Will SLO grow up?

Drip irrigation creates icicles and forms an insula­tion, a way of protecting oranges on the trees Jan. 13 in Exeter, Calif.

Prices soar for California citrus after temperatures plummet

Oliveia Munoz

FRESNO, Calif. — From Valentine’s Day bouquets to Super Bowl spreads, shoppers soon will be feeling the sting of higher prices from a wave of icy weather that has hit California farms.

As much as three-quarters of the state’s citrus crop with­ered in the field during the cold snap, but nearly every winter crop, fixim avocados to fresh-cut flowers, has suf­fered severely.

The shortages’ impact wasn’t lost on Joseph Vasquez, who realized what it could mean for his party plans with NFL playoffs in full swing.

“Avocados are expensive enough as it is,” the 32-year-old Plixadena school teacher said. “We may have to do without guacamole for a while. And we may be drinking our Coronas without limes.”

Price hikes still won’t be enough to offset the damage, as growers cope with nearly $1 billion in losses following four consecutive nights of subfreezing temperatures.

On Tuesday, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger asked the federal government for disaster aid from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Small Business Administration for growers and other affected businesses.

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Former Poly professor sends olive trees to Iraq

Brittany Ridley

A local chapter of the California Rare Fruit Growers donated 164 olive trees to a group of American soldiers in Iraq this holi­day season.

Master Sgt. Patricia Marsano from the United States Army Reserves contacted the California Rare Fruit Growers and asked for a donation of olive trees to plant around their base.

“The soldiers decided it would be nice to leave something in this town as a good ges­ture,” said Art DeKleine, co-chair of the California Rare Fruit Growers and profes­sor emeritus in the Cal Poly Mathematics Department. “It is one of those nice things that one group of people does for another, and I think that is why everybody jumped on the bandwagon.”

Joe Sabol, a member of the California Rare Fruit Growers and retired professor in the agriculture education department, rallied together local community members to begin a fundraiser for the olive trees, a symbol of peace to people around the world.

An anonymous donor sent a check to the organization to pay for all 164 olive trees, Sabol said.

“It has wonderful symbolism,” DeKleine said. “It drew a lot of people together and it is just the kind of good spirit that one would like to see.”

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“This is not just about the crop this year. It could also have a devastating effect next year,” Schwarzenegger said after touring a devastated orange grove in Fresno. “My administration will make sure that we do everything we can to help the farmers and work­ers get through this.”

The state’s citrus industry stands to take the biggest economic hit of all crops.

California is the nation’s No. 1 producer of fresh citrus, growing about 86 percent of lemons and 21 percent of oranges sold in the U.S., according to the California Farm Bureau. Florida produces more citrus overall, but leads in orange juice, according to the USDA.

Growers say more than 70 percent of this season’s oranges, lemons and tangerines were still on the trees at nighttime temperatures in California on Dec. 11, which dropped into the low 20s and teens beginning Friday. The fruit is threatened when even brief temperatures fall below 28 degrees.

“Limited amounts were harvested before the freeze, so it’s not like the markets are going to dry up suddenly,” said Dale Smith, a spokesperson for Sunset Growers Inc., a Los Angeles-based cooperative owned by some 6,000 growers in California and Arizona.

Still, the diminished supply is bound to drive up prices, Smith said. Sunset may import oranges and other fruit from South Africa and other countries.

“We may adjust the prices we discover the full extent of the damage next week, but for now, if you bought a freeze in 1990 — one that completely wiped out the $1 billion crop. It took growers two years to recover.

Labor leaders are also watching the weather closely. They estimate as many as 12,000 field workers and packing house employees could lose their jobs for the remainder of the season.

The state may offer emergency unemployment assistance to workers laid off because of the crisis, said Henry ROMeria, director of the state Office of Emergency Services.

Damaged fruit from the current freeze may still be salvaged as juice, usually a byproduct for California farmers, Smith said.

Adverse weather has also taken a toll on the Florida-dominated orange juice industry in recent years. After two rainy hurricane seasons conti­nued by drought and crop dis­ast, PepsiCo Inc., which sells juice under its Minute Maid and Fanta brands and Coca-Cola Co., which owns the Sunkist (rowers Inc., a loss valued at $7 billion. Second only to the French wine trade, the state’s citrus crop, a loss valued at $7 billion. Second only to the French wine trade, the state’s citrus crop, a loss valued at $7 billion. Second only to the French wine trade, the state’s citrus crop, a loss valued at $7 billion. Second only to the French wine trade, the state’s citrus crop, a loss valued at $7 billion. Second only to the French wine trade, the state’s citrus crop, a loss valued at $7 billion.
Local briefs

DIABLO CANYON — A wildfire that ripped through brush near a Central Coast nuclear power plant under legal scrutiny was fully contained Wednesday, authorities said.

The fire burned 300 acres within two miles of the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant north of San Luis Obispo, said Laura Brown of the California Department of Fish and Forestry.

About 300 firefighters battled the blaze that broke out Sunday off land owned by Pacific Gas & Electric Co. and spread to parts of Montana de Oro State Park.

Most trails in the park have been reopened.

“We were very fortunate keeping the fire from spreading in the direction of the Diablo plant,” Brown said.

The fire followed a weather system that brought winds and low temperatures to the area.

“The cold and fighting fire in the middle of January is not unheard of but is very unusual. We were trying to keep our crew safe from hypothermia,” Brown said.

The cause of the fire was under investigation.

The U.S. Supreme Court announced Tuesday it will not review a 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling requiring an examination of how a terrorist attack on the power plant's aboveground waste storage could harm the environment.

The decision forces the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the plant’s owner, BG&E, to comply with the ruling challenging NRC's permit to allow storage of more radioactive spent-fuel at the plant.

The commission is looking into proposing solutions for the public’s concerns. One such idea is requiring that new buildings be constructed at an angle that would allow the greatest amount of light into the surrounding area.

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with more private residences.

The report has been under works for the last few months, and was first presented to the public on Dec. 13, where it was met with both concern and support.

Presently, San Luis Obispo residents are torn over the possibility of having taller buildings downtown.

“I would disagree with the city allowing larger buildings downtown because I think it would destroy the character and ambiance of the town as a whole,” bio-medical engineering sophomore Caleb Casey said.

Other concerns voiced by the public during both of the meetings included the inmergence of costlier housing, the lack of sunlight downtown and view obstruction.

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Question of the day:
Will the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program change the way you drive?

“It will make me more nervous. It’s like when you have a cop following you and you’re more cautious about the way you drive.”
-Jessa Yunosek
agribusiness sophomore

“I’ll probably drive the same way but I think other people will be more cautious, especially after the bar.”
-Vincent Kwong
electrical engineering senior

“It will probably just change the areas where the radar guns are. I would just slow down around them.”
-LaDell Erby
city and regional planning freshman

“I’d like to think that this will help cut down driving incidents, but in reality I probably won’t change the way I drive and I don’t think most people will either.”
-Megan Mahoney
communications studies junior

“I’ll definitely change by the radar, but it’s like, if you got to get somewhere, you got to get somewhere and you’re going to drive fast.”
-Reba LeBlanc
environmental management and protection junior

Secret court to approve domestic spying program

Lara Lakes Jordan
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WASHINGTON — The Justice Department, easing a Bush administration policy, said Wednesday it has decided to give an independent body authority to monitor the government’s controversial domestic spying program.

In a letter to the leaders of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Attorney General Alberto Gonzales said this authority has been given to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court and that it already has approved one request for monitoring the communications of a person believed to be linked to al-Qaeda or an associated terror group.

The court orders approving collection of international communications — whether it originates in the United States or abroad — was issued Jan. 10, according to the two-page letter to Sens. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., and Arlen Specter, R-Pa.

“As a result of these orders, any electronic surveillance that was occurring as part of the Terrorist Surveillance Program will now be conducted subject to the approval of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court,” Gonzales wrote in the letter, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press.

Accordingly, under these circumstances, the President has determined not to re-authorize the Terrorist Surveillance Program when the current authorization expires,” the attorney general wrote. The Bush administration secretly launched the surveillance program in 2001 to monitor international phone calls and e-mails to or from the United States involving people suspected by the government of having terrorist links.

The White House said it is satisfied that the new guidelines meet its concerns about national security.

“The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court has put together guidelines and its rules and those have met administration concerns about speed and agility when it comes to responding to bits of intelligence where we may be able to save American lives,” White House press secretary Tony Snow said.

Snow said he could not explain why those concerns could not have been addressed before the program was started. He said the president will not reauthorize the present program because the new rules will serve as guidelines.

The secret panel of judges, known as the FISA court, was established in the late 1970s to review requests for warrants to conduct surveillance inside the United States. The Bush administration had resisted giving the court final approval over the Terrorist Surveillance Program, even when communications involved someone inside the country.

A federal judge in Detroit last August declared the program unconstitutional, saying it violates the rights to free speech and privacy and the separation of powers. In October, a three-judge panel of the Cincinnati-based appeals court ruled that the administration could keep the program in place while it appeals the Detroit decision.

Additionally, the Justice Department’s inspector general is investigating the agency’s use of information gathered in the spying program. In testimony last fall in front of the Senate panel, FBI Director Robert Mueller said he was not allowed to discuss classified details that could show whether it has curbed terrorist activity in the United States.

Congressional intelligence committees have already been briefed on the court’s orders, Gonzales said in his letter. It was sent to the panel the day before he is set to testify before the panel, which oversees the Justice Department.
If we act now and act with purpose, the most serious consequences can be averted.

Dianne Feinstein
Senator of California

Both Democrats are citing California's landmark anti-global warming law, passed last year, which imposed the nation's first cap on greenhouse gas emissions. The president and Congress are both passionate about the opportunity to get legislation passed on the issue at this next Congress. Something that Congress has not been able to do in the past because of opposition from the White House administration and majority Republicans. Failed action on global warming would be "catastrophic," President Obama said at a news conference.

"If we act now and act with purpose, the most serious consequences can be averted," the president said.

Senators have also offered global warming legislation, including GOP Sen. John McCain of Arizona. As the new chair of the Senate's environment committee, he will fall to Bßer to work on reconciling some of the differences between the houses, and he's planning a hearing later this month for senators to discuss their legislation.

"What we're doing now is welcoming everybody's ideas. This one is going to involve a lot of focus and a lot of debate," Bßer said of legislation.

Republican war critic, Democrats offer resolution against Bush plan for Iraq

Anne Flaherty
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

WASHINGTON — A group of senators including the Republican war critic announced a resolution opposing President Bush's 21,500 troop buildup in Iraq, setting their mark for a major clash between the White House and Congress over the unpopular war.

The non-binding resolution, which was also gaining interest from a second Republican senator, would symbolically put the Senate on record as saying the U.S. commitment in Iraq "can only be sustained" with popular support among the American public and in Congress.

"I will do everything I can to stop the president's policy as he outlined a Wednesday night," said Sen. Chuck Hagel, a Nebraska Republican and potential 2008 presidential candidate, who joined Democrats at a press conference on the resolution.

"I think it is dangerously irresponsible," Hagel said.

Even as skeptical Republicans were summoned to private meetings with Bush and national security adviser Stephen Hadley at the White House, Bush's aides made clear that the Capitol Hill challenge would be met aggressively by the administration.

President Bush is considered a constitutional "champion" of the resolution, which says the Senate "would not accept Bush's decision-making.

"The president has obligations as a constitutional "champion," he said. "I don't think it is the job of the Senate." The Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Carl Levin, D-Mich., a chief author of the resolution, said it says "we do not support increased troops, deeper military involvement" and calls for shifting the mission of U.S. troops from combat to training, counterterrorism and protecting Iraq's territorial integrity.

He said it also calls for "the greater engagement of other countries in the region in the stabilization and reconstruction of Iraq."

The resolution does not call for a withdrawal of troops or threaten funding of military operations, as many Democrats have suggested.

Instead, the legislation says the U.S. "should transfer responsibility to the Iraqis "under an appropriately expedited timeline," though it is not specific.

Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, told reporters that she is considering supporting the resolution and that she believes it heads in the right direction.

"I want to make sure it's something I can support," said Snowe, who has been adamantly opposed to the increase in troops. The group planned to introduce the resolution Wednesday, with a review by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Jan. 24, one day after Bush delivers his State of the Union address.

Hagel's announcement that Democrats champion the resolution amounts to a setback to the administration and to Bush, who has vowed vehemently that some 21,500 additional U.S. troops are needed to help the Iraq government calm sectarian violence in Baghdad and Anbar province.

Bush announced on Jan. 10 that he planned to increase the 130,000 U.S. forces in Iraq with an additional 21,500 troops.

The resolution in Congress seemed likely to be largely symbolic and they would not affect the White House's war budget or challenge the president's authority over U.S. forces. Such votes, however, could be a shot across the bow to Bush.

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The tide has turned in the nation’s battle against cancer.

Cancer deaths in the United States dropped for the second year in a row, health officials reported Wednesday, confirming that the trend is real and becoming more pronounced, too.

The news was cause for celebration among doctors and politicians. "It’s very exciting," said Dr. Felice Sussman, a cancer physician at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center. "When we saw the first decline, the number wasn’t that enormous. But once you start to see a trend like this, it obviously makes you feel like 'We must be doing something right!'"

Cancer deaths in the U.S. in 2004 fell to 553,888 — a drop-off of 3,014 deaths, or 0.5 percent, from the year before, according to a review of U.S. death certificates conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics and released by the American Cancer Society. Cancer deaths also fell in 2003, the first drop since 1930. But that decline was so pronounced, too. "It’s very exciting," said Dr. Felice Schnoll-Sussman, a cancer physician at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center. "When we saw the first decline, the number wasn’t that enormous. But once you start to see a trend like this, it obviously makes you feel like ‘We must be doing something right!’"

Cancer deaths in the United States have dropped for a second straight year while more than 1.4 million new cases and 550,000 deaths are projected this year, the American Cancer Society reported.

Estimated new cancer cases in 2007

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"I am frustrated with the progress," Bush said. "A year ago, I felt pretty good about the situation. I felt like we were achieving our objective, which is a country that can govern, sustain and defend itself. No question, 2006 was a lousy year for Iraq." Several GOP members of Congress have offered only lukewarm endorsements of Bush’s plan. Lining up behind Bush in the Senate are Republican stalwarts and a few members who have long backed sending more troops to Iraq, including Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.

Acknowledging their party is divided on Iraq, Republican leaders are trying to stave off a showdown in Congress by casting Democratic efforts as a political ploy to embarrass the president. "The White House cautioned lawmakers about the consequences of voting against a buildup," he said. "The one thing the president has said is, whatever you do, make sure you support the troops," press secretary Tony Snow said at the White House. "And the question people who support this resolution will have to ask is, how does this support the troops?"

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The resolutions also would help Democrats measure GOP support for more aggressive legislative tactics, such as cutting off funds for the war.

"Such a vote puts many Republicans in an uncomfortable position. They will have to decide whether to stay loyal to an unpopular GOP president and risk angering voters disillusioned by the war or buck the party line.

"Republicans are crafting alternate proposals, including a House bill introduced by Minority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, that would vow to protect funding for U.S. troops in combat. Sen. John Warner, R-Va., is considering a resolution expressing support for the findings by the bipartisan Iraq Study Group.

"Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., said Wednesday she thinks there should be a cap on U.S. troops in Iraq and said she wants "to condition American aid to the Iraqis on their meeting political benchmarks."

"If I am opposed to this escalation," she said on NBC’s "Today" program. "The Bush administration has frankly failed to put any leverage on this government," said Clinton, considered a likely 2008 Democratic presidential front-runner, although she has not yet entered the race.

Bush has been trying to sell his revised war plan to the public in a series of television interviews. He told PBS’s Jim Lehrer in an interview broadcast Tuesday that keeping his old policies in place would lead to "a slow failure," but withdrawing from Iraq, as some Democrats and other critics suggest, would result in an "expeditious failure."
American legend Twain comes to Cal Poly

Devan McIlaine

Although he is 171 years old, Mark Twain will be coming to the Cal Poly Performing Arts Center Saturday night. No need to thank cyrogeenics, cloning or any other modern medical marvel, as the literary giant will appear in the form of actor Hal Holbrook.

Holbrook, who is 100 years the junior of the late Samuel Clemens, will resurrect the great American author in what has widely been described as a legendary stage performance. The actor began the show "Mark Twain Tonight!" in 1959 at New York's 41st Theater. By 1966 the show debuted on Broadway, which earned Holbrook a Tony Award for his efforts. The performance was later recorded for CBS, earning Holbrook an Emmy award.

The performance has always been unique due to the fact Holbrook is completely alone on stage. The core of the act comes from over 14 years of Twain's own material, including his legendary written works.

Holbrook recaptures the wit and intensity of an American legend. If there is any doubt as to the dedication Holbrook brings to the stage, consider the fact that filmmaker Ken Burns consulted Holbrook before beginning his documentary on Twain.

Holbrook is a veteran of numerous films and TV shows, including "All the Presidents Men," "The West Wing" and "The Sopranos." By his own estimate, Holbrook has performed "Twain Tonight" more than 2,000 times. He has limited the show to 20 to 25 annual performances recently.

Twain is by all accounts the "father of the American novel." Born Samuel Clemens, he took his pen name while traveling west on the Mississippi River. Riverboat captains used to shout, "mark twain" (or two fathoms), an axiom of the time for safe water.

Twain is best known for his fictional works "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" and "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer." In addition to being an accomplished writer, Twain was a satirist and ardent social critic. Twain even refused to join the Confederate Army during his time in Missouri. Twain died in 1910, widowed and in debt.

The performance will begin at 8 p.m. on Saturday in Sidney Harman Hall at the Performing Arts Center. Tickets are sold out, but check for student rush two hours before the show starts.

Tony and Emmy Award-winning actor Hal Holbrook pauses during a dramatic moment in his one-man show "Mark Twain Tonight!"

COURTESY PHOTO
Taylor Moore

You have to hand it to her. Gwen Stefani has balls (metaphorically speaking, of course). With the release of her new album "The Sweet Escape," Stefani definitely pushes the limits of normalcy. But fans of her previous and first solo album, 2004's "Love Angel. Music. Baby." (which earned her seven Grammy nominations and one win), and of her days as the lead singer of rock/punk/ ska band No Doubt are wondering where the old Stefani went.

No, the shit is not bananas this time around. Sure, "Wind It Up"—that catchy, pop song with yodeling in it—may not be the hit that "No Doubt" was, but, in its own way, it's a fun track that can be a dance floor filler. However, the rest of the album is not as impressive as the first. The lyrics and beats of "Yummy." are repetitive in nature. The overall sound is not as catchy or hooky as before. Stefani has a few fun tracks for the beginning to end, "The Sweet Escape" is not it.

Stefani has gone. With No Doubt, Stefani was the lead singer of a band with a lot of talent in their band mates. However, with "The Sweet Escape," it seems as if Stefani is trying to go solo, but not quite there yet. She has a few fun tracks, but overall, the album is not as impressive as the first. Stefani has a lot of talent, but she needs to work on her songwriting skills to make an album that will please her fans.

Ultimately, Stefani's originality fails to produce music capable of impressing listeners. If anything, "The Sweet Escape" was released on Dec. 5 and peaked at No. 3 on The Billboard 200 on Jan. 23.

Dick's new CD not so funny

Matt Sundberg

Andy Dick confuses me. How can a man seemingly without talent manage to keep Hollywood? The answer: cameos in movies. Rarely a year goes by where Dick does not make an uncomfortable cameo in a big budget movie, from "Zoolander" to "Road Trip" to "Old School," in which he often plays a gay man.

In fact, I didn't even know he was a stand-up comedian until I listened to his up-coming compact disc, "Andy Dick: Do Your Shows Always Suck?" This comedy album, performed before a crowd of college students, is a collection of 34 tracks with such wacky titles as "Beautiful Urinal," and "Dirty Sanchez vs. Hot Karl." Dick starts out the show by asking the crowd if their school is a 'dry' campus. Turns out it's not, which is good news for him. To enjoy this album, a blood alcohol level of at least 0.0% is required.

Dick's comedy is all over the place in this CD; he covers an unusually wide variety of topics including his own experiences in therapy, sexy times at the Playboy Mansion, Ellen DeGeneres, being an adopted kid, Pocahontas and even sexual activities with women. None of the stories relate to any of the others and the whole album is basically nothing more than Dick's stream of consciousness at that moment, with him occasionally pointing out certain people or things in the audience and commenting on them. His material is so random and nonsensical that I strongly believe he took hallucinogenic drugs before the show.

Dick also dishes out a lot of dirt about his fellow celebrities. In one track, he talks about his experiences on "Less Than Perfect," his failed comedy sitcom on ABC, and how he would have slept with Sara Rue, his red-headed co-star, if she wasn't fat. In another track, he talks about his own sexual relations with Trishelle from "The Real World." About a third of the CD's 34 tracks are musical numbers, with Dick strumming his acoustic guitar and having a strange man on stage next to him sing backup vocals every few lines. As I come to expect from Andy Dick, most of these songs are mind-numbingly ridiculous, as he sings about everything from his own curry granules to chocolate martinis to "squirrels being better than girls."

When he's not singing or going off on a tangent or heckling attractive women in the audience, there really are only about 20 minutes of actual comedy in this CD, and I'm sorry to say it's not very good. Andy Dick's humor is understandable if you've acquired taste, and this album tastes foul. Even fans of the actor will be disappointed by this comedy routine. My advice to Mr. Dick: Stop doing stand-up, and hold out for the cameo in "Old School 2."

"Andy Dick: Do Your Shows Always Suck?" will come out Feb. 20.

just a new album to listen to from beginning to end, "The Sweet Escape" is not it.
Rachael Ray revolutionizes cooking

Emily Rancer

It all started with a little E.V.O.O and before America knew it, Rachael Ray had almost single-handedly revolutionized the way we cook. The spunky and energetic host of “30-Minute Meals” got Americans back into the kitchen with easy, healthy and delicious recipes — but not necessarily because of her TV shows (she has five, by the way) — but because of the Internet.

The era of heavy, hardback cookbooks is over, replaced instead by a plethora of free recipes online. In just two years, the entire way Americans have cooked for centuries has been replaced.

And it’s not just Ray who has paved the way — there are thousands of places to access recipes besides foodnetwork.com. And instead of having just one recipe for a particular food in a cookbook, you never knew if the end result was remotely like what the recipe had intended. But with sites like foodnetwork.com, users can actually watch those recipes being made by stars like Paula Deen and, of course, Ray.

The site also offers cooking tips for beginners, like which knives to use when cutting different foods, which olive oil work best and how to thicken up soups. This has inspired younger users, rather than middle-aged housewives, to give cooking a shot. Suddenly, Top Ramen doesn’t have to be the staple of a college student’s diet thanks to all the other possibilities the Internet offers.

In the era of the Betty Crocker cookbook, there was no way of knowing which recipes were great and which ones tasted like roasted Ramen. But it was ultimately the Internet that spread her creative recipes faster than it took her potato fritters to brown. Now everyone has the chance to impress friends with their cheap and easy meals, without even having a grease-splattered cookbook in sight.
I love intellectual sparring with the opposite sex.

I’m not exactly sure what started this “bad habit” guilty pleasure? My training in the art began sometime in elementary school. The boys didn’t appreciate having to share the playground with my 8-year-old attempts to start mental tennis matches.

I’ve improved my rapport with guys since then (I think). My guy buddies know it’s just good clean fun but others must wonder when they see us in a verbal duel. The way I see it, without but one’s wits on guard and a (mostly-unsus­ pecting) male opponent, a little antagonism in communication is so much more interesting.

Oftentimes I find that it’s an effective way to wake up said opponent. A snide remark — clever, though not vulgar nor per­ manently injurious — can work like a defibrillator it can jolt awake an otherwise humdrum conversa­tion.

However, while a cerebral con­ test is as effective a pickup as a good cuppa joe, it doesn’t work if you have serious point to get across (and really, what compares with coffee?). Communicating with the opposite sex can be just plain painful sometimes.

Many members of the psychology fraternity roll their eyes at the whole Mars-Venus deal (I recom­ mend John Gray’s book for rec reading, though not for research); but there is certainly some truth to the idea that guys and girls speak different languages.

The research shows that a pri­ mary communicative gender dif­ ference is that females are general­ ly more well-versed in verbal skills than males, with a more extensive emotional vocabulary with which to describe their feelings. Male vocabulary and thinking structure tend to be more concrete and goal-based. Most of my personal experiences agree.

The so-called keen female emotional awareness comes in handy for my roommates, who both work at the campus children’s center and spend all day talking with kids about how they feel (“Ouch, that hurt your feelings, didn’t it?”). They need that emo­ tional radar to read the kids and to teach them how to express themselves without yanking each other’s hair.

In contrast, more than one guy friend — bless their hearts — comes to mind when I think of that frustrating monosyllabic affliction that has stricken their communication capabilities. Sometimes there aren’t any syllables involved at all — just a series of grunts, whistles, and clicks comprising a foreign lan­ guage that still stumps my univer­ sal translator.

Research aside, we can’t doo­ nam all males to inherent inadequacies in mushy-talk, and leave all females to express themselves without emotion-laden dictionaries.

For example: my boyfriend at times seems far more adept at expressing an emotional state than I, though I have pages and pages of pop-psych “understanding yourself” reading under my belt (most of his reading consists in computer science manuals and political satire).

In contrast, one of my girl­ friends rarely-to-never engages in talking about her feelings; in fact, she always feels “fine.” If there’s a problem, conversation goes straight to how to solve it, all emotions aside.

Communication style, be it XX or XY, depends on the individual — meaning, it’s up to you to get your point across as well as you can, and to accurately translate that foreign tongue spoken by the other gender.

So — though I don’t object to the idea — instead of dishing out an exorbitant fee on self-help books (because we didn’t spend enough on textbooks this quarter) to help you understand the other half of the population, why not try to make it easier on both sides?

Though we may adumbrately deny it, it’s shocking how many of us expect an object of affection or significant other to read our minds. Even if you’ve convinced the uni­ verse says you two are meant to be, you can’t expect him or her to be clairvoyant. Instead of assuming he or she thinks and understands the way you do, err on the side of caution: be as blatantly clear as possible.

Frustrated because he’s so hard to read and you’re afraid you’ve crossed the line into just-friends territory? Icked because he’s been a little too friendly and you’ve tried to hint at your disinterest without antagonizing his ego? Tell him/her how you feel. Being succinct can save you both a whole lot of heartache.

Men and women do share one thing, if not language: the desire to understand each other. We may never completely master the oppo­ site half’s language, but with practice, you can have a good working take on the dialect. They’re trying to understand you too, so take it easy on them. In the meantime, I’ll try to be the bigger person, and “refuse to lose the battle of wits with an unarmed person.”

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Tell us your thoughts about ASI's listening

Parents whose children copy Saddam's hanging should blame themselves

"Several boys die copying Saddam hanging" was the headline that caught my eye after scanning the "in the news" section of Yahoo news the other day. The information was from a 10-year-old Sergio Pelico from Texas, 12-year-old Alimi Ali from Turkey, 13-year-old Mushaf Ali from Pakistan, and at least three others from Yemen and Afghanistan. The boys have all hung themselves in an attempt to reenact the hanging of Saddam Hussein. We do not know what point is most disturbing to those that are blaming it on the media. The article quoted Esat Akti, father of Alimi Ali of Turkey, who said that "after watching Saddam's execution (Alien) was constantly asking, "How was Saddam killed?" and "Did he suffer?" These television images are responsible for his son's death." It seems that while the footage might have had an effect, blaming the TV would be an easy scapegoat for the parent in denial.

"What kind of a problem could a 12-year-old have to want to kill himself?" Esat Akti said in the Houston Chronicle. Clearly, this boy's father was clueless to the effects that a real-life event can have on young people, and thus neglected his duties as a parent to talk about the implications of such an event.

At what point should parents stop blaming the media and start realizing that the press is one of the most sacred and protected rights? ...

According to research done by the University of Pennsylvania during the 2004 elections, viewers who watched "The Daily Show" were more informed about the election than those who watched other late-night talk shows. David Letterman and Jay Leno. The research also showed that viewers of Jon Stewart were more informed than some who watched ABC News, CBS and NBC.

Personal, I see "The Daily Show" and "The Colbert Report" as a comedy program that gets straight to the important news, while adding humor to it. So instead of wading through news about celebrity break-ups, or an ongoing fight between Donald Trump and Rosie O'Donnell, I get the big stories right away. Then, if the story interests me, I'll get on CNN's Web site to get a detailed look.

The two shows also report on subjects that other news programs normally wouldn't touch. If there's something important going on in the Senate, Stewart and Colbert will report on it, but they'll also mention the Senator who's doing a crossword puzzle on the Senate floor.

Do "The Daily Show" and "The Colbert Report" corrupt the viewers when it comes to politics? Their success depends on your definition of corruption. They make their viewers more aware of international politics, while at the same time, making them more likely to question national politics. They ask the questions that need to be asked, but rarely give the entire story.

Tied to your own, Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert are harmless. They're comedians who poke fun at politics. The problem lies with those who don't see them as comedians, but see them as political figureheads.

Jonathan Gardner
East Carolinian (East Carolina U.)

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GUEST COMMENTARY

Stewart, Colbert just comedians, not politicians

Monday through Thursday, millions of TV viewers flip to Comedy Central to watch a late-night hour of "fake" satirical news. "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart," it's "right-wing" counterpart, "The Colbert Report" have quickly become two of Comedy Central's top-rated shows, fighting over the No. 1 spot with "South Park." Instead of those two shows spending their timetables bringing humor to the headlines, not everyone is laughing. Many believe that Jon Stewart and Stephen Colbert are corrupting today's youth, leaving them uninformed about politics and unenlightened about the media.

Do these comedians really have the type of impact that Saddam had on the world? I really don't think there would be any sound, uncontrived, unequivocal way of depicting such a controversial man's death.

While in the past 17 days after Saddam's hanging there have been approximately eight child deaths, there is no concrete evidence that it was the media footage that caused them to want to hang themselves. Thus, we should allow the nation the choice to decide what should air and what shouldn't, in hopes that the truth, however disturbing, will remain.

Then, perhaps, we can start bringing our children to your youth to enlighten our sense of reality.

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Suicide car bomb in Shiite slum kills 17 people

Kim Gamel
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BAGHDAD, Iraq — A suicide car bomber killed 17 Shiites at a teeming Sadr City market Wednesday, while gunmen in a predominantly Sunni neighborhood of Baghdad shot up a convoy of democracy workers in an ambush that took the lives of an American woman and three bodyguards.

The attack on the marketplace came one day after car bombings killed scores of university students just two miles away, indicating that al-Qaida-linked fighters are bent on a surge of bloodshed as U.S. and Iraqi forces gear up for a fresh neighborhood-by-neighborhood security sweep through the capital.

Although nobody claimed responsibility for either day's car bombings, such attacks are the hallmark of Sunni militants, who appear to be taking advantage of a waiting period before the security crackdown to step up attacks on Shiites. There had been a relative lull in Baghdad violence since the first of the year.

An Iraqi army officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of security concerns, said the attack on the Western convoy took place just before 4 p.m. near a popular commercial area in Sadr City, a sprawling Shiite district of some 2.5 million people in eastern Baghdad.

The three-car convoy belonged to the Washington-based National Democratic Institute, according to Les Campbell, the not-for-profit group's Middle East director. He said the four dead included an American woman along with three security contractors — Hungarian, Croatian and an Iraqi. Two others were wounded.

"It appeared to be an attack with fairly heavy weapons, we don't know what kind," Campbell said. "We have some information that a firefight ensued. Our security company responded to the attack." Campbell said the ambush took place at midday as the group returned from a program elsewhere in Baghdad.

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Car Bomb continued from page 6 to heal our wounds and start again," he said.

The Iraqi parliament stood for a moment of silence and students demanded stepped-up security for schools and universi-

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“now we have a войско, or a new wave of forces, to go to Iraq and to Afghanistan,” he said.

Al-Maliki announced the new security drive Jan. 6, four days before President Bush detailed his version of the plan with an announcement that he was sending 21,500 troops to Iraq.

There have been concerns that insurgents would just slip out of the capital to wait out the offen-

Some appear to have left, given the spike in violence in northern Iraq, where Sunni mili-

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Schottenheimer to return to Chargers

Marty Schottenheimer led San Diego to a 14-2 regular season, but is 5-13 in his career in the playoffs.

Marty Schottenheimer might be down to one last chance get the San Diego Chargers to the Super Bowl.

Three days after the talent-laden Chiefs melted down in a stunning 24-21 playoff loss to New England, team president Dean Spanos decided Wednesday that bringing Schottenheimer back for the final year of his contract gives San Diego its best chance to win.

Schottenheimer, though, declined the team's offer of a one-year extension for 2008 worth $4.5 million, with a $1 million buyout.

The coach didn't offer specific reasons, but they could have to do with the spiraling salaries given to other NFL head coaches, and perhaps to his strained relationship with general manager A.J. Smith.

"Right now, I wasn't comfortable accepting it," said Schottenheimer, who will turn more than $3 million in 2007, the final year of an extension he received after the 2004 season.

Spanos said Schottenheimer didn't give him a reason.

"I offered what I thought was a fair offer and it was surely up to him to make the decision as to whether to accept it or not, and he chose not to, and I respect that entirely," Spanos said. "We're going to see what happens when the lights go on," Lee said. "We'll see what kind of competitor he was."

The Mustangs begin the season Jan. 26 at the University of San Diego. Their first home game is Feb. 2 against San Diego State, which is coached by Hall of Famer Tony Gwynn.

Raiders bring USC QBs coach Sarkisian back for second interview

The move appears to rebuff the rumors that Oakland would hire either former Cardinals head coach Dennis Green or Chargers wide receivers coach James Lofoton.

Josh Dubow ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Oakland Raiders brought in Southern California quarterbacks coach Steve Sarkisian for a second interview Wednesday after the club intensified its search for a new head coach.

Sarkisian, the first candidate to interview after Art Shell was fired, met again with owner Al Davis and other team executives, a person in the league with knowledge of the search said on condition of anonymity.

The person requested anonymity because the Raiders are not releasing any details about the search. Sarkisian couldn't immediately return a message seeking comment.

Sarkisian, who has led the Riders receivers coach since 1997, said he was "very surprised" by the loss, it wasn't automatic, hearing back to the Raiders.

"Not in my mind. We had to stop and think," he said.

Smith said he spent Tuesday morning with Spanos, players, front-office personnel and people around the league about Schottenheimer.

"I made a recommendation which may surprise all of you, that we continue next year with Marty Schottenheimer based on the fact that we are so talented of a football team and the information that I got during the process," Smith said. "We made some mistakes in that football game and will do better this year. I just felt that it was the best for this organization to continue."
Warriors trade Dunleavy, Murphy to Pacers for Harrington, Jackson in 8-player deal

Golden State also dumped promising second-year power forward Ike Diogu.

Greg Beacham and Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

Almost every player involved in the Indiana Pacers’ eight-man trade with the Golden State Warriors on Wednesday is likely to welcome the change of scenery.

The Pacers traded Al Harrington and Stephen Jackson to Golden State for Bryant Murphy and Mike Dunleavy in a large, bold deal to shake up two struggling teams. The Pacers also sent guard Sarunas Jasikevicius and forward Josh Powell to the Warriors, who gave up forward Ike Diogu and guard Keith McLeod.

According to Chris Mullin, the Warriors’ vice president and a former player for both teams, the wholesale shuffle will benefit everyone involved.

“This is a situation where both teams feel good about what’s going to happen,” Mullin said. “They’re all key components. All these guys that are in the deal, they’re going to have good roles with that new system. I think we’ll see a lot of production.”

Murphy, Dunleavy and Diogu had been reduced to bit parts in Golden State for failing to produce more in new coach Don Nelson’s offense-minded system. Both Murphy and Dunleavy have hefty contracts that allowed Golden State to finish the deal with significantly less financial impact than the Pacers.

Harrington, the most accomplished player in the trade, struggled to get comfortable alongside Jermaine O’Neal in his first season back with Indiana. Meanwhile, Jackson has been dogged by legal troubles and attitude problems all season, embarrassing the club with an early season fight at a strip club and a spat with coach Carlisle last month.

“I think he was in a difficult environment for him,” Pacers CEO Donnie Walsh said of Jackson, who averaged 14.1 points this season. “No matter what he was going to do, he wasn’t going to outdo that environment. So I think it’s good for him to go to another city and start fresh, and I think it’s good for our team as well.”

The deal left injury-plagued Golden State with just six healthy players on its roster for Wednesday night’s game against the Los Angeles Clippers — two fewer than the NBA minimum required to avoid forfeiting a game. The Warriors quickly signed NBA Development League forward Renaldo Major a 10-day contract, according to the Golden State front office.

Harrington was one of the Warriors’ top targets in free agency last season, but went back to Indiana — where he started his career — in a sign-and-trade deal with Atlanta. He averaged 15.9 points and 6.3 rebounds this season, second on the team in both categories to O’Neal, who plays much the same position.

“That’s the heartbeat in it,” Walsh said. “He would have fit in here, but he was playing small forward more than he was playing (power forward). I’m not sure he’s a good fit at (power forward) now. I think he would be better off somewhere else.”

Murphy, a former Notre Dame star who was involved in a fight outside an Indiana nightclub two years ago, averaged 8.9 points and 6.0 rebounds — both his lowest totals since his rookie year. Dunleavy, the No. 3 overall pick from Duke in 2002, has scored 11.4 points in another disappointing season, so the deal rid the Warriors of three players who didn’t fit with the conference leader.

Mullin signed Dunleavy and Murphy to contract extensions — still struggling, but hoping for $80 million — before he hired Nelson.

The Warriors pursued Harrington because he replaces the range shooting guard who fit their new style of play.

“At a guy we’ve looked at for a while,” Mullin said. “At a guy that’s probably a lot stronger than people know. He can guard his man in the post if need be. He’s gotten better as a year goes by, probably a lot stronger than people know. He can guard his man in the post if need be. He’s gotten better as a year goes by.”

Harrington is a sharp outside shot, but has been almost everything but trouble for the Pacers since his involve­ment in that infamous incident that left the stands at Detroit two years ago. He was involved in a fight outside an Indianapolis strip club on Oct. 6, and is scheduled to go trial Feb. 12.
Erickson leads Poly womens tennis team

The Mustangs face two of the seven top-75 opponents on their schedule this weekend in Southern California.

Tristan Aird

Mustang Daily

Cal Poly senior tennis player Carol Erickson was hardly afraid to take on the defending NCAA singles champion last Saturday. In fact, Erickson took third-ranked Cal junior Sabine Babos to three games at the Cal Winter Invitational, Babos wound up 6-4, 6-7(5), 6-1 winner, but Erickson feels that making each set competitive in the two-and-a-half-hour match bodes well for the rest of the season. "I think it proves that Cal women's tennis can compete with the best of them," Erickson said Monday at a weekly press conference. "Being able to do that against Babos is really great and helped me a lot.

Erickson and the Mustangs will continue their difficult schedule when they visit USC — ranked third in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association poll — at 1:30 p.m. Friday and No. 14 Pepperdine at 11 a.m. Saturday. Cal Poly's road trip also includes No. 15 UCLA (Tuesday), Northern Arizona (Jan. 27) and No. 23 Arizona State (Jan. 28).

"It's such an opportunity," Erickson said of the Mustangs' schedule. "Playing the best is what it's going to make us better. When we go out and play our (Big West) conference, people will start realizing we're already at everything.

Erickson gave high praise to freshman Brittany Blalock, who was 12-2 and won the first collegiate tournament she ever played in the Fullerton Invitational during the fall season. "I look up to her in so many ways," Erickson said of Blalock. "She's motivating, not only to me, but to her teammates. She's a great role model to all of us. I feel so blessed to have such a wonderful team with me.

Asked whether she has a leadership role on the team, Erickson said, "I feel like I learn from them just as much as they learn from me."

Potential singles matches over the weekend include Erickson against Pepperdine's 22nd-ranked Bianca Dulgheru and UCLA's 29th-ranked Yang Shao, as well as Blalock against UCLA's 35th-ranked Riza Zaalamda.

In doubles, Erickson and freshman Steffl Wong — who lost only 8-4 over the weekend to the Cal's second-ranked tandem of Babos and Zuspanna Fodor — could face each other in the first round of competition. Erickson and Wong will likely play against UCLA's 17th-ranked tandem of Zaalamda and Schnack and Pepperdine's 21st-ranked Dulgheru and Sylvia Kasovaski.

Mustang baseball team reloads for '07

Cal Poly lost all but three starters and had seven players drafted from last year's 29-27 team.

Devan McClaine

Mustang Daily

In the offseason, the Cal Poly baseball program's incoming freshmen class received high praise and expectations. Collegiate Baseball Newspaper ranked the Mustangs recruiting class the 20th-best in the nation.

This year, head coach Larry Lee hopes that young talent will translate into victories — fast.

Cal Poly has a preseason schedule littered with a gauntlet of perennial powers, including two of the past four national champions in Rice (2003) and Oregon State (2006). The preseason also features dates with Pac-10 teams USC and Washington. The media picked Cal State Fullerton to win the Big West Conference, meaning Cal Poly will play three of the last four national champions this season.

"You want to play the best, period," Lee said. "With a young team like this, we're going to find out what kind of team we are early on.

The Mustangs finished last year 29-27. This season, coaches picked the Mustangs to finish fifth in a conference of eight teams.

There is no doubt that youth will play a definitive role on this team as Cal Poly lost all but three starters in the field and lost seven players overall to the major leagues via the draft.

Lee envisions as many as three freshmen and three sophomores in the lineup at any given time.

The pitching staff will also feel the void left by starters Gary Daley Jr. and Bud Norris (drafted by the St. Louis Cardinals and Houston Astros, respectively), who combined for more than half of the team's win last year.

Lee said the probable rotation for the Mustangs will consist of two sophomores and one returning starter.

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Cal Poly sophomore right-hander D.J. Mauldin was 2-2 with a 5.65 ERA as a freshman during the 2006 campaign, in which Cal Poly recorded its third straight winning season.

Bradly just a winner

Johnny in the Box

John Middlekauff

SPECIAL TO THE MUSTANG DAILY

Legends are born on Sundays, but in Tom Brady's case, legendary status was staked a long time ago when he won his third Super Bowl in four years. Last Sunday against the Saints was just a little more icing on his cake.

San Diego Chargers fans are still in disbelief over how they just gave the game away. People are still looking deep over the countless 15-yard penalties, fumbling punts and interception returns, challenging stupid plays and going for it on fourth-and-11 from the opposition's 31-yard line.

How can this be, and what just happened? Well, like many have experienced over the last several years, you just can't make mistakes against someone who soon will be known as the greatest quarterback ever.

The big question going into the game was — if it was close near the end, could Philip Rivers outplay Brady? The answer was obviously no. Down 14-3 with two minutes to go in the first half, Brady led his team on a 13-play touchdown to cut the deficit to four. Half down 21-13 with six minutes left, Brady led the Patriots down the field for another touchdown and a two-point conversion. Three minutes later, he leads the team to what would turn out to be a game-winning field goal.

While Brady lives for these moments, San Diego's quarterback was certainly not ready. The playoff are all about experience. When the Chargers got the ball back with one minute left, you could tell Rivers was flustered and couldn't quite handle the situation.

The difference is when Rivers thinks he has a chance to win with a 54-yard field goal, Brady would have gotten them a 30-yard attempt.

Now the big question for football fans is — can Peyton Manning finally take down Brady? Come on, let's be realistic.

While Brady is 12-1 as a starter in the playoffs, Manning hasn't won a big game since Pop Warner football. Manning has all the numbers, commercials and money.