the best when it comes down to heart and love for the team. That dedication is partly responsible for the team's undefeated record thus far.

"I consider every person as a friend more than a player. My relationship with everyone is more than just a club person," said Ashley Ogle, a junior social science major.

"We knew that everyone on our team last year was coming back," biology senior Karin Milburn said. "Our focus wasn't to get to championships, it was to win championships. Losing to UC Davis last year in the championship tournament pushed the team back to a third-place finish. The sounds have healed and it's only made the team stronger."

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FOOTBALL

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Scholarship account announced at ceremony

Amanda Strachan

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25 last year at Montana and also holds the school single-season and career tackles records.

Grant completed 21 of 40 passes for two touchdowns and a career-high 393 yards as UC Davis handed previously unbeaten Cal Poly its first loss of the year.

Grant also rushed for a 30-yard score in the second quarter.

He was the game's leading rusher, netting 53 yards on the ground, despite being sacked five times.

Grant's 14-yard touchdown pass to Tony Kays with 13 seconds remaining gave Davis the eventual winning score after the Aggies took over on their own 47-yard line with 40 seconds left and no timeouts remaining. Grant completed two passes for 38 yards on that drive. Grant also threw a 70-yard touchdown pass to Jesse Oliva in the first quarter and now has two games with at least 300 passing yards.

Dragosavich punted six times for an average of 46.7 yards, including a season-best 63-yarder in the first quarter.

He had four kicks inside the Northwest State 20-yard line. Dragosavich is averaging 41 yards on 44 punts this season with 11 kicks inside the opponent's 20-yard line.

Beck will try to stop the Eastern Washington offense this Saturday on the road.