Mealybug shuts down parts of campus

The only case of a mealy bug in the United States found at Cal Poly, samples of the bug sent to Sacramento for analysis

Jemma Wilson
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Cal Poly's Horticulture Unit and various greenhouses on campus have been quarantined since federal agriculture officials found a passion-vine mealybug in some of the plants last week. It is believed to be the first time that the passion-vine mealy bug has been reported within American borders, other than at ports or airports where contaminated fruits and plants were not allowed in.

"This is a non-native pest, so we do not want it introduced into California agriculture at large," said Bob Rice, an agricultural engineering professor.

Rice is a specialist in integrated pest management and is currently heading the mealybug investigation on campus. The pest was discovered during a yearly routine inspection and all samples were sent off to Sacramento for testing. Out of the 29 mealybugs sampled so far, four emerged as positive passion-vine mealybugs.

"The main point is that we don't want them leaving (the horticulture unit)," Rice said.

Although the pest has closed off several areas throughout campus, having the first mealy bug in the United States is also a learning experience for Rice and his students.

"This has been a great teaching opportunity for my students and they have been very involved in the process. But it is not a good situation for my students.

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Tractor Pull Club and the Tractor Pull Team.

Many of the items for sale was postponed for precautionary reasons due to the mealy bug activity. 

As more samples come back negative, federal officials are learning restrictions on which greenhouse crops will remain closed, Rice said. 

A herd of 50 universities throughout the nation and the rest of the world — Cal Poly is not invincible to sexual assault, or any other crime. It is part of society, and therefore held accountable to the problems of society.

People are passing me on either side, I'm nearing the finish line when I experience what I believe to be the effect of the Run to Remember — a feeling of physical, mental and emotional empowerment against sexual assault. Like all the people who ran before me, I realize the Run to Remember is less about physical movement and more about social movement.

The race against ending sexual assault and countless other injustices is not something that can be run alone. It requires support and teamwork, no matter how slow moving the battle is.

As I cross the finish line and hear my friends congratulating me, I know in my heart that the steps taken tonight are not steps taken in vain. They are just the beginning of something bigger.

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Jonah rocks a cold Monterey night

By Nick Coury

CSU Monterey Bay was built on Fort Ord military base, which was used during the Vietnam War. Many of the original buildings have been recycled as the campus to use, as is the Black Box Cabaret, a campus café for music and art.

The weather in Monterey last Friday night was rainy and chilly. Inside the Black Box, the air was warm and the people were friendly, all of them. The walls were lined with Christmas lights and on stage there was a man with a guitar. Overall, it had the feel of a big house show: complete with semi-funny vocals and bright guitar; but it sounds better that way.

The man on stage was Vavak, an acoustic guitarist from Long Beach who was the opening act of the night. His music is reminiscent of a modern Bob Dylan, but with the hair and soul of Ziggy Marley. His acoustic, both instrumentally and lyrically, were a nice addition to the already atmospheric music. Vavak gave the night a welcome and warmed up the stage for Jonah Matranga, a solo singer/songwriter known in the independent music world as One Line Drawing.

Matranga had two instruments: A black acoustic guitar and a laptop he began his set with two cover songs, including one by the Jackson 5.

He then played "Crush on Everyone" and "Stay" together as one song without a guitar, just using his computer for a beat. He also stopped mid-way to tell a story and a quick joke. Between songs, he discussed the philosophy behind his music and told stories about certain songs. At all of his shows, Matranga likes to interact with the audience, even that night, despite a mention of having the flu.

Later, Matranga played a number of requests from the audience, including "Lynn Smule," a short, comical song called "Puppets." One of the things that sticks out in Matranga's personality is his love of people; he was very gracious to his opening act and thankful to CSUMB for letting him play.

"I hope I get to come back and haunt these old buildings soon," he said before his last song.

Matranga closed with a Bob Dylan tune, which he is said is about "getting stuck in the most dangerous place in our time, fundamentalism." He left the stage telling the audience, "I wish for peace with you in the most active way."

Following Matranga was Kyen Bhan, a CSUMB student who finished the night with an artful acoustic set.

Matranga, 36, has made a living making music for the last 10 years, playing in bands and solo, with a different philosophy on life; jazz music, good wine, cooking and scrabble. Except for hockey, I'm not much into sports.

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I'm totally flattened with anyone finding me attractive enough to flirt with me. So girls, and guys for that matter, we you around campus.

Some of my favorite music artists are those who have a lesbian following, such as Tegan and Sara, KT Tunstall and Melissa Etheridge. My friend, a lesbian folk musician, and I listen to similar artists. She cleared up my sexuality for me. "You're a straight guy, but I'm attracted to you." She made me an honorary lesbian.

I love short hair and like a girl who wears sweaters and glasses. Some people may call this look a bit masculine, but hey, I like it. People should be able to dress however they want and feel comfortable being who they really are.

On another note, I also realized that I do not really have a crush on many actresses or female musicians. I would, however, marry Johnny Depp if he was OK with it and am I love with Jack White.

To my credibility, I do like girls and cannot wait to have sex with one (read my old Velvet Rope for more on that). I like the finer things in life: jazz music, good wine, cooking and scrabble. Except for hockey, I'm not much into sports.

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New End Original and Fat, and having friends play on his solo records.

"I can't remember a time when I didn't love it," he said. "I've never known where I've fit in. I've tried all kinds of labels, indie/hipster. I've put out records out of my house and I've played Coachella, but then I played in some small club, it's honestly all kind of the same for me. I love Prince and Tom Waits equally. I don't fit into any particular scene and I'm ok with that."

Lately, Matranga's music has more of a beat. "Whatever comes is OK with me," he said. "No one's going to confuse it with a Justin Timberlake song. It's a way, it's me enjoying R&B and hip-hop, but not trying to be a hip-hop artist. That's not me, but I love the medium."

Matranga says the current state of the music industry is very interesting, because artists are being forced to be more original and unique.

"I think a lot of people are scrumbling right now and I like that," said Matranga. "I think it's challenging people to think more creatively than I think they had to in the past 20 years."

In part, it's this creativity that makes Matranga strive for the directness of peace in his music.

"I guess (if a person leaves a show) a little less sure of the things they believe and a little more open to something else, I guess that would be a goal of mine," said Matranga.

Matranga has done his music in many ways, many different ways. "Going into the closet" is one of many examples of my flirtation with the same sex. Being very comfortable with myself, I was flat-out. Party, I make sure to get my hair did and look good, in a straight guy, but I'm attracted to fagity and staff submissions are also welcome.

I am OK with it happening. It makes me very open to not following societal norms and be themselves, regardless of how others may perceive them.

I am OK with being this fun, that is really the most important thing to me. Whatever shape (my music) leads to, it might just turn out as much fun as possible, and that's a good shape."
Where have all the ‘Scary Movies’ gone?

Ryan Chartrand
MUSTANG DAILY

The “Scary Movie” series has been on a downward spiral ever since its comedy shifted from R-rated to PG-13 humor. With the Wayans brothers no longer aboard the writing team and only a few worthy horror movies to parody, the latest in the series, “Scary Movie 4,” should have been a complete failure. Surprisingly enough, they get the job done. But is this film, which contains an hour of farts and fall-down jokes, worth the theater visit? Fans of the series might as well give in, make the trip and try to force as many laughs as possible. Anyone who can’t decide whether to see it, however, should keep reading.

The plot revolves primarily around a parody of “War of the Worlds” with an alien invasion planned by the clown from “Saw.” As always, Anna Faris plays the brain-dead female star and joining the cast is Craig Bierko, a TV actor with decent comedic talent. When it comes to forced, cheesy acting, I suppose you can’t get much better. After all, how do you cast the part of “woman who gets a sponge of urine rubbed all over her face?” Looking for one of R. Kelly’s fans might be a good start.

Director David Zucker, the brilliant mind behind “Airplane,” had to dig deep when looking for films to parody considering the lack of horror flicks in the past few years. While throwing in the disturbing Japanese kid from “The Grudge” was easy, Zucker had to resort to films like “Brokeback Mountain” for desperate jokes. And although these references might be funny, it’s depressing to realize how much the comedy is being forced. Are the minds behind “Scary Movie” even trying anymore? If the audience can make up their own jokes, something must be wrong.

The problem with the “Scary Movie” series is that the majority of the jokes will either make no sense or simply not be funny six months down the road (some jokes may even expire before the DVD is released). With that in mind, “Scary Movie 4” does throw in some pretty humorous American culture references, such as iPod, MySpace and everything that makes Tom Cruise so ridiculous. On the other hand, there are also several jokes that fall flat on their faces and receive the “cricket effect” from the audience. Overusing the idea that pain equals comedy has caused this same effect in previous “Scary Movie” films and stays true in the latest. Nonetheless, seeing Mike Tyson rapidly bite people’s ears off is always a good time in my book, but who dares reuse Mike Tyson jokes?

The jokes are there, but their random and crude nature will only fly with fans of the genre. Bringing out the President Bush jokes through the muddle of Leslie Nielsen (long story) could be reason enough to either avoid it or see it immediately.

If you’re expecting a drastic change from the quality of “Scary Movie 3,” this might be a good time to reminisce with the original “Scary Movie.” The missing Wayans brothers and a rather poor selection of films to parody make “Scary Movie 4” a film looking for jokes. Although it finds them most of the time and has enough laughs to make a Friday night enjoyable, I’m afraid the days of truly great parodies have been scared away.

Dance team brings New York to Poly

Liz Soteros-McNamara
MUSTANG DAILY

The Parsons Dance Company, an energetic, modern dance group from New York, will be performing on Sunday, April 23 at the Alex and Faye Spanos Theatre.

“It’s a spunky and energetic company,” said office manager Gillian Smith. “It’s pretty interesting.”

The show features 11 dancers who, according to a press release, “move fast and furious, like demons but with an obscure love for entertaining.” They dance to the jam band music of Dave Matthews and Earth, Wind and Fire.

Davis Parsons began the group in 1987. Since then, they have traveled throughout the United States and even internationally, dancing in Europe, Brazil and China.

The group performed to audiences around the world with their 24-hour performance in Times Square to celebrate New Years in 2000.

Smith has received commissions from the New York City Ballet, the American Dance Theatre and Paul Taylor Dance Company.

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The Parsons Dance Company also provides community outreach in New York City in their 42nd Street neighborhood with all levels of dance classes.

It just makes dance fun and appropriate for all ages,” Smith said. “(We want) everyone to leave having an appreciation for dance.”

The show starts at 7 p.m. Tickets and more information are available at www.pacslo.org.
Not a typical 35-year-old mom

By Daniel Gingras

I was soaking up cigar by the bow of the boat. Score one for tradition.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL

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When I first think of possible scenarios in which I’d interact with a married 35-year-old woman, I always reach the same conclusion. A modest sandless-clad woman enters the living room where I’m lounging on the sofa after work. She’s got a combination of rice-crispy treats and tangy. Just five minutes before my break aboard Royal Caribbean’s Vision of the Seas, which sun is free and the drinks are $6.99 each, I smoked and 130 db rap music one evening in the Viking Crown Lounge. I’ve noticed a 35-year-old woman smiling at me. She was wearing her ‘come hither finger,’ and I smiled back. The how of the boat. Someone for translation.

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The following is a response to Humza Chowdy's article "Zionism and the ongoing battle to define terror- ism" published in the April 19 edition of the Mustang Daily.

Humza Chowdy's article "Zionism and the ongoing battle to define terrorism" is an example of the desperate attempts of radical Muslims to undermine strategic alliances between the Israeli and U.S. governments.

Zionism and the ongoing battle to define terrorism

Chowdy's commentary factually unsound

Humza Chowdy's appalling commentary (4/19) was littered with half-truths and attempts to at least be as biased as the "Zionists" that he criticizes.

Especially considering that this week there were nine innocent people killed by a Palestinian suicide bomber. Meanwhile, the newly-elected Hamas government defended the right of militants to carry out such attacks.

This is the government and the fanatics that Humza supports. To deny Israel's right to defend itself from such sub-human attacks threatens the foundations of free democracy. This hatred of freedom and support for osseous movements and grotesque brutality is despicable.

There have been the greatest force for freedom and prosperity in the history of the world. Freedom has been the ideal of all men and all nations, and it now is carried out in an era of contentment that all deserves to live in freedom from foreign domination and disease.

We ended slavery through the Civil War, destroyed Fascism and Nazism in WWII, ended communism in Russia in the Cold War and liberated 50 million from brutal Islamic dictators. It is horrifying to think what the world would be like had America not confronted these evils through military action.

However, there are those actions in which "a country that feasts its bravery as it plays violent cop!" Who would you rather be the force of its beliefs and influencing the world? Hamas or France? China? America?

The right of the American people to determine their destiny is paramount. communist China will likely surpass the U.S. as a world power. Under that kind of pressure, you will beg for the days when the U.S. "played violent cop!"

Deborah Craig

Opinion page

war is looming

There is a genuine threat to our national security that we have been focusing on the problem of illegal immigration within America, there is a more serious threat to the entire world looming just over the horizon. Since last year, the president of the Islamic Republic of Iran has been making outright statements concerning the state of the Islamic Republic of Iran is heading towards the stage of being "not, the Zionist regime is heading toward annihilation...the Zionist regime is an obstacle to any thriving society be eliminated by one storm."

Does this sound familiar to you? Hitler often blamed the Jew for the world's problems and president Ahmadinejad is following closely in the father's footsteps.

What does this mean for all of us? In short, the United States and the Western nations with enough balls, pardon my French, will be forced to take action against Iran. Though Iran claims to be pursuing nuclear technology for peaceful purposes, one would have to be an idiot to believe them after making such statements.

Though the West would rather avoid such a confrontation, we know what comes from appeasement. Should Iran develop a nuclear warhead, it would land in Tel Aviv before you could say, "Allah Akbar!"

It is up to nations like America to stand up to Islamic extremism, especially in those positions of national power like the rulers of Iran, and call them what they are: lunatics and racists. The world should not be theirs to inherit, and all this talk will get them is ruin and destruction.

Ryan Hunter

Mechanical engineering major

Insight from the other side of the textbook issue

Regarding the recent commentary by Tyler Middelstadt on textbook prices, let me share my perspective as a published author. The primary culprit in rapidly rising prices is the wide availability of used copies. Consider what happens when a new edition of my book is adopted for use here. The first quarter, many new copies will be sold, resulting in revenue for my publisher and text¬

JAMES GLEN

MUSTANG DAILY

IT'S NEVER CEASES TO AMAZE

When I thought the service they provide us couldn't get any shakier, they threw a new one at me. Before they have taken the Oracle fauces, they decided to get in over their head and roll out a new portal look. While the new portal look was more aesthetically pleasing, it only lasted a few moments today the login page reverted back to its old self when problems arose while trying to log in.

I am not a consultant, or IT professional, but one would think to solve your current problem before taking on more. If they are still having trouble with email, then do they possibly think they can handle anything else? I would like to know who decided to change the portal, and why they thought it was a good idea. I had problems with email as of yesterday, so they clearly have not put the usual behind them. I think a more appropriate name for the ITS department is Ignisgator of Trouble with no Solutions.

David Hansen

Environmental health and safety manager

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Investigators in Duke lacrosse rape case search for evidence in dorm rooms

Tim Whitmire
Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Police searched the dorm rooms of two Duke University lacrosse players after the two were arrested on charges of raping and kidnapping in an exotic dance during an off-campus team party.

District Attorney Mike Nifong said Tuesday he also hoped to link a third man to the alleged attack soon, but that he did not yet have evidence that would "identify with certainty." "It is important that we not only bring the assailants to justice, but also that we lift the cloud of suspicion from those team members who were not involved in the assault," Nifong said in a statement.

The accuser, a 27-year-old student at a nearby college, told police she was attacked by three white men at a party of lacrosse team members on the night of March 13.

Two team members — Reade Seligmann, a sophomore from Essex Fells, N.J., and Collin Finnerty, a sophomore from Garden City, N.Y. — were arrested early Tuesday. Each posted $40,000 in bond and was released within hours.

Their lawyers assailed the district attorney for bringing the charges after DNA tests had failed to connect any of the team members to the alleged rape.

Seligmann is "absolutely innocent," said attorney Kirk Osborn. Hill's attorney, Collin Finnerty's attorney. Hill's attorney, said, "We're confident that these young men will be found to be innocent."

Osborn has declined to say what led to the charges or discuss evidence in the case. The dorm rooms were searched Tuesday night for about two hours, according to resident assistant Tigger White. The warrants had not been returned to the court clerk's or magistrate's office by midnight Wednesday.

"I can imagine they never quit investigating, but I think it's unusual to be executing search warrants after they've indicted," Osborn said Wednesday.

Defense attorneys have said they have time-stamped photos from the party, bank records, cell phones and a taxi driver's statement to support Seligmann's claim of innocence.

Cotter declined to comment about that evidence Wednesday. He also said his client had left Durham.

Robert Estes, who represents dozens of players on the team, said neither Seligmann nor Finnerty was "the party at the relevant time." The indictment represents "a horrid circumstance and a product of a rush to judgment," he said.

Defense attorneys have also alleged that the accuser was intoxicated and injured when she showed up for the party.

A cousin of the accuser who has been acting as a spokeswoman for her family disputed that allegations in an interview on ABC's "Good Morning America" Wednesday. She identified herself only by her first name. Jackie, to protect the woman's identity.

"Before she went to the party she was not intoxicated, she was not drinking," Jackie said. "There's a great possibility that when she went to the party she was given a drink and it was drugged.

The case has raised racial tensions and heightened the long-standing town-vs.-gown antagonism between Duke students and middle-class, racially mixed Durham. The accuser is black, and all but one of the 47 lacrosse team members are white.

Duke would not comment specifically on any disciplinary action taken against Seligmann and Finnerty, but said it is university practice to suspend students charged with a felony.

"Many lives have been touched by this case," Duke President Richard Brodhead said in a statement. "It has brought pain and suffering to all involved, deeply and in different ways. Our ability to balance judgment with compassion has never been more critical."

Since the scandal broke, the university has canceled the team's season, suspended all varsity sports and the officials said they were investigating the behavior of the nationally ranked lacrosse team of whose members have been found guilty of public impertinence and public urination.

Neither Seligmann and Finnerty was among the team members arrested in recent years for such offenses as underage drinking and public urination.

Finnerty was charged in Washington, D.C., with assault after a man told police in November that Finnerty and two friends punched him and called him "gay and other derogatory names," Finnerty agreed to community service.

Seligmann is a member of Phi Kappa Psi, a fraternity of wealthy New York City suburbs and all-male Roman Catholic students who attend Long Island's Chaminade High School, where 99 percent of the students go on to college.

Seligmann went to the exclusive, single-sex housepower house in Morristown, N.J.

"It is our hope and our conviction that the case will come to a successful conclusion in a way that we hope will vindicate Reade of these charges," Delbertson's lawyer said in a statement. "We're committed to our students and their families through the process that's been set up."

Survey: College grads getting more job offers

Elena Rozwadowski
Associated Press

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women’s land.” While Andre known as Britney, but was another suitor. Andre’s game glimpse of his young beauty quickly found himself sweating into contention with the said female, Carl’s relentless pursuit away and put himself back heading out the door with young thing and into a heated villains in front of a crowd of horrified onlookers. No one looks up with an insatiable pig. Rest in peace Fernando, but you sleep alone. was reared in the role of “the villain” in front of a crowd of horrified onlookers. No one looks up with an insatiable pig. Rest in peace Fernando, but you sleep alone.

DANIELSON Zack, Atlanta, GA
It was early in the evening yesterday when Zack’s game left us, and while it didn’t go without a fight, Zack did have his arse unceremoniously handed to him. Upon returning from the bathroom, Zack found the girl he was seeing had been surrounded by a bevy of, loosely, Early Man, who tried to use his abundant muscle to shang-hai him out of the picture. Zack did not keep his cool and accused his young lady friend of lying with the first guy who came along. His girl, not duly disgraced by Zack’s over-the-top bravado, fled the scene when his far from attractive other guy just said and raising him. When the smoke cleared, Eric had won the greatest, but the girl was nowhere to be found. No one likes a braggart. Eric’s game was last seen drifting away towards the vast sea of loneliness in an undersized boat.

KUMAR Bharat, Jacksonville, FL
After kicking his game to a leggy redhead at a dorm mixer, Bharat was interrupted by Trevor, a.k.a. British Accent Guy. Women are drawn to men with British accents, so all it took was a single “pardon” to make his girl raise an eyebrow toward this game killing Redcoat. This prompted Bharat to get rid by calling out the guy’s busted grill of yellowing bad teeth and comparing the merits of baseball over cricket. The British Accent Guy smiled and opened his mouth only to offer small bits of non-confrontational banter, allowing his accent to seep into the girl’s brain like a piece of brilliant propaganda. In the end, the Brit would invade on Bharat’s territory with ease, taking the girl, and leaving Bharat’s game strewn on the road as a piece of collateral damage.

SMITH Eric, Washington, DC
His game came to its demise in the most unlikely of circumstances. While engaging in two of his most pleasurable pastimes, talking about boots, with his other passion, a beautiful girl who seemed genuinely interested. They were even planning to go out in his 15-foot dinghy, only to hit unseen rocks in the form of The One Upper, the classic tradition of lighting one’s own farts. Sure, there’s little more enticing than the ignition of one’s own combustible human gasses, but much more like riding an electric scooter, you don’t look that cool doing it. When the laughter subsided, Hanwey was left with nothing but a good laugh and the faint smell of old eggs, while his lady was snared by a new suitor. Man, talk about blowing it.

SAINTER Zack, Janesville, WI
Sitting on the back of his dirt bike, Zack’s game was abandoned. He had lost his cool, and the girl he was seeing had been surrounded by a bevy of Early Man, who tried to use his abundant muscle to shanghi him out of the picture. Zack did not keep his cool and accused his young lady friend of lying with the first guy who came along. His girl, not duly disgraced by Zack’s over-the-top bravado, fled the scene when his far from attractive other guy just said and raising him. When the smoke cleared, Eric had won the greatest, but the girl was nowhere to be found. No one likes a braggart. Eric’s game was last seen drifting away towards the vast sea of loneliness in an undersized boat.

FOX Jon, London, UK
Jon’s game, beloved to many a cheerleader and facilitator of the ménage of 2003, was falling well at a Gold Coast club with a delightful pair of sisters. That is until the playboy predator boasted of captaining his own 40-foot vessel. Eric tried to nurse men into heated debates on subjects of which they knew nothing, over-heard the conversation turning to art, and suddenly lose his cool and go shoveling away towards the vast sea of loneliness in an undersized boat.

The Gamekillers OBITUARIES April 2006

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Game Killers who lives by the motto “Anything you can do I can do better.” Sure enough, The One Upper claimed to not only know boats, but he also boasted of captaining his own 40-foot vessel. Eric tried to navigate to the calmer waters of car talk but was run over again by The One Upper’s supposed vintage German roadster. The tension quickly mounted, and soon the two were engaged in a ruthless game of one-upmanship. On and on they went, seeing what the other guy just said and raising him. When the smoke cleared, Eric had won the greatest, but the girl was nowhere to be found. No one likes a braggart. Eric’s game was last seen drifting away towards the vast sea of loneliness in an undersized boat.

USCH Ozil, New Brunswick, NJ
His game was facing nicely at the local coffee shop with a seemingly receptive late drinker called Rita and he seemed well on his way to a little afternoon delight, that is until the corduroyclad Gamekiller known as “IQ” entered picture. This pompous scholastic scavenger, famous for luring men into heated debates on subjects of which they knew nothing, over-heard the conversation turning to art and pounced. Immediately he steered the dialogue into an area known as Out Of Chad’s Depth where he would dash out ever increasing portions of intellectual emasculation. Chad reacted as anyone with a 20 point IQ deficit facing “IQ” would: the wrong way. No, the answer to “When do you feel Picasso peaked?” isn’t to shove the questioner in the chest. Rita was left to apologize emphatically for Chad’s actions and asked if she could make up for it in some way. Chad tried to recover, but it was too late. He had lost his cool, and his game would retire home, where it would begin its own blue period.

Obituaries can be created and sent via email to friends at gamekillers.com

Keep Your Cool. Axe Dry.

UTSGH Chad, New Brunswick, NJ
His game was alive and well on its way to a ten digit exchange with a hottie known as Britney, but was suddenly bushwhacked by a classic Gamekiller, The Drama Queen. She ran into the scene, tears streaming, and sobbed a story of having seen her ex from four years ago, “I, I, I just can’t be alone tonight, Brit.” Still a retrievable situation had Fernando kept his cool. But he didn’t. “Four years seems like a long time ago,” he said in all innocence. By the time The Drama Queen was done flipping the script, Fernando

SHIEH Hanwey, Los Angeles, CA
Hanwey was chatting up a Latin diva at an apartment complex barbeque and his game was hot enough to pose a fire hazard, that is until his friend and coaxon of horror known as The Mess entered the picture and snatched Hanwey up like a flash flood of distraction. Somewhat of a loose cannon, The Mess immediately engaged Hanwey in the age-old male bonding
Nepalese security forces kill at least four protesters at rally

Joseph Coleman

TOKYO — Japan's government is preparing countermeasures for an upcoming visit by a Nepalese government delegation.

The aim of the visit is to discuss the dispute over the sovereignty of the islands.

The Japanese government is concerned about the visit, as it could further escalate tensions between the two countries.

The visit is expected to take place sometime in the next few days.

The Japanese government has been negotiating with the Nepalese government for several years to resolve the dispute.

However, the two countries have been unable to reach an agreement.

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their expense, making the art of hunting not only unethical but inhumane.
And here is another question:
How is hunting over the Internet any more unethical than the manner in which our Vice President Dick Cheney hunted
pleasure and other small fowl in the controlled environment of a Texas ranch?
In case you didn't know, Cheney paid for the birds and had them planted in brush, then proceeded to scare them out of the brush and then shot them from
close range, just before he accidentally shot his colleague.
Don't get me wrong, I am not saying that hunting as a whole is
wrong, but that propagating the hunting of hunting over the Internet and not the bann-
ing of other forms of hunting that are just as inhumane and unsports-
manlike is extremely hypocritical.
To this day, groups like the Humane Society of the United States, the National Rifle Club and Safari Club
International are pushing for national legislation banning online hunting.
In an interview with the Christian Science Monitor, Michael Moorhead of the Humane Society of the United States
described the practice as "pay-per-view slaughters." Yet, one question comes to mind: Who is the Humane Society seeking to ban
this particular type of inhumane hunting and ignoring other blat-
tantly inhumane hunting practices?
Practices much like the type of staged hunting that our vice pres-
dent and other top officials enjoy, but are not available when he paid for his days kill.
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Mammoth reopens after avalanche scare

The Mammoth Mountain ski resort reopened Tuesday after searches deemed the site safe where an avalanche partially buried several people a day earlier.

No one was killed or seriously injured when a 400-foot-wide, 600-foot-long wall of snow collapsed at the crown of the 11,653-foot Eastern Sierra peak on Monday, and no one was missing, officials said.

Three skiers were briefly trapped but were quickly dug out of the 3-foot Eastern Sierra peak on Monday, and on Tuesday, four dogs searched the area again for about two hours. The avalanche area remained closed Tuesday but about 90 percent of the mountain was reopened.

The avalanche came on the heels of the April 6 deaths of three members of Mammoth’s ski patrol, who were asphyxiated by gas from a volcanic vent on the mountain.

SLO Bike Club has much to offer

Katherine Tiffin
MUSTANG DAILY

People who love the outdoors, riding bicycles and interacting with fellow members from the community can enjoy the many year-round activities with the San Luis Obispo Bicycle Club.

The club was founded in 1970 to promote safe and legal riding of bicycles and to encourage bicycle riding as an accepted mode of transportation, according to the club’s Web site.

The club consists of about 500 members, mostly over the age of 40, but the club is definitely something college students can participate in and enjoy, said Stu Goldenberg, the club’s newsletter editor and also a mathematics teacher at Cal Poly.

“Every day of the week there’s a ride somewhere,” Goldenberg said. “North County, South County, North Coast and San Luis are all active, some are longer, some are really hard rides, some are very social, stop and eat, socialize and ride.”

The club has monthly meetings, Goldenberg said. “We have some business and we have some entertainment,” he said. Entertainment includes slideshows of recent rides, bike health, fitness and eating.

General membership meetings are held the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the San Luis Obispo City/County Library. The meetings are intended for those considering membership but are open to all members.

Board of Directors meetings are held the second Thursday of every month at 7 p.m at the Coast National Bank in San Luis Obispo and are open to all members.

The third Thursday of every month the club has a booth at Farmer’s Market and is open to the public for any questions between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. in front of the Kevin Main Jewelry store on Higuera Street.

Thursday night rides are held weekly beginning at French Park in San Luis Obispo at 6 p.m. The ride can last anywhere from 25 to 52 miles and includes scenery through Arroyo Grande, Corbett Canyon, Lopez Lake and Hi Mountain.

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The club puts on the Lighthouse Century, which will take place any rain or shine on Saturday, Sept. 14. It begins at Cuesta College and winds through Los Osos, Morro Bay and Cayucos, where lunch is served, then on to Cambria and the Piedras Blancas Lighthouse before returning to the college for a hot dinner. Scenery includes zebras, elephant seals and Morro Rock. This ride also sells out quickly and registration is not available the day of the ride.

The registration fee is $45. All of the funds raised from the club’s rides help to sponsor scholarships for the Cal Poly Wheelmen, Shandon High School and support programs at Creston Elementary. They also help “contribute to the maintenance of mountain bike trails and support bicycle advocacy organizations, promote helmet use in our (San Luis Obispo) area,” according to their Web site. The club strictly promotes safe and legal riding of mountain bike trails and support bicycle advocacy organizations.

The legislation not only seeks to ban hunting over the Internet in Kentucky but also to prevent Kentucky citizens from hunting over the Internet in Texas or anywhere else.

The legislation was spurred on by sportsman groups who claim that hunting live prey over the Internet is unsportsmanlike. An interesting theory from a group of people that lay siege on America’s wilderness with high-powered rifles and other advanced technologies that allow them to not only track their targets more effectively but also kill more efficiently.

It is here that I pose my question; How is hunting over the Internet any more unsportsmanlike than going into the wilderness and shooting a deer from 400-yards away with a high-powered rifle, aside from actually being in the wilderness?

There are a number of reasons why hunting over the Internet might seem crude and unusual, but the gun is stationary and individuals have to wait for a target to come into view of the camera before actually firing. In addition, any kill that is made can be processed and sent to the hunter at a later date.