Beyond Shelter makes a home

Liz Soteros-McNamara
STAFF WRITER

Rain poured down in vertical sheets against the side of St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church. The Maxine Lewis Memorial Overflow Shelter occupied the multi-purpose room inside.

Twenty-five beds lined the walls. Covered with blankets, toys and other personal belongings, the room was full of shelter occupants.

A girl no more than 5 years old with a wide smile grabbed my leg and hugged me. We had never met, but the message was clear. This was her home and I was a well received guest.

The shelter relies completely on volunteers to staff it, 25-35 bed facility at different churches in the community. Volunteers switch nightsly and shelter sites change monthly. Approximately 730 volunteers are needed per year to keep the overflow shelter open, according to Daniel Pronolongo, Inter-Faith Coalition vice-president.

The Inter-Faith Coalition of San Luis Obispo, an organization of 11 churches and two synagogues, operate the shelter’s location 365 days a year.

Volunteers come from all over, including Cal Poly. Beyond Shelter is a Cal Poly-based student volunteer group that works with the shelter.

“Our program is trying to erase stereotypes about the homeless for students,” said Zahla Cronce-Kin, a Cal Poly volunteer of Beyond Shelter.

Although the volunteers change, the occupants remain fairly consistent and have developed a routine amidst the change.

By 7:45 p.m. we were on our own with the occupants and the door to the parking lot outside was locked. Occupants are not permitted to go out to their cars during the night for any reason. The occupants think this prevents EOC from accusing them of drug use while on the property.

The overflow shelter had seven children there that night. They sat at a rectangular table eating Oreos and working on art projects. Some of the children were too young to even participate in the art projects, but others colored and drew before bed.

The majority of overflow shelter occupants are women and children, but tonight two men accompanied by their families stayed in the overflow shelter.

Sherry Van Valkenburgh and her 5-year-old daughter Sheyann came to the shelter after moving from Connecticut. Van Valkenburgh, a former supervisor for the Home Depot corporation, left Connecticut after the loss of her husband, mother and stepfather.

She researched where she wanted to live while staying in Florida with relatives and eventually decided on the Central Coast.

“California is the golden lands to people of my age,” Van Valkenburgh said.

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Studies show caffeine elicits varying reactions

Susan Goodwin
STAFF WRITER

EUGENE, Ore. — Research says the stimulant popular with students has different effects depending on doses and sensitivity.

Too much caffeine can turn anyone into the blarney-eyed, over-stimulated mess who drinks too much coffee, one too many Red Bulls or eight-too-many cups of tea.

Caffeine is one of the most widely used stimulants in the world because it naturally occurs in more than 60 plants, the most popular of which are cocoa beans, tea and coffee, according to The Coffee Science Information Centre.

University students consume caffeine for a variety of reasons: As a quick pick-me-up, a reason to socialize, or an excuse to take a break from work, or as a cure for a migraine.

Caffeine can be found around campus in coffee, tea, chocolate, soda, energy drinks and now water.

History graduate student Elizabeth Medford said she drinks about a half pot of drip coffee per day, up from the two-cups-per-day habit she used to have.

“It's a constant battle,” Medford said, “knowing I should drink less but wanting to drink more.”

Medford said she doesn’t notice a physical difference if she doesn’t drink coffee. She drinks soda to fix a migraine because the combination of caffeine and sugar helps it go away, and coffee doesn’t cure her migraines, Medford said.

“It has to be Coke though, not Pepsi or anything,” Medford said, “which is why it’s totally psychological and not physiological.”

Caffeine is a mild stimulant that acts upon the central nervous system and can influence mood, sleep patterns, and mental and physical performance. Its ability to raise alertness and increase metabolism is one of its main appeals, but caffeine can also heighten anxiety and inhibit sleep, according to the CoSIC Web site, www.cosic.org. In small doses, caffeine isn’t dangerous to your health, see Caffeine, page 2

Electronic postage system causes controversy
Janet Kim
STAFF WRITER

STANFORD, Calif. — Though e-mail has been assuming the role traditionally filled by “snail mail,” e-mail providers AOL and Yahoo! have proposed a program that inadvertently preserves a relic of the bygone era: Stamps.

At first glance, the idea of electronic stamps seems a paradox; the small, adhesive squares have always been associated with physical post.

The “e-stamp” program, however, seeks to implement a system of electronic postage fees, in order to ensure that mass mailings reach their intended recipients without interception by anti-spam filters. Senders looking to take advantage of this secure e-mail service would pay a fee ranging from one-tenth of a cent to a penny per message.

Users of this service — primarily businesses and advertisers, whose mass-mailings are often filtered out as spam mail — would also be required to secure prior consent from the recipients, or risk being blocked from the e-mail servers. According to the Associated Press, AOL said that the system would help reduce spam, since only legitimate groups would be likely to pay the fee.

Proponents point to the new program as a natural evolution in the e-mail delivery process.

“The last time I checked, the postal service has a very similar system to provide different options,” said Nicholas Graham, an AOL spokesman, in an interview with The New York Times. He highlighted services like certified mail — would also be required to pay the fee.

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At Cal Poly, most students get their on-campus caffeine fix at Julian's, which serves coffee, espresso drinks, tea and even ice cream.
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mail, "where you really do get assurance that if what you send is important to you, it will be delivered and delivered in a way that is different from other mail."

The proposal, however, has met with vocal opposition from a variety of interest groups. They contend that the program would perpetuate the rich-poor divide on the Internet, a forum that has thus far managed to provide a relatively equal playing field for people of all backgrounds.

"The Internet has become what is because of freedom of communication. Open discussion is what gives it value. There should be no cost for particular services, and e-mail should be free and accessible to all."

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but exactly what is a small dose remains an elusive definition because of the varying amounts of caffeine in different drinks, as well as an individual's different levels of sensitivity to the drug, according to a British Broadcasting Corporation article at www.bbc.co.uk/health. Coffee has a large amount of caffeine per eight-ounce cup, but it varies based on the grind of beans and the style of brewing. Instant coffee has between 61-70 milligrams per cup while percolated ground coffee has 97-125 milligrams per cup, according to the BBC article.

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**WHO SAID THAT?**

People often say that “beauty is in the eye of the beholder,” and I say that the most liberating thing about beauty is realizing that you are the beholder. This empowers us to find beauty in places where others have not dared to look, including inside ourselves.

— Salma Hayek

It really doesn’t matter if the person who hurt you deserves to be forgiven. Forgiveness is a gift you give yourself. You have things to do and you want to move on.

— Real Live Preacher Weblog, July 7, 2003

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Record bond proposal creates lobbying frenzy in state capital

Steve Lawrence, Associated Press

SACRAMENTO — From the North Coast to Southern California, local governments, environmentalists, business groups — even Indian tribes — are turning up the lobbying heat on state lawmakers and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger as they try to grab a share of what could be the largest bond measure in the state's history.

Schwarzenegger and legislative leaders are negotiating a package of public works bonds that could help pay for projects ranging from highways expansions to rebait leves to new schools.

Schwarzenegger proposed a record $222.6 billion infrastructure spending plan in January that would be partly funded by selling state bonds and negotiating with legislators to meet a Friday deadline for placing a bond proposal on the June ballot.

That deadline has set off a serious lobbying effort in Sacramento from interests sensing the potential for a taxpayer-funded windfall for their projects.

The lobbying interests include construction firms who see the potential for lucrative road-building contracts, city leaders trying to get a slice for local projects and environmentalists seeking money for parks, river restoration and other so-called "green infrastructure" programs.

"We have just four days to take care of future generations," Chris McKenzie, executive director of the League of California Cities and the chairman of the California Infrastructure Coalition, said Tuesday.

The coalition, which includes local governments and construction industry companies, has been running a series of newspaper ads and holding news conferences around the state, fearing that "momentum for California's most ambitious public works program since the 1960s could be lost if Friday's deadline is missed."

Even California Chief Justice Ronald George has jumped in, urging lawmakers to include bond money for courthouse construction and renovation, including earthquake and security improvements.

On Wednesday, about 100 members of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce will descend on the Capitol for a lobbying effort timed to coincide with the bond negotiations.

"We do this every year, but with this one we were very careful to make sure it would be a good time to lobby for transportation infrastructure," said Marie Condron, a spokeswoman for the chamber. "That's our top priority. We want to do everything we can to get a bond on the June ballot."

Women sue U.S. Marine Corps over alleged recruiter rapes

Kim Curtis, Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Two teenage women who claimed a pair of former U.S. Marine Corps sergeants raped them in a Ukiah recruiting office said the military Wednesday in federal court for failing to properly train and supervise recruiters.

The women were in high school and excited about joining the military when Joseph Dunzewiiler, 25, and Brian Fukushima, 26, allegedly raped them, according to the suit. Both recruiters were demoted after court-martial proceedings, but acquitted of the most serious charges they faced.

"I have always dreamed of being a Marine," plaintiff Jane Doe said in a news conference. "I thought they were the elite, the ones who stepped in when everyone else failed." The 18-year-old women, who were allowed to use pseudonyms to protect their identities, live and work in Ukiah, according to their lawyers.

They would still consider a career in the Marines if they could be safe," attorney Michael Sorgen said at a news conference. "We're asking the court to order them to do what is necessary to prevent this from happening again.

The suit, which names as defendants the recruiters, the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Marine Corps, which is under Navy jurisdiction, seeks unspecified damages and an injunction requiring the military to train and supervise recruiters, among other things.

Both of the recruiters have been discharged from the military, according to Marine spokesman Maj. Joe Kloppe, who said he's prohibited from revealing the type of discharge for privacy reasons.

Jane Doe said the met Dunzewiiler in late 2004, according to court documents. She said he immediately began flirting with her, asking her out and sending her e-mails about how he wanted to "get her alone.

Doe became worried the recruiter would prevent her from joining the Marines if she didn't have sex with him, according to the suit. Doe said Dunzewiiler ended up giving her chlamydia, a sexually transmitted disease.

The other plaintiff, identified only as Mary Roe, said Fukushima raped her during a "sleep over" at the Ukiah recruiting office, according to court documents. She said she was very drunk, had vomited and could not resist his advances.

The women's lawsuit is among the latest in a series of scandals involving military recruiters. Last week, 14 Army recruiters in Southern California were suspended amid accusations they falsified documents. The former Ukiah recruiters were court-martialed last fall at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego. Both were acquitted of charges he coerced Doe into having sex with him. However, he was convicted of raping them, providing alcohol to recruits, lying to Marine investigators and asking others to lie for him. His rank was reduced from staff sergeant to corporal, his pay was docked by $1,500 and he was restricted to base for 30 days.

Sgt. Brian Fukushima was convicted of sexual misconduct, adultery and asking recruiters to lie to investigators. He was demoted to corporal, his pay was docked $1,000 and he was restricted to base for 30 days.

A third recruiter, Marine Reserve Cpl. Michael McFarland admitted guilt and was punished administratively. The terms of his agreement weren't made public and he is part of Wednesday's suit.

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HOUSTON (AP) — A lawyer for former Enron Chief Executive Jeffery Skilling launched a scathing attack Wednesday on a pivotal prosecution witness, suggesting he is a moustachioed liar whose inscrutable gaze earned him a wife in prison.

Lawyer Daniel Petrocelli began an intense cross-examination of Andrew Fason, former chief financial officer of Enron, who had implicated Skilling in financial arrangements that masked Enron debt and boosted Wall Street's bottom line to impress Wall Street.

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Gifts, trips and cash were used to pave the way for air time for certain songs and radio stations owned and operated by the nation's fifth largest chain, according to a lawsuit filed by New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer.

The accusation was denied by the company, Entercom Communications Corp. of Bala Cynwyd, Pa., which owns and operates more than 105 radio stations.

Spitzer claims air time was sold for $1,000 or more for individual songs. He said the practice included providing a $2,500 laptop computer for a country station in exchange for playing artists Joe Nichols and the due McHayes, for station concert appearances, for a personal appearance by country artist Blake Shelton, and for playing Liz Phair songs. (Don't Tell Me) by Avril Lavigne aired 109 times in a week on Entercom's Nashville station WNQQ. More than a third of the "spin" was paid for by Arista Records, the lawsuit claims.

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Investigators had said earlier that they were looking for two men seen in a dark SUV near a couple of the church fires. Agents have said they didn't know a motive, but there is no racial pattern. Five of the churches had white congregations and five black.

The three students arrested Wednesday were all white and neither arrest or previously were enrolled at Birmingham-Southern, a Methodist-affiliated liberal arts college.

Four of the churches were destroyed and four were damaged, including one in which congregants, denied during the night that church was being struck. That apparent arsonists were leaving. That morning, investigators were still trying to piece together the street.

Arnson investigators scheduled an afternoon news conference at the Tuscaloosa airport to discuss the arrests.

A 19th rural Baptist church fire, in Lamar County, has been ruled arson but is not believed to be connected to the others.

Bush visits hurricane-damaged Gulf Coast for progress report

NEW ORLEANS — President Bush, visiting a still-suffering Gulf Coast, said Wednesday that Congress must help this ravaged city recover from Hurricane Katrina by approving billions he has requested to repair levees and compensate Louisiana residents who lost homes.

"I'm getting a view of the progress that is being made," Bush said after a tour by air and on the ground offered striking postdisaster contrasts. "There's still a lot of work to be done, no question about it."

"You've got a pile of stuff here," the president remarked at one point, watching from a miniskirted pink duplex as a small bulldozer shoved a mattress, toys, a cooking pot, several pairs of blue jeans, a single brown shoe and a pair of women's underwear down the street.

Congress is poised to allocate the $4.2 billion just for Louisiana, to help residents whose homes have been damaged or destroyed.

"The number fits into a well-thought-out plan that has been put together by the local folks," Bush said from the Industrial Canal levee, which breached during the storm and devastated the lower Ninth Ward.

As pile drivers continued to work behind him to repair the damaged levee, Bush also said Congress should "get on with it," by diverting $1.5 billion in levee-rebuilding money to non-New Orleans-related projects.

"Congress needs to restore the $1.5 billion to make sure this is a real deal," he said.

A key House panel appeared set to do just that later Tuesday. The House Appropriations Committee was set to adopt Bush's request for $19.1 billion in new money for hurricane relief and rebuilding. Included in that legislation would be $1.5 billion in several Army Corps of Engineers water projects, with the money now directed chiefly toward rebuilding levees, canals and pumping stations in New Orleans.

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Aspiring filmmakers flourish with 'Firefox Flicks'

Internet browser creates competition for students interested in the film industry

Nick Coury
MUSTANG DAILY

Ever see a memorable Super Bowl commercial that inspired an idea for a creative ad, but you never knew where or how to get started? Well, now it is easier than you think. Acclaimed Internet browser Mozilla Firefox has announced "Firefox Flicks," a contest for aspiring film entrepreneurs interested in acting, directing, editing and producing to create a 30-second visual arrangement about Firefox.

There are big prizes, including $5,000 to the B&H Photo store, but in an e-mail from Firefox, co-founder Blake Ross said, "The real reward for students is to be judged by a panel of filmmakers and automobile industry professionals." Some of the judges include Warren Zide (producer of "American Pie") and M.G. (director of "Charlie's Angels").

"Students also have the most to gain by entering. Even if they don't win, their work will be judged by the best producers and directors of our time," said Ross, 20, an under-graduate student at Stanford. "This is a chance to launch a career straight out of college."

Rosa said college students were targeted due to their enthusiasm in promoting Firefox to their friends and family. A winner for the contest may come from anywhere in the U.S. and though many entrants apply from notable film schools such as UCLA and USC, Ross said that does not necessarily mean they will win.

"Firefox is a community project that hinges on the principles of a meritocracy, which means we don't care where you're from, how old you are, or just about any other data point except how good you are at what you do," Ross said. Even though the contest is only for 30-seconds of film, it does not mean that the level of professionalism should be taken lightly.

"Because the barrier to entry with film is so high — producing just 30-seconds of quality footage can take 30 hours or more — I expect professional-grade entries from serious competitors," Ross said.

Towards the beginning of the contest, Firefox officials were afraid only participants creating obscure technical (e.g. geeky) submissions would enter, but after receiving questions from interested students, that worry had soon disappeared.

"From the questions we're receiving and the submissions we've seen so far, students are finding some very creative ways to sell Firefox to the mainstream," Ross said. "We intend to broadcast the winning ad in mainstream venues."

According to Ross in an e-mail, in December 2004, 10,000 Firefox fans independently conceived, funded and designed a two-page Firefox advertisement that ran in the front section of the New York Times.

"When December 2005 rolled around, we were eager to do that again — and what better medium to target than television," Ross said.

"Flicks are another chance for our community to demonstrate why the efforts of a real user always trounces the work of an on-the-clock design firm."

Nearly 75 people have sent interest e-mails to Firefox, but many more are to be expected. There are a few thousand people on the mailing list, according to Firefox. Along with having their work judged by some of Hollywood's top producers, film festivals such as the Vail Film Festival, Bluefire and Vidfest are where the best entries will be screened.

"Through ads, newsletters and media stories, word about the contest reaches approximately 10,000 new people each week — many situated in the heart of Hollywood. The contest winners will enjoy considerable publicity," Ross said.

The deadline for Firefox Flicks is March 31. For more information, visit www.fire­fox­flicks.com/adcontest.

Calling all rock stars and demo tapes

Justin Friedella

For anyone who's ever aspired to take their musical talent to the big leagues of velvet ropes and huge record deals, mtvU, the 24-hour college network, and Drive-Thru Records might have your answer as the two have joined forces to discover America's best college band or artist through their third annual "Best Music on Campus Contest" (BMOC).

The contest winner will receive a record deal with Drive-Thru records as well as a music video premiere on mtvU, mtvU Uber and mtvU.com. Students nationwide are invited to submit three original songs and the accompanied lyrics, as well as a photo to mtvU.com by March 13. The top 50 bands, which will be selected by mtvU and Drive-Thru Records, will be given customizable Web pages on mtvU.com where they can post music, videos, art, lyrics and news.

After the top 50 have been selected, open voting will begin on March 27, and college students and music fans will be able to sample each band or performer. Web sites, watch the videos, read the bio's and then vote for their favorite musician. The results of student voting will be key in determining who moves on to the next round and ultimately wins the competition on April 17, according to the official press release.

Context promoters understand there is a world of musical talent hidden throughout college campuses and hope to use this contest as a platform for many artists to be heard.

"College campuses are the breeding grounds for incredible new music and with the contest, students will launch the career of the best new college band," said Stephen Friedman, general manager of mtvU in a press release. "The new mtvU online music hub brings added visibility to this year's contest and will offer all BMOC artists even greater national exposure and opportunities to be discovered."

Promoters are looking to continue last year's success that attracted over 250 submissions and sparked over 2 million votes. Last year's winner, All Envy Aide, a band from the West Coast, received a national appearance on MTV and a distribution deal with Warner Brothers.

Calling all rock stars and demo tapes
Who drinks on their 21st? Really?

First off, let me state that I am not 21.

Secondly, I would like to mention that I don’t drink. So what right do I have to write an article for the booze-laden 21-and-over column?

My birthday, that’s why. My 21st birthday to be more precise, just happens to be in two weeks, (the 24th if anyone wants to shower me with gifts). Which poses a huge problem since I don’t exactly plan on picking up an alcoholic habit in the next couple of days. So what exactly does a non-drinker like me do for their 21st birthday?

I know I am not the only one with this dilemma either. This campus is full of people who, for whatever reasons, choose to abstain from drinking. It could be because they are claiming the straightedge, hardcore lifestyle, or maybe their religious affiliations dictate that they shouldn’t drink. Perhaps they could be like me, where they are crazy enough without alcohol and are quite willing to dance on a table perfectly sober. In fact, most of my friends are probably a little scared of what will happen if I did drink. Frankly so am I, which explains why I’ve had 23 years of non-drinking to avoid any possible pictures of me in embarrassing situations ending up on the Internet. But back to the issue at hand.

What will happen when the clock strikes midnight and I become legally able to drink, but have no interest in doing so?

The No. 1 issue is obviously the drinking itself. The second I mention that I will be turning 21, people’s eyes light up and statements like, “We’re going to get you hammered!” or “You are going to poke so much!” seem to soon follow. I was not aware that I had such satirical friends, but they all seem hell-bent on getting their I’ve-toasted-after-one-beer friend to do 21-on-21 with shots like The Bull’s Sweat (Hell no Chad, I don’t think so!), Cement Mixer and Alien Secretion. What am I supposed to tell them? That taking me out to get drunk will probably consist of two beers and be over before it starts? Do I be the prissy high ground and force my friends to participate in sober activities like bowling or strip poker? I obviously want to have a fun birthday with all my friends, so a non-drinking night of Purcheas just isn’t going to cut it. They expect to get drunk and they want me right there along with them.

The other thing is the gifts. I know that whenever I think of what to get a friend on their 21st, I immediately start searching for funny shot glasses, martini shakers, bottle openers and the like. But for myself, I have no use for such accoutrements. Will I be faced with the moment of opening a gift, realizing it’s a 30-pack of Natty Ice and having to fake like, “It is just what I’ve always wanted!” Come on, you guys know me better than that. Who knows? Maybe on my 21st birthday I will be magically become that boozehound every one wants me to be. Maybe I will have three shots and pass out in the bathroom of Mother’s like the lightweight that I am. Perhaps I will just stick to the strip poker and call it a night.

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University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, received a deal with a major recording label and will have their first video, “Burning Again,” premiere on mtvU this month, according to the press release.

Co-sponsor Drive-Thru Records is a well-known record label that has given many famous bands their start since the company opened in 1996. The list of original signing artists includes bands like Dashboard Confessional, New Found Glory, Senses Fail and numerous others. Their current roster includes the likes of Hullogoodbye, Steel Train, The Early November and many other performers.

Continuing their trend of discovering new bands, Drive-Thru Records looks to use the competition as a means of discovering new artists this year.

“In our 30-year history, we’ve signed many college bands, helping them launch their career and play to sold-out venues around the world,” said Richard Reines, co-president of Drive-Thru Records in a press release. “We know there are great bands on college campuses waiting to be discovered and we are excited to work with mtvU to give someone a chance.”

For more information or to sign up for the contest, visit www.mtvU.com.
Six hours
with
James
Cushing

Nick County
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In building 38 on the Cal Poly campus, there is an office where a 53-year-old man sits typing on a computer, wearing black socks adorned with multi-colored neon fish that do not match his cream V-neck sweater or the salmon button-up shirt.

There is a wall behind the Macintosh where a poster of a young Bob Dylan hangs slightly askew, while Bola Barisk fills the office that is covered with posters of Jimi Hendrix, Miles Davis, and John Coltrane.

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One of the things they enjoy is some of the sudden leap, which is not a plummet to danger but a leap into strangeness...

—James Cushing
English professor

"As a listener I got very involved in what was being played, and then suddenly things struck me," Cushing said. "One being that this is one of the most amazing things I have ever heard in my life, and it also struck me that this is what I wanted to do. It wasn't amazed by it as a performance, but moved me to actually want to do something." Cushing said. "I started noticing that the rock music I liked best used improvisation and had long jams," he said. "It was progressive rock that prepared Cushing for jazz. When Hendrix died, a newspaper ad introduced Cushing to the Mahavishnu Orchestra featuring John McLaughlin. He later saw shows at the Whiskey-A-Go-Go, a club in Los Angeles.

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You are what you eat

By Daniel Girgas

Though Elixir Vitae is probably going to replace the word “semen” in my vocabulary for the rest of the foreseeable future, I am reminded of another expression, “Caveat emptor,” which means “buyer beware.”

The products have little more than fruit powders and vitamins in them, but apparently their ingredients are based on claims about body sweat and body odor which are actually more repulsive. Garlic lovers and binge drinkers alike know that things can get very sour from your pores when eaten in excess. It’s a fact: Sweat and odor are closely related to mucosal lining in the skin. I am a little more skeptical of these products, coming close to blacking out from the stench of my own armpit once in a while, but there is some merit to them.

Still, blowjobs are not something that I plan on changing. Personally, I recite the lasagna and sauce salvaged from the bathroom while trying to urinate. Though I am initially skeptical of these products, continuing to curse at the think nutrition could alter other body fluids too! According to science, plums, oranges, lemons, limes, cinnamon, pepper, grapefruit, green tea, beef, pineapple, mangoes and camomile tea are all beneficial to scent and flavor. Broccoli, brussels sprouts, spices, coffee, chocolate, cinnamon, spices, chemically processed liquor, onions, garlic, dairy products and red meat will have negative effects.

What does the other sex have to say?

I never managed to hop on a plane and experience all the characteristics of aging myself, so I did a little more research into the sexuality of all according to columnists for other school papers.

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We can never know the moment cognitive thought is achieved!

Mary Crite wrote a very interesting article concerning the brain development of a fetus and postulated that a fetus with a developed brain is killing a human. Though insightful, I feel one major problem with her thinking is: How accurately can we measure the thought of a fetus? Did cognitive thought to be the basis for future legislation against abortion after such a time is possible, what is the standard? Are we to use statistics to determine the average amount of fetal thought requires, thereby only killing half the fetus's life should take precedence. Should she be able to care for the child? I could be wrong. The references available, "Inconscience" should never be just cause for disposing of human life, even at its earliest moment, "inconvenience" as it can hardly be the standard.

Ryan Hunter
Mechanical engineering senior

If Israel is a dictatorship, how did Hamas get elected?

I would like to respond to Mr. Chowdhry's commentary in the Mustang Daily of Feb. 22. First, Israel never stopped the payment for the collected taxes. She reversed her original decision and paid ALL the money to Hamas because of the realities. Recollections by the way, happened to be simultaneous.

Every February, we are celebrating Black History Month, why is this case: Ignorance is bliss.

Benjamin Bieseck
Architectural engineering junior

Mr. Mullady needs to think as a human first, journalist second.

Michael Mullady should stop placating blame on others who break the law and focus on his own offenses. Over my (relatively short) lifetime, I've taken note of many journalists willing to break the law in the name of "sound journalism." Not many people take note of these journalists' infractions because the stories are too seldom compelling enough to grip the attention of the public. In Michael's last few articles, he broke the law (like the drunk driver) on multiple occasions and went so far as to put the public in danger while doing it.

Don't get me wrong, I find drunk driving reprehensible on a personal level as one of my best childhood friends was killed by a drunk driver I have, on more than one occasion, been that kid who refused to get in a car with someone who's been drinking. My writing skills may not be as eloquent as Michael's, but I believe I have some points for him to consider when he constantly finds himself "...fighting in the elevated emotions and hate, bliss, blah, blah..." In your articles you've found yourself photographing from railroad tracks, treating you as the root of the problems? It would be a less useless than just ranting, don't you think? You're right that we can't expect the media to spoonfeed us all the answers, but has it struck you that maybe it's the legislators that need the spoon-feeding? How can those in power know what changes we want if those with a voice can't even offer any viable suggestions? So Jack, if all you want to do is nag and grumble, stop killing trees. Go write a blog.

Ryan Austin
General engineering sophomore

Making sense of Mr. Eller's commentary on why Republicans are happier than Democrats

Mr. Ingram has a point about the communism argument? Why is he making fun of Republicans? Michael's last few articles, he broke the law (like the drunk driver) on multiple occasions and went so far as to put the public in danger while doing it.

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General engineering sophomore

A great cocktail conversation piece

Wow, Brian Eller, I had no idea that you were a comedian. Your piece on March 7 was a scream. I love your reasons why Republicans are happier than Democrats was the best piece of satire and sarcasm I have ever read. My whole stomach was when you talked about how Republicans would rather give money to ridiculous bills for homeless projects. I almost broke a rib laughing at that one. I also loved the one about how Republicans believe in their economic markets. Oh man. Must have to remember that one for my next cocktail party. Thanks for the laugh.

Elizabeth Gillingham
Animal science senior

"Soapbox Diaries': A tremendous study in the ignorance of logic

In his opinion piece of Feb. 22, Mr. Ingram gives me tremendous pleasure to read your column as I try to make sense of those who suffer from cognitive dissonance. Regarding your commentary on abortion, your mental gymnastics were positively stunning. The statement "All persons born or naturalized ..." is not saying that being born is a prerequisite for being a person, it is merely a qualification on the status of being a person. To expound further, what this is really saying is "If you're born here, you have to follow our laws." Your assertion is absurd on its face. The Supreme Court obviously believes personhood does not begin at birth, as it severely restricted abortions in the third trimester, which would be of viable fetuses capable of existing independent of the mother. We can argue about the semantics of personhood but your misunderstanding of linguistics does not support your case. Next, capital punishment is implicitly endorsed in this statement, if one is deprived of life ... without due process of law." Thus, the founder's obviously favored capital punishment to be an acceptable repercussion when deserved, secondarily implying this punishment was not in their minds "cruel or unusual." Frankly, it's obvious you are simply reading the Constitution in a manner to support your own worldview, which is really this is all about in the first place. Thank you again, your commentaries are a tremendous study in the ignorance of logic. I hope we can all continue to learn from quick comments.

Andrew Rome
Computer engineering sophomore

Two quick comments to Brian Eller

I don't know about the 6 billion other people in the world. As long as you're happy, that's what counts. One point you've made is that we need to pour one out. You don't control your fate, God does.

To Jack Ingram

We love you and want to give you all the help we can so you can have them aborted.

Lauren Bacheleder
Business senior

Brooke Robertson
Business junior
ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — An air raid of behalf fired Wednesday on helicopters into the snowy mountains of devastated Kashmir has asserted a second humanitarian disaster in the aftermath of the October earthquake that killed more than 40,000 people.

The United Nations declared Wednesday that the battle to sustain more than 3 million homeless survivors through the winter has been won, thanks to a comparatively mild winter and massive aid that U.S. officials hope can curb the civil war.

"Their thieves show why leaving a country like that with a nuclear weapon is so dangerous," he told The Associated Press in a phone call from Washington.

"But let's not ease worries about Iran's oil plans, and told reporters: "So far there's no reason to reduce exports. Iran has no intention of reducing its oil exports."

Oil supplies are tight worldwide and prices already are high. Although the United States does not buy oil directly from Iran, any Iranian attempt to tighten world supplies would affect oil prices in the United States.

Iran also has leverage with extremist groups in Iraq, the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah and the Islamic militant group Hamas, which won Palestinian elections in January. Both groups are classified by the U.S. State Department as terrorist organizations.

The development underscored the United States’ effective military use. It also suggested that the United States' position was flexible. It might produce enough material for about 10 nuclear weapons if enriched.

"It is the second-largest producer in the world, Arang said.

North Korea threatens United States with 'harm and pain'
Gunmen storm Iraqi security company offices, abduct 50 workers

Alexandra Zavis
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BAGHDAD, Iraq — Gunmen wearing commando uniforms of the Shiite-dominated Interior Ministry on Wednesday stormed an Iraqi security company that relied heavily on Sunni ex-military men from the Saddam regime, sparking a wave of attacks. The nature of the killings suggested that a well-armed and organized force carried out the attacks.

A bomb hidden under a parked car detonated as police from Jabi's protection force were driving through Baghdad, killing two officers and wounding a third, police said. Four bystanders were injured. And gunmen attacked the convoy of Interior Ministry Undersecretary Helmet Moussa in west Baghdad, killing two bodyguards and injuring two others, police said.

Interior Minister Bayan Jabr and one of his assistants may themselves have been targets of assassination attempts Wednesday. A bomb hidden under a parked car detonated as police from Jabr's protection force were driving through Baghdad, killing two officers and wounding a third, police said. Four bystanders were injured. And gunmen attacked the convoy of Interior Ministry Undersecretary Helmet Moussa in west Baghdad, killing two bodyguards and injuring two others, police said.

Neither Jabr nor Moussa were in the convoy.

The sectarian bloodshed has complicated Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari's bid for a second term. Al-Jaafari is opposed by a coalition of Sunni Arab, Kurdish and secular Shiite politicians — led by President Jalal Talabani, a Kurd — and by the Shiite-dominated Interior Ministry, which now controls a potentially dangerous and growing internal dispute among the country's majority Shiite political factions, as well as aims to unite the United Iraq Alliance, the largest bloc in parliament.

At the same time, however, Abdul-Mahdi's change of heart signaled a potentially dangerous and growing internal dispute among the country's majority Shiite political factions over the nomination of al-Jaafari, who has been criticized for not addressing Sunni complaints about the Interior Ministry.

The al-Rawafid Security Co. was attacked after gunmen arrived in a convoy of vehicles, including several white SUVs and a pickup truck mounted with a heavy gun, that they used to carry away the hostages, said Interior Ministry Maj. Falah al-Mohammedawi.

He said the victims, who included bodyguards, drivers, computer technicians and other employees, did not resist because they believed their abductors were police special forces working for the Interior Ministry.

"It was a terrorist act," ministry Undersecretary Maj. Gen. Ahmed al-Khefa'i said.

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Cal Poly lost by 34 points to the University of the Pacific in Stockton on Jan. 26. Last Saturday, the Mustangs returned the favor with a 38-point victory in San Luis Obispo.

On Wednesday, the two women’s basketball teams met on a neutral court in the first round of the Big West Conference Tournament at the Anaheim Convention Center Arena.

Cal Poly fell behind by 10 points in the first seven minutes, but quickly turned it around, scoring 48 points in the first half and coasting to a 94-67 victory over the Tigers.

Coach Faith Minnugga's Mustangs have earned their record at 15-13, one win short of the school Division I record, and will take a three-game winning streak to the second round Thursday at 2:30 p.m. against UC Riverside. The Highlanders (13-14) earned a first-round by because they are seeded fifth.

Cal Poly produced five double-digit scorers and forced 29 Pacific turnovers while notchng a season-high 26 assists Wednesday.

Junior forward Jessica Eggleston, who became Cal Poly's first All-Big West first-team selection on Tuesday, led the Mustangs on Wednesday with 15 points, sinking five-of-eight floor shots and four-of-five free throws.

She also grabbed a team-high six rebounds as the Mustangs edged the Tigers on the boards, 39-38.

Freshman Megan Harrison added 10 points and five rebounds while senior Courtney Cameron contributed 11 points. Junior point guard Sparkle Anderson and senior Jennifer Dooley each scored 10 points and Anderson also dished seven assists and three steals.

Pacific's quartet of double-digit scorers was led by Kelsey Lavender with 15 points. The Tigers ended their season with a 6-22 record.

Pacific bolted to a 21-11 lead, a run capped by Lavender's three-pointer with 14:21 to go in the first half. Cal Poly scored the next nine points to get back into the game took the lead for good at 30-29 on a jump shot by senior Michelle Henke with 4:19 to go.

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Pacific never got closer than 12 points in the second half and Cal Poly led by as many as 29 points down the stretch, outing the Highlanders 46-32 in the second half.

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The game will be decided yet again.

The Mustangs look to improve upon their 5-2 record this weekend with games against St. Mary's on Saturday and UC Santa Barbara on Sunday at 7 p.m. Both games are scheduled to be played at the Cal Poly Sports Complex. — Special to the Mustang Daily

Cal Poly's Sparkle Anderson celebrates after scoring against Pacific in the second half of a Big West women's basketball tournament first-round game in Anaheim.

The Mustangs, who led the conference during early in January, went into a scoring slump, sinking just 21.4 percent (43 of 205) in the second half and C'al Poly led by as many as 29 points down the stretch, outing the Highlanders 46-32 in the second half of a Big West women's basketball tournament first-round game in Anaheim.

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The mercy rule came into effect in both games of a doubleheader as Cal Poly's softball team twice defeated St. Francis College 8-0. The mercy rule ends the game in the fifth inning if one team is ahead by more than eight runs.

On Wednesday, C'al Poly took mercy on outmatched University of the Pacific in Stockton.

The Mustangs scored five in the fifth inning. Jackie Clehrke-Jones had two hits for the Mustangs in both games of a doubleheader as Cal Poly defeated Pacific on Feb. 12 in Mott Gym when Cal Poly won 13-2.

Wednesday night was the first of a three-game series at UC Santa Barbara.

The Mercy rule came into effect in February, with seven of their eight runs coming in the first two innings.

Modglin scored the first run of the second game after connecting for a single and touching home on a triple by Iwata. In the second inning, the Mustangs added six runs. Pura led off with a triple to right field. Gehrke-Jones walked to first and stole second, advancing to third on a throwing error, sending Pura home. A single by Lee sent Gehrke-Jones the rest of the way for the run. Lee proceeded to steal second and scored when Modglin batted a triple to right field.

Chelsea Green and Tam each tripled in the inning to bring in runs. Green also scored on an error by the Terriers' centerfielder.

A final Mustang run by Pura in the fifth inning ended the game.

Jenna Maiden earned the win for the Mustangs, striking out two, walking none and allowing just one hit. Also pitching for Cal Poly was Emily Hively who struck out five while allowing just one walk and two hits.

Cal Poly returns to action Saturday, March 12 for a home doubleheader against Notre Dame at 12 p.m.}

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