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Cal Poly grad sets her voice free with women's chorus

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Last minute ballot review

Measure J
San Luis Obispo has been covered with "Yes" and "No" posters for several months, debating whether the Dalido Ranch project should exist. Should it be built, the former farmland will be home to a large retail center, a business park, housing units, sports fields, nature reserves and much more. It is all set to be completed by 2008.

Dalido has been fighting for the project for more than 15 years. After taking it to the city twice and getting it approved by the city council only to be voted down by city residents, Dalido is now taking it to a county-wide vote.

His opposition argues that the project will cause a severe traffic problem should it pass. The plans describe that the center will be built before the construction of new buildings.

His supporters also say it is unfair to take a San Luis Obispo issue to the county.

... if adopted by voters, Measure J will raise San Luis Obispo's sales tax by one half-cent. This essentially means that if a consumer makes a $100 purchase, Measure J would tack an additional 50 cents in sales tax onto his or her bill.

The current sales tax throughout the county is 7.25 percent, which is the lowest sales tax allowed by the state. The proposed increase would bring the sales tax to 7.75 percent, which is still less than what 85 percent of Californians pay.

Measure Y

If approved by voters, Measure Y will provide approximately $5.5 million in revenue for the city of San Luis Obispo. That additional revenue would be tagged as general purpose, so it could be put toward programs such as neighborhood street paving, emergency services, traffic congestion relief and creek and flood protection.

If approved, Measure Y will become effective April 1 of next year. The sales tax increase will be up for review in eight years. At that time, voters can either renew or repeal Measure Y.

Prop 1D

Of all the propositions, this one affects Cal Poly considerably.

Should the measure pass, over $1.4 billion will be given to California public schools, including K-12, community colleges and the California State University and University of California systems.

Cal Poly would receive $16.7 million over a two-year period. This money would fund the redesign of the Science building, replace the Anderson Pool and provide equipment and furniture for the new Construction Management building.

Opponents of Proposition 1D argue that the state cannot afford over $10 billion of debt, and say the schoolchildren of today will be repaying that debt long after they graduate.

We're going to find out at 8:01 (p.m.) on Tuesday that the wave is going to crest here in California.

Phil Angelides
Candidate for governor of California

Schwarzenegger, Angelides make very different appeals for vote to public

Laura Kurtzman
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger spent part of the last Sunday before Election Day dancing at a black church, while state Treasurer Phil Angelides was busy imploring Democratic activists to bring home the party's vote.

The contrast bespoke the Republican governor's huge lead heading into Tuesday's election. It also underscored just how different California looks this year from the rest of the country.

While elsewhere Republicans fight to stay in office amid what looks to be a Democratic tidal wave, Schwarzenegger has had the luxury of

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percent for Democrat Phil Angelides.

"I think he's doing a decent job in education," mechanical engineering sophomore Bruno Caull said of Schwarzenegger.

Caulk is a registered Democrat, but after researching both Schwarzenegger and Angelides, Schwarzenegger came out on top.

"We could be better off, but I think we're doing OK," he said.

History professor Lewis Call disagrees.

"I think (Angelides) is a much stronger candidate," he said.

Call commented that Angelides would do a better job for higher education, and the governor makes important decisions like budgeting for California State University system.

Agribusiness senior Kirsten Sorensen would like to see Schwarzenegger back in office.

"We already know what he's all about, and I like what he's all about," she said.

Angelides plans to "roll back Schwarzenegger's college tuition and fee hikes and substantially expand state scholarship aid," according to his official Web site.

He also plans to "raise the income ceilings on Cal Grants to make college more affordable for middle class families."

Schwarzenegger's budget plans for 2006-07 include an investment of more than $27 billion for higher education, according to his Web site.

The governor also increased financial aid "to keep college accessible to hundreds of thousands of students."

The aid includes a $38.8 million net increase in the Cal Grant program, and $11.9 million to increase the maximum Cal Grant for new recipients at non-public colleges and universities.

Budget plans by Angelides and plans already set in motion by Schwarzenegger are already in close competition, but the real race begins today.

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What do I need to bring with me?

To make the process faster and smoother, voters are encouraged to bring their sample ballots with them to their polling place. This helps poll workers check voters in faster. Voters are also encouraged to mark their sample ballot with their choices to help speed up their time at the polls.

Those who are first-time voters in San Luis Obispo County should have their driver's license with them.

What is proper polling place etiquette?

Voters should not talk politics when they enter a polling place. Also, voters should be sure to thank poll workers at every opportunity.

"They're there from 6:30 in the morning until 9:30 at night. It's a very wearing job. Be nice to them and thank them. They don't get enough thanks," Rodeckwald said of poll workers.

What should I expect when I get to my polling place?

Voters will give their name and address to a poll worker and sign a roster. They will then be issued a Scantron ballot and directed to a voting booth. After marking their ballot, voters should place it in its "secret sleeve" and then drop it in the ballot box.

If voting electronically, voters should follow the instructions on the screen, and ask a poll worker if they need assistance. Voters are encouraged to pick up an "I Voted" sticker before leaving.

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Governor
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spending the critical last weeks of the race wooing Democratic voters in places like the Brookside Community Church in Los Angeles.

After a warm introduction from the pastor, who stopped just short of an endorsement, Schwarzenegger delivered a hybrid message, advocating a limited role for government even as he celebrated the big spending in this year's budget on schools and after-school programs.

Such tactics have helped him triangulate between the two major parties even in this polarized environment. Polls have shown he has a 16- to 18-point lead and is retaining conservatives while attracting independents and Democrats.

Schwarzenegger is leading in spite of a Democratic tide so strong that normally safe Republican House seats in California have suddenly become competitive, those held by John Doolittle, of Rocklin, and Richard Pombo, of Tracy.

Jerry McNerney, the Democrat challenging Pombo, announced Sunday that actor Michael J. Fox had endorsed him, citing McNerney's support for stem cell research.

High-profile Democrats like former President Bill Clinton, former Vice President Al Gore and Sen. Dianne Feinstein also have been trying to stir excitement by urging a yes vote for Proposition 87, which would fund research into alternative energy by taxing the oil produced in California.

Support for the measure is lagging after an onslaught by oil companies, which have helped turn Proposition 87 into a Republican cause.

At a frenzied rally in Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley, volunteer door knockers headed out Sunday morning wearing "Yes on 87" T-shirts.

Angielles, his voice hoarse from days of campaigning, exhorted the volunteers to make wayward Democrats stay loyal and tried to associate Schwarzenegger with the Republicans. "You can't fight oil companies, which have helped turn Proposition 87 into a Republican cause," he said.

The pastor said the governor will continue to fight for federal representatives, "have fought and nor. along with local congressional districts.

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But at the church in Los Angeles it was hard to tell that Schwarzenegger was a Republican.

He arrived with his wife, Maria Shriver, and her mother, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, a sister to the late President Kennedy.

Outregeous Murph. noting Monday is Shriver's birthday, led the congregation in singing her happy birthday song.

"I like this man, and he's got a good heart," Murph said as he introduced Schwarzenegger.

The pastor said the governor helped win his loyalty when he made a condolence call after his father, Bishop Henry Murph, died.

"Come on, give him some love!" Murph exhorted the audience.

Schwarzenegger, who beamed, gave a pep talk and exhorted about the gospel music that filled the church.

"I am energized here today," Schwarzenegger said. "And I promise you, I'll be back."

Both Angielles and Schwarzenegger attended a memorial service in Devere for five firefighters killed fighting a Southern California forest fire last month, although only Schwarzenegger was allowed to speak.

Christine Mulholland, a City Council member, helped in developing 400 housing units locally. When it came to Measure J, she said, "New development pays its own way."

Incumbent Dave Romero goes way back with San Luis Obispo, since he first participated in the widening of the California Boulevard, Grand Avenue and Football Boulevard areas in the '50s and '60s. He is also a former Cal Poly lecturer.

Kelly Cape, San Hamilton, Kirsten Marshall and Lauren Zaltner contributed to this report.

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restore approximately $12 million from the current budget cuts if she is re-elect­

ed. She also believes the U.S. should leave Iraq as soon as this can be accom­plished safely.

Togazzini, a Republican, hails from Santa Maria where he has worked closely with the farming community for 34 years. He dislikes Capps' voting record of voting against small businesses and plans to do otherwise if he is elected. Also unlike Capps, he is not as eager to leave Iraq and said that the United States cannot afford to let illegal immigrants have the same education rights as citizens.

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Supreme Court considers if man jailed 8 years can sue for false arrest

Mark Sherman

WASHINGTON — Andre Wallace faces the distinct possibility that the legal system that wrongly kept him in jail for a third of his life will now tell him he waited too long to seek compensation.

Several Supreme Court justices indicated Monday they are inclined to agree with lower court rulings that Wallace missed a deadline by waiting until 2003 to sue the Chicago police officers who arrested him illegally in 1994.

Wallace was freed from prison in 2002, after Illinois court ruled his arrest was illegal, reversed his murder conviction and caused prosecutors to drop charges against him. He had been in custody since shortly after John Handy was shot to death in 1994. Wallace was 15.

He had two years in which to file his civil rights lawsuit. The question before the justices is whether the two-year clock began running when Wallace was arrested in 1994, when he was released from custody in 2002, or at some point in between.

The 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Wallace should have taken some action in the two years following his arrest. In similar cases in other parts of the country, appeals courts have said false arrest claims can't be filed until convictions are nullified.

Kenneth Flaxman, Wallace's lawyer, said the court would compound his client's injury by telling him the deadline, or statute of limitations, had expired. "It's just tough. You're set for 8 1/2 years and you can't go to state court and you can't go to federal court," Flaxman said.

Chicago police officers Kristen Kato and Eugene Roy brought Wallace in for questioning in Handy's death in January 1994. In the course of an interrogation that went through the night, Wallace said he was subjected to "a good cop/bad cop" tactic that led him being slapped and kicked. In the officers'account, Wallace was free to leave at any time.
At age 23, Alisa Zichterman is one of the youngest members of the Celebration Chorus.

Nicole Small

It’s late on a Tuesday night and the halls are vacant at Judkin’s Middle School in Pismo Beach. A light shines from the band room and sound emanates out into the darkness.

“Be our guest. Be our guest... we are here to do a show for you... You bring up your arms like this and you point your right finger at the audience,” Jan Zilli, member and choreographer tells the group. Zilli informs a woman in the front that she’s too nice with her finger wagging.

“Once again ladies,” Zilli said.

A little box lets out the correct note. The Celebration Chorus is preparing for its Nov. 18 concert. The chorus is a member of the Sweet Adelines International, a global coalition of women who perform four-part harmony, barbershop style. Competitions are held locally and internationally, with around 29,000 women and more than 600 choruses worldwide according to a Sweet Adelines International brochure.

Cal Poly graduate Alisa Zichterman, 23, joined the chorus about a year ago and is one of the youngest women in the group.

“If we could get 10 more like her (Zichterman) it’d be great,” said Connie Ross, who confesses she is one of the oldest members at age 70. Zichterman’s music minor helps the group tremendously, said Ross, because of her musical ability (she also plays the piano) and the fact that she reads music.

With a degree in mathematics, Zichterman lives in Grover Beach and works at Lockheed Martin in Santa Maria as a software engineer. She realizes how lucky she is to be able to stay in the area, but plans to return to school by fall 2009 and get her doctorate in mathematics.

Zichterman joined the chorus about five months. One night she was watching her husband sing with his barbershop quartet when a woman came up and asked her if she sang. The rest is history, said Zilli, who confesses the choruses is her therapy.

“Last time ladies, let’s make this one the best,” Zilli calls to the group.

The regional competition for the Celebration Chorus is held each spring in Bakersfield. All 18 choruses in the area compete and both choruses and quartets have the chance to go on to the international convention. Ross confesses that even though the competition is a lot of fun and measures how well a chorus has improved, it is usually the groups of 100 or more members that get the opportunity to go abroad.

Performances are judged on sound, music, expression and showmanship.

The chorus is more than just a hobby — they’re an extended family, the women say. Every Tuesday from 6:30 p.m. to about 9 p.m. the women get together to prepare for competitions and plan other events to spread the word about Sweet Adelines International.

The theme to their November show is “Over the Rainbow,” a tribute to Judy Garland. Also appearing in the International Championship, which the current Celebration Chorus leader, Dani Prigge, is also a member of. The Gold Coast Chorus and the Harmony 101 quartets will also perform.

The last international competition was held in Las Vegas and five of the women from the group rented a van and drove the distance to view the finalists. An additional member met up with them there, and Ross said it was a great time spent laughing, singing and networking.

Most nights after practice, the women head to Applebee’s in San Luis Obispo and usually stay there until 11 p.m. the next day and sometimes even singing some more. Ross said joining must try out, but Ross admits not to stress because if there is passion, there will be no problem joining the celebration.

Fellow Rio member Prigge said Zichterman was a “soul,” Michael said.

Zilli has been involved in the Sweet Adelines on and off since 1980. Zilli was watching her husband sing with his barbershop quartet when a woman came up and asked her if she sang. “It was her time at Polyphonies — it just looked like a lot of fun,” said Zilli.

Fun is one of the key points of the group. “It’s always fun to be part of a group. You always have to have a release,” Zichterman said.

Most nights after practice, the women gather in the circle for the last song of the night. Zichterman gets to choose the piece. She chose “Somewhere over the rainbow.” It wasn’t the Judy Garland version, the chorus adds their own pizazz. Everyone ends with a smile.

The show will take place on Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. in the Clark Center for the Performing Arts, located at 487 Fair Oaks Ave. in Arroyo Grande. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the center’s box office for $18.
Show displays homemade equipment mixed with youthful exuberance

We're all in it together now. Or at least that's how Sunday's show at Mitchell Park felt. Ten local bands pulled together to put on an afternoon event in the gazebo. Bands drove in from out of town and hiked over with equipment to the park to set up a symbol of the local scene's growing strength.

As per the usual, the event started late. However, with no labeled headliner, the show turned into a free-for-all with bands setting up in various spaces on the gazebo. The music of equipment was impressive alone. The musical landscape brought ukuleles, drum sets entirely built out of found objects, an alligator-shaped xylophone, and numerous shared guitars with members playing among each other's various sets.

Local youngsters Neato Bandito entertained the crowd with a display of youthful exuberance as they threw themselves into the middle of the gazebo with a mission of do-it-yourself punk aesthetics. Whatever you were lacking in musicianship was made up for by youthful spirit and a handful of homemade noise.

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'\textit{Borat}' blends comedy with sad look at America

Ryan Chartrand

\textbf{If you've been waiting for the best comedy of the year to pick you up and tear your belly in half, it certainly has arrived. Unfortunately, you'll have to walk out of the theater with a depressing look at your fellow Americans looming in your head for hours.}

Coming off an overwhelming five-month long marketing campaign targeting anything that moves, 'Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan' has had more hype than 'Snakes on a Plane' and a Kevin Federline album combined. The only difference is that 'Borat' actually turned out far better than anyone ever imagined.

'Borat' is somewhat of a documentary about a Kazakhstani television reporter, played by British comedian Sacha Baron Cohen, who is sent to the "U.S. and A" to learn about American culture and hopefully, in the end, "make sexy time." It doesn't take long before the original plot falls apart and Borat begins a quest to "make explosion on the stomach of Pamela Anderson." Thankfully, it's worth it in the end (no, your predictions are wrong). He and his producer head out on a road trip to California to find Anderson, stopping in every location waving a "Don't come here" sign (which can sometimes look like a Confederate flag).

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* An article in Monday's Mustang Daily incorrectly stated that the Velvet Underground's first album was "Andy Warhol." The actual title is "The Velvet Underground & Nico."
COMMENTARY

Get excited for elections with political films

Corey Craft
TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Well, it’s that time of every other year again: election week. Television is insufferable, with prime time yielding a political ad every 10 seconds. If one were to take a shot of liquor every time someone uttered the phrase “too liberal for Alabama,” he would be dead within 20 minutes.

So since you can’t rely on television to entertain you because of all the politics, count on these films about the American political process for the next day to ease the pain of those mudslinging ads.

“The Manchurian Candidate”
The recent remake was good, but the original 1962 film is one of the best films about political intrigue ever made. The film tells the story of a Korean War prisoner of war (Lawrence Harvey) who has been brainwashed as part of an elaborate Communist assassination plot and another prisoner (Frank Sinatra) who has stumbled onto the plot. It’s noteworthy for having been shelved for many years following the assassination of President Kennedy, and Angela Lansbury’s chilling performance is one of the hallmarks of ’60s cinema.

“Wag the Dog”
From director Barry Levinson and the terrific playwright David Mamet, “Wag the Dog” is one of the most incisive political satires ever made and is incredibly funny. Robert De Niro plays the most prominent master of spin in Washington who, when the president is caught in a sex scandal, is tasked with inventing a war to distract the country from political turmoil. Dustin Hoffman, costar as the Hollywood producer brought on board to provide the special effects. It’s remarkably funny, especially for a movie that went into production before the Lewinsky scandal.

“Election”
This features politics on a smaller scale, but Alexander Payne’s high school student government satire is one of the funniest movies I’ve ever seen. Reese Witherspoon plays Tracy Flick, the eponymous over-ambitious teenager determined to ascend to the high school presidency. Matthew Broderick plays the faculty adviser determined to destroy her. It’s pretty dark stuff, but mostly true to life and extremely funny.

“JFK”
Oliver Stone’s controversial film about the assassination of President Kennedy is probably mostly conjecture, and it doesn’t really offer any hard or convincing facts about the enormous conspiracies. But it’s damn compelling entertaining and more than worth its four-hour-plus running time. Kevin Costner is at his absolute best here, and with an ensemble cast that includes nearly every notable actor of the early ’90s, Stone’s film is an amazing document of paranoia and suspicion of every level of government.

“Nashville”
It’s not entirely about country music. Robert Altman’s masterpiece uses a presidential campaign as the backdrop for an expansive story of music, heartbreak and politics. With a cast of nearly 30 characters that includes Lily Tomlin, Ned Beatty, Scott Glenn and Shelley Duvall, Altman proved right off the bat why he’s the best at ensemble dramas and the black-and-white cinematography is atmospheric and moody in all the right ways.

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Christian song-and-dance session run by congregations, we’re left laughing in tears yet not wanting to accept the awful truth about our own country.

Cohen brilliantly crafts Borat into being so ridiculous and mentally deprived that once he isn’t in a shot, it’s not him we are appalled by; it’s us. Unfortunately, it takes the brilliant mind of a British comedian to drag every college student in America into a dark room to slip reality in front of them. The fact that he can do it with a surprising amount of entertainment mixed in is actually quite astonishing.

But now that you know it isn’t all about the “I like” jokes, it’s also nice to know that there’s an immense amount of fresh Borat material to last 1 1/2 hours. The misconception that there’s something to “get” when it comes to the Borat character continues to confuse me, but I can assure you that whatever you may have seen him do on a television show is nothing in comparison to his “documentary.” There wasn’t a single scene that failed to make me laugh out loud and the same went for just about everyone else with an open mind and a good sense of humor. After all, who doesn’t want to pay for unnecessary nudity consisting of blindingly white Russian men running around a hotel naked? Well, I paid for that!

Similar to “Dave Chapelle’s Black Party,” the actually talented comedians of today aren’t wanting their chance to speak to a broader audience. No matter the issue and no matter the form of satire, comedians like Chapelle and Cohen could very well change this country through comedy and entertainment, the only two forms of expression that seem to connect with younger American voters.

My only criticism for “Borat” is that Cohen went with a more rushed and comical ending rather than trying to make a point out of the depressing statements he’d made throughout the film. This being his film-writing debut, I think 10 years down the line you’ll know him not only as the next Andy Kaufman (which only means we’ll probably never hear from the real Sacha Baron Cohen for a while), but also as the master of satire.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Don't know the issues? Then don't vote today

MTV says vote. ASI says vote. Campaign ad says vote. But if you don't know the issues and are chasing up to the voting booth, for dear democracy's sake, don't vote.

As one of the most sought-after demographics, we 18-to-30-year-olds are bombarded with messages about why it's so important to "have our voices heard." But if you don't know what the candidates for county supervisor stand for, don't randomly mark your ballot just because Scammon tests taught you never to leave an answer blank.

If you've been checking out Facebook lately, like Mustang Daily editors do on an hourly basis, you might have noticed MTV's Rock the Vote. MTV encourages users to 1) find their polling place or 2) get an absentee ballot. That's it. While many college students want to rock their vote, if they only find out how to vote but not what to vote for, it's like showing up to a final exam without even glancing at the class notes.

Democracy has made America a world superpower, but if our citizens could understand its effectiveness globally, or the 42.6 million U.S. citizens between age 18 and 30, only 64 percent are registered to vote according to the Los Angeles Times. By contrast, 95 percent of Australian citizens are registered and only six points; it's true Montana was a point.

So visit smartvoter.org or the League of Women Voters (LWV) website. There certainly were. Saturday's game was an exception to the general rule, but if he didn't learn anything from lessons to be learned from the loss.

Ellerson does it again

After Homecoming, head coach Frank Ellerson said there were a lot of positives in Saturday's loss by a combined two points. This week, however, that's irrelevant. It's true that this lead was only six points; it's true Montana was never to leave an answer blank.

The real reason to vote for Schwarzenegger

After being bombarded on all sides by campaign literature, TV ads, and for the posters, a not so single one talked about the only issue that is truly important this election.

That issue, of course, who will be the next governor. Montana's citizens are regis-

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Chivalry: should thoust or shouldst thou not?

Chivalry isn't dead. It's simply confused.

Aside from medieval images of knights and ladies in sitting, the concept of chivalry generally implies an unidirectional, male-to-female interaction. But with gender standards shifting on the sands of time, perhaps chivalry finds itself today in romantic turmoil. Traditional gender roles and the lines between idealized masculinity and femininity have entered into a state of indistinctness.

Consequently, chivalry doesn't know what to do with itself, it is torn between mixed signals, redefined and unconfident, enmeshed and fragmented.

First of all, the gentleman who tries. Generally dubbed the "nice guy," he is the one who tries to show you he cares by following the conventions of chivalry.

But it is not just the nicest, most charming who wins. You certainly can't do wonders for yourself. But, there is the lady who doesn't have time to be nice. He is trying to impress you with his sincerity and attentiveness, and maybe you won't even get to know him or have a hand at the Michaelmas feast next Saturday.

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Rangers hire former A's manager Ron Washington

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Washington has always been a popular coach with players, stressing communication and letting them be themselves.

Now he will get his chance as a manager with the Texas Rangers, who wanted and needed somebody with those characteristics.

"I'm going to be a players' manager. My job is solely to make sure that every player on the Texas Rangers feels like they are part of everything going on here," Washington said Monday night, when he was introduced at a news conference. "As a manager, I'm no good if the players don't get it done. If the players get it done, I'm great."

When Buck Showalter was fired after an 80-82 season with three years left on his contract, general manager Jon Daniels said the Rangers needed a "different perspective." That's exactly what they get with Washington, a coach for the Oakland Athletics the past 11 seasons. His two-year contract with Texas includes two additional option years.

"It's simple stupid, that's my motto," he said. "The way you do that, you make sure you're prepared in the fundamentals area of baseball and let the talent take over."

Chosen over four other candidates to replace Showalter, the 54-year-old Washington inherits a team with three-time All-Star shortstop Michael Teixeira and 16-game winner Kevin Millwood. All-Star outfielders Carlos Lee and Marlon Byrd, second baseman Ian Kinsler, third baseman Michael Young, slugging first baseman Mark Teixeira and 15-game winner Vicente Padilla are among seven Rangers who have filed for free agency.

Washington plans to interview three other managers this week, but his only managerial experience was two years in Class-A in the New York Mets organization before his 11 seasons as Oakland's infield instructor and third-base coach.

"He's been through it as a player, he's been through it as a coach. He knows how to win," Termitza said after attending Washington's news conference. "He said everything that a player wants to hear. He said everything that an owner and a GM want to hear. He's all about winning. He's a baseball guy that wants to win.

Washington was popular with Oakland players, many of whom wanted him to be their new manager. He was instrumental in the development of six-time Gold Glove third baseman Eric Chavez and making the A's consistently one of the AL's top fielding teams.

Two years ago, Chavez gave Washington one of his Gold Glove trophies with the inscription, "Wash, not without you." "Ron is a good baseball man who has been an integral part of our success," A's GM Billy Beane said. "We'll miss him, but this opportunity is very well deserved."

The other finalists for the Texas managerial job were Rangers bench coach Don Wakamatsu and Japan Series-winning manager Trey Hillman, an Arlington native and the Rangers' former director of player development. Both interviewed with Daniels and Hicks last week.

Wakamatsu has been with the Rangers four seasons and still has a year left on his contract. Daniels has spoken with him about remaining on staff, though it might be in a different role.

Washington plans to interview Philadelphia third-base coach Art Howe, one of his former major league managers, about being his bench coach.

Wakamatsu is a candidate for the A's job, and the Rangers had given Oakland permission to speak with Wakamatsu if he wasn't their choice as manager.
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In his last four starts prior to Saturday, Berman's rating was 80.5 and he had a touchdown-interception ratio of 2.5. On Saturday, Berman completed 14 of 27 passes for 207 yards without a touchdown or pick. He had ratings of 169.99 and 139.65, respectively, in wins over Sacramento State and Southern Utah this season.

Coronellos honored again
After going 5 for 3 on field-goal attempts Saturday, Cal Poly senior kicker Nick Coronellos was named Great West Special Teams Player of the Week for the second straight week.

Coronellos is 12 for 18 on the season but 9 for 11 in his last five games. He hit four of 35 and 47 yards Saturday and also punctured nine times for an average of 39.6 yards.

With its last four games decided by a combined four points, the Mustangs can benefit from having as reliable a kicker as possible as

"We have extreme faith in Nick," Shortwell said.

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Now that he's at Cal Poly, Baca appreciates some of the different aspects of college tennis.

"The team aspect's really fun, as opposed to being at home when it was totally individualized," Baca said. "And the competitive atmosphere, the camaraderie that the team shares with everyone. I guess I just love being on the court with my teammates."

Baca attributes the team's success this year to McGrath's confidence in the players.

"He expects a lot from himself and his players," Baca said. "And he puts a minimal amount of pressure on us at the same time. I really couldn't ask more from a Coach he's great."

At first, Baca felt pressure to make an impact on Cal Poly tennis, but said they are already off to a good start this fall with the HIA semifinals.

"That's pretty much where we just broke through and our confidence just grew," Baca said. "Basically, thanks to (athletics director) Alison Come and the athletic department for hiring Justin McGrath. As far as I'm concerned, he's one of the top coaches in the nation and I'm just fortunate enough to spend my last year under his wing."

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WHERE DREAMS REALLY DO COME TRUE

LASSIFIED
Baca leads Poly men's tennis team by example, winning ways

Having made the All-Big West team each of his first three seasons, Cal Poly senior Matt Baca and his doubles partner beat a pair of ranked opponents at the ITA Regional Tournament on Oct. 23.

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Matt Baca and his doubles partner Kyle Royal beat two ranked teams, including Stanford's No. 2-ranked squad, in the men's semifinals at the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Regional in October.

"That was like the best feeling I've ever had in terms of tennis in a long time," Baca said. "This is both our last year playing and that's pretty much why I decided to play this year.

A team from ranked in the Top 30 knocked out Baca and Royal on the way to winning the tournament.

Baca has made the All-Big West Conference team for the past three years and expects to make it again this season. He also currently holds the top men's singles player position at Cal Poly.

"It doesn't really change much," Baca said. "I'm used to being the No. 1 player, I mean, I just need to basically be a leader for the team and do anything I can to achieve success and winning for the team. I just want to try to make the other players better and continue doing really well with my doubles partner.

First-year Cal Poly head coach Justin McGrath considers Baca a leader.

"Matt has leadership qualities," McGrath said. "He has the potential to really have a good year.

Royal has a similar opinion of his doubles partner.

"He's a hard-working guy," Royal said. "He lets his actions speak for him on the court. That's how he leads by example on the team," Royal said.

Besides being a tennis player since age 4, Baca is a business senior who most people describe as confident.

"I think he has an unwavering confidence about him that really separates him from other people," McGrath said. "One of Baca's best friends since he was 10 years old, business senior Andrew Diefenbach, said confident and funny are the best words to describe Baca.

"He's a confident guy," Diefenbach said. "He's very sure of himself and what he's capable of. He's very motivated. He knows where he wants to be, where he wants to go in life.

"We have to win." Baca continued.

"With our pressure we should expect those kind of sacks every game," Torosian said. "We got some more pressure off the edge (Saturday). We expect those kinds of sacks.

Still, the Mustangs do boast a tougher schedule than most 1-AA teams. Having played a pair of 1-A schools, Cal Poly's schedule of strength is rated No. 128 in the Sagarin ratings. That ranks above the five-team Great West will not reach the postseason.

Savannah State (1-S) on Nov. 15 to three games, the Mustangs (6-3, 2-1 Great West) are ranked in the top three teams in The Sports Sagarin ratings. That ranks above USA Today's No. 16 teams in the country."

"I know that we're one of the top 16 teams in the country," Shotwell said Sunday they feel the Mustangs deserve to get into the postseason until it has six playoff-eligible teams aligned for at least two seasons.

"Yeah, it's a big reason players like Junior defensive end Adam Torosian classified Cal Poly's final two games as must-win if the team is to make the playoffs.

"I think we belong there," Torosian said. "We have to win. That's it. We don't have a choice."

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