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When it's all over: Recycle Yourself

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Bodyworlds includes more than 200 plastinated real body parts and 26 whole skinned human bodies. The plastination process not only makes the Bodyworlds exhibit possible, but it also preserves specimens for scientific study.

"The exhibit was fascinating," said Breanna Angel, president and founder of Recycle Yourself. "I see my body structure in a whole new light."

The plastination technique replaces body fluids and fat with reactive polymers like silicone and polyester, which prevents normally decomposable organs or tissues from decay and weathering. This process is a novel teaching aid and has a physical correlation with radiological imaging, making it an important medical tool.

"It was interesting to see what we have been studying in biology class in real life," Angel said.

Viewers of the Bodyworlds display learn about the importance of leading a healthy lifestyle and organ donation. Since 2002, 4.1 million people in Asia have seen the display.

Almost 90,000 people are currently waiting for an organ transplant, but many of them will die while on waiting lists. Recycle Yourself, an association to promote organ donor awareness, encourages people to sign up and place donor stickers on their driver's licenses.

Angel said that the biggest issue is "quelling rumors and myths" about organ donation. For example, just because there is a donation sticker on an ID, it does not necessarily mean that that organ will be donated. Many people do not have their license with them when they go to the hospital. A release form for the Living Bank has to be signed and turned in to ensure donation.

Another common misconception is that medical care is inferior for donors, singing up will never interfere with care received. Doctors do not even know about possible donation until after a patient death.

"We set up booths at open house, farmer's market, WOW week and UU hour to get the word out (about the pros of organ donation)," Angel said.

San Luis Obispo resident and Cal Poly graduate Pam Hader received a kidney transplant five years ago. She now volunteers for the California Transplant Donor Network.

"The last quarter of college I began to feel so tired. A trip to the doctor showed kidney failure," she said. "I spent five years on peritoneal dialysis and just as my peritoneum was wearing out I received 'the call' (for a transplant)."

"Being a transplant recipient has opened the doorway to a fuller appreciation of life and in gift. I am thankful for each and every day," Hader said.

She now organizes activities in San Luis Obispo County advocating for organ donation.

Every day, 16 people die waiting for a transplant. One donor can save the lives of up to eight people and enhance the lives of 50 others.

Exhibit shows rights denied to homosexuals

The winner of the 'Wild My Ride' contest, Teresa Badillo, being congratulated by Jesse Norton, a Cal Poly industrial technology senior and owner of Absolute Autounown. It took $20,000 worth of materials and labor to overhaul Badillo's 1979 Chevrolet Blazer.

"When they called me, I could not believe it. Oh, I screamed for sure," she said. "In fact, when I came to bring the car in, the last two bolts I had on my bumper loosened up on the freeway. It was bad. Since then I've had to bum rides from my mom to get to work."

During the two months Badillo was busy finding alternate transportation, many people were hard at work fixing her car.

"We were here until 5:30 in the morning for three nights in a row," Norton said. "We probably worked 200 hours over seven weeks."

The entire interior and exterior of the car was stripped down and new parts were installed. Local businesses also put in a custom center console, 20-inch chrome rims and tinted windows.

Norton admitted one of the biggest difficulties was juggling all the work, plus homework and school.

"Seeing the final product is amazing. I think she'll be happy," he said. See Ride, page 2
Ride
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The estimated worth of the Chevy Blazer is now $20,000, with materials and labor.
When the car was unveiled, Badillo’s reaction was animated.
“It looks so clean,” she said. “I love it! I love the rims; everything looks tight. I’m going to drive it everywhere now. It’s my car! I’m so happy. I really appreciate all of these guys who helped put it together.”
San Luis Customs and Collision, San Luis Auto Interior, Quality Window Tinting and The Tire Store also contributed to the project.

FEELING LIGHTHEADED?
Reading the Mustang Daily increases brain cells lost over the weekend. Enjoy!

Dinner with Dean Lee
Free $50 Dinner
for all SWE members
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Where: ATL (bldg 7)

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The Party Is Over.
It’s simple: Mardi Gras weekend in SLO will be different this year. Violence and property damage will not be tolerated. Out-of-town visitors are not welcome. Gatherings on streets, sidewalks and parking lots near campus and downtown will not be allowed.

Count on:
• Nearly 400 law enforcement officers on duty the weekend of February 4th
• DUI check points throughout San Luis Obispo
• Violation costs tripled citywide
• Jail time & big fines for lawbreaking
• Possible expulsion for student violators

www.MardiGrasSLO.com
A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMUNITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
VERONA — A third white teenager who admitted participating in the beating of a black youth in a racially motivated attack was sentenced to eight months in custody in juvenile Hall.

The 15-year-old boy, whose name was withheld because of his age, tearfully read a statement Monday apologizing to 17-year-old Jim King for the Dec. 6 attack outside a Suis Valley store. King was selling newspapers.

King said later that he forgave the youth; one of four white teens who showered racial slurs and punched and kicked him while he was trying to sell newspaper subscriptions in a shopping center parking lot.

MONTEREY — Divers on Tuesday tried to salvage a 62-foot vessel that sank in a federally protected marine sanctuary while carrying 1,700 gallons of diesel fuel. The Albion, which was headed from San Diego to Oregon, was being towed by a tug Monday when it sank about two miles west of Del Monte Beach in about 180 feet of water. No injuries were reported, and the cause of the accident is still under investigation, the U.S. Coast Guard said.

FRESNO — The court that hosted Scott Peterson's murder trial is facing funding shortfalls in the case's aftermath because the country where the trial originated hasn't fully repaid the costs, a San Mateo County Superior Court judge said Tuesday.

The six-month trial, and three additional months of jury selection, cost San Mateo County Superior Court more than $790,000 — of which only $400,000 has been reimbursed, said presiding Judge George Miram.

—Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's interim president said Thursday that tens of thousands of people may have been unable to vote in the country's historic weekend election because some polling places — including those in Sunni Arab areas — ran out of ballots.

As clerks pounded vote-count tallies into computers to compile final results, President Ghani al-Yawer also said chaos and a power vacuum in Iraq mean U.S. forces need to stay for now, even though a new government will be formed after the results are known.

UNITED NATIONS — U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan selected former President Clinton on Tuesday to be the U.N. point man for tsunami reconstruction. Clinton said he will continue to focus on his work with Bush "to urge people to contribute to this cause, and the two of us hope to visit the region together later this month."

—Associated Press

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IN OTHER NEWS

WILLMAR, Minn. — Police say a man lost his cool and bit off a third of his younger brother's finger on Thursday night after a vicious family dispute.

A criminal complaint filed in the case said Jose Juarez, 45, got into a fight with his younger brother, Roy Juarez. Witnesses said Jose Juarez insulted his brother's daughter, and the fight began. At some point, Jose allegedly bit off a piece of the finger on his right hand.

According to the complaint, police said Jose appeared to be quite drunk.

Jose Juarez on Sunday night acknowledged that he bit his brother and that alcohol was a factor.

"Yeah, I'm not proud to say I did, but it happened so quick," he told KMSP-TV of the Twin Cities.

"We were both kind of intoxicated," he said. "I didn't sit there chewing or gnawing or anything like this."

Roy Juarez was taken to Rice Memorial Hospital where doctors reattached the piece of finger. It's too early to tell if the operation was successful.

Jose Juarez was charged on Friday with two counts of assault and one count of domestic abuse. He was released on his own recognizance.

His next court date is Wednesday.

—Associated Press

76% of students drink the same or less during Mardi Gras. The average CP student drinks less than 4 in a sitting.
Following the Rules: Part Two

In I'art C')nc, our inta'pid Singleton followed the questionable dating guide The Kules by dressing extra-girly, acting coy and generally confus­
ing all her friends. Then she decided to break all the Rules and ask out a man. In the conclusion, she does the deed, faces a blind date from hell and 
does a lot of hairspray psychoanalysis.

Day 4 — Saturday
My phone rings at 5 a.m. It's a very inebriated friend. "!  need a cab!" he 
declares. I am less than sympathetic (or awake). I am woken again at 10 a.m. 
by women at my iloor brandishing religious pamphlets. This means that, 
before breakfast, I have twice been confronted with unwanted informa­
tion. This does not bode well for my 
new plan.

I impulsively call the cute guitar 
player and leave a nonchalant mes­
sage on his answering machine. O ne 
hour, two hours, three hours ... I do 
not hear from him all day, which 
leaves me irritated. By The Rules' 
logic, I should just write him off for­
ever. However, I don't — the pes­
simism is hardly how I want to view 
people, and the slight embarrassment 
I feel is nothing traumatic. I certainly 
don't wish myself dead, as Rule #30 
suggests I might.

"Maybe he ate some moldy bread 
and got sick," offers my friend Kimi. 
I suppose The Rules are designed to help women avoid these uncertain 
situations. Now that the man appears to be doing my job and playing hard 
to get, I competitively do*sa* him moa*. It's a true textbook case, just with 
the genders reversed.

Man, maybe The Rules work after all.

Day 5 — Sunday
My blind date is 2.S  minutes late. I staa* angrily at my door. He finally 
appears, wielding a bottle of water for himself and no apology for me. I ask 
what took him so long. When he answers, "You know, stuff." I a*alize 
the afternoon I'm in for.

A Rules girl is supposed to be mysterious and reserved on a date (Rule 
#3 ). I find this easy to follow, as I'm given no opportunity to speak anyway. 
The car ride to lunch is powered by a head-sinashingly boring soliloquy 
about his high schtxil glory days. I thrill to learn that in 2<K )2, he led the 
Stimethjng High football team to the District Something C'hampionships 
and won the Best Something Something Trophy.

At lunch, his monologue still seems nowhere near completion. When 1 
can take no more, I throw dtiwn my chicken skewer and excuse myself to 
the bathroom, where I pull out my copy of The Rules and curse it heartily. 
Then I realize my revenge: I'm here to follow The Rules, so why don't I fol-
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low them ... right over the edge?
Back at the table. I'm not sure he's
even noticed my absence. Eventually,
he asks me my interests and I
breathily intone, "Oh, I don't know.
I'm just a girl." I punctuate every
inane sentence with a high-pitched
giggle that resembles a car alarm
(Rule #9 — "Be sweet and light").
He asks me what I like and I chirp,"Pink!"
and flutter my eyelashes. In
short, I set the women's movement
back 5 years, but Sport-o actually
seems to find it attractive. And that's
when I call in Rule #11 — "Always
end the date first."
Day 6 — Monday
Apparently, the world doesn't stop
for academic holidays. I venture out­
side in the disconcertingly warm
January weather to see the world
(and, oops, work) continuing as
scheduled. Later, I run into the
Music Man.
Our conversation consists of a
guarded apology for "forgetting" to
call me back. On the Planet Rules,
he'd probably be lying in a gutter
with his eyes gouged out for that
excuse, but I accept his words.
Really, what else is there to do? I
can't assume the worst when I don't
think it of myself. In fact, The Rules
are far from my mind. I depart,
explaining that if he's game to meet
up, he knows my number.
Later that night, I am struck with
a horrifying thought: In that earlier
exchange, I followed The Rules
exactly without even realizing it. I
talked to him only in reciprocation
(Rule #2), kept my mouth fairly
shut (Rule #3), ended the interac­
tion first (Rule #6), saw him indif­
ferently (Rule #13) and encouraged
his free will (Rule #16).
I am playing a dangerous game.
The Rules have taken over my
brain. They must die.
Day 7 — Tuesday
With my pastel investigation over
and a long week passed, I stare at my
bright red nails in contemplation. If
The Rules positively enforced any­
things, it was that every woman is
worth romantic effort and she
should only settle for a man who
go the distance. Their mores, how­
ever, can't override the unique
behavior of each personality. If they
did, women would be clones —
and few men play with Barbies.
The Rules are meant to protect
women from disappointment, but in
doing so they take away the most
exciting parts of dating: The emo­
tional ride of being vulnerable and
the tenacity of going for what you
want. That was my way during my
mid-week crisis; I'm glad for it.
So my story ends where I began
—with a song in my heart, a gleam
in my eye and a book I will throw
back into the nether regions of my
closet. Do I expect a call from the
telecommunications-challenged boy?
Not particularly. Actually, I reason
that my phone will enjoy some
silence after my neurotic escapades.
But I do know this: The best rule, it
seems, is to act in a way you can be
proud of. Someday, someone else
will be proud of you, too.
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sometimes I feel like I'm in "Bizarro World." You know the Seinfeld episode where Elaine makes new friends who are identical to Jerry, George and Kramer — except these characters exhibit really good habits and manners? In "Bizarro World," everything is turned upside-down. Everything appears to be the same, but the differences are quite dramatic. Taking a look at American politics, I am starting to see a "Bizarro World" — where the liberals are conservative, and the conservatives are liberals (at least their language says so).

It used to be a well-known stereotype that Democrats wanted to "tax and spend." They wanted to raise your taxes and give all the money to "Welfare Queens" who were hooked on "crack cocaine." Although this is far from the truth, Republicans were able to push these stereotypes with Newt Gingrich's "Contract with America." Unbeknownst to most conservatives, the majority of people in Congress today calling for fiscal responsibility are Democrats. These Democrats are requesting "balanced budgets" than Woodrow Wilson and his "Fourteen Points" could possibly imagine. In "Bizarro World," everything is turned upside-down.

The belief in "spreading democracy" is a hallmark of liberal thought. But Republicans who want to "spread democracy" have their own interesting way of doing so. In Iraq, there is ample evidence showing that top Bush administration officials excused, and possibly encouraged, the use of torture against prisoners.

While many were excited to see John Ashcroft leave the Justice Department last week, his replacement, Alberto Gonzales, could be a lot worse. Some of Gonzales' recommendations in the war on terror were to suspend the use of the Geneva Conventions and hold people identified as "enemy combatants" indefinitely without due process. Last summer, the Department last week, his replacement, Alberto Gonzales, could be a lot worse. Some of Gonzales' recommendations in the war on terror were to suspend the use of the Geneva Conventions and hold people identified as "enemy combatants" indefinitely without due process. Last summer, the

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ERA: Mustang field-starters will be Brett Berglund at first, Brent Walker at second, Jimmy Godinor or Gilbert Gil at shortstop, Josh Lansford (hitting a team-high .500) at third, Matt Cooper in left, Brandon Bush in center, Jimmy Van Ostrand in right, Kyle Blumenthal or Jonathan Woodcox at catcher and JJ Owen or Sean Alexander as designated hitter.

The returning Spartan starters include senior shortstop Anthony Contreras, who hit .305 and knocked in 19 runs in 2004. The pitching staff will likely include junior right-hander Corey Cabral (6-8, 5.47 ERA), junior southpaw Brandon Dressing (1-9, 5.66 ERA) and senior left-hander Brad Kilby (4-1, 1.71 ERA, primarily a reliever).

Cal Poly was ranked No. 38 in the recent preseason Baseball America poll. The Mustangs won 38 games a year ago, one more than the 1997 squad, and opened Big West play in 2004 by winning five of its first six games, moving 20
games over the .500 mark (33-13-1) for the first time in 11 seasons. The Mustangs were in playoff contention for much of last season, but were swept by eventual national champion Cal State Fullerton, Big West runner-up Long Beach State and fourth-place UC Irvine on consecutive weekends to fall out of contention.

Several players from last year's Cal Poly team are gone, including three who were drafted last June: However, one returnee for the Mustangs is Shull, who signed a contract offer from the Arizona Diamondbacks after being drafted in the eighth round to return for his senior season.

The Mustangs opened this sea- son with 8-6, 10-6 and 10-6 victo- ries over San Diego. Then, after rain forced a one-day postponement of the opener at UCLA, Cal Poly dropped the first game of Sunday's doubleheader 7-4, then bounced back for a 2-1 vic- tory in the nightcap and an 8-3 tri- umph in Sunday's series finale.

Next weekend, Cal Poly will travel to Malibu to face Pepperdine in a three-game series, beginning Friday at 2 p.m. and continuing Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m.

The Campus Fee Advisory Committee (CFAC) is considering petitions submitted by the University and ASI to increase their respective fees effective Fall quarter 2005.

In anticipation of a Spring 2005 advisory student referendum, CFAC is soliciting statements of advocacy (either pro or con) from students to be included in the voter information packets. Statements must be submitted by February 11th. For more information, contact Victor Brancart at 756-2091 or vbrancar@calpoly.edu.
Cal Poly baseball is back. Off to its best start since 2005, the team will host San Jose State this weekend for the first home series of 2005. Cal Poly is 5-1 following a series sweep at University of San Diego, Jan. 21-23 and a series win at UCLA last weekend. Friday’s game starts at 6 p.m., followed by 1 p.m. contests Saturday and Sunday.

Last season, Cal Poly won the final two games of its series at San Jose State while the series-opener was halted after eight innings due to darkness with the score tied 6-6. The Spartans have a 44-33-1 lead in the all-time series, which dates back to 1947. San Jose State, coached by Sam Pirz, will be opening its season this weekend.

The Spartans return 12 lettermen, including six position-starters and two starting pitchers, from the 2004 squad that posted a 23-31-1 record and finished fifth in the Western Athletic Conference with an 11-19 mark.

Right-hander Jimmy Shull (0-1, 4.38 ERA) will start for Cal Poly on Friday. Shull will be followed in the rotation, on Saturday by southpaw Garrett Olson (1-0, 3.46 ERA), who earned a win in eight strong innings against UCLA. On Sunday, the Mustangs will start right-hander Bud Noyes (1-0, 3.38)

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THE ATHLETE’S TURN

This week’s spotlight is on...

Softball player Erin Myers

Kristen Oato

Erin Myers is a journalism senior and currently one of two catchers on the Cal Poly softball team.

Myers discussed with the Mustang Daily how she’s seen the team evolve and where it’s going this season.

Q. — How did you begin playing?
A. — I started playing because my dad was the coach of the Parks and Recreation League in Redding. I was 10 or 11 at the time and I remember being the biggest kid out there, and the coach’s daughter. Naturally, I got stuck behind the plate because most of the girls were too afraid to go back there. I’ve been there ever since. I’ve never played another position. For the last 12 years that’s where I’ve been.

Q. — How has the team changed in the past four years?
A. — When I first got here, the team was very close knit. The team had a lot of upperclassmen, so it was a little awkward at first. It was just a matter of getting my foot in the door. I think we’ve grown each year and gotten better as a team. We’ve improved with our mechanics, and increased our record each year. This year, we really hope to take a stand and create a legacy at Cal Poly. We want teams in the future to be able to learn from us, and take it to the next level. I think we’re really ready for that, especially with the new coaching staff.

Q. — How has the new coaching staff changed the team?
A. — It’s great, we really enjoy having coach Condon and coach Goodrich, along with coach Viola. They brought a whole new outlook; it was something we hadn’t seen before. It was great for the seniors, who had been playing under a different staff. It was a big adjustment for us in the beginning. We kind of had to feel our way around. I think we’re all where we need to be going into the beginning of the season. We’ve worked hard all fall, and especially the last three weeks going into the season. We’re ready to make some changes.

Q. — How would you classify the team going into the season?
A. — I would say we’re all really committed to the plan we’ve come up with. We’ve been working really hard, not only on the field, but in the weight room. We’ve also worked really hard in the classroom, because first and foremost, we are students-athletes. That’s our job to be eligible. With only 15 players, we’re a little short on numbers, so it’s important to make sure everyone stays healthy and is committed to a goal. I think that’s where we are right now. We’re ready to go out and win some games. We have confidence in ourselves.