Poly environmentalists set out to ‘Change It’

Amy Dierdorff

Greenpeace invited two Cal Poly students to attend a training conference for the country’s leading youth environmental activists called “Change It” in Washington, D.C. this summer.

Social sciences senior David Kirk and political science senior Lizzy LaMotte-Mitchell were named two of the top 100 youth environmental activists in the country by Greenpeace this summer. They were awarded an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. from July 28 to Aug. 3 to attend workshops, special guest speakers and a campaign simulation organized by Greenpeace and Seventh Generation, a manufacturer of eco-friendly household cleaning products.

Kirk was chosen for his organizing and campaign experience at Cal Poly and the local community. He founded Poly Greens; the Green Party’s campus chapter designed for students. Poly Greens participated in the campaign to replace the red handprints, educational awareness on corporate personhood and the Renew CSU campaign.

“If Poly Greens continues to succeed and grow after I graduate, that will be my biggest accomplishment,” Kirk said.

He is also the Program Coordinator for SAFER Men, a sexual assault awareness campaign based out of Cal Poly’s Women’s Center, and to active in the Progressive Student Alliance club on campus.

Like Kirk, LaMotte-Mitchell’s full resume of campus and community involvement is what got her chosen for the youth environmental activist award. She interned for Greenpeace last fall and traveled to college campuses to involve students in the fight for recycled tissue products.

LaMotte-Mitchell also attended the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and organized demonstrations to pressure the international community into reducing greenhouse gas emissions under the Kyoto Protocol.

“I think personally my biggest accomplishment has been working to change my own lifestyle, because I feel like our lifestyles are probably the biggest problem,” LaMotte-Mitchell said.

One of the things Kirk learned from the training conference is to never give up on his goals to make the community and the world more environmentally aware.

“If you know what you’re doing is right, you’ve just got to keep doing it. Change has always got to be an uphill battle,” Kirk said.

Greenpeace designed the “activist boot camp,” as Kirk calls it, to develop student’s skills in campaign strategy, event planning, media relations and non-violent direct action taught by the experienced staff at Greenpeace. The students’ abilities were then applied to a three-day campaign simulation, dividing them into ten teams working to achieve specific competing campaign objectives. LaMotte-Mitchell sees her experience at the conference not just as a learning tool but as a chance to bring awareness and “educate the public.”

“I think anyone going to the conference was informed. Everyone has a lot more of an understanding of the things they’re about to get involved in,” Kirk said.

Kirk’s belief is that “people who really know what they’re doing” are more likely to succeed in their cause than those who are not aware of the issues. “A lot of people just see this as a way to make money,” Kirk said.

Like Kirk, LaMotte-Mitchell has already seen her efforts pay off. Since receiving her grant, she has been invited to speak at various events, including a recent one at UC Berkeley where she moderated a discussion on the future of the green movement.

Spam worm puts student information at risk

Liza Manion

About 7,000 students may be affected by a “worm” that infected a computer system at Cal Poly.

On Oct. 3, the worm was identified in a system used in conjunction with campus telephone billing. Personal information was discovered on the system, which included names and Social Security numbers of students living in residence halls from 2001 to 2005.

“(The information) shouldn’t have been there. It was an ITS mistake,” said Tim Kearn, Cal Poly’s chief information officer.

Kearns said the information was removed after the worm was discovered.

Once the worm was detected, the students were encouraged to change their passwords and the problem was isolated.

Students’ funeral to take place this week

Kristen Marschall

A funeral for deceased student Edgar Viernes will take place tomorrow in Santa Clarita.

Vierues, an electrical engineering major, died in a car accident of which he was the passenger on Oct. 12 when the driver swerved to avoid hitting a dog on Foothill Boulevard. The car spun out of control and hit a tree, and Viernes died soon after at Sierra Vista Hospital.

His friend from Santa Clarita, Hiran Patel, said the past couple weeks have been tough.

“I knew (Vierues) from high school. I met him when he was a junior,” Patel said. “He was a close friend.

As a political science senior at UC Irvine, Patel kept in close contact with Viernes, and even visited earlier this month before his friend died.

Patel will be at the funeral and viewing this week. The viewing will take place from 2 to 8 p.m. at EternalValley Memorial Park in Santa Clarita. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday at Santa Clarita’s Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, the Catholic church Viernes’ family attends.

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“Now the bill is not so much about abortion as it is about parental notification,” said Liz Syrko, co-president of Berkeley Students for Life.

Though almost 70 percent of Alameda County voters opposed the measure last year, California voters will again consider a measure that would require parental notification of abortion procedures unless that requirement is waived by a judge.

This year, the proposed state constitutional amendment does not refer to the fetus as a "child" and keeps the records of judges who grant waivers confidential—changes supporters hope will make the measure less controversial.

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Despite the effort to soften controversy surrounding Proposition 85, many opponents still say the initiative — backed by groups such as Evangelicals for Social Action and the Traditional Values Coalition — is part of a larger campaign to restrict reproductive rights.

“These are all organizations that are a part of a larger effort to outlaw all abortions,” said Ashley Morris, co-president of UC Berkeley ACLU.

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Worm
infected computer was removed from all
and takes over computer networks.
The worm, W 32/ TILEbot-GV, acts
like a virus, and usually generates spam
and takes over computer networks.
"As far as we know, it wasn't used for
anything," Kearns said.
He said no complaints of spam- or any
other type of complaint was reported,
but letters are still being mailed out to
notify students of the potential threat to
their security.
The letters are being sent to comply
with California civil code. The California
Senate Bill 1386 requires "any state
agency to disclose any breach of security
of the system to any California resident
whose unencrypted personal informa-
tion is reasonably believed to have been
acquired by an unauthorized person."
The bill was passed just four years ago,
and has been effective only since July
2003. Any security breaches before that
date have not been reported. All records
only date back to December 2003. Since
then there have been 10 reports of secu-
rity issues.
While the reports continue to increase,
protecting students seems to be an
endless process.
"It's very complicated," said Vicki
Stover, Cal Poly's chief information secu-
rity officer.
Phasing out the use of the Social
Security number around campus is a
main objective. Right now, Kennedy
Library must find secure areas, and
housing use a different identifying num-
ber, said Stover.
At the beginning of the school year, all
students were issued new ID numbers.
Last year, students' Social Security num-
bers were removed from the magnetic
strips of PolyCards.
"You have to do a step-by-step
process; it takes a lot of time," said Stover.
Kearns said as of now, the "phasing out
process" is to be completed in about a
year.

Abortion
last November's version of the measure,
it was only rejected by about 53 percent
of voters statewide in the election's
tightest proposition race.
For both sides, the safety of girls is
again at the center of the debate.
"We've seen data that propositions
like 85 have reduced teen abortions,"
Sarosi said.
She pointed to a September study
carried out by Florida State University
that indicated gonorrhea rates among
females declined in states that passed
parental notification laws. The study
used that statistic as a measure for risky
sexual behavior.
But others argue that the proposition
will endanger the lives of girls from vio-
 lent or sexually abusive homes.
To navigate around notification laws,
girls may resort to back-alley abortions
or travel across state lines to receive ille-
gal abortions, Morris said.

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only as an inspiration to keep working for a
cause, but as a great networking tool.
"There are hundreds of other students out
there who are working toward a better future
and who want to make change," LaMotte-
Mitchell said.
The conference culminated in the kick-off
of Greenpeace's Project
Hot Seat, a national
global warming cam-
paign focused on the
November 2006 elec-
tions. Students gath-
ered on the Capitol
to form a human arrow point-
ing at the Capitol
Building and held up
a banner reading, "global warming stops here," and
then another reading,
"global warming stops
here."
Students delivered
photos of the demonstra-
tion directly to congressmen, along
with let-
ters about global warming and how it
can be stopped by legislation. However, they did face
resistance from guards in the Capitol Building
who thought they were trying to protest, which
turned out to be a valuable lesson.
"That was pretty insane, just how hard it can
to be trying to communicate with your congress-
man because they are afraid of all these college
kids," LaMotte-Mitchell said.
Both Kirk and LaMotte-Mitchell plan to
use the skills they gained from the conference
to continue working on different environmen-
tal campaigns on campus.

Kirk is working with other leaders on cam-
pus to form Empower Poly, a coalition of cam-
pus organizations who want to establish Cal
Poly as a model of economic, social and envi-
ronmental sustainability. In working with
Empower Poly, Kirk hopes to use the confer-
ence as a model for training club leaders
and student organizers on campus.
"I think it has a lot of potential for a lot of
big changes on campus," Kirk said.
LaMotte-Mitchell is currently working
with Greenpeace and the National
Resource Defense
Council on their Klearcut campaign
to stop Kimberly-
Clark, the
makers of Kleenex brand
paper products,
from destroy-
ing the largest
remaining
ancient forest
in North America, the
Boreal.
"Basically we're asking them to stop using
wood fiber from ancient forests, ensure that vir-
gin fiber is Forest Stewardship
Council approved; and increase the recycled content to
80 percent. That's the standard," LaMotte-
Mitchell said.
She is also bringing the Klearcut campaign
to campus, working to rid Cal Poly of Kimberly-
Clark paper products. She hopes to gain student
support and create a contract with Cal Poly's
Facilities Department to stop buying from
Kimberly-Clark and find a more environmen-
tally friendly alternative.
Question of the day:

Are you registered to vote?

"I want to be registered to vote because it's important to have an opinion on your community."

-Alex Woodhouse, architecture junior

"I am not because I move too much and I've just not gotten around to doing it."

-Laura Cotter, mechanical engineering senior

"Yes, mainly because they just send me the slip; I'm not registered in San Luis."

-Mya Krikorian, construction management senior

"Yes, mainly because they just send me the slip; I'm not registered in San Luis."

-Scott Koontz, civil engineering senior

"Yes, I am. I want to exercise the freedoms our country has."

-Julianne Smith, business sophomore

"I just registered in California because I've taken a lot of political science classes and they've made me more aware."

-Kato Woodhouse, architecture junior

Katrina insurance complaints pursued more aggressively by whites

NEW ORLEANS — The Little and the Kitchens watched helplessly as Hurricane Katrina battered their homes. Both families waited patiently for an insurance adjuster to settle their losses. And both were sorely disappointed with the outcome.

Then, their paths diverged. Richard and Cindy Little, a white couple living in a predominantly white neighborhood, filed a complaint with the Louisiana Department of Insurance. Eventually, they won full reimbursement for their repairs. They didn't know they could appeal to the state. Though poor and minority neighborhoods suffered the brunt of Katrina's fury, residents living in white neighborhoods have been three times as likely as homeowners in black neighborhoods to seek state help in resolving insurance disputes, according to an Associated Press computer analysis.

The analysis of Louisiana's insurance complaints settled in the first year after Katrina highlights a cold, hard truth exposed by Katrina's winds and waters: People of color and modest means, who often need the most help after a major disaster, are disconnected from the government institutions that can provide it, or distrustful of those in power.

"The blacks didn't complain 'cause they got tired," said Doretha Kitchens, 58, who recalls numerous phone calls to her insurer that often ended with her being put on hold. Ultimately, she accepted her insurer's offer of about $34,000 for damages that actually total more than $120,000.

The insurance industry and state regulators say they made special efforts — even in the midst of Katrina's chaos — to reach out to poor and minority neighborhoods to inform them of options.

But officials acknowledge victims slipped through the cracks.

"The message doesn't get to everyone," Louisiana Insurance Commissioner Jim Donelon said. More than 700,000 insurance claims were filed for damage resulting from Katrina in Gulf Coast states and to date, only $14.9 billion out of $23.3 billion in insured losses have been paid, the national risk modeling firm ISO estimates.

In Louisiana, more than 8,000 residents have filed Katrina-related complaints with the state insurance department.
For the second time in 6 years, Senate could be evenly split

Jim Abrams

WASHINGTON — Expected Democratic gains in the election next month will end up providing the Senate, for the second time in six years, with a 50-50 tie. That put the Democrats back in control with Dauce as majority leader.

But some heat from the Republican colleagues at the time for being overly generous to Democrats, the election night when Jeffords bolted from the GOP and became an independent allied with the Democrats, that put Dauce in that majority leader.

The Lott-Duarte deal staled intact until November 2002, when Republican James Talent defeated nearby Mississippi's appointed senator, Jean Carnahan, in a special election and Republican regained power. They've held majority on Senate committees since then.

The Senate, Democrats may need the help of two independents to reach parity with the Republicans.

Rep. Bernie Sanders, another Vermont independent, is the front-runner in the race to succeed Jeffords. Sanders has always been a member of the Democratic caucuses in the House and his office said he would continue to support the Democrats in the Senate.

The Democratic Sen. Joe Lieberman of Connecticut appears likely to return to Congress as an independent after his loss to a Democratic challenger in the primaries. Lieberman, in line to become chairman of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee if Democrats capture the Senate, is also committed to staying with the Democratic caucuses, his office said.

Jim Manley, press spokesman for Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada, said that in the event of a 50-50 stalemate, the 2001 Lott-Duarte deal "should serve as a useful guidepost for any negotiations" on power-sharing between Reid and Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.
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Nearly 75 percent of the settled cases were filed by residents currently living in predominantly white neighborhoods. Just 25 percent were filed by households in majority-black ZIP codes, the analysis found.

The analysis also suggests income was a factor. The average resident who sought state help lives in a neighborhood with a median household income of $39,709, compared with the statewide median of $32,566 in the 2000 Census.

Donelon said his department made an extra effort to reach as many people as possible and let them know the agency was willing to press their case with insurers.

That message, however, never reached the water-stained stoop of Doretha Kitchens’ house, which was enveloped in a 9-foot wave of muddy water when the Lower Ninth Ward’s aging levees broke. For months, she had no access to Orleans.

For months, she had no access to her attic, where winds ripped off the roof. At first, Richard and Cindy Little didn’t care much better.

Four towering pine trees crashed into their tidy ranch-style home in Slidell, a predominantly white bedroom community north of New Orleans.

The crashing limbs unleashed a cascade of water that spoiled the walls, soaked the hardwood floors and brought puffs of pink insulation tumbling from the ceiling.

When their insurer agreed to pay only two-thirds of the cost of the repairs, the Littles used their savings to cover the cost of the construction — then began battling Allstate, the state’s No. 2 insurer, over the final settlement.

They wrote letters to congressmen, secured copies of an adjuster’s report, spent hours compiling receipts, made countless phone calls and filed a complaint with insurance regulators.

Eventually, their efforts paid off, but they acknowledge the fight wasn’t easy and that the family’s finances played a large role in their perseverance.

“We had money in the bank so we could wait them out,” said Cindy Little, 50. “We could wait to get what’s owed.”

“It’s kind of scary to think of fighting a big corporation,” added Richard Little. “I can see how people with not as much money, education, take what’s given them.”

Though there was no disparity in the outcome of state complaints, the racial divide is clearly apparent in who accessed the system and how often they did so.

In New Orleans, where blacks made up two-thirds of the 454,863 pre-Katrina population, only about 445 homeowners resolved complaints with the state department. In contrast, the mostly white residents in suburban Slidell resolved more complaints (489) even though their population is 16 times smaller.

Alan Jenkins, a former Justice Department official in the Clinton administration who lobbies for minority opportunities, said AP’s analysis reinforces a little-discussed reality exposed by Katrina.

“The promise of opportunity isn’t equally available,” he said. “Race and income has made a big difference in people’s ability to start over.”

Jenkins said state and federal agencies need to adopt different techniques to reach historically disadvantaged neighborhoods.

Aloyd Edinburgh, who lives not far from the Kitchens in the Lower Ninth Ward, exemplifies the problem.

The 75-year-old retired cab driver said he doesn’t have much use for insurance but their dispute with the insurer was over damage in their home.

When their insurer agreed to pay $35,000 out of a policy worth $85,000, he is slowly and painstakingly repairing his gutted house, sleeping in a trailer parked in his driveway.

Edinburgh’s insurer gave him $35,000 out of a policy worth $85,000. He is slowly and painstakingly repairing his gutted house, sleeping in a trailer parked in his driveway. Like many in his neighborhood, he didn’t know the state could help. But like many neighbors, he had little faith — and at his age — little time.

“The best thing I can do is take the money I did receive and go to work,” says the old man, his eyes clouded with cataracts. “Am I satisfied? Hell, no. I’m not satisfied… Am I mad? Hell, yeah, I’m mad. But to complain about what’s the use?”

Disabled voters want to use signature stamps for absentee ballots

SAN LUIS OBISPO (AP) — Advocates for disabled people unable to sign their names want the secretary of state’s office to allow use of a signature stamp on their absentee ballots.

Mary Peacock, 47, of San Luis Obispo has limited body mobility because of a birth disorder and she uses her signature stamp to sign official documents at the bank, Social Security office and doctor’s office.

She also used her stamp to sign her voter registration card, but election officials will not accept it as an official signature on her absentee ballot. The California elections code requires people who are unable to write their signature to make a mark in front of a witness.

Peacock and other members of People First of SLO, an advocacy group for those with disabilities, insist their stamps are their personal signatures.

Marking an X indicates they are illiterate, People First of SLO said, and requiring a witness impairs their ability to vote privately and independently.

People First of SLO, which is pushing to change the state elections code, has been joined in the effort by Protection and Advocacy Inc., a statewide nonprofit group that provides free legal service to people with disabilities.

“From our perspective, (allowing signature stamps) seems like a reasonable modification to accommodate somebody with a disability,” the nonprofit’s lawyer Diana Honig said. “We would encourage election officials to accept a signature stamp.”

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UCSB grad will premiere new surf documentary at Cal Poly Thursday

"Chasing the Lotus" will play at Chumash Auditorium at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

Devan McClaine
Senior Staff Writer

Before he became a filmmaker, Greg Schell was a kid and a surfer. Like many young surfers, he was inspired by the plethora of great surf movies of the late '60s and early '70s. One of them was "Endless Summer," the timeless surf odyssey made by renowned filmmaker Bruce Brown.

The 1966 classic is hailed by many as the best surf movie ever, and has been seen by millions. Schell, a UC Santa Barbara alumnus, will be showing his latest film, "Chasing The Lotus," at Chumash Auditorium on Thursday at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m.

The Hollywood native also presented another film, "The Far Shore," at Cal Poly in 2003. The film was a chronicle of the 1972 journey made by photographer Craig Peterson and his friend Kevin Naughton, in search of perfect waves in locations such as California, Mexico, Ireland, West Africa and the Sahara Desert.

Schell describes "Chasing The Lotus" as an "synthesis" of both of the movies that inspired him as a surfer and a filmmaker.

"Lotus" features the very rare super 8mm film footage of underground legends Greg Weaver and Spyder Wills, as they trekked to exotic surf spots around the globe. "Most of (Wills' and Weaver's) footage they just showed to friends, then they threw it into a closet for five or six years, so (the discovery) is a big deal," Schell said of the pair's thought-to-be-lost footage.

"Lotus" is a fusion of Weaver and Wills' footage, photo stills and interviews with others who were inspired by the films of the duo. The cast is a veritable list of surfing and skateboarding icons including Rob Machado, Gerry Lopez, Sunny Garcia and skateboarding legend Stacy Peralta (director of "Dogtown and Z-boys," the inspiration for "Lords of Dogtown"). The film is also narrated by actor Jeff Bridges. Schell called the making of "Lotus" an "amazing opportunity," adding, "it was just awesome spending time with some of these guys and showing the inside of their lives.

The film allowed him to interact with some of his idols; at one point Schell got to do yoga with Gerry Lopez in the latter's back yard. "I mentioned that I was into (yoga) and (Lopez) said, 'why don't we relax and do some yoga,' it was amazing," Schell said.

"Chasing the Lotus" features previously unseen surfing footage from legendary filmmakers Spyder Wills and Greg Weaver.

![Greg Schell's "Chasing The Lotus" features previously unseen surfing footage from legendary filmmakers Spyder Wills and Greg Weaver.](courtesy photo)
The memory of childhood

H eren Kimmel didn't say her first words until she was almost 3 years old. When she finally spoke, the first words out of her mouth were "I'll make you a deal with me." As for her readers, she "had saved up a fair amount of words as a result," she said.

For someone who got such a late start with language, Kimmel more than makes up for it in her memoir. "A Girl Named Zippy: Growing Up Small in Mooreland, Indiana." The book provides a refreshing look at a small town childhood in what often seems more like a series of vignettes than a novel. This equally hilarious and poignant memoir effortlessly combines laugh out loud humor with a sensitivity that shows Kimmel's innate familiarity with how life works. "Running with scissors" author Augusten Burroughs calls her "the love child of Anne Tyler and David Sedaris" — an apt description of how Kimmel fuses wit with touching family dynamics to create an all-around fun read.

The young protagonist in "A Girl Named Zippy" is Kimmel herself, nicknamed Zippy after a physical therapist. And then here comes a candy-stripper with a sassy library cart and on that cart there is only one book— or at least that is what the reader knows. As she "cooks and with Pork." I can see how a person would be grateful for Mooreland then."

Kimmel's sister was wrong, and "A Girl Named Zippy" soared to the top of The New York Times Bestseller List after its release in 2001. It turned out many people were grateful for Mooreland. Kimmel earned a master's degree in creative writing from North Carolina State University and it shows. It's easy to see that she knows what she's doing when it comes to writing. Despite being overwhelmingly pleasant, her work is also masterfully constructed. It's the type of writing that goes down easy, page after page, until you realize the book is nearly finished. "This opera is much different." Mason said. "It is a little pricey, but it's very fun," Hushing-Kline said. The Pacific Repertory Opera is also giving away a $500 vocal arts scholarship this year for both high school and college students.

For all companies in America, 50 percent of the money for their shows comes from donors, Hushing-Kline said. "The donors are our lifeblood." Why go to the opera? "There is no microphone in opera," Hushing-Kline said. "What you hear is what you get."
Zack Parsons, one of the original contributors to the comedy site SomethingAwful.com, is starting to make a big name for himself. Parsons was kind enough to grant us an interview about SomethingAwful and his newly released book, "My Tank Is Fight!"

Mustang Daily: So who is Zack Parsons and how did he get involved with SomethingAwful?

Zack Parsons: Back in 2001 I was selling Russian pornography to Steve-dores and Turkish sailors down on the docks. A rusted steamer carrying blackjack to the base of the skull. Out their little press gang and took a dores and Turkish sailors down on the backbreaking labor I was allowed to have an erection. Even if you don't have a penis we'll mail you a boner.

MD: Tell us about your new book "My Tank Is Fight!" and how the initial sales are going.

ZP: It's a "pulp history" book, which basically means I never graduated college and I'm writing a history book. Think of it as Indiana Jones meets the Encyclopedia of German Tanks of World War II. It details over 20 strange inventions from World War II and combines that with some really bad jokes and an episodic narrative. It's a fun book and it's selling pretty well. It's a niche title with a weird format, but it is keeping pace with some of the big boys.

MD: What's your personal favorite image WWII invention?

ZP: The P 1000 "Kraut." It was this immense tank, bigger than a barn, with a cruiser turret stuck onto the top. Imagine and useless, but so cool at the same time. They never got far on that one because someone with a little common sense pulled the plug.

MD: Do you plan on writing more books in the future? Do you plan on writing more books in the future?

ZP: There is a town in India responsible for all of our content. Most of my articles were written by Ravi Patel, a 9-year-old who works in the boiler room. After a couple years of backbreaking labor I was allowed to have an erection. Even if you don't have a penis we'll mail you a boner.

MD: About how much of your content is nothing new in development?

ZP: The T-Rex makes it through without using video as its main source for comedy. Why is this and how do you continue stay so popular without much video?

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Democrat Nancy Pelosi seeking power not progress

If all the headlines are correct, America is headed downhill, fast. We have been bludgeoned with news that our economy is terrible, we are losing the war on terror and the Democrats are going to retake control of the House. I include that last headline not because I care one political party or another, but because of the method by which that particular party is trying to gain power.

Nobody can argue from this supposed Democratic revolution is any unified policy that Americans can stand behind. There is little talk of Democrats promising changes except the ever-present threats of tax increases, impeachments and rulings from the Supreme Court. It is a dangerous trend to use the fear of impeachment to gain power to offer solutions to our most important problems of our day. Among these were very popular with the majority of the American people at the time. Among these were tax reductions, government spending limits, social security reform and welfare reform. This was not a plan to simply gain power; it was a plan to produce the change in America that the country desperately needed.

Putting party affiliation aside, every reasonable American can see that Pelosi’s destructive attitude does nothing but retard the progress of our country. It stifles debate and, if successful, may encourage every minority party from now on to impede progress rather than produce real reform.

The U.S. Congress needs to address on the most important problems of our day. Among others, these critical issues include national security and the war in Iraq. With all of the problems facing our country today, we need leaders that will work together to forge compromise and results rather than partisan politics that only produce division. This isn’t really a choice between Democrat and Republican; it is a choice between stagnation and progress towards the American dream.

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New Internet gambling law may slow World Series of Poker

Ronald Blum  Associated Press

Baseball players and owners proclaimed an unprecedented era of labor peace, finalizing a new five-year collective bargaining agreement Tuesday night before Game 3 of the World Series.

Lawyers struck the deal last weekend during negotiations in New York, then worked on putting it in writing. The agreement, which runs through 2011, is subject to ratification by both sides.

The deal makes relatively minor changes to the current agreement, and doesn't alter baseball's drug rules.

"I think you always have a better relationship when both sides are making money," Detroit manager Jim Leyland said before the Tigers played St. Louis, with the Series tied at one game each.

"That kind of always seems to work out in the player's favor,"匈奴 said for whatever reason, when the union's happy housewife is putting food into his pocket, and the player is happy and putting a little in his pocket. In our case, it worked out in our game, a lot better than expected," he said.

The current contract, reached in August 2002, was set to expire Dec. 1, 2006, but the agreement of five weeks宕 of negotiations prior to expiration," said union head Ken Fehr, whose first negotiations as union chief was in 1985. "And while I always underlined that it was possible and that was the goal, I'm not really sure I believed that it could happen."

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agendas, particularly programs like UC Santa Barbara and Cal State Northridge is no easy task. But at least it is another step in the right direction. It might be two or three seasons before Cal Poly plays in the NCAA Tournament, or maybe longer. But it seems feasible that the team might achieve that goal. In years past, that probably could be a possible site for the Big West.

 haven't been the case. Maybe Holocher wasn't thinking about the scoreless tie when I saw him after the game. Maybe he had a dry grim on his face knowing that his young group just played one of the top teams in the conference to a draw — and they nearly pulled the upset. Maybe he was thinking that in five years, Cal Poly could be a perennial soccer power in the Big West.

The plan, first announced last month, was approved Tuesday at the recommendation of new commissioner Roger Goodell, who said the benefits of reaching an international audience outweighed the loss of some teams' home games.

“We are talking about a limited number of games that we think will have a tremendous impact,” Goodell said. “It’s in response to the growing fan interest in our game overseas. There’s more and more fans on a global basis.”

Mark Waller, senior vice president of NFL International, said the league expected to schedule only one overseas game in 2007. No specific sites were given for the games. However, Waller said the league hoped to announce the first site by the end of January, Super Bowl, while the teams would be selected later.

“Germany has a large number of sites as it's just done the World Cup. UK has a significant number of sites, but we said, 'We know the sites in Mexico and Canada, so there's no shortage of venues that are interested in those games."

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Cardinals edge out Tigers in Game 3

The 5-0 win put St. Louis at a 2-1 Series advantage with two more home games to go. 

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Chris Carpenter was well on his way to a complete game shutout when, all of a sudden, people swarmed the mound to examine his hand.

No strike, no scuff, just a cramp, and it wasn’t about to blemish his outing.

Carpenter looked every bit a Cards’ ace as he threw the Detroit Tigers a curve, pitching St. Louis to a 5-0 victory, Tuesday night for a 2-1 Series edge.

Carpenter used big breaking ball to spin three-hit ball for eight innings. And with Jim Edmonds hitting a key double, St. Louis took advantage of a poor throw, the Cardinals returned their focus squarely to the field.

Goose were any reminders of the squabbling Kenny Rogers, with his smeared left hand in Game 2.

Oh, Rogers heard plently from the sellout crowd at Busch Stadium during pregame introductions, as chants of "Cheat-er!" echoed throughout the ballpark. But that was about the only none the Tigers caused in this game.

Looking fierce with his three-day beard. Carpenter showed why he won the NL Cy Young Award last year and is a top contender this day beard. Carpenter was well on his way out the ballpark. But that was caused in this game.

"(The location) is nice, it will be more," said Carpenter.

Russa, a trainer and the entire St. Louis infield converged on the mound, peering at Carpenter’s bare right hand. Plate umpire Wally Bell also went out to check as reliever Josh Kinney began warming up in a hurry.

All in all, it certainly was a lot more attention than Rogers attracted on the field after a yellowish-brown mark was spotted on his hand _ he said it was a mix of dirt, put and resin, while others claimed it was illegal pine tar.

A moment later, Carpenter was deemed to be OK. He proved it, too, by continuing to set down the Tigers to constant cheers. He drew his biggest roar when he got a standing ovation as he came to bat in the eighth.

Braiden Looper took over in the ninth and finished the combined three-hitter.

Game 4 will be Wednesday night, provided a forecast of steady rain holds off. It doesn’t, NL championship series MVP Jeff Suppan will start against Jeremy Bonderman.

The Tigers had benefited in all 10 post-season games before Carpenter stopped them. And a Detroit team that averaged 5 1/2 runs per game throughout the AL playoffs had scored a total of five in the World Series.

It was somewhat of a surprise, too. Carpenter gave up a season-high seven runs at Detroit in June.

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In other words, the Mustangs aren’t exactly the New York Yankees of the collegiate soccer world right now. Unless my judgment was impaired by the Armageddon climate Saturday night at the Sports Complex, I think I’ve made a fair assessment.

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H e stood at the side of the bench, hand on his chin, like a person deep in thought.

Players were on the sidelines chatting with friends and parents, assistant coaches were packing up and he stood there with a straight face, a look that could be interpreted many ways.

Maybe he was pissed off, irritated after his team had a shot to knock off second place UC Irvine. Maybe he was frustrated with fate after seeing several fantastic scoring opportunities ruined by defenders standing on the goal line. Or maybe he was content with fate after watching two Anteater shots bounce off the goal posts.

If only for an instant, Cal Poly soccer’s coach Paul Holocher had that look a coach might have after a double-overtime scoreless tie in the midst of a playoff race.

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Cross country teams sprint to championships

Devan McClone

The Cal Poly men’s and women’s cross country teams will compete at Saturday’s Big West Cross Country Championships.

The meet will be held at Parkhurst Memorial Cross Country Course near Cuesta College at 10 a.m.

Mark Conover, the head coach of both teams, appreciates the benefit of having the meet so close to campus.

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Despite the proximity and what Conover calls “a beautiful course for both runners and spectators,” he isn’t taking anything for granted.

"On paper it looks like it is between us and UC Santa Barbara, but any one of the six other teams can sneak up on you," Conover said.

Based on national rankings, it does indeed appear that the Cal Poly and UCSB men’s squads will run ahead of conference competition. Cal Poly comes into the meet ranked 24th in the nation.

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However, look at what the Detroit Tigers have done to turn around their long history of losing — they’re playing in the World Series."

Cal Poly probably won’t win a national championship this year, but the program has rapidly improved.

For awhile, Cal Poly was considered an easy game on the schedule. It was a game where you could rest your top players, play a little sloppy and probably still pull off the win. But that’s not the case anymore.

Holocher has changed the face of Cal Poly soccer in one season. What’s more, he’s doing it with young players.

Jose Garcia, the leading scorer, freshman Jeff Meyer Jr., second in goals: sophomore. Eric Branson-Francisco, second in the Big West in goals-against: sophomore.

Cal Poly might not play in the postseason this year. They might not even make it next year. Playing see Frankly, page 11

Cal Poly’s Scott Rolen, left and Albert Pujols congratulate each other after scoring. Cardinals’ Jim Edmonds loses lead double to drive in the two runs in the fourth inning in Game 3 against the Detroit Tigers of the World Series on Tuesday.

The Men’s 6K event will begin at 11 a.m.

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