MARIJUANA STOLEN IN LOCAL HOUSE ROBBERY

Kelly Cope

Authorities are conducting an investigation into a home invasion robbery which occurred on Nov. 26 at about 10 p.m. on the 1200 block of Frederick Street.

According to a press release, three masked, black males entered the residence of the four victims, one holding a baseball bat and another a rifle.

One of the masked men then made one of the victims open a locked safe containing about two pounds of marijuana and a substantial amount of cash.

The suspects also stole personal items from the victims. No injuries on the part of the victims were reported.

Authorities do not consider this a random robbery; they believe the suspects knew what was in the residence and went after the victims based on this information.

One of the victims appears to be a legal provider of marijuana for the Central Coast Compassionate Caregivers in Morro Bay. He was in possession of the marijuana for the dispensary.

Anyone with information on this crime should call the San Luis Obispo Police Department at 781-7317 or Crime Stoppers at 549-7867.

RARE DINOSAUR NEST UP FOR AUCTION IN LA

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LOS ANGELES — An extremely rare and well-preserved dinosaur nest containing fossil eggs with the embryos exposed goes up for auction this weekend, but at least one scientist is demanding the artifact be returned to a museum.

Auction house Bonhams & Butterfields estimated the ancient dino nest, belonging to a predatory raptor, will fetch between $180,000 and $220,000 at auction Sunday.

"To have a wonderful complete nest like this is amazing," said Thomas Lindgren, director of the natural history division at Bonhams.

The Cretaceous-era dinosaur nest was unearthed in the southern Chinese province of Guangdong in 1984 and has been privately sold in Asia. In 2003, an American collector on the East Coast bought the nest and restored it to museum quality.

The nest contains 22 unhatched eggs arranged in a circular pattern along the edge. Embryonic remains were uncovered in 19 eggs and one egg was removed for scientific study.

Some eggs were so well-preserved that one can see the embryo curled inside.

Gerard Greifelt-Tinner, a dinosaur expert at the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, said such a fossilized nest is a "bonanza" find that can tell scientists a great deal about dinosaur reproduction.

"It is an extremely important find," he said.

"Dreamgirls" BUZZES WITH OSCAR POTENTIAL

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Students in CE 424, the public transportation class, designed plans for a more sustainable San Luis Obispo, focusing on the Dalidio property and more.

A whole new SLO

Liza Manion

A Cal Poly civil engineering class has created plans to improve public transportation in San Luis Obispo.

The "SLO South 2050: Sustainable Mobility" exhibition took place Wednesday night at the City-County Library.

Sustainability means "to create a world where our children can also live, and not just us," civil engineering professor Eugene Jud said. This refers to an environment friendly city with less air pollution.

Presentations by Cal Poly students were on display showing various future transportation plans on posters for CE 424, public transportation, a technical elective taught by Jud.

The plans were geared specifically toward south San Luis Obispo, which included the Dalidio property, Prado Road, Margarita and airport areas, and the Damon Garcia Sports Complex.

Some plans included trams, buses and networks for bicycle routes in response to the upcoming changes that will be made because Measure J was passed.

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U. PENN PROFESSOR: NEWBORNS COME WITH ALL LANGUAGES BUILT IN

REBECCA KAPLAN • DAILY NEWS

PHILADELPHIA — Have you always struggled with foreign languages?

University of Pennsylvania linguistics professor Charles Yang suggests it may not be your fault in his new book, "The Infinite Gift: How Children Learn and Unlearn the Languages of the World."

Yang taught at Yale University for six years and worked on his book for two years before coming to Penn three months ago.

His book is based largely on Massachusetts Institute of Technology professor and Penn graduate Noam Chomsky’s theory of "universal grammar," which suggests that all children are born with a set of innate principles and constraints that apply to all languages.

Yang takes this theory one step further by suggesting that babies are born with the ability to learn new languages.
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"There will be a lot of big, big traffic problems," Jud said.

County and city members of the planning commission, students and members of the community attended the exhibit where there were formal presentations and grading by audience members.

Since San Luis Obispo is focused on being "green" and having slow growth, members from one group of students focused their plan to be appropriate for the city, civil engineering senior Sejun Yo said.

"It's our way of connecting to the bigger cities that are surrounding us," said Yo, when talking about adding a light-rail train and more pedestrian and bicycle paths.

Their proposed light-rail train would travel from San Miguel to Santa Maria, with a possibility of extending further south to Santa Barbara, and farther north to Monterey.

"I see public transportation as our future," Yo said.

They plan to remodel the Prado Road overpass with one lane for mass transit and emergency vehicles, and the other three strictly for bicycle and pedestrian use.

Plans for "mixed use" include commercial and residential areas, and encourage more walking and biking to commercial areas.

Other groups included plans for a Bus Rapid Transit Hub (BRT). Buses would have their own lane, and a "pre-emption" ability to change traffic lights to green. The buses would run 24 hours a day.

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the growth and development of dinosaurs.

Judging by the nest size and egg shape, Grellet-Tinner said he suspects the dinosaur is probably an ostrich, a meat-eater with a large beak that ran on powerful hind legs.

But he won't know for sure until he can inspect the embryos and contents of the nest should be housed in a museum in China, where it was uncovered, and not in private hands.

"I'm totally outraged," he said. "A lot of scientific information will be lost."

Lindgren said the collector's son has been examining the nest as part of his graduate thesis and is preparing a scientific paper for publication next year.

Besides the rare dinosaur nest, Bonhams & Butterfields will also auction off a fossilized garfish and turtle excavated from the Green River formation as well as gold nuggets that had been on display at the Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas for nearly three decades.

Newborns

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any language, but, as they learn their native language, they must unlearn other languages.

Humans learn language in phrases that have certain boundaries, he said.

For instance, a child speaking in incomplete sentences may use the phrase "for cookies," as in the sentence, "that milk is for cookies." The child would never use the phrase "cookies for," as in, "Cookie Monster has cookies for supper," because that breaks the phrase boundary.

"Language happens to be, I think, one of the hardest things we learn," Yang said. "The emergence of your native tongue is at the expense of other languages."

The "mistakes" that children make as they are learning to speak may actually be perfectly formed phrases — in other languages.

A child might say, "I don't want no spinach," which is incorrect in English because of the double negative, but is grammatically correct in Spanish, for example.

Other common "mistakes" that children make are repeating an interrogative in a sentence, which is a convention of German grammar, or omitting the subject of a sentence, which is common practice in Chinese or Japanese.

He also addressed several myths about babies' language, including the idea that sounds like "mama" and "dada" are actual words.

Sorry, parents, that's just a baby babbling.

Furthermore, parents can't really correct their children's errors when they are learning to speak; they learn more by hearing than by being corrected, Yang said.

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South Africa becomes first country on continent to legalize gay marriages

Some couples began hurrying to make preparations for long-awaited marriages.

"There will be a huge response from some sex couples who have waited such a long time for their relationship to be recognized," said Melanie Judge, a program manager for the South Africa-based lesbian and gay rights group, OUT.

Janine Pressman, a pastor with the Glorious Light Metropolitan Community Churches in Pretoria, said she hoped to marry a couple on Saturday, provided the paper work could be rushed through.

“We are ready to go,” said Jackie Mashup, a spokesperson for the Home Affairs Ministry, where alter-bound couples will need to apply for permission to wed.

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Government quietly applies computerized terrorism ratings to millions of travelers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Without notifying the public, federal agents for the past four years have been gathering extensive personal information on international travelers, including Americans, computer-generated scores rating the risk they pose of being terrorists or criminals.

The travelers are not allowed to see or directly challenge these risk assessments, which the government intends to keep on file for 40 years.

The scores are assigned to people entering and leaving the United States and compiled from their travel records, including where they are from, how they paid for tickets and the countries they visited, past one-way travel, seating preferences and what kind of meal they ordered.

The program’s existence was quietly disclosed in November when the government put an announcement detailing the Automated Targeting System, or ATS, for the first time in the Federal Register, the government’s compendium of federal rules. Privacy and civil liberties lawyers, concerned about constitutional issues, said they thought this system had been applied only to cargo.

The Homeland Security Department now calls the program “one of the most advanced targeting systems in the world.” The department said the nation’s ability to spot criminals and other security threats “would be critically impaired without access to this data.”

Still, privacy advocates view ATS with alarm. “It’s probably the most invasive system the government has yet deployed in terms of the number of people affected,” David Sobel, a lawyer at the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a civil liberties group devoted to electronic privacy issues, said in an interview.

A similar Homeland Security data-mining project, for domestic air travelers — now known as Secure Flight — caused a furor two years ago in Congress. Lawmakers barred its implementation until it can pass 10 tests for accuracy and privacy protection.

In comments to the Homeland Security Department about ATS, Sobel said, “Some individuals will be denied the right to travel and many more will be forced to travel free of unwarranted interference as a result of the maintenance of such material.”

Sobel said in the interview the government notice also raises the possibility that these risk assessments could cost innocent people jobs in shipping or travel, government contracts, licenses or other benefits.

The government notice says ATS data may be shared with state, local and foreign governments for use in issuing visas, deciding on granting licenses, security clearances, contracts or other benefits. In some cases, the data may be shared with courts, Congress and even private contractors.

“Everybody else can see it, but you can’t,” Stephen Yale-Loehr, an immigration lawyer who teaches at Cornell Law School, said in an interview.

But Jayson P. Ahern, an assistant commissioner of Homeland Security’s Customs and Border Protection agency, said the ATS ratings simply allow agents at the border to pick out people not previously identified by law enforcement as potential terrorists or criminals and send them for additional searches and interviews. “It does not replace the judgments of law enforcement officers,” Ahern said in an interview.

This targeting system goes beyond traditional border watch lists, Ahern said. Border agents compare arrival names with watch lists separately from the ATS analysis.

In a privacy impact assessment posted on its Web site this week, Homeland Security said ATS is aimed at discovering high-risk individuals who “may not have been previously associated with a law enforcement action or otherwise be noted as a person of concern to law enforcement officers.”

Ahern said ATS does this by applying rules derived from the government’s knowledge of terrorists and criminals to the passengers’ travel patterns and records.

For security reasons, Ahern declined to disclose any of the rules, but a Homeland Security document on data-mining gave an impression of a risk assessment rule: “If an individual sponsors more than one fiancé for immigration at the same time, there is likelihood of immigration fraud.”

In the Federal Register, the department exempted ATS from many provisions of the Privacy Act aimed to protect personal information from secret, possibly inaccurate government directories. As a result, it said, travelers cannot correct or see people from the system has assessed them. Nor can they see the records for “the purpose of contesting the content.”

Toby Levin, senior adviser to Homeland Security’s Privacy Office, noted that the department pledging to review the exemptions over the next 30 days in response to the public comment received. As of Thursday, all 15 public comments received of the department’s actions or other redress procedures.

The Homeland Security privacy impact statement added that “an individual might not be aware of the reason additional scrutiny is being asked, nor should he or she” because that might compromise the Agency’s mission.

Nevertheless, Ahern said any traveler who objected to additional scrutiny could refuse to answer questions and speak to a supervisor to complain. Homeland Security’s privacy impact statement said that if asked, border agents would have no complaints passengers a one-page document that describes some, but not all, of the records that agents check and refer to Custom and Border Protection’s Customer Satisfaction Unit.

Homeland Security’s statement said travelers can use this office to obtain corrections to the underlying data sources that the risk assessment is based on.

“This is not a procedure to correct the risk assessment and associated rules stored in ATS as the assignment... will change when the data from the access,” Ahern said.

“I don’t buy that at all,” said Jim Malmborg, executive director of American Consumer Credit Education Support Services, a private credit education group. Malmborg noted it has been for citizens, including members of Congress and even infants, so stigmatizing to be marked as a terrorist because their names match those on the anti-terrorism watch lists.

Homeland Security, however, is nearing an announcement of a new effort to improve redress programs and the public’s awareness of them, according to a department privacy official, who requested anonymity because the formal announcement has not been made.

The department says that 87 million people a year enter the country by air and 309 million enter by land or sea. The government gets advance passenger and crew lists for all flights and ships entering and leaving and all those names are entered into the system for an ATS analysis. Ahern said. He also said the names of vehicle drivers and passengers are entered when they cross the border and the Amtrak is voluntarily supplying passenger data for trains to and from Canada.

Ahern said that border agents concentrate on arrivals more than changes on departures because their resources are limited.

“If this catches one potential terrorist, this is a success,” Ahern said.

South Africa

It's been quite a frightening process to see the level of hatred that has been openly expressed against this minority”

Homosexuality is still largely taboo in Africa. It is illegal in Zimbabwe, Kenya, Uganda, Nigeria, Tanzania, Ghana and most other sub-Saharan countries. Even in South Africa, gays and lesbians are often attacked because of their sexual orientation.

In 1999 it became the first country to legalize same-sex partnerships and several other European Union members have followed suit. To date, only four other countries Canada, Belgium, the Netherlands and Spain allow same-sex marriage.

In the United States, only the state of Massachusetts allows gay marriage. Vermont and Connecticut permit civil unions and California grants similar status through a domestic-partner registration law, and more than a dozen states give gay couples some legal rights.

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—David Sobel

a lawyer at the Electronic Frontier Foundation

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Former high school teammates to face off in Cal-LSU first-round match

Steffi Chan

Just a few years ago, high school volleyball players Ellen Orchard and Kyna Washington played together on the Texas Tornados club team in Houston.

The two have since gone their separate ways, gracing volleyball teams on opposite sides of the country — Orchard to the Cal volleyball team in 2004, Washington to LSU in 2005.

But the two players will soon meet again — only this time on opposite sides of the net — when the No. 14 Bears take on No. 15 LSU on Friday at Mott Gym at 6 p.m. in San Luis Obispo in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

"I haven’t talked to her since high school, but we were good friends," Orchard said. "I’m pretty excited. I expect us to win."

After sailing through the nonconference schedule undefeated, Cal (20-9) had somewhat of a rollercoaster season in the Pac-10, ending at the .500 mark. But its performance was still good enough to earn the Bears an at-large bid to the NCAA’s for a school-record fifth consecutive year.

Since Orchard came to Cal two years ago, the Bears have failed to get beyond the second round of the tournament. This year, if the team hopes to surpass that level, it will have to first get past Washington and the Tigers.

"They’re very good. They have a very experienced team and a lot of seniors," Cal coach Rich Feller said. "They run a very fast offense." The Bears studied tape Wednesday before practice to prepare for the high-paced offensive attack. "They have a pretty versatile setter who will set from anywhere on the court," Orchard said. "So during practice we really worked on defending their quick offense. They have some good outside hitters."

Washington is one of those outside hitters, notching 3.38 kills per match, second on the team. Orchard and Washington will be battling not only to get their teams to the next round of the NCAA Tournament, but also for a trip to their native Texas, where the round of 16 will be held.

"I’m really pumped up for this year and just the fact that we might end up in Texas if we win," Orchard said. "But before the junior middle blocker can think about Texas, the Bears must get through not only LSU but the winner of the Michigan-Cal Poly matchup. With a win Friday, Cal will play the second round of the NCAA’s on Saturday.

"I think we’re in a really good place right now," Feller said. "We had a couple good practices this week. We’ve got a really tough draw, but I feel good about the way we’re playing."

The Bears have won three of their last four matches, and Orchard has recorded 38 kills in that span, including a team-leading 13 in Cal’s sweep of Washington State.

While her offensive consistency and defensive prowess may often be overshadowed by the flashier performances of the outside hitters, Orchard’s contributions have been anything but insignificant.

The middle blocker leads the Bears and ranks eighth in the Pac-10 with a .305 hitting percentage. She is also third in the conference and first on the team with 1.49 blocks per game.

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About the opponent: 
Michigan  
Location: Ann Arbor, Mich.  
Founded: 1817 
Enrollment: 37,306  
Mascol: Wolverines  
School colors: Maize and blue  
Gym (capacity): Cliff Keen Arena (1,800)

Head coach (record/experience): 
Mark Rosen (139-111/Eighth year) 
2005 record: 13-16, 7-13  
All-time record: The two schools have never met before.

Final Big West Conference Standings  
Team (overall, conference record)  
1. Cal Poly (22-5, 13-1)  
2. Long Beach State (25-5, 12-2)  
3. UC Santa Barbara (19-11, 8-6)  
4. Cal State Northridge (16-12, 7-7) 
5. UC Irvine (13-16, 7-7)  
6. Cal State Fullerton (17-12, 6-8)  
7. Pacific (26-8, 3-1)  
8. UC Riverside (2-25, 0-14)

Quotes from the sideline: 
"We don't train for a team. We'll prepare a scouting report and we'll do certain things strategically in terms of how we'll attack them on offense. We'll train to be efficient independent of who we play."  
- Cal Poly head coach Jon Stevenson

Battle-tested Michigan has seen ups and downs this season

The Wolverines went 13-0 in nonconference matches this season, but struggled in Big 10 Conference play.

Andy Reid  
MICHIGAN DAILY (U OF MICHIGAN)

Emotional rollercoaster  
Those words define the Michigan volleyball team's entire highs, the lowest lows and everything in between. Michigan was soundly defeated by bitter rival Michigan State on Nov. 22, bounced back in time to dominate at Iowa on Nov. 26 and accepted a bid to the NCAA Tournament on Sunday afternoon to play at No. 15 seed Cal Poly. 

The decision on the emotional rollercoaster the team experienced this weekend happened Nov. 22 when it faced off against its rival. Michigan State junior Katie Johnson made an early-season guarantee about the Wolverines' trip to Jenison Fieldhouse to face the Spartans — if the Spartans won in Ann Arbor, they would definitely complete the sweep of Michigan.

Her prediction couldn't have been more right. The Spartans, led by Johnson's powerful spikes, firmly defeated Michigan in three straight games. This is the first year since 1998 that the Spartans have beaten the Wolverines in both regular-season matches.

Junior Katie Bruzdzinski got off to a hot start, recording quick kills on a dominating spike and a skilful tip over the net to give the Wolverines a 3-1 advantage.

But the Spartan defense keyed on the outside hitter, and Bruzdzinski couldn't get comfortable during the rest of the match. Bruzdzinski, who had eight kills, was held below double-digit kills in a match for the first time in 44 outings.

"We consider ourselves a pretty balanced team," senior Erin Penn said. "If Katie struggles, then someone is always there to pick up the slack. We just couldn't find that balance tonight."

With their offensive stars Bruzdzinski and junior Lyndsay Miller held under wraps for most of the match, the Wolverines looked to budding outside hitter, freshman Veronica Rood, for offensive firepower. Even though Rood's 11 kills led the team, they weren't enough.

The first game was tightly con-see Cal Poly, page 7
Cal Poly sophomore outside hitter Kylie Atherstone (5) had 15 kills, six digs, four assists and one service ace in the Mustangs' three-game sweep of Long Beach State in Mott Gym on Oct. 27. She was named Big West Conference Co-Player of the Year on the Tuesday.

Cal Poly continued from page 6 of the schedule. It gives us the motivation to prove ourselves as one of the top teams in the country."

After averaging only 6.12 in 11 home matches last year, Cal Poly is up to 12.26 in home match season this year.

"I think it's a huge advantage," Atherstone said of playing at home. "We're going to have lots of fans, we get to sleep in our own beds and we get to play on our home court. We don't have to travel, we don't have to worry about any of that, so we have a lot less on our minds."

One thing on the Mustangs' minds is the Wolverines (21-12, 8-12 Big Ten Conference), who were 13-0 out of conference.

"We've got to slow her down at the very least," Stevenson said of Brittndzik. "We think our ball control is going to take care of that. I think we're going to serve very well and they're going to have trouble receiving our serves." Stevenson said Cal Poly is essentially running systems traditionally used by men's teams.

"Our offense is a copy of the Brazilian (National) men's team, our defense is basically a copy of the USA (National) men's team," Stevenson said. "That's what's happening worldwide. We're just ahead of the curve."

For their part, the Mustangs are thrilled not just to be in the tournament for the first time since 2002, but also that the tournament itself will be coming to San Luis Obispo.

"It's a great opportunity for us to show what Cal Poly's really all about and make the volleyball program stand out," Atherstone said. "It's just great to be a part of because it hasn't happened very much and it is really exciting. I'm glad the seniors could be a part of it. Once Jon came here, we all picked it up and it was great to be a part of it."

The Mustangs were 5-24 in 2004. Now they are two home wins away from the round of 16 in the NCAA Tournament.

"If this team is not a source of school pride, I don't know what is," Stevenson said. "This team is a true success story. They've gone from the bottom to the top."

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— Jon Stevenson

Second-year Cal Poly volleyball head coach

Patrick Trautfield's photos

Cal Poly volleyball head coach Chelsea Hayes (13) was one of five Mustangs who received first-team All-Big West Conference honors.

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Patrick Trautfield's photos

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For their part, the Mustangs are thrilled not just to be in the tournament for the first time since 2002, but also that the tournament itself will be coming to San Luis Obispo.

"It's a great opportunity for us to show what Cal Poly's really all about and make the volleyball program stand out," Atherstone said. "It's just great to be a part of because it hasn't happened very much and it is really exciting. I'm glad the seniors could be a part of it. Once Jon came here, we all picked it up and it was great to be a part of it."

The Mustangs were 5-24 in 2004. Now they are two home wins away from the round of 16 in the NCAA Tournament.

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Second-year Cal Poly volleyball head coach

Patrick Trautfield's photos

Cal Poly sophomore outside hitter Kylie Atherstone (5) had 15 kills, six digs, four assists and one service ace in the Mustangs' three-game sweep of Long Beach State in Mott Gym on Oct. 27.
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Tyler Wise
MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly men’s basketball team provided 1,289 fans at Mott Gym on Wednesday night with an aggressive and overall dominating performance in an 81-62 victory against Division III Occidental. The Mustangs (4-2) never allowed the Tigers (2-4) to take a lead. “All of our starters did a great job and were able to stretch out a good lead considerably early in the game,” Cal Poly head coach Kevin Bromley said.

Coming out strong in the first half, the Mustangs were able to secure a 10-point lead (24-14) with 11 minutes, 59 seconds left in the first half. They eventually closed the period with a 51-26 lead against Occidental.

Cal Poly began the second half with a 7-0 run, eventually securing a game-high 29-point lead with 15:55 to play. Individual leaders for the Mustangs included a 15-point performance from starting senior forward Derek Stockalper, who made five of his six floor shots. Tyler McGinn added 11 points for Cal Poly.

Though the Mustangs dominated the scoreboard, the team did have its struggles, particularly with free throws, Bromley said.

The Mustangs shot well enough from the field, making 29 of 59 field-goal attempts (49 percent), twelve of which were 3-pointers (12 for 26).

Cal Poly shot only 45 percent from the foul line, sinking only 11 of 24 attempts.

“It was definitely one of the poorer aspects of our game, but we took enough shots and made enough baskets to keep us well out in front,” Bromley said.

Bromley also alluded to the Mustangs’ early defensive struggles. Though they never allowed the Tigers to gain a lead, the Mustangs allowed an early tie at 12-12, in which the team took a timeout with 15:32 to play. “I told the team at that point to have more pride in their defense and get really locked into them (Tigers),” Bromley said. “I told them that the game was more of a mental challenge and that they had to have respect for their opponents, no matter if they’re Duke or Occidental.”

The next game for the Mustangs is Sunday at San Jose State. “San Jose State is hungry for their first ‘W’, so Occidental might not exactly a name that sends fear down their spine,” Bromley said. “Last year they really kicked our butts and we had no answer for them. "The Spartans are really going to come at us and we need to be prepared to play at our highest level. If we can play with the same intensity, then we’re going to be successful.”

Poly wrestling team heads to Las Vegas for tournament

The Mustangs are led by 133-pounder Darrell Vasquez, who has begun the season 5-0.

Kelly Cope
MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly wrestling team will test its mettle as it competes in Las Vegas this coming weekend since 1998.

Azevedo said the team has a number of top-ranked wrestlers, so he expects the team’s performance to be one he’s proud of. “All year long, you talk about USC, you talk about UCLA, you talk about Nebraska, Harvard, Boise State, Cal State Bakersfield and others for a total of about .50 team. But we have a number of top-ranked wrestlers, so he expects the team’s performance to be one he’s proud of.”

Chai said that he wants anyone on this team to forget what that felt like. “That’s the philosophy we’ve been thinking about the Trojans ever since 1998. “Very frustrating. It makes you sick,” Bruins cornerback Troy Brown said. “This is our opportunity to shut people up and earn some respect. It’s been way too long. It’s got to stop sometime.”

While the Bruins may have been thinking about the Trojans for some time, as Chai said, that apparently hasn’t been the case at USC. Coach Pete Carroll believes every game is a championship game, and his players have embraced that philosophy. Now that it’s USC week, though, Carroll and his players are free to speak on the significance of playing the Bruins. “We love this matchup and we love playing it, whether it’s at the Coliseum or at the Rose Bowl,” Carroll said. “We don’t get to play another game for a long time — this is the last game we get to play this year.”

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UCLA remembers last year’s game against USC all too well

The Bruins were steamrolled 66-19 in the L.A. Coliseum in last season’s "showdown."

John Nadel
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The UCLA Bruins trudged off the Coliseum field following a 66-19 loss to Southern California last year with a feeling they’ll always remember. And Bruins center Robert Chai believes that’s a good thing. “I want anyone on this team to forget what that felt like.”

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Killer whale returns to San Diego performance tank after attack

Allison Hoffman

SAN DIEGO — Some days, killer whales just wake up on the wrong side of the pool.

A 2 1/2-ton orca that dragged a trainer underwater during a show at SeaWorld may have been put out by a spat with another whale, grumpy because of the weather or just irritable from a stomach ache, according to marine mammal experts.

"Some mornings they just wake up not as willing to do the show as others," said Ken Balcomb, director of the Center for Whale Research in Friday Harbor, Wash. "If the trainer doesn't recognize it's not a good day, this will happen."

The whale, Kasatka, was back in the water Thursday for a lunchtime performance that went off without a hitch. But the show was limited to tricks that did not involve trainers getting in the water.

Meanwhile, experts from other SeaWorld parks and marine centers converged in San Diego to review Wednesday's incident and figure out what set the whale off.

The act called for the orca to leap out of the water so Peters could dive off her nose. Instead, as several hundred spectators watched, Kasatka grabbed Peters' foot in her mouth and dragged him toward the bottom of the 36-foot-deep tank.

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Kasatka, a 30-year-old orca that is about 17 feet long and weighs well over 5,000 pounds, twice held Peters underwater for less than a minute each time during the finale of a show at Shamu Stadium.

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"They came up, Peters tried to calm the animal by stroking its back, but it grabbed him and plunged down again. The whale finally released him and Peters was able to surface and swim away. He emerged from the tank with one leg of his wet suit torn.

Kasatka and Peters were involved in a scrape in 1999, when the whale tried to bite the trainer during a show, Scarpuzzi said. Peters hopped out of the tank and was not injured. The whale also tried to bite a different trainer in 1993, Scarpuzzi said.

Peters has 16 years of experience as a trainer, including 12 years in Shamu Stadium.

Scarpuzzi pointed out that the animals perform as many as eight times a day, 365 days a year, "so this, even if it's not obvious, can be expected because they are killer whales, it is definitely abnormal."

Killer whales are predators that were originally called whale-killers because they occasionally eat other whales and dolphins.

"In the wild they're not dangerous to humans and there's no incidences of them attacking humans unprovoked," Balcomb said. But in captivity, "they're dangerous because they're big and sometimes they're not happy with their situation."

Park spokesman Dave Koonz said a different whale went under with a trainer's foot in its mouth two or three weeks ago but obeyed commands to release the trainer and return to the side of the tank.

The trainer was not injured. The most serious attack at SeaWorld came in 1987, when a whale leaped onto a trainer as he rode a second whale during a stunt before a full house. The trainer was hospitalized with a broken pelvis, ribs and upper leg.

Kasatka made headlines in 2001 when she became the first killer whale to successfully give birth in captivity after being artificially inseminated.
HUMOR COLUMN

How to tell better jokes with Mike’s advice


That’s funny. I’ve never heard one of the worst jokes that one could probably ever come up with. The setup was horrible, the punchline was even worse, and the sanctity of all knock-knock jokes just received a well-known knockout. Fear not though my loyal reader, as in this “Guide to Life” I’ll be showing you how to not only tell a good joke, but recover from a bad one, and just generally be funny.

Now might be the time for you to think to yourself, “Wait a minute, who is this Mike guy and what the hell does he know?” Well, first of all if you look on the top of the page, it says “Humor Column.” So, you don’t need any humor from me. I’m simply asking you to do a little digging of the fine editors of this paper for choosing me to write such columns.

Second, my family has told me numerous times that I can be “quite the cutie” at family gatherings. With both those points said, are you really going to doubt both the Mustang Daily editors and my family? Glad, we have that taken care of and that you can now proceed with this newfound trust in me.

So, any joke needs a good set up. This ranges from long stories that take awhile to get to the punch line, or just quick one liners.

If you don’t have the setup right, how do you have a joke? Here is an example of some topics you should never discuss...

Did you know that Saddam Hussein is appealing his sentence to the world. But, then all of a sudden, watch out. Cause here comes punch line, “Yeah, well, Saddam really tried to give some advice to Saddam saying, ‘Use humor. And Whammy! Use a play on words so that Arab and how your audience laughing uncontrollably on the floor!)

So, while you are on the topic, pretty much any joke having to do with Tommy Lee, or, everyone knows that Tommy Lee married Britney. But let’s stay on the topic because I’m saying ANY joke about it is funny. Why did the chicken cross the road? No, not to get to the other side, but because the chicken was really like any gir in the world and Tommy Lee was on the other side. KABOOM! Oh man, instant classic right there.

OK, so moving on. When you joke or funny story boms, you need some way to recover. It happens daily in casual conversation, as well as on TV, all the time.

Let’s look at what John Kerry said a month or so ago. Kerry basically said that if young people don’t do well in the American school system, they’ll get stuck in Iraq. Whoopee, not really the setup and huge punch line that probably would have been best. It isn’t the biggest shocker in the world, but probably one of the most unfunny man imaginable, mims, oh I don’t know.

However, Kerry did try the joke, so I’ll at least applaud him for that one. Now, to recover, there are different ways of doing this. The best way is to probably say something so dumb that you’ll get everyone’s attention off of what you just said. My roommate, Mike Herriott, for example, thougth, “And then I found $20” to the end of every crappy joke he says. Just get creative with that, and you can even people laugh a ways away from what you just said.

Really, there’s no much or else to say. Start with your setup, then in a Tommy Lee punch line as much as possible, and if that fails, just start either exaggerating or making something up if you still stumbles.

Now, as a bonus, I’m going to give you the quick guide to comedy. This will move more fast, but still try to pay attention...


Telling jokes now with advice from this article? Funny.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Very sad but true

Matt Bushman, of course the death toll is not the only measure of success in Iraq. But when there is no clear measure of success, the war becomes easy to criticize because of issues like war profiteering, loss of U.S. credibility, loss of liberty and the creation of more terrorists. But the loss of humanity is our greatest expense, and the media should’ve ignored it.

Americans are angry because they were manipulated and people died as a result. The administration used fear on Sept. 11 in a pretext for Iraq. There is NO evidence to date that Iraq supported terrorism or was involved in Sept. 11 (fabricated evidence doesn’t count).

Where did Saddam get the weaponry he possessed in the 1980s which in turn killed thousands of Kurds? Well, there is more evidence that the U.S. supported Saddam than Saddam supported terrorists.


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Ludacris speaks out on AIDS

Jake Spring

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 25 (INTERNATIONAL U.)

EVANSTON, ILL. — For a rap star who packs arenas by the thousands, drawing only enough students to fill half of McCormick Auditorium seems ludicrous.

Chris Ludacris Bridges spoke on the Northwestern University campus Wednesday as part of the National Youth AIDS "Kick Me" campaign to promote awareness and raise money for AIDS. The invitation-only event was cosponsored by the Center for Student Involvement and the HIV/AIDS Literacy Organization.

Although CSI invited more than 200 students, only 145 attended the event, said Jade Cooper, assistant director of CSI. Students in AIDS-related classes and student group leaders were invited to attend the speech.

The speech, which was scheduled to last an hour and a half, was cut down to only 30 minutes, due to constraints of Bridges' schedule, said Cristina Broker, case-related marketing coordinator for YouthAIDS.

After a brief introduction, most of the event was dedicated to discussion. Broker, who was introduced as a HIV/AIDS specialist, responded to most of the questions. Bridges' occasional comments drew laughs from the audience.

"It's time to stack up on those flavored condoms people," Bridges said. "Let's keep it real in the room."

Broker and Ludacris focused on the options available to prevent AIDS — abstinence, faithfulness and condoms — and urged all to the audience to get tested for HIV.

"The half that do have HIV, AIDS, they don't even know that they have it," Bridges said.
The thought of combining the three artists came to McNeeley because they all were popular around the 1960s and used the same type of humor. Cal Poly students are familiar with Weird Al Yankovic, but about Tom Lehrer? Lehrer was popular during the late 1950s and into the 1960s. The Harvard mathematics student would record satirical songs on social and political events in his spare time. Popular Lehrer songs include "Pollution" and "I Hold Your Hand In Mine," which is about a lover cutting off his girlfriend's hand to nibble her fingertips. Lehrer's first CD, "Songs by Tom Lehrer," had an initial release of 400 copies that were dispersed in and around the Harvard campus before winter break. Lehrer joked that students spread the music "like herpes" which caused a demand for more CDs. Round two saw 350,000 copies sold. Crider and Flanagan are both in their early 20s and were able to understand the humor in the pieces. Crider knew words to some of Lehrer's songs because his parents would play the CDs.

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The other element brought to the show is material by the Canadian comedy team Wayne and Schuster. The two were famous for their skit "Shakespearean Baseball," where the entire team uses Shakespearean language, taking lines from Hamlet, Macbeth and Richard III. In addition to "Shakespearean Baseball," the group will perform "Rush the Blood off my Toga," a skit about Julius Caesar set to a gangster murder mystery theme and dialogue. "Even if people aren't familiar with Shakespeare, people know pop culture and will understand the humor," McNeeley said. "We'll give you a good show and bring a date, it's something else to do besides going to the movies," said Flanagan.

The first show debuts Saturday at the Unity Chapel of Light in Santa Maria at 7 p.m. Three shows will be performed at Limmae's Cafe at 1100 Garden St.; Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 8 and 9 at 8 p.m.

The last show is scheduled Dec. 17 at the San Luis Obispo Country Library on the corner of Osos and Palm streets for a 2 p.m. matinee. The suggested donation for admission is $10.