Jackie Pugh
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly's Jewish club Hillel, along with co-sponsors StandWithUs and the Consulate General of Israel in Los Angeles, will be hosting speaker Edgar Lefkovitz, a reporter from The Jerusalem Post, today at 6 p.m. at the Sandwich Factory.

"I found out about him from a friend at the consulate," said computer engineering senior and Hillel member Jeff Pathman. "We all wanted to bring him, especially with him being a reporter who has a take on big events around the world."

Similarly, business senior and Hillel member Mike Holan said Lefkovitz will differ from last year's speaker in the fact that he works at a more international level.

"Khaled AbuToameh — he was also a Jerusalem Post reporter — was one of our most successful speakers," Holan said. "He provided an objective and unbiased journalistic point of view."

And this year Hillel is trying to bring back that same showmanship.

"My favorite is the cha-cha," said biology freshman Sarah Shaker. "The moves are interesting and very cool!"

Lefkovitz will be on Cal Poly's campus to share his firsthand accounts of what it has been like reporting on turbulent issues in Jerusalem.

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Hillel brings Jerusalem Post reporter to campus

Dancers off moves at first Mustang Ball

Hayley Bramble
MUSTANG DAILY

Dancers rumbaed, tangoed, waltzed and merengued to the beats of jazzy East Coast swing and spicy salsa at the Cal Poly Mustang Ball Saturday in Chumash Auditorium. The ball is a DanceSport competition hosted by the Cal Poly Ballroom Dance Club and DanceSport team.

Over 150 dancers from 13 different studios and schools in California, including USC, Stanford University, UC Berkeley and San Jose State University competed in the event.

The events were divided into three styles: American, international and night club. The competition was open to anyone, so each category was also divided by skill level.

The competition also featured a showcase from professional dancers Porfinio Landeros and Lucretia Santore and open dancing until 11 p.m. after the competition. Dancers were judged based on skill, presentation and showmanship.

"My favorite is the cha-cha," said biology freshman Ember Jensen. Jensen won first place ribbon and several third place ribbons in the competition. She said it was her second competition and that she had danced for the Cal Poly Ballroom Dance Club

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NICK CAMACHO
MUSTANG DAILY

Riley Gerberndt and Serena Clane displayed their dancing skills in front of a panel of judges on Saturday at the first Cal Poly Mustang Ball.

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Nearly 300 runners raced across campus on Sunday for the Cal Poly Triathletes Team's annual "Chains of Love" run. The event raised money for the team to attend the national competition in April.

see Reporter, page 2

COMING UP...

EVENTS CALENDAR

What: In support of same-sex relationships, the Pride Alliance will host the sixth annual same-sex hand-holding day with a march through campus.
When: Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 11 a.m.
Where: The march will begin at Dexter Lawn and conclude at the University Union Plaza.
For more Info: Contact Erin Ethols at the LGBT Center at (805) 756-7153.

What: Send roses to your valentine, courtesy of the Cal Poly Fencing Team. For $15, the team will hand deliver the bouquet to your valentine's desk at the time of your choice.
For more info; Check out the Web site at www.fencing.calpoly.edu or call (831) 805-3306.

What: Learn more about international opportunities at the Study Abroad Fair.
When: Thursday, Feb. 15 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Where: Dexter Lawn
For more info: Contact Miriam Rabban at (805) 756-6151.

What: See "The Vagin Monologues," hosted by Cal Poly's Women's Programs and Services to raise funds for awareness about violence against women.
When: Feb. 16 and 17 at 8 p.m., Feb. 18 at 2 p.m.
Where: The Pavilion of the Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Center.
For more info: Call Megan Jeffrey at (805) 756-2600.
Roads
continued from page 1
As construction began on the new and
expandable stadium in April 2005, so did intersec­
tions on the campus. The decision to locate the project was finished
in January and California and Foothill boulevards.
The street portion of the project was finished
soon-to-be improved stadium in August
2005, so did improvements on the intersec­
tion of California and Foothill boulevards.

"Now that it is open, I have to worry
about people driving fast. It's more dangerous
and more of a hassle," Comer said. "Since
construction is completed and the signs are
down, people seem to be driving faster than
before."}

All lanes have been open at the Santa Rosa
Street and Highland Drive intersection as of
Feb. 2. A center divider on Highland Drive
just prior to its intersection with Santa Rosa
Street has been added and the street has been
widen from two lanes to three.
The original target completion date for
the road construction project was Dec. 18.
Due to permitting delays and the fact that the
city does not allow roads to be closed during
the holidays, this date was pushed back a cou­ple of weeks.

As with the completion of the other inter­section, now that construction is finished,
traffic has improved.

"Now that there are three lanes instead of
two, there have not been any delays or back­ups
by traffic moving off Highland Drive
toward campus or onto (U.S.) Highway 1
since the completion," said Jim Reinhart,
managing director of the Cal Poly Housing
Corp., the organization responsible for the
Bella Montana project.

Before, heavy weekday traffic made getting
off campus difficult in the morning, he said.

For architecture junior Carli Ellis who lives
about a block from where construction
occurred on Ferrini Road, the completion of
the project has brought mixed feelings.

"Before, we were literally woken up to
gritting noises. They would do this one thing
that sounded like scrreeching metal," she said.
"I saw and heard the construction every day.
"Now, having the permanent divider there
is a protection for those walking or riding
their bikes, but for driving it's a hassle. It's
good or bad, depending on how you look at it.

The city plans to landscape the medi­
ump so that dirt covering the scenery
will be replaced with flowers and trees. It is the city's respon­
sibility to decide when this will take place,
Reinhart said.

Also of note, a completion date for this land­
scaping has not been set.

As with the roads now open but improve­ments still being made, Campbell and the rest
of the University Policy Department urges
students to take caution when crossing the
streets.

"One of the things we've not only noticed
at the California Boulevard opening, but
around campus, are students fully or partially
unaware of their surroundings because of cell
phones, iPods, or other MP3 players," Campbell said.

"You must be aware of your surroundings
and not just assume that cars will stop or
swerve for you. It's perfectly okay to have and
use these items, but students need to consid­er
their personal safety, too."
Obama says voters are curious about his race, religion

**State**

**SAN FRANCISCO** (AP) — In an event that was much less grandiose than a campaign rally, Mayor Gavin Newsom opened his re-election headquarters Sunday with an apology.

"What I did was wrong. And for the rest of my life I'm going to deal with that," Newsom told a room packed with hundreds of supporters.

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**National**

**REDFIELD, N.Y.** (AP) — This village in upstate New York's snowbelt gets a lot of snowfall during the winter, but last week's total — more than 11 feet, unoffi-

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**International**

**MUNICH, Germany** (AP) — Pentagon chief Robert Gates responded Sunday to Vladimir Putin's assault on U.S. foreign policy by saying "one Cold War is enough" and that he would go to Moscow to try to reduce tensions. Gates also sought more allied help in Afghanistan.

**NASSAU, Bahamas (AP)** — Anna Nicole Smith's 5-month-old daughter and the baby's purported father have reclaimed the Bahamas mansion where they lived before the former Playboy Playmate died last week, her lawyer said.

Not only is the paternity of Smith's baby in dispute, but so is the Bahamas mansion where Smith had been living.

Smith, who died in Florida on Thursday, had claimed that a U.S. developer and former boyfriend, G. Ben Thompson, gave her the house. Thompson said he had only loaned it to Smith.

**LISBON, Portugal** (AP) — Portugal's quest to become the first country to hold a presidential election under a new anti-corruption law ran into a snarl Sunday when the prime minister nonetheless vowed to relax the restriction through legislation in the conservative Roman Catholic country.

With nearly all the votes counted, almost 60 percent of voters approved the referendum allowing women to opt for abortion up to the 10th week of pregnancy, while slightly more than 40 percent opposed it.

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The administration is engaged in a drumbeat with Iran that is much like the drumbeat that they did with Iraq.

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Senior Intelligence Committee member

Iraq's most powerful Shiite political organization, the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, whose leaders also have close ties to the U.S.,

Iraq has not sent any aid to Iran.
Won't you be wine, valentine?

by Lauren Jeter

I got pretty excited for a moment and realized that for Valentine's Day, the good wine comes off the shelf. It comes off the shelf because no one is going to say, 'I cared about you enough to buy you Charles Shaw. Want to go make out?'

Heaven knows how much men pay for roses when V-day rolls around and any subsequent romantic necessity is no exception. So how do you make the wine experience memorable? Two words: prep work.

My first suggestion is to visit your favorite local winery. I advise staying clear of the wine aisle because labels with blondes in cowboy hats, Marilyn Monroe and Harley Davidson bikes generally don't taste as cool as they look.

For Valentine's Day, I suggest pairing wines to make for a more elegant experience. If I learned anything from watching "Pretty Woman," it's that strawberryries bring out the flavor of champagne, and that bookers can be anything they put their mind to.

But for now, let's primarily focus on the strawberry and champagne thing. Another good pairing is a bittersweet or dark chocolate paired with a deep dark rich Zinfandel. A full-bodied Pinot Noir can do the trick as well. If you do go the winery route, you may also want to purchase stemware specifically for red wines in the tasting room. The large bulbous glasses can bring out a lot of good fragrances that sometimes hide in more modest-sized glasses. You can do a lot of good way to go. With a white muscat, I suggest trying some white choco-late. With a darker port, I suggest pairing it with milk chocolate. There are also flavored desert tannis in the finish. Both wines have killer legs and are dead sexy.

It's best for most reds if you pour them about 20 minutes before you enjoy them. This lets them "breathe" and gives you the best of the wine to offer. Since it is occasion appropriate, I should mention that drinking wine is good for your heart!

Research studies have shown that wines (espe-cially red ones) have polyphenolic chemicals that improve the health of your heart. So treat your heart or sweetheart to something good this holiday and bring out the nice stuff!

Lauren Jeter is a 2005 wine and viticulture graduate and is pursuing a master's degree in agribusiness.

Porn, science, cologne: AXELlab mixes up controversial combination

Emile Forst

MILWAUKEE — Sex in cologne advertisements is nothing new. Calvin Klein advertises fragrances using images of sex against new. Axe cologne, however, takes the advertisement to a new level. Now, if you plan on having sex in public, you'd best be wearing cologne.

Axe cologne, however, takes the relationship between sex and advertising to a new level. Now, instead of the glossy, black-and-white, nude stills of the typical cologne ad, you can actually walk through one at the AXELab "Pharmaceutical Research Center."

A few weeks ago, I explored the AXELab as it made the Milwaukee stop of its Midwest tour. It was located in a rented space on Plankinton Avenue and was essentially a live infomercial dressed as a laboratory.

When I stepped in, I was greeted by a few women about my age in lab coats that would neither protect the wearer from a toxic spill nor be allowed in any recognized laboratory. I was given a tour of the facility, which included such "sexper­i­ments" as a series of sexually suggestive images created by Rorschach inkblots, and an experi­ment where a woman achieved an orgasm when exposed to the scent of Axe cologne. I took the tour with two male students from Marquette University and an older gentleman who insisted that he had to repeat the tour to be certain of its effects.

The message of the promotion was clear: If you buy this cologne, you are guaranteed sex with desirable women.

The projected image is much more specific than a standard advertisement. By walking through the tour you are intended to become aroused, meet the kinds of women who you want to have sex with, and then conveniently be directed to a computer where you can order your own orgasm in a bottle.

It is the kind of thing that is effectively so beyond absurd, even its absurdity is beyond question. The AXELab could have convincingly sold jeans, cars, washing machines or any other product as remotely related to sex as cologne. Then again, why else would you buy a product for several times what's worth unless you truly believed it would get you laid?

It is the same absurdity as found in Calvin Klein ads: Sex in public requires Obsession perfume. Axe's claim is that sex with Playmates is possible for the average college student or middle-aged pervert splashed with Axe.

Although I have not been convinced of the effects of "pharma­sexual research," I am, however, anxiously awaiting AXELab's unveiling of the instantaneous organism. The irony is that if they ever developed it, there would apparently be no need for cologne at all.

The scent of the cologne is the standard chemical cologne smell, but why would anyone be attracted by this scent when its market is overserved college stu­dents and over-the-hill pervs?
Pacific Fish'a Chippery serves up fried fins and fun

Taylor Moore

Catching a fish is harder than it sounds. Creating the perfect basket of fish and chips is a difficult feat at best. Like fishing, mastering the art of fish and chips requires patience, skill, the perfect batter and a good amount of luck. Pacific Fish'n Chippery is giving it a shot and hoping San Luis Obispo residents will take the bait.

The restaurant, previously a sushi bar, began its transformation from raw to fried food about 12 weeks ago. The owners, Gary Wallace and David Katz, had owned the sushi restaurant, which developed a great batter recipe for frying fish. With trust in that single recipe, they decided to make the change, and this change is good.

Upon entrance to the tiny restaurant, one immediately notices remnants of the restaurant's sushi past. There are a total of 13 chairs, still set up in sushi fashion, circled around the small bar area. The old sushi display cases are filled with homemade coleslaw, cocktail sauce, tartar sauce and lemons. Sushi glasses, mini bowls and Japanese beer remain on some of the shelves.

However, the atmosphere is entirely unique; different from a traditional sushi bar and more modern than most fish 'n' chips joints.

It's the food, however, that gives the place staying power in downtown San Luis Obispo. The menu offers about 10 items, all fried, for the customer to choose from. The varied first-timer will enjoy the basic pieces (three-piece) and large (five-piece) sizes. Along with the white, wavy first-timer will enjoy the basic wan menu, items such as the restaurant's largest item, an Scallops'n Chips, Fish'n Shrimp fried fish are menu, items such as sushi display cases are filled with

The shark is also something worth trying. They too have a perfect layer of batter and are fried and directly served straight from the kitchen, which opens into the restaurant, allowing curious eaters to watch their food being made from the seat.

Along with each menu item, customers receive the traditional chips. These crinkle-cut chips are different from the average fry. Big, thick and full of flavor, the chips remind customers of their childhood with the traditional design and taste.

A must try are Pacific's fried zucchini wedges. The vegetables are probably the healthiest thing on the menu, even if they are fried, but they taste incredible. One suggestion is dipping them in the ranch sauce. Also, the homemade coleslaw is a perfect compliment to all the fried food. With a sweet taste and little mayonnaise, the coleslaw is refreshing after eating fries and fried fish.

Nothing tastes better with fish and chips than a cold beer, and Pacific Fish'n Chippery has plenty of that to offer with a large beer selection. Additionally, the owners plan on adding an extensive wine list, containing mainly white wines, for customers craving a different drink.

With its inexpensive pricing ($5.95 to $14.95), great taste, and full of flavor, the chips remind customers of their childhood with the traditional design and taste.

The panels are perfect for San Luis Obispo's year-round sunny weather, said Palm Theater manager Jack Conny. The panels are also ideal for the Palm Theater because they have all day to produce electricity for the theater which doesn't open until 3:45 p.m. During summer months the solar panels provide enough energy to cover all electricity use. The theater still remains on the grid for less sunny days when there is not enough sunlight to produce an adequate amount of power. Since installing the solar panels in July 2004, the theater's energy costs have already decreased by at least 50 percent.

"We have hopes that the annual energy costs will be cut by 70 percent in next three years," Conny said.

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Veteran artists steal Grammy spotlight

Nekesa Mumbi Moody

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LOS ANGELES — The Grammys kicked off with a retro feel on Sunday as the recently reunited Police opened the show with their classic "Roxanne." Tom Petty and Steve Wonder bust out huge new songs like "Promiscuous" and "Crazy," with a female and the veteran Red Hot Chili Peppers nabbed three trophies to emerge the early leader.

Another veteran, Mary J. Blige, had three early wins, including R&B album of the year for her comeback album, "The Breakthrough."

"For so many years I've been talked about negatively and this time I am being talked about positively by so many people," said a tearful Blige, who has often discussed her past substance abuse and negative self-image. She said the win showed not only how she had grown as an artist, but as a person. Another tearful winner was Wonder, who dedicated his win with T.I. for best pop collaboration to his late mother. They won for a rendition of Wonder's "For Once In My Life."

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Other contenders for album of the year included Timberlake, for his futuristic sounding club disc "FutureSex/LoveSounds;" Mayer's "Continuum;" the Chili Pepper's "Stadium Arcadium;" and "St. Elsewhere." "Doo Wop," the year's top single off the soundtrack for "American Idol," was also nominated for record of the year. Kelly Clarkson, who has won three Grammys, including best pop collaboration to his late mother. They won for a rendition of Wonder's "For Once In My Life."

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POLITICAL COLUMN

U.S. plans for Iran sound familiar

Defense Secretary Robert Gates made the case that Iran is directly linked to the improvised explosive devices used by some Iraqi insurgents at a NATO security conference in Seville, Spain last week. Gates told reporters that there is a "pretty good" chance that the serial numbers on some of these devices prove that Iran is supplying weapons or technology to insurgent fighters in Iraq. He made these allegations without releasing any concrete evidence or specific examples.

Ideally, the American public should be allowed to evaluate the claims and judgments used by the U.S. military and the president to justify going to war. Unfortunately, this president is far from ideal. Also last week, the Pentagon's Inspector General released a new report examining the Pentagon's quest for intelligence connecting Saddam Hussein's Baath regime and al-Qaeda in the run-up to the Iraq war in 2003. This report found that, while some of the actions that gathered this intelligence were not illegal, the Pentagon had developed intelligence that was inconsistent with the findings of the intelligence community as a whole. In an attempt to link Saddam Hussein to the events of Sept. 11, of evidence is eerily similar to that of the run-up to the Iraq war in 2003, which four years later is being called a U.S. intelligence failure.

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The loss is the Mustangs’ third straight in the Pac-10.

SOFTBALL IN MOTION

TEMPE, Ariz. — The Cal Poly wrestling team was defeated by Arizona State 26-18 Sunday at Wells Fargo Arena.

The loss dropped the Mustangs’ record to 6-9 overall and 4-4 in the Pac-10.

Cal Poly won four of nine bouts wrestled.

Cal Poly senior Darrell Vasquez, currently ranked No. 6 nationally at 133 pounds, recorded a fall over ASU senior center fielder Lisa Modglin.

Vasquez said. "It was absolutely terrific. We got (Darren) Fells into foul trouble and he's a beast.''

Bromley said. "They're a better road team than they are a home team right now. That's a big game for us on Wednesday and then we have ASU. Bracket Busters on Saturday. It's a great week ahead for Cal Poly basketball.''

The Mustangs dominated earlier Sunday, defeating Sacramento State 4-0. The highlight of the game came in the bottom of the fifth inning when four Mustang singles were followed by a three-run double by Cary.

Friday afternoon marked the start of the tournament, when Cal Poly won the second game against Washington 7-6 after a season-opening 4-3 loss. Modglin homered in each game.

Cal Poly now begins a 25-game road trip that starts against UC Davis on Feb. 16. The Gauchos will be trying to avenge Oklahoma State on Feb. 16. The Mustangs' next home game is March 24 against St. Mary's.

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POLY BASEBALL TEAM SPLITS DOUBLEHEADER, TAKES SERIES 2-1

The Mustangs split their doubleheader Sunday afternoon at Baggerg Stadium. The victory clinched the series for Poly and steeled their winning streak to five games after an 8-7 start to the season. Nevada salvaged a win in the final game of the series Sunday afternoon with a 5-4 victory, snapping a five-game losing streak, as catcher Konrad Schmidkin drove in runs with a two and a pair of three-run home runs. Cal Poly is 5-6 on the year and Nevada is 3-6.

In the opener, Cal Poly scored in each of the first six innings for a 15-2 lead and coasted to the win behind a 1-0 hitter, knocking in senior catcher Wes Dorrell and senior centerfielder Chris Littrell. Dorrell drove in a single, double and home run, running in three runs. Freshman designated hitter Wes Dorrell also had three hits, including a double, and knocked in six runs off one run. Sophomore pitcher Thomas Eager (2-3) pitched 6 1/3 innings in the win, one hit and six runs with one walk and five strikeouts.

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Mustang softball team comes out of own tournament with 3-1 record

Among Cal Poly's wins at the Mustang Classic was a 7-6 upset of No. 12 Washington.

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Scoring 22 runs on its way to three big wins, the Cal Poly softball team dominated this weekend in the first ever Mustang Classic at Bob Jemison Field.

The Mustangs (3-1) defeated both Santa Clara and Sacramento State on Sunday and split a pair of games against 12th-ranked Washington on Friday. Games were moved to Santa Cruz.

After two scoreless innings in the Santa Clara game, Sunday, the Mustangs got the cogs turning in the bottom of the third. The bases were loaded with two outs and it was the first real chance to score for Cal Poly. Freshman Kristen Carty was up to bat and sitting on a full count. Then with the pitch came a right-field shot past the second baseman. Sophomore Kristen Wirtz and senior Kelly Comstock made it home, putting the Mustangs up 2-0. "That got us fired up and I think that's what got us going," Cal Poly head coach Chad DeCasas said.

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"I'm about 75, 80 percent (healthy)," said Wirtz, a junior shooting guard who was sidelined for Thursday's 80-77 loss to Long Beach State. "My teammates needed me. It's about making sacrifices for the basketball team and I did that today."

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