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—Brandon Souza
2007-08 ASI president

After an additional six days of campaigning, Brandon Souza was elected ASI president for 2007-08 school year.

Souza wins run-off vote

Jennifer Hall and Emily Rancer

Brandon Souza was elected as president of Associated Students Inc. Wednesday in a run-off election against Matt Taylor, securing 51.3 percent of the vote. Of the 2,690 students who went to the polls, just 70 votes separated the two candidates.

"I'm really overwhelmed and excited to serve Cal Poly," Souza said. "This has been in the works for four months and my campaign staff has been so amazing. I couldn't have done it without..."

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Wall draws divide between clubs

Amanda Rettzer

A "Wall of Oppression" was put up on Dexter Lawn Wednesday by the Students for Peace and Justice in the Middle East (SPJME) to show the impact of the West Bank wall that is being put on the border of Israel and Palestine territory by the Israeli government.

"This is a replica of the wall to show the people the issues that they don’t see," said business senior and SPJME president Stella Aitma. "We are involved (as a country) and people need to realize that. We want people to comment on it; we want people talking about it.

The issue has a long history stemming from violence between Israelis and Palestinians. Construction began in 2002, although the idea had been around for years. As the wall continues to be built, people are still unaware of the..."

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Students from around the world make San Luis Obispo their home

Giana Magnoli

Cal Poly has a small amount of international students compared to other California State University schools, but has staff and student resources available to help them get acquainted with the university. The International Education and Programs office and International Club are two of the main sources of information.

The International Club is run by students, and in addition to a beginning-of-the-year orientation and retreat, the club organizes events throughout the year – mostly hikes and potlucks, because they're low...

Later that day, on her first day in an American high school, she was given a map and told to find the office. Fixed on the piece of paper in her hands, incomprehensible shouting broke her concentration. She looked up and saw workers on the roof above her, but naturally had no idea what they were saying. Finally, someone got a woman to help her and lead her to the office.

"There was a person who said something like 'good afternoon' to me the very first day," she said. "And I understood the word 'good' and looked at my sister like, 'what's that? I didn't know it was a 'hi' because it's not normal for us."

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huge impact on both countries and SPJME is expressing their side of the issue.
“Of people don’t know about it and we are presenting a visual so we can inform people. Our incentive is to educate,” English sophomore and SPJME member Marina Barkat said.

The main controversy of the wall is its location. The “Green Line” is the internationally recognized border between Israel and Palestine but the wall cuts into Palestinian territory.

“It was created by the Israeli government to stop Palestinians from attacking Israelis. It is surrounding the West Bank and dividing and separating families,” Barkat said. “Students can’t go to school; people can’t go to work. The Palestinian people are being crushed.”

The actual wall stands 25 feet tall and over 403 miles long, two times as high and four times as long as the Berlin Wall. The finished product will contain concrete walls, trenches, barbed wire, electrified fencing, super towers and video cameras. Periodic gaps in the wall are militarily stationed and passage is based on the soldiers’ selective allowance.

“The gates are guarded and open only for a few hours a day” said business junior and SPJME member Heba Mansour. “It’s you and your luck whether you can make it to school or work that day.”

Mansour was raised in Palestine and frequently returns to visit her family that still lives there.

“I grew up there so I understand the oppression,” she said. When visiting she must fly into Jordan and then cross the border into Palestine. The crossing is a 45-minute drive but it takes her nine hours to get through and consists of “harassing, searching and questioning,” Mansour said. “I’ve been strip searched, and spat on for being an Arab.”

Her family owns an apartment complex and two years ago the Israeli government suspected that someone in the complex was not in compliance with them. So they strapped TNT to a dog and set it into the first story, blowing away the level and demolishing the rest of the building. They also shot and killed two men that had been in the building and forced Mansour’s uncle to drag them into the street as a reminder of the government’s power and enforcement.

“Death is very normal; it’s sick,” Mansour said. “Palestinian people are really numb to it.”

The wall doesn’t follow the 1967 border. It digs into Palestinian villages, separating families from each other,” she said. “It makes the Palestinians feel like they’re not human beings. They are suffocated in their own land, imprisoned for that matter.”

The Israeli government says the wall is needed because the Palestinian violence toward Israel needs to be stopped, especially with the number of suicide bombers. There were also other students on Dexter Lawn to support this side, in protest against the protest. With their right to free speech, they passed out fliers to observers to show the other side of the story.

“We just wanted to go out there and show people our point of view,” said Zachary Golden, a pro-Israel protester and mechanical engineering junior. The group of students passed out fliers titled “10 Points about Israel’s Security Border” while displaying two posters. One of the posters showed a picture of a bombed-out bus and a couple of body bags on the ground with text that asked, “If this was happening in your country, what would you choose?” Another poster displayed the statement: “Every child has the right to grow up without being killed by terrorists.”

While out on the lawn, university police were called to the scene because the protesters put their signs on supports which was against the law because SPJME as a group had claimed Dexter Lawn for their own demonstration.

When asked if the posters must be uprooted, Goldstein responded: “I told them to call the police because I thought it was ridiculous. We picked up the posters and walked around with them because we see Wall, page 5
Beijing '08 Olympics official discusses China's first Games

Justin Pritchard

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — A Chinese official helping Beijing host its first Olympics said Wednesday one of his biggest concerns was air quality in a city notorious for brown skies.

"The environment I should mention is one of the major concerns for us and also for the athletes," Wang Wei, secretary general of the committee organizing the 2008 Beijing Games, told a conference sponsored by the Asia Society of Southern California.

"We want to make sure the athletes have the best air quality," he said. Wang said air quality was improving — from 100 "good air quality days" in 1998 to 241 such days last year.

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MOUNTAIN VIEW (AP) — Google co-founder Sergey Brin, one of the world's richest men, has reportedly ended his search for a lifelong partner.

Brin, 33, married Anne Wojcicki, a biotech entrepreneur whose sister was Google's first landlord, in a secret ceremony in the Bahamas earlier this month, the San Jose Mercury News reported Wednesday.

Brin, worth an estimated $16.6 billion, and Wojcicki swam out to a sandbar while most of the 60 guests traveled to the wedding site by boat, according to the newspaper. The couple wedded in a traditional Jewish ceremony, with Brin stomping on a glass as a symbol of faith and new beginnings.

OAKLAND (AP) — The city council voted unanimously to approve a resolution that calls for an end to immigration raids and reaffirms its stand as a refuge for immigrants.

The resolution passed Tuesday night prevents Oakland police and city employees from helping federal agents to enforce deportation orders or other immigration laws. However neither the mayor nor the council has authority to halt the federal sweeps.

 Briefs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Anti-war Democrats in the Senate failed in an attempt to cut off funds for the Iraq war on Wednesday, a lopsided bipartisan vote that masked growing impatience within both political parties over President Bush's handling of the four-year conflict.

The 67-29 vote against the Democrats' measure left it far short of the 60 needed to advance. But more than half the Senate's Democrats supported the move, a marked change from last summer when only a dozen members of the rank and file backed a troop withdrawal deadline.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Embattled World Bank President Paul Wolfowitz is negotiating an agreement to resign, according to an official familiar with the talks.

His departure would include an acknowledgment from the bank that he doesn't bear sole responsibility for the controversy surrounding a generous pay package for his girlfriend, the official said.

The negotiations took place as the bank's board deliberated about 10 more and raising new fears for the safety of workers at the nerve center of the American mission in Iraq.

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International

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Israeli aircraft launched missiles at Hamas militants in the Gaza Strip on Wednesday, killing at least five people, after Hamas fired rocket barrages into Israel in an apparent attempt to draw Israel into increasingly violent Palestinian infighting.

Hamas gunmen fatally shot six guards from the rival Fatah movement and mistakenly ambushed a jeep carrying their own fighters, killing five. In all, 16 Palestinians were killed in Palestinian infighting Wednesday — the bloodiest day since violence broke out in the Gaza Strip four days ago.

LANCASTER (AP) — Mortar rounds hammered the U.S.-controlled Green Zone for a second day Wednesday, killing at least two people, wounding about 10 more and raising new fears for the safety of workers at the nerve center of the American mission in Iraq.

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The cost difference between Pakistan and the Central Coast is huge; in Pakistan, it costs less than $3,000 for a bachelor's degree, he said. Maybe, closer to $2,000 if you're living in a hostel and eating out, but still extremely more inexpensive than in California.

Because there is no financial aid available through Cal Poly for international students, they must also show proof of having at least $27,000, the approximate cost of one year at this university. The number is high because international students pay out-of-state tuition.

"They're paying a lot of money," Andre said. There is a new graduate student fee waiver but it's very minimal, she said.

In addition to finding housing, he had to adjust to the quarter system and a new diet.

"I'm unable to find halal meat in San Luis Obispo," he said. "I'm just eating fish and vegetables for the last nine months."

He noted the transition from Lahore, a city of more than six mil­
tions, to the small city of San Luis Obispo.

"Obviously, I'm in America and I'm enjoying that feeling that I'm outside my country, but obviously, it's a very small town," he said.

Two of his brothers have lived in the country for the past eight years, and his father wanted him to study in the U.S. to learn about different cul­tures.

"After Sept. 11 you think that maybe there will be some sort of racism against Pakistanis ... but I haven't found so much here," he said.

He plans to graduate in summer 2008 and is hoping to get an intern­ship before then, although it's diffi­cult without a green card or being a U.S. citizen.

"Sometimes I get homesick, but otherwise it's good. It's really a very good experience for me," he said.
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About 14 percent of students voted in the presidential run-off, whereas 23.5 percent voted last Thursday in that election. Souza took 49 percent of the vote, followed by Taylor with 30.3 percent and Arvand Sabetian with 20.67. ASI election rules require a candidate to get 50 percent plus one vote to win. Since that was not achieved last week, a runoff election between the two frontrunners was necessary. Wednesday’s results are considered unofficial until approved at the next ASI Board of Directors meeting in two weeks.

“Fifty percent is what it takes to win. If we didn’t have two really strong candidates, there’s no way we would have gotten this high of a voter turnout,” said Mia White, director of the ASI elections committee. She noted that without Cal Poly in the figures, the average voter turnout for first-round California State University campus elections is 8.9 percent. Despite the loss, Taylor said that he would like to be a part of ASI again next year.

“I want to make sure to stay involved and keep serving the students, because that’s what I said I was going to do next year and I’ll continue to work towards that,” Taylor said.

Souza will start his term as president on graduation day. In the meantime, he’ll be meeting with current president Todd Maki to ensure the transition goes smoothly.

“The transition process is always the most important. It’s going to be a busy next few weeks,” Maki said.

Maki said he was impressed by both candidates and that either would have done a great job as his successor.

“They both have the experience for it and the personality for it,” he said. “They’re both confident and have great work ethics as shown by their campaigns.”

As for his first order of business as the president-elect, Souza was decisive.

“The first thing I’m going to do right now is call my mother.”

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that was more legal.”

Despite the tension between the groups, both were able to disseminate their information. Statistics placed on the makeshift wall on Dexter Lawn include the dramatic increase of the unemployment rate from 18 percent in 2000 to 78 percent in 2003. It states that 115 Palestinian towns and villages have been cut off from their land and resources because of the wall. Construction has already uprooted over 100,000 olive and citrus trees, demolished 75 acres of greenhouses and 23 miles of irrigation pipes.

“The Security Fence is a result of Israel’s basic commitment to defend its citizens from terrorism emanating from the West Bank,” read the flier passed out by the second group of protesters. “Though still incomplete, it has already improved the security and lives of countless Israelis and it dropped terrorism significantly continues, and innocent people killed by the Israeli government runs even higher.

The demonstration on Dexter Lawn provides a small glimpse into the everyday conflict between Palestine and Israel. Both sides provide arguments and opinions as the wall continues to be built and solutions are attempted. The U.S. as a country has leaned toward the Israeli side after being the only nation to vote against the U.N.’s resolution that said the wall was illegal and must be ceased and reversed.

“You can’t have a wall on the line of the border, e.Xcept for its existence, it has already improved the lives of an estimated 9 million Israelites and it dropped terrorism by more than 90 percent.

“The wall has protected many Israelis and it dropped terrorism pretty much completely,” Goldstein said.

SPJME says that suicide bombing still significantly continues, and innocent people killed by the Israeli government runs even higher.

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Tariq Panja

LONDON — Britain’s army reversed course Wednesday and announced that Prince Harry will not be sent to Iraq with his regiment but respected the decision.

Dannatt said the move was due to specific threats to the prince and risks to the safety of his fellow soldiers.

"There have been a number of specific threats, some reported and some not reported, that relate directly to Prince Harry as an individual," Dannatt said. "These threats exposed him and those around him to a degree of risk I considered unacceptable." under review amid concerns for the safety of his fellow soldiers.

The decision to keep Harry out of Iraq could have a devastating impact on the morale of the British troops in the field, said Charles Heyman, a former British soldier describing him as a "highly capable substitute troop leader.

"He fully understands Gen. Dannatt’s difficult decision and remains committed to his army career," the Clarence House statement said.

In the past, Harry had spoken of his desire to see Iraq, but respected the decision.

The decision comes three days after insurgents claimed to have captured three U.S. servicemen and the editor of the book, "Armed Forces of the UK.

"Soldiers will say: 'If it's too dangerous for Prince Harry, then it's too dangerous for me. Is his life worth more than mine?' Well, from a political point of view, yes. But from a moral point of view the answer is no," Heyman said.

Heyman said that the effect on Britain’s Defense Ministry had long said the decision would be kept under review amid concerns for the security of Harry, a second lieutenant, and other soldiers serving with him. The prince is a tank commander trained to lead a 12-man team in four armored reconnaissance vehicles.

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Ladies and gents, hookah is the modern peace pipe

I can recall many hot summer nights walking the streets of downtown Cairo. Surrounded by my memories and shadows of an ancient past, I can almost hear the distant music of an erotic nightclub; the smell of Egypt's European sidewalk cafes imbued with a distinct air of Persian nostalgia. But I digress. I'm serious and get to the point. What I remember most about Egypt is the smoke.

Now, I'd like to point out that I did not say wrong. For snook is the toxic pollutant of cars and the devil. No, I deliberately said smoke because my fondest memories of Egypt were the endless nights I spent watching various elderly men smoking hookah, or, as native Egyptians call it, Shisha.

As smoke gently cascaded down out of their nostrils and danced into the desert landscape, I could not help but dream of one day tasting the finest tobacco in the world has ever seen. But I also remember it's the creative energy that is natural to us as both men and women were able to participate in this activity together. So not only was this an egalitarian activity, but was also a way to bolster friendship amongst neighbors.

It is not only still true today, but smoking hookah is definitely a unifying activity within circles of friends, and I must confess there are a few new perks that only modernity could make mainstream. For example, enter the world of flavors available for smoke. For today's tobacco enthusiast there's the standard apple, strawberry, peach combinations, in addition to more extravagant flavors like pineapple, grape, rose, mint and even cappuccino.

As this relatively new hookah craze progresses throughout the United States, more smoke shops start to carry this distinctly Middle Eastern product, I can't help but at back and smile. I smile not only because smoking Shisha is relaxing to me, or because I enjoy the company of my friends and family while doing it, but because I can't help but wonder if this is our own modern peace pipe.

I look at this new social development and think, it's amazing that so many people find they can openly discuss world events, or politics, or religion over a good smoke. Maybe it's the creative energy that is naturally produced when a group of people get together. Maybe it's all the exotic flavor of imported tobacco bombarding the senses, or perhaps it's just the smoke.

Let's be serious, hookah has been entertaining the masses for centuries now. It's not a new phenomenon. In fact, it all began in the nether parts of the Persian Empire in what is today India, but later spread throughout the Arab Empire.

It's important to note that during this time in history, smoking hookah served a rather uiiihing function in society as both men and women were able to participate in this activity together. So not only was this an egalitarian activity, but was also a way to bolster friendship amongst neighbors.


Professor Dan Kriger started this project for his California history class two years ago and gave the students an option of either doing a research paper or producing something for the exhibit.

This year, 11 students chose the exhibit, 10 of which produced a hard copy product with photos while one student produced a digital story that will be shown later on this summer.

Crag Rock, the project director, has worked with the students to help find their materials and pick the topics that are right for them. Rock helped get students more involved in the exhibit rather than the encouraging them to do the research paper.

"It's been really great," Rock said. "The students picked topics that are interesting and controversial that not a lot of people know about." Kriger will be at the exhibit's opening May 19 from 2 to 5 p.m. to introduce the first two projects with a talk on the Depression and its effects on local communities.

The first two exhibits were put together by Cal Poly students Ashley Fletcher and Joseph Walker as part of a collaborative effort with the newly formed Exhibit Committee of the South Country Historical Society.

Fletcher, a liberal studies sophomore, took this class as a requirement and ended up enjoying working on the exhibit.

"I chose the exhibit over the research paper because it interested me more," Fletcher said. "It seemed more fun to choose something in history and produce something from it rather than just writing another paper."

Fletcher wanted to do her exhibit on the Japanese Internment camps in California, but when it was taken, Kriger suggested she present the photography of Dorothea Lange.

Additional exhibits by Kriger's students will be shown throughout summer at the Historic Hall, open from 1 to 5 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, with special programs scheduled at 2 p.m. on the opening dates of new exhibits.

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Cal Poly's "Beauty Queen of Leenane'" Maureen (biochemistry freshman Victoria Dorecki) forces her coyish mother Meg (choreographer Shaevee Hood) to down some Irish Connemara. Right: Mag sweet-talks her neighbor Ray (Cuesta College student Chase Mullins) into betraying Maureen.

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Cal Poly 'Beauty Queen' a real winner

Brooke Robertson

A bleakly dark storyline edged with laughter and tension is met with talented actors in the regional premiere of Martin McDonagh's play, "The Beauty Queen of Leenane," which is appearing at Cal Poly's Alex and Faye Spanos theatre through Saturday.

Set in the Irish village of Leenane in 1989, the plot focuses on the volatile relationship between 40-year-old Maureen Folan and her 70-year-old mother, Mag. The two engage in cruel cycles of confrontation, each malicious action inciting a greater and crueller revenge.

"The Beauty Queen Of Leenane" is performed in Irish dialect, which all of the actors pull off with ease.

Biochemistry freshman Victoria Doroski commands a powerful onstage presence in the role of Maureen. Doroski is both hard-edged and vulnerable as an obscure character whose actions provoke sympathy, fear, and horror from the audience as the complex layers of her personality are revealed.

Maureen is a woman fed-up with her dreary day-to-day life in the bleak and rural Irish country town of Leenane. She returns home every day, cold and wet, to wait on her mentally-abusive mother whose only joys are complaining, belittling her daughter, and devouring biscuits and cups of Complan, a nutritional drink geared towards an older population.

The play's physical set compliments Maureen's small and suffocating world. The two women pace across the cramped interior of a cottage, trapped together in a small space. The living area features Maureen's rocking chair, positioned directly in front of the television, as well as a small, wooden kitchen table with a few hard chairs. The walls and bookshelves are crowded with dishes and candlesticks.

Polluted with the smell of her mother's urine, which Mag dumps from her bedpan down the kitchen sink every morning, the small home is more of a prison for Maureen. Maureen longs for some form of companionship to break her away from her suffocating mother and the dirty cottage they share.

Conversely, Mag is terrified of being left alone by her last daughter. Thankfully for Mag, Maureen is unmarried and is unlikely to find another companion, since most all of the Irish men have gone to England or America in search of work.

This all changes when handsome and charismatic Pato Dooley returns to Leenane. Portrayed by theatre junior Duncan Calladine, Pato charms both Maureen and the audience with his natural humor and sensitivity towards the complex and emotional situations which arise.

Upon his arrival, Maureen glimpses a chance for love and a possible escape from her suffocating mother. But alas, Mag interferes every chance she can get, deceiving her daughter and burning all evidence in the stove. Maureen also interferes with her own plans for love, at times so consumed with a need for retaliation against her mother she loses sight of an escape.

Theatre senior Shasta Hood plays the fool, nagging and manipulative Mag. Hood shines in the role, provoking both hatred and sympathy from the viewer as the storyline unravels. Hood's talent, wit, and body language mix to create a simple and calculating old woman whose feelings, and deceptions are revealed through her animated facial expressions.

Things are further complicated when Ray, Pato's younger brother, gets in the mix. Portrayed light-heartedly by Cal Poly student Chase Mullins, Ray is a hip 19-year-old who strives to be cool and is obsessed with television. Ray serves as Pato's messenger to Maureen, and delivers comical, witty lines more often than he delivers his brother's messages.

"The Beauty Queen Of Leenane" will run at 8 p.m. through Saturday with an additional 2 p.m. matinee performance on Saturday. Tickets may be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office for $10 for students and $12 for the general public.

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In elementary school, you chased each other around the playground, pulled each other’s hair, or sat at each other’s toys.

In junior high/middle school, you teased each other mercilessly, made fun of each other’s hair, and played on each other’s prepubescent insecurities.

In high school, you made eyes at each other from across the classroom, worried too much about the way your hair looked, and after all the effort, tried to play it off.

At our age, after 20-ish years spent socializing, schmoozing, or trying to, we’ve learned that flirting is undeniably an element of human interaction.

(Hopefully we’ve learned since our hair-ranking days to incorporate a little more subtlety into our methods.)

Through flirting, we can convey and/or detect anything from a serious, to a passing, romantic interest. It tingles both spoken and unspoken conversation.

Even where there’s no romance, there’s some flirting involved in solely friendly and platonic attraction.

First, let’s get past the negative connotation some of our more prudent readers may be stuck on. We’re not talking about shamelessly throwing yourself at the next cute guy/girl you meet downtown (though certainly that’s your prerogative).

We’re examining flirting as a form of a fact of human communication. Unlike the days of pincushions and courtships, today involves more than just a lady’s handkerchief or a fluttering fan concealing a blushing cheek.

We’ve all been happily surprised — or distinctively disturbed — by a little flirtatious remark tossed our way. It can be flattering, frustrating, or downright frightening. Flirtation is a skill and arguably, even an art form.

And, as an art form, that means there is good art, and there is BAD art (and opinions differ wildly). Let’s look at a scenario:

You’re navigating the Farmers’ Market crowd, trying not to lose those fake-gluten-free girlfriend’s.

Suddenly you shoulder-collide with a dude and two male lackeys who trail him obediently. You throw an “Oops, sorry!” over your shoulder and continue walking.

He responds with a very loud, unny “hey, baby” followed by a series of stealthy, unintelligible booms and hollers. Needless to say, this sort of primitive flirting (harassment?) won’t get you very far (with humans, that is, you might give it a try at Atascadero Zoo).

But we’re sophisticated beings,

for some, flirting is largely controllable; a switch that can be turned on or off...

"I have a problem googling bondage."
Amazon.com to launch digital music store without copy protection

Elizabeth M. Gillespie  ALG ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEATTLE — Amazon.com plans to open an online music store offering only songs that are free of copy-protection technology and can be played on anything, from PCs to portable gadgets such as Apple's iPod or Microsoft's Zune.

The Internet retailer decided to steer clear of digital-rights management technology because consumers want to be able to listen to their music on any device they choose, executives said Wednesday.

The market-leading iPod, for instance, can't play copy-protected music purchased from Napster or RealNetworks Inc.'s Rhapsody store. A Zune can't play tunes bought on iTunes. All players support music in the MP3 format.

Amazon's strategy "is helping to pave the way for a much better, much more customer-centric experience in digital music," said Bill Carr, Amazon's vice president of digital media.

Shares of Amazon rose $2.64, or more than 4 percent, to $63.22 Wednesday, toward the high end of the company's stock price over the past year.

Amazon's music store wasn't unexpected, and the company is trailing a page out of Apple Inc.'s songbook by offering music that isn't locked down by digital-rights management technology.

Like Apple's iTunes Store, Amazon will offer DRM-free songs from Britain's EMI Music Group PLC. Amazon also said it will offer millions of tunes from 12,000 unnamed labels. Apple, however, will continue to sell copy-protected tunes.

Amazon said it would announce more labels when the service goes live later this year, but it did not identify a specific date.

Songs will be sold by the track or album, without a subscription option. Amazon didn't provide prices. Cupertino, Calif.-based Apple plans to charge $1.29 for tracks without DRM — 30 cents more than copy-protected songs. It also said the pricier tunes would feature enhanced sound quality.

Carr said Amazon has always focused on giving customers good bargains and hinted that music will be offered at various prices.

"We have a track record of being very competitive on price and offering very low prices to customers," Carr told The Associated Press. "We also have a track record of offering a wide range of price points on our products, too. There's not one or two or three price points on our CD store today — there are many, many different price points."

Last month, EMI agreed to let Apple sell tracks without the copy-protection technology on its iTunes Store. Apple has yet to begin selling the EMI tracks, but has said it would make them available on iTunes sometime this month.

Earlier this year, Apple CEO Steve Jobs called on the world's four major record companies, including EMI, to start selling songs online without copy-protection software.

Asked how Amazon plans to compete with Apple's market-leading iTunes store, Carr said the Web merchant has a huge customer base, with 66 million active accounts. He also touted the success of its CD store, which in the United States alone offers some 1 million titles.

Barney Wragg, head of EMI's global digital division, said the company believes Amazon's entry in the digital music business will make an intensely competitive market even more competitive.

"Amazon has proven it's a really competitive, successful retailer in the CD business and we're very excited about having people who have a proven track record come into the download business," Wragg said.

EMI also announced deals to sell music without copy restrictions in France, through Virgin Stores' VirginMegaj, channel, and with several other online music retailers in Denmark, Norway and Sweden.

Other music labels have released some tracks online without DRM either as part of experiments or sales promotions. Nevertheless, they insist that safeguards are still needed to stave off online piracy and make other digital music business models work.

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Giants lose 3rd in last 4 games, 2-1 at Astros

While Barry Bonds stays put at No. 745, San Francisco reliever and Cal Poly alum Kevin Correia does not see any action.

Kristie Rieken
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOUSTON — Rookie Hunter Pence bunted for the second straight game and the Houston Astros beat the San Francisco Giants 2-1 Wednesday night for their fourth straight win.

The win gives Houston its first home series win over the Giants since 1999 and breaks a streak of five consecutive losses to San Francisco.

Pence put Houston up 2-1 with a solo homer that bounced off the train tracks above the left-field wall in the eighth inning. He hit a tying two-run drive in the eighth inning of Tuesday's 6-5, 10-inning win.

Pence, who was called up April 27 to boost the offense, is 7 for 7 in this series. He had singles in the second, third and eighth innings Wednesday and has four home runs and 15 RBIs this season.

Giants slagger Barry Bonds was 1 for 3 with a single and a walk. He hasn't hit a homer since May 1 and remains 10 away from tying Hank Aaron's career record of 755. His drought at Minute Maid Park ended two innings before the opening day of 2004.

Fellow rookie Chris Sampson (4-3), who was back with Houston after missing Tuesday's game for the birth of his first child, allowed one run and seven hits in six innings. He walked one and struck out three.

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Condon said, "She's fun to watch. She's got speed, power, a great eye. I give credit to her. She stayed over the summer (of 2006) and conditioned. It's amazing. We expect her to get a couple a game every game. They feel out the momentum that she provides in that leadoff spot."'

Leading off regional play will be Arizona State (49-15) and Southern Utah (29-29) at 11 a.m. today. The four teams involved will play a combined five games today and Friday to determine who has the right in the double-elimination regional to play Saturday for a spot in the round of 16.

As for Mountain West Conference champion BYU (41-16), the Cougars lost 84 home runs this season — second in Division I with 1-42 per game.

But Cal Poly is not dismayed by that because it split a pair of games with BYU during the regular season, losing 7-1 in February before winning 2-1 in March.

"It's thin air in Utah," Condon said. "We've gotta get hititters. They've got good hitters. We've seen them, and hopefully we've prepared and got video on them and the more you study the hitters, you can pick apart their swing. But we don't need to strike them out. We just want to put the ball in play."

Former Poly CB Brown wraps up mini camp with Cowboys

Los Angeles Rams coach Tony Dungy spoke about former Poly center Jeff Saturday at the team's mini camp Tuesday.

"I think he has the tools to be successful in the NFL, especially with the Rams," said Dungy, who was head coach at Stanford University when Saturday was a Stanford fullback. "He's got a lot of tools. He's a winner. He's a competitor. He's a good football player."'

Poly Athletics Hall of Fame to have 5 new inductees

Four of the five former Mustang standouts are ex-football players.

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

The Cal Poly Athletics Hall of Fame will add five new members in September, bringing the total number of inductees to 92 individuals, a track and field relay foursome and the 1966 football team.

The new inductees, announced Wednesday by Mustang director of athletics Alison Cone, include a quartet of former football players — defensive back Mark Davis, end Burton "Bud" Chadwick, wide receiver Chris Thomas and nose guard Dale Creighton — and distance runner Teena Colebrook.

The 2007 class will be inducted Sept. 28 at a dinner to be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in San Luis Obispo, and will be introduced at halftime of Cal Poly football's Hall of Fame Game against Northern Colorado on Sept. 29 in Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

The 2007 Hall of Fame inductees are:

Mark Davis

Davis held the Cal Poly career interceptions record of 17 for more than 25 years until Kenny Chicone broke the mark last season. Davis played at Cal Poly from 1973-75 and is tied for No. 2 in the record book for interceptions in a season with eight (1973).

Teena Colebrook

Colebrook was a seven-time Division II All-American in track and field and still holds the school records in the 800-meter run (2 minutes, 2.48 seconds), 1,500 (4:09.69) and 3,000 (9:55.80) and is No. 2 in the 5,000 (15:59.72).

She ran distance events at Cal Poly from 1993-97.

Burton "Bud" Chadwick

Chadwick played football as an en at Cal Poly from 1953-55, letters each of the three seasons and was starter in every game. He earned first team Little-All Coast in 1954, first team All-California Collegiate Athletic Association in 1954 and first team All-Southern California Small Colleges in 1954.

Chris Thomas


Thomas played in 59 career NFL games and caught 51 passes for 529 yards and one touchdown.

Dale Creighton

Creighton was a nose guard on the Mustang football teams of 1966-68 and also competed in swimming in 1967 and 1968.

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in the running world. Its previous holder, UC Irvine's Steve Scott, became a member of the team and is an icon in the sport.

And he's done all this by rehabili-
tating from a stress fracture in his right femur suffered in the spring of 2005 that kept him sidelined for five months.

"It solidified my love for track," Reid said of the rehabilitation. "It took it back to that basic level. From there, it was kind of that re-birth of running for me."

Reid said it might have helped in winning the award by competing in both fall and spring.

"Technically, we have two sports," he said. "It would have been different if I hadn't have as much suc-
cess in cross country season.

Reid has already qualified for the 2008 U.S. Olympic Trials in the 1,500.

"I want to make the National Team," said Reid, who will compete at the NCAA West Regional Meet in Eugene, Ore., from May 25 to 26. "I think I have a good chance."

Perhaps the most powerful quote from Tuesday's banquet was addressed to Reid from Conover, whose wife, Kelly, gave birth last weekend to triplets — two girls and one boy.

"I hope my baby is half the man that you are," and I mean that," Conover told the crowd. Modglin said it helped her by stay-
ing in San Luis Obispo last summer — something she hadn't done previ-
ously — and working out with a club team called the Sliders.

"It gave me a lot more at-bats and that probably helped," Modglin said. The awards were voted upon by a coterie of coaches and administra-
tors with the CIT's athletic department.

Modglin became the first softball player to take Athlete of the Year since Desairi Kipper won consecutive awards from 1997-98.

The other candidates Modglin beat out were (in alphabetical order): sophomore volleyball middle hitter Kyle Asherton, golf sophomore Hannah Brabb, track and field junior high jumper/heptathlete Shanay Day, cross country freshman Kimberly Donnalick, senior baseball forward Jessica Eggleston, tennis senior Carol Erickson, senior soccer defender

Heidi McQuitty and junior swimmer Stacy Sorenson.

The first softball track athlete to rec-

to receive Athlete of the Year since

Tynan Ward shared the honor with

Varrie Fohn (basketball) in 2004.

Reid beat out (in alphabetical order): tennis senior Matt Baca, junior baseball right fielder Grant Dome, freshman golfer Gonzalez, freshman swimmer Carter Richards, baseball catcher Kyle Shortell, senior baseball forward Devon Stuckey, 133-pound w
ing senior Darrel Vaquer and senior soccer defender Eric Ward.

Cleveland — They had overcome

injuries, trade rumors and talk of

an eventual breakup for months. So with their season on the line, the New Jersey Nets did what they've always done. Survive.

"This has been the makeup of this team," Jason Kidd said. "We were counted out."

On Wednesday night, they got up the count and the Nets delayed an early summer vacation for crossthe river over the Cleveland Cavaliers to pull within 2-3 in their Eastern Conference semifinal series.

Downed by an inability to exe-
cute down the stretch in this series, the Nets built a 22-point lead in the third quarter and then hung on for dear life — scoring just six points in the fourth quarter — to keep the game a 5-6

Game 5 on Friday night in East Rutherford, N.J.
Cal Poly senior pitcher Emily Hively struck out four in a three-hit shutout of visiting Pacific on Saturday.

**Mustangs look to cash in historic opportunity today**

Cal Poly will try to take the first step in the women's College World Series with its first-round game at 2 p.m. today at BYU.

Tristan Aird
MUSTANG DAILY

A trio of pitchers who wield lethal fastballs, keep the ball in the park and stymie opposing bats? Check.

A Big West Conference Player of the Year who finished second nationally among all Division I players in batting average and paced the conference in nine offensive categories? Check.

A Big West Coach of the Year who has already surpassed the century mark for wins since coming to Cal Poly in 2005? Check.

The Cal Poly softball team appears to have all the tools necessary for an NCAA Tournament run, one the program hopes begins when the Mustangs open regional play at BYU's campus Sunday, the four teams in the Provoo Regional — Cal Poly, BYU, seventh-seeded Arizona State and Southern Utah — will begin play at home sooner than 14 of the 16 regional sites.

That meant the Mustangs had to fly out from Santa Barbara Airport on Tuesday afternoon.

But Cal Poly (39-15, 14-4), which wrapped up first outright Big West title ever last Saturday, didn't mind the early departure.

"It's awesome," Cal Poly senior center fielder Lisa Modglin said. "We (had) to leave a day earlier, but it really doesn't matter. We'll be ready to go... We've been on the road most of the season anyway, so we're already used to that."

Indeed, a 19-4 record during a 25-game, 31-day road trip earlier this season doesn't hurt in preparing the Mustangs for this weekend.

Modglin, who was named both Cal Poly's Female Athlete of the Year and Big West Player of the Year on Tuesday, finished the regular season secondationally among all Division I players in both batting average (.488) and slugging percentage (.581). She was the catalyst behind a landmark season in which the Mustangs won their first Big West title ever and reached the NCAA Tournament for the first time since moving to the Division I level in 1995.

"It means everything," Reid said of the award. "It's something that you can't really train for. It's not something you can go out there (with) like a goal. It's incredible. It's an awesome award. I really appreciate it."

Modglin, who arrived in Provo, Utah, on Tuesday where Cal Poly opens regional play today, found out about the award by receiving text messages from friends who attended the event.

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Both are humble, unassuming and the cream of the crop in the Big West Conference.

And on Tuesday night, Phillip Reid and Lisa Modglin shared another distinction — 2006-07 Athletes of the Year at Cal Poly.

The announcements were made Tuesday night at the 25th annual Night of the Mustang award banquet at the Embassy Suites Hotel in San Luis Obispo.

Reid, a junior distance runner, was an All-American for the cross country team in the fall. Last Saturday at the Big West Conference Championships, he won the 1,500-meter run in 3 minutes, 42.54 seconds to break a meet record that had stood since 1978 by more than a second.

Modglin, a senior center fielder for the softball team, finished the regular season secondationally among all Division I players in both batting average (.488) and slugging percentage (.581). She was the catalyst behind a landmark season in which the Mustangs won their first Big West title ever and reached the NCAA Tournament for the first time since moving to the Division I level in 1995.

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**SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT**

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Heyward replaces Terrol Dillon, who was linebackers coach at Cal Poly for one season before returning to his home state of Texas to be an assistant coach at Texas State.

Heyward assisted with the coaching of cornerbacks in 2005 and the defensive line in 2006 at Oregon State. He was primarily responsible for film breakdown, scouting reports, composition of data and tendency information, personnel identification and managed all scout teams for special teams and defense.

Heyward was a four-year letterman cornerback at Oregon State from 1997-2000. He also has professional experience, playing for the British Columbia Lions of the CFL, the Scottish Claymores of NFL Europe and the Los Angeles Avengers of the Arena Football League.