U.S. helicopter crash kills 12 Americans; five Marines slain

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BAGHDAD, Iraq — A U.S. Army Black Hawk helicopter went down in northern Iraq, killing all 12 Americans believed to be aboard the chopper, and found about midnight Sunday, the military said.

The latest deaths followed an especially bloody week in which nearly 200 Iraqis and a dozen U.S. troops were killed. Iraqi politicians, meanwhile, clashed badly in forming a viable coalition government following the Dec. 15 elections, whose final results may be released this week.

U.S. military officials said the UH-60 Black Hawk crashed just before midnight Saturday about seven miles east of Tal Afar, a northern city near the Syrian border that has seen heavy fighting with insurgents.

"All those killed are believed to be U.S. citizens," military spokesman Lt. Col. Barry Johnson said.

He did not say what caused the crash, but bad weather has wrecked most of Iraq.

The Black Hawk was part of a two-helicopter team providing support for the 101st Airborne Division and was flying between bases when communications were lost, the military said. After a search, the helicopter was found about noon Sunday, the military said.

The helicopter was part of Task Force Band of Brothers and attached to the 101st Aviation Brigade, but Maj. Tom Bryant, spokesman for the division's 1st Brigade, said the helicopter was not from Fort Campbell, Ky., and belonged to another unit.

Bryant could not say what unit the helicopter belonged to or whether any soldiers

Study shows more college students not indicating ethnicity on forms

Matt Williams
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BOULDER, Colo. — A new study released by a San Francisco-based foundation this week finds that more students at colleges and universities are choosing not to state their ethnicity when they enroll.

Moreover, a "sizable" number of those students are probably white, according to the "Unknowns on College Campuses: An Exploratory Analysis" report from the nonprofit James Irvine Foundation, which studied enrollment statistics at three small private schools in California.

Kevin Maccormack, the University of Colorado's interim admissions director, said the "unknown" upswing is also happening at CU.

"Any time any of us fill out an application in today's world, we're aware and ask 'I wonder how they're going to use this?'" he said.

About 4.7 percent of CU-Boulder's fall 2005 class of freshman resident students was deemed "unknown" compared to 3.5 percent of the same cohort in fall 1997.

Students enrolled at CU officially declare an ethnicity only once — on admissions applications.

The University combines in one "unknown" category those students who choose not to answer the question or give an answer that can not be categorized, according to CU's director of institutional analysis, Lou McClelland.

"We're sure that it's impossible that everybody we're calling unknown is white," she said.

But for statistical purposes, McClelland said

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Mourners grieve privately for victims of West Virginia mine explosion

Kelley Schoonover and Vicki S.
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PHILIPPI, W.Va. — The funerals began early.

There were just so many scheduled in West Virginia's coal mining towns this Sunday.

And after an untold number watched on live television as it was revealed that 12 miners died in the Sago Mine explosion, the funerals were, for the most part, a private affair.

Only those who knew the miners and live in these coal mining communities were allowed to join the families to grieve. Police officers created a protective ring around the two funeral homes here, asking the media not to intrude.

But it was clear, even from a distance, that nearby 100 mourners — hugging each other, offering condolences to each other, many staring at their feet as they walked inside — had gathered to

remember miner Jackie Weaver.

The 52-year-old section electrician, who spent 26 years working in the mines, always wore "Jesus saves" in the coal dust of his mine car as he and colleagues descended into the mine, said his cousin, Acenter Felton, 42, of Philippi.

"He was a wonderful man with a wonderful sense of humor," said Melanie Hayhurst, 44, of Fairmont, who said she and her family had known Weaver for about 15 years. "He was a Christian, too, so I am not worried about that."

Hayhurst said Weaver's family planned to bury his body we're calling unknown is white," she said.

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from the 101st were aboard. Master Sgt. Terry Webster of division public affairs could not identify what unit operated the helicopter. It was the deadliest helicopter crash in Iraq since a CH-53 Sea Stallion went down in bad weather in western Iraq on Jan. 26, 2005, killing 31 U.S. service members. In Saturday's crash, records indicated that eight passengers and four crew members were aboard.

Three Marines were killed Sunday by small arms attacks in Fallujah, 40 miles west of Baghdad, the military said. Two other Marines were killed Saturday by roadside bombs in separate incidents, the military said.

With the latest Marine deaths, at least 2,199 members of the U.S. military have died since the war started in Iraq on Jan. 26, 2003, killing 31 U.S. service members. In Saturday's crash, records indicated that eight passengers and four crew members were aboard.

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Meanwhile, a French engineer abducted Dec. 5 apparently was dumped on a Baghdad street by his kidnapers and recovered by U.S. troops, who turned him over to the French Embassy on Sunday, according to Iraqi police and the French Foreign Ministry in Paris. Bernard Planche, 52, was kidnaped on his way to work at a water plant. Planche worked for a non-governmental organization called ACF-CEMS and was found Saturday night near a checkpoint in the Abu Ghraib neighborhood. His captors had demanded the withdrawal from Iraq of French troops — even though the country has none in Iraq.

The French Foreign Ministry said Planche should be returning to France shortly, French Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin thanked U.S. authorities, as well as French diplomatic and intelligence officials, for their help in Planche's liberation during a securing operation.

Insurgents have kidnapped more than 250 foreigners in the past two years, aiming to force U.S.-led troops to leave Iraq or prevent Arab nations from strengthening their ties with Baghdad. The leader of Iraq's main Sunni Arab political group said after meeting President Jalal Talabani that significant headway had been made in efforts to form a government of national unity.

"Talabani and I have an identical point of view regarding the formation of a national unity government based on consensus," Adnan al-Dulaimi said.

Al-Dulaimi confirmed that Iraq's two Kurdish leaders, Talabani and Kurdistan regional President Masoud Barzani, have been mediating with other groups to form a coalition government.

Their efforts seem to have forged an understanding between the Sunni-dominated government and the Shia religious bloc and al-Dulaimi's group — which represent two traditionally hostile camps whose enmity often threatens to plunge Iraq into sectarian warfare.

Shiite leaders have in recent days threatened reprisals against the minority Sunni Arabs following two suicide attacks that killed more than 100 people. They have blamed the attacks on both the Sunni-Arab-led insurgency and some Sunni Arab political groups they say openly support the militants.

"This should be done by consensus for the sake of Iraq's unity and independence. Barzani, Talabani and I agree on this condition, and this is our sole condition and demand," al-Dulaimi said.

Associated Press Writers Ryan Lovett in Baghdad and Susan Sadlier-Brock in Baghdad contributed to this story.

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employee of Wright Funeral Home in Philpips, "I can't keep track." Asked whether he knew the mines personally, Sandridge's eyes filled with tears. For an answer, all he could manage was to hold up four fingers and walk away.

First, Martin Toler Jr., at 11 a.m. in Teas. Then Weaver's service here at 1 p.m. David Lewis, Jesse Jones and Abra Bennett an hour later, here and in Buckhannon. Jerry Goves was the last, his memorial service planned for sometime late in the day in Cleveland.

There are more to come. Three more Monday, then two on Tuesday. So many funerals that one remains unplanned.

Near the mine, which has been sealed off by federal and state regulators, more than 100 people gathered Sunday morning at the Sago Baptist Church, which became a gathering place for families during the vigil for the trapped miners.

Churchgoers sang hymns, including "The Sweet Bye and Bye" and "Farther Along," which speak of accepting God's unfathomable plan and the Rev. Wease Day urged worshippers not to look for someone to blame.

Instead, Day said, worshippers should imagine they had only 10 hours to live, and write a note about how they would spend those final hours.

Meanwhile, doctors treating Randy McClay Jr., the critically injured survivor of Monday's explosion, hoped to ease his medical induced coma on Sunday, allowing physicians to perform a neurological exam.

"It has been very difficult to allow him to awaken, although that is our hope today," said Dr. Larry Roberts, the head of McClay's treatment team at West Virginia University's Ruby Memorial Hospital.

Doctors have placed McClay, 26, in a medically induced coma to give his brain time to heal. Roberts said McClay has shown some signs of improvement since he returned to West Virginia from three days of treatment at a Pittsburgh hospital, but that his condition remains critical and he is still on a ventilator.

McClay's wife, Anna, spoke briefly with reporters, asking that attention Sunday focus on those whose lives were to be remembered.

"We are thinking of them today and throughout this difficult time and we ask you to please keep all the families in your thoughts and prayers," she said.

Outside Weaver's funeral, 72-year-old Sam Felton said that's just what the families of those killed at Sago mine need.

"Keep praying for us," Associated Press Writer Daniel Lovinge contributed from this report to Morgantown, and David Dishneau contributed from Tallmansville, W.Va.

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A Daly City man was ordered to stand trial for a stabbing death outside a Giants baseball game in which Barry Bonds hit his 700th career home run.

Rafael Cuevas, 23, is accused of killing Timothy Griffith, a 21-year-old Redwood City man who died outside SBC Park after a Giants game on Sept. 17, 2004.

The order, issued Friday by San Francisco Superior Court Judge Charles Haines, followed a preliminary hearing that featured testimony from three witnesses who were at the scene. None of the witnesses said they saw Cuevas stab Griffith.

Police testified that Griffith was stabbed five times, including once in the heart.

ORLAND (AP) — Cattle rustlers aren't all that common these days, but the Glenn County Sheriff's Department said they have one who just won't go away.

Matias Bravo Nares, 35, was convicted with his brother of stealing Holstein heifers valued at $24,700 in 2001. He was deported to Mexico in December after serving a three-year prison term.

Nares was back in Glenn County in time to lead a deputy early Friday on a seven-mile pursuit at speeds up to 100 mph, after the deputy tried to stop Nares for driving with a defective headlight.

KLAMATH (AP) — Dozens of trailer park residents forced to abandon parks because of New Year's flooding must vacate a site where they've camped for the past week or face fines of $350 a day.

Their trailers, from six parks damaged by flooding, have been parked behind a Klamath business since Jan. 1.

Owners have been ticketed and told they must move by Jan. 15 to stop violating a county code that prohibits camping in the street.

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — A bank robbery in Oakland this weekend resembles other recent robberies in the Bay Area, including two New Year's heists, police said.

Three masked, gun-wielding men took over a bank branch in Oakland's Montclair district Friday night and escaped with several thousand dollars, police said. No one was hurt.

Police said the holdup was similar to other robberies in Oakland and Emeryville on New Year's Day. During those holdups, one robber watched the door while the others grabbed cash and valuables.

California town fears replay of mudslide

LA CONCHITA — Mike Bell doesn't want to see any more crosses go up in this tiny seaside hamlet beneath a towering bluff of unstable dirt.

Four years now stand atop the giant mound of earth that came crashing down a year ago, killing 18 people, destroying 13 homes and damaging 23 others.

The makeshift memorials are a painful reminder of the tragedy that struck the free-spirited community — and could strike again as stubborn residents butt heads with cautious bureaucrats over what should be done to make La Conchita a safer place.

Defiant and resolute, Bell and other residents said they intend to stay put as they prepare to file lawsuits claiming Ventura County should be held accountable. The litigation could help clarify the hazy line between public responsibility and government accountability that has left La Conchita with an uncertain future.

"The county feels as long as they don't burden the rest of the taxpayers, they figure they are clean," said Anastasia Loukaitou-Sideris, chairwoman of the urban planning department at the University of California, Los Angeles. "It shouldn't be left up to people whether they should live there."

George Lefcoe, a professor of real estate law at the University of Southern California, said government officials "aren't the absolute guarantors of public safety."

"The people who live in La Conchita have to decide what risk level they are comfortable with," he said.

La Conchita is an eclectic town — bohemia by the beach — where Spanish-style stucco homes sit next to wood cottages.

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Debate swirls as wind power grows rapidly

John Christoffersen
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STAMFORD, Conn. — Giant windmills — on scenic mountain ridges, prairie grass and even an Indian reservation — are spawning an unusual debate that is dividing leading environmentalists.

Wind power grew rapidly in 2005, becoming more competitive as natural gas prices jumped and crude oil prices reached record highs. Improved technology, a federal tax credit and pressure on utilities to use clean energy sources helped fuel the growth from coast to coast.

But wind energy is posing a dilemma for environmentalists who support in pollution-free electricity but have grown increasingly alarmed at its death toll on birds and bats.

Officials in Atlantic City, N.J., dedicated the nation’s first coastal wind farm last month, while Fairfield-based General Electric Co. announced a startup near San Diego, the largest wind power farm on Indian land.

The industry added about 2,500 megawatts of wind power last year, a record 35 percent increase, according to the American Wind Energy Association, an industry trade group. The country’s wind capacity is more than 9,200 megawatts in 30 states, enough for 2.4 million average U.S. homes.

Wind power still makes up less than 1 percent of the nation’s electricity, but experts expect wind to generate at least 5 percent by 2020.

The wind resource in the United States is comparable to the oil resource in Saudi Arabia,” said Tom Gran, deputy executive director of the association. “It’s a major strategic national resource we should be making every effort to develop.”

The environmental debate has intensified as the first offshore projects are proposed in popular tourist areas, such as Cape Cod, Long Island, N.Y., and the New Jersey shore. Critics, including a member of the influential Kennedy family, worry that some projects could harm national treasures.

“All of a sudden you’re transferring an asset used by 5 million people into the hands of private industrial speculators,” said Robert F. Kennedy Jr., an environmentalist who has objected to the Cape Cod proposal. “If you’re giving away public rights, you ought to make sure the public benefits from this transfer, that the costs do not exceed the benefits.”

Kennedy’s stance has put him at odds with the environmental organization Greenpeace, which last August sent boats to interrupt a visit by Kennedy. Supporters say the project would meet the region’s energy needs in an environmentally friendly way.

Conservationists also have wrestled with the wind farms. In Kansas, conservation groups have asked state officials to create guidelines for wind energy developers, citing concerns that more wind farms will harm the last remnants of the nation’s prairie grass and prairie chicken populations.

“We feel rather protective of that area and feel it is a real national treasure,” said Alan Pollock, Kansas state director of The Nature Conservancy. “If we’re really going to capture the benefit of green power, it seems ill considered to pursue it in such a manner that you create offsetting detrimental ecological impacts.”
Gi6o Macaluso

Boards of Canada, hailed as the most important band of electronica music in recent years, has returned with its third album, cryptically titled "The Campfire Headphase." The group, most praised for its genius expedition into ambient techno on 1998's album "Music Has the Right To Children," hasn't changed its sound at all that much.

I heard one girl refer to "The Campfire Headphase" as "psychadelic sci-fi folktronica," claiming that Boards of Canada has stepped out of its own genera. But I think the root word folk might be stretching these other-worldly musicians too far from the cosmos they happily dwell in.

Sonically, this album is the pop personalization of a Zen Buddhist Garden. Ambient waves of peace and tranquility build and often subtly bluster amidst a myriad of electronic beeps, sweeps and creeps. Good, why don't we take a 5-minute break? Smoke if you get 'em.

"Chromakey Dreamcoat" enters like a couple of discomfort enemy thunderclouds scratching each other with their frayed fingernails and gives way to the rising sound of an avairy in the background. The song sounds like a muffled 'Foreign song.'

The best song on the album is "Dayvan Cowboy," which showcases Boards of Canada's boldest move on the album, as it possesses a strong helping of electric guitars. But don't get too excited rock 'n' rollers, these electric guitars sound like nothing of this world as they glaze about the atmosphere with nothing but the simple tapping of a tambourine drawing them nearer to our earthly existence. Supernovas are both shattered and reborn in this song.

An ultimately full-listening experience that should tantalize the listener with a banker for hush studying experiences. Though it possibly lacks the original poignancy of their previous albums, it perhaps doesn't need to venture the often trivial territory of poignancy.

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'Canada' is out of this universe

Gino Macaluso

Boards of Canada's new release 'The Campfire Headphase' may satisfy the palette of many new-music-devouring listeners with its ambient techno sound.

TRACK PICK: No. 5, "Dayvan Cowboy."

Billboard

Top 10 Things to Do This Week

1. WELCOME back to school... and stop pouing because midterm aren't for another few weeks. Until then, enjoy some cool events on campus like today's interactive graffiti exhibit. Part of "Art - Officially Urban," a collection created by art and design senior Regina Nicolas, the UU Plaza will feature a hip-hop DJ from 11 a.m. to noon. The full exhibit will have an opening reception Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the UU Gallery.

2. CHECK out a free flick Tuesday at Chumash Auditorium as ASI kicks off its quarterly movie night titled "Tuesday Night at the Movies." The show starts at 8 p.m. in building 45, room 212.

3. CAN'T get enough of those free flicks? Stop by the San Luis Lounge (UU 221) for a free screening of the film "Ratatouille," which was the 2007 winner of the Golden Globe for best animated film.

4. CONTINUING with the theme of sustainability this month, be sure to make it to the Sustainability Club Fair on Thursday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The fair will feature a keynote address by architecture professor Tom DiSanto.

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6. STOP by the University Union Plaza for UU Hour, a weekly musical experience that features ASI-sponsored concerts, dance, and art exhibits that are also a part of Sustainability Month. ASI will unveil the "Cal Poly: NEXT Mosaic" at the event.

7. "DOOM arigoto Mister Robot!" OK, I'm sorry for that, but I thought it was funny. Anyway, the Cal Poly Robotics Club will be featuring a presentation by Larry Singleton of A Robotic Heart Company from 11 a.m. to noon Thursday in building 20, room 129.

8. SPICE up the night with the CPSalsa club, which holds meetings every Friday in building 5, room 225 at 8 p.m. Lessons for all levels - beginning, intermediate and advanced - are only $5. Then stick around afterwards to put what you learned to the test as the club opens the dance floor at 9:15 p.m. for dancing and socializing. For more information, visit the club's Web site at www.cpsalsa.com.

9. LAUGH out loud this weekend at the improv comedy show Saturday hosted by the troupe Smile and Nod. The show starts at 8 p.m. in building 45, room 212.

10. MAYBE it's because they're from my hometown and maybe it's because they're awesome, but I suggest taking the drive to the Majestic Ventura Theater Saturday to rock out at a concert featuring No Use For A Name. And hey, even if you don't love NUFAN, you should go for either Pennywise or The Suicide Machines because this will probably prove to be one of the coolest shows this month.

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"Breakfast on Pluto" showcases Murphy's versatility

Kristin Macdonald
MICHIGAN DAILY (U. MICHIGAN)

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Neil Jordan's "Breakfast on Pluto" is a long way from the sinister-villain territory that Gillian Murphy shirked through last year in "Batman Begins" and "Red Eye." As Irish transvestite Patrick "Kitten" Brady, Murphy convincingly turns his menacing sneer into an effeminate purr, masterminding all the vocal and physical mannerisms of a rather flirty and very persuasive coquette.

While "Breakfast on Pluto" takes a straightforward approach to following Patrick's passage to adulthood, it chooses an unusual emotional focus for a coming-of-age story. This is not just another heartwarming tale of self-acceptance; nor is it even as a young child does Patrick seem abashed or confused by his differences. Instead, the film outlines how Patrick journeys through the world, trusting his identity as a strength and not a weakness. And journey is certainly the right word. Patrick has an affinity for frivolous transience, bouncing from place to place, emerging even from hostile greetings undaunted. When refused entry to a local dance, Patrick merely turns to a nearby group of burly bikers and cheerfully hitches a ride to spend the rest of the night huddled cooly around a campfire.

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"Breakfast on Pluto" touches lightly and quickly on Patrick's adventures, as he himself seems to be a mischievous sort, pert and mildly sassy. He doesn't so much shoulder society's distaste as bypass it altogether. If anything, Patrick actually enjoys asserting his differences, bemused by the predictably furious reactions of the small-town conservatives who initially surround him. Patrick's makeup and nail polish, convinces the principal of his Catholic school to call him Kitten and even imagines his conception in an in-class essay as the humorous rape of a homesead by the town priest.

Patrick, or Kitten, as he prefers, takes little in life seriously, which his practical acknowledgement of his own weakness. Kitten knows and trusts himself. So whenever he finally does find a worthy place to stop, we can have faith that it's in his control whether or not he stays.

"Breakfast on Pluto," starring Cillian Murphy, is currently showing at The Palm Theatre in San Luis Obispo.
CU-Boulder than the campus census indicates, she said, and a slightly higher percentage of students of color compared against campus enrollment numbers.

CU’s student population is about 77 percent white. Another statistic: Of CU-Boulder’s 28,600 students, a sum of 1,700 (5.8 percent) fall into the “unknown” category. That is in line with Department of Education Integrated Post-secondary Education Data System statistics that found the percentage of higher-education students in the “unknown” category has risen from 3.2 percent in 1991 to 5.9 percent in 2003.

CU does not count the unknowns in its diversity numbers. CU-Boulder student Curtis Love, president of the CU chapter of the NAACP, said one explanation could be that more multiracial people can’t categorize themselves based on criteria that universities use. Sometimes multiracial students pick the “White” category if they have no other choice, according to the Irvine Foundation.

The University of Colorado uses four categories for ethnicity broken down by gender: Native American, Hispanic/Chicano, Asian American and African American. In addition, CU allows applicants to write a specific response.

A general feeling of anxiety about how the data will be used is also a possibility, MacLennan said.

“I had my certain perceptions coming in,” Love said. “If I put ‘Black,’ it could have been a good thing because I could have got scholarships, or it could have been bad because they would’ve (crossed) me off.”

Love doesn’t remember what he picked.

The University of Colorado uses ethnicity data to track enrollment trends, and in some cases as one criterion among 11 others when it selects students for admission. The state of Colorado practices affirmative action in college admissions, MacLennan said.

The Irvine Foundation report said that the increasing prevalence of the “unknown” student is worrisome because it could skew the diversity statistics of colleges and universities.

To address the problem, the foundation suggested standardized reporting methods at colleges and universities — something it says isn’t in place today.

The report was based on the organization’s larger $29 million Campus Diversity Initiative, which aims to improve opportunities for underrepresented students in California.

McClelland cautioned that generalizations shouldn’t be made about the white “unknowns” mentioned in the study because the report only includes data from three small, private universities.

A 40-person Blue Ribbon Commission on diversity organized by CU president Hank Brown will meet publicly on Jan. 21 to discuss and review diversity-related programs at CU-Boulder that recruit and retain minority students.
ATHENS, Greece (AP) — A powerful earthquake shook Greece on Sunday and was felt as far away as the Middle East and Italy. Minor damage was reported in southern Greece, and authorities on the island of Crete said three people were slightly injured.

The Athens Geodynamic Institute said the epicenter of the 6.9-magnitude quake was located beneath the seabed about 125 miles south of Athens and 12 miles east of the island of Kithira in the Sea of Crete.

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — The trial which saw Pope John Paul II in 1991 will be released from a Turkish prison as soon as Monday after completing his sentence for crimes committed in his homeland, a news agency reported Sunday.

 Mehmet Ali Agca was extradited to Turkey in 2000 after serving almost 20 years in Italy for shooting the pontiff in May 1981. He was convicted of attempted murder.

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**ANALYSIS/OPINION**

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Ravi Nessimian

JERUSALEM — A scan of Ariel Sharon’s brain on Sunday showed improvement, but doctors decided to wait another day to start bringing the Israeli leader out of his medically induced coma, an important step in determining how much damage he suffered from a massive stroke.

One of Sharon’s doctors said if the prime minister survives, he would not be able to return to office. Acting Prime Minister Ehud Olmert told the Cabinet he would work to carry on Sharon’s political legacy.

Sharon remained in critical condition Sunday at Jerusalem’s Hadassah Hospital after suffering a stroke late Wednesday and undergoing two lengthy surgeries to stop massive bleeding in his brain. Sharon previously experienced a mild stroke Dec. 18.

Doctors have kept Sharon in a medically induced coma and on a respirator since Thursday to give him time to heal. Sharon’s medical team decided that on Monday morning they would begin reducing the level of sedatives he is receiving to start pulling him out of the coma.

Experts said the process could take six to eight hours, and doctors should have a good idea of the extent of the damage by the end of the day.

A new brain scan Sunday showed his vital signs, including the pressure inside his skull, were normal, said Dr. Shlomo Mor-Yosef, the hospital director.

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New Year's resolutions everyone can follow

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ONIEDO, Fla. — Another year has gone by and I find myself once again on the past and looking to the future. I love the beginning of a brand-new year. It always seems as if there are endless possibilities for starting fresh, and, for a brief shining moment, we can put all the past indiscretions, regrets and screw ups behind us. Or can we?

Every year I write myself a letter with my New Year's resolutions on it. Then I mail it to myself and only open it on the eve of the following year.

An intriguing idea at first glance, but after a year, you tend to forget the things you planned to change. Case in point: I had resolved to visit a travel location for Spring Break 2005. I chose the less tropical locale of Long Island, N.Y.

As far as relationships are concerned, I had big plans for 2005. It was supposed to be the year I resolved to find true love, not to fall for someone although pretty and to be a little less shallow about, well, everything.

I am sad to report that I threw all of my resolutions out the window. Every last stinking one of them.

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To: Resolve to be smarter about the opposite sex.

So, in honor of all the broken 2005 resolutions I give you these 2006 resolutions to try to live by. Go ahead, tear it out and stick on the refrigerator. I guarantee you'll need them.

1. Please, guys, resolve to be a little bit more of a gentleman. This is not only a dite plea, but a reminder that a little bit goes a long way. Let's bring back chivalry. I know, I know: We women killed chivalry. But this year, forgive and forget, and open a damn door!

2. Ladies, resolve to be a little less critical when a guy can't read your mind. Guys make mistakes, even the guy you've been dating forever. Understand that sometimes you are not as obvious as you think. Thus, there are not that many guys signing up for Miss Cloe's School for the Psychically Male. Be a little more vocal about your needs and wants rather than praying for a clairvoyant boyfriend.

3. Repeat after me: Sex is not love. A one-night stand is not a boyfriend. Sex is not love. Resolve to repeat to this yourself whenever you feel that urge to say: "But that we're together, or so he/she must like me."

4. To each and every one of my beloved bar hopping buddies: Resolve not to believe that a bar is a great place to meet the love of your life. The love of right now is fine, if you so choose. Do not get drunk on Monday night because it is not the foundation dream relationships are made of. Granted, it makes for fun memories and conversation, but try not to have your heart on it lasting longer than that of Jager.

5. Resolve to be a little more cautious, this new year and every one there after. Taking things slow is not a bad thing and can save a hell of a lot of regrets. Stopping to look both ways will help you from being side-owayed by an emotional Mack truck.

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Subject: Guest Commentary.

Julie Kunz
Psychology sophomore

When being blonde is a sin

As a Catholic, I am appalled by the letter you wrote ("Jesus loves everyone"). First, the hypocrisy of quoting Leviticus. Leviticus was written to help the tribes establish a temporary society while waiting for the Messias. After the Ascension, the covenant was fulfilled and the Church is infallible again, but if homosexuality is a sin, as you say God says it is, then for all I know, being blonde is a sin as well.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL

Monday, January 9, 2006

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Catholic church is hypocritical

I would just like to take a moment to comment on Grant Donnell's letter, 12/20.

I quote, "It's not our job as Christians to judge one's soul.

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SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Cal Poly women's basketball recorded its highest point total in five seasons as it won 64 percent of its floor shots en route to a 99-72 victory over UC Irvine in a Big West Conference women's basketball game Saturday afternoon at the Breen Events Center.

The Mustangs, who have surpassed the 100-point barrier seven times in the 32-year history of the program, including a school-record 106 against Cal Lutheran in 1989, improved to 8-4 on the season and 3-0 in Big West games. Annual Cal Poly honors acceptance criteria were hit in third straight for the first time this year.

UC Irvine fell to 2-11 overall and 0-1 in Big West games.

Cal Poly led throughout the game, surging to a 26-10 advantage in the first 11 minutes and setting for a 43-15 lead at the break. The Mustangs led by as many as 31 points in the second half.

Both teams turned the ball over 23 times, but Cal Poly held the Anteaters to just 42.2 percent shooting from the floor. The Mustangs made 40 of 74 floor shots, including seven of 14 from three-point range.

Cal Poly visits Long Beach State (3-5, 1-0 Big West) on Monday night. The 49ers sport a 10-game conference champion UC Santa Barbara 58-52 on Saturday at The Pyramid.

Men's basketball

UC Irvine 69, Cal Poly 67

Senior guard Aaron Fitzgerald hit a 23-footer with 0.9 seconds left to play lifting UC Irvine to a 69-67 victory over Cal Poly in a Big West Conference men's basketball game Saturday afternoon before 2,048 in Max Gym.

Fresno State guard Trac Clark had given Cal Poly a 66-67 lead with 33 seconds left, hitting a three-pointer from the top of the key. After a timeout, Fitzgerald hit his three-pointer.

Cal Poly inbounds the ball to Clark, who dribbled into the key, but his 12-footer at the buzzer bounced off the rim.

With the win, UC Irvine improved to 5-8 overall and 1-1 in the Big West. Cal Poly, aiming for its first 3-1 start in Big West play since the 1996-97 season, fell to 4-9 overall and 2-1 in the Big West.

UC Irvine produced a quartet of double-digit scorers, led by sophomore center Darren Fells with 14 points. Sophomore forward Patrick Sanders added 13 points, senior guard Shumarm Armstrong 12 and junior forward Nic Campbell 10.

Fitzgerald and senior guard Ross Kraesacker each scored nine points.

Cal Poly was led by junior forward Derek Stockalper's 19 points.

Clark added a career-high 17 points while Chaz Thomas, another freshman, grabbed a career-high 13 points.

UC Irvine hit 54.3 percent of its floor shots, including six of 11 from three-point range. Cal Poly connected on 46.9 percent, including 10 of 21 treys. Cal Poly outrebounded UC Irvine 28-24, led by Sanders and Thomas with seven each. Fells grabbed six of the Anteaters.

Cal Poly turned the ball over 19 times, two more than UC Irvine.

Cal Poly went on a 14-0 run for a 25-point advantage with 9:02 left in the first half and settled for a 33-23 lead at the break. The Mustangs still led 53-44 with 9:17 remaining before UC Irvine tied the game at 53-53 on a layup by Sanders with 5:40 to go, capping a 9-0 run.

The game was tied six times in the final six minutes.

Cal Poly hosts Long Beach State on Monday night while UC Irvine visits UC Santa Barbara.

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MAT-MEN IN TOP 25

Darrell Vasquez missed the 2004-05 season due to illness, but he has been one of the many keys to success for the Mustangs this season.

Justin Fivella

Despite missing three of its starters, the Cal Poly men's wrestling team remains 5-2 overall and 3-1 in the Pac-10. Darrell Vasquez (135) was also unavailable, illness, but he has been one of the many keys to success for the Mustangs this season.

Senior Jeff Owens (149) and Halsey helped others feed off it to become stronger," Owens said.

The Mustangs have a pair of home matches against Stanford and Oregon State this weekend and a visit to Oregon State in the second half of the season. Vasquez is ranked No. 3 in the country," Halsey said, referring to the third-ranked Straight from the starting line, the Mustangs wrestled Nebraska in a dual meet at Mott Gym. Montana defeated Tony Kohlen (161) by technical fall at 4:15 and Roberts captured an overtime victory against Skyeer Wood.

The Mustangs lost momentum against Oregon State in the second half of the meet as Monteiro lost his commanding 10-1 lead and eventually the match against Oregon State's Travis Gardner. Monteiro injured his leg and was unable to finish the match.

"We're looking strong this year, the win in Nebraska was big. Each player's win helped others feed off it to become stronger," Owens said.

This newfound confidence has helped the team stay positive even though the loss of three starters can be daunting.

"Not all of our starting lineup was here (against Oregon State) and we were sorely against two good teams," Halsey said. "Loosing three starters is like losing a quarterback and a wide receiver. It's big."

The team faces a difficult schedule this year but has set its goals high despite facing powerhouse teams like ASU and Boise State.

The Mustangs have a pair of home matches on Saturday, taking on Purdue at 5 p.m. and Boise State in a Pac-10 contest at 7 p.m.