Environmental law may change to build homes

The state's home building industry is attempting to change a law which will enable more houses to be built.

Jim Wasserman
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO — California's housing shortage, which has jacked up median home prices above $470,000, is spurring a variety of moves to change the state's 35-year-old environmental protection law, long considered the nation's toughest.

Attempts by the state's home building industry to change the 1970 law, signed by former Gov. Ronald Reagan, are nothing new, but this year Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and a growing chorus of Democrats are joining in. Key lawmakers are pushing bills to make it easier for developers to maneuver around the law, especially to build housing in downtowns and older urban neighborhoods.

The growing momentum to change the California Environmental Quality Act sets up a clash between business and environmental interests in a state with some of the nation's highest priced homes and lowest rates of homeownership. A majority of Californians can no longer afford to buy homes, prompting some lawmakers to lament their state's first unable to provide a better life for its children.

Although environmental groups have given Schwarzenegger's early moves high marks, the governor is expected to unveil proposals to ease the regulatory process for developers in areas already approved and zoned for housing.

Earlier this year Schwarzenegger called home ownership "part of the American Dream" and promised to eliminate "regulatory and legal hurdles that delay construction and increase the costs."

Members of the Community Supported Agriculture program receive seasonal produce from the Cal Poly Organic Farm

Megan Alger
MUSTANG DAILY

While most students spent Thursday away from campus relaxing, workers at the Cal Poly Organic Farm were up to their elbows in buckets of lettuce and water.

Students and employees spent the day harvesting and preparing vegetables for Farmers' Market and the spring quarter of the Community Sponsored Agriculture program.

"The idea behind Community Supported Agriculture is for communities to support their local farms," CSA Manager Sandra Sarrouf said. "It is actually a worldwide movement that started in Europe. The community members pay up front, and become members of the farm for a season, and in return they get a box of vegetables every week and they participate in farm activities."

In addition to a box containing seasonal fruits, vegetables and herbs, the subscribers receive a newsletter containing updates about the farm and an open invitation to visit and experience farming firsthand.

Also included in the newsletter are recipes. "We choose recipes based on what is in the box," said Sarrouf. "A lot of the items might be new to some people, so we feature a vegetable of the week and have recipes including that vegetable."

There are more than 100 CSA members in the area. The farm sells fresh produce at the San Luis Obispo and Avila Beach Farmers' Markets. Restaurants like Big Sky, Mission Grill, and Luna's buy from the Cal Poly Organic Farm. Vons buys carrots, salad mix, turnips and other vegetables.

This is the first year that students have been able to join the CSA program on a quarterly basis. Between 15 and 20 student shares are offered each quarter and there are 5 shares left for this quarter.

The spring program is eight weeks long, beginning April 11 and ending June 1. Student shares are $128 per quarter. The boxes, complete with salad mix, carrots, radishes, red Russian kale and other vegetables in season, are available for pick-up on campus at the Cal Poly Organic Farm.

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California grown on campus
The concept of sustainable agriculture is relatively new, but practicing it has been successful for the organic farm, which has been expanding every year since its creation.

"The idea (behind sustainable agriculture) is that the land can continue production indefinitely in the ideal," John DeRosier, CSA program manager, said. "It's not necessary true since it hasn't been around that long, but the Chinese have been farming for thousands of years on the same soil, and we (in the United States) have been farming for the past couple hundred years, and we are running out through tillage too much or not rotating crops."

DeRosier, a soil science graduate, now works on the farm full-time and said that through their techniques, workers on the farm have been able to avoid other problems like erosion, even in an exceptional rainy year.

"This has probably been our best year even though we've had a lot of rain," DeRosier said. "We have catch ponds for the runoff, and we have a lot more grass coverage. One of the biggest things we did this year was that we planted everything on contour."

By planting on contour, the farmers stopped rainwater from running straight down the hill and taking valuable soil with it.

"Every time the water runs it moves soil, so when you see water running and it's brown, that's bad," said DeRosier.

The Cal Poly Organic Farm, which is funded almost entirely through its own produce sales, strives to be both an organic and a sustainable farm. While the practices of organic and sustainable farming often go hand-in-hand, crop science professor and the Organic Farm's advisor, Dr. John Phillips, warned that they should not be thought of as the same thing.

Not all organic farmers are sustainable farmers.

The organic rules prohibit the use of synthetic things: fertilizers, pesticides, hormones, and antibiotics, Phillips said. "But you can farm without using those things and still make mistakes that might result in soil erosion or contamination of water."

To keep on the cutting edge of organic farming practices, the Cal Poly program keeps in contact with other college farms. The manager of the UC Santa Cruz farm visits the Cal Poly to share ideas and techniques. UC Davis also has an experimental farm. Phillips described organic farms on college campuses as a growing trend.

The Cal Poly Organic Farm, which is split into two sections with a total of 10 acres, allows those both on and off campus to become involved. Classes ranging from agricultural business and crop science to environmental studies. Such delays, a lobbying coalition of environmental groups, say it to stall many of the 40 Wal-Mart supercenters planned in California. Developers building housing subdivisions on empty land also find themselves wrangling with laws alleging insufficient environmental studies. Builders and their allies provided key input to the CPR panel and also to a 41-member Resources Agency advisory group regarding the draft legislation.

Although many of the proposals are aimed at limiting the sprawl of housing to empty farmland, environmental groups fear the proposals will change the law so much that it will actually foster more sprawl instead of more housing in urban areas. On the defensive, they're highlighting the act's success stories and preparing for battle in the legislature.

"Builders get their way, ordinary Californians are going to be sitting in traffic even longer and living further out and having fewer options," said Karen Douglas, attorney for the Planning and Conservation League, a lobbying coalition of environmental groups. Because the law requires detailed studies of a development's potential effects on its surroundings, it "has made the state better."

Developer groups don't argue the law's benefits. Instead, they say it's been twisted by NIMBYs, "not in my back yard," groups to shrink downtown Oakland housing projects.

The problem isn't the law but those who abuse it, said Tim Coyle, the top lobbyist for the California Building Industry Association. Coyle said legislators, many of them former city council members, complain to him that the law "keeps getting in the way of urban revitalization projects and neighborhood renovation projects."

Last year, California developers built 211,000 new homes and apartments, and expect to reach a similar target this year. But that's still 80,000 short of demand for a two-year span, they say. As prices of existing homes reached a median price last month of $471,620, where half cost more and half cost less, fewer than one in four households could afford one, reports the California Association of Realtors.
The company, founded in 1962 in a garage behind Alpert's house, recorded the likes of Carol King, Joan Baez, Sting, the Carpenters, Quincy Jones, Chet Baker, Bert Bacharach and Bryan Adams. • • •

FREMONT • About 300 high school students will likely soon be looking for new schools this month after the Cupertino-based Fremont Union High School District said it will purge students who are unable to prove residency. On Monday, administrators were set to begin asking affected students to pack up their things and leave. Administrators said the move is needed to cut costs. Bove said parents were informed several weeks ago with letters and telephone calls.

SALINAS • More than 100 people watched the sun rise Sunday as supporters who turned out for a 24-hour read-in to help save the libraries in John Steinbeck's hometown prepared for a culmination march. Supporters came throughout the night to read from their favorite books outside Cesar Chavez libraries, one of the three libraries scheduled to close because of Salinas budget cuts.

CHICAGO • Doctors, parents and coaches should take a stand against young athletes using steroids and other performance-enhancing substances, the American Academy of Pediatrics says. But drug testing with stiff penalties isn't likely to work, the group says in a new policy statement. Instead, schools and coaches should promote fair competition.

IN OTHER NEWS

RICHMOND, Va. — A woman's apartment was cleaned out, and cleaned up by a burglar, police said. According to police, the woman returned home Thursday after being away for a week and discovered her television, computer and other items missing.

The burglar had also helped himself to food and houseware.

But this was not a thoughtless theft. Police said the rear sliding glass door, which the woman had left open, was closed and locked when she returned.

In addition, "clothes and dishes had been washed and dried," according to the police report.

Police Capt. Karl Leonard said it's possible the burglar knew the woman was going to be gone for a while and may have decided to take up residence in the interim.

"They probably didn't want to stay in a dirty apartment," said Leonard, calling the case "very, very unusual."

"We've had burglaries in the past where people have fixed themselves a sandwich," he added. "But nobody's ever done the wash."

— Associated Press
Young Catholics reflect on Pope John Paul II

Some remember the late pope primarily as a compassionate, concerned leader; others saw him as an intolerant pontiff.

Martha Irvine
Associated Press

John Mecham struggles to describe what he's felt as he and his fellow students at Catholic University of America have watched the steady demise of Pope John Paul II, catching news between classes on the Internet and on television.

"Sad is the first word that comes to mind," says Mecham, a 22-year-old English major who is a student minister on his Washington, D.C. campus. "But it's also strange. For most of us, this is the only pope we've known."

His generation of young Roman Catholics, whether they have supported or disagreed with some of the pontiff's staunch views, have been having a tough time imagining their church without the leader who guided them for 26 years — one of the longest papal reigns.

"For someone my age, it's going to be a big one that strong and that wise as a leader," says Sandra Ramirez, a 17-year-old in Silver Spring, Md. "He is so steadfast in his religion. He's a great man of faith — that's what everyone is saying. You just have to have respect for that," says Ramirez, who works as an intern at her high school. "I'm hoping we get another pope who's like him, who says true to the teachings of the church, even if they're unpopular." Ramirez also hopes John Paul's successor will carry on with his tradition of teaching out to young people. The pope was, for instance, a big supporter of the annual World Youth Day that brought thousands of young Roman Catholics from many different countries together.

"It's easy to focus on the controversial things he said, his misjudgments, conservative stance on social issues. But I hope he will be remembered for more than that..."

— KRISTEN MCGUIRE
28-year-old Roman Catholic

John Giudicessi, a 22-year-old pre-med student at Lawrence University in Appleton, Wis., agrees that John Paul "was one of the greatest international leaders you could find." He points to the pope's influence on the fall of communism in eastern Europe as one of his big accomplishments.

"He is among a number of young Roman Catholics who say that, despite the pope's attempts to connect with his generation, he's not sure of the pope — or others in the church — always accomplished that. Giudicessi, who attended Roman Catholic schools before going to college, hopes the next pope will set a more accepting tone on issues such as homosexuality and on women taking leadership roles in the church.

"The church is going to have to adapt to survive," he says. "A lot of us feel that the Catholic church is a little bit behind the times."

Margaret Levy, a student at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, agrees. She calls John Paul "a major figure in my life." But she also wonders whether his more traditional stances on such issues as birth control and women's leadership roles were more suited to her parents' generations. Until the 20-year-old biology major came to Notre Dame, she adds, it was "rare that I've come across a priest who's able to directly talk to people of our age."

Some young people also have expressed disappointment with the way the Vatican handled the church's sex abuse scandal during the John Paul II's papacy. Kristen McGuire, a 28-year-old Roman Catholic from Wethersfield, Conn., says she hopes history — and her generation — will remember John Paul in a positive light.

"I hope people will remember the pope for all the good he did in this world. It's easy to focus on the controversial things he said, his misjudgments, conservative stance on social issues," says McGuire, who works as a fundraiser for a nonprofit organization. "But I hope we will be remembered for more than that — a kind, compassionate leader who brought all different groups of Catholics together."

A Polish girl prays for Pope John Paul II during a sermon that brought more than a thousand people to St. Stanislaus Kostka Church in the dominantly Polish neighborhood in Greenpoint, New York on Friday.

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Schiaivo case spurs unusual coalition of conservatives, liberals

Right-to-life supporters from both sides of the political spectrum lobby for laws to support disabled

Robert Tanner
Associated Press

The arguments surrounding Terri Schiavo will live on in statehouse debate and new laws if an emerging coalition of disability rights activists and right-to-lives succeed in turning the national agony over her case into a re-examination of when and how our lives come to an end.

So far, only a few legislators in a handful of states have sought significant changes to their laws, which define the fundamental elements at stake — how a person can set limits on their medical care, who gets to decide what their wishes are, what evidence is needed to prove it.

None have yet become law and the chances for most, if not all, are finished and many far along in their work for this session. But both Republicans and Democrats say the Schiavo case spurs unusual coalition of disability activists and Right-to-life supporters from the right or the left or the center.

"We don't want to get into the politics of the right or the left or whomever. This isn't about politics, this is about how we value or don't value the lives people with disabilities," said Karen Ann Quinan in 1975, then to Nancy Cruzan in 1990 and now to Schiavo.

Critics say the medical community and society have gone too far. "When original advance directives were created, nobody contemplated that hospitals would refuse to treat... It was usually just the opposite, doctors refusing to pull the feeding tube," said Burke Balch, director of the National Right to Life Committee's medical ethics center.

Now, he says, the presumption in the hospitals, the courts and in too much state legislation, is to go ahead and pull life-sustaining treatment when there is not enough evidence that the patient wanted it.

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**IN THE NEWS**

When doing what around the world

**FRESNO** — Grammy-win­ning rapper Kanye West was shut­tered the backdoor of a new urban boutique after a fight cut short the entertainer's autograph­signing session, police said.

Owners of the FTK store abruptly canceled the grand opening event and locked the doors after a fight broke out Saturday between a patron and a security guard.

The brawl erupted about 40 minutes after West began signing autographs.

Authorities spent nearly a half­hour clearing about 1,000 fans from the store's parking lot as a police helicopter hovered above.

“Once security couldn't control it, we had to shut it down,” store owner Aron Hekimian said.

An after-party at a nearby club with the performer­turned­rapper went on as planned, said Sam Hashman, the store's co­owner.

“Everybody's chance to meet Kanye West was ruined,” said Anna Reyna, 19, who waited in line for the rapper's autograph but never got to see him.

**New York** — PABLO

**Hogan enters WWF Hall of Fame**

Lynn Elber
**ASSOCIATED PRESS**

LOS ANGELES — Hulk Hogan, relishing his weekend induction into the World Wrestling Entertainment Hall of Fame, figures he's earned it.

“Too me, it's huge to be part of the Hall of Fame because I was there for a day one when this business went from small­time to big-time,” Hogan said.

He had tough times starting out in the 1970s, he said, even deepening in his cat.

Then he joined Vince McMahon's World Wrestling Federation as it was beginning to expand from local to national TV distribution in the early 1980s.

Hogan got to be part of the ven­ture's evolution from a “small­time car­nival atmosphere to a huge multimil­lion­dollar entertainment force in the world,” he told The Associated Press.

The returned WWF Inc., now headed by Vince McMahon Jr., is stag­ning “WrestleMania 21” at the Staples Center on Sunday. The sold­out show is available on pay­per­view television.

On Saturday, Hogan's induction will be held at the Universal Amphitheatre with Sylvester Stallone set to do the honors. Hogan, who appeared in a variety of movies and TV shows played Thunderlips in Stallone's “Rocky III.”

Hogan's glory years with the WWE didn't come without a price: Wrestling is deemed entertainment and not sport because the outcome is predetermined, Hogan said, but that doesn't lessen the demand.

“I can't remember one night when I ever came out the same way I went in,” he said. “I'm usually hurt some way or another physically.”

Hogan's injuries include a back injury that he sustained when he tripped while body­slam Andre the Giant, Hogan recalled. He's had knee and hip replac­ments because of wrestling's toll.

When a wrestler becomes a fan favorite it's usually because they're portraying their role, he said.

“Hogan enters WWF Hall of Fame" by Lynn Elber (Associated Press, April 4, 2005).
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The year was 1993. It was a time of new beginnings in the action universe, as action megastar Chuck Norris journeyed where no action star had gone before: network television. Teaming with CBS, Norris kicked his way onto the small screen with "Walker, Texas Ranger." For nine years, Norris portrayed Ranger Cordell Walker and taught everyone with a television set once and for all, not to mess with Texas.

Produced by Chuck and Aaron Norris, there was no way "Walker, Texas Ranger" could have been anything but awesome. From the cheezy theme song through the even cheesier moment of levity at each episode’s conclusion, this show was simply a gem. I mean, how can you go wrong with Chuck kicking stuff for an hour a week? You have to love a show set in Texas where every law enforcement agent and criminal has extensive knowledge of martial arts.

Joe expressed the full magic of "Walker" Saturday night, when I stumbled upon an old episode during some late-night channel surfing. The show opened up with a video montage of Walker working out, set to music so horrible it wouldn’t even make the cut for an Uncle Kracker CD. I know immediately this was going to be a dynamic episode. Now, check out this plotline: Walker’s friend is a principal in charge of a troubled school. Joe, you just don’t get it.

Derek: Joe, you just don’t get it. Chuck Norris agreeing to star in "Walker, Texas Ranger" after filming "the Delta Force" series is tantamount to Jean Van de Velde’s three-shot collapse on the 16th hole of the 1989 British Open. You see, Norris was looking at action immortality. Take the bear two films of Van Damme or Segal, add up the kills and the beat-downs and you still don’t come close to Norris. That’s how much Chuck was in the 80’s. Then he dropped the rockers and machine guns in favor of a cowboy hat and a fist. What? Since when did action fans settle for the roles of educators? The only lesson learned in watching true action flicks is don’t mess with the guy killing all your croons. The closest thing I can compare Principal Norris to is Van Diesel taking on the role of Mr. T in "The Pacifier." Joe: I don’t get it, Derek. Why? Why you gotta be like that? Why do you have to beat out the Hazzard on Chuck? Sure, there is considerably less action in "Walker, Texas Ranger" than in say, "Delta Force" or "Breaker! Breaker!" What? Good! He’s sticking butt, isn’t he? To be honest, I don’t think network television was ready for the unabridged action of one of those discount bin mainstays.

By making "Walker, Texas Ranger," Chuck Norris brought action to the masses. No longer did the average Joe have to venture to the movie theater or the discount video shelf to get his fill of guys beating the crap out of one another. Thanks to the magic of television, the awesome martial arts abilities of Chuck Norris were beamed into households everywhere. You know what Chuck is? He’s an action ambassador. Not only is he spreading positive messages to the youth of America (or at least the ones who were cool enough to spend their weekends watching "Walker"), he’s also teaching a whole new generation of action fans how awesome it is to watch bad guys get their comeuppance in the form of slow-motion roundhouse kicks. For that, I salute you, Chuck Norris.

Derek: Action ambassador? What? Since when did action fans have to come packaged with a message? Take "Hard Target" for example. The only thing one can learn from Jean-Claude Van Damme’s murderous rampage is that you don’t mess with a man trying to get his boat past. What kind of message is that? When was the last time anyone ever met a dude looking to get a boat past? If I want to see an action with a message, I’ll tune into Jerry Springer and we all know how their guests would single-handedly take out terrorist cells while defining nuclear warheads attached to the suicide bomber who has taken his wife and kids hostage onboard a public bus that will blow up if it drops below .53 miles per hour. All of this while JCVD was associated and struggling with malignancies. That’s drama and you damn well know there’s going to be explosions, death, and mayhem. Even a risque scene at the end. We all know about Van Damme’s appearance in the television series "Friends." Awful is the only word that can describe that terrible experiment. Look, JCVD did bring a little bit of action romance into the hyper-drama that is "Friends." He showed us all what it means to be cool. He had a little dress sense, a few lines of dialogue like "This is a new beginning." Joe: I need to see this film. Joe: What if Chuck Norris bestowed the gift of "Walker, Texas Ranger" upon American viewers in 1993, the world became a better place.

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Minutemen take their post at border

Today marks the first day of the Minutemen’s controversial patrol of America’s southern border. This group is made up of private citizens who volunteered to keep watch over 23 miles of Arizona desert in order to report illegal actions. Specifically, they will report illegal immigration to U.S. Border patrol and maintain a policy of avoiding confrontations. They are not there to round up or capture bordercrossers, they only call the border patrol and report illegal activity.

The Minutemen are responding to reports that immigration agents captured only 57 percent of the 1.1 million people who illegally crossed over the Arizona-Mexico border last year. That means that 473,000 people crossed successfully into the United States through Arizona in one year.

For many reasons, America cannot afford to allow half a million people to illegally cross our boarders every year. The most significant reason is to protect national security. How can we expect to protect ourselves from international terrorism if terrorists can walk across our borders any time they wish? We need to take this border issue seriously before another horrific terrorist act happens on American soil.

Maybe the Minutemen’s biggest success will be that the international spotlight is with them in the deserts of Arizona, casting light on the enormous failure of U.S. Border patrol. We spend billions on prohibiting terrorists from flying here but what about those who might walk?

Politicians have been dodging this issue for decades and the problem has only gotten worse. President Bush even called these Minutemen “vigilantes” in condemnation of their stated purpose. I agree with many of Bush’s policies and even his description of the individuals as taking the law into their own hands but the commodonation of the term is that they are doing something wrong.

Americans have always staged protests of failing government policies and that is essentially what this is. The Minutemen see a growing problem with our economy and our national security and are called racist for wanting to fix the problem. Rep. Tom Tancredo, R-CO., said it best when he questioned, “Since when did actually enforcing the laws of the land become a racial issue?”

Anyone who says these men act out of racism shows a fundamental ignorance of their motives. They are engaging in a non-violent, patriotic demonstration against what they believe is a failure of the system.

Hopefully the Minutemen will change the American way we think about illegal immigration. The government has a responsibility to safeguard our borders and stop the flood of illegal immigrants from entering our country. We need to wait until the Minutemen help the government, not compete with the government, to fix the problem.

The Minutemen need the leadership of our elected officials to avoid the problem. The government needs to work alongside the Minutemen to protect our borders.

If the government can work with the Minutemen, the citizenships will be forced to work with the government.

The United States was founded by immigrants and grew to prominence because of immigrants. I do not think that immigration should stop, quite the opposite. We should respect those people who yearn to make a better life for themselves here, in this land of opportunity. America needs this workforce to remain the world leader, but we must know who that labor is and where they are working. We need to crack down on the employment of illegal immigrants and encourage the hiring of legal ones.

How we respond to this problem of illegal immigration will help define America in the 21st century.

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MEN'S GOLF
Men's golf shot rounds of 283 and 98 at the 9th Western Intercolligate at the Pasatiempo Golf Course in Santa Cruz, for what became a sixth place finish. Rain canceled the final round. Mustang freshman J.J. Scruich was declared the individual champ with a two-under-par 138 total.

WOMEN'S GOLF
Rain again canceled a final round of action for a Cal Poly golf team as the women Mustangs finished 11th after shooting a 326 total in the first round of the Santa Clara Colby Invitational at the Rancho Canada East Golf Course.

WOMEN'S TENNIS
A successful appearance at the Boise State Invitational kept the Mustangs' tennis intent on a Big West Conference championship as it followed a 3-1 record in the competition with a 4-3 match win over No. 62 Montana State.

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**PITCHING COMMAND AND CONQUER**

Garrett Leight

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A comeback and a milestone provided Cal Poly baseball more than enough fuel to sweep Cal State Northridge in a three-game series to open Big West Conference play.

Rallying behind junior pitcher Vic Moreno’s seven scoreless innings, Cal Poly defeated Northridge 10-1 in the second game of a three-game Big West Conference series Saturday night at Baggett Stadium.

Previously, the Mustangs won 9-2 on Friday in the series opener. On Sunday, relief pitcher Mike Bille broke a school record for saves in a season with 10 as the Mustangs won 4-3 and improved their overall record to 20-12. Bille also set the career record for saves by a pitcher at Cal Poly.

In game two, Shir’s strong performance helped the Mustangs win their fourth straight game.

Shir, who had a rough outing last week against the Matadors, made a comeback from his recent struggles. He said the difference was staying focused.

“I’ve been working on the mental aspect of my game and staying focused on being a pitcher,” Shir said.

With the win, Shir improved his record to 3-4 on the season while striking out five, walking four and scattering four hits.

The bats were hot, too, as the top four hitters of the lineup combined for 10 hits, scored eight runs and batted in seven runners. Catcher Kyle Blumenthal had a big night going 3-for-5 as he knocked in a run in the seventh and with an RBI triple.

The Mustangs scored one more run in the eighth inning and just missed the shutout with a meaningless balked-in run in the ninth inning.

Coach Larry Lee was happy with his pitcher’s performance, saying that his command was good as well as his fastball.

Lee said he threw Shir at night because he knew his ball would be a little heavier.

There was a lot to say about his top four hitters as well.

“These top four guys are really dialed in right now,” Lee said.

“We’re really just buying time before we can get our team healthy and at full strength.”

The Mustangs hope to get back right fielder Jimmy Van Ostrand within the next two weeks as coach Lee expects him to get his cast off Friday.

“Our team has confidence right now and we’re looking to come out and take care of business,” Lee said.

The Mustangs face Pacific for another Big West conference series this weekend.

During the break, the Mustangs faced one of the top teams in the country, Washington, and took one-of-three in the series.

In a non-conference tune-up series, Cal Poly split two games with Cal State Northridge before defeating UC Santa Barbara in another single game with the Gauchos.

**WHILE YOU WERE OUT**

A record, a streak, a perfect game and Moreno

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Wrestling

Vic Moreno’s first name may well have been “Victory” this past month.

Having won his first two matches on the first day of competition at the three-day NCAA Division I Championships, Moreno went 2-0 on the second day before losing two straight on the final day to finish sixth and earn All-American honors at the pinnacle of college wrestling competition in St. Louis.

As a team, Cal Poly finished 25th. Moreno lost his first match of the final day to Nick Simmons of Michigan State 8-0. Moreno then faced conference foe Effen Ceballos of Cal State Bakersfield, who he defeated at the Pac-10 Championships just two weeks ago. Ceballos defeated Moreno 3-2.

Softball

Amongst an 11-game winning streak for softball, hurler Eva Nelson achieved perfection.

Pitching seven innings without allowing a walk, error or hit, Nelson struck out eight batters as the Mustangs defeated Utah State 2-0 in the first perfect game pitched by a Mustang since 2002.

Vic Moreno fights for the eventual decision over Jeremy Mendoza of Arizona State at the Pac-10 Championships held at Cal Poly.

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