University Police Department auctions off forgotten bikes

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Bicycles of all types and conditions are being sold in a silent auction in front of the University Police Department station until 3 p.m. today. The auction, which started Tuesday, features bikes ranging from less than $10 to over $200, said Jeremy Johnson, University Police Department Community Service Officers manager and civil engineering junior. There are more than 50 bikes for sale including frames and spare tires, he said. There were still many that hadn’t been bid on, despite the steady flow of people passing by and stopping to look.

As of Tuesday afternoon, the highest bid was $220 on a red road bike, said Eric Losey, CSO supervisor and civil engineering junior. There are more than 50 bikes for sale as well as frames and spare tires, he said. There were still many that hadn’t been bid on, despite the steady flow of people passing by and stopping to look.

John Kibildis, who is working on his master’s in city and regional planning, was looking for a road bike but didn’t really want to spend more than $50.

“Tf want a bike to pick up chicks with,” he joked.

Business sophomore Dexiong Lei fancied the seafamily-greens cruiser with a basket, but learned the first bid on said “girl bike” was $100. She probably won’t bid on that one, but may return today, she said.

During panel shifts, university police will impound bikes that are abandoned or illegally locked to railings. Police lock the bikes up where they are and students have to go to the police station to get them released. If a bike is claimed after 24 hours, “it’s ours,” Johnson said. The bikes are held for at least six months before being sold, during which owners can report them stolen or missing and get them back.

High-traffic areas like the Business building often have bikes illegally chained to railings, Johnson said. Also, there are always a lot of bikes left near the dorms as summer vacation rolls around.

“Some people never even care, but we give lots back,” he said. “Some people just didn’t have room in the car.”

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The police department will continue to auction bikes until 3 p.m. today.
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store are filled with black and white checkered board pattern. Even the waiting
area includes two diner-style booths in the metal flake upholstery.

"It's just going to be so cool when you walk in," said Terry Brown, who
co-owns Hepkat Clothing and now
Hepkat Beauty Parlor with her daugh­
ter, Brittany. "You'll walk in and just say,
'This is where I want to get my hair
done," she said.

In addition to providing everyday
hairstyles and dye jobs in an old-fash­
ioned setting, Hepkat Beauty Parlor
will offer makeup styles and '50s
inspired hair designs such as the pom­
padour, bob and a variety of updos.
Six stylists will be working at the
salon, whom Brown hired for both
their looks and for their abilities to do
old-fashioned hairstyles. Hepkat Beauty Parlor stylists need to be able
to "give the pinup kind of look,"
Brown said.

Although Hepkat Beauty Parlor has
a '50s, rockabilly theme, the salon is not limited to that type of hair style.
"We want any range of styles to be
comfortable," said 20-year-old Hepkat
employee Nicole Gambel.

Unlike many other hair salons in San
Luis Obispo, Hepkat Beauty Parlor will
carry bright and unnatural hair dyes for
those who want them.

"It's hard to be able to go into any
salon here because they're all blondes and they don't understand what you
want them to do," Gambel described.
"If you ask for red hair, they'll give you
natural red." Gambel has bright, fire­
engine red streaks in her dark hair.

Previously, she had to bring her own
dyes into salons that weren't stocked with bright colors.

An opening event has not been set for
the salon, although Brown hopes it will
open sometime in May.

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Police try to warn students in the first two weeks of the quarter, and are always accepting suggestions
for additional bike racks, Johnson said.

Though the occasional gem can be found, many of the
bikes at the auction are four-uppers. Many stu­
dents buy them for this exact reason, including mate­
erial engineering senior Erin Wakefield, who works in
the Craft Center. Wakefield has bought 10 or 20 bikes
during her time here. He keeps some for himself, but
also gives some to friends and has sold a few.

"There are always people looking for bikes, it
seems," he said.

Though he has bought some for around $5 and put
in money to revamp them, he has also bought some
nicer ones for $60 or $70.

The Craft Center in the University Union has a
bike room with many tools available for repair, and
also offers a bike maintenance workshop and a build
a beater bike class.

University police used to donate unsold bikes to
the sheriff's department, mechanical engineering
department and the Craft Center. However, a new
law set by the California State University system in­
dicates that property can only be sold at auction or
destroyed after six months of holding time, Johnson
said.

The new California Civil Code 2080.9, Regulations for Used Property, applies to all CSUs, he said.

Near the end of the auction, there will be one last
go-around so everyone gets a last chance to bid before
the bikes are sold, Johnson said.

The police station is located on North Perimeter
Road and the auction will be open from 9 a.m. to 3
p.m. today.
Cheney blasts Senate Dem on Iraq strategy, Bush vows veto

Anne Flaherty
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Vice President Dick Cheney accused Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid on Tuesday of pursuing a "defeated strategy in Iraq" to win votes in the next election — a charge Reid said did not warrant a response.

The two sparred hours after President Bush said he will veto the latest war spending bill taking shape in Congress, which includes a timetable for withdrawing from Iraq.

Cheney, after attending the weekly Republican policy lunch on Capitol Hill, lashed out at Reid. "Some Democratic leaders seem to believe that blind opposition to the new strategy in Iraq is good politics," Cheney said. "Sen. Reid himself has said that the war in Iraq will bring his party more seats in the next election. "It is cynical to declare that the war is lost because you believe it gives you political advantage," Cheney said.

Reid, D-Nev., dismissed Cheney's remarks later to reporters, but not before getting in his own dig at the vice president. "I'm not going to get into a name calling match with the administration's chief attack dog," Reid said.

Democrats are preparing to send Bush a $124.2 billion bill that would, among other things, fund the war in Iraq but require that troops begin pulling out on Oct. 1, or earlier if the Iraqi government does not make progress in tamping down sectarian violence and forging political agreements. The bill ultimately would replace the fiscal 2007 war spending measure, signed into law by President Bush on April 1, 2006.

"It's a good piece of legislation," Bush said. "They chose to make a political statement," he said. "That's their right but it is wrong for our troops and it's wrong for our country. To accept the bill proposed by the Democratic leadership would be to accept a policy that directly contradicts the judgment of our military commanders."

Democratic said they won't back down and pointed to past remarks by Gen. David Petraeus, the new commander, that security in Iraq requires a political solution. Reid, who says the war in Iraq is "lost," likened Bush to President Lyndon Johnson, saying Johnson ordered troop escalations in Vietnam in an attempt "to save his political legacy" only to watch U.S. casualties climb steadily.

Bush said U.S. troops should not be caught in the middle of a showdown between the White House and Congress.

"Yesterday, Democratic leaders announced that they planned to send me a bill that will fund our troops only if we agree to hand over our general, add billions of dollars of unrelated spending and begin to pull out of Iraq by an arbitrary date," Bush said on the South Lawn. He said the bill would mandate the withdrawal of U.S. troops beginning as early as July 1 and no later than Oct. 1, despite the fact that Petraeus has not yet received all the reinforcements he has said he needs in the latest military buildup to help secure Baghdad and the troubled Anbar Province.

Democrats have argued that the election of left Democrats in control of Congress was a referendum for a change of strategy in Iraq. Bush used the same election results to argue his point.

"The American people did not vote for failure," he said. "That is precisely what the Democratic leadership's bill would guarantee. It's not too late for Congress to do the right thing."

Petraeus will try to persuade lawmakers in a private briefing this week to pursue a different course. As part of the president's push, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice was expected to meet Tuesday with key senators, including members of the Senate Finance Committee, to discuss the funding bill. The topic also likely will be discussed at a policy lunch that Vice President Dick Cheney is having on Capitol Hill.

Radio ads expected to air Tuesday will attack Reid as treating troops like a "political football," GOP officials said.

According to a transcript, an Iraq veteran identified as Capt.Topology Bellard says, "Senator Reid's remarks undercut the morale of our soldiers and undermine our troops on the ground." As outlined by Democratic officials, the emerging legislation would require the withdrawal of U.S. forces to begin by Oct. 1, even earlier if Bush cannot certify that the Iraqi government is making progress in disarming militias, reducing sectarian violence and forging political compromises.

Another provision in the measure would withhold about $850 million in foreign aid from the Iraqis if the government does not meet those standards.

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Fresh Bread is the Key to Life

Melissa Montecucullo
CAMPUS DINING STAFF WRITER

City Deli has recently added a new station to their sandwich making process. City Subs, "City Deli is always so busy. The lines are usually two, three, four people deep," said Mary James, lead cashier at The Avenue. Alleviating congestion was a primary reason for adding a new sub station to The Avenue.

City Subs differs from City Deli in many ways. One of the most apparent reasons is the new bread. City Sub's bread is baked fresh every day at Farb's Bakery in San Luis Obispo. City Subs also offers a variety of bread sizes including: 4", 8", or 12".

City Deli doesn't have to fill out a slip for your order like at City Deli. "It allows the customer to personally interact with their sandwich maker," said Jason Luke, assistant supervisor. Customers now can choose to fill out a slip only if they want or go up to a counter and order. "You have more options," said Luke explaining the main reason behind many of the Avenue's new changes.

In addition to the varying portion sizes and types of breads City Subs also offers two condiments that City Deli does not; oil and vinegar. "We have a small, low fat container of soy yogurt. Now customers have more options when they want fresh food.

A fresh, healthy sandwich is just one of the many reasons why you should visit City Deli.
Volunteers among the leading complaints his company’s Web site, called barking). Don’t listen when you do talk (a favorite pet peeve of mypetpeeves.com, has catalogued since it began keeping track a couple years ago. Then there are people who times of national calamities, such as Sept. 11 and Hurricane Katrina. The report also found that most people volunteer through religious organizations. Janice Morand, a coordinator for the Internship and Career Center at UC Davis, said she was amazed at the speed new student volunteer groups spring up on campus, but added that she did not see the connection to Sept. 11. “One thing I’ve seen is that as it’s become more competitive to get to the UC, high school students have become more involved in community service,” Morand said. Between 2005 and 2006, 3,825 UC Davis students participated in 295,122 hours of volunteer work, according to Katir. “UC Davis students have been consistently volunteering for (a) very high number of volunteer services,” Morand. “I don’t have the sense that this generation of students suddenly does more volunteer work because of Sept. 11.”

THE BIZARRE

Web site tracks people’s pet peeves

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jon Williamson sensed that just about everybody out there had a pet peeve. Now he’s got some statistical data to prove it.

People talking too loudly in public, yanking away on cell phones or speaking in theaters during the movie are among the leading complaints his company’s Web site, mypetpeeves.com, has catalogued since it began keeping track a couple years ago. Then there are people who don’t listen when you do talk (a favorite pet peeve of women) or dogs that won’t stop barking (in their case it’s called barking). “We’ve had over 100,000 from people all over the world,” since MyPetPeeves began tracking them, he said. MyPetPeeves is proposing that people fight back with stuffed animals, electronic cards and other feel-good doodads it offers. Or, if buying stuff is also a pet peeve, they can sound off for free on the Web site.

Since he’s been tracking pet peeves, Williamson has found that as the culture evolves so do people’s gripes. When MyPetPeeves came into existence, for example, telemarketers were a major headache. Since the creation of the National Do Not Call Registry, they appear to have become less of an annoyance. And while people consistently get ticked off at talking in movie theaters, they seem to accept that ticket prices will rise over time.

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Cell phones lack reliable location tracking for 911 calls

WASHINGTON — A new report by a public safety group throws into question the ability of police and firefighters to locate people through their cell phones when they dial 911 in an emergency.

The study is believed to be the first independent evaluation of wireless location technology and sends a clear message: Do not assume rescuers will know where you are if you call 911 from a cell phone.

The report was commissioned by the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials International (APCO), a group that has long been concerned about the limitations of the technology and the public’s unrealistic expectations of what it can deliver.

The Associated Press was given an advance copy of the study, which will be officially released in May. APCO declined to identify the cell phone companies in its report and was careful in its criticism of the industry. But the details tell the story.

The FCC requires companies that use “network” technology — triangulating among cell towers to determine the caller’s location — to come within 300 meters of the caller 95 percent of the time.

The company identified as “carrier No. 001” in the testing was unable to come within 300 meters of the 911 caller 73 percent of the time in Onondaga County; 64 percent of the time in Marion County; 55 percent of the time in Jasper County; and 61 percent of the time in Marion County; and 61 percent of the time in Jasper County.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Students wrestled a gun away from a University of Southern California student who had been asked to leave a party after threatening a young woman, police said Tuesday.

The student, Zao Xing Yang, 19, was arrested early Sunday and booked for investigation of illegal possession of a firearm, Chief William Bratton told a news conference.

Yang, a five-semester undergraduate, was held without bail. He was to appear in court Tuesday afternoon. Police did not release any other information about Yang.

Investigators planned to ask prosecutors to charge Yang with making terrorist threats, possession of unregistered firearms and possession of illegal narcotics for sale, Bratton said.

The incident occurred at a student residence near the USC campus.

"Around 3 a.m. some students at the party overheard Yang talking to a young woman," Bratton said.

"At one point the host of the party asked Yang to leave after he was heard making intimidating statements to the cord and then threatening her with violence," the chief said. "Yang began arguing with the host and that's when he noticed Yang had a gun in his hand. Several students wrestled the gun away from Yang and held him until campus security and then LAPD officers arrived."

On Monday detectives searched Yang's room and found a safe containing methamphetamine, a .44-caliber Magnum revolver and several hundred dollars in cash, Bratton said.

State

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Last year, popular Spanish-language disc jockey Eduardo "Picún" Soto was hailed for helping to persuade hundreds of thousands of people to join protests demanding amnesty for illegal immigrants.

But at a recent immigration rally, many people called him a traitor, accusing him of not working hard enough to support the cause.

The change opens a window onto the immigration reform movement, which has grown increasingly divided — and, some say, frustrated — as it approaches a national day of protest planned for May 1.

SAN BERNARDINO (AP) — Military jets were scrambled to escort a commercial cargo plane to San Bernardino International Airport after the Boeing 727 crew failed to communicate properly, authorities said Tuesday.

The jetliner, with Associated Air Cargo painted on its side, was en route to San Bernardino International Airport after the Boeing 727 was directed to return from Duluth, Minn. It landed without incident Monday evening. There was no information on any cargo aboard.

National

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (AP) — Army officials on Tuesday began the solemn process of contacting the families of nine para­ troopers killed in a suicide truck bombing in Iraq, the single dead­ lest attack for the 82nd Airborne Division since the war began.

Twenty paratroopers from the same division were wounded in the blast, which was also the single deadliest for the same division were wounded in the blast, which was also the single greatest loss of life for American ground forces since Dec. 1, 2005, when a roadside bomb killed 10 Marines and wounded 11 on a foot patrol near Fallujah.

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Army Ranger who was with Pat Tillman when the former football star died by friendly fire said Tuesday he was told by a higher­up to conceal that information from Tillman's brother.

"I was ordered not to tell him," U.S. Army Spec. Bryan O'Neal told The Associated Press. "I was told by a higher-up to conceal that information from Tillman's brother."

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — The United States and other world powers are willing to consider an Iranian proposal that would allow the country to keep some of its uranium enrichment program intact instead of dismantling it completely, foreign govern­ ment officials said Tuesday.

The offer of talks between top Iranian envoy Ali Larijani and Javier Solana, the European Union's foreign policy chief, the officials said, was made because for the first time they were ready to see the talks through.

Ethiopian rebels who have fought alongside Islamic militants in neighboring Somalia stormed a Chinese-run oil field at dawn Tuesday, killing 74 people and destroying the exploration facility in a remote border region.

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School Shoe!
Yeah, Sessums is a sissy — and proud of it

Author’s tale a touching rendition of the growing pains of being gay in Mississippi

Today, fame is no longer a prerequisite for writing an autobiography. All you need is to be able to make your life sound more interesting than the other six billion people in the world. Journalist Kevin Sessums does just that in his memoir “Mississippi Sissy,” a heartbreaking account of growing up gay in Mississippi.

It's the early 1960s, and conservative Mississippi is being turned upside down. If it isn't the newly segregated school system, it's that troublesome liberal President Johnson. Meanwhile, young Sessums is dealing with his own set of problems, from childhood molestation to the death of his parents at an early age. Instead of complaining along with his relatives, Sessums prefers reading “Valley of the Dolls,” dressing up as the Wicked Witch of the West for Halloween, and orchestrating a Little Miss Goldwater pageant at his school. This behavior becomes increasingly worrisome to his teachers and relatives. After all, his grandmother states in the book, “This is Mississippi. We don't stand for no nonsense down here.”

In addition to his own narrative, Sessum's book reflects a changing South, a fact he registers even as a child. In one chapter, his grandmother encourages him to pick cotton on a friend's plantation to toughen him up. He agrees, knowing it is most likely one of the “last chances to participate in such a Southern tradition because manual labor for such backbreaking work (is) being phased out.”

The name “Sissy” links an otherwise random string of memories; it can be pretty if you listen to it in the right way ... as a means of tying a series of events together and adding meaning to their experiences. Though Sessums invites his reader into a different 1960s from the one commonly depicted, at the end, the reader is neither left with a memorable glimpse into another life nor a profound lesson to take away from the experience. Without this, the book, while entertaining, is just a series of stories that jump around in chronology.

Although Sessums portrays his youth in clear-eyed honesty, the reader is never able to break the invisible fourth wall between the author and the audience. Instead, death, confusion and fear crowd its pages. Despite a nightmarish childhood, every obstacle Sessums faces simply makes him more determined to shape his own identity instead of conforming to society's expectations.

While “Mississippi Sissy” is a compelling look at gender and sexuality, the book lacks the “aha!” factor for that many memoirs incorporate as a means of tying a series of events together and adding meaning to their experiences. Though Sessums invites his reader into a different 1960s from the one commonly depicted, at the end, the reader is neither left with a memorable glimpse into another life nor a profound lesson to take away from the experience. Without this, the book, while entertaining, is just a series of stories that jump around in chronology. Although Sessums portrays his youth in clear-eyed honesty, the reader is never able to break the invisible fourth wall between the author and the audience.

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Poly students take a chance at filmmaking

Brian McMullen

During spring break, instead of heading to Mexico to partake in foam parties and other drunken revelry, six students from Cal Poly drove to New Orleans and filmed their experiences volunteering in areas affected by Hurricane Katrina.

The documentary, they made is technically shaky home video quality, but the relevance of the material and the depth to which it was covered make the film's blunders bearable.

The documentary's strength is not how it's filmed or edited, but what it does have: a narrator; color; and the material and the depth to which they made is the focus. The film does not have a narrator; color; and the material and the depth to which it was covered make the film's blunders bearable.

One entertaining scene has the students sitting in their car being serenaded by a man singing and rapping into a bucket while hitting it with his hands to make a beat. The resilient spirit of New Orleans depicted in the first half of the film by street performances and interviews is followed immediately by a tour of the still-decaying wasteland of houses.

After the tour, the film follows the students as they volunteer with an organization called Relief Spark. They are shown renovating houses, tutoring school children, counseling the elderly, and helping out an animal rescue center— all the while interviewing people in charge of volunteer efforts and people whose lives have been permanently changed by the disaster.

In fact, the survivor interviews are the most gripping part of the documentary. The film does not have a narrator; color; and the material and the depth to which it was covered make the film's blunders bearable.

The most distracting problems with the film are the wind noise picked up by the camera's microphone, which makes it hard to hear some interviews, and when the person who was filming rotated the camera 90 degrees and the ground is shown on the right side of the screen and not the bottom. These shortcomings are easy to overlook, however, because the film accomplished presenting the lively, colorful, enduring spirit of New Orleans juxtaposed with the ruins hurricane-affected areas: making the point that though it is out of the media spotlight, New Orleans, as well as its citizens, has yet to recover.

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**Top 10 best TV shows you’re not watching**

Daniella Orihuela-Grubner

It’s a normal Wednesday night and you’re sitting and watching Sanjaya get kicked off of “American Idol” that somehow, the thrill has gone, no matter how upset you are about the fate of Sanjaya. You want something new to watch.

*Shear Genius,* like the Bravo series *Project Runway* and *Top Chef* before it, is a reality show that chooses the best hair stylist out of the 12 original contestants. And nothing is more compelling than watching some poor hairdresser cry because she doesn’t have the time to bleach her client’s hair to a level 17 (think Gwen Stefani and Christina Aguilera, Ridiculous!)

*Workout,* however, is completely different. There is no competition, only a kohjin trying her best to make her ultra-chic Beverly Hills gym, Sky Sports and Spa, and her love life successful. Jackie, the gym owner and main character, isn’t your typical reality star. She’s focused, straight-forward and committed to becoming the best out there.

For the more kitchen-inclined, *Throwdown with Bobby Flay* is one of many Food Network shows that can captivate viewers. Play goes out and challenges home-spun chefs, such as the world’s best chilli cook, to a cook-off. During the process, Flay tries to learn what techniques are used and how to better them in order to beat the reigning champions, all while strutting around with a cockiokh I will beat you— because I’m Bobby— Flay attitude. The new FX series *The Riches* provides the same kind of intrigue as *The Sopranos* and *Heroes.*

It is about a family of American gypsys who suddenly find themselves living a life of affluence in Florida after stealing a dead man’s identity Minnie Driver and comedian Eddie Izzard play the mother and father of this ragtag family struggling to keep their identities and fit into their new lifestyle. Of course, passing off as someone you’re not isn’t so easy, as the Riches constantly have to keep both of their worlds from colliding and shattering, something which would have Driver and Izzard’s characters into jail and their three children into the foster care system.

NBC shows *Scrubs* is more comedic than dramatic. While it is a popular series, it is often overlooked by would-be fans for other hospital-based shows such as *Grey’s Anatomy.* *Scrubs,* however, isn’t about how sex creates drama as much as it is about the minds of the cast and how it affects their relationships with each other. *Scrubs* keeps things simple and even though most of the show’s jokes are long-standing ones, it doesn’t shut out new fans who get into the series mid-story arch. The best part: Comedy Central shows *Scrubs* reruns almost every day.

If you want to actually learn something, *Planet Earth* and *Mythbusters* are two educational shows on the Discovery Channel that stand out above the rest. *Planet Earth* is a documentary series on various ecosystems around the world. It creates the whole picture, not just one or two parts of it, by covering every kind of environment that covers the planet. The series brings light and perspective to an issue people know very little about—the environment. *Mythbusters,* while just as insightful, is more comedic. The show chronicles various experiments that all-around expert Jamie and Adam do to bust myths, such as how to get out of a car that is sinking in water.

The experiments are usually highly complex and scientific, requiring the Mythbusters team to build their own machines and crash test dummies. But the show remains light-hearted, especially when something is blown up.

Another Discovery Channel show that stands out is *Dirty Jobs.* Hosted by the network’s resident narrator Mike Rowe, *Dirty Jobs* is about just that: the dirtiest jobs around. Rowe himself carries out the tasks, narrating what he is doing and commenting on how miserable the conditions are. The jobs involve everything from animals to organ pipes. Most are surprisingly neat and difficult, such as a business that converts feces into biodegradable planting pots. Others are just creepy, such as working in the Audubon Society’s insect farm.

When it comes to cartoons, most people think they’re for kids. While many college modern watch cartoons such as “Family Guy” or “Spongebob Squarepants,” few go beyond it. *Cartoon Network,* while known for showing more family-friendly series during the day, has a darker side at night known as Adult Swim.

*“Moral Orel”* consists of short 15-minute vignettes about a devout Christian boy named Orel trying to learn all he can about being faithful. And that’s when the hypocrisy of the world hits him (although he doesn’t realize it). The people he looks up to as teachers turn their lessons into the kind of things that would make Jesus roll over in his grave. The dark humor in “Moral Orel,” while a popular trend in adult animation, puts a kid’s perspective, giving it the extra twist needed to make it different from any other show of its kind.

Those wanting to keep up with the world can always look to CNN or whatever news channel that rocks their boat. However, long-running news feature program *60 Minutes* gives depth to issues that affect the nation and the world while keeping the stories human. Interviews with guests are poignant and hard-hitting.

Oftentimes, those being interviewed on *60 Minutes* show their emotions, no matter what they are trying to portray. But no matter what you watch, the truth is, there are quite a few smart, savvy and unusual shows out there to appeal to anyone’s interests. Check your local listings for air dates and times, and above all, don’t be afraid to explore.

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Virginia Tech shooting raises gun control questions

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Less gun control could have saved lives

I am a law-abiding citizen and I believe that criminals should not have guns. In a perfect world we wouldn’t need guns, police or even money for that matter; we could all coexist in perfect joy and harmony.

However, in our imperfect world, criminals and terrorists alike have little regard for the nature and acquire weapons through whatever means necessary, legal or illegal, and use them to harm those we dearly love. Criminals do not follow laws. Legislation means nothing to criminals.

Therefore, by further limiting the ownership of firearms, we are simply making it harder for the responsible citizen to defend himself or herself. We must ultimately rely upon our police and our law enforcement personnel for our protection.

However, law-abiding citizens whose choice to take on the responsibility of personal protection should have the ability to easily access firearms so that they may effectively protect themselves.

I speak in complete moderation and in no way advocate for a rebirth of something as wild as the wild west. However, legally carrying a concealed weapon could save your life.

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ful and to get to the postseason.”
Condon also commented on Modglin’s possible future in the pro-
fe­ssional ranks.
“Hopefully she gets a shot to get in
into the National Team program,”
Condon said.
Modglin, however, stated that she
has made no immediate plans to turn
into a pro softball player.
“She originally played softball as a
child thanks to her family’s involve­
ment in sports and recreation.
“I’ve been playing since I was 6
years old,” Modglin said. “My family
always played baseball. So I kind of
loved baseball.”
Despite all her success, Modglin
realizes that playing softball, colle­
ge or professional, has its limits.
“Modglin has been a big part of that along the
way.”
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remains a school girl thanks to her family’s involve­
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“Softball can only take you so far,”
said Modglin, a business major. “I go
to a good school, so it’s important to
have a good education, which is cru­
cial in order to have a life after soft­
ball.”
Frankly
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Day’s kryptonite, a broken foot,
kept her sidelined for the 2006
track and soccer seasons. However,
she has made a tremendous come­
back on the track this season. Day
is currently ranked No. 4 national­
ly in the high jump and has split a
55-flat anchor leg on Cal Poly’s
4x400 relay, a time that would put
her in the top 85 nationally in the
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Other Cal Poly scores include a
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Vocum for a 242 total and an 18th-
place tie; and an 86 by Jessica Huss
for a 261 total and 24th place.
At an awards ceremony following
the tournament, Gonzalez was
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Atherstone, sophomore
outside hitter
Atherstone’s superpower is an
awe-inspiring spike that triggers a
collective, “Oh,” from the crowd.
Just ask any of the several opposing
players who received volleyball
facials via Atherstone about the
sophomore’s spiking ability.
Atherstone was somehow select­
ed Big West Co-Player of the Year
— I say somehow because there’s
no way anybody in the Big West
matched the season Atherstone
had.
Nothing against Long Beach
State’s Alexia Crimes, but where
did her team place in the Big West
standings? They were second, right
behind No. 17 Cal Poly. It was a
crime awarding co-players of the
year.
Atherstone averaged nearly one
kill more per game than Crimes
and was third in the Big West in
serving aces per game. Crimes was
fifth in kills per game and second in
blocks.
Then, to further the injustice,
Crimes and UC Santa Barbara’s
Olivia Waldowski received All-
American Honorable Mention.
Atherstone? She didn’t make the
cut.
Even though she didn’t garner
All-American honors, Atherstone
was selected to the USA Volleyball
A2 team, one step below the
national team. Not too shabby for
someone who has yet to celebrate
her 21st birthday.
Odds: 3-1
Modglin, senior center fielder
Modglin is listed at 5-foot-4,
100 pounds. Compare that to some
other super-human abilities. Her
freakish athletic talent says other­
wise, but the plot and character
“Buddy” did spawn from Day’s
ability to compete with various
other super heroes during the cast­
ing call.
Odds: 5-1
CAL POLY
Golf
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times before, including twice at the
Pacific Coast Intercollegiate earlier
this month in Solvang.
Cal Poly had won in last two tour-
naments this spring — the Mustang
Intercollegiate at Cypress Ridge Golf
Course in Arroyo Grande and the
Pacific Coast Intercollegiate.
In the women’s championship Cal
Poly posted an 88-over-par 952 total
after Tuesday’s 314, finishing 10
strokes behind fourth-place Cal State
Northridge.
The top Mustang finisher was Julia
Heath, placing 10th after a final-
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Erickson leaves Poly with record 138 wins

The Mustang women's tennis team competes at the Big West Conference Championships from Friday through Sunday without senior Carol Erickson because of her forearm injury.

Brooke Robertson

"Carol Erickson, team captain of Cal Poly women's tennis and the school's career leader in wins with 138, copes with having to spend the rest of her senior season sitting on the sidelines because of forearm injury. "I'm a part of my life died," Erickson said.

She received the news that her tennis season was over while on spring break.

"Thank God I was home with my family," she said.

The news hit hard.

Erickson has been around tennis her entire life. She made her first appearance on a court at two weeks old and started playing competitively at age 10.

When Erickson hit a strong shot from her opponent during a match against UC Riverside on March 16, the return sent more force into the back of her forearm, tearing a muscle, Cal Poly head coach Hugh Bream said.

Swelling and nerve pressure contributed to compartmental syndrome, a condition where increased pressure in a small space affects tissue function, Bream said.

Erickson faces surgery in a few weeks, which she hopes will allow her to start playing tennis again this summer.

"I plan on playing for the rest of my life," she said.

A graduating business senior, Erickson plans to move back to her hometown of San Diego and work as a financial advisor. But there will always be tennis.

"I don't know what I would do with my life," Erickson said of the scenario in which she would be forced to stop playing tennis.

Tennis has helped Erickson effectively manage her time throughout her college career.

"It keeps you on track," she said.

Bream described Erickson as "kind of like dynamite in a small package."

Though built small, Erickson is a very aggressive baseline player who hits the ball hard and flat when she plays, Bream said.

Erickson added: "I'm a perfectionist to the utmost degree on the court, see Erickson, page 11

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Modglin continues landmark softball season for Mustangs

A CLOSER LOOK AT CAL POLY SOFTBALL'S SUCCESS

- The Mustangs boost five starters with batting averages above .300 — Lisa Modglin (.398), Jackie Gethens (.389), Melissa Pura (.348), Sarah Iwata (.323) and Kyrsten Gonzalez (.312).

- Modglin has swatted 16 of Cal Poly's 36 home runs. Pura has seven, Iwata five and Cary four.

- Cal Poly pitchers Robyn Kontra (10-4, 1.98 ERA), Jenna Maah 2 (10-3, 2.11), Emily Hively (8-1, 1.82) and Helen Peña (5-4, 1.75) have combined to toss nine shutouts and 26 complete games.

Modglin continues softball season for Mustangs

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Isaiah Narciso

MUSTANG DAILY

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ul Poly softball star Lisa Modglin has achieved new heights for her team this season and finds herself among national leaders in several statistics.

The senior center fielder has been a force at the plate as well as defensively, Cal Poly head coach Jenny Condon said. "She basically sets the tone for our offense."

Entering her team's home series against Big West rival UC Santa Barbara with a noon doubleheader Saturday and the capper at noon Sunday, Modglin is fifth among all Division I players in batting average (.489). She is also third in slugging percentage (.993), ninth in home runs per game (.037) and 11th in RBI per game (1.12).

Modglin, though, has focused on fixing her weaknesses, and her teammates have taken notice.

"She is just unbelievable," Cal Poly senior infielder Shannon Brook said. "I would compare her as well as defensively," Cal Poly head coach Jenny Condon said. "She basically sets the tone for our offense."

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Poly men finish 2nd, women last at Big West Conference golf championships

The Mustangs men failed to defend their crown from 2006, finishing only three strokes behind champion UC Irvine.

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

MISSION VIEJO — Cal Poly broke a school record with a final-round four-person 290 total Tuesday, but still finished three strokes shy of successfully defending its Big West Conference men's golf championship.

Freshman Geoff Gonzalez fired a career-best 65 while juniors David Lewinski and Brycen Wagner both shot 67's as the Mustangs finished the 54-hole event at the Tijeras Creek Golf Club with an 855 total. UC Irvine, which led Pacific by 22 strokes and Cal Poly by 24 after 36 holes Monday, won with an 852 total. Pacific slipped into third place with an 871.

The Mustang women's team finished last among five teams competing for the Big West title.

Gonzalez, tied for 16th place Monday, finished in a tie for fourth with a three-under-par 213 total. With his 65, Gonzalez now has 18 rounds of par, or better and seven rounds in the 60s.

Colin Pock finished a consistent performance with a 70 Tuesday. Added to his 70 and 69 Monday, the Mustang junior finished with a seven-under-par 209 total and second place, improving on his 16th-place finish of a year ago.

Lewinski finished with a one-over-par 217 total and a 10th-place tie while Wagner posted a 219 total and a tie for 15th place. Also scoring for Cal Poly was Chris Kirk, who finished 19th following his 71 Tuesday.

The old team record for one round was 275, accomplished three times.

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Frankly Speaking

Forecasting Female Athlete of Year candidates

Frank Stranaz

ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Faster than a speeding bullet, more powerful than a locomotive, able to leap tall buildings in a single bound...it's a plane! It's a plane! No, it's Sharon Day! Rocketed to earth as an infant with the distant planet of Krypton exploded, she is disguised as a mild-mannered student at California Polytechnic State University of San Luis Obispo, fighting a never-ending battle for truth, justice and freedom against all Big West Conference foes, especially those daunting Gauchos!

It's three weeks before Cal Poly's annual athletics department awards banquet, Night of the Mustang, and the race for Male and Female Athletes of the Year are tightly contested.

Day (cross country/track), Kylie Atherstone (vollyball) and Lisa Modglin (softball) are clearly the frontrunners on the women's side while Kyle Shortwell (football), Phillip Reid (cross country/track), Darrell Vasquez (wrestling) and Grant Desme (baseball) are making noise on the men's side.

Even though the Mustang Daily has no say on who receives the award, we're here to provide our handicapping of the athletes in contention:

Day, senior high jumper

For those of you not well acquainted with Cal Poly's version of Superwoman, Day is the school's only Division I national champion in its 12 years at the highest level of collegiate competition.

She won the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field title in the high jump a solid 12 months in 2005, clearing 6 feet, 4 1/2 inches. Oh, and she earned first-team All-Big West honors that same year.

Her accomplishments earned her Female Athlete of the Year honors for 2005-06. However, Day's previous accolades have no bearing on this year's award.

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