New emergency phone number to be available in SLO

Samantha Freitas

The Hotline of San Luis Obispo County, a 24-hour information, referral and crisis support system, is hoping to make the phone number 211 accessible by this summer.

Similar to 911, 211 is a 24-hour daily service that connects people to appropriate health and human services. It will be especially useful in disaster situations.

"In a disaster, 211 becomes the hub of public information. It will really help people and leave 911 open and available for real life and death situations," said Hotline executive director Evan Mendelson.

The 211 service is designed to help in the distribution of information for evacuation routes, shelter locations during fires, earthquakes and other disasters. 211 also offers referrals for health care, senior citizen and other disasters. 211 also offers referrals for health care, senior citizen and other disasters.

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Jackie Pugh

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The 2010 Imperative, a discussion on global warming and sustainability in the environmental design profession, will broadcast live from New York on Tuesday and will be hosted in Chumash Auditorium.

The 2010 Imperative is part of the 2030 Challenge, an initiative to reduce building energy use in the United States by 50 percent and achieve carbon neutrality by the year 2030.

The College of Architecture and Environmental Design is hosting the webinar in hopes that all departments will get involved. The goal of the teach-in is to promote new educational programs and campus practices that can be implemented to further the sustainability cause.

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Stannard also mentioned the involvement of the Empower Poly Coalition in which certain students have been helping her plan the event. The coalition is compiled of numerous Cal Poly clubs like the BioDiesel Club, Poly Greens, the Fair Trade Club and many more that are raising awareness.

For more info:
Los Angeles to divest $27M from Sudan

Greggor Hunter
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LOS ANGELES — In protest against the continuing violence in Darfur, Los Angeles will withdraw $27 million from pension funds with companies that deal with the Sudanese government.

"The city of Los Angeles is adding its voice to the international outcry over the genocide in Darfur," said Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa in a statement after announcing the city's intention to divest.

"We must stand for freedom and basic human rights for all, and we must do everything possible to stop the killing in Darfur," the mayor said. Violence in Darfur, which Congress has unanimously declared to be genocide, has killed more than 200,000 people and displaced around 2.5 million people since fighting broke out in the region in 2003.

The Sudanese government has been accused of providing money and assistance to militia groups carrying out the violence and participating in joint attacks, though it denies this. Smitha Srinath, co-president of Amnesty International at the University of California at Los Angeles, said she is happy to see Los Angeles divest from Sudan, a decision which follows the vote by the University of California Board of Regents to divest from companies which support the Sudanese government.

She said she hopes other cities and states will follow the city's example.

"The city of L.A. is so big and has such a great economic force and such prominence that hopefully national government will take notice of the conflict in Sudan," she said.

Funds will be divested from companies which the regents found to substantially support the Sudanese government or rebel groups.

Pension funds from the Los Angeles City Retirement Systems will divest $18 million, and the police and fire departments will divest $7.5 million.

The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power pension plans will reinvest $1.9 million.

The city has around $40 billion invested in employee pension and retirement funds, according to a press release from the mayor's office.

The divestment is part of a nationwide campaign of financial action against companies which deal with the Sudanese government.

"People aren't willing to do business with companies with which they are providing money for the genocide," said Karina Garcia, member of the Leadership Committee of the Darfur Action Committee.

She added that the divestment campaign is a public demonstration against the violence.

"It's a collective action to show that we won't tolerate genocide," Garcia said.

"It's really where the industry is tak­ ing us," Schultz said. "We need to be more aware of the environment and the awareness of products we use so we can be more health conscious."

That's when Schultz decided to become part of the Dean's Committee on Sustainability headed by the Thomas, dean of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design. Through the committee, a meeting was held in which Stannard brought the idea of having the nation-wide teach-in on campus.

"It's a great initiative to do this global teach-in," Schultz said.

Yet, while the webcast is being wide­ ly publicized, the College of Architecture and Environmental Design has already been working on sustainabil­ ity programs that they hope to continue.

"We have a lead class which is a lead­ ership in environmental design course," Schultz said. "It's an elective to get lead certified to become a lead professional so you can certify the buildings as you build them, this way you are following what they call 'green design'.

Cal Poly students who take the elec­ trive course and get certified can help the construction industry practice environ­ mental tactics.

Also in the architecture department, a team of Cal Poly students participated in the 2005 Solar Decathlon held in Washington, D.C. The small, eco-friendly house that Cal Poly brought to the national competition won third place.

Stannard said Cal Poly also won an eco-literacy award for teaching about ecological systems.

The teach-in will see hundreds of thousands of students, teachers, deans and professionals in architecture and environmental design logging on simultan­ eously to discover the effects con­ traction has on global warming prob­ lems and what can be done to make a change.

The 2010 Imperative, a challenge and strategy for transforming design educa­ tion, will be issued to all schools during the teach-in, and participants will be asked to adopt, support and implement changes.

"We teach sustainability in our class­ es," Schultz said. "But there's much more to come."

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...or I'll poop on you
New Jersey offers civil unions for gay couples

Geoff Mulvihill

HADDONFIELD, N.J. — Diane Marini used to joke that she was always the bridesmaid and never the bride, because as a lesbian, she thought it was unlikely New Jersey would ever approve same-sex marriage. Still, she and longtime partner Marilyn Maneely campaigned for gay marriage. They were among seven couples who sued the state in 2002 demanding the right to marry. While their suit didn’t lead to a gay marriage law, it has led to New Jersey becoming the third state to offer civil unions to same-sex couples.

The civil unions law takes effect Monday and some same-sex couples are planning ceremonies. For couples who are not already in civil union from other states, however, there is a 72-hour waiting period after applying for a license — just like with marriages. A few town halls around the state planned to open at 12:01 a.m. Monday so couples could file their applications.

It will be a bittersweet day for Maneely, who became a marital partner of Leigh Humphrey. They met 14 years after meeting at a spiritual retreat in Ocean City. Marini, who was entitled to make medical decisions for Maneely, because, as a lesbian, she didn’t have a life partner, said CSU Chancellor Charles Strovink, spokesman for the church, spoke at a church in nearby Hayward. A sweep of Southern California churches also is planned.

Officials credit last year’s efforts with bringing black applications up by 12 percent.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A fire that charred the historical Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church on Sunday morning killed a young mother and her four children. About 200 people were inside the church when the blaze broke out, according to Los Angeles Fire Department spokesman Brian Humphrey. No injuries were reported, Humphrey said.
THE BIZARRE

Rare duckling walks on 4 legs

LONDON (AP) — Webbed feet run in Stumpy's family, but a rare mutation has left the eight-day-old duckling with two nearly full-sized legs behind the two he runs on.

Nicky Janaway, a duck farmer in New Forest, Hampshire, 95 miles southwest of London, unveiled the duckling to reporters on Saturday.

"It was absolutely bizarre. I was thinking 'he's got too many legs' and I kept counting 'one, two, three, four,' Janaway said.

Stumpy would probably not survive in the wild, but Janaway, who runs the Warrawee Duck Farm in New Forest said he is doing well.

"He's eating and surviving so far and he is running about with those extra legs acting like stabilizers," Janaway said.

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Asians around the world greet Year of Pig with feasts, festivities

Alexa Olsen

Asians flocked to temples, parks and Disneyland on Sunday to pray, play, eat, and celebrate the first day of the Lunar New Year, ushering in the Year of the Pig.

At the Lama Temple and White Cloud Temple in Beijing, the faithful burned incense and tossed coins at incense burners, believing that if they landed in the pot they would have better luck in the New Year.

At a traditional fair in the capital's Ditan Park, performers sang folk songs and snippets of Peking opera for throngs of people snaking through the park, many carrying balloons and pinwheels. Vendors sold pork dumplings and other treats, such as freshly made caramel candy sculpted into chubby pig shapes.

The pig is one of 12 animals (or mythical animals in the case of the dragon) on the 12-year cycle of the Chinese zodiac, which follows the lunar calendar. According to Chinese astrology, people born in pig years are polite, honest, hardworking and loyal. They are also lucky, which is why many Chinese like to have babies in a pig year.

Across China, revelers ushered in the New Year Saturday night and early Sunday morning by exploding firecrackers and fireworks — an ancient New Year tradition meant to drive away bad luck and scare off evil spirits.

In Beijing, the streets were littered with tattered red paper and the cardboard casings from spent fireworks.

The official Xinhua News Agency reported that in Beijing 125 people were reported injured from fireworks, including one person who lost both eyes. Police said shoddy fireworks were to blame.

Chinese President Hu Jintao and Premier Wen Jiabao made separate visits to remote villages in poorer areas, chatting and cooking with locals in far western Gan'su and northern Liaoning provinces.

Such trips have become an annual ritual for the leadership — part of efforts to show that the government cares about those living in the countryside, where incomes average only $400 a year.

Hu fired dough twists with farmers on the outskirts of Gan'su's Dingxi city, helped cut traditional door decorations from red paper, and received a basket of potatoes from a poor farmer, state media said.

China's booming economic growth in the last several decades has pulled hundreds of millions out of poverty, but a growing wealth gap in recent years has exposed cracks that Hu and his government have acknowledged threaten social stability.

In Hong Kong, the normally bustling streets were virtually empty as families gathered for feasts of chicken and hot pots piled high with pork, shrimp and vegetables.

At Hong Kong Disneyland, Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse shed their usual Western clothes and wore traditional Chinese clothing. Mickey wore a red beard with a matching silk shirt trimmed in gold. Minnie showed off a bright red cheongsam — a tight-fitting Chinese women's dress.

Instead of the usual Disney movie tunes, speakers in the park played classical Chinese music. There was also a loud clattering of cymbals and drums as a traditional dragon dance wound its way around the park.

In Taiwan, firecrackers exploded late Saturday and early Sunday to usher in the New Year. Worshippers gathered at temples all around the island, holding incense sticks and bowing in the direction of Buddhist and Taoist deities in an effort to secure good luck throughout the coming year.

Major highways in South Korea were congested on Sunday as millions began returning home after visiting family to celebrate the Lunar New Year.

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Oooh so spicy!
At Rio de Janeiro's carnival, nude bodies don't always spell sex

Michael Astor
ASSOCIATED PRESS

RIO DE JANEIRO — The mere idea that U.S. soldiers on leave from Iraq wouldn't go to a carnival with the traditional Black Ball atmosphere would prompt many Brazilians to say that the gringos have it all wrong.

Despite all the juggling, sweating flesh on display Saturday, Brazilians say the annual spectacle — which is expected to draw 700,000 revelers through Tuesday — isn't all about sex. It is, they say, a celebration of the body, closer in the spirit to the Olympics than a strip bar.

Dancers perform on top of a "Estacio de Sa" samba school float that resembles New York's Statue of Liberty during the carnival parade in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

If there were any U.S. soldiers in the crowd that mobbed downtown Rio on Saturday, dancing with the traditional Black Ball band, they were difficult to spot. But for those looking for companionship at carnival, opportunities seemed to abound. "If they came here from Iraq they wouldn't go back," said Brian Simms, 43, an ex-Marine from New Jersey who was surrounded by barely dressed women as he drank at an outdoor bar on Copacabana beach.

Brazilians say the nakedness at carnival is about sensuality, not just sex. Yes, sexual imagery abounds in bars on Copacabana beach.

And talks frankly about sexualization should be repealed to restate the president's authority and clarify the mission of U.S. troops in Iraq.

I've been working with some of my colleagues to try to convince them that that's the way to go... make it clear that the purpose that he has troops in there is to, in fact, protect against al-Qaida gaining control tactics and operations.

"Late Edition," and Biden and Lugar stressed the importance of a nonbinding resolution Friday that rejected the president's 21,500-troop buildup. The 56-34 vote fell four short of the 60 needed, but Democrats quickly claimed victory, noting that a majority of senators — seven of them Republicans — effectively voted against the escalation.

After a week of contentious debate in Congress, the White House scoffed at Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid's claim that the U.S.-led invasion in March 2003 has become "the worst foreign policy mistake" in U.S. history.

"The war is tough, but the solution is not to get out," Vice President Dick Cheney said. "It is to provide the kinds of resources and reinforcements our forces need to get the job done, and at the same time say to the Iraqis 'You guys got to step up.'"

Snow said it was important to remove Saddam from power and noted that a majority of senators voted in 2002 to authorize force in Iraq.

"One thought is that we should limit the mission to a support mission — in other words, an anti-terror mission to go after al-Qaida in Iraq, to support and train the Iraqi army, to protect our own diplomatic personnel and other personnel in Iraq," Levin said.

"We think that that would be constitutional, and it also would move us toward the end of our presence in Iraq," he said.

Snow said the president understands the importance of debate about the war on Capitol Hill and understands lawmakers' anxiety about the war.

"What I would say to members of Congress in Calm down and take a look at what's going on, and ask yourself a simple question: If you support the troops, would you deny them the reinforcements they think are necessary to complete the mission?"

Levin was on "Fox News Sunday," and Biden and Lugar were interviewed on "Face the Nation" on CBS.

"The most successful leaders are those who empower others to succeed."
All Wines Considered

by Lauren Jeter

Where women glow and men plunder. Can’t you hear, can’t you hear that thunder? You better run, you better take cover. Yes, 11 convicts, were shipped to Australia, love Men at Work that much. Wine. Since the first settlers, aka history of producing excellent terrific value. Because of this, these settlers wasted no time. Vines from 1.75 million cases in 1995 to 20 million cases in 2005 (wineaus.com). Australian imports have increased United States wine consumer, a

In fact, the Australians beat out the French for second largest exporters to the U.S. recently, now second only to Italy. Aussies love their wine. In fact, Australian wineries produce produce the equivalent to 1 billion bottles of wine for domestic consumption. Not to mention, most Aussies could probably drink an average American under the table. They drink 22 liters of wine per person annually, versus our puny 9 liters.

With nearby 60 different wine regions and 2,000 wineries, Australia offers the most diverse wines in the world. The Coonawarra region is one of the most famous regions in Australia. Founded by Scottish settlers 150 years ago, the region offers intense Cabernet Sauvignon wines with great classic fruit flavors. Another famous region is the Hunter Valley. Located close to Sydney, the Hunter Valley is the oldest wine region, boasting vines from 1825. This region is best known for its complex Shiraz and well balanced Chardonnays.

I tried an excellent 2005 Penfold Shiraz Cabernet ($5.99, Trader Joe’s) blended wine labeled Rawson’s Retreat. This wine was very smooth and luscious, giving off beautiful raspberry flavors along with hints of coconut and spice. Another Aussie pick was the 2004 Rosemount Estate Shiraz ($5.49, Costco). This one had slightly higher spirits, containing ripe blackberry and toasted cedar. I found it to be a little louder than I usually care for, though if you enjoy buzzy Shiraz, it may be your cup of tea, mate!

I would recommend pairing these robust Aussie red wines with steak or lamb. In fact, lamb is near­by a daily indulgence for Australians. It makes sense; they have all this excellent wine and holes in the ozone thanks to their sheep. You have the ever so popular UGG Boot and great lamb because of this. I’ve got an awesome recipe for lamb that I hope you find “sweet as!”

Greek Style Lamb Kabobs

Kabobs:
• 1 pound boneless lamb cut into 1-1/2 inch cubes
• 24 grape or cherry tomatoes
• 24 1-1/2 inch chunks of onion

Marinate:
• 4 garlic cloves, minced
• 1 bunch of fresh oregano
• 1 lemon, juiced
• 1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
• Kosher salt
• Freshly ground black pepper
• 8 large pita bread

Directions:
Combine garlic, oregano, lemon juice and olive oil in small bowl. Season marinade with kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper. Add lamb cubes and toss. Cover and marinate in refrigerator 4 to 6 hours.

Drain meat cubes; discard mar­inate. Thread lamb, tomatoes and onion onto skewers. Grill on medi­um heat for 12 to 15 minutes or until done. Turn kabobs several times, brushing with marinade. Serve with warm pita bread and hummus.

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The view from Mrs. Macquarie’s Chair, a landmark in Sydney, Australia, overlooks two more famous landmarks — the Sydney Opera House and the Sydney Harbor Bridge.
Performing Arts Center invaded by masquerade, tutus, for one night only

Taylor Moore

Performing Arts Center performances have long been a treat for moviegoers. With costumes and makeup, every performance is a work of art. This year, the Performing Arts Center has outdone itself with a full-scale, masquerade-themed production of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." Attendees donned corsets, wigs, and outrageous costumes to bring the beloved cult classic to life. The audience was in awe of the performers, who transformed into their favorite characters with makeup and costume changes throughout the performance. The "Rocky Horror Picture Show" has become a popular event, with sold-out shows and fans dressed to the nines in costume. This year was no exception, as the Performing Arts Center brought the show to life with a burst of energy and creativity. The performers' makeup was on point, with elaborate costume makeup and intricate designs. The costume design for this production was top-notch, with each costume tailored to fit the character's role. The performers were expertly dressed, with each costume giving a nod to the classic Rocky Horror aesthetic. The audience was mesmerized by the performers' dedication to the craft, as they brought each character to life with their own unique take. Overall, the Performing Arts Center's "Rocky Horror Picture Show" was a hit with fans of all ages. The show's success is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the performers and staff, who put in countless hours to bring this classic to life. If you didn't get a chance to see the show, be sure to keep an eye out for future performances at the Performing Arts Center!
Bald Britney Spears sits for new ink at trendy Los Angeles tattoo parlor

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Britney Spears appeared in a tattoo parlor in the San Fernando Valley with her head shaved completely bald.

Video on KABC-TV showed the newly shorn Spears with tiny tatoos on the back of her neck as she sits Friday night for a new tattoo — a pair of red and pink lips. "She just wanted something small on her wrist, something dainty," Max Gott, the tattoo artist at Body and Soul in Sherman Oaks, told the TV station. "She got some cute little lips on her wrist."

Derrick Snell, who works at the tattoo parlor, said Spears showed up without notice and stayed for about 90 minutes as well as 60 fans, photograhers and gawkers gathered outside.

"She seemed fine," Snell said. "I didn't really notice (the hairdo) at first, she had a hood on when she showed up."

Before heading to the tattoo parlor, Spears grabbed an electric clipper and shaved her own head at a San Fernando Valley salon Friday night, CNN reported.

"I tried to talk her out of it," he said. "Are you sure you're not having a bad day and tomorrow you'll feel differently about all? Why don't we wait a little bit until your sister gets back from LA to decide?"

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Former Mouseketeer and pop star Britney Spears flew into Los Angeles last week to shave her head and get some new tattoos.

Esther Tognozzi told the network. "She said, 'No, I absolutely want it shaved off now.' Next thing I know, she grabbed the hairdresser and she went to the back of my salon and she was shaving off her own hair."

Tognozzi said.

The appearance came the same day as reports on TV and Web sites that Spears, who has drawn criticism for her recent partying and sloppy behavior, had briefly checked into rehab.

"I could see her in the mirror, and her head is completely shaved," she told KABC. "We're really proud of her. Police arrived to control the crowd and helped Spears' bodyguards guide her into a waiting SUV, her head covered by a hooded sweatshirt.
This past week, the House of Representatives considered a non-binding resolution on President Bush's escalation of combat troops in Iraq by 20,000. Let us look past the wisdom and effectiveness of passing a non-binding resolution when the president has made no secret of his complete disregard for such a measure, and instead examine the debate that took place in the House last week.

The resolution passed in the House by a vote of 246-182, with 17 Republicans joining all but two Democrats in voting for the resolution. Indeed, that is a sign that idiocy is not a requirement for participation in voting for the resolution. Unlike several traditional centrists hard at work to dispel that claim, Republican Majority Leader John Boehner of Ohio led the chorus, claiming that this resolution was the "first step down the slippery slope" toward "micromanagement of the military". Unfortunately for Boehner, it is the job of the House of Representatives to represent the citizens of this country. The next Republican to bring his nomenklature to the House floor was Virginia Rep. Virgil Goode. Goode made news back in December when he attacked newly-elected Democratic Rep. Keith Ellison of Minnesota, the first Muslim to be elected to the House.

Furthermore, Goode "warned the American people that they needed to "wake up," or there would be "more Muslim elected to office." Goode contended to the violence of his anti-Muslim rhetoric last week when he claimed that support for the anti-escalation resolution would "aid and assist the Islamic jihadis who were the consensus and star to wave over the Capitol of the United States and over the White House of this country."

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For understandable reasons, the Mustang Daily decided to not publish any letter expressing the above quotes. Thus, this is a letter that was not published.

Letters to the Editor:

"Vagina Monologues" doesn't objectify women

The definition of objectify is to "make impersonal or present as an object to be used or enjoyed by others." The "Vagina Monologues" consists of personal stories of sexuality, sexual assault, and violence; some are individual accounts, others use literary devices to illustrate the issues. They are not objectifying anyone's vagina...they are doing the opposite. The author of the play, Eve Ensler, is acting as a facilitator of the audience with real stories to prepare the issues for them. Have you ever watched the performance? It's about raising awareness, not as an offensive V-Day Web site says. By raising issues and consciousness, it will unify and strengthen existing antio violence efforts. Triggering far-reaching awareness, it will lay the groundwork for new educational, protective, and legislative endeavors throughout the world.

The whole purpose of "The Vagina Monologues" is to educate everyone to be aware of the problems of sexual assault and violence towards women, and use this awareness to encourage advocates to push for tougher laws, just like Brian Eller wants. It also doesn't "condone" rape. Unless I'm missing something, I'm pretty sure that a production created for the purpose of stopping violence against women doesn't even condone rape (obviously). It just gives another viewpoint on the subject of sexuality between women.

Eller says women aren't the only victims of violence, which is true. But oh, guess what...99 percent of sexual assault victims are women, according to SAPR. So, having a play about violence against women is justifiable to say the least.

But regardless, Eller's criticism is unfounded — there are monologues about the whole spectrum of gender men, women and everyone in between.

Jesse Holzer
Social science senior

Anti-Eller letter writers not reading carefully enough

Like many students, I am appalled at the Mustang Daily — not because of Brian Eller's column, but because of the correction that ran in Thursday's edition. The correction, which says that Eller incorrectly quoted "The Vagina Monologues," is false. He specifically prefaced the line, "Likewise, the play in its original form....(rape quote)." Guess what? The original play in its original form does contain the line "if it was rape,...(rape quote)." Check it yourself! This is a fact and Eller is 100 percent correct. Also, many people seem to misinterpret the conservative stance on global warming. Everyone agrees that warming is real, but the question is what has caused it. To assume that we've caused it is to make a huge mistake in terms of the economic consequences of radical environmental legislation. Even an international commission of economists deemed global warming as the worst deviation of resources possible to the world (the Copenhagen Consensus).

It seems to me that many people who read Eller's column selectively ignores what he is saying, or write purely based in an emotionally- charged reaction. Because of this, most letters to the editor against him are devoid of fact and rely primarily on personal attacks.

Taylor Scott
International business senior

Eller's column lacks facts

I am thoroughly disgusted with Brian Eller's blatant lack of research and hesitantly seasoned- altered statements about "The Vagina Monologues." When I chose Cal Poly as a university, I did so because I believed it was credible. This newspaper represents us and our credibility. If columns like Eller's are printed lacking most, if not all, credibility, then they further the integrity or reliability at all in either institution.

Talking vaginas? Accepted rape? Anti-male bias where men are portrayed as "incensed rapists"? None of these are present in the play whatsoever. In fact, many of my male friends are planning on attending, which I would recommend to Eller — except I'm not sure he is mature enough to handle it based on his abject lack of respect for honorable journalism. It is evident by this selfish journalist that Eller is less concerned with the fact that "The Vagina Monologues" raises awareness and money to stop violence against women, and more concerned that they do not raise awareness about him. If people like Eller are allowed to write unfounded columns such as this, there is no more merit in reading our school newspaper than in reading "the National Enquirer.

Caitlin Bishop
English sophomore
Cal Poly sophomore third baseman Brent Morel prepares to take a swing during an at-bat in the Mustangs' 5-4 nonconference win over visiting Washington on Sunday at Baggett Stadium. He drove in two runs and scored the game-tying run in the bottom of the ninth inning.

**Baseball**

two of the 122 pitches he threw were strikes.

"I told myself I had to keep making pitches and hopefully our defense would start making plays and we could start fresh in the second inning," Eager said. "Usually I'm a fastball pitcher. (The Huskies) happened to be hitting the fastball a little bit. I had to go to my slider. Pretty much lived and died off the slider and at the end of the game starting going back to the fastball. That was a little different approach I don't usually do."

Cal Poly cut the lead in half in the bottom of the first when Luke Yoder led off with a walk, stole second, reached third on Kyle Smith's full-count double to left-center and finally scored on Drone's sacrifice fly to right. Smith came home on Morel's sacrifice.

Cal Poly reliever Evan Reed (1-0) got the win. The junior right-hander notched the final two outs.

Washington closer Elliott Cribby (0-1) was hit with the loss after giving up three earned runs walked one and gave up one hit in one inning.

"We just try to convince our players to win every pitch and realize there are 27 outs and a lot of times, the toughest out to get is the 27th," Lee said.

The Mustangs' pitching staff combined for a 2.60 ERA for the series, and the offense — led by Drone (4 for 10), Smith (5 for 13), Kepner (3 for 8) and Morel (4 for 11) — hit .281.

Washington left 10 runners stranded Sunday, compared to just two for Cal Poly.

The Mustangs were glad to regain the services of 6-foot-4 southpaw Grant Theophilus, who made his season debut after giving up three earned runs walked one and gave up one hit in one inning.

"That cat's been working his tail off," Eager said. "He's here all the time. To see him go out there is exciting, especially (to play) as well as he did."

Eager said the team's confidence has been boosted since it returned from a four-game road trip to open the season.

"I think it was great," he said of the team's season-long 10-game homestand coming to an end.

"Playing in front of (home) fans and (on) our home surface, you're a little more calm out there. We needed that. Going into Santa Clara next week, we're not going to be so nervous because we've played so many games."

Dorell credited Cal Poly's resurgence to pitching and defense.

"Stuff's been clicking with us," he said. "We've been playing great defense. Our pitching's been unreal. Our hitting's coming around. Hitting's always up and down."

Cal Poly had out-hit opponents 133-114 on the season — including a margin of 42-28 in extra-base hits — and has six starters batting .280 or higher. That comes with only three position starters returning from last year.

The Mustangs hosted British Columbia in an exhibition contest at 6 p.m. Wednesday, then resume regular-season play when they begin a three-game series at Santa Clara (6-7) at 6 p.m. Friday.

"We're going to play a lot of different players position-wise," Lee said of the exhibition. "Players that need some experience and at-bats."

**Softball**

to strike out second baseman Nicole Padilla (L, 7-1) and Wright State (W, 9-1) on Thursday.

Lauren Delany, who replaced Cribby on the mound, allowed two hits to score from third with an error. Grilli finished the inning by recording a strikeout to score Modglin and give the Mustangs a commanding 10-0 lead.

Cal Poly added a trio of insurance runs in the seventh as Modglin netted her third home run of the season over the left-center field fence and freshman Krysten Cary doubled home Iwata.

Northwestern scored both of its runs in the sixth and loaded the bases with two outs in the seventh, but Peña stemmed the tide once more by striking out Wildcat left fielder Kelly Fowble and ending the inning.

Modglin's three homers this season have all come against ranked teams, following the pair she posted against Washington on Feb. 9. The senior from Sunny Valley finished the day 4 for 4 and ambushed hitting for the cycle by a triple.

Iwata and Cary each finished with a pair of hits.

"Our offense was patient today and we swung at good pitches in clutch situations," said Condon, whose Mustangs scored six runs with one out and a pair with two down.

The Mustangs completed the tournament with a 3-2 record after splitting with Oklahoma State (W, 5-3) and Oregon State (L, 4-3) on Feb. 16 and splitting against BYU (L, 7-1) and Wright State (W, 9-1) over the weekend.

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POLY men's golf squad takes third at Rice

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Mustangs rally past Huskies 5-4, sweep 3-game series

Cal Poly scored three runs on five hits in the ninth inning Sunday to complete its comeback from an early 4-0 deficit.

Tristan Aird  Mustang Daily

With the Cal Poly baseball team down by two runs entering the bottom of the ninth inning, Wes Dorrell was just hoping to get baserunners however possible. The Mustangs did that in a big way, stringing together back-to-back triples in the final frame on their way to a 5-4 nonconference win over Washington in front of 641 fans at Baggett Stadium. Dorrell drove in pinch runner Chad Pruett with a two-out single to shorten the deficit for the game-winning run, lifting Cal Poly to a sweep of the three-game series.

"It shows we can overcome adversity," said Dorrell, a freshman catcher. "It showed that we have heart. You've got to win every single pitch and that's what we've been doing."

Indeed, Cal Poly (8-6) has been winning a lot lately. The Mustangs are 8-2 at home and have won eight of their last nine games overall following the team's first 0-5 start since moving to the Division 1 level in 1995.

"We're a really young team and we needed this under our belt," Cal Poly starter Thomas Eager said of the sweep. "We're young enough and brash enough to not really realize what happened. We swept Washington, but let's just go to the next series."

The sweep of the Huskies (0-3) was the Mustangs' first in a three-game series against a Pac-10 school since 2003.

"We got better this weekend," Cal Poly head coach Larry Lee said. "This was one of the things we preached about starting 0-5 like we did. We had some bad feelings about our performances, but realized we're a young team and play a tough nonconference schedule."

Cal Poly starting pitcher Thomas Eager throws during the Mustangs' 5-4 nonconference win over visiting Washington on Sunday at Baggett Stadium. The sophomore right-hander struck out 10 in seven innings.

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Mustang women's hoops squad continues historic winning streak

Senior forward Jessica Eggleston converted a three-point play with 44 seconds to play, junior guard Toni Newman scored a layup with 26 seconds to go, freshman guard Ashley Stewart sunk two free throws with 13 seconds to play and Eggleston wrapped up the run with a free throw with four seconds to go.

Eggleston's three-point play tied the game at 66-66. Newman's layup gave the Mustangs the lead for good at 68-66 as Cal Poly improved to 10-2 on the season.

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Stockalper's record day leads Poly men to win

Derek Stockalper hit a school-record three triples on his way to a career-high 37 points on ESPNU Bracket Buster Saturday.

Cassie Gaeto  Mustang Daily

The Cal Poly men's basketball team handed Portland State a 92-87 nonconference loss in an ESPNU Bracket Buster game Saturday behind a 37-point performance by Derek Stockalper. Stockalper's record nine 3-pointers and career-high 37 points in front of 2,167 fans in Gymnasium.

Stockalper joined in on the 3-point shooting spree with his nine treys exactly one week after Cal Poly junior guard Dawson Whitten tied the old record with eight in an 89-80 Big West Conference win over visiting UC Irvine on Feb. 10.

Cal Poly (14-10, 5-5 Big West) improved to 10-2 at home and has won three straight and eight of its last 10 games overall.

"I'm proud of them all for their individual accomplishments within the team concept," Cal Poly head coach Kevin Brander said. "When Derek is hot, he has got to keep shooting. He did in tonight and that happened.

Stockalper's 37 points were the most scored by any Mustang since Vernie Dennis poured in 38 in an 80-73 home win over Division II Cal State Stanislaus on Dec. 29, 2003.

"I had no idea I was going to have this kind of a game tonight," Stockalper said. "Everything just clicked. There were a few times I shot and thought 'no way,' but sure enough, it went in."

The neck-and-neck scores made for a fast-paced game, with Stockalper appearing injured on the play.

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The Mustangs also had wins over Oklahoma State and Wright State at UNLV Desert Classic.

LA SVEGAS — Junior Sarah Bwata and senior Lisa Modglen each homered and freshman right-hander Helen Peña defeated a ranked team for the second time in three career starts on Sunday as the Cal Poly softball team posted an 8-2 victory over sixth-ranked and 2006 Women's College World Series runner-up Northwestern in the finale of the Las Vegas Desert Classic at Stephanie Lynn Craig Park.

Following Modglen's leadoff double in the third inning, Bwata powered her first homer of the season to left field to give Cal Poly a 2-0 lead. Cal Poly overcame its biggest threat in the bottom half of the inning as a fielding error from second baseman Stephanie Tam followed a leadoff base hit from Northwestern third baseman Darcy Sengewal. With Sengewal at third and shortstop Tammy Williams at second, Peña walked Wildcat slugging third baseman Gregg Cooper to load the bases with one out. Peña proceeded to walk with bases loaded.

Grant Demre jump-started the Mustangs' five-hit, ninth-inning rally with a one-out single to right field. He then scored on a triple to right-center by Brent Morel, who slid to third base and was ruled safe on a disputed call. After initially appearing injured on the play, Morel came home on Adam Buschini's triple off the center-field wall — which looked as if it might clear the 405-foot fence.

"My stomach dropped when I was in the dugout," Dorrell said. "Dorrell said of Morel stumbling for a moment on the way to third before sliding in. "Very close. Could have enough for me to lose my stomach."

Buschini was tagged out at the plate on Convy Bartholmew's grounder to second base before Pruett advanced to third on Bryan Keper's single to right-center.

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