Stenner Glen in flames again

Taylor Moore and Amanda Retzer

The second fire in two days broke out Tuesday night at Stenner Glen residences on Foothill Boulevard. The fire occurred in building eight of the housing facility shortly before 9 p.m., in the same suite as the previous day’s blaze.

The San Luis Obispo City Fire Department deemed the fire accidental and said in a news release that the fire was caused by the placement of a portable construction light near combustible items.

Catherine Hughes, a psychology freshman, called 911 at approximately 8:50 p.m. to report a fire alarm and presence of smoke and fire from the eighth building complex, expressed concern after the fire sirens sounded because of the events from the previous night.

Hughes said the emergency dispatcher first asked if there was a possibility that the alarm was pulled as a prank but the situation was immediately deemed urgent enough for direct response. Stenner Glen staff members ensured that all residents were evacuated before the fire units arrived and there were no injuries reported. Once outside, many witnesses saw flames rising from the windows and sparks from the roof.

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Fewer college grads receiving health care coverage

Beth Oberleiter

Two out of three college graduates are not receiving health care coverage, according to a 2006 survey conducted by job-placement website College Recruiter.

While many private and public employers provide health care benefits for their employees, most workers under the age of 25 do not have a job and therefore cannot access employer-sponsored health care benefits.

In addition, many college graduates are not ready to face the expenses associated with obtaining health care coverage. They are either not ready to pay the premiums or have not found a job that offers health care benefits.

The survey found that the majority of college graduates are still living at home with their parents and do not have a job. They are therefore not eligible for employer-sponsored health care benefits.

It is important for college graduates to understand the importance of health care coverage and to take the necessary steps to obtain it. This may involve seeking employment or enrolling in a health care plan that is affordable and covers the necessary services.

Although the economic recession has affected the job market, it is important for college graduates to continue to pursue their goals and dreams. This may involve seeking employment or enrolling in a health care plan that is affordable and covers the necessary services.
The owners of Mo's, a barbecue restaurant located on Higuera Street, hope to keep their business downtown.

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"We have a lease through 2009. We should be able to stay another year or two, but the landlord wants to kick us out sooner," he said.

In order to keep the location after the retrofit, Kowalski said he would have to pay $7,000 more per month on rent and spend up to $400,000 to rebuild the restaurant.

"Generally, the landlord will pay for tenant improvements, but he's charging us top-of-the-market rent and is not willing to pay for leasehold improvements," Kowalski said. "I think that's ridiculous since we've been there for 30 years."

Mo's, which also has a location in Pismo Beach, has a few leads for a new downtown location, Kowalski said. No specific spots were disclosed.

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"Everybody's sad. McCarthy's has been here for like 50 years in the same spot. But the bottom line is McCarthy's isn't dead, it's just going to a new location. We're going to be here for a long, long time," said Bender, who started as a doorman at the pub 18 years ago.

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Matt Quaglino, real estate manager for Quaglino Properties, said the rent will be raised to recoup the cost of the retrofit and keep pace with property costs that have risen throughout downtown.

"Our business is leasing space. As like everything else, whether you're selling space or selling beer, you sell it at a profit. No one wants to sell it at a loss," he said.

Quaglino said he has turned down offers from businesses willing to pay $4.50 per square foot for the space. Mo's and McCarthy's currently pay $3 per square foot.

In addition to the retrofit, Quaglino said a glass store front will be added along the Court Street side of the facility. There are also plans to renovate the interior of the building. No decision has been made on what businesses will be brought into the new facilities.

City economic development manager Claire Clark said a retrofit can take three months to one year to complete and cost $100 to $200 per square foot.

The retrofits stem from a 1997 city ordinance that required 126 buildings in San Luis Obispo to become earthquake compliant by 2017. These buildings, usually made from brick, were built at the beginning of the 20th century before building codes required the addition of steel to the masonry of all new structures.

After the San Simeon earthquake in 2003, City Council pushed the deadline forward to July 1, 2010 for most buildings. Currently, 69 buildings in San Luis Obispo, including Frog & Peach Pub located at 728 Higuera St. and Koberl at Blue restaurant at 998 Monterey St., still need to be retrofitted.

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Pre-existing conditions are not covered by short-term insurance, so someone with a condition such as asthma may want to look at long-term coverage. According to Hauskins, this can cost 35 to 40 percent more than short term.

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Koehler has a liver virus that she contracted as a child and knew that her health insurance, which costs her parent's $200 a month, was insurable.

To help out, she got a job at Starbucks where she qualified for medical benefits after working for two months. Now she is required to work 20 hours a week to maintain her coverage, but she was able to customize her benefits package for the best fit.

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study found that 40 percent of college graduates spend the first year after graduation without health insurance, an increase of 18 percent over the past four years. This makes them one of the fastest-growing segments of the uninsured.

"There are lots and lots of people who sort of get caught in this gap," said Beaufort Longest, professor of health policy and management at Pitt's Graduate School of Public Health.

According to Longest, an incident such as a car accident can be financially devastating for someone without insurance and is a cost that can essentially be prevented if young people take advantage of the lower insurance premiums that are offered to them.

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"We had to say to ourselves, 'I want to spend a couple hundred dollars a month that I might not use at all.'" Koehler said. "I had no idea of my health history, that was something I knew I had to address." For many, a full-time position doesn't guarantee coverage. According to data from the United States Census Bureau, the number of full-time employees without benefits has risen 2.3 percent in the past five years.

Still, Koehler said that she doesn't worry about finding coverage after graduation.

"I have Starbucks. Knowing that I have that option is a really nice safety net for me," she said. "I really feel that if you ask employers and really shop around, you will find a job and weigh the benefits about what's the real total sum of what you'll be provided by that job."

Carrigan, a receptionist at optometrist Rhonda Laughlin's office in Greensburg, Pa., also attests that recent graduates should learn how the health care system works.

"It's a game," she said. "And the person who plays it better wins." After dealing with insurance companies daily during her job, she said that people who don't fully understand their health care coverage can end up paying for more than they planned.

This is the position that Wengryn found herself in when she took her first job at Lanier Worldwide Corporations because she was offered a benefits package. She didn't fully understand that she was responsible for 10 percent of her medical expenses and found herself paying off $3,000 worth of bills while she had health insurance.

"I was responsible for 10 percent. When I was filling out my benefits paper, I didn't really know what that meant," Wengryn said. "I had no idea that it would turn out like it did."

Many young people don't feel a need to bother with health insurance, Katherine Lee, individual health specialist for Arista Health Care Benefits Company, said. They are deterred because they don't have much money to begin with and are generally healthy.

"It's incredibly important," Lee said. "You might not have a disease or a condition that you would have when you're 60, but you could go out and break your leg while you're skiing over the weekend."

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The second fire was extinguished in 15 minutes, but cost Stenner Glen about $50,000 in damages.
Question of the day:
Are you worried about the increase of sexual assaults around campus?

“Yes, because it can affect the things you want to do. It’s hard to go to the gym or work at night.”
-Katie Grady
animal science freshman

“No, I’ve been here for five years and I feel it’s pretty safe.”
-Jenay Reynolds
English graduate student

“Yeah, I’m pretty scared about that. It’s probably one of my biggest fears.”
-Gloria Chase
business freshman

“I always try to be safe; I usually find someone to walk home with at night or I take the bus.”
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“It definitely concerns me, especially because I walk home late at night.”
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Bush sending 21,500 more troops to Iraq, setting up clash with Democratic Congress

Terence Hunt
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WASHINGTON — President Bush acknowledged for the first time Wednesday that he erred by not ordering a military buildup in Iraq last year and said he was increasing U.S. troops by 21,500 to quell the country’s near-anarchy.

Bush said that “to step back now would force a colossal collapse of the Iraqi government, tear the country apart and result in massive killings on an unimaginable scale.”

If we increase our support at this crucial moment and help the Iraqis break the current cycle of violence, we can hasten the day our troops begin coming home,” Bush said. But he braced Americans to expect more U.S. casualties for now and did not specify how long the additional troops would stay.

In addition to extra U.S. forces, the plan envisions Iraq’s committing 10,000 to 12,000 more troops to secure Baghdad’s neighborhoods — and taking the lead in military operations.

Even before Bush’s address, the new Democratic leaders of Congress emphasized their opposition to a buildup. “This is the third time we are going down this path. Two times this has not worked,” House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said after meeting with the president. “Why are they doing this now? That question remains.”

There was criticism from Republicans, as well. “This is a dangerously wrongheaded strategy that will drive America deeper into an unwinnable swamp at a great cost,” said Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., and Vietnam veteran and potential GOP presidential candidate.

Senate and House Democrats are arranging votes urging the president not to send more troops. While lacking the force of law, measures would compel Republicans to go on record as either backing the president or supporting an escalation.

Usually loath to admit error, Bush said it also was a mistake to have allowed American forces to be restricted by the Iraqi government, which tried to prevent U.S. military operations against fighters controlled by the radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. a powerful political ally of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. The president said al-Maliki had told him that from now on, “political or sectarian interference will not be tolerated.”

After nearly four years of bloody combat, the speech was perhaps Bush’s last credible chance to try to present a winning strategy in Iraq and persuade Americans to change their minds about the unpopular war, which has cost the lives of more than 3,000 members of the U.S. military as well as more than 40,000 billion.

As Bush spoke for 20 minutes from the unusual setting of the White House library, the sounds of protesters amassed outside the compound’s gates occasionally filtered through.

Bush’s approach amounts to a huge gamble on al-Maliki’s willingness — and ability — to deliver on promises he has consistently failed to keep: to disarm Shiite militias, pursue national reconciliation and make good on commitments for Iraqi forces to handle security operations in Baghdad.

“Our past efforts to secure Baghdad failed for two principal reasons. There were not enough Iraqi and American troops to secure neighborhoods that had been cleared of terrorists and insurgents,” the president said. “And there were too many restrictions on the troops we did have.”

He said American commanders have reviewed the Iraqi plan “to ensure that it addressed these mistakes.”

With Americans overwhelmingly unhappy with his Iraq strategy, Bush said it was a legitimate question to ask why this strategy to secure Baghdad will succeed where other operations failed. “This time we will have the force levels we need to hold the areas that have been cleared,” the president said.

While Bush put the onus on the Iraqis to meet their responsibilities and commit more troops, he did not threaten specific consequences if they do not. Iraq has missed previous self-imposed timetables for taking over security responsibilities.

Bush, however, cited the government’s latest optimistic estimate. “To establish its authority, the Iraqi government plans to take responsibility for security in all of Iraq's provinces by November,” the president said.

Still, Bush said that “America’s commitment is not open-ended. If the Iraqi government does not follow through on its promises, it will lose the support of the American people and it will lose the support... see More Troops, page 13
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Networks slimming down the TV lineup

Phil Horst
THE PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE

Can’t find your new favorite show? Well that’s probably because it’s been canceled or, as the networks would say, “on hiatus.”

While the networks are a little less trigger-happy this season — canceling only seven shows compared to 12 by this point last year — it can still be frustrating trying to find that new addiction you developed in September.

For example, after ABC announced the purgatory of Friday night instead of the hell of Saturday night. The move was short-lived, but the good news is that you can catch all 13 episodes online.

The story is much the same for Fox’s missing-persons drama, “Vanished.” The only differences between this one and “Kidnapped” were that “Vanished” killed the main character off in an attempt to get people’s attentions, and the show was moved to the purgatory of Friday night instead of the hell that is Saturday night.

The most shocking cancellation of the season was CBS’s new hit drama, “Smith.” With a cast that included movie stars Ray Liotta, Virginia Madsen and Amy Smart, the show seemed to be a surefire hit, or one that would at least make it through one season. This just further proves the point that TV viewers don’t care about banks, even if they’re getting robbed.

ABC stopped airing “Daybreak,” starring Taye Diggs, after just four episodes due to low ratings.

Not only were high-profile drama actors ignored by TV viewers, but comedy veterans didn’t fare well either. John Lithgow (“Kid Rock from the Sun”) and Jeffrey Tambor (“Arrested Development”) couldn’t keep “Twenty Good Wars” on the air for more than four episodes, and Ted Danson (“Cheers”) found himself seriously contemplating a “Cheers” reunion after “Help Me Help You” was ranked from the schedule.

“3 Lbs.” got the award for being the show that was canceled most quickly. After three airings, CBS threw the brain surgery show away, ensuring that no one would get addicted.

But it seems that people didn’t really care what went on in the bank, or what happened after they got out of the bank, or what they did before they went into the bank. Few people did care, just assume that the guy from “Wings” or the guy from “Party of Five” did something wrong.

So far that’s two serial dramas canceled. There are two more, and they’re both about people getting kidnapped. The first one, NBC’s aptly named “Kidnapped,” premiered to less-than-stellar numbers, and things didn’t go well from there.

After a handful of airings, “Kidnapped” was moved from its original 10 p.m. Wednesday timeslot to the dead of Saturday night. The move was short-lived, but the good news is that you can catch all 13 episodes online.

The networks should probably take a lesson from Fox this year, because you’ll be watching the new season. As a courtesy to “Happy Hour,” however.

“Fugitive” rip-off. Fortunately for “Justice” was one of the first networks slimming down the TV lineup

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Check out what’s going on in SEO County this week. Whether it’s art, film, music, theater or culture, POLYBILL posts the latest events.

Visit the San Luis Obispo Art Center on Saturday, Jan. 13 to meet Arii Garrick and view her remarkable body of photographic investigation, Frail Sacred Veil. The reception runs from 6 to 8 p.m. at 1090 Broad St.

Pianist W. Terrence Speller, chair of Cal Poly’s music department, will give a benefit recital of piano works at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, in the Spanos Theatre at Cal Poly.

Tickets to the recital are $5 for students and $10 for the public. They are on sale at the Performing Arts Ticket Office 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

Rock group Helmet, touring in support of its most recent release, “Menace,” will be playing at Downtown Brew on Saturday, Jan. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

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And then there's the dancing. Free swing dancing lessons will be offered at 7 p.m., and Krystal White, an instructor with Cal Poly's swing dance club, will teach those interested in the basics of swing dancing before hitting the floor. Her hope is to give others a passion, or at least an appreciation, for dancing. "I love to dance and I love music. My whole goal in doing this is to get others to love it, too," White said.

Admission to the dance is $5 for students and $9 for the general public.

The University Jazz Band will also be performing free additional times this quarter, including another swing dance March 2 and a concert Feb. 24 featuring Andy Martin, one of the most technically proficient trombonists today, according to Kinzler.

More information can be found by calling 756-5792.

HBO's 'Big Love' makes waves

Amy Asman
MUSTANG DAILY

About a year ago, HBO started airing commercials for its next big family drama, "Big Love." The show is about the Sopranos version of family love, "Big Love" focuses on the inner workings of a modern-day polygamist family.

"Think having three wives is a dream come true?" 15th floor of the tower teaching the show's tongue-in-cheek teaser. "Meet Bill Henrickson (Bill Paxton), a modern-day Utah polygamist who lives in suburban Salt Lake City with his three wives, seven children, and mounding avalanche of debt and demands.

HBO's creative advertising team did a bang-up job of illustrating the daily pressures of a modern polygamist by launching a series of commercials in which viewers are given a quick lesson in the "fundamentalist" of polygamy.

Husband, father, businessman, and upright everyman Bill struggles to balance the financial and emotional needs of wives Barb, Nicki and Margene (Jeanne Tripplehorn, Chloë Sevigny and Ginnifer Goodwin), who live in separate, adjacent houses and take turns sharing their husband's nightly activities. Though a task, such adventures, the HBO series is less like a sexual fantasy and more like a nightmarish responsibility. Along with sharing the bed of three beautiful women comes the considerable challenge of being the sole provider for three families, the father of seven children, and the owner of a chain of home improvement stores. It is this complicated mix of home and family, sex and money that captivates audiences and draws them into the Henricksons' lives.

And there's that whole polygamy thing, too. The show, which currently recharges of arranging marriages between underage girls and older men, and other charges that he was an accessory to rape. Jeffs was recently arrested during a routine traffic stop in Las Vegas, NV. So enters 'Big Love' onto the mainstream stage; the fantastical vision of two up-and-coming writer/producers Mark V. Olsen and Will Scheffer, that has already heaped scorn from members of the Church of the Latter-day Saints, as well as some serious praise from pro-polygamist organizations such as "Principle Voices."

The Mormon Church vigorously outlaws polygamy in 1890, complains the show seems to care about these trees is an unfavorable light on its religion and perpetuates stereotypical links between Mormonism and the practice of polygamy.

While there may be certain aspects about "Big Love" that mirror the Mormon Church, the show actually says more about today's society and HBO's programming than Joseph Smith and his followers. Coming from a network that is known — by both the public and the industry — for producing edgy, taboo material, "Big Love" seems almost like the next logical piece to the puzzle (which includes media and critical discussion of the Sopranos' "Sex and the City" and "Oz").

"You think you've seen it all, and then HBO comes up with a show about modern-day polygamy," said Bill Lowenkrantz, who wrote in a recent interview promoting the show.

The stars aren't the only ones that have noticed HBO's infatuation with "edgy" material. In a recent New York Times article entitled "Big Love: Real Polygamists Take a Look at HBO Polygamists and Find Sex," a group of former and current polygamists gathered to critique the show's pilot, only to find a whole bunch of sex.

"The women said "Big Love" had too much skin and not enough religion or hate for their taste, (but) they agreed that it portrayed the Henricksons like any other American family, which is fine in an era of mixed marriages of all sorts, gay partnerships, single parents and serial...
Soulful musician Tyrone Wells comes to Cal Poly

A native of Spokane, Wash., Tyrone Wells brings a mixture of soul, rock and pop to UU Hour today at 11 a.m. in the University Union Plaza.

Taylor Moore
MUSTANG DAILY

Up-and-coming singer and songwriter Tyrone Wells will perform music from his new album "Hold On" today during UU Hour, continuing his nationwide tour.

With a sound that Scott Warren, a member of his management team, calls "a mix between Jack Johnson and Lenny Kravitz," Wells has experienced increasing success as a musician and is ready to introduce himself to this gifted audience.

Wells is the artist to watch out for. Among his achievements are sold-out performances in The House of Blues and El Rey Theatre in Los Angeles, as well as having his songs featured on popular TV shows like "One Tree Hill," "North Shore" and "Numb3rs.

Wells' tour is expected to end in March but may be extended due to his current push of songs on the radio and good response from listeners across the nation.

With this success, Wells has proven his talent and will carry on producing new music. "My hope is to continue to create honest and passionate music that inspires people," said Wells.

Download his most popular songs "Dream Like New York" and "What Are We Fighting For?" to introduce yourself to this gifted artist.

UU Hour is from 11 a.m. to noon Thursdays in the University Union Plaza.
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Welcome back, every-
one. Hope your three
weeks of break were
refreshing and exciting, look forward to
the next quarter — fresh
start. Right?

When the New Year holiday rolls around, emotional propensities may
be turned in one of two directions: the nostalgic trek back over the last 364
days, or previous years, or the
future, exciting look forward to
the possibilities of tomorrow.

Looking ahead, the future always remains a little hazy, no matter how
we plan each step and each
detail, like good college students.

Looking back, each year becomes progressively blurrier as it
passes. I have trouble remembering last quarter, much less the entire last
year. Time seems to elapse more
and more quickly as I get older, and consequently, yesterday becomes more
and more difficult to recall.

However, this is not always the case with relationships. The past
doesn’t always slip so easily from
memory.

Call it what you will: experience, track record, or history. When it
comes to personal romantic histo-
ries, people either evade all ques-
tions at all costs, or won’t shut up
about it.

There’s a third, classic, hybrid the friend who says he or she “doesn’t
like to talk about it,” but once it’s
brought up, spills the entire thing
out on the table without warning,
starting with kindergarten puppy
love and ending with “That was
dude/ chick from that one party last
week.”

And a half-hour later, restaurant management is giving
you the evil eye from amidst a sea of
oohs and ahs, oh, and oohs;
still your friend blathers on.

Clearly, the ghost that is the emotional past doesn’t simply
dissolve away into oblivion. It takes concerted
effort to really forget a love gone
impression — in the form of an emotional and psychological scar.
Try as we might to let it all go, the memories don’t erase themselves,
even if we really are “over it.”

And this applies to everyone, current relationship status aside.
Maybe you had 12 exes; maybe you’ve just had one great love;
maybe you’ve been looking and
looking for love and haven’t found any can-
idates yet; maybe you know who
you want but nothing has come of
it. Regardless, the human need
for relationships compels us toward this
kind of emotional awareness.

If you can distance yourself enough from the emotional turmoil
once felt, you can try to look at
things from a more objective stance.

With effort, you’ll be able to see,
and you can make adjustments
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But there are lesser incidences of
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Eller lacks perspective on reasons for homelessness

Brian Eller,

Your level of ignorance only
couples in comparison to your
selfishness. The vast majority of
homeless are mentally ill. They are
affected with disorders that require
medical care, medication and often
hospitalization — something you’re not capable of
getting a “job.”

The homeless are on the streets because they have nowhere else
to go. It’s the end of the road for
them. It’s not a rational choice.

Some people would want to live on the streets; it’s part of their
disorders.

Then you have the

alcoholic/addict homeless person. Many of them are mentally ill too
and chose substance abuse to self
medicate. Also, you are probably unaware that alcoholics is a dis-
ease. It’s a physical allergy of the
body and an obsession of the mind
— an alcoholic can’t stop drinking once they start and they consume
more than the average person.

Once in the advanced stages of alcoholism, there is the physical
addiction where alcohol becomes
ecessary to function. The obsession
of the mind is the belief that the
alcoholic can drink like a normal
person. The belief that “this time will be different.” Or stated another
way, the reason they continue the
same thing (drinking) and
expecting different results.

Telling the homeless to get a job is like telling a smoke-burned 21-year-
old college junior to go to Iraq and
wars the “war.” And yeah, while you’re there trying to create

peace, try to get killed.

You have no idea what it’s like
to be an alcoholic, mentally ill, or
homeless. Your comments illus-
strate your lack of life experience.

No doubt you and probably many of your family members suffer
from some illness ... maybe can-
cer, heart disease, etc. Do you treat
these people with the same
disrespect?

I’m a 34-year-old combat vet-
eran, alcoholic, and former home-
less person. I’m back at Cal Poly
because I want to better myself
and get an education that will
allow me to serve this communi-
ity. The highest calling is service.

You are in for a world of disap-
pointment if all you want to do is
take.

One last note for you: what
makes you think you have any
advice the world needs?

Ben Albracht
Psychology junior

A void a mucky start to the New Year

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In the Time of College

BY Sarah Gneenwalt

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Interning for U.S. history

"G" is up early and takes a picture of the leader with Mohamed Karrazi—the commander my boss gave me on my second day. Interning for Speaker Nancy Pelosi is two block of Higuera Street downtown Los Angeles. Within a day, I prepared at the Capitol Hill as Cal Poly President Warren Baker's appointee to the Leon & Sylvia Panetta Institute for Public Policy. We're still the young generation who's in the process of defining itself. Nothing else matters except sitting around and trying. Trying to gain a realistic perspective on life, trying to gain an authentic perspective on your own self trying to make your contribution to humanity. In the Capitol I met foreign dignitaries, American politicians and media superstars. But they were just people grubbing around something they believed in. So what do you believe in? Pelosi didn't devote her life toward political celebrity. She devoted herself toward the advancement of human rights and the fight against AIDS.

When I lived in D.C., like a lifetime everywhere else. On Election Day, I looked at the Democratic Candidate Senatorial Campaign Committee party at the Capitol Hill. At the table and throughout the country there was a revolution and America's vote for change allowed Pelosi and the Democrats to make history. As a woman, a grandmother, a mother: they're all from San Luis Obispo. These troops belong to the 900 block of Higuera Street downtown—a block that contains Louisa's Place, Mt. Absolute and H&G Clothing. It also contains Mo's Smokehouse BBQ, which is adjacent to McCarthy's Irish Pub. Both businesses pointed to their doors because of rising rent prices downtown. Who can afford to rent space downtown if these two locals can't?

Well, let's see who's moved into town recently: Pottery Barn, California Pizza Kitchen, Urban Outfitters and other chain stores. And let's look at who's been renting downtown for a while: Ross, Barnes & Noble, Gap, Starbucks and other corporate chains.

Granted, there are the few locally-owned businesses that thrive like Bal's and Linnara's, but when space goes up for rent, chains have a huge advantage over the little guys. They have deep pockets to afford overhead costs, advertising, salaries, and any other start-up expenses.

So when Mo's and McCarthy's go up for sale soon, the Downtown Association will be faced with a decision: to accept small businesses or toss in more chains. Their general trend has been the latter, but the Mustang Daily strongly encourages them to go the other way.

When the Dalidio and Madonna shopping projects were proposed, opponents said they would detract from San Luis Obispo's downtown core, pulling consumers away and into big chain stores. So far, this has not collapsed the downtown economy and the area remains as vibrant as ever. But as more chain stores creep downtown, it'll be just like the shopping centers on the city's outskirts, just with more trees and a small-town feel. San Luis Obispo has prided itself on the downtown blocks since its early days, so the city should do its part to keep the area as local as possible. If that means rent caps, helping out with the costs of earthquake retrofitting (which is partly to blame for the rent spike), or offering incentives to small business owners, it should do it. Otherwise, downtown San Luis Obispo will look like any other suburban shopping area. The city should stop the chain takeover and support its local businesses.
Ethiopian leader says U.S. airstrike targeted 20 high-level Islamic militants

Mohamed Olad Hassan
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOGADISHU, Somalia — Ethiopia's prime minister said Wednesday the U.S. military targeted 20 high-level members of an Islamic movement linked to al-Qaida in an airstrike this week in southern Somalia, attacking quickly before the Islamists could escape.

The chief of staff for the Somali president claimed that a senior al-Qaida figure was killed in Monday's airstrike, although U.S. officials did not confirm it.

The air assault has been criticized internationally, with the African Union, European Union and United Nations among those expressing concern. But British Prime Minister Tony Blair told lawmakers it was right to stand up to extremists who were using violence to "get their way." in Somalia.

Somali lawmaker Abdurahash Hidig said the U.S. launched a new airstrike Wednesday around Ran Kamboni, a rugged coastal area a few miles from the Kenyan border where Monday's attack took place. He cited the Somali military as the source of the information.

Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi told reporters in his country's capital, Addis Ababa, that eight suspected al-Qaida fighters were killed Monday's airstrike, five were wounded and taken into custody by Ethiopian forces, and seven escaped.

Meles said most of the victims were Somali, but the identities would not be confirmed until DNA testing is completed. He said Ethiopia and the U.S. have been cooperating on intelligence, and that most of the information has come from the Americans. He also said the Ethiopians did not provide any intelligence that led to Monday's airstrike.

"I do not know how the Americans got the information, but they appeared to have some credible information," he said. "Apparently they felt if they did not strike quickly, the target would be missed."

However, a U.S. military official based in the region said the Somali military had provided the intelligence that led to the strike. "We acted on time-sensitive intelligence and made the strike in cooperation with the Ethiopians," said the U.S. official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity surrounding U.S. special operations missions.

In Washington, an intelligence official said the U.S. killed five to 10 people Monday in the attack on an al-Qaida target in southern Somalia. A Somali lawmaker said 31 civilians died Tuesday when helicopter gunships attacked suspected al-Qaida fighters in the south.

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A senior Somali government official said the U.S. air attack was aimed at a senior al-Qaida commander, but that the strike was not a success.

Meles told reporters he was not sure the U.S. strike would yield any considerable intelligence. He also said the país has only a few military troops in the country and that the U.S. airstrike was an "unwelcome" addition.

Meles said the airstrike was "a mistake," adding that "we have been in the region for 20 years and we know the situation here."

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In the Somali capital, Mogadishu, some said the U.S. airstrike was "a mistake," while others said it was a "missile." But many Somalis said the strike was a "wise" decision, "a good move," and "a welcome move."
**State**

**SANTA ANA (AP)** — Superior Courts in Orange and Los Angeles counties are ending a pilot program that allows police agencies to protect confidential sources by withholding portions of search warrant requests.

The move comes in response to a Fourth District Court of Appeal opinion saying courts must retain those affidavits under seal. The appellate court reversed the drug conviction of a man whose search affidavit was lost by Buena Park police.

Some police agencies and prosecutors want to safeguard informant identities in court documents, fearing they could accidentally become public, but the Dec. 28 appellate opinion forbids that.

**SACRAMENTO (AP)** — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger released a tight-fisted spending plan on Wednesday that he said would eliminate the state's operating deficit for the first time in nearly a decade.

It also would clear the way for California to afford another round of pay hikes for state workers for public works projects.

The governor's $143.4 billion budget would limit general fund spending increases to less than 1 percent in the 2007-08 fiscal year, the smallest such increase in five years.

It also would put the state on track to pay off early the billions in borrowing voters approved in 2003 to bail out the state after the dot-com crash. The bonds would be paid off in 2009, 14 years ahead of schedule.

**RIVERBANK (AP)** — School administrators in Riverbank have banned clothing featuring the name of Mac Dru, a slain rapper who glorified drug use in his music, education officials said.

Kern County's Unified School District board members unanimously Tuesday to add the Sacraments-based rapper to a list of names and labels banned at the district's only high school. Dru was gunned down in Kansas City, Mo., in 2004 and popularized the slang term "to this" to describe being high on ecstasy.

**National**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The federal government should join the state of Massachusetts in enacting universal health care coverage, said Sen. Edward Kennedy, the chief architect of the Senate committee with jurisdiction over numerous health issues. Kennedy's home state is the first to require everyone to have health insurance, just as drivers must have automobile coverage.

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Tackling a top priority, House Democrats pushed a $2.10 an hour increase in the federal minimum wage toward passage Wednesday, calling it only a partial restoration of purchasing power for America's lowest-paid workers. As their second bill since taking control of Congress, the Democratic-written legislation would raise the federal wage floor from $5.15 to $7.25 in an hour in three steps over 26 months. The federal wage hasn't risen since 2009 for 10 years.

**HONOLULU (AP)** — Waikiki's ongoing revitalization projects and Hawaii's unique culture will be the focus of this year's $8 million state tourism marketing plan to attract Japanese visitors to the islands.

The campaign is aimed at reversing a downward trend in Japanese visitor arrivals, which declined by 9 percent for the first 11 months of 2006. It will attempt to target more older, savvy travelers who already may have visited Hawaii at least once.

Tourism officials said they want to show that Hawaii is constantly evolving beyond just having beautiful beaches, and not an unchanging place with all the appeal of the mainland.

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Donald Trump has called for a nude photo of Barbara Walters to be banned. The co-hosts didn't mention his name, referring to Trump as "he" and "that guy.

**International**

**KAHROUIM, Sudan** — Sudan's President Omar al-Bashir on Wednesday rebuffed calls by U.N. peacekeeping troops in war-ravaged Darfur despite personal appeals from New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson.

Richardson wrapped up a four-day private diplomatic mission with a conditional promise from various factions in the conflict for a cease-fire.

**SRIRAHIRIKA, India** — India on Wednesday launched a rocket carrying a satellite designed to test re-entry vehicle technology that could be used in a future manned space mission.

**CARACAS, Venezuela** — Invoicing Chavez and Castro as his socialist models, President Hugo Chavez began his third term Wednesday by declaring thatame the only way forward for Venezuela and the world.

**UNUNITED NATIONS (AP)** — The Security Council voted unanimously Wednesday to extend the mandate of U.N. and French peacekeepers in Ivory Coast until June 30 and authorized it to help dismantle all militias and help with preparations for elections by Oct. 31.

The resolution does not authorize any U.N. troop increase, but it says the council intends to review the size of the U.N. force and mandates by June 30 "in the light of the progress achieved in the implementation of the peace process."

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The Iraqi people. Now is the time to act."

Resisting calls for troop reduc­
sions, Bush said that "failure in Iraq would be a disaster for the United States...A democratic Iraq will not be perfect. But it will be a country that fights terrorists instead of har­boring them."

But Bush warned that the strate­
y would, in a short term he did not define, bring more violence rather than less.

"Even if our new strategy works exactly as planned, deadly acts of violence will continue, and we must expect more Iraqi and American casualties," he said. "The question is whether our new strat­egy will bring us closer to success. I believe that it will."

Bush's warning was echoed by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., a lead­


going proponent of a troop increase.

"Is it going to be a strain on the military? Absolutely. Casualties are going to go up," the senator said.

Bush said he considered calls from Democrats and some Republic­

ans to pull back American forces. He concluded it would dev­

ode Iraq and "result in our troops being forced to stay even longer." But he offered a concession to Congress — the establishment of a bipartisan working group to for­

mal late regular consultations on Iraq. He said he was open to future exchanges and better ideas.

Bush's strategy ignored key rec­

ommendations of the Iraqi Study Group, which in December called for a new diplomatic offensive and an outreach to Syria and Iran. Instead, he accused both countries of aiding terrorists and insurgents in Iraq. "We will disrupt the attacks on our forces," Bush said. "We will interrupt the flow of support from Iran and Syria."

The troop buildup comes two months after elections that were widely seen as a call for the with­

drawal of some or all U.S. forces from Iraq. Polling by AP-Ipsos in December found that only 27 per­

cent of Americans approved of Bush's handling of Iraq, his lowest rating yet.

Bush's blueprint would boost the number of U.S. troops in Iraq — now at 132,000 — to 153,500 at the cost of $3.6 billion. The highest number was 160,000 a year ago in a troop buildup for Iraqi elections. The latest increases call for send­

ing 17,500 U.S. combat troops to Baghdad. The first of five brigades will arrive by next Monday. The next will arrive by Feb. 15 and the remainder would come in 30­

day increments.

Bush also committed 4,000 more Marines to Anbar Province, a base of the Sunni insurgency and foreign al-Qaida fighters.

Bush's plan mirrored earlier moves attempting to give Iraqi forces a bigger security role. The chief difference appeared to be a recognition that the Iraqis need more time to take on the full secu­

rity burden.

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Saban thought that the NFL wasn't a cake walk. After two years and a 15-17 record, Saban was gone.

Saban realized that he was a coach, the NFL stands for Not For Long.

Saban regretted ever leaving LSU, and ended up looking like a fraud and a coward by the way he handled the situation. This is a problem that can easily be avoided if Carroll stays.

He has the most coveted job in all of college athletics. He's on his way to becoming the Vince Lombardi of college football. The Trojans have won 56 of their last 60 games and have made two national championships in the last four years.

ESPN is already ranking USC No. 1 in its preseason poll for 2007. Not only is the world in Carroll's hands, but he's a god in Southern California.

Carroll knows better than anyone that USC boosters' pockets are deeper and more generous than anybody can possibly comprehend.

Carroll is why the NFL doesn't have a team in Los Angeles. The city isn't clamoring for one because it already has the Trojans. You have your choice of the 10-15 best athletes in the country year in, year out.

You have dominant pro prospects begging you to give them a scholarship. In your six years you have created an NFL breeding ground. The second string for USC would start for just about any other school in the nation.

Look at Mike Krzyzewski, for example. He was offered a job no one in their right mind could turn down of coaching one of the most storied franchises in the history of sports, the Los Angeles Lakers. After long and hard thought, he realized he couldn't leave Duke. He understood he meant too much to the school and the school meant too much to him.

When you think about Duke University, one of the first people who comes to mind is Krzyzewski.

Carroll was 33-31 as a head coach in the NFL in the 1990s. He has this unique opportunity to be a同步 synaptic with one of the most prestigious private schools in the world.

Carroll should be content with what he has because no job in the NFL is worth giving up USC football for.

Unlike those fourth-and-two s Carroll loves to go for, this is the one opportunity that he should just pass away.

Lakers hammered in Houston, 102-77

Kobe Bryant scored 20 points but was held to 6-for-18 shooting as Los Angeles lost its second straight game by double digits.

Chris Duncan

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Juwuan Howard scored a season-high 23 points and Dikembe Mutombo moved into second place on the all-time blocks list in the Houston Rockets' 102-77 win over the Los Angeles Lakers on Wednesday night.

Mutombo blocked five shots and grabbed 19 rebounds, matching a season high and reaching double doubles for the eighth straight game. He now has 3,191 blocks, two more than Kareem Abdul-Jabbar on the all-time list.

Rafer Alston scored 20 points for the Rockets, who've won seven of their last eight games since Yao Ming broke a bone in his right leg.

Houston also snapped a four-game losing streak to the Lakers with little scoring help from Tracy McGrady, who'd topped 30 points in each of his last six games. McGrady had only eight points and appeared to aggravate his troublesome back late in the first half. He also had 12 assists.

The Lakers shot 34 percent (26 of 76) and mustered a season-low 31 points in the second half.

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Basketball continued from page 16 kids kind of know when they’re com­ing in and when they’re leaving so they can get locked into a comfort­ able rhythm in the game, but that earned in practice.

“We weren’t playing well and it didn’t look like our court turnover ratio was very good and we didn’t have great chemistry, obviously. I think we’ve kept coming up with some new lineups. I like our as-is-turnover ratio right now. We’re shar­ ing the basketball, we’re taking good

San Diego has won two straight for the Chargers in recent years. In 2002, the Padres beat the outgoing Super Bowl champions 21-14 in San Diego. In 2003, they went to New England and again knocked off the defending Super Bowl winners, 41-17, this time end­ ing the Patriots’ NFL-record 21­game home winning streak. “You definitely respect them for the things they’ve done in the past and the things they’ve done throughout the season,” Chargers All-Pro tight end Antonio Gates said. “You just want to go out and play with respect. But at the same time, you fear no one. That’s our mind-set.”

When it comes to postseason suc­ cess, the Chargers and Patriots are polar opposites. New England won the Super Bowl following the 2001, 2003 and 2004 seasons. During that span, the Patriots appeared in the playoffs once, losing at home in overtime to the New York Jets in the wild-card round following the 2004 season. San Diego hasn’t won in the post­ season since stunning Pittsburgh in the AFC championship game in a 20-17 overtime loss to the Jets.

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The Mustangs have lost four straight to the Aggies since UC Davis began its transition from Division II.

Tristan Aird

To Cal Poly men's basketball head coach Kevin Bromley, a rivalry on the hardwood is gradually building between his program and UC Davis. Part of it, no surprise, is because the Aggies will officially join the Big West Conference next year. The other part, is more intriguing — Cal Poly's storied Houdini Class rivalry with UC Davis in football.

"I think our rivalry with football helps that," Bromley said Monday at a weekly press conference. "I think it's end up developing into something pretty good over the years as Davis ends up being in our conference."

An early glimpse at the budding rivalry can be seen tonight when UC Davis (2-11), in its final year of transitioning from the Division II ranks, visits Cal Poly (6-8, 1-3 Big West) at 7 p.m. in Mott Gym.

"They're going to be an integral part of this conference," Bromley said. "They bring a lot to the conference. They're very competitive in all their sports. It's a good academic school. I really like that in the conference."

Although the Mustangs own a 22-11 advantage in the all-time series, which began in 1946, they have lost all four games against the Aggies since the schools started playing each other home-and-away in the 2004-05 season. And the games haven't been all that close. Cal Poly leads 73-56-52 and 83-70.

Cal Poly feels like the program can change this season, partly because it is 5-2 at home and UC Davis is 0-6 on the road while being outscored by an average of 14.8 points per game on the season.

Like the Mustangs, the Aggies have only three seniors on their roster. That has led to early struggles for UC Davis in both field-goal shooting (39.8 percent) and turnovers (19.6 per game). The silver lining for the Aggies might be an aggressive defense that comes up with 7.7 steals per game. "They try to make it ugly," Bromley said of UC Davis style. "They press you. They kind of changed their offensive scheme a little bit this year."

As for Cal Poly, it's been an up-and-down season that includes a three-game winning streak followed by two separate two-game losing skids. The latter is exactly what the Mustangs are coming off, suffering consecutive Big West defeats last week at UC Irvine (66-62) and Long Beach State (77-76). "I like how we competed the last two games, a lot different from San Jose State," Bromley said, referring to an 80-63 loss at San Jose State (1-13) Dec. 2.

Bromley said one aspect his team must improve from its last two games is defense in the half-court set. "Our secondary defense, like our zones, need to get better," he said. "We didn't think we guarded the ball very well in both of those. We have kind of a matchup zone 2-3. I thought those were worse. We're going to work on those. We still have a lot of work to do on our defense."

One benefit for Cal Poly for so this season has been using the same starting lineup in all 14 games — sophomores point guard True Clark, junior shooting guard Davin White, senior small forward Derek McGinty and sophomore center Titus Shelton.

Bromley, though, said the starting five is "not set in stone" and that spots are determined on the practice floor. "It's for guys during the week to take the position that they've had," he said. "If you like your rotation where the see Basketball, page 15

San Diego, whose 14 regular-season wins are its most since the team's inception in 1960, hosts the New England Patriots in an AFC Divisional playoff showdown at 1:30 p.m. PST Sunday.

Jermaine Wilson

The San Diego Chargers know all about the New England Pattern.

They know about the three Super Bowl titles in the last five seasons. And Tom Brady's near-perfect postseason success. And Bill Belichick's status as one of the NFL's sharpest — if not sharpest-dressed — coaches.

"But we still intend to show up," Chargers coach Marty Schottenheimer said. "Because of our NFL-best 14-2 record, the Chargers had the luxury of sitting at home Sunday and watching the Patrick's victory in the New York Jets 37-16 in a wild-card game."

Led by league MVP LaDainian Tomlinson and quarterback Philip Rivers, who will be making his first playoff start, San Diego will host the Patriots next Sunday in the divisional round. The Chargers have home-field advantage as long as they're alive in the AFC playoffs.

The Chargers and Patriots haven't faced each other in the postseason since the 1963 AFL.

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Johny in the Box

Carroll should stay at USC

John Middelfuaff

UC head football coach Karl Dorrell came out publicly and said he's not going anywhere, but we know how that one goes.

After losing his head coach, Nick Saban to the University of Alabama less than a week ago, Miami Dolphins owner Wayne Huizenga is actively pursuing Carroll.

Carroll, who has been on a wish list of NFL owners for years, hasn't even pondered leaving his current dynasty. He has coached previously in the NFL but said he enjoys coaching college football more because of the power that he has in his program.

But what if he was given that power over an NFL franchise?

Huizenga personally flew to Costa Rica where Carroll was vacationing recently to talk to him about the job Huizenga will be willing to not only make him the highest-paid coach in the NFL, but give him complete control of football operations. Any other coach in college would have already signed.

But hopefully Carroll is smart and doesn't make a decision that would haunt him for the rest of his life. Carroll said Huizenga's ideas were so intriguing that he couldn't help but listen.

There's nothing wrong with listening and letting the billionaire inflate that thing known as your ego, but when it comes to signing on that dotted line, Carroll should tell him thanks, but no thanks. He has the opportunity to stay somewhere and become a living legend. For once, he should be the football coach that makes the right decision, and doesn't end up looking like a fool, like the person he's replacing.

There are several reasons why you shouldn't even contemplate giving up your Trojan horse to swim with a dolphin.

First, learn from Saban's mistakes. Saban, who split a national championship with Carroll four years ago at LSU, bolted for Alabama less than a week ago, giving up riding your Trojan horse to swim with a dolphin.

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Mustang baseball team picked to finish 5th in Big West coaches poll

Cal Poly received 31 points, behind Cal State Fullerton, UC Riverside, UC Irvine and Long Beach State.

The Poly baseball team was picked to finish fifth among eight teams in the Big West Conference preseason coaches poll released Tuesday.

The Mustangs, who were 29-27 overall and 10-11 in the Big West last year, received 31 points. Cal State Fullerton took first with seven first-place votes and 63 total points, followed by UC Riverside (50), UC Irvine (48) — which got one first-place vote, Long Beach State (43), Cal Poly, UC Santa Barbara (23), Pacific (22) and Cal State Northridge (9).

Cal State Fullerton has won the last three Big West titles and is ranked No. 12 in the nation to begin the season by Collegiate Baseball newspaper and No. 15 by Baseball America.

Cal Poly returns a conference-high 21 letterwinners from last season, including All-Big West honorable mention pick Grant Deonce. Deonce, a junior infielder, hit 287 with eight home runs and 33 RBI last year.

Cal Poly opens the season at the University of San Diego on Jan. 26, 2007, the day after the national team's holiday break ends.