Coroner: Man in SLO organ-harvest case died naturally

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However, a transplant surgeon who treated Ruben Navarro could still face criminal charges if it is determined that he tried to harvest the man's organs without his consent.

Navarro was dying of a rare metabolic disorder when he was sent to the hospital on Feb. 3, 2006, to undergo a procedure to remove one of his kidneys. The surgery was to be performed by a team of doctors from the University of California, San Francisco.

But when the doctors arrived, they found that Navarro had been dead for several hours. They then called the county coroner's office, which had already been notified of the death.

The coroner's office released a report on the case last week, saying that Navarro died of a massive heart attack and a stroke. The report also said that Navarro's organs were not harvested.

The coroner's office is still investigating the case and has not yet determined if criminal charges will be filed.

For more information, contact the coroner's office at (805) 756-2500.

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The fund for the building was donated by tribal elders because they are ready for the benefits the clinic will bring, Ridenour said.

And with the support of the Maasi people, Ridenour and Aine are trying to make the design fit in with the local environment by using the traditional Maasi red and local building materials.

"We're trying to make the building economical and reproducible by making the space inside really flexible to meet the need of the population now and as their needs change," Aine said. "We have a regularized, structuralized system that can be easily manipulated and expanded upon. We are basically trying to create the building to integrate local knowledge of construction technique using local contractors and local labor...nothing too wild," he added.

The clinic will have an open bay examination room that is similar to an emergency room, complete with curtains separating each examination room. There will also be two private exam rooms: a large one for emergency procedures, and another which is designated as the gynecology room for pregnant women and checkups.

"There's a testing laboratory where they will be storing the blood samples and urine samples where they can later be sent to the hospital in Kenya for further testing," Aine said. "There are rooms for facilities and water facilities, and there are rooms for two full-time staff members to sleep at the clinic."

Both Ridenour and Aine have visited Kenya before and have seen the need for this clinic firsthand. Aine mentioned that he's trying to get more civil involvement in the architecture department.

"When both Matt (Ridenour) and I went to Kenya two years ago, we really came back with a big light bulb," Aine said. "Just realizing that architecture can be used as a powerful tool to help people, I felt like we'd found the purpose of us studying architecture by transforming communities."

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distribution center for vaccines, and will have facilities for HIV testing, AIDS education, neonatal care and emergency medical treatment.

Ridenour said he's excited to be working on this project because he feels the Maasi people are under-served by the government.

"They are trying to lose getting their children educated and they are still semi-nomadic," Ridenour said. "And because they don't want to let Western influence or modern influences into their society, the government puts them on the back burner and they don't get many social services or facilities like this, if they need medical attention, they can't get it."

With the new clinic, complete with a full-time staff and all the medicine and vaccinations needed to get started, Ridenour said the clinic will hopefully lead to others.

"If this clinic goes up and goes well, they want to reproduce it all over the country," Ridenour said. "So that's why we are trying to be economical as possible."

As of now, the team has raised $30,000 of the estimated $65,000 that is needed to complete the project. Most of the fundraising has been done through private donations and support letters.

Ridenour sent letters of support to friends and family to fund his trip to Kenya this summer.

"A group from my church is going at the end of June, right after graduation, for two and half weeks to start construction and just to be with the community over there," Ridenour said.

"We will be working with a Kenyan construction company and local labor in effort to keep the project economically reasonable and minimize the Western influence," Aine said this could bring to the region for the building.

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It is against state law for transplant doctors to direct treatment of potential organ donors until they are declared dead.

Local police are still investigat­ing the operating room circum­stances. Hascall said the coroner's report was given to police on Wednesday.

Roosrok's lawyer, M. Gerald Schwartzbach, said the findings came as no surprise.

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Hundreds evacuated as brush fire burns OC homes

A firefighter races down Avenida De Santiago while helping fight a wildfire in Anaheim Hills near Orange on Sunday, March 11, 2007.

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ANAHEIM — Authorities evacuated more than 200 homes as a fast-moving brush fire scorched 1,000 acres of parched hillside Sunday and charred at least two homes, Orange County fire officials said.

The fire, which is one of two square mile fires threatening many other houses and the firefighters working to protect them, Anaheim city spokesman John J. Nicolletti said.

"This is a very dangerous fire," said Orange County Fire Authority Chief Ed Fleming. "The terrain is quite rugged, with homes on top of ridges, and the fire picks up speed as it head up the hill."

No injuries have been reported, Nicolletti said.

Capt. Steve Miller of the Orange County Fire Authority said winds blowing up to 35 mph are making firefighting difficult for the more than 400 firefighters on the scene.

"We are holding our own, but the fire is going to continue to make progress as long as fuel is in its way. It's not a good situation for us," he said.

Temperatures were in the 90s and humidity was at 5 percent.

Robert Canosi, who along with his wife and daughter were evacuated around noon, said the dry and wooded area made for frequent brush fires.

Canosi has lived in the area since the 1970s.

"You get used to this, but this is the closest it's ever come" to so many houses, said Canosi, who wanted for news on his house at a nearby elementary school.

The fire, stoked by hot dry winds and fueled by chaparral, spread south and west quickly in an unincorporated part of Orange County and threatened multimillion dollar homes here and parts of Orange — about 35 miles southeast of Los Angeles.

The area, known as Anaheim Hills, has many large homes scattered across the hills along with denser gated communities.

Fleeing fires has become a part of life for many residents.

Susan Stoll, who has lived in Anaheim Hills for 23 years, followed a well-worn routine Sunday. She put her cat in a carrier, loaded tax and insurance papers and photographs and found a good vantage point.

"It's freaky what you end up taking with you," she said as she watched television at the Anaheim Hills Community Center for updates.

Firefighters were aided by helicopters and planes dropping water and retardant on the flames, and police went door to door to warn residents to evacuate.

The area, like much of Southern California, is under a red flag alert, indicating a high fire danger. A prolonged drought has left the chaparral-covered hills highly combustible.

Round said the blaze, which ignited at around 8 a.m., may have been started by a vehicle fire on the southbound 241 Windy Ridge Toll Plaza.

Meanwhile, another brush fire had started about 20 miles away in Corona in Riverside County, said Capt. Julie Hutchinson from the California Department of Forestry.

It had consumed about 25 acres but didn't threaten any houses, said Hutchinson.

French President Jacques Chirac: A 'Non!' on Iraq and a mixed legacy

John Leicester
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS — Jacques Chirac, admired and scorned during 12 years as France's president, announced Sunday he will not seek a third term in elections this spring — a widely expected move given his low popularity, his age and a conservative rival who has siphoned off his political base.

In a televised address, Chirac said he would find new ways to serve his country after leaving office: "Serving France, and serving peace, is what I have committed my whole life to."

Most on the French right Chirac once dominated and in the party he founded for his re-election in 2002, have swung behind Interior Minister Jean-Francois Raucci, leaving Chirac with no political base for another run in the April-May two-round presidential vote.

But Chirac, 74, has pulled surprises in the past and he kept France guessing as long as possible about whether he will run again — seemingly to avoid becoming a lame duck too soon.

Chirac leaves a legacy as mixed and ambiguous as the man himself.

He made less of a mark on France than Gen. Charles de Gaulle, his role model, or his immediate predecessor, Socialist Francois Mitterrand.

But internationally, the repercussions of Chirac's defeat "Non!" to the war on Iraq, which forced President Bush to invade in 2003 without United Nations backing, still echo.

So, too, does another "Non!" of the Chirac era — that of French voters who rejected Europe's drive toward greater integration in 2005.

Chirac's acknowledgment of the French state's guilt in the Nazi extermination of Jews in World War II was historic. But economically, few French say they are better off than they were in 1995, when crowds splashed in Paris fountains to celebrate Chirac's come-from-behind election win.

In his address, Chirac urged France to "believe in itself."

"We have so many trump cards," he said. "We must not fear the world's evolution. This new world, we must embrace it. We must continue to put our mark on it."

Still, many are eager to see him go. After four decades in politics, Chirac had become uninteresting scenery — present but barely noticed.

Protected by presidential immunities, Chirac always avoided corruption investigations that brought down others in his entourage. Former aide Jean-Francois Probst described Chirac as "a charming liar." Back in see Chirac, page 5

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Country music queen Loretta Lynn, the coal miners daughter, is getting an honorary doctorate from Boston's Berklee College of Music. Berklee President Roger H. Brown will make the presentation on the stage of the Grand Ole Opry on Saturday for Lynn's contributions to contemporary music and tackling real-life situations faced by many women.

Lynn, 72, was one of the best-known female vocalists of the 1960s and 1970s.

BAYBAD (AP) — A suicide car bomber barreled into a flatbed truck packed with Shi'ite pilgrims Sunday, touching off a giant fireball that left charred bodies strewn through a street in the heart of Baghdad. At least 32 people were killed.

The ambush-style attack showed suspected Sunni insurgents again taking aim at the million of worshippers who traveled to the holy city of Karbala and are now heading home.

Bliss killed at least 15 others in Baghdad. At least 10 Iraqi officials warned an international conference that Iraqi sectarian violence could spread across the Middle East if not quelled.

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Bush pays brief call on Colombia to offer renewed U.S. support

Tom Raum
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BOGOTA, Colombia — President Bush said Sunday that 4,700 additional troops he is sending to Iraq above an increase announced in January are slated for support roles only, and urged Congress to approve funding for the war "without any strings attached."

Two months ago, after an extensive review, Bush ordered 21,500 additional American soldiers to Iraq to help calm Baghdad and the troubled Anbar Province.

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Chirac's opposition to the U.S.-led war on Iraq — he said U.N. weapons inspectors should get more time to disarm Saddam Hussein peacefully — led to a brief surge in his popularity and added bite to his arguments that multilateral, multipolar decision-making — not American might — should govern international action.

"War is always a last resort. It is always proof of failure. It is always the worst of solutions, because it brings death and misery," Chirac said a week before U.S.-led coalition forces invaded Iraq.

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The Monterey Street Wine Co. opened its doors June 17, 2006. John informed me that this store fills a particular niche in San Luis Obispo as a fromagerie and wine shop. The boutique wine shop also sells gift baskets that include cheese, crackers and wine accessories.

The store has a vast selection of wine, tipping the scale at about two hundred. The majority of wines are local. There are many international wines available as well. And the best part: all wines are sectioned off by price range, so it is easy to come in and grab accordingly. The shop oh and includes some international gems not found in local grocery stores, Costco or even Cost Plus. In fact, the emphasis is primarily on value and selection.

The cheese selection was spectacular. It reminded me of my brief time in Paris, where at the grocery store, I found upwards of 40 to 50 types in the cheese aisle. In fact, France has more kinds of cheese than there are calendar days, though I degrees.

The Monterey Street Wine Co.'s selection is similar. The case has French cheeses that include more than your typical Brie; in fact, it has 10 French cheeses. Among the highlights, an Italian cheese washed with Barbera, an Italian red wine (that 10 times fast). The shop even carries three-year-old Gouda!

The wine shop offers elegant wine and cheese pairings every Friday from 5 to 8pm. The price is $10 and includes six tastings along with appropriate cheeses.

This Friday, the winery Unna comes to share wines, including Petite Sirah, Merlot and Syrah. The wineries are a plus, but also focuses on particular wine regions, and varietal differences.

For example, last Friday, I shared in sampling some of their wonderful Cabernet Sauvignon blends. In addition to wine events, they also sponsor local breweries on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month. On April 3, Brian Thompson, from Telegraph Brewing Co., will sample out this local Santa Barbara brewed beer.

Wine club membership is available at the Monterey Street Wine Co. in three levels, depending on particular price points. These wines ship out every other month. Wine club membership entitles members to additional discounts on other wines purchased with those orders. Other incentives include discounts on purchases of 12 or more bottles. The Monterey Street Wine Co. is located on 1255 Monterey St. and online at www.montereystreetwines.com.

As a correction to my last column, I do wish to cite both www.oenotrance.com.co and www.winebusiness.com for my acreage data of organic grapes grown. Even though journalists, integrity is the most important.

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Amanda Reter

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Sherwood is going for "A Different Light" with its new album. Released on MySpace Records, the Beach Boys-inspired musical experience was written on the beach by the San Luis Obispo natives, who had waves and sunshine on their brains.

Naming The Beach Boys as their main influence for this album, Sherwood floats through the 13 tracks with songs that are easy to sing along with and perfect to relax with.

The first track, "Song in My Heart," starts off with an electronic beat but soon kicks in with the guitar, exposing a more of Sherwood's style.

"The Best in Me" follows but doesn't offer much in terms of originality. Lyrics like "wha-oh-oh-oh" and "beat-beat-beat of my beating heart" are a little clichéd, and a digital clapping sound get a little tiresome. But it's only the second track; so moving along...

The next two songs will definitely get you moving with catchy guitar licks and a likeable snare beat. "Middle of the Night" features the sound of Panic! at the Disco, and lead singer Nate Henry captivates with his earnest vocals.

Sherwood slows it down mid-album with "Home," which can be deemed the song that everyone will play when they go home after a night of partying ... only without a hookup partner. Harmonies are scattered throughout the song and make me want to get out a lighter and sing along.

I had to check my iTunes to be sure the track "Alley Cat" was Sherwood because it had a Postal Service sound to it. The style of the background music and vocal changes puts the listener in a sort of daze with smooth strings and a comforting buzz. Later in the album, "The Simple Life" also sounds similar to The Postal Service, but doesn't offer much more in creativity.

"Give Up" will put you on your feet and with its clear and simple lyrics, it is the perfect sing-along...

Local band Sherwood recently released its newest CD, "A Different Light," to rave reviews. The Beach Boys-inspired album features 13 tracks of soul-searching indie rock tunes. They visited their hometown of San Luis Obispo on March 3 while on their spring tour.

SLO-based indie rock band Sherwood sees the 'light'

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South to show audiences how it’s “hard out here for a pimp.” His latest Ashley Voss

"Black Snake Moan" journeys back miles of Tennessee to uncover or just how hard it is for a nympho maniac, and this time around Brewer succeeds, albeit in a peculiar, Bible-totaled life of young sex addict Rae (Christina Ricci, "Monster"). She’s been a victim of abuse since childhood and struggles to find emotional and physical pleasure — especially after her knight-in-blue-collar armor Ronone (Justin Timberlake, "Alpha Dog") is shipped off to the armed forces. Clad in nothing more than cutoffs and Confederate parapherna-li, the foul-mouthed waif sets out to find satisfaction at a good ol’ fashioned house party (or at least engage in some heavy substance abuse) and eventually winds up unconvincingly in an even less-clothed heap in the gravel.

Viewers can only imagine the sur¬prise righteous farmer Lazarus (Samuel L. Jackson, "Snakes on a Plane") receives when he’s throwing out his disobedient wife’s belongings in the morning and discovers the batter¬ed, nearly-naked woman in his ditch. Over the course of the next few days, Lazar discovers he is not deal¬

"Black Snake Moan" features sex addict Rae (Christina Ricci) going through an elongated crash course on repenting her sins with Lazarus (Samuel L. Jackson), a bona fide Southern gentleman and soul-saver.

Yes, there are some questionable words of wisdom from the small-town folk. “She got that sickness. She gotta get dick or she go crazy.” But despite its blending of wide elements, the film plays as easily as a lazy summer day, bold at the right moments and opening the right opportunities for the emotive blues catharsis to shine through.

Writer/director Brewer never misses a chance to bring out the rich essence of his Southern setting, be it through sights or sounds. Starting with the film’s soulful soundtrack he creates a sultry, humid air about the town and its residents and sets the overall framework of the film. With each passing twang of the guitar, each raucous growl of the chorus, the film’s message becomes clearer. Similar to the words of those who’ve been wronged, the film is about learning from past mistakes and more importantly about recovery.

The lead actors do an excellent job of conveying that meaning. While an unlikely pair, Jackson and Ricci complement one another’s performances and adequately play off their respective strengths and weaknesses. As can be expected, Jackson exudes a sense of confidence and creates the powerful, no-nonsense character audiences are used to seeing in his typical roles. However, in “Black Snake Moan,” the actor also showcases an equally satisfying emotional side.

Fear not — Jackson’s badass edge is not lost, only subtly expended upon as he attempts to morally heal Ricci’s troubled-with-screen persona, at first through the means of his own spirituality, but later turning to less conventional methods. Likewise, Ricci pours a great variety of feelings into her character, crafting Rae as part volatile bitch, part helpless victim who is just looking for someone to listen to and help her. Luckily for the audience, Brewer avoids most of the potential cheese factor: This savoir is Samuel L. and not of the likes of say, the ultra-sensitive James Van Der Beek-type character, who would likely start crying rather than reforming the troubled with an iron fist.

From the appearance of its previews, “Black Snake Moan” hardly looks like a hit. But give the film a chance; its heart and soul are surprising.
Conservative's Coulter problem

...When such vitriolic speech finds such a receptive audience in American conservatives, one needs to examine the culture of the parties that support it. Many in the Conservative crowd may publicly disavow themselves of Coulter's comments, like her favored 2008 Republican presidential candidate, Mitt Romney. Many may think she was just there for the comic relief, an acerbic jester in a crowd of serious political commentators. But their unconvincing rebukes of Coulter belie her huge political influence.

Learning shouldn't be motivated by fear, greed

Brian Eller's "America: Land of the Dumb" column indicates for me the motivations of fear and greed. Eller is a good student of learning, which is a science of learning as an end in itself rather than as a means to an end. What about learning as a vehicle for gaining insight into how the world works and developing strategies for solving important issues? Maybe the reason there are so many dumb students is that they are motivated to learn by fear and greed, instead of joy in pushing himself to the limit of his potential.

Despite Eller's sense of attacks on his views (only at Cal Poly) and his love for them, education is a good school in a beautiful area. Let us all agree with Eller's logic and support our teachers. They are why we love education.

School voucher program misrepresented

I'd like to compliment Eller on his compelling defense of school voucher programs by completely misrepresented them. What Eller did not explain is that school voucher advocates tax payers to completely misrepresent the tax payers that they would normally be used to support public education and instead use that money to pay for tuition at a private school. The problem with this idea is that it's completely without precedent and ridiculous. I'm sorry but you don't get to opt out of the parts of your taxes that you aren't going to use. I don't get to opt out of supporting the state police, and instead use the money to buy a gun to defend myself, even if I might think the gun would be more effective.

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Poly softball team wins all 5 games at tournament

**SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT**

**SUNNYVALE** — Senior Emily Hively tossed a complete-game, three-hitter and faced just two batters over the minimum as the Poly softball team completed a 5-0 date at the National Invitational Tournament with 10-0, five-inning victory against Connecticut on Sunday morning at the Twin Creeks Sports Complex.

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Poly men's tennis team loses at home to SCU, 4-1

The Mustangs' only singles victory came from senior Matt Baca, who won 6-2, 6-2.

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

The Cal Poly men's tennis team lost a hard-fought match to Santa Clara, 4-1, Sunday afternoon at Mustang Court. The loss dropped the Mustangs' overall record to 5-6. Cal Poly lost the doubles point in a reenactment of the last doubles match to reach completion, when Mustangs' Baca and Kyle Rohled were narrowly beaten by Jan Mack and Bobby Rasmussen in the No. 1 & 9. Baca recorded the only Mustang victory in singles play, 6-2, 6-2 over Jay Wong of the Bronco.

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2. Book of spells
3. Notice
4. Budding
5. South American
6. Answered, 8 Letters
7. If you go to the gym
8. Stressed
9. Some
10. Right
11. Ocean
12. Jamboree
13. Hid
14. Parents
15. Owl
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Mustangs ‘this close,’ but fall to 49ers in Big West title game, 94-83

Cal Poly ended arguably its best season since going 23-6 in 1985-86 on a down note.

Tristan Aird

ANAHEIM — Less than 13 minutes left.

That’s how far away the Cal Poly men’s basketball team was Saturday night from locking up its first trip to the NCAA Tournament.

But the Mustangs, who led by five points at halftime and by one with only 12 minutes, 53 seconds remaining, were overwhelmed down the stretch by a hungry, senior-laden Long Beach State team. Cal Poly wound up losing 94-83 in the Big West Conference Tournament championship game before 4,130 fans at the Anaheim Convention Center Arena in front of a national television audience on ESPN2.

“I think that’s what hurts the most, is putting in the hard work all season,” Cal Poly senior forward Derek Stockalper said. “To come up a little short in the end, it hurts. There’s no other way to put it.”

With tears streaming down many of their faces, the Mustangs stayed on the court after the final buzzer to silently watch Long Beach State fans storm the court in a raucous celebration that culminated with the 49ers dancing, posing with the trophy and cutting down the nets.

While the top-seeded 49ers (24-7) advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since moving to the Division I level in 1994-95. Both teams capitalized on a pair of byes into the conference tournament semifinals.

Cal Poly jumped out to leads of 13-7, 25-18 and 33-25 before heading to halftime up 35-30 and even led 51-50 with 12:53 left.

But Long Beach State then began to score at a blistering pace, piling up 3-pointers and slams dunked until it had scored 40 points in the final 4:55 of the game.

“In was a great basketball game, a typical Long Beach State team,” Cal Poly head coach Kevin Bromley said. “(The 49ers) didn’t panic. They had poise.”

Most praised of all for Long Beach State was senior guard Aaron Nixon, the Big West Player of the Year. He played all 40 minutes and finished with team highs of 29 points and 10 rebounds.

“I voted for (Nixon) as Player of the Year and he showed he was worth it as Player of the Year,” Bromley said. “We did have to keep different guys on him. He’s a good player; it’s hard to hold him down. Big players step up in big occasions and I thought he did that. (The 49ers) have the basketball, they’ve got eight mature seniors, they have poise and they can make big shots.”

Bromley’s team sank plenty of big shots early Saturday, but not enough late.

“I’m really proud of my basketball team, collectively as a group,” Bromley said. “It was by committee but simply that their players were the better team — made their presence felt. Many of their faces, the Mustangs were overwhelmed in the final minutes after fouling out in the Mustangs’ 94-83 loss to Long Beach State in the championship game of the Big West Conference Tournament at the Anaheim Convention Center Arena.

Below left, Long Beach State senior guard Kevin Houston watches his 3-point shot sail in during the second half.

Below right, Long Beach State senior forward Dominic Ricks kisses the trophy while celebrating with teammates.

Above, Cal Poly sophomore guard Trac Clark, who was named to the all-tournament team, watches the final minutes after fouling out in the Mustangs’ 94-83 loss to Long Beach State in the championship game of the Big West Conference Tournament at the Anaheim Convention Center Arena.

BY THE NUMBERS

6 Mustangs who finished the season averaging at least 6 RPG

18-3 Cal Poly’s record this season when ahead at halftime, compared to 2-13 when behind Saturday’s loss

53 Points LBSU guards Aaron Nixon and Kejuan Johnson combined for

56.7 The 49ers’ field goal percentage in the second half

643, their best record and most wins overall since going 19-9 at the Division II level in 1991-92, a 2-2 mark at home and 13 wins in their last 16 games.

Bromley and Stockalper agreed that the 49ers did not make wholesale adjustments in the second half, but simply that their players were having increased success getting to the hoop.

“I didn’t see that they were running new stuff that we hadn’t seen before,” Bromley said. “We did post Nixon a little bit. He’s pretty good about throwing it out. I thought double penetration hurt us.”

Stockalper added: “I didn’t see them very much (different). They were just taking the ball to the basket.”

The win was crucial for fifth-year Long Beach State head coach Larry Reynolds, who has reported edly been on the hot seat with a contract that expires Monday.

“We score a lot of points and keep the pressure on you offensive,” Reynolds said. “Our guys, I think, have hung in there to get to this point.”

Although roughly a thousand Cal Poly fans — including hundreds of vocal Mustang Maniacs, the band, cheerleaders and dance team — made their presence felt, Long Beach State fans outnumbered the Cal Poly contingent.

While Long Beach State’s campus is less than 20 miles away from the Anaheim Convention Center Arena Cal Poly’s is more than 230.

“The crowd got behind us,” Reynolds said. “We took it from there.”

That crowd was ignited most on perhaps the game’s biggest momentum-swinging play when Kevin Houston found Mark Dawson for a one-handed alley-oop dunk that looked more like a windmill slam and sent the black-and-gold clad 49ers fans into delirium.

The play was part of 10 unanswered points for Long Beach State, which scored 16 in the final 1:27.

That was a significant contrast from the first half, in which the two teams traded baskets early on. They finished with 10 lead changes in a game that was tied at three different times.

Cal Poly sophomore guard Chaz Thomas scored 25 of his game- and career-high 31 points in the second half and had two steals. Junior guard Dawin Whiten scored 15 points and sophomore guard Trac Clark had 10 points and seven assists for the Mustangs, who had an eight-game winning streak snapped.

While Cal Poly was 8 for 28 from three-point range, Long Beach State was 28 for 33 from the free-throw line.

The 49ers on Sunday were granted a No. 12 seed in the NCAA Tournament and will play fifth-seeded Tennessee (22-10) in the South Region in a first-round game in Columbus, Ohio, Friday. The time of the game, which will be televised on CBS, will be announced.

Long Beach State averages 80.3 points per game and ranked 10th in the nation in points per game (79.9) through last Thursday.

“We score a lot of points and keep the pressure on you offensive,” Reynolds said. “We try to get up and down the floor. Our kids compete. They are going to compete for 40 minutes. Even if they get down, they’re going to come at you. That’s one thing that got us to this point, is the competitive spirit of this team.”

Of Nixon, Reynolds said: “He’s the heart and soul of our team — the emotional leader and the offensivest a Basketball, page 10