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**Legislator calls for penalties on gas-guzzling vehicles**

Paul Rogers (Deputy, CA 25th (San Diego-Del Mar))

SAN JOSE — Call it the Robin Hood approach to global warming.

California drivers who buy new Hummers, Ford Expeditions and other big vehicles that emit high levels of greenhouse gases would pay a fee of up to $2,500.

And drivers who buy more fuel-efficient cars, such as the Toyota Prius or Ford Focus, would receive rebates of up to $2,500, straight from the gas-guzzlers’ pockets.

That’s the provocative proposal from a Silicon Valley legislator whose “Clean Car Discount” bill is gaining momentum, sending car dealers into a tizzy and sparking passions among motorists.

It’s the first time California has considered penalizing consumers to limit global warming, rather than just providing incentives, such as solar power rebates or special access to the carpool lane for hybrid vehicles.

“If we are going to effectively fight global warming, we are going to have to find a way to get the cleaner cars on the road and the dirtier cars off the road,” assemblyman Ira Ruskin, D-Los Altos, Calif., said. “We need to have both carrots and sticks.”

Ruskin’s bill, AB493, won approval of the Assembly Transportation Committee two weeks ago.

The bill has the backing of most

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CDC says gonorrhea is drug-resistant

Daniel Yee

ATLANTA — The sexually transmitted disease gonorrhea is now among the "superbugs" resistant to common antibiotics, leading U.S. health officials to recommend wider use of a different class of drugs to avert a public health crisis.

The resistant form accounts for more than one in five gonorrhea cases among heterosexual men and more than one in ten in young women, according to a survey that led to Thursday's recommendation by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Gonorrhea, which is believed to affect more than 2.1 million people yearly in the United States, is the most commonly reported infectious disease in the United States, according to the CDC's division of STD prevention. Other experts called it a "public health crisis.

"That leaves us with a single class of highly effective antibiotics," said Dr. John Douglas Jr., director of the CDC's division of STD prevention. Other experts called the situation "worse than.

"We are running out of options to treat this disease," added Douglas, who said there are "no new drugs for gonorrhea in the drug development pipeline."

Previously, CDC recommended against fluoroquinolones to treat drug-resistant gonorrhea among men who have sex with men and in certain states, including California and Hawaii where most of these cases were turning up.

Described by Douglas as a "very wiley" disease, gonorrhea has worked its way through decades of other treatment regimens, from sulfa drugs used in the 1930s and gonorrhea, which was used from the 1940s until the mid-1980s.

Gonorrhea, spread through sexual contact, is the second most commonly reported infectious disease in the United States, trailing only chlamydia, which the CDC says affects more than 2.1 million people yearly in the U.S.

The highest rates of infection are among sexually active teens, young adults and African-Americans. Because many people don't have obvious symptoms, they can unknowingly spread it to others. And having it makes people more susceptible to HIV. Gonorrhea's spread is preventable through consistent and proper use of condoms, experts said.

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major statewide environmental groups, which see it as one of their top priorities in 2007. And the measure received a substantial boost last week when it was endorsed by the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, a business organization that includes the major tech companies in Silicon Valley, including IBM, Google, Apple and Cisco.

"Forty percent of Californian's greenhouse gases are from transportation," said Carl Guardino, the group's CEO. "This is a market-driven approach to drive the production and purchase of cleaner cars."

The bill would apply to new cars, pickups, minivans and sport utility vehicles, starting with 2011 models. Under the proposed rules, the state Air Resources Board each year would rank new car models by the pounds of carbon dioxide and other gases they emit that trap heat in the atmosphere.

About 25 percent of the vehicles in the middle would have no fee or rebate. But buyers of high-emission vehicles would pay a surcharge of $100 to $2,500, depending on the amount of emissions. People buying vehicles emitting few greenhouse gases would be handed rebates of $100 to $500.

Generally, cars that burn more gasoline emit more greenhouse gases. The amount of the fees and rebates would be posted on the car's sale sticker. Auto dealers would collect the money from buyers of gas-guzzlers and send it to the state Board of Equalization.

Buyers of gas-sippers would be given a certificate from the dealer to mail to the state to receive their checks.

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old-fashioned, colored fruit weighing up to 1-pound and Golden Gem cherry tomatoes, which have a golden color with a rich, trufte bite. Tomato Mina is one of Poly Plant Shop's biggest events along with winter poinsettia sales. One-gallon containers can be purchased for $5.50, or five for $20, and hanging baskets with three tomatoes and basil are $12. Check out the Poly Plant Shop's site at www.polyplantshop.com for a full list of varieties offered.

Pansini is optimistic every variety will be a hit this year with the public. "Every college student needs to try these tomatoes," Pansini said.

The Poly Plant Shop is located at the Environmental Horticulture building on Via Carta Road.

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Romney says Chicago would be ‘wonderful’ place to host 2016 Summer Games

Deanna Bellandi

CHICAGO — Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney, who headed up the 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City, says Chicago would be a “wonderful” place to host the Olympics.

Romney was careful not to take sides as Chicago and Los Angeles wait to learn Saturday which city the U.S. Olympic Committee will wait to learn Saturday which city the U.S. Olympic Committee will pick to be the American bidder for the 2016 Summer Games.

“I’m not going to be partisan in this battle,” he told reporters during a campaign visit.

Romney pledged to help whichever American bid city is chosen get the nod from the International Olympic Committee. Romney was careful not to take sides as Chicago and Los Angeles wait to learn Saturday which city the U.S. Olympic Committee will pick to be the American bidder for the 2016 Summer Games.

“Tne United States has a long history of championships and world-class events,” he said.

This is a great city. It’d be a wonderful place to host the Games,” he said. “We’re lucky to have two great cities in this final stage of the process.”

On political matters, Romney said he supports President Bush’s policy in Iraq, but he acknowledged “a number of errors” over the last three years. He said the U.S. was “under prepared” for what happened after the collapse of Saddam Hussein’s government, had “under planned” for what occurred and had not effectively managed the war.

“We have helped contribute to the difficult position in which we find ourselves,” he said.

If the United States were to “withdraw precipitously” from Iraq, he said, it would be even riskier for the U.S. because a regional conflict could cause troops to have to return to a worse situation.

Romney criticized attempts by Congress to set a withdrawal date for troops in Iraq.

“I don’t believe that Congress should be trying to manage the war,” he said.
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Get ready for some hilarious acting ‘Stiles’

Popular improv performers bring laughs to Cal Poly stage tonight

Amy Asman
MUSTANG DAILY

The job from hell — we’ve all had one. (Or at least we’ve laughed hysterically while listening to other people share their horror stories from “the real world.”) Whether it’s the babysitter who has to deal with sticky diapers and terror children, or the bartender who is forced to mop up drunken people’s vomit, there are always demeaning and/or embarrassing jobs out in the world that need to get done. For actor and comedian Ryan Stiles, the transition into the working world wasn’t nearly as glamorous and exciting as people might think.

At the beginning of his career in the entertainment industry, Stiles was hired by the Coca-Cola Co. to attend a televised tennis match dressed up as a giant can of Coke.

“I really needed the cash. I had to wear a big wooden Coke can on my head. But about halfway through the match I decided I’d had enough, so I started to walk out,” Stiles said. “I could feel things hitting me in the back of the head as I left.”

Obviously, Stiles has come a long way from his days of pretending to be a giant can of soda. Audiences from all over the United States and England tuned in to watch and laugh as he cooked up crazy comedic antics as a cast member of “Whose Line Is It Anyway?” and Lewis Kinicki on “The Drew Carey Show,” for which he received an Emmy nomination.

Although AKB canceled both shows in the past three years, Stiles has continued to work in the industry as a performing and manager of his own improv theatre UpFront in Bellingham, Wash.

“I need to get on stage every once in a while or else I’d get a little nutty,” Stiles said.

He and former “Whose Line...” cast members Greg Proops, Chip Esten and Jeff Davis bring their own comedy show “A Night of Improv” to the Performing Arts Center tonight at 7 pm.

“I think (the audience) is going to like this even more than ‘Whose Line...’ because it’s fluid and it’s fast-paced — it just blows by. It’s a lot of fun,” Stiles said.

He also said that they won’t be using props or performing anything that has them standing in one place because the cast wants to use as much of the stage as possible.

“(The show) has a different feel than ‘Whose Line.’ We have more fun because we’re allowed to do what we do best, and we’re live,” he said.

Performing in front of an audience is nothing new for Stiles who got his start doing stand-up comedy in the late 1970s.

“I dropped out of high school and started doing stand-up in strip clubs and bars,” he said. “I really wouldn’t recommend it now though, and my parents weren’t very happy about it either — but, luckily, it’s all worked out.”

He said that even though doing stand-up had its fair share of challenges and dice bars, he enjoyed the experience because he “was always learning and performing.”

Today, Stiles is most comfortable on stage doing whatever he likes best — improv.

“In stand-up, the audience has more of a ‘make me laugh’ attitude,” he said. “When you’re doing improv, there’s a more relaxed atmosphere and it’s more enjoyable for the performer.”

“It’s harder to be a stand up comedian now because it’s more competitive. (It seems like) everyone’s doing it to get their own TV show,” he said.

Preparing for an improv show is a completely different process for Stiles as well. He said that unlike a stand-up show, which takes a long time to write and perfect, improv is more spontaneous and creative.

“We make up a list on a napkin about five minutes before the show,” he said.

“I like to stretch out before I go on stage so I don’t pull anything. And I think Chip reads a book right up until he goes on,” he said.

However, it’s Stiles’ naturally relaxed, down-to-earth attitude that gains the most respect and admiration from fellow improvisers.

“He appears to be so comfortable on stage and he looks like he’s having a lot of fun,” said history junior and Cal Poly Smile and Nod improv troupe member Kelsi Copeland.

“He’s just so quick and he never appears to be frazzled, even when he has something unexpected thrown at him.” You can never tell if he’s passing to think of something. And he has great stage presence.

Despite his popularity on television and on stage, Stiles prefers a quieter lifestyle.

“I’m not much of a party guy,” he said, adding that he prefers spending time with his wife and three children at their lakeside home in Washington.

“You have to get away from the real world and spend time with your family.”

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Actors Ryan Stiles (left) and Jeff Davis bring their 90-minute comedy show “A Night of Improv” to the Performing Arts Center tonight.
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

STAFF COMMENTARY

America: land of outsourcing

I’ll start off by saying that I did not outsource this article. However, the editor that had to place this opinion article in the newspaper today out sourced it to me.

I have just stumbled upon all American tradition! Most likely I’d say yes.

It seems like outsourcing is as American as you can get. We do it all the time as college students.

Need to add more sources to that research paper due soon? Outsource it with a few quotes. (But don’t forget to cite them or else it will be plagiarism.) Or you can buy a paper right off the Internet.

While I believe outsourcing can be beneficial at times, if it is done without accountability from the company who uses it, the consequences could be harmful.

Despite the ease in outsourcing, it seems that CNNL News Dubs is bagging its life’s work on telling people the truth. It is sad.

But when you have the middle class in the United States is being squeezed by the US government, it is virtually no accountability for those involved in outsourcing. And that includes outsourcing jobs.

To be fair, there are some people who actually think outsourcing may help the US. economy. John Stossel, a reporter for ABC’s “20/20,” said that outsourcing may help a company grow and keep many of its employees.

However, when private contractors are paid more than most people currently serving in the military. Many have debated what the status of contractors is in a war zone like Iraq.

Outsourcing can help a company reduce operating costs if they do not have enough funds to keep their workers. And they are using your tax dollars to do their work.

Some of those contractors are in Iraq thanks to political connections. It is a known fact that Vice President Dick Cheney used to work for Haliburton, and according to a “60 Minutes” report, the CEO of Blackwater USA, a security firm, made political donations to President Bush.

I still don’t believe that government contractors are more accountable than the military. The military has been criticized for their roles in Iraq and Afghanistan. This is a known fact that is currently serving in the military. Many have debated what the status of contractors is in a war zone like Iraq.

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has been made, but there's still much ground to cover, Harper said, citing the controversy surrounding Don Imus' racially-charged remarks about Rutgers women's basketball team as an example.

"The Enduring Legacy of Jackie Robinson" presentation was held at both Cal Poly and the general public. For more information, call (805) 756-2541.
**Author to speak at Poly on Robinson's legacy**

An icon for civil rights in the sports world, Jackie Robinson lived at Cal Poly in the early 1940s. Janelle Eastridge

Baseball, America's great pastime, hasn't always been that it is today. Monday will mark the 60th anniversary of Jackie Robinson's monumental integration into Major League Baseball. His legacy is one that has extended beyond the baseball diamond.

John Tyguel, "an eminent, pioneering historian of baseball," as history professor Matthew Hopper described him, will present "The Enduring Legacy of Jackie Robinson" Monday from 12:10 to 1 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium to commemorate the event.

"He's the historian on Robinson," Hopper said. "I really thought that he would have been booked by NPR or NBC News or something, but he has agreed to come here on the actual anniversary of Jackie Robinson's integration. We're really excited about it.

Robinson had ties to Cal Poly. He lived on campus for roughly six months beginning in 1946, according to "Jackie Robinson: A Biography," by Arnold Rampersad. Robinson lived at Cal Poly because of a scholarship tie to the National Youth Administration facility in Atascadero. He was assistant athletic director for NYA, which provided jobs and job training to people between 16 and 25 years of age.

Tyguel, author of "Baseball's Great Experiment: Jackie Robinson and His Legacy and Persona: Baseball as History," currently teaches American history — including a course titled "The Literature of Baseball" — at San Francisco State University.

Concluding with the 60th anniversary of the integration of Major League Baseball, the event will act as a way to honor this monumental component of American history.

Sixty years ago, baseball, like many areas of American life, was racially segregated, resigning black players to the confines of Negro leagues. Only whites were offered opportunities to make it to the majors.

But all that changed April 15, 1947, when Robinson joined the Brooklyn Dodgers. With this seemingly simple event, he became the first player to cross the emblematic color barrier, enduring much discrimination in the process.

Robinson was specifically chosen because of his ability to overcome this discrimination, his steadfast determination and playing skills. Now, though, the landmark event is often overlooked.

"It's very easy for people to forget how very recently and very very real segregation was in American life," Tyguel said. "Even like this help us to reflect on how far we've come and how far we still have to go."

It is easy to see where progress Robinson, page 7

**Poly baseball team to enter bulk of Big West schedule**

After going 5-1 against the bottom two teams in the Big West Conference standigns, the Mustangs visit nationally ranked UC Irvine for a league weekend.

Cal Poly on a roller-coaster ride in recent weeks, continues Big West Conference play this weekend by visiting No. 17/20 UC Irvine for a three-game baseball series at Anteater Ballpark.

First pitch Friday and Saturday is set for 6 p.m. and Sunday's contest will start at 1 p.m. The Mustangs lost their first five games of the 2007 season, then won 10 of 12 before Loyola Marymount dowed Cal Poly's momentum with a sweep in Buggert Stadium.

After Cal Poly swept UNLV in Las Vegas, the Mustangs were swept by top-10 teams Rice and Oregon State before opening Big West play with a three-game series sweep at Pacific two weeks ago and taking two of three games against Cal State Northridge last weekend in Buggert Stadium.

UC Irvine returns 17 letterm en, including six position starters and seven pitchers off a team that went 36-24 a year ago, finished third in see Baseball, page 7

**Poly lacrosse club teams to host regular-season finales this weekend**

Both the Cal Poly men's and women's lacrosse teams will be playing their final games of the regular season this weekend when USC, Michigan and Santa Barbara come to the Sports Complex.

"They should be great games," junior setter Seth Pugh said. "AUniversity of Michigan is who we played in the championships last year, so we're excited for them to come over here."

The women have gone undefeated for 13 games this season and are hoping to win their seventh Western Women's Lacrosse National championship in a row.

"We've won every championship since it started; we're the only name on the trophy," Pugh said.

With a record of 10-4 so far this season, the men's team is currently ranked first in Division A Central of the Western Collegiate Lacrosse League and 16th in the national league, the U.S. Lacrosse Intercollegiate Associates.

"We feel pretty good," junior setter Kewler said. "We've been going strong and just getting ready for playoffs.".

The Mustangs will be playing USC in their final game on Saturday at 2 p.m. USC is currently ranked fifth in Division A Central Los Angeles.

"It's an important game for us to go to nationals," junior Mark Goun said.

The women will be playing two games this weekend, first against Michigan on Saturday at 11 a.m. and then against UCSB on Sunday at 11 a.m.

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**Mustang softball team to continue best season since '97 at CSUN**

Backed by the second-best conference start in program history, the Cal Poly softball team (30-9, 6-0 Big West Conference) opens a three-game series at Cal State Northridge (13-16-1, 1-5) with a doubleheader at noon Saturday.

Cal Poly, winners of 18 of its last 21 games, can equal and surpass the program's best start to a conference season — established by the 2005 Mustangs at 7-0 — with a sweep of the Matadors on Saturday. Cal Poly, 21 games above a .500 winning percentage for the first time since April 19, 1997, finishes the series at Matador Diamond at noon Sunday.

A three-game sweep of Long Beach State from April 6 to 7 earned Cal Poly the program's third 30-win season since transitioning to the Division I level in 1995 and the second such campaign in the last three years.

The BLSU sweep also helped Cal Poly surpass last season's total of 27. With at least 15 games remaining in the 2007 season, Cal Poly has an excellent look at establishing new single-season program records in three categories — victories, fewest losses and winning percentage.

The 1997 Mustangs held the single-season victories mark with a 37-17 record and the 2005 Cal Poly squad tied the school for the best record in program history after 39 contests.

As club sports, the lacrosse teams raise their own money through fundraisers. NCAA teams are funded by the school, and Cal Poly is simply lacking the money for it.

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"There's an amazing team quality," she said, noting that no one plays for themselves. "Everyone has different qualities they can bring to the table."

Even though lacrosse is a club sport at Cal Poly, the players put in the same amount of practice and dedication that they would in NCAA teams. The main difference is where funding comes from.

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"We just don't get that excited," she said.

"We'd love to have support. Come watch us finish our season strong."