Local businesses come to the aid of tsunami victims

Private donations by individuals and groups in the United States far exceed the U.S. government's pledge of $350 million

Natasha Toto

Meathread Movers, Inc. and other local businesses have joined forces to raise money for the tsunami relief effort in Asia.

Biz4Relief brings businesses together to pledge money to various tsunami relief organizations throughout the world.

Aaron Steed, marketing and sales director and co-owner of the moving company, decided to create a Web site for the Biz4Relief philanthropy in order to give individuals in the community a place to view how the philanthropy is progressing.

“Our Web site puts everything in one place,” Steed said. “This way, people can view what’s going on and recognize the efforts of local businesses.”

Biz4Relief.com shows what each company intends to pledge and the charity organization they decided to donate to.

Their goal is to raise $100,000.

Much of the participating businesses, such as Kennedy Club Fitness and Channel Radio and Mid State Bank and Trust, chose to donate to charities including the American Red Cross and the United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund.

Local bars have also pledged their services. The Library, Frog and Peach, Bull’s and Blue are just a few who have decided to donate all cover charge proceeds from this Friday and Saturday night to the philanthropy.

The philanthropy has raised $5,600 so far.

Further news on this topic can be found in Relief, page 2.

Merciless storms kill at least 28

Laura Wides

LOS ANGELES — Nearly a week of record-setting rainfall has given way to clear skies and typically mild Southern California temperatures, though it is likely to be weeks before the region dig out from a series of brutal storms that killed at least 28 people.

Five back-to-back days of torrential rains finally ended Tuesday, but not before triggering a deadly mudslide in the coastal hamlet of La Conchita. The storms also triggered fatal traffic accidents all across the state, knocked out power to hundreds of thousands, imperiled hillside homes and caused flash floods.

The devastation was most stunning at La Conchita, a small community of houses sandwiched between the Pacific Ocean and the hills south of Santa Barbara. At least 10 were killed and 10 injured when a rain-saturated hillside came cracking down on more than a dozen homes Monday afternoon.

Rescuers found the bodies of three children and an adult woman in the pile of mud and rubble before dawn Wednesday, the wife and children of La Conchita resident who had dug alongside the crew since the slide. Crews using cameras, trained dogs and microphones continued to dig around the clock to find about a dozen others listed as missing.

“We have not given up hope on any of the people,” said Ventura County Fire Chief Bob Rispe. “He said he came to see the magnitude of the damage, thank rescue workers and give his condolences to residents who lost family and friends.

“I am going to help them so they can come back here,” he said of the evacuated residents. “We will do everything that we can to make it a safe area.”

National Weather Service forecasters said clear skies were expected to remain through at least the weekend following days of almost continuous rainfall. High temperatures in many areas were expected to be back into the 70s by the end of the week.

Further news on this topic can be found in Storms, page 2.

Search for WMDs called off

Katherine Pfleger Shrader

WASHINGTON — The White House acknowledged Wednesday that it hunt for Iraqi weapons of mass destruction, a two-year search costing millions of dollars, has closed down without finding the stockpiles that President Bush cited as a justification for overthrowing Saddam Hussein.

Bush’s spokesman said the president had no regrets about invading Iraq.

“Based on what we knew today, the president would have taken the same action because this is about protecting the American people,” said Press Secretary Scott McClellan.

The Iraq Survey Group, made up of as many as 1,500 military and intelligence specialists and support staff, is ending its search of military installations, factories and laboratories where it was thought that equipment and products might be converted to making weapons.

McClellan said the active search had virtually ended. “There may be a couple of WMDs as we speak,” he added.

Further news on this topic can be found in WMD, page 2.

EVENTS CALENDAR

What: How Diversity Affects Teaching, Learning, Lloyd Elm, professor of Native American studies at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, will present “How Diversity Affects Teaching and Learning” at a breakfast program. The presentation is part of the university’s Provocative Perspectives series, which brings educators, authors and other innovative leaders to campus to stimulate discussion on a variety of issues.

Where: Today 7:30 a.m.

Where: Vista Grande Cafe

More Info: Call Lu Cofer at 765-0237

What: Denise Uyehara will perform "Maps of City & Body" as part of WITT (We’re In This Together) Week. Uyehara will give an interdisciplinary performance as an artist/writer/playwright whose work was described as a “coup d’oeuvre” by the Los Angeles Times.

When: Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Where: Chumash Auditorium

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Only two weeks after a devastating tsunami hit Indonesia and neighboring countries, the death toll has surpassed 150,000 and is expected to continue to rise, according to MSNBC News.

The 9.0 magnitude earthquake that rocked the west coast of Northern Sumatra, Indonesia on Dec. 26 triggered massive tsunamis that affected several countries throughout Southeast Asia and also Somalia, Tanzania and Kenya in East Africa. The death toll continues to mount as thousands more bodies are found in the wake of the Indian Ocean tsunami. At least 18,000 people have been confirmed or presumed dead as of Jan. 11. They are also working to resolve the 800 U.S.-based inquiries about missing loved ones.

Officials said there are growing fears that without adequate care, delivered quickly, tens of thousands of survivors of the catastrophe may succumb to infections and disease.

As thousands more bodies are found, over 50 countries pledged pledges for tsunami relief and reconstruction. Some 50 countries pledged more than $5 billion at a summit in Jakarta last Thursday, with the biggest amounts coming from Australia ($810 million), Germany ($674 million), Japan ($500 million), and the United States ($350 million). The aid drive will have a booth in room 218 of the Communication Alumni Chapter and make a day of it," Jiminez said. "Then the idea just skyrocketed. We should have a one-upping pizza certificate for every $25 donated."

Katie Ferguson, public relations director for Woodstock's, said that even each cent of each donation will go directly to relief efforts. "The Salvation Army is working specifically in South Asia to help tsunami survivors receive clean food, water, clothing and shelter," Ferguson said. Woodstock's Pizza restaurants throughout California are participating in the fund-raiser including the San Diego, Chico, Davis, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo locations.

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More Info: Call Maya Andigg at 756-8300.

What: Graphic Communications Alumni Chapter and the Graphic Communication Institute, Cal Poly, is sponsoring a Student piano recital. Cal Poly piano students will provide a public presentation. Romero will discuss technology trends that influence printing and publishing markets. The event is free and open to the public.

At the Events Team training you will learn about exciting opportunities for the upcoming year, important information every Events Team member needs to know and have eligibility to work at events. Lunch will be provided and training ends at noon. Where: UU 220

What: Events Team Training. Join the ASI "Events Team" to help guide the decisions about what entertainment ASI Events brings to campus and to get hands-on experience at events.

When: Thurs. Jan. 19, 8 p.m.

Where: UU 220

More Info: Call the graphic communication department at 756-1108.

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Also, according to ABC News, the U.S. responded with $350 million pledge after allegations that its initial pledge of $15 million in aid was inadequate. "Stinginess" has turned into generosity in the global efforts to help the victims of the worst natural disaster in recent history.

President George W. Bush said at a press conference Monday that the U.S. relief effort was entering a "second phase" with its new pledge. "You should understand that our tsunami relief effort as extra help to help solve the problems so that we do not short-change the needs for compassion elsewhere in our country and the world," Bush said in a press conference.

However, according to MSNBC, recent figures could be misleading. The U.S., although fourth on the donor's list, has seen private donations by American individuals and groups that far exceed the government pledge of $350 million. Local businesses on the Central Coast, in addition to Bus4Chief, have also jumped on the bandwagon to help raise money.

Woodstock's Pizza and the Salvation Army have teamed up to assist tsunami victims. For the entire month of January, Woodstock's will offer large, one-scoop pizza certificate for every $25 donated.

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President Bush needs to explain to the American people why he was so wrong for so long, about the reasons for war." The end of the weapons hunt comes as the Bush administration struggles with a dangerous security situation in Iraq leading up to Jan. 30 elections. Meanwhile, other countries, particularly South Korea, are suspected of developing covert nuclear weapons programs. The Bush administration asked whether the failure to find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq would damage U.S. credibility in handling future threats. McClellan said the president would continue to work with the international community, particularly on diplomatic solutions. He said pre-emptive military action was "the last option," but added that a number of changes have been made since the Sept. 11, 2001, attack. Almost one year ago, Bush formed a presidential commission to investigate U.S. intelligence capabilities on weapons of mass destruction, focusing not only on Iraq but on how well the intelligence community understands the threat from other countries and terrorist networks. Its report is due March 31.

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More Info: Call Joy Pederson at 756-6749.

What: Student piano recital. Cal Poly piano students will perform in recital, and the performance is free and open to the public.

When: Wed. Jan. 26, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Davidson Music Building, room 218

More Info: Check out our website at www.calpolycd.com/piano.html.

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per, a few people that are focused on, that," he said, adding that they would handle any future reports that might come in. At a meeting last month, McClellan said Bush thanked the chief U.S. weapons inspector, Charles Duelfer, for the "invaluable contribution." Duelfer said then that Iraq had no weapons of mass destruction and had not made any since 1991. However, he said the government harbored intentions of developing its own programs and had gone to great lengths to manipulate the U.N. oil-for-food program.

At the time, Bush strongly defended his decision to invade Iraq. Saddam "retained the knowledge, the materials, the means and the intent to produce weapons of mass destruction, and he could have passed that knowledge on to our terrorist enemies," Bush said in October.

On Wednesday, House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California said, "Now that the search is finished. President Bush needs to explain to the American people why he was so...
STATE NEWS

SANTA MARIA — The judge in the Michael Jackson child-
molest ation case ruled Wednesday that arguments over admissibility of
evidence about past allegations of
sex abuse will not be held in secret.

The ruling by Superior Court
Judge Rodney Melville was a vic-
tory for the news media and the
prosecution, which both opposed a
defense motion to hold a hearing
on the issue in chambers.

Melville said he will schedule the
arguments over admission of past
allegations after the jury is
selected. He also said that if the evi-
dence is admitted into the trial it
would be presented to the jury after
the prosecution presents its com-
case on the current allegations.

OAKLAND — The Oakland
City Council has voted against
land use American Indian tribe's
plans for turning a sprawling park
lot outside Oakland International
Airport into a casino resort.

The council made its decision
Tuesday — despite the Lower Lake
Rancheria-Ko Nation's pledge of
$100 million a year for 20 years to
the city. Five council members
opposed the plan, saying they were
unsure whether the casino's eco-
nomic benefits would outweigh the
costs of crime, traffic and gambling
addictions.

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Christine
Gregoire, winner of the closest gov-
ernor's race in Washington history,
was inaugurated Wednesday, but faces
an immediate court challenge that
could make it a short-lived honor.

Democrat Gregoire, 57, a three-
term attorney general who took on
the tobacco industry and polluters,
took the oath of office before a
joint session of the state Legislature.

Republicans, who continue to
push for a statewide recount, say
widespread irregularities, including
votes cast by felons and dead peo-
ple, spoiled the election to the
point where it's impossible to truly
know who won.

Gregoire lost the first count in the
Nov. 2 election by 261 votes and
a machine recount by 42 votes. But she
pulled ahead in a final hand recount
ordered by Democrats, winning by just
129 votes out of 2.9 million ballots cast.

LOS ANGELES — Small parti-
cles of gunshot residue were found
on actor Robert Blake's boot after
his wife's killing, a criminalist testi-
ﬁed Wednesday, but another expert
said such traces can be deposited
even if a person has not fired a gun.

Criminalist Steven Dowell
told of testing Blake's clothing and
boots for gunshot residue days after
Bonny Lee Bakley was found shot in

— Associated Press

IN OTHER NEWS

OSLO, Norway — Arild
Tofte and Kajer Heggdal know
that recycling pays, but they
weren't quite prepared for the
jackpot that a scrapped cash
machine contained. It was still
full of cash. Enough to buy a
town and take a luxury vacation.

The two Norwegians ran a
recycling company in the western
Norway town of Amondalen, and
had been hired by the
Sparebanken Moere bank to
remove an outdated automatic
teller machine, or ATM, from a gas
station, media reported Wednesday.

Tofte, 30, said the woman on
duty at the gas station was more
than a little skeptical when two
men showed up with a trolley and a
truck, wanting to remove her ATM.

"She calmed down when I
explained that the machine was
empty and that we had a contract
to pick it up," Tofte said.

During their rounds to pick
up more scrap, they got a call
saying a security guard was seek-
ing the machine.

"The guy was apparently a bit
agitated," said Tofte. "He was very
eratic to empty the cash from
the machine."

The cash was removed. The
bank — which blamed the inci-
dent on a communications mix-
up — didn't say how much was
in the ATM. But Tofte said the
guard who emptied the machine
told him it was enough to buy a
town, take a luxury vacation and
still have money to burn.

— Associated Press

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One man's search for family in mudslide ends in despair

Hours after searching through the rub of his destroyed home, a man finds the bodies of his wife and three daughters

Greg Riding
Associated Press

LA CONCHITA — Jimmy Waller moved to this oceanside town with his wife and four daughters in search of an easier life.

On Wednesday, he identified the bodies of all but one child — pulled from the tangle of homes smashed by tons of liquid earth that rumbled from the tangle of homes smashed along this stretch of the California coast.

“Never had a chance to get out,” said Scott Hall, a battalion chief with Ventura County Fire Department. “It appeared they were... unaware of the slide.”

Waller's fourth daughter, 16-year-old Hannah, had been in the nearby city of Oxnard when it happened.

In interviews with The Associated Press before his family was found, Waller said he came to this beach town about 70 miles northwest of Los Angeles to...

Ventura.

Starting six months ago his family began living in a house of 10 people, including Charles Wardmark, a 53-year-old musician who also was killed.

Waller, a 37-year-old construction worker whose thick dreadlocks crowned a lean frame, would play blues as they hung out on an old bus with a rooftop patio.

Residents of La Conchita described him as an attentive father who sang to his kids, took them to the beach and sometimes walked a friend's dog under a tree.

“Those were incredible beautiful children. They had those sparkling, intelligent, deep soulful eyes, just incredibly loving,” said Neta Long, who lived three homes down from the Waller's. “The only comfort I can envision is that they were all together.”

Long said Michelle Waller didn't work outside the home and described him as a powerful rock. Jimmie Waller had been returning from a walk to get some ice cream Monday when his dogs were running through the mudslide. He watched the moment curving toward his block and ran home, only to find it smothered.

“Just took over and he began to dig, helping rescue people. Ventura County fire officials credited him with helping map out likely locations of destroyed homes.”

“The most frustrating part was that he couldn’t do more,” said Ventura County Fire Capt. Central Quintana.

When Waller returned late Monday night with six friends, rescue workers let them dig five hours in the rain to the route where they thought his family might be.

Seeing the debris, they asked him to help pull out survivors.

That was his last wish.

“See this pile? My house is spread throughout it, but I know that's where they are,” Waller said at the time. His face, shirt and shoes caked with mud. "I hope everything, all right, without becoming.

Over the next breath, he acknowledged he was no longer hearing sounds from beneath the debris.

Aron Gilmour joined Wednesday morning, Waller returned to dig but was cautioned after he called police officers — rescue workers had changed shifts and didn't recognize him, the sheriff's department said. Waller was surprised by being handcuffed and started yelling, but was later released after authorities realized who he was.

That frustrated, angry Waller wasn't the man friends knew.

Engaged over his home's front gate were the words “Music is love” and his house was always full of melodies.

“God love him,” Long said. “They were good, good people.”

Victims include four adults, two women, two men and two children.

Rescuers continue search for missing skier

Don Mitchell
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER — Crews in a helicopter, on snowmobiles and on snowshoes searched again Wednesday for a cross-country skier missing for almost two days in the forests of a western Colorado plateau.

A second skier missing since Tuesday, whose family was found safe after a search-helicopter crew spotted them Tuesday evening, was located with their dogs and helped to reach their gear.

Don Waller, 57, left his wife and daughter Tuesday night after they got back too tired and don't have enough time to help.

He hasn't been seen since, and a full-scale search was underway about 11 a.m. Wednesday, when Susan McMurrey, the county sheriff's daughter, received a call on her mobile phone.

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**Disaster aid flows from grateful Southern California surfers**

Professional surfers and other surf-industry professionals rally support for villages struck by tsunami

**BOB FOX**

**ASSOCIATED PRESS**

LOS ANGELES — Long before Asia's devastating tsunami, many of the hardest-hit coastal communities of Sri Lanka and Indonesia were beloved for a different kind of wave: the perfect breakers that drew surfers from around the world.

Now, the bond that surfers feel with those remote villages has prompted many to dig deep into their board shorts to raise money for victims of the catastrophe. "Almost all the main places that were hit are places where we've been and met people," said Keith Malloy, a Southern California surfer who helped organize a fund-raiser last week that generated about $14,000. "It's kind of hit home for us."

One organization, SurfAid International, which runs a health program in Indonesia's Mentawai islands even before the disaster, has collected more than $200,000 — a figure expected to grow after a trade show this weekend.

SurfAid has used the donations to dispatch a medical team to the Indonesian island of Nias, a renowned surfing spot where the tsunami killed at least 340 people and left 10,000 homeless.

"There is a feeling that surfers get so much enjoyment when they go down there and now it is a good time to put something back in," said Sean O'Brien, editor in chief of TransWorld Business, an Oceanside magazine that covers the surf industry.

The Dec. 26 quake and tsunami struck a region that forms part of a far-flung surfing circuit. When the disaster struck in the Indian Ocean, the world's surfers were among the few to have firsthand knowledge of places that many people cannot even pronounce. Appeals for aid quickly spread by e-mail and on surfing Web sites.

"There has been a groundswell of support from the surfing community beyond anything I could have imagined," said Robert Gerard, a Laguna Beach lawyer who is chairman of SurfAid's board of directors. The group was founded in New Zealand in 2000 and has its U.S. office in Encinitas.

Malloy, a professional surfer from Ventura, helped organize the fundraiser, which included a silent auction of surfboards donated by local shops. "We've had some of the best times of our life there," he said. "It's a special place."

Because SurfAid was already active in Indonesia, it has become a conduit for disaster relief. The group has collected between $540,000 and $750,000 in money and in-kind contributions from individuals, surfwear companies such as Quiksilver and Billabong, and the government of New Zealand. Gerard said.

The total is expected to grow after this weekend's Action Sports Retailer convention in San Diego, where industry groups plan to sell black bracelets made of neoprene — a material used for wetsuits — to raise money for tsunami victims. Organizers hope to make the bracelets available at surf shops and on the Internet.

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**General Information Meeting**

Thursday, January 13, 11:00 am - 12 noon  
Erhart Agriculture Bldg. (10), Rm. 222

Courses offered this semester: Span 100, Span 101, Span 111, Span 210, Span 211, Spanish and Film

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**Summer in Mexico**

Spanish Language Immersion Program  
Summer 2005 - Cuernavaca

**General Information Meeting**

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Apple unveils iPod shuffle, Mac mini

May Wong

Seeking to make inroads against lower-cost competitors, Apple Computer Inc. introduced a cut-rate computer the size of a paperback and a tiny iPod that starts at $99 but holds far fewer songs than the company's hard drive-based music players.

The new products were introduced Tuesday by Apple CEO Steve Jobs at Macworld Expo. The Mac mini computers go on sale Jan. 22 and represent Apple's first foray into the budget desktop PC arena, which has been largely confined to personal computers that rely on Microsoft Corp's Windows operating system.

Smaller than even some standalone external computer drives, they lack a monitor, mouse and keyboard. The 40-gigabyte Mac mini will cost $499, an 80-gigabyte model $599.

They'll ship with Apple's latest operating system, Mac OS X Panther, as well as the home's emerging as one of the first cultural icons of the new century.

Until Tuesday, the lowest cost iPod was the mini, at $249 for four gigabytes, enough to store about 1,000 songs. Like other iPod models, the new players are designed not to play songs purchased from online music stores that compete with Apple's iTunes.

In the past year, the Cupertino-based company's stock has tripled on strong sales of the iPod, which is emerging as one of the first cultural icons of the new century. Investors seemed unimpressed.

The stock may have also taken a hit because of the Mac mini, the company's new, $499 computer. Profit per machine is likely to be lower on the less-expensive mini.

Jobs said Apple sold 4.5 million iPods in the fourth quarter and more than 10 million since its debut in October 2001.

Because many rival flash-based players have just 256 megabytes of storage, Apple is "sticking to its cut-above position," said Susan Kwocklan, an industry analyst with IDC. "There are plenty of people who want an iPod but haven't been able to afford the $249 Mini, so offering these lower-priced players allows Apple to attract not just new users but those who already own an iPod but want an even smaller version."

Analysts were expecting about 4.5 million iPods to be sold in the fourth quarter, so the fact that the company didn't outperform expectations disappointed Wall Street. "Apple suffers a lot because the expectations for the company around their announcements are so high," said Shannon Cross, a financial analyst at Short Hills, N.J.-based Cross Research.

The Mac mini will cost $499, an 80-gigabyte version, which holds up to 240 songs, will sell for $149.

Unlike its larger cousin, the iPod mini, the shuffle lacks a display. There's a scroll wheel for the controls so stored songs can either be played sequentially or automatically shuffled in random order.

Apple CEO Steve Jobs announced the company's latest products, the iPod shuffle and Mac Mini, on Tuesday at the annual Macworld Expo.
Barley, hops and a little love

Home brewing beer is a tasty, inexpensive and fun alternative to buying beer in the store.

Amanda Samonte
MUSTANG DAILY

The most common beer in a college town is usually something inexpensive. Natural Light, anyone? It's seen at parties, in 12 packs and even 30 packs. It doesn't taste great, but people drink it anyway. But there is a cheap alternative: Home brewing kits. Homebrew kits are becoming popular among students for their affordability and novelty.

"You can make quality beer for a lot less money," general engineering sophomore Drew Murphy said. "It actually comes out tasting better than most people would expect."

Kits start at $90 at Doc's Cellar, a San Luis Obispo homebrew vendor. Each batch runs from $25 to $30 and makes 48 12oz bottles. The cost per beer is about 50 cents; however, recycled bottles from store-bought beer can be used after they are sterilized. Used bottles should be boiled in hot water or placed in a dishwasher.

Homebrewed beer can also make a quality present.

"Homemade beer makes inexpensive gifts for the holidays," said agriculture business sophomore Andrew Nelson.

"It's like a social thing to do," he said. "People come over and drink beer while making beer."

Beer is created with a fermenter, bottling bucket, siphon and thermometer with a combination of oats that can be purchased in stores and online, even by minors.

Initially the beer takes less than an hour — this includes boiling water, adding desired hops, malt and yeast and putting it into the first fer-

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mter. Beer takes three to four weeks to ferment, for particles to settle and foam to rise. The finished product can either be stored in a keg or in bottles.

"The process takes a while," Nelson said. "It takes patience, but in the end it's all worth it."

Homebrew kits can make pretty much every kind of beer from spiced ale to pilsner.

"Trying the first beer of each batch is always very exciting," Murphy said.

By slightly adjusting the temperatures or mix of ingredients, the beer can be altered to fulfill specific desires. For low-carb beer, halfway through the fermentation, add an enzyme-destroying tablet such as Beano. The tablet breaks down complex carbs that yeast cannot normally ferment.

Lowering the temperature while heating and adding sweet, highly-fermentable products such as honey or sugar will create a beer with higher alcohol content. Homebrew is generally stronger in flavor and alcohol percentage than store-bought beer, even without modifications.

The most important tip for brewing tasty beer is keeping materials and the work area clean.

"If you're not real clean when you are brewing, it is easy to get some bacteria in the beer that will start growing," said Charles "Doc" Foreman, owner of Doc's Cellar. "It won't hurt you, but it will make your beer taste awful."

Simply soaking tools and fermenters in an anti-bacterial solution before use can prevent bacteria exposure.

Despite taking necessary bacteria precautions, students say that homebrew is easy, delicious and fun to make (and drink).

"I have a certain amount of pride when I make my own beer," said Murphy. "Anyone that enjoys a good beer will enjoy brewing their own."
The price we must pay for PeopleSoft

Since the tsunami struck Southeast Asia on Dec. 26, 2004, the international community has faced the biggest humanitarian relief effort.

The tsunami was one of the worst natural disasters in history, not only because of the death toll, but also because of the geographic scope and the number of countries it struck.

There is a Chinese proverb that accurately describes the situation in Southeast Asia: “When there is smoke in a forest, the opportunities are great.”

The immediate and most efficient way to help the people affected by the tsunami is to donate money to the many international aid agencies who are at the scene including the Red Cross, UNICEF and Doctors Without Borders.

The need for Cal Poly students to make a difference in the lives of fellow human beings has never been greater. And there have never been more opportunities.

From going to the bars to getting an oil change, to eating pizza or getting a haircut, local businesses are opening their doors to charity. They are offering to donate portions of their profits to aid organizations.

It is the American people's opportunity to show the world that we are compassionate and generous.

President George W. Bush pledged $500 million in aid through the United States, which is the fourth-largest amount on the donation list. The U.S. is among the most powerful nations in the world, and its citizens must hold the country accountable for its actions.

By contributing private donations to relief agencies or going to participating businesses in San Luis Obispo, Cal Poly students can show the world the real nature of American good will.

The Mustang Daily encourages our readers, in whatever way they see best, to support the local tsunami relief efforts and help alleviate the suffering of our neighbors.

MARGARIT SCOTT, Editor in Chief

STAFF EDITORIAL

Students should contribute to relief fund

Letter to the Editor

Cal Poly tour gives hope to eighth grade student

Hello, my name is Sarah Wilson.

I recently took a trip to your university with my eighth grade class.

I have always wanted to attend Cal Poly but after taking the trip to Cal Poly I want to attend it even more. I think I would have a great future if I attended Cal Poly University because I am a good student.

Thank You!
Sarah Wilson

Bakersfield

Terrorists cannot be stopped with love or compassion

This letter is in response to Dave Greisman’s article, “America should lead the world with love,” in the January 6 Mustang Daily.

I agree that love and compassion are the ultimate means by which we can attain peace in this world.

However, I think that peace and freedom is an impossible goal for two reasons:

1. This world is simply too crowded.
   Everywhere you go (besides Antarctica), there will be somebody else with conflicting beliefs. Since most people think that their way is the right way, there are bound to be disputes.

2. This world is filled with a bunch of crazy head-cases. Believe it or not, some of the terrorists in the Middle East actually think that all people who don’t follow their religion should be killed. They can’t be stopped with love, compassion or any other moral means.

That religion is a virus that will continue to cripple this world until we eliminate it.

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We must teach children the bad history with the good

I would like to agree with Matt Bushman in his commentary, “Removing God from our history,” that we should not censor our history. We must teach children that “influence a Christian God has had in American history.”

But, remember, we are not censoring history. So we must tell the bad with the good.

Teach children about the genocide of the Native Americans and how God was used in the historic form of Manifest Destiny to support this heinous act. Although Spanish missions did many good deeds, we must also teach how Native Americans were taken from their families, enslaved and treated as less than human in all of the name of God.

In response to your question, “Why do we force kids to learn about other religions...” it’s to broaden their horizons so that they may empathize with people different from themselves and hopefully avoid the violeances of the past.

Perhaps, St. Bushman, you could use a seventh grade history lesson on “the pillars of Islam and the journeys of Muhammad,” which you mocks.

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Whiten, along with Nick Enwright and Mike Titchenal, is shooting long-range jumpers, near 50 percent this season. Whiten makes 47.9 percent (28-59) while Enwright is at 47.9 percent (23-48). Whiten has combined to take a majority of the team’s three-pointers, but Titchenal has made more than twice his long range shots, making eight of 16.

UCSB, playing short handed on the road trip with seven players, lost to Utah State by 10. Guard Joe See scored 26 points on the game when he made eight of 12 three-pointers. Chrisimen Oliver added 12 points and Josh Davis 10 in the loss. Against Idaho, Oliver led the team with 13 points in the loss with Derek Rupp adding 11.

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even legal supplements and that he took more of those while at Cal Poly.

Richardson’s call also opened up another possibility, as in my cell phone interview with Brown for the feature, Brown told me he was at the ‘crème-de-la-crème’ of coaching conventions, the thing he goes to every year besides a couple of small clinics.

Brown said pretty much any big name in college coaching ranks could be found at the convention. Perhaps he and Eilerman made names for themselves. I’m glad they took the initiative to become better coaches. I only hope they return with good lessons to impart on the Mustangs.

After all, Cal Poly could be hard-pressed to repeat as champ of the West Football Conference, especially without Beck, who is playing in his final collegiate game in San Francisco this weekend, with the East-West Shrine Game, an all-star extravaganza.

Mustang Daily sports editor Dan Watson and I will be there.

Provided we aren’t thrown out of the SBC Park press box for eating too much complimentary gourmet food or buying too many NFL scouts or national-level sportswriters, there should be some good stories about Beck for next week.

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The Mustangs split their games over the weekend.

Speed is not a problem, but height is something the Mustangs will have to address against the Gauchos.

The Mustangs are being out-rebounded 41.5 to 38.5, but outscoring their foes 64.6 to 59.6, leading the Big West in scoring margin, turnover margin and number of other categories.

Cal Poly’s defense is holding opponents to 39.2 percent shooting from the floor and forcing 24.7 turnovers a contest.

Senior post player Katie Patterson, a second-team All-Big West selection a year ago, is Cal Poly’s leading scorer to date with a 15.8 average and also is the top rebounder with a 5.2 mark. Jessica Eggleston averages 7.2 points while Courtney Cameron contributes 6.8 points, 4.5 rebounds and 2.4 assists a game for the Mustangs who do not have a top 10 rebounder, scorer or assist leader in conference.

Stayed tuned for a report from the East-West Shrine game in Wednesday’s edition.

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**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

"Love doesn’t force the best, it wants the best."—Tim Davies

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When fall sports have effectively shined on the Cal Poly field, options and another guy who coaches' convention in Kentucky, and defensive coordinator David Brown just returned from a swimming and wrestling done against UC Santa Barbara on poorly the men and women will do than speculate about how sports scene moving slower than ones I've gotten to cover for the but that doesn't mean the program testing thing has been Cal Poly little ways from starting, leaving ended but spring ones remain a few weeks from playing its first home debuted in the NFL with the Saturday that could dictate his pro whose story is one of the cooler topics.

Dawson Richardson, recently said the Jaguars didn't advocate games. Not, this week, the most interesting thing has been Cal Poly football. The Mustangs may have technically wrapped up their 9-2 season more than six weeks ago, but that doesn't mean the program has packed up and sent personnel off to Club Med (believe me, I checked several Mexican beaches).

Instead, coach Rich Ellerson and defensive coordinator David Brown just returned from a coaches' convention in Kentucky. Linebacker Jordan Beck is preparing for an all-star game on Saturday that could dictate his pro options and another guy who shined on the Cal Poly field, David Richardson, recently debuted in the NFL with the Jacksonville Jaguars.

I'll talk about Richardson first, whose story is one of the cooler ones I've gotten to cover for the Mustang Daily. After all, it's not often that the school sends players to the pros and Richardson could eventually be starting. Already, he played in this year's final two games.

There were some interesting things about Richardson that did not run in yesterday's story, among them:

• With all the steroid scandals in sports this last year, I was interested to learn whether Richardson had been considered for any substances in the NFL. Richardson said the Jaguars didn't advocate use.

Joe Henry hit the floor hard and was shaken up considerably in a controversial foul against rival UC Santa Barbara last season. The Mustangs face Santa Barbara tonight.

A mighty test awaits women's basketball

The UC Santa Barbara Gauchos women's basketball may not be the team it was last year, but it's plenty stocked.

The Cal Poly women's basketball team (7-4, 2-2 Big West) faces Santa Barbara (5-7, 3-1 Big West) today in Mont Gym and will face UC Davis on Saturday.

Last year, the Gauchos hovered around the top 25 in the national rankings, finishing 19th in the USA Today/ESPN Poll, and made it to the Sweet Sixteen in the NCAA Tournament before falling to the eventual national champion, the University of Connecticut Huskies.

Santa Barbara, coached by Mark French, has appeared in eight consecutive NCAA Tournaments, has won 20 or more games nine years in a row and has won nine straight Big West regular-season titles.

The Gauchos won their 27th straight home game against Big West opponents Thursday, defeating Utah State 61-44 despite the absence of three players due to one-game suspension for violation of team rules.

The trio returned Saturday but the winning streak was snapped by Idaho 75-62 as the Vandals scored the first 11 points of the game and won on another 11-0 run midway through the second half.

The team is led by forward Kristen Mann who is averaging 21 points per game and 8.8 rebounds. UCSB fell 69-62 to Mississippi State on Monday in a non-conference game at Starkville, Miss. Mann produced 19 points and 12 rebounds — her fourth straight and 19th career double-double — while senior guard Mia Fisher added 18 points for the Gauchos. Fisher contributes 13.5 points a contest while senior forward Brandy Richardson adds 7.1 points and 7.3 rebounds a game. UCSB, beset by injuries and down to just seven players for the Utah State game, has struggled against a difficult schedule, losing to Michigan, Purdue, Arizona, Loyola Marymount, Idaho, Mississippi State and No. 1-ranked LSU.

The Gauchos own wins over Saint Mary's, Oregon State, Long Beach State, UC Irvine and Utah State and, despite their 5-7 record, have outscored their foes 67.5 to 66.7 and outrebounded them as well 40.8 to 36.6.

Cal Poly is 8-39 all-time against UC Santa Barbara, losing six straight and 23 of the last 24. The last win over the Gauchos was a 76-70 decision on Feb. 9, 2001, in Mont Gym.

The Mustangs are 12-13 against UC Davis, including a 71-56 victory on Dec. 6, 2003, in Mont Gym. UC Davis had won eight straight before that.

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