Inals and triumphs of 2004 evening news. back at the stories that dominated the demanded attention. Here's a look

Nicole Stivers

The conflict in Iraq raged on with coalition Forces battling insurgents. As the White House, the events of 2004 demanded attention. Of those, 1,307 were American.

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The 2004 Atlantic hurricane season, stretching from June 1 to Nov. 30, was one of the most deadly and costly in recent history. Four of the biggest hurricanes of the season, Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne, all made landfall in Florida. The storms killed nearly 3,000 people and caused an estimated $42 billion in damage.

Ronald Reagan, known as the "Great Communicator," died on June 5 at age 93 after a decade-long battle with Alzheimer's disease. Reagan followed up his successful Hollywood career by dedicating the remainder of his life to politics. His mission to recreate a conservative Hollywood landmark has endured fire, theft and vandalism; now it faces its biggest peril, erosion.

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In August, over 31,000 athletes from 202 countries traveled to Athens for the XXXVIII Olympic Games. Running from Aug. 13 to Aug. 30, athletes competed in 301 medal events in 28 different sports. The United States led the medal count with 35 gold medals and 103 total medals, followed by Russia with 27.

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The November election was one of the biggest stories of the year, consuming the spotlight for months. A record number of voters hit the polls and re-elected President George W. Bush to a second term in office. The Democratic candidate, Sen. John Kerry was unable to muster enough votes to overcome the incumbent. Republicans also gained more seats in Congress, ensuring a Republican controlled government for the next few years.

Yasser Arafat, the controversial Palestinian leader, died on Nov. 11 at age 75. Arafat was the co-founder and chairman of the Palestinian Liberation Organization, president of the National Palestinian Authority and co-winner of the 1994 Nobel Peace Prize. His supporters viewed him as a symbol of the national aspirations of the Palestinian people while opponents labeled him a terrorist.

On Dec. 26 an earthquake measuring 9.0 on the Richter scale struck in the Indian Ocean, tsunamis created one of the deadliest natural disasters in the last century. The tsunami reached a larger number of countries including India, Thailand, Sri Lanka and Indonesia. The death toll has reached 155,000, with thousands still missing.

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Year in Review

‘Desperate nipplegate confessions:

Yeeehaa! Entertainment headlines of 2004

The year started with the Super Bowl’s “Nipplegate,” 2004, consisting scandals. Then celebrity weddings hit the stage. Following the death of Bennifer, J Lo got married for the third time — the lucky man was Latin singer Marc Anthony. After a quick annulment, Britney Spears married someone known as Kevin Federline.

Not to be outdone, Mary-Kate Olsen entered a treatment facility for anorexia and the queen of Kmart, Martha Stewart, headed to jail in West Virginia, aka “Camp Cupcake.”

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New Year's goals you can achieve

It's a new year, which probably means you have some ideas for a new you as well. Now that the holidays have come and gone, we're all off to a running start with great plans and resolutions for 2005. But here's a reality check, so read on to see whether your New Year's goals are achievable — or merely empty promises.

One of the major tendencies when it comes to making New Year's resolutions is to overdo it. By not setting realistic goals you're just setting yourself up for failure. That's not to say you shouldn't aim high, but keep within your reach. For example, all too often people declare, "I'm going to lose 30 pounds," without thinking through the steps it's going to take to achieve that goal. Losing 30 pounds is an excellent investment in your health, but it's also a seemingly endless undertaking once you actually commit to it. Breaking the goal into smaller pieces you can more easily see results and feel a sense of achievement, which is key for staying motivated through those frustrating moments that come with any long-term ambition.

Try restructuring your plan into, "I will lose 10 percent of my body weight." This small adjustment can prove to be more effective in staying on track toward your larger goal, but it also carries a number of health benefits in and of itself. Studies have shown that losing just 10 to 15 percent of your weight can lower blood pressure and decrease your risk for heart disease and diabetes.

Another fatal flaw of New Year's resolutions is being too vague. In order to set an effective goal it must be specific enough to measure. For instance, how many times have you heard a friend say, "I'm going to start eating healthier without defining what "eating healthier" means to her? Narrow down the task and be specific about your intentions. Choose a few things that complement your goal, such as eating more fruits and vegetables. Eat a banana every morning on the way to school and buy an apple from the Avenue at lunch. These specific plans will have you celebrating your success in no time.

Finally, remember to find a way to measure your goals and build in a rewards system as well. For example, if you plan to exercise more and to do so you've decided to hit the gym three times a week, try giving yourself a checkmark (or a gold star) on a calendar every time you actually make it to the gym. After accumulating a specific number of stars or checkmarks reward yourself on your efforts by doing something you really enjoy — maybe by getting a massage or playing a round of golf. But remember to plan your rewards ahead of time and stick to them. After all, you deserve it!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

University wasted money on historian, speaker Ilan Pappe

This is in response to Farhan Don's Article "Speech on Israeli-Palestinian conflict was fair, balanced" (Jan. 6).

The ability to disagree with your government's policies is a sacred freedom of democracy. A marketing ploy is no substitute. Pappe has that right as an Israeli citizen. However, he does not have the right to use anti-Semitic propaganda to push his own agenda. The University should have more than just a "final plan" for thePalestinians in 1948. Disagreeing with settlement building or the security fence is one thing; inciting hate through libel and slander is another and is inexcusable.

The U.S. partners with Israel because Israel promotes democracy and equal rights the freedoms of religion, press and sexual orientation. Try finding that in any Arab country. I am the first to admit that mistakes have been made on many sides, but the use of terrorism as a political tool in modern times is abhorrent. There will be peace in Israel when the Palestinians love their children more than they hate the Jews.

Anti-Semitic rhetoric has been used for centuries, such as the Blood Libels of Poland and the Pogroms of Russia. But you know what? Using the university's money to promote hate is not right. Why did Cal Poly pay all this money for this speaker? Because they were duped by the actions of Manzar Femeheh, or perhaps the administration truly believes this is intellectual dialogue from a "respected historian." Either the administration is naive or foolish, take your pick. Michal Dobrinsky Business graduate

It's time to get used to the ever-present parking problem

On the first day of classes I took the earlier possible opportunity to go to Chumash Auditorium to pick up my immigration class, but still appreciated, financial aid check. At first I was annoyed (like always) by all the people in line, but then I noticed all the tags in line to pay for parking passes. Think of the inevitable frustration these suckers are setting themselves up for. You don't even need a pen to figure that one out.

Parking on campus has never been good, and with more cars and fewer spaces, it keeps getting more entertaining. I especially like the looks on the bum's faces when they are fighting to find a spot as I ride past on my bike. I'm sure it's worth the $4 a day, or $85 a quarter or whatever the cost is now. You can thank extremely wealthy alumni (some of you may want to think the almighty and powerful God in heaven, himself) for the two new engineering buildings in place of the parking lot garage. Especially since there is one new building sitting empty on the corner of Highland Avenue and that fantastically important new road extension. Of course, on the upside, I've heard that the new road is the first step to eliminating car traffic from the interior of campus.

It's time to get used to it, suckers. I'm sure we will make exceptions for campus vehicles and the back-stair pizza race cars, though, while still insisting that bikes must be walked.

Steve Clipperton Physical science senior

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Cal Poly football 1-2 in the Buchanan Award

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Cal Poly linebacker Jordan Beck didn’t goot that when he won the top defensive honor in Division I-AA.

He could have, besides, he was also a finalist last year in the same elite category, and this year made a mockery of Great West defenses in leading his team to a 9-2 record and conference championship.

Instead, Beck sounded like a kid that just stole a tootie roll from a convenience store.

“I feel honored to get the award, but I know there are a lot of other great defensive players across the country who are just as deserving,” Beck said. “I am thankful and feel blessed.”

Beck led one of the best 1-2 punches in Division I-AA along- side junior defensive end Chris Gocong. For his performance, Beck earned the 2004 Buck Buchanan Award presented by The Sports Network to the nation’s Defensive Player of the Year in Division I-AA.

Beck received the award at the 18th Annual Division I-AA College Football Awards held in the Chattanoonga Choo Choo Holiday Inn in Chattanooga, Tenn.

The runner-up was none other than teammate Gocong who will return to the Mustangs next year.

Balloting was conducted in late November by nearly 100 media members and media relations professionals covering Division I-AA and was based on regular season performance only.

Beck will also have a chance to impress scouts and coaches when he plays in the 2005 East-West Shrine Classic on Jan. 15 at NBC Park in San Francisco. He holds the Cal Poly school records for tackles in a game (23 at Montana in 2003), season (135 in 2004) and career (449). He also recorded 22 tackles in a game Nov. 6 at Eastern Washington.

Beck led Cal Poly in tackles all four seasons of his Mustang career and finished the regular season No. 1 in the nation in solo tackles per game (8.82) and total tackles per contest (.55). He also was fourth in total tackles per game (12.27), eighth in tackles for lost yardage (.68) and 33rd in interceptions (.36).

“It has been a great experience — one of the best times of my life,” said Beck. “The relationships I built at Cal Poly will last the rest of my life. The best thing about it all was

the camaraderie and friends I had on the team.”

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Hoops return to home court

The Mustangs haven’t been shooting a high percentage from the field, but defense has keyed continued success on the court.

The Mustangs will return home to face Idaho last night and will face Utah State on Saturday.

The game against Utah State tips off at 7 p.m. in Mott Gym.

The Mustangs opened Big West Conference play last week by defeating UC Irvine 55-48 in the Bren Center on Tuesday, then falling 57-48 to Long Beach State at The Pyramid on Thursday.

Despite shooting just 27 percent from the floor and averaging 51.5 points, the Mustangs got the split.

Senior forward Heidi Winston scored 14 points and junior guard Michelle Henke made four straight free throws in the final 17 seconds to preserve Cal Poly’s win over UC Irvine.

The Mustangs limited on all nine three-point attempts and made just 27.3 percent of their floor shots in the loss to Long Beach State. Sophomore forward Jessica Eggleston came off the bench to score 14 points, sinking six of 10 floor shots, and the also

led the team with eight rebounds.

Utah State, coached by Raegan Pehley, already has as many wins as in the 2003-04 campaign (5-22), the Aggies’ first after a 17-year hiatus in the 2003-04 campaign (5-22), the Aggies’ first after a 17-year hiatus. The runner-up was none other than teammate Gocong who will return to the Mustangs next year.

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Wrestling’s off to the Beaver State

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Weeks ago, the Mustangs faced the No. 1 team in the nation, Oklahoma State, and lost 32-9 at home.

Nevertheless, Vic Moreno, Steve Esparza and Ryan Halsey performed well in the loss and will have a chance to bring a couple more wins the Mustangs’ way when they travel to Oregon this weekend for the Oregon Classic Duals Friday followed by a Pac-10 conference dual meet against Oregon State on Sunday.

At home, Moreno defeated Derrick Flower 6-1 in the 125-pound weight class moving him to 9-2 on the year.

Esparza defeated Ronnie Dolk 2-2 scoring a takedown with 1:43 left in the match to seal his victory.

Halsey is now 6-5 on the year.

Halsey was the only other Mustang to get win after he defeated Clay Kehrer 4-1 to improve his record to an impres- sive 15-3.

The Mustangs will return home Saturday Jan. 15 to face No. 10 Oklahoma followed by a triple to the Menlo College Invitational the following day.

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