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Measure J
San Luis Obispo has been covered with "Yes" and "No" signs for several months, debating whether the Dalidio 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.

Dalidio has been fighting for the project for more than 15 years. After taking it to the public twice and getting it approved by the city council only to be voted down by city residents, Dalidio 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 roads can handle the traffic, causing problems for the entire city. "No on J" supporters also say it is unfair to take a San Luis Obispo issue to the California State University and University of California systems.

If approved, Measure J 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 J 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.

Measure Y
If adopted by voters, Measure Y will raise San Luis Obispo's sales tax by one half-cent. This essentially means that if a consumer makes a $100 purchase, Measure Y 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 would provide approximately $4.5 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.

Voting 101: the answers to all your questions
Josh Krane
MUSTANG DAILY

It's Election Day. "So what now?" you might ask. "Where do I vote and what do I even do when I get there?" County Clerk-Recorder Julie Rodewald answered these and other common questions voters may have today.

Where do I vote?
There is a polling place in the University Union, but only those who live on campus can vote there. Registered voters by now should have received a sample ballot in the mail. The address of their polling place is on the back. Voters can also find out where to vote by visiting smartvoter.org and typing in their home address.

Poll shows Poly students prefer Schwarzenegger
Liza Manion
MUSTANG DAILY

Results are in: Cal Poly students want Arnold back. An online Mustang Daily poll shows that 60 percent of the surveyed students will be voting for Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger today, with just 23 percent favoring his opponent, Phil Angelides.

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 Calk said of Schwarzenegger.

Calk 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 $1 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 also are 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," Rodewald 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 "secrecy 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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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 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 two 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 California's most expensive ballot fight.

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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.

"Father Frederick Murph, noting Monday is Shriver's birthday, led the congregation in singing her happy birthday.

"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 locality when he made a concession 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 Angels and Schwarzenegger attended a memorial service in Devore for five firefighters killed fighting a Southern California forest fire last month, although only Schwarzenegger was allowed to speak.

Families also spoke at the ceremony, which was attended by thousands of firefighters. Her remarks seemed to anticipate Schwarzenegger would win re-election.

She said that she and the governor, along with local congressional representatives, "have fought and will continue to fight for federal and state funding to protect our communities from catastrophic fire."

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Congress

Lois Capps and Victor Tognazzini made themselves visible around Cal Poly throughout the last month and expressed their support for the House of Representatives' 23rd district, which includes parts of San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties.

Capps, a Democrat, has already been in Congress for nine years and serves on the House Budget Committee. Previous to her work in Congress, she was a nurse in Santa Barbara. She told Cal Poly students that she would continue to fight for federal representatives, "have fought and will continue to fight for federal representatives, "have fought and will continue to fight for federal representatives."

Victor Tognazzini

A Republican, Tognazzini has fought against the possibility of taking control of the House and even the Senate to get their voters to the polls despite disappointment about Angelides'flagging campaign.

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Select San Luis Obispo's mayoral candidates represent various facets of the city, from art to administrative duties.

John Ewan — a Cal Poly graduate, business owner and City Council member — hopes to strengthen the relationship between Cal Poly and the community.

Don Hedrick has perhaps the most colorful background. As an artisan welder and former parking lot regulator at The Church in Los Angeles, he gained a reputation for his"welding . Bu...
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GLENDALE (AP) — An owner of a cemetery that was investigated for the handling of remains was found dead in the caretaker's residence at the facility, police said.

Marsha Howard, 58, appeared to have died of natural causes, said Sgt. Tosi Livingston of the Phoenix Police Department. The body was found Saturday morning at Grand View Memorial Park cemetery after her family reported her missing.

It was unclear whether Howard had been living at the residence, which no longer had water or electricity and had been yellow-tagged by city officials.

The 121-year-old cemetery's license was suspended after state officials found cremated remains of as many as 4,000 people stacked in storage rooms and tossed in a trash can.

SANTA ANA (AP) — Snoop Dogg was booked Monday on one felony count of possession of a deadly weapon filed after security officers at John Wayne International Airport found a collapsible baton in his carry-on luggage.

The 35-year-old rapper, whose real name is Calvin Broadus, turned himself over to authorities at the Orange County Jail on Monday morning. He was expected to post $50,000 bail, said Susan Schroeder of the district attorney's office. If convicted, he could be sentenced to three years in prison.

DANVILLE (AP) — A 16-year-old was arrested Monday on suspicion of murdering his mother after police found her badly beaten body in a bedroom in this upscale suburb east of San Francisco.

The body of Dimitra Mantas, 43, was discovered about 1:30 a.m. by officers responding to a call to check on the house. She appeared to have been bludgeoned, police said.

Her son was arrested near Blackhawk Country Club by Danville officers just before 5 a.m. He was booked into juvenile jail on a homicide charge. An autopsy was planned to determine the cause of death.

National

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans and Democrats pushed their get-out-the-vote efforts to full throttle as political luminaries hoppedscotch the nation on behalf of candidates in some polls showed Tuesday a midterm elections tightening.

President Bush jetted to Florida Monday to campaign for GOP candidates, but Charlie Crist — the Republican candidate for governor — planned to drive a rally with Bush in Pensacola to campaign at the Lox Around the Clock restaurant in Delray Beach.

NEW YORK (AP) — The legendary World War II aircraft carrier USS Intrepid got殊 to deep Hudson River mud Monday as powerful tugboats fought to pull it free to tow the floating museum down river for a $60 million overhaul.

The mission was scrubbed at around 10:30 a.m. as the tide went down, said Dan Bender, a Coast Guard spokesman.

NEW YORK (AP) — YouTube, the video-sharing Web site recently acquired by Google Inc. for $1.65 billion, beat out a vaccine that prevents a cancer-causing sexually transmitted disease and a shirt that simulates a hug to grab top honors as Time magazine's "Invention of the Year for 2006."

Time magazine, owned by media conglomerate Time Warner Inc., wrote in an article that YouTube's scale and sudden popularity have changed the rules about how information — along with fame and embarrassment or distress — gets distributed over the Web.

YouTube, which had 27.6 million unique visitors in September, according to Nielsen NetRatings, came along at just the right time, according to Time: social-networking Web sites were hot,360-degree videos were cheap and do-it-yourself media was expanding beyond text-based blogs.

International

BAGHDA D, Iraq (AP) — Iraq's appeals court is expected to rule on Saddam Hussein'sầy guilty verdict and death sentence by the middle of January, the chief prosecutor said Monday, setting in motion a possible execution by mid-February. If the ruling is upheld, the Associated Press has learned that Iraq's three-man presidential council will allow Saddam's hanging to take place.

The execution must be carried out within 30 days of the appeals court's decision.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — Daniel Ortega appeared headed back to the presidency 16 years after a U.S.-backed rebellion helped oust the former Marxist revolutionary, as partial results and the country's top electoral watchdog indicated he had easily defeated four opponents. The Sandinista guerrila leader in Sunday's election, if confirmed by final results, would expand the Ortega family's control of the country's top electoral watchdog, led by Venzenia's Hugo Chavez, who has tried to help Nicaragua allay by shipping cheap oil to the energy-starved nation.

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — The United States is doing better than some countries in restraining growth of global warming gases, and it isn't likely to change its stance against mandatory controls, a U.S. negotiator said Monday as 5,000 delegates opened the annual U.N. climate conference.

Among those nations that do accept the Kyoto Protocol's emissions caps, "with few exceptions you're seeing those emissions rise again," Harlan Watson told reporters.

The chief American delegate was defending the U.S. position as an industrial country that rejects Kyoto's obligatory reductions in emissions of greenhouse gases that scientists blame for global warming.

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 use the Chicago police officers who arrested him illegally in 1994.

Wallace was freed from prison in 2002, after Illinois courts 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 Hardy was shot to death in 1994, when 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 situated 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 Hardy'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 included being slapped and kicked. In the officers' account, Wallace was free to leave at any time.

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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 Judkins Middle School in Pismo Beach. A light shines from the band room and sound emanates out into the darkness.

“It be our guest. Be our guest, we are here to do a show for you... You bring up your arms like a show for you... You... You... You don’t have to keep your finger wagging...”

She’s too nice with her fellow Rio member Prigge says Zichterman is an amazing musician. Beckner and Prigge both love that Zichterman plays the piano because she has a good ear to keep sometimes even singing some more, “I don’t even have to look at the music,” Zichterman jokes.

With a degree in mathematics, Zichterman lives in Grover Beach and works at Lockheed Martin in nearby Santa Maria as a software engineer. She realizes how lucky she is to be part of the Celebration Chorus about a year ago. The barbershop-style quartet, which is part of a global coalition of four-part women’s chorus and quartets, competes each year at Polyphonies in Bakersfield. All 18 choruses and quartets have a band sing with his barbershop quartet when a woman came up and asked her if the song. The rest is history, said Zilli, who confuses the chorus is her therapy.

“As a scary one. Now during practice she has an easy time singing and acting out parts of the songs.”

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Zilli has been involved in the Sweet Adelines on and off since 1980. Zilli was watching her husband singing with his barbershop quartet when a woman came up and asked her if she wanted to sing. This was the start of her love affair with the chorus, Zilli said.

Most nights after practice the women head to Applebee’s in San Luis Obispo and usually stay there until 11 p.m. Sometimes they’d sing on their own, sometimes even singing some more. “I’ve been joining must try out, but Ross admits not to stress because if there is passion, there will be no problem joining the celebration.”

Wednesday Chris, 16, came on after going to practices with her mom. “It just looked like a lot of fun,” she said.

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.

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

At the very end of the practice the women gather in a 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 pizzazz. 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 387 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 mix 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 into each other's various sets.

Local youngsters Neato Bandito pepped up 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 self-made machines.

Meal launched in next to bring a huge struggle at keeping an audience with anyone who passed by. The front was packed with people recording video, photos, and jokes, it's almost as clear as day that the Velvet Underground's first 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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Get excited for elections with political films

Corey Craft
TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Well, it's that time of every other year again! With 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 mindnumbing ads.

"The Manchurian Candidate" Another 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 costars as the Hollywood producer brought on board to provide the special effects. It's remarkable funny, especially for a movie that went into production before the Lewinsky scandal.

"Electron" This features politics on a smaller scale, but Alexander Payne's high school student government satire flick 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 conspiracy. But it's damn compelling entertainment 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 proves right off the bat why he's the best at ensemble dramas with one of the best films of the '70s.

"Good Night, and Good Luck." The best film of last year, George Clooney's Oscar-nominated film about Edward R. Murrow's battle with U.S. Sen. Joseph McCarthy at the height of the Red Scare is an all-around excellent motion picture. It's a fascinating parable about the power of the media to influence politics for the better. David Strathairn as Murrow is terrific, and the black-and-white cinematography is atmospheric and moody in all the right ways.

"Spartan," starring Val Kilmer (right), investigates the kidnapping of the daughter of a high-ranking official.

Borat
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Christian song-and-dance session run by con­
gressmen, 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 morally 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 isn'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? Wait, I paid for that! Similar to "Dave Chappelle's Block 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 Chappelle 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.

TIME CAPSULE

November 7

- 1991 Magic Johnson announces he has HIV and retires from the L.A. Lakers.
- 1972 President Nixon is re-elected after defeating Democrat George McGovern.
- 1982 Elizabeth Taylor's finalizes her seventh divorce (John Warner).
Don't know the issues?
Then don't vote today

MTV says vote.
AIS says vote.
Campaign ads say vote.

But if you don't know the issues and are clueless walking up to the voting booths, 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 tells you that 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 Real World/ Road Rules: The Challenge encourages users to 1) find their polling place or 2) get an absentee ballot. That's if 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 it's hard to imagine how we could undermine 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 United States Youth Vote Coalition.

By contrast, 95 percent of Australia's citizens are registered to vote. Ninety-five percent! Why? Because citizens are required by law to vote; and if they don't, they could be fined $20. And because they know they have to vote, probably read up on the issues a bit more too. Contrast that with us, they probably read up on the issues a bit more too. In voting, or herc (the League of Women Voters), or even your political party's Web site. Know the issues; know what's at stake; know how you want to vote.

The real reason to vote for Schwarzenegger
After being bombarded on all sides by campaign literature, TV ads, and posters for the candidates, not a single one talked about the only issue that is truly important this election.

That issue is, of course, who will be signing my diploma. All of you out there should have this issue on your mind if you plan on graduating within the term of our new governor.

Who do you want on your diploma, Phil Angelides or Arnold Schwarzenegger? The choice is pretty clear. I want the governor.

Ellerson does it again
After Homecoming, head coach Rick Ellerson said that there were a couple of lessons to be learned from the loss. There certainly were. Saturday's game against Cal Poly was, however, that does not learn. It's that true this lead was only six points; it's true Montana was

given a hand-wrapped and personally addressed gift from the head referee on fourth and 13 to continue the game-winning drive; it's true that Montana is certainly suffer defeat than South Dakota State but forget all that.

The point is Rick Ellerson still relied too heavily on a defense by sagging an offense which had several weakuable advantages over Montana defenders. Instead of taking some risks and attacking Montana's vulnerability, the coach stuck to the most uninnovative play-calling imaginable. And don't write in talking about the throwback to the quarter, that's irrelevant. Couple that with his decision to keep a tenacious two point lead rather than give back a field goal for a second chance to score a touchdown late in the game after a Montana fumble look like Michael Moore I continue to support the team to the bitter end, and maybe unfriendly those two 1- AA losses by a combined two points will not all too damaging to the Mustang's playoff outlook, but the coach needs to wake up. In the playoffs, you go home even if by only one point.

Girls remain to be approached. The person opening your damn door is trying to impress you. And eventually we must admit to ourselves that gentlemen just don't speak the same lanky lingo we do. Thus, don't do it next time.

But, there is the lady who doesn't need your paltry attempts at gallantry to get by. Your behavior may nauseate her so much, her physical regenerative reaction could have you reaching for your handcuffs. However, their alters-ego exist — and in this same universe!

There is the lady of more delicate sensibility who pines for a chap a goodly breeding to make haste into her presence. Perhaps she figures you a knightly gentleman can be named "He-who-

though a ladylike gentlement is not that you're stuck in old-world habits. Use the initial encounter to address the topic, but it will he worth the clarity.

Girls, respect that you're being approached. The person opening your damn door is trying to impress you. And eventually we must admit to ourselves that gentlemen just don't speak the same lanky lingo we do. Thus, don't do it next time.

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menlike (truly there is no mind involving here) goes about his interaction with you with a smile on his/discount, as to your feminine sensitivities.

Perhaps he figures you really can "open your own damn door!" Or if he's not thinking about doors or chairs, but instead worrying about spelling red sauce on his rarely-worn white dress shirt. Simply, his lack of action dooms him, and magically, he never knew why he didn't make it with you.

Let's sum up:
Guys: Too much door-opening and you're in danger of being a male chauvinist. What, you think she can't do it? You think she's too weak to open that big heavy door by all her loneliness?

But girls too little door-opening from him and you're amused. If you both approach the door and he doesn't stop to get it for you, you mutter with a terse, "Geese, thanks a lot."

What's the deal here? Is she too good or bad? When is it appropriate to leave chairs, and picks up the restau-

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Rangers hire former A’s manager Ron Washington

Stephen Hawkins

Ron 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 86-76 season with three years left on his contract, general manager Jon Daniels said the Rangers needed a "different perspective." and first black manager.

Daniels wanted to hire a winner, an optimist and a communicator.

"Work ethic; professionalism, respect of the game," Daniels said. "I didn’t think we were going to find all of those characteristics in one person. (Washington) proved me wrong." Showalter was known for his hands-on approach that led to some discord in the clubhouse between some players and the manager. He was 319-329 in four seasons, and the Rangers never finished higher than third in the AL West under him.

The New York Yankees and Arizona Diamondbacks both won the World Series the year after Showalter left them.

Washington also was a candidate in Oakland to replace fired A’s manager Ken Macha. Washington first interviewed with Texas last month and met with Hicks, Daniels and other Rangers officials during another interview Sunday.

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New Texas Rangers manager Ron Washington, center, tries on his new jersey while Rangers owner Tom Hicks, right, and general manager Jon Daniels, look on during a news conference Monday, Nov. 6, 2006.

Washington played in 564 major league games over parts of 10 seasons for five teams (the Los Angeles Dodgers, Minnesota, Baltimore, Cleveland and Houston).

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," Teixeira 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 wants 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. Daniel 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.

ON THE COVER

D.J. Peters/Associated Press

Washington has been the manager of the Athletics the past 11 seasons. His two-year contract with Texas includes two additional option years.

"Keep it simple stupid, that’s my motto," he said. "The way you do that, you make sure you’re prepared in the additional option years."
Cal Poly was ranked No. 6 last week but dropped three spots Monday following a 10-9 loss at No. 2 Montana.

Tristan Aird

The Cal Poly football team fell three spots to No. 9 Monday in The Sports Network's Division 1-AA poll following a 10-9 loss Saturday at No. 2 Montana.

After losing two of their last three games, the Mustangs (6-3, 2-1 Great West Football Conference) likely must beat both No. 5 North Dakota State (8-1) on Saturday and Savannah State (1-8) on Nov. 18 to reach the postseason.

Despite being ranked No. 1 among 16 I-AA conferences in USA Today's Jeff Sagarin ratings, the five-team Great West will not receive an automatic bid to the postseason until it has six playoff-eligible teams aligned for at least two seasons.

Still, the Mustangs do boast a tougher schedule than most I-AA teams. Having played a pair of F schools, Cal Poly's schedule of strength is rated No. 128 in the Sagarin ratings. That ranks above three to No. 5 Monday in The last week, but dropped three eligible teams aligned for at least two seasons.

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Cal Poly back at No. 9 in I-AA poll

"We really change anything I can to speak for him on the court. That's why he leads by example on the court," McCirath said. "He has the potential to make the play of the game... He's a hard-working guy," Diefenbach said. "He has the potential to 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.

"He has leadership qualities," McGrath said. "He has the potential to really have a good year." Royalbal has a similar opinion of his doubles partner.

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

Baca, whose self-description 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

"His perspective is just kind of laugh at yourself about stuff like that, because life is just too short," Diefenbach said.

Diefenbach had built. On his turn, Baca fell off the bike and was pretty hurt, but just started laughing.

"When something big happens in terms of tennis this year, like my partner and I, you know, have a shot at the national championship... Maybe I'll go on tour for a year or two," he said. "Other than that, having a job to fall back on would be nice." Diefenbach remembers a story that characterizes Baca in his mind.

"It doesn't really change much," Baca said. "In terms of 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.

"He's a confident guy," Diefenbach said. "He's very sure of himself and he's confident. He's very motivated. He knows where he wants to be, where he wants to go in life." Baca, whose self-description closely matched those of his friends and coach, said aside from tennis he likes to "do anything and everything outside in the sun, Monday night poker with the boys and occasional-ly acting the fool downtown." "I guess that's pretty much Man in a box — bar rat and a tennis player," said Baca.

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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.

Lauren Zehner

Matt Baca and his doubles partner Kyle Royalbal beat two ranked teams, including Stanford's No. 2-ranked squad, in the men's semifinals at the Intermountain 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 all of a team coming from the Top 30 knocked out Baca and Royalbal on the way to winning the tournament.

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