Egyptian romance ‘Aida’ unfolds in the PAC today

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When police received a call that a man on campus had a gun, they responded with their own weapons, only to find he carried a flashlight.

UPD responds to gun threat

Brittany Ridley
MUSTANG DAILY

The University Police Department responded to a call on Feb. 27 about a man on campus who appeared to have a gun by sending officers armed with shotguns and rifles. The manner of the response shocked many students about University Police policies involving gun use on campus.

Detective Wayne Lyons said the man was part of the David Copperfield performance that was held on campus that evening.

When police reached the scene they found the man was actually holding a flashlight in a holster like other David Copperfield crew members, Lyons said.

Philosophy junior Aaron Morales said he was surprised by the police officers’ response.

“I was just kind of shocked that the weapons they were carrying,” Morales said. “I didn’t know that we had officers running around with assault rifles on this campus. It looked very military.”

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Professor named ‘Influential Latino’

Samantha Freitas
MUSTANG DAILY

Robert Flores, Cal Poly agriculture education and communication professor, will be honored as one of the Central Coast’s most influential Latinos on March 10.

Flores was one of 28 people who were chosen for the award, which is a program run by the Santa Maria-based newspaper Latino Today. The recipients of the award are from a variety of fields, including government, business, education, social work, journalism and nonprofit work.

“We selected Bob Flores for a number of reasons. One was that he is performing and has performed some really important functions in our community, like being a long-time trainer of young people who are going to go out there and become teachers in the agricultural field,” said Jesse Chavarria, editor of Latino Today.

Flores was also chosen for the award for his involvement in a variety of Latino initiatives over the years, including his help in founding the Latino Outreach Council and Vision Unida.

Vision Unida is a local leadership development group that was formed from the Latino Outreach Council. The idea of the group is to educate the community to sample 65 local beers in an event hosted by the Brew Crew at Central Coast Brewing Co. on Saturday night.

Homebrewers compete for Cal Poly Cup

Tyler Wise
MUSTANG DAILY

In a ceaseless effort to promote home brewing, the Cal Poly Brew Crew showcased the best beers that Cal Poly students and the community of San Luis Obispo had to offer Saturday night during the annual Cal Poly Cup.

In association with Central Coast Brewing Co. and Doc’s Cellar of San Luis Obispo, the Cal Poly Brew Crew hosted the Cal Poly Cup, a competition open to students and members of the community, on March 10 at the Central Coast Brewing Co. at 1422 Monterey St.

The competition offered several different prizes to determine the best tasting beers in the community (including the chance to have Central Coast Brewing Co. brew a keg of the winner’s homebrew), and also stood to enlighten competitors and guests alike about the various types of beers that can be produced through home brewing.

“This isn’t just a competition to decide the best tasting beers, but also an opportunity for students and members of the community to taste several different types of beer and learn about how they’re made so that they too can brew their own beer,” said Nick Chanimos, the Brew Crew vice-president and industrial technology senior.

With doors open for registration at 7 p.m., a swarm of competitors and guests began filtering their way into Central Coast Brewing Co.

In order to compete in the Cal Poly Cup, contestants were required to pay an entry fee of $5 and to bring eight 12-ounce bottles or four 22-ounce bottles — some for judging and others for sharing with everyone. Guests wishing to get a sample of samples received tickets at the door.

College students spend spring break with farmworkers

Olivia Munoz
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAMONT, Calif. — On a sunny day when her fellow college students were grabbing beach towels and beer, Nathalie Sanchez was knocking on the doors of farmworkers left jobless after a recent freeze killed much of the state’s citrus crop.

It’s not the first spring break she’s spent doing service instead of shots.

The senior art major was among 10 students from Loyola Marymount University who lived and worked with San Joaquin Valley farmworkers for a week in March, learning about the struggles farmworkers face.

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taste were asked to pay $10, while sober drivers, there simply to mingle (or baby-sit), were allowed in for free.

By 7:30 p.m., the Brewery was packed walk-to-walk with both contestants and guests eager to knock back a few of the slew of beers entered into the contest while launching on a variety of finger foods provided by the Brew Crew.

"We were really stoked on this year's turnout," said Jeff Freitas, Brew Crew president and civil engineering senior. "There must have been well over 120 people at the competition to try the 65 different beers submitted."

Of the 65 beers submitted, the competition featured a variety of beers including ales, ciders, lagers, and a few unique blends.

"One of the most unique beers submitted was a peanut-cake beer," Freitas said. "I'm not sure how that one favored but it was a welcome addition and we're always excited to see original creations."

The beer with the most submissions was a variety of ales, which tend to be the least difficult to brew, Freitas said.

"Because ales are best brewed at room temperature, the mild climate of San Luis Obispo makes it an ideal beer to tinker with," Freitas said. "Though we had a lot of ales submitted, it was also to good to see that we had quite a few entrants make the effort to brew lagers which need to be brewed at a cold temperature. We were really stoked on the amount of effort that went into this competition."

After every beer submitted had been tasted, a panel of four judges, including members of the Brew Crew and Central Coast Brewery, announced their favorites.

First place and a $100 gift certificate to Doc's Cellar went to wine and viticulture student Philip Ye for his homemade Pal Ale. Second place and a $50 gift certificate went to wine and viticulture student Lati Vidensky for his Double IPA submission, while the "Crowd Favorite" prize went to civil engineering seniors Kevin Gerst and Chris Barkley for their home brewed "Patriot Ale."

In addition to winning the title of Crowd Favorite, Gerst and Barkley's Patriot Ale will become a featured brew at Central Coast Brewery.

Though both Freitas and Channess said they were happy to have so many people attend and participate in the competition, the overall goal was to encourage students and members of the community to learn about how beer is made; also, by showcasing the variety on hand at the Cal Poly Cup, get them excited about the endless possibilities.

In addition, the Cal Poly Cup also stood to encourage students to advocate the establishment of a brewing minor on campus, Freitas said.

"Through the Cal Poly Cup and our weekly meetings, the Brew Crew's overall goal is to have Cal Poly create a minor in brewing so that students can learn about the ingredients, and the process of creating hundreds of types of beers, so that they can brew their own for business or pleasure," Freitas said.

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Every police department in California has shotguns and rifles in all patrol cars, and it is important for officers to be well prepared in a situation such as this, Lyons said.

"I was personally carrying my handgun but other officers did have rifles and shotguns," Lyons said. "That is very standard. You never know if a person at the scene will have a rifle himself."

University Police Department Commander Lori Hashim said police always arrive on a scene in safety gear, which includes a handgun and pepper spray.

"We take these calls very seriously, especially with everything that happens in society today," Hashim said. "We are always going to approach it as if it is a real problem.

The crowd member was unaware that his flashlight looked like a gun, but Lyons said he wasn't surprised that a passerby thought it was a handgun.

"They were clueless," Lyons said.

"They had no idea what we were assuming. It really did look like he had a handgun on his hip from the front. You really couldn't tell it was a flashlight until he turned to the side. So, I mentioned that he may want to move the hostler somewhere besides his right side."

Lyons said that students should always report suspicious situations on campus.

"Our common complaint is that if students do see anything unusual, take note of the person and report it right away," Lyons said. "Try to get as much visual information as you can: what color hair, color pants or what he was wearing."

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underrepresented population and to assist them in becoming more involved in civic affairs in the county.

"From the name Vision Unida, united vision, you can tell that the focus of the program initially was to get the Latino population, who was pretty much silent in a lot of the affairs in the county, more active," Flores said. Vision Unida has graduated 11 classes, comprised mostly of working adults who have completed the 13-week program since it started in 1994.

When Flores first came to Cal Poly in 1983, he was one of only four Latino professors.

"Things have changed over the years and I don't think it's been by accident. Somebody has to encourage the Latino population to get more involved," Flores said. "I really believe that people need to be contributors to the betterment of their community. I'm a firm believer of that."

Cal Poly is No. 2 in the nation in graduating Latinos in agriculture, but Flores said there is still work to do.

"We will have a long way to go, don't get me wrong. If you look at Cal Poly, it is not representative of the high school population of California," Flores said.

This is the second year that Latino Today has honored Latinos on the Central Coast. Last year they honored 50 people, including Cal Poly journalism professor George Ramos, because there was such a backlog of people who had not been recognized.

"One of the reasons we started this award is that no one was honoring people who are Latinos, who are leaders, who are doing great things for our community. As far as we could tell, no one was paying any attention to them or what they were doing," Chavarría said. "As the people running the paper, we come in contact with these people on a daily basis and thought, 'somebody ought to be doing something for them and thanking them for their service.'"
State

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Pentagon top general said Tuesday he should not have voiced his personal view that homosexuality is immoral and should have just stated his sup­port for the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy in an interview that has drawn criti­cism from lawmakers and gay­right groups.

The written statement by Marine Gen. Peter Pace, chair­man of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, did not apologize for his stance on homosexuality.

In a newspaper interview Monday, Pace likened homo­sexual acts to adultery and said the military should not con­done it by allowing gays to serve openly in the armed forces.

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ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — The Transportation Security Administration stepped up security at airports around Florida on Tuesday, days after baggage handlers in Orlando were accused of smuggling guns aboard a commercial airliner.

More than 150 security offi­cers, aviation inspectors, federal air marshals and others were being dispatched to airports in Orlando, Tampa, Miami, Fort Lauderdale and San Juan.

Pacoima, San Diego The officers will be in place for a few days before rotating to other airports, offi­cials said.

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Steve Lawrence

SACRAMENTO Assembly committee Tuesday put off voting on a bill that would require girls entering the seventh grade to be vaccinated against the cervical cancer­causing human papillomavirus.

The measure's author, Assemblyman Ed Hernandez, D­ Baldwin Park, requested the delay after opponents said the vaccine was too new to be mandated by the state and that parents might have difficulty taking advantage of a provision allowing them to opt­out of the requirement.

"There was obviously a lot of discussion and debate," Hernandez said after the Assembly Health Committee held a roughly hour­long hearing on the bill. "I wanted to make sure I address all of the concerns of members and bring it back for a vote in April."

He said he was willing to con­sider amendments.

"A couple of members that expressed concerns had specific­language they'd like to discuss with me," he said. "I'll take it into con­sideration, and if it makes sense will include it."

In 2010, the bill would require girls entering seventh grade to have a series of three vac­cinations to protect them against HPV, which can be sexually trans­mitted and cause genital warts and cervical cancer. But parents could obtain an exemption by writing a letter to the school stating their opposition to the vaccination requirement.

Dr. Jenny Biller, an obstetrician and gynecologist at the University of California, Davis Medical Center, testified for the bill, saying the vaccine was "almost 98 to 100 percent effective."

Patricia Carthew, a Los Angeles woman who said she suffers from debilitating bone problems because of radiation treatments for cervical cancer, called the HPV vaccine "a vaccine of life."

"I just wish when I was younger there was a vaccine so I would not have to go through this," she said. "It's too late for me and it's too late for a lot of women, but it's too late for our daughters."

Vote delayed on bill requiring girls to be vaccinated against HPV
San Francisco — A nonprofit that runs a national post-abortion telephone talk line has unveiled a series of electronic greeting cards that concerned friends and family can send to a woman after she chooses to terminate a pregnancy.

"Women having abortions are calling our line because often they don't have someone to talk to — it's a stigmatized issue," said Aspen Baker, founder and executive director of Oakland-based Exhale. "So the chance to honor and acknowledge someone's experience by calling upon something that is within our social practices and social mores seemed important and could go a long way toward supporting people."

Like Exhale's confidential talk line, the six e-cards available on the group's Web site were designed by a nonpartisan and encompass the range of someone's potential responses to going through an abortion.

One expresses sympathy, offering the gentle reminder that, "As you grieve, remember that you are loved." Another encourages someone to "go on" and the thought that "God will never leave you or forsake you."

Although greeting card offerings have expanded in recent years to include such milestones as divorce, post-training and half-birthdays, Baker said she was unsure of anyone else providing after-abortion cards online. The inspiration for the project came in part from a veteran abortion provider who frequently observed there were no Hallmark cards for abortion, she said.

The cards are part of a broader effort by Baker, who launched Exhale in January 2002, to bring the agency's work into a broader arena. In two weeks, the agency plans to publish a magazine featuring stories, poems, letters and rituals by and for women who have had abortions.

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The history of the rural labor move­
ment and organizing, as food and
and clothing drive for out-of-work field
hands.
The program, a partnership
between Loyola Marymount and the
Dolores Huerta Foundation, a
Bakerfield nonprofit named for the
co-founder of the United Farm
Workers union, is among a growing
number of "alternative" spring breaks
in which students skip the booze
revelry in favor of volunteer work
around the world.
In past years, Sanchez traveled to
the Dominican Republic for a fair
trade coffee effort and to Guatemala
to help with community develop­
ment in a Mayan village. This spring
break, the art major from Cudahy
stayed closer to home. Lumant, the
farm community she visited, is about
110 miles north of her school's Los
Angeles campus.
"We understand there are issues
that affect communities that are in
our own country," Sanchez said, "and
here, in our own state."
In this city of about 13,000, the
storm and organizing, as food,
drift and organizing to fight for bet­
ter wages. But these days the main
topic of conversation is the cold
soup.
Several days of subfreezing tem­
peratures in January ruined more
than $1 billion worth of citrus and
other crops, according to the state,
making it the most devastating blow
to the industry in more than a
decade. As many as 28,000 farm­
workers lost their jobs.
Sanchez and her fellow students
sorted donated clothes and went
to door to door assessing needs
and telling workers about the food and
clothing giveaways. At a local com­
nunity center, they filled boxes with
bread and canned food for displaced
workers.
"It's nice to see people from out­
side of our city come here to help,"
said Guadalupe Flores, 59, a Mexican
immigrant who stood in the clothes
line after getting a box of food.
Flores had just finished the grape
harvest and was getting ready to pick
grapes when the cold snap hit. Now
his family is getting by on his daugh­
ter's income from a grocery store
cashier job.
This was the second year of the
Loyola Marymount/Dolores Huerta
program. The students live in the
farm laborers' modest homes and
apartments for a week and learn
about current issues confronting
agricultural workers and community
organizing.
"Last year they actually worked in
the fields and saw how hard that is,"
said Pablo Rodriguez, an organizer
for the foundation. "But this year
they're seeing what it's like when
there's no work, which is a different
kind of challenge.
Break Away, an Atlanta-based
nonprofit that trains students for ser­
vice-based trips, estimates that more
than 35,000 college students spent
part of their vacation each year doing
volunteer work.
Service-oriented breaks began at
the flip-side option to the traditional
week of spring debauchery, but
many schools now offer programs
during winter break, summer vaca­
tion and even over a weekend.
Students from the University of
Wyoming went to New Orleans to
rebuild homes destroyed by Hurricane
Katrina; University of Kansas students
worked at homeless
shelters in Washington; and volun­
teers from the University of
Northern Florida helped set for­
est conservation program in
Ecuador.
Loyola Marymount's alternative
breaks have become so popular the
application process is now compet­	ive. Applicants go through an inter­
view and pay for the trip themselves;
the Lamont trip was $250 but expen­
ditures abroad can cost as much as
$1,200.
"There's a real desire to under­
stand our world abroad, but there's
also an interest in understanding
communities in our own country,"
said Maria Aldrete, director of the
university's Center for Service and
Action.
The student's said their service
didn't end with the resumption of
classes. They have arranged for trips from
a valley high school to visit Loyola's
campus after talking to the students
about going to college.
"A lot of people speak about ser­
vice," said Juliani Xochimitl, 20. She
felt a personal connection to this trip
because her parents are Mexican
immigrants who had to work low-
paying jobs.
"It's here that I finally saw things
being done," she said, "and we're the
ones doing it, we young people."
A LONG WAY GONE, MEMOIRS OF A BOY SOLDIER

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Josh Christensen
THE GUARDIAN (UC-SAN DIEGO)

If you have a stomach for brazen sex and violence — and this movie will put many to the test — then "300" is a visual feast more satisfying to the warmonger inside of you than anything before or after it for many years.

Never has a movie utilized so much of the screen. Every inch of every frame is such a stunning masterpiece that we can safely give cinematographer Larry Fong next year's Oscar right now, without question. It's that impressive.

"300"'s larger than life boundaries of the original opera and showcases emotional ballads and dynamic rock beats.

The bad guys are coming, and we're going to stop them, no matter if the odds. There is a historical basis for the story: The Persian king Xerxes' failed campaign to conquer Greece, and the Greek play "The Persians," by Aeschylus, about the cause of that defeat.

But Frank Miller's "300" stands alone. Many characters are entirely fictional, and even the real ones take on comic-book proportions, from a Spartan traitor who looks like Quasimodo on steroids to a godlike Xerxes, who towers several feet over the tallest Spartan.

The Greek template for the story was political for its time, exemplifying a pivotal Greek victory as a showpiece for the consequences of hubris. The film "300" is no different, lacing every line of the movie's dialogue with political themes.

The Elton John/Tim Rice collaboration incorporates jazz, rhythm and blues, and even the "Crocodile Rock" into its crowd-pleasing score.

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Music department faculty member Alyson Lamore, who is well-versed in the original "Aida," will give a pre-show lecture on the music in "Aida." It will take place in the Gallery Lobby at 7 p.m.

She describes the show as a "contemporary musical take on the grand classical tale of love between a soldier and an enslaved princess — a love that condemns them to death, but ultimately transcends the vast cultural differences between two warring nations, heralding an unprecedented time of peace and prosperity."
Bias a la the current Iraq war. Get. Director Zack Snyder's character doors and the Spartan King are palpable when the Persian campaign of terror arrives at the Spartan doorstep. Despite the unnecessary politics, should simply look elsewhere. The movie is really just about violence for the sake of violence, and nudity for the sake of nudity. If that's what you're after, there you can sit back and gorg on this visceral masterpiece.

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**HAPPY PI DAY EVERYONE!**

Yes, that's right, it's 3/14, the day we mathematicians, scientists, engineers, and all those who love the number Pi, celebrate one of the world's favorite irrational numbers. One easy way to celebrate Pi Day is to eat foods with "pi" in it, like pie (lemon meringue or strawberry-rhubarb are good choices) or pizza.

You might want to know that this holiday and others like it are under attack by several Democrats in our state assembly. It's true, though. Just recently, a bill authored by Assemblyman Tom Mendoza (D) and supported by other Democrats—that would ban trans-fats statewide—has passed through the California health committee and will soon be up for a vote.

In an effort to promote healthy eating, the California Department of Public Health has declared that it would destroy one of my favorite foods: pie. This because the good tasting pie crust contains trans-fat, which is dramatically better than the trans-fat-free pie crusts currently available.

Unfortunately, not only would this bill destroy the taste of pie, but it would actually raise the price of it. Trans-fats exist not only in pie crusts, but in many cooking oils used across the country and switching to different oils is often expensive. As a result, particularly hurt small restaurant owners, who have mandatory spinach eating days.

Of course, most nutrition experts will tell you it's not the trans-fats in our diet that make Americans overweight; rather, it's eating too many calories and getting too little exercise that causes obesity.

A report of acknowledging that living a healthy lifestyle is up to the individual, not up to the state, these Democrats are trying to tell us what we can and cannot eat. This attitude is unimportant for a country that believes in the American Dream: opportunity for all. This bill destroy the taste of pie, but it would actually raise the price of it.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Ignorance not an excuse to discriminate**

Intolerance and ignorance are problems that stunt the development in the Middle East to present anyone non-Jewish, (including the 20 percent of Palestinians that is Christian) as a bloodthirsty barbarian. Unfortunately, there are members in this community, such as Sam Goodie, who use statistics to mislead people rather than understand societal development in a historical context. Feudalism was one of the most violent periods in history: European killing each other over land! Sound familiar? The United States was formed after millions of American civilians and displaced from their homeless Palestinian homes on Israeli occupied land.

The events that have been organized by clubs advocating Arab unity, are the reprehensible actions of the Americans and American governments. FACT: Palestine is illegally occupied by Israel in breach of Article 49 of the Fourth Geneva Convention. FACT: American cluster bombs were used by Israel in the assault of Beirut this past July. The citizens of Israel and America—become accomplices to their governments when they fail to recognize these facts.

**Austin misrepresented Coulter's speech**

In regards to Austin's column on Monday, March 12, I would like to point out the inaccuracies. Since Austin and I have had a long in-class discussion about CPAC, an event I attended, I am disappointed that Austin would misrepresent what happened. But, I want to be clear that I do not con­done what Ann Coulter said.

First, there were no standing ovations if I was in the room when she spoke. Secondly, she never even said I was going to the end of her speech.

Secondly, since when do the actions of one person reflect a group as a whole? If we start believing that shouldn't I assume that all people who worry about global warming are hypocrites like Al Gore? It uses the average energy resources of people in his town, that sure is a way to help reduce our carbon footprint. I am sure Austin must then be proud of everything Bill Maher says too. The same, Coulter made a remark, he said that the assassina-
West Conference Player of the Year, leads the 49ers into their NCAA Tournament first-round game against Tennessee on Friday.

Tennessee's press defense in practice is working on how to attack so we haven't faced a team like that before coming of sorts, because he grew up about two hours north in Iowa. Connecticut, Iowa State, Eastern Illinois and Charlotte. At 6-6, Cal Poly seems poised to finally find that elusive NCAA Tournament bid and might not have to sweat it out this year. As Big West play nears, Cal Poly has its eye on a conference championship. The Mustangs were picked second in the preseason coaches poll behind Cal State Fullerton, but Cal Poly has played just as well up to this point as is in finals in Southern California.

Frankly

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Mustangs won the National Invitational Tournament seeding of the teams out West don't (press), doesn't work on this squirl and, even though it could have it, the pair is squaring off the best team in the nation. Win the Big West and there's no telling what about today's game. The Monarchs are an intriguing team. Vaklas Vasylius, a 6-foot-10 Craig Bradshaw posting 13.3 points per game and 6.2 boards per game. Drew Williamson is a capable point guard whose assist-to-turnover ratio is better than a number of notable big point guards, like UCLA's Darren Collison (2.70-2.03). The Monarchs' marquee win of the season was a 75-62 romancing of then-No. 8 Georgetown. That was a different Hoyas squad, but the win earned Old Dominion some respect. Butler might have been the role-model for mid-major schools after the preseason NIT, but they're in for an even bigger game against one of the more underrated mid-majors.

4. Duke/VCU — Before championship week began, it was either Duke or VCU (VCU sat on the bubble for my list. It would beat the Dukies because they're a big-name team getting little respect — they are a very good team)

3. Old Dominion — Is not the best the Colonial Athletic Association and, oh yeah, won a national title. If you look at the polls.letters.

Drake basketball team to take the ball to the basket could be the same.

1. Arizona — Arizona scored one team getting little respect — they are a very good team. In case you haven't heard enough of the Wildcats, they could knock off North Carolina in a conference championship. The Eagles can keep Oregon's bevy of perimeter players under control, Westchop could survive to the Final Four. A date with No. 12 UCTA is feasible, but Oregon is a hot team, to take the ball to the basket could be the same. In case you haven't heard enough of the Wildcats, they could knock off North Carolina in a conference championship. The Eagles can keep Oregon's bevy of perimeter players under control, Westchop could survive to the Final Four. A date with No. 12 UCTA is feasible, but Oregon is a hot team, to take the ball to the basket could be the same. In case you haven't heard enough of the Wildcats, they could knock off North Carolina in a conference championship. The Eagles can keep Oregon's bevy of perimeter players under control, Westchop could survive to the Final Four. A date with No. 12 UCTA is feasible, but Oregon is a hot team, to take the ball to the basket could be the same. In case you haven't heard enough of the Wildcats, they could knock off North Carolina in a conference championship. The Eagles can keep Oregon's bevy of perimeter players under control, Westchop could survive to the Final Four. A date with No. 12 UCTA is feasible, but Oregon is a hot team, to take the ball to the basket could be the same. In case you haven't heard enough of the Wildcats, they could knock off North Carolina in a conference championship. The Eagles can keep Oregon's bevy of perimeter players under control, Westchop could survive to the Final Four. A date with No. 12 UCTA is feasible, but Oregon is a hot team, to take the ball to the basket could be the same. In case you haven't heard enough of the Wildcats, they could knock off North Carolina in a conference championship. The Eagles can keep Oregon's bevy of perimeter players under control, Westchop could survive to the Final Four. A date with No. 12 UCTA is feasible, but Oregon is a hot team, to take the ball to the basket could be the same. In case you haven't heard enough of the Wildcats, they could knock off North Carolina in a conference championship. The Eagles can keep Oregon's bevy of perimeter players under control, Westchop could survive to the Final Four. A date with No. 12 UCTA is feasible, but Oregon is a hot team, to take the ball to the basket could be the same. In case you haven't heard enough of the Wildcats, they could knock off North Carolina in a conference championship. The Eagles can keep Oregon's bevy of perimeter players under control, Westchop could survive to the Final Four. A date with No. 12 UCTA is feasible, but Oregon is a hot team, to take the ball to the basket could be the same. In case you haven't heard enough of the Wildcats, they could knock off North Carolina in a conference championship. The Eagles can keep Oregon's bevy of perimeter players under control, Westchop could survive to the Final Four. A date with No. 12 UCTA is feasible, but Oregon is a hot team, to take the ball to the basket could be the same. In case you haven't heard enough of the Wildcats, they could knock off North Carolina in a conference championship. The Eagles can keep Oregon's bevy of perimeter players under control, Westchop could survive to the Final Four. A date with No. 12 UCTA is feasible, but Oregon is a hot team, to take the ball to the basket could be the same.

Mustangs are long overdue for an NCAA Tournament invitation. Win the Big West and there's nothing to worry about — now if they can only get some respect in the polls.

The survey is odd to consider the Blue Devils as a sleeper pick to make the Final Four, but it would be a good game against one of the more underrated mid-majors.

Frisco 3-0 Earned to move to the Sweet 16...that is, if they can survive VCU.

The Rams have a formidable trio of guards in B.A. Walker, Eric Maynor and Jesse Palmer and absolutely took over the final minutes of the Colonial Athletic Association title game against George Mason and averages 6.3 assists per game. Maynor's 3:00 assist-to-turnover ratio is as good as any big-name point guard in the nation. The Rams' abilities to take the ball to the basket could prove troublesome for Duke. I've got VCU in an upset on my bracket.
The New York Times

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Cleveland hands Sacramento third straight loss

The Cleveland Cavaliers scored 74 points in the second half of playing well without Lebron James.

Joe Milicia

CLEVELAND - Apparently fear is what makes the Cleveland Cavaliers play so well without Lebron James.

Ashe Pardue scored a career-high 25 points and Larry Hughes added 23 to lead Cleveland to a season-high ninth straight victory, 124-100 over the Sacramento Kings on

Tuesday night.

James was a late scratch from the lineup because of back spasms. The Cavaliers are 3-0 this season with

out their superstar and 9-2 without him since he joined the team in

2003.

"We always get scared a little bit when he's out, so we try to step up and gain a win," Pardue said.

James felt something in his back Monday night and then again after the Cavs’ shootaround Tuesday.

He traveled with the team Tuesday night to Memphis and was re-evaluated before Wednesday night's game. He was listed as questionable.

The All-Star forward didn't say if he was reporting ailing game.

As James left the locker room, he was asked how he felt.

"I'm moving aren't I?" he said.

"He wanted to play," Cavaliers coach Mike Brown said.

Brown said James was going to play with the spasm, but I told him I thought it would be best for the team and best for the long run to sit this one out.

James has led the Cavaliers recent surge, averaging an NBA-best 33.3 points on 53 percent shooting since Feb. 15.
Big West champ Long Beach State turns focus to Tennessee

The 49ers are coming off a 94-83 win over Cal Poly in Sunday’s Big West Conference Tournament championship game.

Patrick Creaven
SPORTS EDITOR, LONG BEACH CITY (CA)

LONG BEACH — Long Beach State forward Sterling Byrd got a surprise when he went to his statistics class Monday. "My professor stopped the class and the whole class gave me a standing ovation," Byrd said. "I’m a shy dude, so I kind of wanted to run out of the class. But it was really nice of my professor (Jeff Davis) to do that."

A team that just a few years ago was at the bottom of the Big West Conference is now banking in the glory of being conference champions and before it heads to the NCAA Tournament first round in Columbus, Ohio.

The team gathered in The Walter Pyramid on Monday afternoon to talk with the media about its first-round opponent, Tennessee. The game will be Friday at the Nationwide Arena in Columbus, with tip-off at approximately 1:35 a.m.

"(Tennessee) plays a pressure defense," said Byrd. "We’ll have to handle that."

BRENNAN ANGEL / STAFF PHOTO

Showed last year, Cal Poly senior center fielder Lisa Modglin is batting .559 this season. She has led the Mustangs to their best start since 1997. MODGLIN TIES FOR THE TEAM LEAD IN DOUBLES (8), HAS NOT COMMITTED AN ERROR ALL YEAR.

The USA Today/NFCA softball top-25 rankings are unquestionably flawed and a remembrance of the upper-echelon softball squads... NOT! Even our Kazakh friend Borat can figure that one out. Cal Poly, despite marquee wins against No. 7 Northwestern, No. 11 Washington and No. 13 Stanford, garnered one, coast-to-coast, one vote in the USA Today/NFCA top-25 poll last week.

The latest poll was released this morning and ought to tell a different story, but the lack of respect given to Cal Poly’s program the last two years is ridiculous.

On the other hand, pollsters saw fit to give undervaluing UC Santa Barbara four votes. The Gauchos beat No. 3 Arizona State 8-7, but have yet to notch another top-25 win. The only other game the Gauchos have played against a top-25 opponent was a 2-0 loss to No. 23 California.

To their credit, the Gauchos did win against then-No. 18 Massachusetts, but the Minutewomen have since dropped considerably from top-25 talk with an 8-4 start.

In contrast, Cal Poly was 3-3 against top-25 teams before voters cast their ballots one week ago. The Mustangs have clearly played a tougher schedule than the Gauchos. Yet the Mustangs have more votes than Cal Poly — curiosity theorists, it’s your time to shine. Did the wins against Northwestern and Stanford go unnoticed by (nearly) every voter in the land? Any men’s basketball team with wins of Cal Poly’s caliber would, at the absolute least, take home one vote — by golly, they might even crack the top-25. Admittedly, the argument is rather petty — the difference between four votes and one. However, this small example is indicative of the small amount of respect Cal Poly softball receives.

Cal Poly is off to a tremendous start, in fact since 1997 when the squad rose to No. 7 in the USA Today/NFCA top-25 poll with a 20-3 record (somehow the Mustangs were snubbed again that year). Over the weekend, the