Renowned court reporter speaks of her experience with famous trials

Holly Burke

Chumash Auditorium was filled with aspiring journalists Thursday morning when renowned Associated Press courtroom reporter Linda Deutsch spoke of her life covering trials. Deutsch most recently covered the Michael Jackson trial but has also reported on the trials of O.J. Simpson, Charles Manson, Patty Hearst, William Kennedy Smith, the officers who were accused of beating Rodney King, the Menendez brothers and Robert Blake.

Deutsch is one of only 18 "senior reporters" for the Associated Press. After covering the O.J. Simpson trial, the Associated Press awarded her the Oliver Granling Reporter Award for distinguished reporting. In April 2005 she was awarded with the Los Angeles Press Club's President's Award.

Deutsch was asked to speak at Cal Poly by her uncle and journalism professor Marvin Sonn. Deutsch claimed that her ability to report fairly led to her success in covering famous trials.

She was even complimented in a phone call from Michael Jackson after the trial. "He called me for one reason — to thank me for being fair to him," she said.

O.J. Simpson also made a similar call to Deutsch after his trial. Though some feel the heavy coverage of celebrity trials is salacious, Deutsch said that such trials directly reflect popular culture of the time. "(The Michael Jackson trial) and every other celebrity trial is emblematic of what is going on."

Deutsch is one of only 15 "senior reporters" for the Associated Press. She was granted the use of DCNPP until the year 2008 and 2009, coinciding with scheduled refueling of the Diablo nuclear reactor. This measure has angered many community members and has not gone unchallenged. Local organizations like the San Luis Obispo Mothers For Peace, The Sierra Club, Public Citizen and Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility have made similar Web sites in Europe and they have told him it took five years before there were any results.

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Deutsch said that people are drawn to the drama of celebrity trials. "It is great theater, probably the most dramatic thing you're ever going to see in a story. They have a beginning, middle and an end." She said the Michael Jackson trial had a great effect on her.

"There were scenes during the Michael Jackson trial that I will never forget," she said. "The moment that Michael Jackson jumped on top of the van and danced, that was one for the books."

However, the Michael Jackson trial was not the strangest one covered by Deutsch, she covered the Charles Manson trial in 1970. "There were people being arrested with drag in their pockets, people having LSD flashbacks in court, Manson's women saying that they would burn themselves like the Vietnamese monk," she said.

Manson's own lawyer claimed Manson was Jesus and read from the bible in his closing argument. A woman in the courtroom also claimed Manson was Jesus and screamed mid-trial that she was the "whore of Babylon here to save my brother Manson."

Though the trials were entertaining at times, Deutsch said that those were the worst times of the defendant's lives. "What these trials are is not a circus. They're serious business. They're life altering events," she said.

"I thought it was interesting insight as to how the press thinks about contemporary and First Amendment issues," said mechanical engineering senior Leon Goss. "It is great theater, probably the most dramatic thing you're ever going to see in a story. They have a beginning, middle and an end."

She made a post asking for a ride from Boise, Idaho to Portland, Ore. and added that she would help drive and pay for gas. She said she likes the site but hasn't yet found people to share rides with. He set up a group on the college Web site TheFacebook.com for people looking to carpool to Los Angeles.

"Driving can cost a little too much and this site helps students get where they need to be and clean up the environment in the process," Forlee said.

"The reason that I set up the Facebook group was mainly in order to save money — with airplane tickets costing so much money, it just makes sense to carpool, even though gas is just as ridiculous," Coady said. "Plus, ridesharing means you meet cool new people."

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Bush salutes U.S. partnership with Mongolia

Terence Hunt
ASSOciATED PRESS

ULAN BATOR, Mongolia — In this frigid land where goats and horses far outnumber people, President Bush stretched to find common ground between the United States and Mongolia.

"Both our nations were settled by pioneers on horseback who tamed the rugged plains," the president said Monday. "Both our nations shook the yoke of colonial rule and built successful free societies."

Bush was the first U.S. president to visit this sparsely populated Buddhist country of desert wastelands and pastures where Genghis Khan ruled 800 years ago and began his conquests.

Fifteen years ago Mongolia became the first communist country in Asia to break toward freedom. But the pursuit of democracy meant the end of economic help from Moscow, and today Mongolia struggles with a poverty rate of nearly 40 percent. Foreign investment is scant, and Mongolia's schools and health system are in a shambles.

Welcomed with a saber salute, Bush sped through a four-hour visit. He ducked into domed, nomadic tents, posed for pictures with mounted warriors clad in armor, addressed lawmakers in the Parliament, known as the Great Hural and met with the president and prime minister.

Bush came to salute Mongolia's democracy and its contribution of about 120 troops to Iraq. He said Mongolia had stood with the United States as "brothers in the cause of freedom."

"Free people did not falter in the Cold War, and free people will not falter in the war on terror," the president said.

Bush acknowledged that the transition to democracy here has not been easy but said Mongolians were building better lives for their children and grandchildren.

The United States will give Mongolia $11 million under an initiative to help allies in the war on terror, Bush said. Mongolia also is one of 16 nations chosen to share $1 billion in U.S. aid as part of an incentive program that rewards poor countries that show a commitment to economic and government change.

Mongolia was the last stop on Bush's eight-day trip that included visits to Japan, South Korea and China. He returns home to a fierce debate over his Iraq war policy, a battle with Republican allies in Congress and allegations of vote buying.

There were disappointments for Bush at each stop in Asia. Japan did not lift its ban on U.S. beef imports. South Korea hit the White House with a one-third tax cutback in Iraq. China rebuffed Bush's call for more political freedom and gave little ground on trade.

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U.S. President George W. Bush shakes hands with a man dressed in traditional Mongolian clothing during his visit to Ulaan Tenger on Mongolian culture Monday, Nov. 21, 2005 in Ulan Bator, Mongolia. Mongolia is the last stop of Bush's four-country Asia tour.

Associated Press

Kenyans vote in referendum for new constitution

TONI MALITI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NAIROBI, Kenya — Kenyans voted Monday whether to approve a new constitution in a referendum officials said went relatively smoothly, despite minor clashes in Nairobi's largest slum and allegations of vote buying.

The draft charter had bitterly divided the nation and caused pre-election violence that killed seven people, leading election officials to deploy riot police to various parts of the country for the vote, including Nairobi's sprawling Kibera slum.

Kibera residents angry over the presence of the police chanted officers out of the slum and attacked a truck driver they thought was ferrying stuffed ballot boxes. The man suffered minor wounds, but there were no immediate reports of other clashes in the country.

Jack Tamuwa, a member of the Electoral Commission of Kenya, said officials received some reports of vote bribery, but he declined to say what action was taken.

Police spokesman Jaspher Ombati said in a statement late Monday that 20 people had been seen Kenya, page 5

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arrested in connection with different election offenses and police were continuing investigations. In a country where a third of the citizens can’t read, voters marked a banana for a “yes” vote and an orange for a “no” vote. Opponents of the referendum won two out of the three constitutional amendments, according to first provisional results announced by the chairman of the Electoral Commission of Kenya. Another 207 constituencies still have to report their results.

Both supporters and opponents of the proposed charter agree that Kenya needs a new constitution to curb decades of abuse of power by its leaders. But they disagree on its contents. Critics argue it fails to curb presidential powers because it rejects proposals to share the executive authority between the head of state, vice president, prime minister, the Cabinet and regional governments. Some opponents are poised to petition that gives women the right to own family land, which critics say goes against the practices of some tribes.

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In parts of western and eastern Kenya, supporters of the constitution reportedly paid people to vote for it and claimed that some votes were counting from the voters’ roll or they were listed as dead. Electoral Commission spokesman Mani Lemuyai said some of those people registered more than once and had been struck from the register.

Public rejection of the new charter — the first since Kenya won independence from Britain in 1963 — would undermine President Mwai Kibaki and allies who supported the charter. The next general elections are scheduled for 2007.

Kibaki was elected in 2002 on a platform of fighting corruption, reforming the government, curtailing unemployment and improving conditions for Kenyans. Many believe he has failed to deliver on those promises.

Kibaki, however, said on the eve of the vote that the proposed charter would lay the foundation for change.

Kenyans cast their ballots at more than 12,000 polling stations across the country. The country has about 31.6 million registered voters, out of a population of 34 million.

Suspect in mall shooting spree: ‘Just follow the screams’

Curt Woodward

ASSOCIATED PRESS

TACOMA, Wash. — A man accused of a shooting spree at a crowded shopping mall told authorities to “just follow the screams” when he called them shortly before opening fire with a pair of assault rifles, according to court documents released Monday.

Plans for making bombs and poison gas were later found after a search of the man’s car and bedroom, prosecutors said.

DOMINICK SERGIO, 20, was ordered held on $2 million bail after pleading innocent Monday to multiple charges.

According to the court documents, Maldonado told detectives he had been humiliated during a troubled childhood and that recent problems made him want to “be heard.” A text message to his ex-girlfriend before the rampage said he was about to show the world ‘his side of the woman’s view,” he said.

Six people were injured, one critically, in Sunday’s attack. Maldonado surrendered about four hours after he ducked into a music store and took hostages, all of whom were released unharmed, authorities said.

In the documents, prosecutors said Maldonado, of Tacoma, denied intending to shoot anyone, but was trying to draw media attention.

Police said the shooting began just before the mell erupted, with the caller saying he was armed with two assault rifles and about to start shooting.

When the dispatcher asked the man where he was, he replied, “Just follow the screams,” the papers said.

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UN: HIV continues to spread but prevention investments starting to pay off

Emma Ross

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — The global HIV epidemic continues to expand, with more than 40 million people now estimated to have the AIDS virus, but some signs that Pakistan and Indonesia could be on the verge of serious epidemics, the report said.

The deaths and new infection estimates were in line with those from last year, when the total number of people living with the virus was estimated at 39.4 million.

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UNAIDS estimates that $9 billion will be spent next year but say $15 billion will be needed.

The epidemics continue to intensify in southern Africa. Growing epidemics are under way in Eastern Europe and in Central and East Asia.

For years ago one in 10 new infections were in Asia. Today the number is one in four or five.

China, Papua New Guinea and Vietnam are facing significant increases. There are also alarming signs that Pakistan and Indonesia could be on the verge of serious epidemics, the report said.

Intravenous drug use and commercial sex are fueling the epidemic in Asia, where few countries are doing enough to inform people about the danger of such behavior, the report warned.

Worldwide, less than one in five people at risk of becoming infected with HIV has access to basic prevention services. Of people living with HIV only one in 10 has been tested and knows that he or she is infected.
Sony BMG’s plan to fight file sharing backfires, announces recall of CDs

Travis Andrews

Baton Rouge, La. — The fight against Internet file sharing reached a new level when Sony BMG Music Entertainment placed an anti-file sharing program on its albums that would be installed on the computer of anyone trying to copy the album onto his hard drive.

According to a Sony BMG news release, the program was made to protect the copyrighted music. But the program backfired, and many of the compact discs would not work in normal CD players.

The program also used much of the hard drive space, making other programs run far less efficiently, according to the Washington Post, a class-action lawsuit was brought against Sony BMG in Los Angeles Superior Court on Nov. 1. Sony BMG announced in a news release, it will be recalling albums that would be installed on the hard drive.

“We share concerns of consumers … and, for this reason, we are instituting a consumer exchange program and removing all unsold CDs with this software from retail outlet,” Sony BMG said in the statement.

William Lane, Louisiana State University finance professor, said recalls like this can either hurt or help a company.

“We saw a very positive recall when Tylenol had a recall,” Lane said, explaining the instance when someone was putting cyanide in the Tylenol and the company responded quickly, recalling all of the affected albums and that it was made to remove it.

If the company loses the trust, it could potentially damage its brand name, hurting sales, Lane said.

Macrobiotics guide mixes philosophy and food

Elizabeth Petrica

Honolulu — If you think you are eating healthy, think again.

“The Hip Chick’s Guide to Macrobiotics” by Jessica Porter describes a new philosophy of eating called macrobiotic cooking. Macrobiotics uses whole grains, which is essential not only to physical health, but also to mental stability and spiritual connectedness.

The book describes the 12 laws of change of the infinite universe, which illustrate the basic forces of how the universe works. These laws teach that by aligning with God and the universe, people feel peace and happiness.

In macrobiotics, it is understood that the more we eat natural, energized foods, the more we can sense our intuition, which is our direct line to the universe, Porter said.

Macrobiotics also involves the forces of yin and yang, you can make food and lifestyle choices that help you harmonize with the bigger picture, and when you tune in to the greater whole, freedom and happiness will follow you like puppy dogs,” Porter said.

The book helps young girls learn to eat healthfully and feel good about themselves. It emphasizes finding inner balance and peace as well as fulfilling relationships. For example, eating too much sugar constitutes yin and needs a balance of salt, which represents yang.

The book uses language that is geared toward teenagers, such as “groovy” and “chick,” which becomes wearing after a while. However, the recipes look very tasty and seem easy to make, which makes the book worthwhile.

Recipes include desserts, such as “Strawberry Kanten with Creamy Topping,” and everyday recipes for lunch and dinner.

This book is a good way for college women to find a way to balance the stress of every day life by eating healthily and feeling happy doing it.
Hot turkey without breaking a sweat

Kimy Rancer
TALLAHASSEE

It you want to give your guests a good Thanksgiving meal as a sort of Obadiah, without mangling their 20-pound bird. But still, there's good to know. "Local! Restaurants are offering holiday feasts. That means you don't have to go to cold turkey on good Thanksgiving eats."

Steamers of Pismo
1601 Price St., Pismo Beach, 773-4711

Specials: Steamers features a non-foof menu, unlike other. You can choose from a dinner of turkey, ham, prime rib, salmon, filet mignon or lobster tail.

Price: The turkey and ham slices are $30; prime rib is $35; salmon is $38; filet mignon is $38; and the lobster tail is $50.

Why you'll gobble it up: "It's great food, a great view and a wonderful staff," said business administration junior Kristin Dykstra, who is a hostess at Steamers. "It's an overall wonderful experience."

GOBBLE GOBBLE!

Hometown Buffet
485 Madonna Rd., 541-5594

Specials: As a full buffet, Hometown will offer its Sunday menu on Thanksgiving Day, which will include carved turkey, ham, mashed potatoes and more.

Price: By far the cheapest in town at $10.19 for adults.

Why you'll gobble it up: "It's super easy because you don't have to make anything and everything you'd expect at a Thanksgiving dinner is here," said service assistant Josiah Jimenez, who is also a civil engineering junior.

Maddonna Inn's
100 Madonna Rd., 784-2433

Specials: A holiday menu including roast turkey, honey-baked ham and more; Long Island ducklings.

Price: $27.95 for adults, $14.95 for kids.

Why you'll gobble it up: Phyllis Madonna decorates the steak house to give it a festive feel, not to mention, the restaurant boasts delicious food.

Happy Tofurky Day: A vegetarian spin on Thanksgiving

Bobbie Mullins
FROST & FLORIDA FLANDREAU (FLORIDA STATE G)


In the Thanksgiving production at my house, the role of the bird is played by a spunky understudy to the mashed potatoes and soy-wheat. This monkey has become a standard holiday one-liner on late-night talk shows. No bird will be harmed in the making of my meal.

It wasn't always this way. Just like millions of other families, we had a turkey on our table 13 years ago. But suddenly, unexpectedly, we were struck by the story of giving thanks to a bird who really didn't have much to be thankful for. I was caught off guard by the overwhelming urge to get rid of the turkey and never do this again.

My daughter and I had already been flitting with vegetarianism for some time. It started when we got a mailing from an animal protection group that told the story of a cow who arrived at the slaughterhouse unable to walk. When poking and prodding failed to move her, the cow was dragged off the truck by tying one end of a rope to her leg, the other to a post in the ground, and driving the truck out from under her. Her pelvis broke when she hit the ground. She was left there for hours in the blazing sun. At one point, she was attacked by a pack of stray dogs. A witness snapped a photo of her lying there, hind legs played out awkwardly to either side, blood running down her face. The witness asked the stockyard staff to put the animal out of her misery, but it wasn't until well into the evening — more than eight hours after the cow's ordeal began — that a butcher finally arrived to administer a fatal bullet.

Apparently, it is common for animals to arrive at slaughterhouses too weak, sick or injured to move. So common that they have a nickname: "downers." This poor animal's fate was certainly a downer for me. Hamburgers suddenly lost their appeal. I must have been broken by the thought of eating them. Every time I read about the plight of one animal or another, for weeks after I couldn't bear the thought of eating them.

Weeks stretched into months. Our family meals started to center on vegetables instead of meat. We ate spaghetti with marinara sauce, hold the meatballs. We tossed zucchini, squash, eggplants and noodles onto the grill. I started experimenting with exotic cuisines and "faux" foods like soy milk and cheese, tofu, veggie burgers and "Nudogs." My husband, always thrilled to get a home-cooked meal, gamely gave all of my efforts an enthusiastic thumbs up, even the ones that were a little too experimental.

Before I knew it, a year had gone by. Thanksgiving rolled around. Out of habit, I prepared the same meal I had since the kids were little. All of their favorites-including turkey. If wasn't until I set the bird on the table that it hit me. I hadn't eaten meat since last Thanksgiving. If I could go a year without meat, why eat it at all?

Now we count our blessings around an all-vegetarian Thanksgiving dinner. Here's what we've learned in the last 13 years: Tofurky is good for the heart. Physically, yes, but that's not what we think about on Thanksgiving. We think about how it helps our hearts spiritually. And we gave thanks for the privilege of feeling good, on No-Turkey Day and always.
WASHINGTON — Vice President Dick Cheney on Monday accused critics of "corrupt and shameless" revisionism in suggesting President Bush lied to the nation about going to war in Iraq.

Cheney praised the character of Rep. Mark "Murtha "my friend and former colleague," he added. "That was the peak of his career."

Media groups sue governor to force release of aides' calendars

Steve Lawrence
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO — A free speech group and two newspapers sued Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on Monday to try to force him to reveal who was meeting with two of his top aides while he was considering the fate of hundreds of bills last year.

The lawsuit by the California First Amendment Coalition, the San Jose Mercury News and the San Diego Daily Transcript seeks the appointment calendars and other records indicating which people from outside the governor's office met with, or spoke to, Patricia Clary and Bonnie Reiss from Aug. 27 to Sept. 30, 2004.

Clary is Schwarzenegger's chief of staff and Reiss is his senior adviser.

At a minimum, the suit asks that the governor be ordered to release those records covering Clary and Reiss' meetings and telephone conversations during the week of Sept. 13-20, 2004.

"That was the peak week when most of the bills, and all of the most contentious ones, were finally signed off on or vetoed," said Peter Scheer, executive director of the coalition.

Scheer said Clary and Reiss' records would provide information about "all the important meetings that the governor didn't have for reasons of time availability and maybe because he didn't want to be too close to certain sympathizers."

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"I think it's important for the public to know who has the ear of the governor, both directly and through his top aides," he added.

"Then people will be able to make their own judgments as to whether some of the legislative decisions were made for the right reasons, purely on the merits or were influenced by other considerations, including campaign contributions."

Scheer said the lawsuit was filed in San Diego County Superior Court because several judges there have issued opinions supporting openness in public records cases.

After voters last November approved Proposition 59, a measure strengthening public access to government records, Schwarzenegger released his meeting schedules for the period Oct. 21, 2003, to Nov. 17, 2004.

The records revealed that the Republican governor met regularly during that period with corporate campaign contributors.

"Such a result would place unwarranted limits on the governor's access to critical information concerning the matters before him and thereby inhibit his consideration of the broad spectrum of persons and viewpoints which he requires to govern effectively," Scheer wrote.

Also he said that Clary and Reiss' records would include personal information that would be too costly and time consuming to redact.

But the lawsuit said the records sought by the coalition and newspapers were subject to release under the Public Records Act and the state constitution and that Schwarzenegger's willingness to make public his own meeting schedules undercut Siggins' argument.

"The governor's willing disclosure of his own schedule for the same time period indicates a determination that the public interest served by disclosing such records outweighs any purported interest in not disclosing them," it said.
NIKE JET'S SAFE LANDING

NIKE EXEC SAFELY ON GROUND DURING LANDING-DRAMA

Brad Cain
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HILLSBORO, Ore. - The pilot of a Nike corporate jet got a stuck landing gear to stop into place and landed the plane safely Monday after putting through a series of stressful, high-altitude moves, according to the pilot.

The jet circled to burn off fuel before making the emergency landing at Hillsboro Airport, where it had taken off.

The suburban airport is just west of Portland and near Nike's Beaverton headquarters. Nike Inc. is the world's largest athletic shoe and clothing company.

Besides Perez, two other Nike executives, Perez's assistant and a crew of three were on the plane for a planned flight to Toronto.

The crew was eventually able to get the right main landing gear fully extended and locked into place after a delay of 4 hours with Gaulstream officials. The plane took off at 6 a.m. and made its emergency landing at 12:11 p.m. on all three wheels.

Perez said the pilot tried various things to try to get the right wheel unlocked, including an ascent to about 20,000 feet and "some zero gravity maneuvers."

"We did a few maneuvers and in the (wheel) came down," Perez said. "We had a 90-degree turn and we had all of the power on the plane."

The plane, a Gaulstream V, is a 2002 aircraft acquired by Nike earlier this month, said Joani Kombos, a company spokesman.

The plane had been through the appropriate testing, she said. The company didn't know what caused the malfunction, but will be working with Gaulstream to find out, Kombos said.

Nike co-founder Phil Knight was not on board the jet. Perez joined the company last year when Knight stepped down from daily management of the company.

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Former DeLay aide pleads guilty in conspiracy to bribe public officials

Pete Yost
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON - Michael Scanlon, a former partner of lobbyist Jack Abramoff, pleaded guilty Monday to conspiring to bribe public officials, a charge growing out of the government investigation of attempts to defraud Indian tribes and corrupt a member of Congress.

At the time, it was disclosed that Scanlon, a former aide to Rep. Tom DeLay, has been cooperating in a widening criminal investigation of members of Congress since June.

Scanlon entered his plea before U.S. District Judge Ellen Segal Huvelle and was ordered to pay restitution totaling more than $19 million to Indian tribes that he admitted had been defrauded.

Abramoff and Scanlon were paid more than $80 million between 2001 and 2004 for six American Indian tribes with causes.

One of Scanlon's lawyers, Plato Cachron, declined outside the courthouse after the plea that his client has been cooperating with for the past five months.

"There have been a lot of conservation groups that are Scanlon and the Justice Department starting in June, Cachron said in a brief interview Monday.

In an eight-page statement of facts, Scanlon admitted that he and an unidentified person referred to as Lobbyist A provided items of value to public officials in exchange for a series of official acts.

The items to one unidentified person of people included all-expense-paid trips to the Northern Mariana Islands in January 2000 to assist Abramoff and his firm in maintaining lobbying efforts; the chairmanship of a conference committee of House and Senate members, Representative No. 1 to agreed to introduce legislation that would lift existing federal restrictions on commercial gaming for two Indian tribes in Texas that were Abramoff clients; and that Representative No. 1 met with a California tribe to discuss Representative No. 1 to agree to assist Abramoff and his firm in maintaining lobbying efforts, taxation of certain payments received by members of the California tribe.

"Guilty, your honor," Scanlon told the judge when asked how he was pleading. He could face up to five years in prison.

The statement of facts Scanlon signed said he had a fee-splitting arrangement with Abramoff that was kept secret from the tribes because disclosure likely would have jeopardized the arrangement.

For its services "were significantly in excess" of the costs, the statement added.

Cachron, Scanlon's lawyer, said his client regretted what happened to the tribes and "he is trying to do what he thinks is right" by cooperating with the government.

DeLay is among those facing scrutiny for his associations with Abramoff, including a trip to Scotland and use of Abramoff's skybox at a football game. Abramoff's lobbying network stretched far into the halls of Congress, with Abramoff clients and "he is trying to do what he thinks is right" by cooperating with the government.
CAST NOT THE FIRST STONE...

It seems like every time we read about Patriots quarterback Tom Brady or Nicole Smith in the news, it's the same story — they've broken up with another guy or they're getting divorced or they're seen with another guy. The story repeats itself across the media and every time, we shake our heads and move on with our own lives.

Say hello to Israel's problem. Any time we see the country in the news, the story recounts the latest deaths in the conflict between Palestinians and Israelis. It's the same stuff — who's taking or deflecting the blame for the fight, who's calling what, and what it all means to the peace process.

But the Arab-Israel conflict is just a single facet of one of the most fascinating countries in the world. Israel, like celebrities, does so much more than what the mainstream news reports. Did you know that Israel has committed to airlifting 20,000 impoverished Ethiopian Jews into its borders? Not only that, but each Ethiopian will be granted automatic Israeli citizenship and will be given food, housing, Hebrew classes, health services, vocational training and more.

Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, a leader of the group in the world taking action to end the genocide in Darfur in Sudan. The Sudanese government has murdered over 400,000 of its own people in Darfur in just ten years — an event that has affected 3.4 million people in the region and left half of those homeless.

Israel has not only committed financial aid to rescue the people in Sudan, but Israeli Jews and Muslims from around the world are working to provide emergency aid and support water resources, sanitation facilities, food centers and health care to those affected, according to the American Jewish World Service.

Unfortunately, we don't have the space in these newsworthy events, you have to go beyond the front page of the daily paper. We learned about it all the time when we were kids from Ann Landers, from the news, newspapers, and magazines. We've seen it all. But we haven't had to travel all the way to the US or even to Israel.

The news doesn't report the news...
Volleyball wins final regular season match

The Mustangs' volleyball team closed in style with a convincing sweep of UC Davis. The Mustangs won 30-24, 30-15, and 30-13 to improve to 19-6 overall. The conference has never had fewer than four bids to the NCAA tournament historically and the Mustangs' third place finish along with the team's 19-6 overall record are tournament worthy, said Stevenson. Stevenson expects to play a top four opponent in the opening round.

The University of Southern California, Santa Clara and UC Berkeley are potential first round opponents.

Men's basketball

The men's basketball team fell 72-57 to Joe Sunday afternoon at Mont Gym. The Mustangs struggled offensive-wise, shooting 38.3 percent from the field as a team. San Jose State played tough man-to-man defense and stifled Cal Poly's post play. Freshman Chuck Thomas led the Mustangs with 10 points.

Wrestling

Cal Poly's Matt Montero pinned his opponent in the finals of the Fullerton Open Wrestling Tournament at Cal State Fullerton on Saturday, winning the 197-pound division. Montero won three of his matches by fall and the fourth by technical fall, 15-0, over Fullerton's Chris Chambers in the championship match en route to his championship.

Women's tennis

Cal Poly's Maria Malek came up short in her bid to win the Flight B championships at the Cal Poly Invitational, losing 6-1, 6-7 (7-5) to Sonya Kumar of Cal State Northridge on Sunday. The Cal Poly Invitational concluded the Mustangs' fall campaign. The team will continue play Jan. 15 in a dual match at Pepperdine.

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MUSTANGS WIN HOME OPENER

Jennifer Boudewijn
MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly women’s basketball team started its season out on a positive note, winning its home opener 86-78 against Cal State Los Angeles.

Golden Eagles on Friday in Mont Gym.

The Mustangs outscored the Eagles 61-28 in the second half.

Senior center Sarah Grieve was the leading scorer with 14 points, followed closely by junior guard Jessica Eggleston and freshman forward Megan Harrison with 13 apiece.

Eggleston and Harrison also led the team in rebounds, racking up nine each.

The Golden Eagles were led by Monica Takum with 16 points, followed by Charnell Utz and Amber Fosse with 14 each, Amber Todd with 11 and Monique Delon.

Garrett Leight
MUSTANG DAILY

With more than 75 percent of the Cal Poly women’s basketball players being upperclassmen, this is the year the team hopes to make a move in the Big West.

The Mustangs are coming off a losing season in which the team finished with an overall record of 11-16 and 5-13 Big West, a record that placed them ninth in the Big West.

Last year’s team started off the season strong, winning nine of its first 14 games before finishing out the season with just two wins in their last 13 games.

However, coach Faith Mimnaugh feels things will be different this year.

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The Mustangs’ first game by cashing in 13 points and leading the team with 9 rebounds in 19 minutes.

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Cal Poly Womens Basketball 2005-06

STARTING LINEUP/DEPTH CHART

Point Guard
Sparkle Anderson
Anthaia Newman
Shooting Guard
Jessica Eggleston
Michelle Henke
Forward
Emille Ravn
Armina Jusafagic
Center
Sarah Grieve
Armina Jusafagic
Nicole Yarwasky

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2 Lisa McBride G Fr. 6-2 HS
3 Sparkle Anderson PG Jr. 5-2 2V
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POST GAME HIGHLIGHTS

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Ivorian cocoa bean farmer Jules Dalo uses industrial scales to weigh a 100kg bag of beans that will be sold to the United States.

Club offers fair trade solutions to holiday shoppers

Maricar Mendoza
MUSTANG DAILY

With less than a month left until Christmas, many are struggling to figure out what to buy friends and family members. The Cal Poly Fair Trade Club is offering a suggestion: coffee — and a little piece of mind.

Since Nov. 15, the Cal Poly Fair Trade Club has sold its holiday gift packs, a cellophane-wrapped package full of LaDonna’s Coffee Co. fair trade coffee and fair trade sugar from the Philippines plus a latte mug sporting the club’s logo for $20. Today from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m., the club will continue to sell the packs at Campus Market and El Corral Bookstore. Proceeds will go to purchasing three S.S (K) industrial scales for three different cooperatives in the Ivory Coast that club adviser and food science and nutrition associate professor Tom Neuhaus said is vital to the African farmers.

"A way to help the farmers is to give them (items) that will help their business, and one of those things is a scale," Neuhaus said. "If they can weigh the beans themselves, they won’t get ripped off by the middle man."

Melissa Schilling, an agriculture graduate student and outgoing club president, formed the Fair Trade Club as part of her senior project in January to help raise awareness about fairness and equality in the food industry through fair trade. Fair trade ensures farmers and plantation workers safe work conditions.

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Santa Maria bus crash kills two

SANTA MARIA — A Greyhound bus ran off a freeway, overturned and slid at least 100 yards on its side before hitting a tree Sunday, killing a pregnant woman and a man on board, authorities said.

Authorities said driver fatigue may have contributed to the crash. The previous night, the driver had traveled from Fresno to Los Angeles, then left Los Angeles shortly after 3 a.m. Sunday. He had been on the road for about four hours when the bus overturned.

Dozens of passengers among the 44 people on board the San Francisco-bound bus were hurt, at least seven of them with major injuries. Four survivors were trapped in the wreckage and had to be rescued with hydraulic equipment, while some of the most seriously injured

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Rescue personnel remove one of two people killed when a Greyhound bus flipped over Sunday morning in Santa Maria.
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fair pricing for goods and labor.

Other items the club is working to pro-
provide for Ivory Coast farmers are solar-powered
freezers, which Neuhaus said will allow
the farmers to sell other goods such as
fruits and vegetables. Providing the farmers with boots is
also a goal for the club.

"Boots are important because there are
stakes that are poisonous in the fields.
(Farmers) and children who get
bit by the because the clinics are so far," Neuhaus explained. "The idea is to help
them get these things they can't afford because
with these tools they can have a
chance at a better quality of life." According to
Global Exchange, a membership-

based international
human rights organization, the Ivory Coast provides 43 percent
of the world's cocoa. Furthermore, 70 percent of chocolate consumed in
America is from the Ivory Coast, which is
why it's so important for the club to raise
money to help those farmers, Schilling and Neuhaus said.

"We want to support the farmers who
provide the chocolates for us so cheaply in
Ivory Coast and Guatemala," Neuhaus said.

The club began selling T-shirts and coffee
bags that can be purchased separ-
ately. The last day to purchase the gift packs
this quarter will be Thursday from 7:30 to
11:30 p.m. at Campus Market and El Corral. The holiday gift packs are also available at Cafe Luna, Splash Cafe and the SLO Yoga Centre in San Luis Obispo.

But for coffee lovers who want to con-
tinue to support the club's efforts, Schilling said there is no need to worry because the club plans to sell the packs — whether called holiday gift packs or not — through-out the academic year in order to make
donations over summer 2006.

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Fair Trade club adviser

Business

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Ortali was 25 years old when he and co-
founder Bruce Breault collaborated to open
the steakhouse that sits on Matte Hill in Shell
Beach.

"We did all the work ourselves," Ortali said.
"Our wives worked at first. I sat in the front
and Bruce was in the kitchen."

Ortali graduated in 1970 from Cal Poly's
College of Business in international relations.
He then developed his own curriculum at the
university to earn a business teaching credential.

Ortali taught for a year at Righetti High
School in Santa Maria before he decided to
apply for an international sales position and
was offered interviews for jobs in Denver and
for Kodak in New York.

During this time, Breault offered him a step
into the restaurant industry.

"I made the right choice," Ortali said. "I was
very fortunate to be where I was, and when I
was to make the right decision and go through
with it."

Ortali said negotiations for the location and
property took many days and nights with
Matti Smyer, owner of the property, but the
entrepreneurs were able to cut a good deal.

Breault and Ortali worked on the decora-
tions and the establishment of the restaurant.
But opening it also meant following city
codes.

"We were two weeks from opening up when the
city came and said, 'You need to redo the
electric,'" Ortali said.

Ortali said it was one friend in particular who
made a difference — Frank Gallagher, an
electrician.

"We asked him, 'How much do you think
it's going to cost?' And he said $10,000 —
$10,000 that we don't have," Gallagher gave
Breault and Ortali time to get the money and
allowed the restaurant to open on schedule.

"He was the man that made it happen just
by doing that one thing," Ortali said.

On Oct. 1, 1973, the restaurant opened and
was "successful right off the bat."

"We served 89 dinners that night and busi-
ness hasn't slowed down since," Ortali said.

F. McLintocks Steakhouse, visible off U.S.
Highway 101 in Shell Beach, attracts and
entertains customers with its authentic western
decorations including animal features, such as
a buffalo, a caribou and a bear. The restaurant is
decorated with rustic, wooden walls and bou-
tique tavern features, from its decor to its
restaurant menu.

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The two monorail trains sit on their tracks smashed together above downtown Seattle after clipping each other on a curve Saturday evening forcing the evacuation of 84 passengers.

Monorail trains clip each other

Jim Cour
Associated Press

SEATTLE — John Galagan was riding the monorail with his family when the sliding door was ripped off of their car, breaking a window and showering his two children with glass.

The train had clipped the monorail's only other train on a curve Saturday evening, forcing the evacuation of 84 passengers.

Galagans children, ages 15 and 11, were unscathed by the glass, but officials said two other people were hospitalized with minor injuries.

"We heard a screeching sound — metal on metal — and glass breaking," said Galagan, 50, of Mukilteo, Wash. Several people slid off their seats.

He said the crash "wasn't real violent," saying "the scariest thing was coming down the ladder."

Several blocks of Fifth Avenue were closed after the accident, said Helen Fitzpatrick, fire department spokeswoman.

The crash occurred above the route of Sunday's Seattle Marathon, but did not affect the course. Some 15,000 runners hit the streets as planned, said police Officer Rich Pratt.

The Police Department will investigate the crash, Pratt said. The National Transportation Safety Board would also likely investigate, he said.

Despite treaty ban, U.S. farmers continue to use pesticide

Rita Beamish
Associated Press

WATSONVILLE, Calif. — Shoppers rifle through store shelves brimming with succulent tomatoes and plump strawberries, hoping to enjoy one last round of fresh fruit before the Western growing season ends. There is no hint of a dark side to the blue of red.

Strawberries are a painful subject for Guillermo Ruiz. The farm worker believes his headaches, confusion and vision trouble stem from a decade working in the fields with methyl bromide, a pesticide that protects the berries with stunning efficiency.

Cheri Alderman, a teacher whose classroom borders a farm, fears her students could inhale a dangerous whiff of the fumigant as it drifts from the adjacent strawberry field. "A little dribble of poison is still poison," she says.

The concerns stretch globally. Other nations watch as the United States keeps permitting wide use of methyl bromide for tomatoes, strawberries, peppers, Christmas trees and other crops, even though the U.S. signed an international treaty banning all but the most critical uses by 2005.

The chemical depletes the earth's protective ozone layer and can harm the human neurological system, an increasing concern as people settle further into what was once just farm country.

Methyl bromide's survival demonstrates the difficulty of boshing a powerful pesticide that helps deliver what both farmers and consumers want: abundant, pest-free and affordable produce.

The Bush administration, at the urging of agriculture and manufacturing interests, is making plans to ensure that methyl bromide remains available at least through 2008 by working and winning treaty exemptions. Also, the administration will not commit to an end date.

The administration's "fervent desire and goal" is to end methyl bromide's use, said Claudia McMurray, deputy assistant secretary of state.

The amount of the fumigant that is used to fumigate the soil to prepare for strawberry planting.

A sign, required by law, warns of a pesticide application of methyl bromide on a field near Watsonville, Calif. on Aug. 12, 2005. The pesticide is used to fumigate the soil to prepare for strawberry planting.
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The U.S. signed the Montreal Protocol treaty, committing to phase out methyl bromide by 2005 as part of the effort to protect the earth's ozone layer.

A provision allows for exemptions to prevent "market disruptions." The U.S. has used it to persuade treaty signors to allow U.S. farmers to continue using the chemical.

That exemption process leaves the U.S. 37 percent shy of the phaseout required by 2005, with at least 10,450 tons of methyl bromide exempted this year. While that compares with about 20,000 tons used in 1991, this year's total is higher than it was two years ago.

U.S. officials are heading to a Montreal Protocol meeting in Senegal on Dec. 7 to begin negotiations on exemptions for 2007 and preparing requests for 2008.

That is not what the treaty envisioned, said David Doniger, senior scientist with the Natural Resources Defense Council. In the 1990s, he worked on the protocol as head of ozone programs for the Environmental Protection Agency.

"Nobody expected you would use the exemption to cancel the final step of the phaseout or even go backward," Doniger said.

With methyl bromide probably exempted for several years, the EPA is re-examining its health and safety standards.

California, which grows more than 85 percent of the nation's strawberries and other methyl bromide-dependent crops, launched regulations last year to improve its strictest-in-the-nation protections for farmworkers and others.
Holiday sales get off to a lukewarm start; Wal-Mart reports strong debut to the holiday season

Anne D’Innocenzo
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The official holiday shopping season appears to have gotten off to a lukewarm start, according to results announced Saturday by a national research group that monitors retail sales. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. was one bright spot in the crowd, despite heavier discounting and expanded retail outlets, the overall sales on Friday were relatively unchanged compared to a year ago. Wal-Mart chief economist and director of research for the International Council of Shopping Centers, in a statement. He added that while Black Friday, so named because the post-Thanksgiving surge of shoppers supposedly pushes stores into profitability for the year, is important to merchants, it’s not always the best indicator of consumer shopping patterns for the remainder of the season.

In 2004, the Friday after Thanksgiving was the second busiest day of the holiday shopping season, according to ShopperTrak, the busiest day was the Saturday before Christmas. In a challenging but improving economy, the nation’s retailers piled shoppers Friday with heavier discounting and earlier openings than a year ago. There were also a number of newcomers to the early bird special scene, including Disney Stores and Wal-Mart’s Sam’s Clubs. At Wal-Mart, the deep discounts and expanded hours appeared to have paid off. The world’s largest retailer said Saturday that it expects to post a solid 4.3 percent gain in same-store sales for November, helped by better-than-expected sales Friday. That’s at the mid-point of its growth forecast of 3 to 5 percent. The sales results cover the four-week period through Friday. Same-store sales are stores at stores opened at least a year and are considered the best indicator of a retailer’s health. Wal-Mart and the nation’s other major retailers are to report their final November sales results Thursday.

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Tips on how to look cool without freezing your boots off

San Luis Obispo shoppers, both women and men, are advised to layer, make use of earth tone colors and accessorize for this winter season.

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During the two months a year that San Luis Obispo gets a little chilly, it can be difficult to shed the Rainbow sandals and T-shirts for something a bit warmer. This winter season, some of downtown San Luis Obispo’s best boutiques offered some fashion advice for those who think 60 degrees is FREEZING.

Since it does not snow on the Central Coast, wearing big down jackets is unnecessary, so the key to staying warm this winter is to layer clothing. Layering allows girls to still wear their favorite tank top underneath a cozy sweater or hooded sweatshirt and accessorize with colorful scarves or stylish boots for a look that is feminine and not bulky.

“This season it’s all about big comfy sweaters, nothing skin-tight,” said Alana Myregard, a buyer for Central Coast Surfboards. “Pair a big sweater in a color like teal, sea foam green with a skirt and cowboy boots, and accessorize with a fun necklace.”

The days of Britney Spears-inspired belly shirts are over, and this season, showing less skin is more. Myregard suggested layering a long tank top with a V-neck tunic, and said some girls are even buying tops a size larger to make them more comfortable.

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Water supply in Chinese city resumes after five-day shutdown

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HARBIN, China — Running water was restored Sunday in this city of 5.8 million people where a chemical spill forced a five-day shutdown, but officials warned it was not immediately safe to drink.

Water supplies resumed in Harbin at 6 p.m. — about five hours earlier than expected, the official Xinhua News Agency said. It said tests showed a 50-mile spill of toxic benzene in the Songhua River had passed the city in northeastern China.

State television showed the governor of Heilongjiang province, where Harbin is located, drinking a glass of boiled water drawn from a tap at a local family’s home. “It tastes good,” said Gov. Zhang Zouchao.

Wang Mingde, deputy general manager of the Harbin water department, said the water was still “dangerous” to drink “because it’s been sitting in pipes for five days.” He said it should be used only for other purposes, such as washing.

“We will advise citizens when they can drink the water,” he told reporters taken on a tour of a water-treatment plant.

Wang did not say how soon the water might be considered safe for drinking.

The government will cut water fees to encourage the public to use water as quickly as possible over the next few days to flush out the old supply and “enable it to be drinkable sooner,” Wang said.

Earlier Sunday, Liu Yunrun, general manager for the Harbin Water Group, the city’s water utility, said local radio and television stations would broadcast a color-coded indicator of water safety over the next few days.

Work crews were installing more than 1,000 tons of carbon filters at water plants in preparation for treating supplies from the Songhua according to state media.

Before service resumed, people lined up for another day in freezing wind holding out buckets and celebrities for free water delivered by truck from wells operated by factories and a beer brewery. The city also had trucked in millions of bottles of drinking water and said it was drilling 100 new water wells.

The Harbin disaster resulted from a Nov. 13 explosion at a chemical plant in Jilin, a city about 120 miles southeast. Five people were killed and 10,000 evacuated.

It was only last week that the government announced the Songhua had been poisoned with 180 tons of benzene. The spill is possibly the biggest ever of the chemical, a potentially cancer-causing liquid, in making detergents and plastics.

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KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — Four U.S. soldiers face disciplinary action for burning the bodies of two Taliban rebels — a videotaped incident that sparked outrage in Afghanistan — but they will not be prosecuted because their actions were motivated by legitimate concerns, the military said Saturday.

TV footage recorded Oct. 1 in a violent part of southern Afghanistan showed Americans setting fire to the bodies and then boasting about the act on loudspeakers to taunt insurgents suspected to be hiding in a nearby village.

Islam bans cremation, and the video images were compared to photographs of U.S. troops abusing prisoners at Iraq’s Abu Ghraib prison. Afghanistan’s government condemned the desecration. Muslim clerics warned of a violent anti-American backlash, though there have been no protests so far.

The soldiers, facing an investigation, immediately launched an inquiry and vowed that anyone found guilty would be prosecuted. Fearing the incident could undermine public support for the war against a stubborn insurgency four years after U.S.-led forces ousted the Taliban.

The U.S.-led coalition’s operational commander, Maj. Gen. John Stennis, said two junior officers who ordered the bodies burned would be reprimanded for showing a lack of cultural and religious understanding, but that the men had been unaware of any irreligious actions.

Kamya also said two noncommissioned officers would be reprimanded for using the burning of the bodies to taunt the rebels. The two men also faced nonjudicial punishment, which could include a loss of pay or demotion in rank.

“Our investigation found there was no intent to desecrate the remains but only to dispose of them for hygienic reasons,” Kamya said. He added that the broadcast about the burned remains, while “designed to incite fleeing Taliban to fight,” violated military policy.

Kandahar Gov. Abdulrahil Khalid, who attended the military’s news conference in the former Taliban stronghold of Kandahar, said, “We have confidence in this investigation.”

But Islamic clerics criticized the findings of the probe.

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Ex-prime minister claims
Iraqi rights abuses now as bad as under Saddam

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BAGHDAD, Iraq—Iraq's former interim prime minister complained Sunday that human rights abuses by some in the new government are as bad as they were under Saddam Hussein.

Arad Allawi, a secular Shiite Muslim, told the London newspaper The Observer that Shiites are responsible for death squads and secret torture centers and that brutality by elements of Iraqi security forces recalls that of Saddam's secret police.

"People are remembering the days of Saddam. These were the precise reasons that we fought Saddam then, and now we are seeing the same thing," the newspaper quoted Allawi as saying.

In Canada, meanwhile, a Parliament official said four aid workers, including two Canadians, had been kidnapped in Iraq but refused to name their group or say where they were held. Britain's Foreign Office said the group is in a tense situation and has no further details.

Elizabeth Colton, a U.S. Embassy spokeswoman, said the United States was investigating whether an American was among the missing.

Most international organizations fled Iraq last year following a wave of kidnappings and shootings of foreign and Iraqi hostages. Many of them were carried out by al-Qaida in Iraq, led by the Jordanian Abu Musab Zarqawi.

The U.S. military reported that a Marine pilot of the 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing was killed Saturday when his vehicle struck a roadside bomb near Camp Taqaddum, 45 miles west of Baghdad. At least 2,100 U.S. military personnel have died since the invasion, the military said.

On Sunday, Iraqi police reported that 17 people were killed and 42 wounded when a wave of roadside bombs struck police headquarters and the al-Khalidiyah commercial area in the capital's eastern neighborhood. The police said the attacking group was "trying to cooperate with al-Qaida in Iraq, but it is not clear."

Allawi's allegations of widespread human rights abuses follows the discovery this month of up to 17 mass graves among the missing.

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"People are doing the same as Saddam's time and worse," he said. "It is an appropriate comparison."

His remarks appeared aimed at winning favor among the Sunni Arab minority as well as secular Shiites ahead of the Dec. 16 parliamentary elections. Allawi is running on a secular ticket that includes several prominent Sunnis.

During his tenure as prime minister, Allawi lost the support of many Shiites because he brought back former members of Saddam's Sunni-dominated regime back into the security services to bolster the fight against insurgents.

There was no comment from Shiite politicians on Allawi's interview. However, the leader of Iraq's biggest Shiite party said allegations of torture were distortions and might be designed to draw attention away from the Saddam's trial, which resumes Monday after a four-month break.

"At the time of the Saddam trial, the issue of the torture in Iraqi prisons is being exaggerated," said Abdul-Aziz Al-Hakim, head of the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq. "When it comes to the crimes committed by Saddam for decades in which millions of Iraqis were affected, there is complete silence."

The remarks were broadcast Sunday by the party's television station.

In an interview published Sunday by The Washington Post, Al-Hakim also complained the U.S. government is trying Iraq's hands in the mess in the insurgency and said one of the country's biggest problems "is the mistaken or wrong policies practiced by the Americans."

On Sunday, Iraqi police said a rocket hit the northwest of Basra that is inhabited by some of the largest number of Jews in the Middle East. No injuries or deaths were reported.

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INHERITAGE

Earthquake in southern Iran flattens villages, kills 10 people

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Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran—An earthquake with a magnitude of at least 5.9 shook a sparsely populated area of southern Iran on Sunday, flattening seven villages, killing 10 people and injuring 76, officials and state-run television said. The trembler was felt as far away as Oman and the United Arab Emirates.

Heidar Aliabadi, the governor of Qeshm, was quoted by state television as saying rescue teams were deployed to the affected area, and people in the wrecked villages moved quickly to safety.

Another provincial official, Ghasem Karami, told The Associated Press that high casualties were not expected because the area was not heavily developed.

Iran's seismology center said the quake was magnitude 5.9, but the U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colo., said it had a magnitude of 6.1. A magnitude-6.0 quake can cause severe damage.

Iran's seismology center said the epicenter was in the waters of the Persian Gulf between the port city of Bandar Abbas and Qeshm Island, about 940 miles south of Tehran. The USGS said the quake was 35 miles southwest of Bandar Abbas, which has about 500,000 residents.

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The quake cut telephone links between Qeshm Island and the mainland, the report said.

In Oman and the United Arab Emirates, buildings were evacuated and people fled into the streets.

"We do have reason to believe that driver fatigue may have been a significant factor," Minor said.

"One driver, off the freeway about three miles from its intended off-ramp and came to rest on its right side a few feet down an embankment after striking a eucalyptus tree."

Both northbound lanes of Highway 101, one of the state's major corridors, were shut down after the accident and remained closed until mid-afternoon as the California Highway Patrol investigated.

The closure caused a backup that stretched for several miles, offi­cials said.

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Searching for a better deal

The price of a product is only a small part of the total cost of its overall cost. A "search cost" is the cost of finding the product you want at a competitive price. Search costs comprise the time and resources it takes to figure out the fair price and true quality of a product.

The time it takes to shop for textbooks online or the cost of purchasing Game Stop or Vista to learn what's in fashion are both search costs. Even though it may be ridiculously expensive to buy textbooks from the campus bookstore, it still costs a lot more time and uncertainty to purchase online. To use an example from last week, one could purchase a travel guide to learn about how to avoid overpaying for a taxi ride in a foreign country.

Last week, we also saw the result when marketers push products whose quality or price are uncertain. A captive audience for marketing messages means that marketers incur our search costs. Proponents of the product and marketing is an efficient medium to tell the world what's for sale. But it's only efficient if the consumer is well informed, and that, my friends, is what we need to work on.

During the war, despite our country's economic strength, we students remain severely uninformed about how to manage our finances. We don't bother the overuse of credit cards and debt-financed spending. Rather, we need to spend a lot more time learning about the peculiarities of our financial system and boring topics like Roth IRAs.

I predict the latest headlines about lifetime workers of bankrupt companies being left with nothing will create ripple effects through our education system. The days when high schoolers play pointless stock market challenges are numbered. Teachers will soon empower students with the knowledge of making sound, financial decisions, not lucky ones. In the meantime, rich or poor, we need to spend more learning how to save.

The Internet is considered an equalizing platform that allows consumers to become better informed about purchasing decisions by reducing search costs. Being the first generation that grew up with its humanistic rise, we are an adept group with potential. It has drastically decreased the cost of consuming all sorts of information, and we shouldn't take that for granted. There is no excuse for any of us who have all the resources at their disposal to not incur the proper search costs. Whereas an Afghan peasant can be excused for not knowing of the practice argue marketing is an efficient medium to tell the truth is that nice guy theorists do not stop there; they usually remain uncertain that women will recognize jocks. In fact, they accuse women of employing some sort of scandalous fantasy. Bad guys, they claim, hold out more to women because they are more of a fantasy. This may be a popular fantasy, it usually remains just that a fantasy.

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After Montana was forced to punt, Cal Poly got the ball back on its own 48-yard line. Noble fumbled the ball on third and two but recovered it. Cal Poly attempted a fourth and short first down push at the Montana 32 but did not get the first down.

Montana took over on downs at third and 12. Bergmann gave a short shovel pass up the middle to Hilliard, who took the ball 66 yards for a Montana touchdown. Linebacker Kyle Shortwell said after the game that he was too loose for the long touchdown.

"I'm going to get yelled at for that one," Shortwell said. Noble and fullback Adam George finished out the game running out the clock. Noble ran in a 3-yard touchdown, his fourth of the day. George marked a personal season high for carries and yards, something coach Bobby Hauck of Montana thought made a big difference in the game.

"I think the fullback (George) was the difference in the game," Hauck said. "But it was Noble with 212 yards and four touchdowns who led the Mustangs' offense."

"Having a running back like Noble makes my job that much easier," Brennan said. "Having a running back like James is heaven."

Noble now has 3,488 yards for the season on 138-281 rushing or a school record 1,424 yards set by Lou Jackson during the 1980 season. Noble's 15 rushing touchdowns this season ties the mark established by Gary Davis in 1975.

Brennan was the second leading rusher of the game with 65 yards. The freshman quarterback also had 13.6 yards passing with one touchdown.

As the seconds ran down the sun began to shine on the field for the first time all day, and the game ended with Cal Poly victory.

After the game, Cal Poly congratulated in front of the Cal Poly fans who had made the long trip, and sang the fight song.
Joe Sargent  

MOUNTAIN VIEW

The Cal Poly football team traveled through four states, broke two school records, saw weather from sun to snow and won its first ever Division I-AA playoff game all in 36 hours this weekend.

The Mustangs beat the Montana Grizzlies 35-21 on Saturday advancing to the quarterfinals of playoffs against Texas State. This is the first time Cal Poly has ever beaten Montana, who the Mustangs lost to earlier this season.

"We had a hard fought game and like all hard fought games, turnovers and special teams made the difference," coach Rich Ellerson said.

Getting There

The team met Friday morning at Cal Poly to start its trek to Missoula, Mont. The team split into offensive and defensive squads before getting onto two buses headed for the Santa Maria airport.

Before leaving the campus, the entire team walked to the end of Mustang Stadium and congregated at the flagpole on the northern end of the field. The players huddled around in a circle kneltling. Someone yelled "one, two, three" and after a two-hour wait in the plane landed in Spokane, Wash. The team would then be bused the 200 miles across the top of Idaho to Montana.

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Once in Idaho the first evidence of the weather began to show. Going over mountain passes more and more snow appeared on the side of the road and eventually it covered the road.

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Game Day

At the stadium, Saturday morning, some of the players were used large scrapers to clear the field of the snow that had been dropped the night before. The Grizzlies' stadium is famous for its atmosphere. Before the game had begun, five skydivers had landed onto the field, a cannon fired, and a person in a bear costume drove onto the field on an ATV.

The Grizzlies' team came out of the 15-foot tall inflatable helmet. Coach Ellerson said that his team did not get caught up in the environment; their number one focus was the team.

"I feel as though having been here a month ago everyone understood what we were up against," Ellerson said.

The game kicked off in front of 16,000 fans at noon. The snow, which was sporadic during pre-game, had stopped for the game, but it was still 36 degrees outside.

The game started slowly for both teams until linebacker Chris Gocong sacked the Grizzlies starting quarterback Cole Bergquist for a loss of 8 yards. The Mustangs only had one sack in their first meeting with Grizzlies a month ago, and Gocong had his only game without a sack.

Most of the first half was a battle of running backs between Cal Poly's James Noble and Montana's Lex Hilliard. Noble was consistent, running up the middle, which Montana said they hoped to stop. Noble's first touchdown was a three-yard run up the middle, but Montana responded with a long drive down the field. Hilliard got a short touchdown of his own to tie the game at seven ending the first quarter.

In the second quarter, Noble had his first fumble of the day, losing the ball on the Grizzlies' 28-yard line. Noble jumped on the ball trying to recover it but lost it in linebacker Shane MacIntyre. The Grizzlies could not capitalize on the turnover though, having to punt on fourth down.

Cal Poly's special team stayed consistent during the game. Kicker Nikolas Caricoma made all of his extra points and his only mistake came in the second quarter during a punt. Long snapper Kevin Van Gender snapped the ball over the head of punter Tim Choiceme in the second quarter. Choiceme recovered the ball and heaved it forward for an incomplete pass.

Montana then took over on downs on Cal Poly's 28-yard line and Lex Hilliard ran it 18 yards for his second touchdown of the game, putting Montana in the lead for the only time during the game at 14-7.

Defensive end Matt Chachere forced Montana running back JR. Walker to fumble, which was recovered by Cornerback Randy Samuel on the Grizzlies' 14-yard line. Two plays later Noble got his second touchdown with a four-yard run.

Until late in the second quarter, Cal Poly's passing game was somewhat non-existent. But with about three minutes left in the half, redshirt freshman Matt Brennan aired out.

Cal Poly redshirt freshman running back James Noble led the Mustangs to their first post season win in Division I-AA with 188 yards and four touchdowns on 41 carries.

NCAA Division 1-AA

Cal Poly 35, Montana 21

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Volleyball excluded from NCAA Playoffs

MOUNTAIN VIEW STAFF REPORT

The Cal Poly women's volleyball team, which finished third in the Big West Conference with a 10-4 conference record and 19-6 overall, was excluded from the 2005 NCAA Volleyball Tournament Sunday.

This year, only Long Beach State and UC Santa Barbara will represent the Big West Conference, a shock coming in the wake of six tournament selections in the last two years, consecutively.

Both Long Beach State (25-6) and UC Santa Barbara (21-8) posted 13-2 conference records this year, but it was Long Beach State who received the automatic qualifier by virtue of a tiebreaker based on the number of games won during the conference season, according to a Cal Poly press release.

The selection marks Long Beach State's 19th straight NCAA appearance.

The selection marks the first year in conference history that only two teams have been chosen from the Big West Conference.

In the past, Cal Poly has made 12 postseason appearances, garnering a 10-12 record overall. It's last appearance came in 2002, where the Mustangs fell in three games to Pepperdine in the West Regional.

Six Pacific-10 Conference teams are in this year's field while fire from the West Coast Conference qualified, including Saint Mary's. Mustang head coach Jon Stevenson guided Saint Mary's to the NCAA Tournament in 2004 before becoming Cal Poly's head coach last February.

Cal Poly played only one match against a Pac-10 school this season, falling to Southern California in three games on Aug. 3. The Mustangs were 11-1 against West Coast Conference schools, defeating Portland in three games on Sept. 9 and falling in three games to San Francisco on Sept. 13.