SLO's trail to the sea

The Bob Jones Bike Trail will eventually stretch from San Luis Obispo to Avila Beach along the San Luis Creek

Tonya Strickland

Several pieces of the Bob Jones Bike Trail, which will link San Luis Obispo to Avila Beach, are officially in the planning stages. The different sections of the trail will be linked up within the next two years. This plan allows nearly six additional miles of land to the vision of the late Bob Jones, a local environmentalist.

"Outside of its great recreational aspects, this is a fantastic opportunity for tourism," said Mary Andrews, a board member on the San Luis Obispo County Bicycle Coalition. "I think there will be an economic boom when San Luis Obispo connects to Avila."

The trail is a paved pathway that follows San Luis Creek through a retired railway corridor and is located near the southern end of Ontario Road, before it meets San Luis Bay Drive by Avila Hot Springs. The three-mile portion of the trail that is accessible to the public is not limited to cyclists.

"My primary use of it is for walking and enjoying the bird," Andrews said. "I've even seen people in wheelchairs taking advantage of it." Andrews said it is recognized as a class-one bike trail which means it is completely separated from highways, streets and vehicles.

"For this reason, it's great for kids and pets because there's no danger of being hit by a car," she said. The existing trail represents only a small portion of the larger bikeway infrastructure that Jones envisioned in the 1970s. Completion of the trail is up to several jurisdictions including the City of San Luis Obispo, the County of San Luis Obispo and the Land Conservancy.

The City of San Luis Obispo is currently using two grants totaling $700,000 to construct an additional mile between Prado Road and Los Osos Valley Road. The city is taking an infrastructure not made for bike paths and turning it into a very bike-friendly atmosphere," said Brian Stark, executive director of the San Luis Obispo Land Conservancy.

Jan Dilley, parks planner of the county parks department, said the existing part of the trail will one day connect to the county's addition: a staging area starting at Octagon Barn, located off South Higuera Street which will add an additional five miles to the entire trail.
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"There have been concerns about students drinking in the community and we have looked at some campuses where they have had social activities on the campus where alcohol was served," Baker said. "It seems to help in preventing the number of students staying in a safe environment."

"The pub serves a variety of beer in a controlled environment," Palmer said.

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WASHINGTON — President Bush's nominee to be the nation's first intelligence director promised fundamental changes at the 15 agencies he'll oversee and said he would give policy-makers the "unvarnished truth" about threats.

"Our intelligence effort has to generate better results. That's my mandate, plain and simple," John Negroponte, a veteran diplomat and former Iran ambassador, told the Senate Intelligence Committee at his confirmation hearing Tuesday.

"Only a country that respects his history, takes responsibility for history, and wins over the trust of peoples in Asia and the world at large can take greater responsibilities in the international community," Premier Wen Jiabao said during an official visit to India.

SALAHUDDIN, Iraq — On a whirlwind tour of Iraq that included his first visit to the Kurdish region, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld urged the emerging national government on Tuesday to avoid politicizing the Iraqi military and working closely with the international community.

At a news conference in a shaded courtyard surrounded by young palm trees, Rumsfeld was asked whether Iraqis should include in their new government a former Baath Party cadre or even a former Baathist leader. Baghdad had given him assurances about continuity in the senior leadership of the Iraqi security forces.

"That's a very broad question. The answer is yes. But the transitional period will end very soon, and we don't want to rush it," Rumsfeld said.

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SAN FRANCISCO — San Francisco emerged Tuesday as the early front-runner to land California's new $3 billion stem cell center hallmarks ahead in an even- tilt-laden bid scored the highest marks among the four cities named to a short list of contenders. Sacramento ranked second and San Diego and Emeryville, respectively, rounded out the list of cities called from 30 applicants by the Department of General Services.

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La Crose firefighter Mark Smith, 46, helped spearhead the cat-hunting proposal. He wants Wisconsin to declare free-roaming wild cats an unprotected species, just like skunks or gophers. Anyone with a small-game license could shoot the cats at will.

At least two other Midwestern states, South Dakota and Minnesota, allow wild cats to be shot — and have for decades. Minnesota defines a wild, or feral, cat as one with no collar that does not show friendly behavior, said Kevin Klym, Minnesota's Department of Natural Resources.

Sixteen states in the Midwest now allow cat hunting — should be listed as an option for city of SLO. Outside cities will be charged extra.

Tuesday.

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One state grapples with growing meth use among teens

Bettvlu, 18, a senior at Harmony Alternative Learning Center, dries her hands in Lake Elmo, Minn., Feb. 24. Bettvlu said she was scared into quitting methamphetamine after watching her older, meth-using sister become violent.

Martha Irvine
Associated Press

EDITOR’S NOTE — Once a scourge of the central United States, methamphetamine is now finding an epidemic in the West through the hard-hit states, into cities, suburbs and hamlets nationwide. At least 12 million Americans have tried meth, one of the most addictive of all illegal drugs. This story is one in a series examining meth’s toll.

LAKE ELMO, Minn. — They sit at a coffee table, gulping and snacking during a school field trip. Have you seen him? Has he gained the weight back? one girl asks. "Yeah, he looked so good," replies another from across the table. "I just felt terrible. You feel like you're stronger than everybody," says Anthony, a 17-year-old senior at Nobles High School in St. Paul who first tried meth at age 13 and has been in recovery since he overdosed last summer. He and other students from alternative learning programs were allowed to speak on the condition that their last names not be used.

While statistics show that meth use among teens and middle-school students has been level for the past few years, experts caution that those numbers can be deceiving, since meth seems to spread in pockets, leaving some regions or populations relatively untouched while others are devastated.

"Meth is an oddball in that way," says Caleb Banta-Green, an epidemiologist at the University of Washington's Alcohol & Drug Abuse Institute. "You never know where it's going to hit." When it does, it often hits hard. In Nebraska, two 20-year-olds who were high on meth froze to death after getting lost in a snowstorm in January. And in Oregon, officials recently reported that meth is now second only to marijuana as the drug that sends the most teens to treatment in that state. Nebraska and Oregon are among the nearly two dozen states that have entrenched meth problems, most of them in the West and Midwest, according to state-by-state advisories for state legislators. In Nebraska, the DEA said the drug is a growing concern in nearly every other state. "It’s here and it’s getting our kids," says Dave Emerslund, a drug counselor at two high schools in the St. Paul area, including Harmony Alternative Learning Center in Maplewood, Minnesota, a junior high in a recovering community.

"It’s just felt invincible. You feel like you’re stronger than everybody," says Carol Faloowski, a researcher at the nonprofit Hazelden Foundation, who tracks the growing trend in states like Minnesota for the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Another recent state survey found that about a quarter of girls and a fifth of boys in Minnesota's alternative learning schools had used meth at least once in the last year. Ten percent had used it 10 times or more. How teens get methamphetamine varies. Sometimes, they say friends or relatives get them into it. Some have sold meth to pay for their own habits. And a few say they eventually learned how to make the drug themselves.

Kristin, a 17-year-old student at Harmony, tried meth a little more than a year ago while smoking pot in a friend's basement, as the friend's parents slept upstairs.

"She didn’t try it, but told her friends otherwise," says. "Yeah and just went along with it." She says the reasons teens are attracted to meth are many: They wish to lose weight, especially for girls; to get the euphoric feeling more often when they smoke the drug; or just to take the legal drug.

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College hosts wine and beer get-togethers in hopes of making students wine connoisseurs and responsible drinkers

Clarke Canfield
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WATERVILLE, Maine — Jos\nKahn swirled the ruby-red wine in his wineglass, pushed it up to his nose and breathed in deeply. He watched how the wine clings to the inside of the glass before he takes a sip.

This isn't the typical wine tasting at a local wine shop. Rather, Kahn is a senior at Colby College, a private liberal arts college where students 21 and older get together on select Friday nights in a school cafeteria to learn about and drink beer and wine.

The get-togethers are intended to teach students how to imbibe in moderation and how to imbibe well. The emphasis is to savor, not swill.

The Colby program may not be unique, but it is unusual.

Cornell University has a 4-credit course on wine and the University of California-Davis has a department that focuses on vineyards and wine-making. But the director of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators, said she isn't aware of any other programs like the one at Colby.

Seated next to Kahn on a recent night at a Colby cafeteria was Manuela Kassman, dean of students at Colby, whose glass held a sauvignon blanc.

The gatherings have taught her not to be intimated by wine. "If they're going to do this program, I hope they'll try to do some kind of assessment of what kind of impact it has," he said.

Kahn, a senior from St. Louis, said it's no big deal having a drink with dinner. He drinks wine with meals the family he lived with last year while studying in Chile, where it was viewed as a complement to a meal, not as a way to get drunk.

When he returned to Colby, he was pleasantly surprised with the drinks-with-supper experiment.

"It was nice to come back and have an option," he said.

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Colby students have had their share of alcohol-related incidents, too. Waterville police in March issued summonses to 14 students for possession of alcohol by a minor or displaying a fake ID. Three students were taken to a hospital after drinking too much, according to Police Chief John Morris.

Henry Wechsler, director of College Alcohol Studies at the Harvard School of Public Health, doesn't think colleges should be in the business of providing alcohol to students.

"I always thought I hated wine. But now I realize that what I thought I hated were the $3 bottles of wine I bought at the grocery store."

— MAUREEN SHERRY
Colby student

While some students already have plenty of drinking opportunities at fraternal organizations, on-campus pubs, parties and at bars near campus that serve "unappreciated portions" of alcohol, he said.

This free flow of alcohol is one of the problems, according to the getting-through-the-brook-drinking," Wechsler said. "It's ironic that giving more alcohol should solve the problem."

Colby officials say the program is just one component of the college's alcohol education efforts.

"We've gotten overwhelmingly positive responses," said Janice Campbell, dean of students. "There are some who say the college should take a just-say-no approach, but I don't think that's realistic."

It was the notion that college life seemed to include just two types of alcohol consumption — too much or none at all — that prompted Catherine Welch, the student government president, to suggest the wine and beer get-togethers to Kassman.

Welch, a senior from Connecticut, thought there should be a middle ground where students could enjoy a nice glass of wine or beer with a meal in a low-key setting. And so, with the OK from college administrators, the program was launched.

In a room off a dining hall, an average of 30 to 50 students come and go from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on select Fridays. It's a tasteful affair, with white tablecloths and $3 drinks served by a bartender dressed in a tuxedo shirt and black pants.

The students, who are limited to two drinks, can learn about the beer and wines by reading handouts or talking to wine distributors and brewery owners who may show up.

So far, featured wines have come from Argentina, Chile, California, Oregon, Australia, New Zealand, Sicily and South Africa. Beers have included ales, porters, stouts and Belgian-style ales from breweries in Maine, Vermont, New York and California.

One night, most of the students came simply to enjoy a glass of wine or beer with friends over dinner. Some joked about how a buck for a wine or beer with friends over dinner. Some joked about how a buck for a beer is a pretty good deal. Others said they now feel more informed about the wine and beer and responsible drinking.

Katie Lucas, a junior from Milwaukee, said knowing chardonnay from a pinot grigio is a sauvignon blanc will help at business dinners for her summer job at an investment firm.

"It's good to know your preferences so you can sound confident," she said.

Students laughed at the idea that the get-togethers will make them wine highbrows. These are mid-quality wines, not the fine stuff you might find in fancy French restaurants.

"I think it makes people more aware of what they're drinking, but that doesn't make us snobs," said Heather Hansman, a senior from Massachusetts.

It's unknown whether Colby's program will affect students' drinking habits. Ralph Hinger, a Boston University professor who works at the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, said he isn't aware of any scientific research on undertakings like Colby's.

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LONDON — It was one of those heartwarming Lassie moments. Lacey the golden Labrador survived a 100-foot fall down a cliff when her friend Sheena, a black Labrador, raised the alarm, coast guards in Wales said Tuesday.

Lacey became trapped after slipping down a rocky slope near South Stack, in Holyhead, north Wales, on Monday afternoon.

Twelve-year-old Sheena spotted her lying in a pool of water at the bottom of a gully and raced to fetch Lacey's owner, barking to gain attention and directing her to the stricken pet. Coast guards were called.

"The whole rescue operation took around 40 minutes," said a spokesman for Holyhead coast guards.

"One of our rescue team climbed down to the dog and set up a harness and rope system to winch her back to the top.

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COMMENTARY

All in the family

My dad is something of a superhero — elementary school-teacher by day, rock star by night. Ever since I can remember, he's been hunched over an acoustic guitar, writing Springsteen-style pop songs and performing them for his adoring students. He taught me to play every instrument I know and, maybe more importantly/unfortunately, taught me to crave the spotlight. No one puts Baby — or an Anderson — in the corner.

When I was in grade school, he spent much of his spare time recording a demo in Los Angeles. That was derailed by some serious health problems and seemingly one surgery after another. But in his recovery, he filled his hours with music. A happy ending seemed to surface in 2002, when he was signed to Fraternity Records, an established Midwestern independent label. After a vertigo-inducing financial haggling, his first single was released successfully last year to adult-contemporary radio stations, mostly on the East Coast.

With dollar signs in their eyes, his producers worked with him recently to create a full album of his original tunes, one that, my dad proclaims, is the greatest accomplishment of his life. The record will be widely released to national radio, and it's all he's been able to speak of for months. I have never seen him so excited about anything. It's his dream come true, a phrase he repeats often, and he just sent the rough cut of the album to me. He's been calling me up to six times a day, asking what I think. I have to change the subject each time.

Because I hate it.

I can't help it; I feel robbed. I know what his songs sound like; I've driven the 150 miles home on more than one occasion to help write the guitar parts. His songs had always been soulful bubbles of hope and sadness. They screamed with rock abandon, making me fairly sure my dad was the coolest on any block … and now, they've been perverted.

Riddled with repetitive female choruses and unmotivated guitar, they aren't commercially appealing. I maintain, not just as a dad but as a father himself, my dad isn't commercially appealing. I blame the producers: Archaic and stubborn, they think the Red Hot Chili Peppers are a menu special at Taco Bell. Their offerings to American civilization have, on more than one occasion, featured high-pitched ditties about talking dogs. Under their tutelage, my father's model of my life, the person who taught me to love music and embrace the differences that once isolated me. I have no doubt that will be quickly met with a firm "no".

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Poly photographer extends an invitation to India

Caitlin Doneff

Photography for art and design senior Mike Krautter is more about inspiring people to travel and learn about other cultures than technical aspects of his work, which can be seen in his show called "Crowded Street" at the University Union Gallery.

The photographs in the show are from when Krautter traveled throughout Northern India for one month during winter break. Krautter traveled with a friend who had family in Calcutta, giving the travelers more of a local's perspective on the country and the culture.

"India is impossible to explain. The smells, the food, the incarcerated garbage," Krautter said. "And everything is in multitudes — people are everywhere. That was probably the hardest thing to get used to, getting off the train in the middle of what we thought was nowhere and finding thousands of people absolutely everywhere. We just couldn't get away from them."

While traveling though India, Krautter described some of his best experiences as the people he met along the way. "We met up with a friend in the monsoon who was working with a non-governmental organization, a battered women's shelter, which was probably the best experience of the whole trip, just being able to meet with women and their children and see how the program works," Krautter said. "It was amazing."

His inspiration for this series of photographs came from simply being in India and experiencing the people, sights and smells that are so unique to Indian culture.

"My inspiration came from just being there, the people that you meet while there and the craziness of the culture ... "

— MIKE KRAUTTER

student photographer

PEOPLE

IN THE NEWS

New York — Foxy Brown says she didn't beat up two nail salon workers over a $20 pedicure.

"A $20 pedicure! Are you serious?" she joked to reporters Monday outside the courtroom where she pleaded not guilty to assault over the August 2004 incident.

"I mean, look at me!" she said.

Brown, whose real name is Inga Marchand, pleaded not guilty to using her cell phone and fist to attack the manicurist on Aug. 29.

The 25-year-old rapper said she had asked for a manicure and a pedicure just as the salon in the Chelsea neighborhood was about to close.

"I got the pedicure, but they didn't give me the manicure," she said outside court.

Prosecutors charge that Brown kicked and hit a manager, Sun Ji Song, causing "bruising and swelling to the face, as well as substantial pain." They said the salon's employees ran out to Brown's car and stood in front of it to block her.

At one point, they said, the rapper slugger one of the workers with a cell phone.

She is charged with misdemeanor assault and attempted assault.

"I'm lifted and I like it." — Foxy Brown
UC Berkeley beefs up cybersecurity

Michelle Locke
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BERKELEY — Experts from the University of California, Berkeley, will lead a consortium of colleges in a far-reaching effort to keep the nation’s computer data safe from cyberattacks.

The announcement Monday by the National Science Foundation comes after a flurry of security breaches — two of them at UC Berkeley — that have dramatized the vulnerability of a society that increasingly entrusts its secrets to computers.

The idea is to look at ways to build more secure systems before a disaster along the lines of an "electronic Pearl Harbor," said S. Shankar Sastre, the UC Berkeley professor who will be principal investigator and director of the new center.

"If one thinks about the possibilities, they can really quite frightening," he said.

The new center, called the Team for Research in Ubiquitous Security, Technology and TRUST, is expected to receive nearly $5 million over five years, with possibilities of a 25-year extension after that TRUST is one of two NSF Science and Technology Centers to be funded this year. The second, centered at the University of Kansas, will study how the balance of mass in the polar ice sheets may affect sea level.

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Most people would have no idea who Blake Gotteson is. In fact, I had no idea until I read a recent story in The New York Times about President Bush's taste in music. Gotteson, Bush's personal aide, has an extremely important job to perform for the leader of the free world. He must download music onto Bush's iPod and also ensure that the music comes to his music or afraid of an uproar from his base supporters if "Notorious B.I.G." were to be found on his list.

President Bush's taste in music is quite interesting. Most would not be surprised to learn the majority of songs on his playlist are country. The President listens to "iPod One" when he's working out or cycling at his Texas ranch. An overall theme of "iPod One" music can be termed "pro-establishment" or "baby-boomer rock."

Presidential media adviser Mark McKinnon believes people are looking too deeply into Bush's taste in music. "No one should psychoanalyze the song selection. It's music to get over the next hill." McKinnon said. I disagree with McKinnon and believe we can learn a lot from conducting a psychoanalytic analysis and interpretation of the music President Bush listens to on a daily basis. The music in the ears of the most powerful man in the world cannot be ignored. After all, Republicans have argued that certain music, video games and movies have a detrimental effect on people's minds. I actually agree with the Republicans on this one, especially when it comes to video games. But when it comes to music, the Republicans want to replace rap music with country, while I would toss them both in the dustbin.

It's interesting to look at what's missing on "iPod One." Caitlin Moran, from the London Times reveals the presidential playlist is quite narrow. She writes there are, "No black artists, no gay artists, no world music, only one woman, no genre less than 25 years old and no Beatles." To Bush's credit, at least his music selection and his domestic and foreign policy are consistent. It could also be President Bush has never heard the many great genres of music.

The country music on Bush's iPod mainly includes selections from George Jones, Alan Jackson and Kenny Chesney. Ignoring the influence these selections have on presidential-policy making would be a drastic mistake. Liberals should no longer limit their blame to Bush for their problems, but also take out their aggression on these country music artists taking over the President's mind. However, "iPod One" does include some artists who disagree with the President. One artist is John Fogerty and his song "Centerfield." Fogerty was part of an anti-Bush "Vote for Change" concert tour. This shows our President's willingness to some extent.

President Bush's iPod might be the key to understanding his complex personality. Maybe if we listen to country, however reluctantly, us liberals could unlock the mystery to his world.

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He looks, acts, walks, and talks like he is the best tennis player in the world, and he is.

Q. — Second best sport?
A. — Soccer. I played center midfield in high school.

Q. — Are you the best soccer play-
er on the team?
A. — I try.

Q. — What do you do for fun?
A. — Most of the players on the team have recently turned 21, so occasionally when we don't have a match we will go out and have some fun on the weekends. During the week my friends and I play some poker and I also hang out with my girlfriend.

Q. — What do you think of coaches?
A. — I think he's a great coach and nice guy. I think that in his four years, this is the strongest team he has had yet, and he's still new at this. He would agree that he is growing as a coach. He even said in the paper that he has never experienced anything like this as a coach here.

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Back to Baggett on top of the Big West

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Tied for first in the Big West Conference and winners of 12 of its last 16 games, the Cal Poly baseball team will host UC Davis this weekend.

The three-game, non-conference series opens Friday at 6 p.m., followed by single games Saturday at 6 p.m. and Sunday at 1 p.m. Cal Poly and UC Davis are meeting for the first time since 1993 and the Mustangs own a 5-1 advantage in the series.

Cal Poly (22-13, 5-1 Big West) won six straight, its longest winning streak of the season, before falling to Pacific in the second game of a Saturday doubleheader. UC Davis (19-12), which officially begins Big West play in 2006, earned 3-0, 9-0 and 6-1 victories over UC Santa Barbara last weekend.

Best Berglund stretches for the putout. Berglund is second on the team with 24 RBIs and has hit three home runs on the season.

3.02 ERA) on Friday, senior right-hander Jimmy Shull (3-5, 5.57 ERA) on Saturday and southpaw Garrett Olson (7-2, sophomore right-hander Gary Daley (4-0, 3.98 ERA) on Sunday.

For a while, coach Larry Lee had moved Daley into the second spot as Shull struggled. But with the start of conference, Lee has gone back to his conventional rotation.

The Aggie pitching rotation for the series is expected to be senior right-hander Dave McKee (6-1, 1.98 ERA) on Friday, junior lefty Michael Potter (3-3, 4.85 ERA) on Saturday and senior southpaw Peter Soskin (3-1, 1.08 ERA) on Sunday. Vince DeCotto, normally the Saturday starter, is doubtful for the series.

The Aggies have won six of their last eight and 12 of their last 15 games. Top Aggie hitters are outfielder Dan Baldini (.355), shortstop Brandon Oliver (.341) and second baseman Daniel Descalso (.336). The Aggies are hitting .287 as a team with a 3.08 ERA.

However, it was all about see Baseball, page 11

MAKING A SPLASH

The Cal Poly water ski team finished in sixth place at its spring opener meet on April 3. Competing among 12 schools, the Mustangs took sixth in the slalom, ninth in tricks and eighth in jumping to score 2630 points total, less than half as many as top-finishing UC San Diego. The Mustangs are comprised of a men’s team that finished sixth and a women’s squad that was ninth. The top finisher for each Cal Poly squad was Paul Reynolds with 410 points and Amanda Wilson with 280.

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Cal Poly sophomore Eva Nelson earned Big West Pitcher of the Week for her performance over the weekend against UC Davis.

The senior got the win in both games she pitched for the Mustangs, allowing no runs in a combined eleven innings and improving her record to 10-7. In the series opener against the Aggies, Nelson crafted a one-hitter with nine strikeouts, pitching all five innings before the mercy rule halted the Mustangs’ 10-0 win.

When Nelson faced Davis again, in the series finale on Sunday, the Salinas native once more held the Aggies scoreless. She entered the game in relief of the second inning, shutting down the rallying Aggies. Nelson only allowed two hits and recorded four strikeouts as the Mustangs won 9-2.

This is Nelson’s second Big West Pitcher of the Week award. She previously received the honor after hurling a perfect game two weeks ago against Utah State.

Previously, the Mustangs finished a weekend sweep as Cheley Strouffer had a three-run double in Cal Poly’s six-run sixth inning on Sunday. The Mustangs broke open a close game on their way to a 9-2 victory over UC Davis in a nonconference softball game at La Rue Field.

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