Drinking costlier than you think

Imagine the end of a long school week after a couple of midterms. You may figure, "Hey, I'm going to release some stress." Maybe you'll celebrate the weekend by keeping it classy and taking Patron shots with your friends, or maybe you'll want to keep it cheap and shotgun some Natural Ice.

Either way, imagine you end up being "that person" who was so wasted and everyone wondered the next morning, "What happened to so-and-so?"

Whether you're of age or a minor, the consequences of a night of heavy drinking can be costly both legally and financially.

Any person found driving with a blood alcohol level of more than 0.08 may be charged with a DUI. The consequences of a DUI can be anywhere from 48 hours to six months in jail, a fine of up to $2,000, driver's license suspension for six months or until a DUI program is completed, and vehicle impoundment for up to six months.

According to a 2005 survey from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 39 percent of car crashes that ended in fatalities in all age groups involved alcohol.

Many students know they could get a DUI if arrested while driving under the influence, but many don't fully understand all of the legalities involved in being charged with a DUI.

"If you thought that there's a soft law with regard to drinking, you may get put in jail for a few hours," said architecture sophomore Gabby Robinson.

Campus police mainly deal with students who are drunk in public, meaning they can't care for themselves or others (minors in possession), said University Police Department Chief Bill Watson.

He said students involved in these types of criminal activities are arrested and potentially have to deal with the legal consequences, including going to court and paying fines if they are charged.

"First and foremost we look at safety in these situations and providing the necessary care, if needed, until an ambulance arrives," Watson said.

The financial cost of being transported to the emergency room because of alcohol poisoning is costly as well. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention reported that college students between the ages of 18 and 22 who are fully enrolled in college are more likely than peers in the same age demographic to have used alcohol, to binge drink and to drink heavily in the past month.

Other fees may be charged for services required to care for the patient in the ambulance on the way to the hospital. These fees include:

- Fees resulting from ambulance service could end up totaling more than $1,500.
- Medical costs for patients experiencing alcohol poisoning can reach up to $1,000.
- Legal fees may exceed $700.
- Impoundment fees for a vehicle if alcohol was involved in a crash can range from $200 to $3,000.
- Treatment and counseling fees for patients experiencing alcohol poisoning may total $2,000.
- The cost of an ambulance resulting from excessive drinking could end up totaling more than $1,500.

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San Francisco to issue identification cards to undocumented residents

Lisa Loess
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Illegal immigrants, transgender people and other residents who may be unable or unwilling to secure state-issued driver’s licenses will be allowed to apply for municipal identification cards under a law tentatively approved by city lawmakers.

Modelled after a program launched this summer in New Haven, Conn., the move is designed to help residents without IDs access services and to feel safe dealing with local law enforcement. Similar proposals are under consideration in New York and Miami, but so far San Francisco is the biggest city to adopt one.

The Board of Supervisors, San Francisco’s version of a city council, voted 10-1 late Tuesday to direct the city clerk to start issuing the ID cards within nine months, pending a final vote next week by the board that considered a feasibility. The one supervisor who opposed the measure said he was worried about how much it would cost to implement, but Mayor Gavin Newsom has said he intends to sign it.

Supervisor Tom Ammiano introduced the ID card concept after Congress failed to adopt immigration reform legislation this summer and in the wake of a series of federal immigration raids in the San Francisco Bay area.

“Our city just can’t stand by while our federal government takes no action to address the safety needs of our community,” Ammiano said. “If our friends and neighbors are not fully able to participate with us in civic life, we all lose in the end.”

The program scheduled to go into effect next August will charge adults $15 for each card and $5 for children to delay costs, which are expected to run between $423,000 and $1.1 million during the first year.

To be eligible, residents would have to produce an existing photo ID, such as a passport or foreign driver’s license, as well as a recent utility bill or bank statement.

Government agencies and nonprofit groups that receive city funds would be required to accept the cards as valid identification and proof of residency except where doing so conflicts with federal or state laws.

Libraries, public golf courses, banks, hospital clinics and cultural institutions that give resident discounts such as museums and zoos are some of the services the IDs are supposed to help residents acquire with greater ease, according to Ammiano.

The cards will be made available to all of San Francisco’s 750,000 residents, but are intended to address the needs of undocumented residents who are ineligible for driver’s licenses. Some citizen who no longer drive and transgender individuals whose driver’s licenses no longer reflect their appearances also are expected to benefit, Ammiano said.

Unlike in New Haven, where anti-immigration groups actively opposed the cards, the municipal ID measure has not met much dissent here. Labor unions, advocates for the homeless and immigrant rights activists all lobbied for its passage.

Kika Matos, the community services administrator for New Haven’s population 125,000, said the city, which expected to issue about 3,000 municipal IDs in one year, has issued 4,011 in 3 1/2 months, including more than 350 to Yale University students and 442 to minors.

The city government plans to do a survey to see how they are being used, but anecdotal evidence suggests they are popular, according to Matos. One immigrant told a city worker that he never used the public library before, but now goes there all the time to send e-mail to his wife in another country, she said.

“‘He had never been downtown, he had never been to a library and he felt a certain level of security with the card,” Matos said.
Jennifer Ingun
MUSTANG DAILY

"To the season to be jolly, Cal Poly's Student Community Services (SCS) is diving into the spirit of giving for the upcoming holidays by hosting its 10th annual Holiday Gift Drive for underprivileged children and teenagers in San Luis Obispo County.

Students, faculty, staff and community members can participate by visiting the SCS office at University Union room 217 to pick up a gift tag, which includes the age of a child and his or her gift wish, and bring the gift back to the SCS office by Nov. 25.

"Agencies that we work with tell us that the gifts from Cal Poly are the only gifts their clients receive," said Leah Mueks, InjuISTORY and cultural education senior and SCS member. "When we call agencies to ask if they need help, they keep at the opportunity and are extremely thankful for the support from the Cal Poly community," Meeks said. "It is also important that people get involved with their community and help those in need by delivering a little help."

SCS holiday gift drive has significantly grown from providing only 100 gifts to supplying more than 400 in the past five years, Meeks said. This year SCS is providing 450 gifts for the San Luis Obispo community. They take gift requests for unborn children up to 17-year-olds.

Gifts range from $15 to $20, which can include items such as a basketball, baby clothes, gift cards, a CD player, toy trucks, shoes and stuffed animals. Participants can also donate money for SCS to do the shopping.

"Big Brothers Big Sisters would not be able to afford to supply each of the children in our program who attend our holiday party with a gift," said Anna Boyd-Bucy, associate executive director at Big Brothers Big Sisters of San Luis Obispo County.

"SCS generously supplies these gifts for us," Boyd-Bucy said. "The vast majority of our clients come from low-income, single-parent homes. The gifts they receive at our holiday party are sometimes the only or best gifts they get for the holidays."

Big Brothers Big Sisters has participated in the holiday gift drive at least since 1998, Boyd-Bucy said.

"SCS supplied $20 gifts for each of the 80 children at our holiday party last year," Boyd-Bucy said. "They were kind enough to take gift requests, wrap the gifts and distribute them as Santa's elves last year."

Other local participating agencies include the Department of Social Services, Economic Opportunity Commission — Teen Academics Parenting Program, Family Care Network, Housing Authority, San Luis Coastal Unified School District, South County SAFE, Family Resources Center, and Transitions Mental Health Agency Foster Care Program.

SCS will distribute received gifts at the Big Brothers Big Sisters holiday party, they will play games and pass out the gifts, Meeks said. All of the other agencies will pick up the gifts from SCS during final week, and distribute them to the underprivileged children and make their Christmas wishes come true.

SAN LUIS OBISPO — Police are investigating a series of vandalism incidents that left stores with $1,200 in damages. The investigation was started by the Paso Robles police department on Wednesday after an employee at the store said they were broken into.

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National Briefs

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — An illegal sports gambling ring run out of a high-stakes poker room in an Atlantic City casino was bust­ ed Wednesday, authorities said, and 18 people were arrested, including four with mob ties.

Since March 2006, the ring took in $22 million in bets on college and professional football and bas­ ketball in the poker rooms of the Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa, said New Jersey Attorney General Anne Milgram.

The off-the-books exchanges of cash and casino chips were unravel­ led only when an informant told authorities what to look for using cameras, Milgram said.

"Political choices faced by citi­ zens have an impact on general peace and prosperity and also may affect the individual's salvation," the bishops said. "Similarly, the kinds of laws and policies supported by pub­ lic officials support or subvert spiritual well­ being." • • •

ATLANTA (AP) — The war of the Clayton County Correc­ tional Institution wants permission to spend money for a "management tool" — satellite TV to keep its 226 inmates occupied watching football.

Warden Frank Taylor is asking the Clayton County Commission to let him sign up for direct-broad­ cast satellite service for less than $100 a month. It would be funded with money collected at the prison's commissary and pay phones, which last year amounted to $41,000.

"The reason is 'Monday Night Football' is now on cable," he said. "Although it might seem funny when you have 90 percent of in­ mates watching something, it is a management tool for the institu­tion at an undisclosed place and time."

Thanksgiving weekend is one of the best times for travel in the heartland and Broadway, with many shows usu­ ally selling out. It may turn added res­ pective step. But it probably won't lead to medical treatments any time soon.

One hurdle is ethical and politi­ cal. Human embryos have to be de­ stroyed to produce stem cells. That has aroused opposition to human embryos: stem cell research, and it led the Bush administration to re­ strict federal funding for it. Scientists say that has slowed science in this ef­ fort.

Another hurdle is the inefficiency of the process. Even if the method described by scientists Wednesday works in humans, it would demand too much of a precious resource — women's unfertilized eggs.

The promise of producing stem cells by cloning is that they can be genetically matched to a particu­ lar patient. So theoretically, doctors should be able to transplant tissue created from them into that person without tissue rejection. And pre­ sumably, such transplants could help treat such conditions as diabetes and spinal cord injury.

The process used in the new experiment is "quite inefficient," Shoukhrat Mitalipov of the Oregon National Primate Research Center in Portland told reporters Wednesday.

He and his colleagues reported getting two batches of stem cells that required using about 150 monkey eggs apiece. That's far too many if one hopes to use human unfertilized eggs, which are cumbersome to ob­ tain from women.

If further work can get that down to maybe five to 10 eggs per stem cell batch, "we will be closer to clinical applications," Mitalipov said.

"I am quite sure it will work in humans," he added.

But there then's another issue — showing that such stem cells really can be used to treat diseases safely. Mitalipov said he plans to do diabetes studies in monkeys.

For now, he and other scientists said, the new work is valuable for showing that stem cells can be pro­ duced through cloning in monkeys. It's been done in mice, but scientists had long been frustrated in their at­ tempts in primates, where the re­ search would be more relevant to humans.

The new work was published on­ line Wednesday by the scientific jour­ nal Nature. The success was reported earlier this year at a research meeting in Australia, where it received limited media coverage. The results were given new attention Tuesday by a Lon­ don newspaper, The Independent.

Dr. George Daley of the Harvard Stem Cell Institute, who was familiar with the work, told The Associated Press in an e-mail that it was "a very important demonstration" that the process is feasible in primates.

Mitalipov's team merged skin cells of a 9½-year-old rheumatoid ar­ thritic monkey with unfertilized monkey eggs that had the DNA removed. The eggs, now operating with DNA from the skin cells, grew into early embryos in the laboratory. Stem cells were recov­ ered from these embryos.

The researchers have applied for a patent on their procedure.

The stem cells were genetic matches to the females that produced the eggs, he said, and early experi­ ments suggest stem cells derived this way may someday prove useful for treating disease in women.

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“It’s kinda’ hard to pass judgment on something you don’t know a lot about.”
— Evan LeBlanc, civil engineering senior

“I think it should be equal to the punishment of those who joke about bombs on an airplane.”
— Tram Nguyen, psychology sophomore

“I think that he should be expelled and some legal action should follow.”
— Mike Williams, industrial engineering senior

“I guess he should at least get kicked out of school and serve some kind of sentence — and the sentence should depend on how serious he was about following through with the threats.”
— David Wu, physics sophomore

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“International Briefs
GENEVA (AP) — An 84.37-carat white diamond touted by Sotheby’s for its size and beauty sold at auction Wednesday to Greek clothing company founder Georges Marciano for just under $16.2 million.

The jewel — the largest top-quality, brilliant-cut white diamond ever to appear at auction — had been valued by Sotheby’s at between $13.3 million and $17.8 million.

Marciano’s winning bid, made by telephone, came to $16,189,769 including the buyer’s premium. It was just short of the all-time auction record for a stone or piece of jewelry, a record held by the same Sotheby’s branch in Geneva for a 109.3-carat diamond that fetched $16.5 million in 1998.

TRUJILLO ALTO, Puerto Rico (AP) — Back roads, gorges and garbage dumps on this tropical island are littered with the decaying carcasses of dogs and cats. An Associated Press investigation reveals why: possibly thousands of unwanted animals have been tossed off bridges, buried alive and otherwise inhumanely disposed of by taxpayer-funded animal control programs.

Witnesses who spoke with the AP said that, despite pledges to deliver adoptable stray to shelters and humanely euthanize the rest, the island’s leading private animal control companies generally did neither. News that live animals had been thrown to their deaths from a bridge reached the public last month when Animal Control Solutions, a government contractor, was accused of inhumanely killing some 80 dogs and cats selected from three housing projects in the town of Barceloneta. A half dozen survived the fall of at least 30 feet.

A police investigation into the Barceloneta killings has not led to charges, but police Sgt. Wilbert Miranda, who heads the probe, said the information gathered so far indicates Animal Control Solutions was responsible. He declined to give details.

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Swing life away

Laura Kasavan

For students who love to dance, the Cal Poly Swing Club offers weekly lessons and dance venues that are all opportunities for dances to improve their skills, have fun and bond with other participants.

Swing Club president Mary Fresting, a political science and speech communication senior, said club members stress to be friendly and approachable.

"We want to build a community throughout dance and inspire our dancers to have fun and build friendships," Fresting said.

Business administration senior Jenna Laverty is in her fourth year as a member of the Swing Club. She said the club has made it easy for her to meet people.

"The club isn’t competitive at all," Laverty said. "The people who are involved are the people who show up all the time. It’s really good exercise and a great way to hang out with people."

Since its creation in 2002, more than 60 students and community members attend the weekly events put on by the club.

Lessons are offered on Sunday afternoons in room 225 of the Architecture building and are taught by several different teachers, including club officers.

"We mainly teach what is called lindy hop," Fresting said. "It’s an eight-count dance that originated in the early 1920s and through the big band era. Lindy hop is set apart as a dance because it looks circular and very plastic. It's a very athletic dance because the music is upbeat and lively."

Other dances taught are the Balboa and Charleston, which are both eight-count dances. Balboa is danced primarily in a close embrace and Charleston is danced primarily in an open embrace. Charleston was named for Charleston, S.C., and is a style associated with white flappers and the speakeasy.

Intermediate lessons are from 1 to 2 p.m., and beginning lessons are from 2 to 3 p.m. Participants can move to intermediate lessons after completing beginning levels one and two, which each last for three weeks.

Following lessons is an open dance session with DJ music from 3 to 4 p.m. The cost for an afternoon of dance is $5.

Fresting said that after lessons many of the instructors take dancers to Mother’s Tavern to dance to free live band that plays from 3 to 6 p.m.

The big event of the week is the Swing Ball, which has been held since its creation. The event is one of several weekly events the club partakes in.

On Saturdays, the Swing Club switches gears into Blue’s dancing in the same classrooms. Open dancing is from 9:30 p.m. to 12 a.m. Follows the free lesson from 9 to 9:30 p.m.

Kimberly Dunn, a horticulture senior, was president of the club last year. She said that the Swing Club is an option for everyone from beginning dancers to the most experienced.

"It's a group of friends that loves to have fun," Dunn said. "We put on awesome events, have fun dancing, and go to work and school all at the same time. We can be friends dancing as well as dance partners."

On Saturday, the Swing Club will host the "Thanks for Giving," dance in Chumash Auditorium. A beginning lesson from 7 to 8 p.m. will be followed by the dance at 9 p.m.

The event is a food drive, and entry is free for anyone who brings five cans of food. All food collected will be donated to the Peace Day Center.

Next Information Meetings

When?
Wednesday, Nov. 14
7-8 p.m
Thursday Nov 15
11:10 am-Noon

Where?
Building 33, Room 286

Christine Moser and Mark Carpenter (top) and Kim Daum and Ryan Carris (above) dance at a Swing Club event at the Madonna Inn. The popular club event takes place every Monday night from 8 to 11 p.m. and is free and open to the public. The event is one of several weekly events the club partakes in.

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A bangin' good time

Bob Hamilton, the Bangin' 58's pedal steel guitarist, plays at Mother's Tavern, where the band performs most Thursday nights. The Bangin' 58's will play tonight at Farmers' Market.

Brown said the band also makes a point to celebrate birthdays while they are performing by singing "Happy Birthday" and recognizing people individually. "When people come out to listen, it's all about people drinking beer and just having a good time," Brown said.

It took Brown a while to settle on the name the Bangin' 58's, as he had previous ideas that didn't stick or fit with what he felt the theme of the band was. He decided on "58's," because the type of music the band plays reminded him of music that came on random radio stations while he was driving along Highway 58 in what seemed like the middle of nowhere. Brown picked the word "bangin'" because he felt that it sounded right for the band.

"This band was built to party," he said. The Bangin' 58's can be visited online at www.Bangin58.com.

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SOUND CHECK

The Warlocks — "Heavy Deavy Skall Lover"
(Tee Pee)
Now with only four members, The Warlocks' new album is fuzzy, dark, poignant and gritty.

Kammerflimmer Kollektief — "Jinx"
(Foam)brings technically brilliant electronic music via field recordings and samples (think Matmos) and makes it viable for a club setting.

Someone Else — "Pen Caps and Colored Pencils"
(Grindworm)Pop music can range from obtuse to acute, and this duo brings technically brilliant electronic music via field recordings and samples (think Matmos) and makes it viable for a club setting.

Chica and the Folder — "Under the Balcony" (Monika)New album by combining minimal electronics with instrumental improvization.

Kammerflimmer Kollektief — "Jinx" (Staingold)Person of the week by combining minimal electronics with instrumental improvization.

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PAC IV
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and “The Four Elements” by Ka-
mol Tassandananchalee are cre-
ated from mixed media, including
sand and acrylic on wood. Tassan-
dananchalee is a Thai artist now
living in Chatsworth, Calif.
Sky Bergman, lecturer and art
and design department chair, pro-
vided three large photographs,
“Untitled, from Japanese life in
subway series.” The picture doc-
ument the interactions within the
culture while also explaining how
transportation affects the human
environment on a global level.
“It’s really about the Japanese
culture and how they create their
own personal space,” Bergman said.
“People don’t typically have cars and
most people cannot afford cars, so all
income levels ride the subway.”

A recent resurgence of tradi-
tional Japanese clothing has been
the new style for younger Japanese
generations, while a lot of elder-
gerations wear Western clothing.
Bergman’s narrative photo depicts
a young man in traditional dress sit-
ting and texting on his cell phone
while an older woman, sitting two
feet away in Western-style clothing,
stares out in front of her.

“It’s really a juxtaposition of
old style of dress and new. I am
interested in the spaces this cre-
atures intertwined with
American culture and politics.”

Cal Poly art lecturer Tera Gal-
ant was one of these artists. A fake
film reel was screwed into the wall,
for a chance to be featured in the Mustang Daily.

In the film, lemmings
mysteriously jumped off the cliff. Tandem and Accelerated Free Fall available.

Wilderness,” where the infamous
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Galanti said.

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In truth, the filmmaker bought the rodent-like animals from four
children and then ran them off the cliff. Galanti tells this story in
her art and reflects on percep-
tions of the animal world.

“Most of her work is about crea-
tures that cannot speak for themselves,”
Miller said while looking at her piece.

Miller created a politically in-
spired piece for the exhibit, de-
picting a young George W. Bush
with his father by his side. The use
of pencil, color and ink on dura-
line creates a tactile appearance.

“I wanted it to feel like you
could go up and touch it,” Miller
said. “I was trying to imagine the
conversation between the two and
what it would be about. The dark
line in between the two is almost
like a blind spot they have.”

“This blind spot is a reference
to blood and oil, while their fac-
es are made up of a green palette, resembling money.

Miller was originally asked to cre-
ate a piece in response to Thailand.

“In Thailand they have a king
but I (was thinking about how we
have this line of people we have in
our own country and don’t ques-
tion it, even though they are demo-
cratically elected,” Miller said.

From politically charged state-
ments of the earth to humanity’s
destruction of it, this exhibit sends
powerful messages to onlookers.

Artists Tharam Ko-Udonant cre-
at “Homer in Global Warming,” using
mixed media to depict a compartmen-
talization of nature and how nature
will be controlled in the future.

Artists Maggie Lowe-Tennesse,
Sutsak Rodphidhorn, Panny Ja-
mini and Tim Andersons also
added to the exhibit.

San Jose State is currently holding
a similar exhibit with Thai artists-in-
residence, and exhibition is planned
at the Natalie and James Thompson
Gallery on the San Jose campus.

Work featured from “PAC IV: Pa-
cific Horizons” will also be on display
at Works Gallery in San Jose in De-
cember. This exhibition will feature
work from all the artists who partici-
pated in the San Luis Obispo, Bang-
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Thanks to cast, ‘Samantha Who?’ worth figuring out

Caitlin Ferraro
THE ONION, DAILY THES

The highest rated new comedy of the season, “Samantha Who?” centers on a woman who suffers from retrograde amnesia. The show is definitely worth remembering.

The premise is simple yet unoriginal: A girl named Samantha (Christina Applegate) wakes up after an eight-day coma with amnesia, only to discover she was a horrible person.

The comedy has its own identity issues from its beginning, when, due to copyright concerns (from Dr. Seuss’ estate), it had to change its name from “Sam Am” to “Samantha Heel flood,” before finally settling on “Samantha Who?”

The Emmy-winning Applegate masterfully portrays the titular character, Samantha Newly. Applegate has not been this good since her 10-year embodiment of trashy Kelly Bundy on “Married ... with Children.” This show is her comeback as she shines as a funny, charming and chic leading lady.

The cast of actors surrounding Applegate is superb as well.

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Following in the thematic pursuit of “My Name is Earl,” Samantha aims to turn over a new leaf and be a better person. But “Samantha Who?” has yet to perfect the format. The episodes sometimes seem a bit frantic and can jump around at times.

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Future episodes promise similar insanity as Sam tries to regain her memory by visiting a hypnotist, and she pretends to be an avid hockey fan to impress a date.

While the show may still be working out a few kinks, it is charmingly endearing, and Smart constantly finds laughs. In the end, if you are not watching this fall’s new No. 1 comedy, you must be having a memory lapse.
Call it devilishly deviant. A business plan you're a wee bit envious you didn't postulate yourself. Avent-garde, or just plain catty. Bottom line remains this: Online blogger Perez Hilton has built a gilded empire—trash-blogging celebrities. I might add that I use the word 'banging' here very lightly, as Perez Hilton, not to be confused with the equally pink, push and ready Paris Hilton ... actually, just scrapping that last “do not be confused’ bit and let the brain think what it will. Snap, crackle, pop.

Perez Hilton, tightly put, rips a new one in the press. And the press — how can I say this without sounding overly mental — laps it up like a dog consuming its own vomitus mass. A public, slightly amused, completely enthralled yet also completely unaware as to the questionable content of the actual posted material. But then again, who's checking, and who cares?

But who is this enigmatic character? Who is the seemingly disturbed man, a one Mario Armando Lavandera who since has become the terribly ubiquitous Perez Hilton we're all loved to hate? Um, does anyone care at this point? Talk about a big, huge, no we don't.

I'll just be the voice of reason when I remind the American public and my Cal Poly brothers and sisters that Lavandera makes a living, and by living I mean primary income, making fun of people and seeing them squirm in the little pathetic celebrity traps he sets. Hello, his one purpose in life is to make other people feel small. Maybe I missed the point of what real fulfillment, achievement and success is in life, partly because I was under the impression that devaluing others was not, or at least not on any socio-religious level. Nice.

But I'm not here to take the self-righteous, depravity high road because — let's be serious — we all know this is America, and in America there are certain undeniable truths. For example, celebrities are absolutely ridiculous. They are, it's true. We all see it spoofed on Entertainment Television, we read all about them in People magazine. They are, indeed basically whack jobs. Now the question is, do we condemn one man for calling them all out on it, especially when there's no one out there really doing it quite the Perez Hilton way?

I leave it to you, the affected reader, because ultimately, that's where all things are left. You, the reader, will decide his fate. Can't a man just say what he wants to say around here anymore? Well, evidently he can and he is. Now I will say just this: If you don't like pink, you're out of luck, and fate's decided for you. There, I said it. Lavandera posts at PerezHilton.com. No mea culpas to be found.

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No one ever took Tony Soprano to the Olive Garden for lunch again.

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The column we refuse to write

Sean: Lee! Get out of the room! You can’t run away from your problems forever. This thing will get solved. Lee.

Lee: No! I refuse to come out. I’m not gonna be a dirty sod!

Sean: I know our fellow comedy writers are picketing right now, Lee, but we can’t afford to send this article into reruns. The Mustang Daily will drag us out into the streets and shoot us like rabid puppies. I’ve read them do it to advertisers who don’t pay up.

Lee: I’m not scared of them, Sean. We’ve taken enough of their crap. You’ve seen how many people read the Mustang Daily? Basically all people. All of those people see all the ads in the paper and the Mustang Daily takes in loads of cash. I’m just holding out until we — the driving creative force behind this faceless news corporation — get our fair share of the profits.

Sean: They give us day-old doughnuts every Friday, and you still have the gall to complain! The laughter of the children as they read our article and don’t understand it is payment enough for me. You’ve just gotta understand, Lee, that the life of a writer is not a glamorous one. We didn’t set out into this for the money. I view the $3,000 we get per article as a nice perk and don’t understand it is payment enough for me. You’ve just gotta understand this is payment enough for me.

Lee: The Mustang Daily staff takes pride in publishing a daily newspaper for the Cal Poly campus and the neighboring community. We appreciate your readership, and are thankful for your careful reading. Please send your correction to: mustangdaily@gmail.com.

The price for their deception was high, but not as high as the cover charge.
Perplexities of parenting

While I was growing up, my parents made much of the time so my sisters and I were left in the hands of older cousins and relatives. I don’t blame my parents so much for always working to make a “better life” for the family, but looking back I wish that they were more involved in my life, either through my school or just one-on-one quality time.

I think of things that I feel like my parents should and should not have done in raising my sisters and me. Don’t get me wrong, I guess.

I have done in raising my sisters and turned out fine — I guess.

I have always tried not to be too critical of my child, encouraging and praising his natural talents and not nagging week over week. Communication is key so I will talk to him openly about anything and of course be actively involved in his life. And I can’t wait to take him to museums and parks and dive into family activities.

In response to the topic. Every parent has his or her own style of disciplining and raising children, and get very offended and defensive when told to do otherwise from outside observers. They always have a hard time like, “What do you know about raising a child?”

I was walking in downtown San Luis Obispo with a group of older women and asked one of them if she had an ever-oldest son. He was tired of walking and wanted his mother to carry him — he weighs at least 30 pounds and was too heavy to carry from the car. She said no and told him to walk.

He then went into a blind tantrum and screamed for his mother to carry him, refusing to walk any farther. She easily gave in and carried him as all the way back to the car.

I was the most when children — I have seen this many, many times — completely take advantage of their parents and talk back to them … ooh, that really pushes my buttons!

I look at how I was grateful for their kids and completely shut out what they tell me.

There is so much parents need to be concerned about. From child predators to massive too recalls, being vulnerable to illnesses and following a child’s overall well-being and physical and social development the list doesn’t end.

Fear that I won’t be a good mom and that I might unintentionally traumatize my child in some way, I feel I need to be extra careful when raising a child, because unskillful disciplining can lead to some kind of mental or behavioral problem, there is always an inconsistency and a rift in the relationship.

Some of my relatives who have children try to provide me with advice regarding how to raise a child. I look at how I was grateful for their kids and completely shut out what they tell me.

I have started to notice the varying patterns of facial hair some guys are rocking. The most amusing have to be the beards whose facial hair grows in patches or have straggly beards by now. (Although you guys are rocking. The most amusing have to be the guys whose facial hair grows in patches or have scraggly beards by now. (Although you guys are rocking. The most amusing have to be the guys whose facial hair grows in patches or have scraggly beards by now. (Although you guys are rocking. The most amusing have to be the guys whose facial hair grows in patches or have scraggly beards by now. (Although you guys are rocking.

The month of mountain men

November is by far my favorite month of the year.

Thanksgiving has to be the greatest holiday; nonstop consumption of turkey, stuffing and mashed potatoes? Yes, please. But, there is another tradition occurring during this glorious month that needs more attention: “No Shave November.”

It’s a chance for guys to show off their manliness by not shaving for the entire month of November. (As much as I fight for equality between men and women … ladies, let’s leave this tradition to the men.)

Men get together on Halloween to shave and then haras each other on who has the better, fuller beard for the next 30 days.

It is about the midpoint of the month, which means you will be noticing a lot more scruffy-faced men walking on campus. Some of my guy friends already have a full beard going. (They must be extra manly.)

For the clean-shaven guys you see around:

A. They are unaware of “No Shave November.” (Sad!) B. They already gave in and shaved. (Weak!) C. They have a certain “lady friend” who requested they not participate. (I don’t even need to say it!) I have started to notice the varying patterns of facial hair some guys are rocking. The most amusing have to be the beards whose facial hair grows in patches or have scraggly beards by now. (Although you guys are rocking.

I wish I knew when “No Shave November” began. This is the fourth year I have seen people participating at Cal Poly. Has this always been a college tradition or is it something new? This may be one of life’s greatest mysteries and I am determined to find out.

I’m also on a mission to figure out who started “No Shave November?” I’m pretty sure it wasn’t the creator of the Facebook group. I’ve come to the conclusion that it was Jack Bauer, Chuck Norris or Santa Claus who started this hardcore tradition, you decide. Jack Bauer can grow a full beard in 24 hours. Chuck Norris can, and will, kill you if your beard is fuller than his. And, well, Santa Claus has been participating for a very, very long time. (I’m thinking this could be the next Mustang Daily online poll. We could even start a competition at the end of the month for guys to send in pictures of their beards and have students vote for a winner.)

A friend of mine has decided to extend this tradition by creating a beard-of-the-month calendar. Each month will consist of a different design in his beard. I think he should shave his initials or maybe even go for a creaper mustache. (Calendars will be available come January.)

Many women do hate “No Shave November” because their boy­friends’ beards scratch their faces. This tradition is too great to let boyfriends participate. For me, I say bring on the grizzly, mountain men. Let us embrace this tradition.

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Mustangs make All-Conference squad

Sophomore Carrie Andrews earned All-Big West First-Team honors for a second straight year while seniors Sharon Day and Alii Tramel landed spots on the All-Big West Second Team. Junior Cara O'Hagan and senior Erica Zumbahlen received honorable mentions.

Andrews was one of the anchors on a Cal Poly defense that recorded eight shutouts this season, six of which came against Big West opponents. Andrews also made her presence felt on the offensive half of the field this season with two goals and two assists for six points, second most on the team.

Day led Cal Poly with three goals and also had one assist for seven points, tops on the team. Day received first-team honors in 2005 and was a second-team selection as a freshman in 2003.

Tramel had eight shutouts and 87 saves this season, including 11 saves in two games at the Big West Tournament. Tramel came up in the clutch for Cal Poly with two saves during a penalty kick shootout in the Big West Championship match. Tramel concludes her Cal Poly career with 15 shutouts, fourth on the Mustangs' all-time list.

O'Hagan started all 20 games this season and was a key piece for the Mustangs at fullback. Zumbahlen also started all 20 matches for the Mustangs and recorded one goal from the midfield.

Cal Poly finished 8-9-3 overall this season and ended its season in the Big West Championship game against Cal State Fullerton.

Johnny

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This guy is averaging 23 points and seven boards a game while receiving national accolades. He's an All-American candidate, a probable pick to be the WAC Player of the Year and a likely first-round pick.

With 19 wins last season, Cal Poly's highest total since entering Division I-A, expectations are sky-high. This team played in the Big West Championship a year ago, until getting ran by in the second half against Long Beach State.

Trust me — my heart, and definitely my wallet, have not forgotten that dark night.

But I was able to move past that gloomy loss last year and become optimistic. I am trying to turn the corner and make myself into a glass-half-full type of guy.

This season is a chance to be very special.

Tonight is the night everything changes. Tonight is the night this school embraces this team and realizes what it has. I challenge the student body to support this team, pack Mott Court and bring some passion as if this game matters, because it actually does.
Mustangs top San Jose State, try to hand Houston the same fate

SAN JOSE — Junior forward Morgan Harri¬
son's 24-point, 13-rebound double-double and
senior guard Sparkle Anderson's 15-point con¬
tributions helped the Mustangs conquer the San
Jose State Spartans in a 74-70 comeback Tues¬
day.

The Cal Poly women's basketball team (1-1)
led only once during the first half but they out¬
scored the Spartans 32-24, 39-37, when it count¬
ced in the last 20 minutes of the contest.

Anderson, who came off the bench, fueled
Cal Poly's turnaround scoring 5-0-7 and
scoring 12 in the second half. Harrison reached
double-digit scoring figures for the seventh time
in a row, carrying over from last season.

A Harrison layup shortly after tip-off re¬
sulted in Cal Poly's only lead of the half at 6-4.

At 11:20 the Mustangs held their only lead of
the first half at 8-7. The Mustangs led 32-24.

The Mustangs held the Spartans to 10 points
in the next 14 minutes and then took a 45-41
lead following a bucket by senior guard Kyle
Howell.

The Mustangs led 33-24.

The Mustangs led by 34-29 at the intermission.
Senior guard Kyla Howell.

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Senior Dreshawn Vance drives to the basket against CSU Stanislaus on Nov. 3. Poly won 97-89.