Malibuz residents return after blaze

Burned-out vehicles sit in front of a house in Malibu that was destroyed in the wildfire on Saturday, Nov. 24.

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MALIBU, Calif. — Residents began making their way through back streets and dirt roads Sunday afternoon into evacuated areas of the upscale community to see whether their homes survived a wind-driven wildfire that scorched surrounding brush-covered hills.

Some homes along a road near the source of the blaze had been reduced to blackened wrecks while others were barely damaged.

"There’s no rhyme or reason to it," said Frank Churchill, who returned home with his wife and four children to find his white stucco home largely undamaged, though three surrounding homes were leveled. "It doesn’t make sense.

Fifty homes were destroyed Saturday by the fast-moving wildfire pushed by Santa Ana winds. Twenty-seven other homes were damaged and 10,000 to 14,000 people remained under evacuation orders.

The fire, which scorched 4,720 acres — more than 7 square miles — since early Saturday was about 40 percent contained, with few flames visible to water-dropping helicopters, said Ron Haraon, Los Angeles County fire inspector.

"Winds have subsided considerably and we’re making good headway," he said.

By late Sunday morning, skies had cleared and the column of smoke billowing over the hills had all but vanished. Aside from the dozens of fire trucks dotted along the Pacific Coast Highway, there was little evidence the fire was still burning.

Investigators determined that the fire, which broke out along a dirt road off a paved highway, was caused by a lightning strike. It was the 10th wind-driven fire to strike the region this month.

Scientists and fire officials say the fires are increasing as global warming increases winds and temperatures, allowing fires to rage across vast areas.

The blaze, which forced thousands from their homes, is the latest in a series of fires that have swept across southern California since October.

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Nation's retailers post a robust start to the holiday season, research group says

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NEW YORK — The nation's retailers had a robust start to the holiday shopping season, according to results announced Saturday by a national research group that tracks sales at retail outlets across the country.

Accordiing to ShopperTrak RCT Corp., which tracks sales at more than 50,000 retail outlets, total sales rose 8.3 percent to about $36.3 billion on Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, compared with $33.5 billion on the same day a year ago. ShopperTrak had expected an increase of no more than 4 percent to 5 percent.

"This is a really strong number ... You can't have a good season unless it starts well," said Bill Martin, co-founder of ShopperTrak, citing strength across all regions. "It's very encouraging. When you look at September and October, retailers' strength was traditionally when the surge of shopping made stores profitable — start holiday shopping, it is not considered a bellwether for the season. However, merchants see Black Friday as setting an important tone to the overall season: What consumers see that day influences where they will shop for the rest of the year. Last year, retailers had a good start during the Thanksgiving weekend, but many stores struggled in December and a shopping surge just before and after Christmas wasn't enough to make up for lost sales. This year, the Washington-based National Retail Federation predicted that total holiday sales would be up 4 percent for the combined November and December period, the slowest growth since a 1.3 percent rise in 2002. Holiday sales rose 4.6 percent in 2006 and growth has averaged 4.8 percent over the last decade.

But the department store chain cautioned, "while we are encouraged by our strong start, it is still early in the holiday season and we are mindful of the headwinds consumers are facing" J.C. Penney, Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and other major retailers are expected to report same-store results for November on Dec. 6. Same-store sales are those at stores opened at least a year and are considered a key indicator of a retailer's strength.

The upbeat reports were encouraging since merchants have been struggling with anemic sales in recent months, as shoppers, particularly in the middle and lower-income brackets, were becoming more frugal amid higher gas and food prices and an escalating credit crunch. In an apparent sign of desperation, the nation's stores ushered in the official start of the holiday shopping season on Friday with expanded hours, including midnight openings, and a blitz of early morning specials that were more generous than a year ago. J.C. Penney and Kohl's Corp. opened at 4 a.m., an hour earlier than a year ago. The strategy appears to have worked, as shoppers jammed stores in record numbers for early morning deals on Friday. Martin noted that, judging by the strong figures on Friday, stores were able to sustain strong sales throughout the day. He said he's counting on strong traffic throughout the weekend as many stores, including Macy's Inc., are continuing with special deals.

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SOLDIERS GROVE, Wis. (AP) — The Kickapoo River Bridge is a big structure with a small price tag: one buck.

Village officials fear the nearby century-old bridge, which hasn't hosted traffic in 31 years, will collapse into the river and want to get rid of it quickly. Village board member Vicki Campbell said they hope high scrap prices help attract a buyer who may want to sell the bridge's steel parts.

"With the steel prices what they are right now, we thought this was an opportune time to sell it," Campbell said.

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — The popular but dangerous toy Aqua Dom was recalled, but the fliers advertising it apparently were not.

A Toys "R Us distributor distributed in some Sunday newspapers contains an ad for Aqua Dom, the popular toy beads yanked from U.S. store shelves nearly three weeks ago because they are coated in a chemical that can turn into the "date-rape" drug when swallowed.

The circular advertises the Aqua Dom Super Studio for $19.99 — a $5 savings. Retailer Target boasted a $13 price tag for Aqua Dom's in its Black Friday circular.

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — A company voluntarily recalled nearly 96,000 pounds of ground beef products after two people were sickened, possibly by the E. coli bacteria, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service said Saturday.

The beef products by American Food Group include coarse and fine ground beef chuck, sirloin and chop beef. They were distributed to retailers and distributors in Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Ohio, Tennessee, Wisconsin and Virginia.

The problem surfaced after an investigation by the Illinois Department of Health, which was looking into two reports of illnesses.

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — President Hugo Chavez said Sunday he is putting relations with Colombia "in the freezer" after its president ended the Venezuelan leader's role mediating with leftist rebels in the neighboring country.

The announcement drew a strong wake from Colombian President Alvaro Uribe, who said Chavez's actions suggest he wants to see a "terrorist government" run by leftist rebels in Bogota. Uribe also suggested Chavez might be looking to stir up conflict to boost his image ahead of a referendum on constitutional changes next weekend.

The spat was the bitterest yet between Chavez and the U.S.-allied Uribe.

SAO PAULO, Brazil (AP) — A section of stands at a soccer stadium in northeastern Brazil gave way Sunday as fans cheered the end of a game, killing eight people, police said.

At least 60,000 were in the stadium for the game at the Fonte Nova stadium in the coastal city of Salvador when the viewing area collapsed. The official said at least nine people fell through the concrete floor of a section of the stadium's upper tier and eight of them died, said Maj. Edmilson Tavares of the city's federal police.

SUN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Beauty pageant organizers were investigating Sunday who dosed a contestant's evening gown with pepper spray and spiked her makeup, causing her to break out in hives.

Beauty queen Ingrid Marie Rivera beat 29 rivals to become Puerto Rico's Miss Universe contestant, despite applying make-up and wearing evening gowns that had been coated with pepper spray. A pageant spokesman, Harold Rosario, said.

Rivera was composed while appearing before cameras and judges throughout the competition. But once backstage, she had to strip off her clothes and apply ice bags to her face and body, which swelled and broke out in hives twice.

"When girls wear layers and layers of makeup because you can't see what their face really looks like anymore."

— Jason Garcia, business junior

"Wearing leggings with UGG boots and the baby doll shirts that make everyone look pregnant."

— Meghan Urbun, environmental horticulture science freshman

"I hate in the winter when girls wear UGGs with skirts."

— Melissa Fonseca, biology senior

"What is the biggest fashion faux pas you see on campus?"

Compiled and photographed by Rachel Gellman
**POLICE BLOTTER**

Nov. 17, 00:00 - Officers responded to a call reporting possible alcohol poisoning at Yosemite Hall. The patient refused transport to a medical facility.

Nov. 17, 00:33 - Officers responded to a call reporting two intoxicated residents at Yosemite Hall. The incident was turned over to Housing personnel.

Nov. 17, 01:25 - Officers located a vehicle with a male subject reportedly passed out behind the wheel.

Nov. 19, 11:14 - Officers responded to a grass fire near the Poly Canyon Village construction area.

Nov. 19, 13:18 - A faculty member reported odd behavior exhibited by a student. An officer discussed the concerns presented and provided accommodations for the instructor.

Nov. 20, 07:46 - A university-owned golf cart was reported missing after two days. The golf cart was later recovered and returned to Campus Dining.

**Iraqi Shi'ite leader defends Iran against U.S. charges**

Sameer N. Yacoub

Iraq's most influential Shi'ite politician said Sunday that the U.S. had not backed up claims that Iran is fueling violence here, underscoring a wide gap on the issue between Washington and the Shi'ite-led Baghdad government.

A draft bill to ease curbs on exports of Saddam Hussein loyalists in government services also drew sharp criticism from Shi'ite lawmakers, opening old wounds at a time when the United States is pressing the Iraqis for compromise for the sake of national unity.

The Americans have long accused the Iranians of arming and training Shi'ite militias, including some linked to the U.S.-backed government of Shi'ite Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki.

U.S. officials have also alleged that Iran has provided weapons used to kill Americans — a charge the Iranians vehemently deny.

"These are only accusations raised by the multinational forces and I think these accusations need more proof," Abdul-Atiz al-Hakim, leader of the Supreme Islamic Council, told reporters.

Al-Hakim spent years in exile in Iran during Saddam's regime and is considered closer to the Iranians than any of the major Iraqi Shi'ite leaders. His party has also closely cooperated with American authorities since the 2003 collapse of Saddam's regime, and he has met with President Bush in the Oval Office.

His comments were made ahead of a new round of talks between U.S. and Iranian officials here over ways to promote stability in Iraq and exploit the sharp downturn in violence since the U.S. sent 30,000 reinforcements earlier this year.

No date for the next U.S.-Iranian talks has been announced. The Americans are expected to raise concerns about Iranian influence among Shi'ite armed groups, although U.S. officials have said they believe the flow of Iraqi arms has been curtailed.

This month, the U.S. military released nine Iranians who had been held in Iraq for months. They included two accused of being members of the elite Quds Force suspected of arming Shi'ite extremists.

But the U.S. military has blamed an Iranian-backed Shi'ite cell for a bombing Friday in a Baghdad market that killed 15 people — the deadliest attack in the heart of the capital in more than two months.

A U.S. military spokesman, Rear. Adm. Gregory Smith, stressed he was not accusing Iran of ordering the attack.

Nonetheless, Iran dismissed any suggestion that it was at fault.

"Contradictory reports have been heard about the bombing. But remarks by the Americans were made with the aim of scoring propaganda against Iran," Mohammad Ali Hosseini, spokesman for Iran's Foreign Ministry, told reporters Sunday in Tehran.
No. 1 trend: Commercials cater to a stupid America

So I'm lounge'in in the crib just watchin' TV and some punk-ass commercial had the nerve to diss me.

Most commercials on television these days are just plain stupid. And the trend in these ads is assuming you're stupid, too. Take, for instance, the commercials where two people are talking on the phone and the call gets dropped, ruining the conversation and causing an awkward moment. Yeah, the commercials are pretty funny and dropped calls are really annoying, but home-please; who doesn't look down at their phone and see that the call has been dropped when they don't hear a response on the other end? Who doesn't just call the person back?

And what about those "debit cards are faster than cash" commercials? Everybody's in a cafeteria dancing around with their food trays, paying with a quick swipe of the old plastic, and then along comes the idiot punk-ass commercial had the nerve to diss me. And the trend in these ads is assuming you're stupid enough not to do some research and be like, "No wonder! Without a Pedal!" is the No. 1 comedy in America; it's the only comedy in America that comically dancing with eight times?

The most laughable case is the commercials that go something like "get the funniest jokes sent straight to your cell phone daily! You'll be the funniest person in the office. You'll have everyone peer- ing their pants. Who subscribes to these things?"

This trend. If they had the chance, they'd put us in a dunce cap and suspenders. I'm not just talking about how they assume we're dumb enough to watch a movie after they show all the best parts in the preview, since we are that dumb and fall for it every time. I'm talking about the claims that these commercials make. For one, how quotes from newspapers like the Arizona Daily Star like "Incredible," "Supreme" and "Brilliant" fly across the screen. C'mon, be real with us, what did the actual quote say? "It's incredible that the director had the supreme audacity to even attempt to make a brilliant movie out of a script this horrible." Also, how can every movie coming out be the "No. 1" movie — and in every category! There's the No. 1 family movie of the summer, the best comedy of the year (which was proclaimed in February, June, August and November by different movies) and the greatest family movie of summer. These commercials think we're dumb enough not to do some research and be like, "No wonder! Without a Pedal!" is the No. 1 comedy in America; it's the only comedy in America right now. Everything else is the No. 1 suspense thriller that'll keep you guessing to the very end.

Don't believe what these commercials say. Dropped calls don't ruin conversations, debit cards are not necessarily faster than cash, jokes in the form of a text message won't make you funny, and just because a movie says it's No. 1 doesn't mean it's good — it just means it doesn't suck as bad as the rest. However, coming to a theater near you this winter, "TRENDASAURUS," the No. 1 feel-good romantic comedy of the year starring dinosaurs.

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Latest 'Call of Duty' goes modern in the Middle East

Submerging its players into a world where the fate of World War II hangs delicately in the balance, the "Call of Duty" franchise scored thousands of gamers to its ranks as it follows a young soldier on the field of battle.

Known for its realism as soldiers stormed the beaches of Normandy in "Operation Overlord" or fought in the north of Africa, the game successfully found its roots by creating a realistic, virtual war experience like no other of its kind. Only this time around, with the release of "Call of Duty 4: Modern Warfare," the player no longer carries a standard M1 Grande, but rather an M4 with a grenade launcher.

Switching between the efforts of the British and American troops, the Middle East Crisis has escalated and the world seems to be on the brink of destruction. As a nuclear bomb is set off in the region, killing a number of American soldiers, a series of events unfolds as the world once more prepares to engage in bloody conflict.

The game is unlike any first person shooter to date as it allows the player to act within a world responsive to the gamer's actions. Within the single player mode, the player is forced to take into account the way in which the enemy is taken out through direct force or with the use of more stealthy tactics. One of the greatest level experiences is one in which the player is required to eliminate an enemy leader from a secluded sniper position several hundred yards away. The game engine takes into account wind speed and the Cortisone Effect, causing a fired bullet to veer off course if it's a straight shot is attempted.

However, the game's greatest strength lies in the multiplayer function in which an innovative feature creates a new style of fighting. Not only do players have an array of weaponry and grenades at their disposable, but also skill "perks" in which a player is able to choose how to strengthen their soldier. One such element called "Last Stand" allows the player to pull out a sidearm as the soldier falls to the ground, thus taking out an extra opponent or two before dying.

The effort Activision Studios put into the creation of the game, apparent in the game's aesthetic and sound quality, makes for a gaming experience as realistic as it is fun. As each bullet smashes heavily into a wall or a nearby bad guy, the game's success is furthered and furthered.
Andy O'Connor

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Madonna becomes relevant... again

Alex LaRue

I've always been confused about Madonna's attempts to be relevant in this decade. She epitomized the '80s with her high, innocent voice bouncing above electronic beats. If you're operating only at the level of the brain stem, it's a great listen, and as a historical piece, her work exemplifies just the delusional "holiday" everyone needed from Reaganomics, recession and violent cities. But what about 2004's "American Life," the album that needed no on-screen faux lesbian stunt to sell.

Last month, however, Madonna decided to do something surprising and completely relevant. The difference is that this time she's thinking about distributing music rather than creating it. While the goal of goal of musicians for much of this century has been the combination of concerts and selling written music, since, before recording was developed, anyone interested in hearing music had to be able to play or be in the same room as someone who could play. Learning everything by memory — especially when music was much less repetitive than it is now — was too much of a challenge to accomplish without sheet music.

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With the advent of recording, those problems were solved. Records became the breadwinners of the industry, and all other efforts — such as touring, magazine articles and advertisements — served only to convince the public to buy a given artist's records.

But now, due to widespread music piracy, the roles of concerts and recording have reversed. While touring used to be a way to generate buzz about an upcoming album, the tour and its associated merchandise are now the industry's best way to make money. It's not that touring profits have somehow grown to overshadow records, but rather this is really the only option the industry has left. Only the things that can't be downloaded — like the experience of seeing your favorite band live or a T-shirt or some rare seven-inch — are the things they can sell.

It seems to me that if Madonna's strategy catches on, the role of albums will get even closer to the role of advertisements than it already has. Artists will produce music for the goal of bringing fans to concerts and the rights to the recorded music will be public or, as it currently the case, ineffectually enforced.

The other likely outcome is that the management side of the music will consolidate from separate marketing and recording entities to a single group, like Live Nation, handling all of an artist's output. If the big record companies run out of steam, it makes sense for the tour promotion groups, which stand to benefit from "album-as-advertisement" in the first place, to take on recording duties as well as managing and marketing.

So far, these changes — recordings-as-advertisements and artists moving away from record companies — are only partial. MySpace offers the chance to stream a few tracks from most bands for free, and MTV provides its own streaming "leaks," but listeners still have to pay up for the full album. Also, Madonna's new strategy hasn't yet been embraced by many other artists. This is probably because there are still sales to be had, especially with performers who have name recognition spanning generations. Not everyone knows how to download, and some guilty consciences turn into record purchases.

Still, our guess is that profits will continue to fall. In 10 years or so, everyone 30 and under will have grown up in the age of the Internet and many will never have been to a record store. Gift cards to iTunes make great birthday presents. And considering the speed with which piracy technology develops, the likelihood of effectively policing downloads seems low.

So while the music may not capture the times, the business model does.
“Enchanted,” a classic fairy-tale with a modern-day twist, stars Amy Adams (right) as Giselle, a would-be princess banished out of her cartoon reality and into New York City by the prince’s evil mother (played by Susan Sarandon, left). While waiting for her prince (James Marsden, center), she befriends Patrick Dempsey’s character (right).

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“Enchanted” is a movie that would be doomed if it had any self-doubt. Luckily, it’s an all-out, ridiculously cute ode to princess fairy tales.

Amy Adams and James Marsden are fully committed to their roles of would-be princess and prince. As in any Disney movie, the characters burst into song unannounced and a woodland creature is the sidekick — in this case it’s a chipmunk named Pip.

It’s a combination of classic princess stories with a modern twist. It mostly draws from “Snow White and the Seven Dwarves,” but there are also elements from “Cinderella” and “Sleeping Beauty.”

The prince finds his “true love” Giselle in the cartoon world only to have her sent away by his wicked stepmother, who naturally wants to keep the throne to herself. Fairy-tale prince and almost-princess find themselves in the cruel world of New York City, where Giselle is befriend by Patrick Dempsey’s character and the prince wanders aimlessly trying to find her. It helps that she bursts into song occasionally.

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The movie is appropriate for all ages and tastes, provided no one takes it seriously. It has talking animals and pretty dresses for the young (OK, we all love the dresses), hidden innuendos for the older, and, of course, the chance to see Susan Sarandon in a watch.

It leaves the audience with smiles all around, and if the “How does she know?” song isn’t in your head for the rest of the day, I salute you.

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OPEN LETTER

Thanks given to President Baker

President Baker,

We are writing to thank you for taking the time to meet with Dr. Anthony Corsette, the author of the Presidential Climate Commitment on Friday, Nov. 9. Dr. Corsette is an internationally recognized visionary and leader on climate change and sustainability.

The consensus among climate scientists is that immediate aggressive action is needed to avoid the worst effects of climate change. Scientists tell us that all major ecosystems are in decline, sea levels are rising and one half of the world’s species are at risk of extinction due to global warming. America is looking to higher education for leadership in sustainability and clean energy research, investments and education.

On Thursday, Nov. 8, students, faculty and staff packed in the student-run Rotunda to hear Dr. Corsette’s talk “Sustainability: Can Technology Save Us?” During the hour-long address, he explained the important role universities play in a clean and sustainable future. He spoke about the need for sustainability to be integrated into all disciplines and levels of the higher education system. In addition, Dr. Corsette stressed the critical role that the $317 billion higher education industry plays in creating positive change for our country.

To date, 434 colleges and universities across the country have signed the Presidents Climate Commitment, including all 10 UCs and Chico State. The commitment is divided into three parts. First: Within two years of signing, universities will commit to developing a plan to become climate-neutral. Second: The university must initiate two of seven tangible actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Lastly: The university must make their action plan, greenhouse gas inventory and periodic progress reports publicly available.

Thanks to your administration and forward-thinking, CSU policies like Executive Order 987, Cal Poly has already taken many steps to tackle global warming. In fact, Cal Poly already meets the requirements of the second part of the Presidents Climate Commitment.

We are supportive of your past leadership on sustainability and climate change and we appreciate your consideration of the Presidents Climate Commitment. We are eager to work with you in a continuing pursuit toward a climate-neutral Cal Poly.

Sincerely,
Board of Directors
Empower Poly Coalition

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41  Theater award
42  Plays (duly)
43  Impulse
44  Peter of Peter, Paul & Mary
45  Unrestrained revelries
46  Actor Penn
47  The "et" of et cetera
48  Lock of hair
49  Rip off
50  "Moo goo... pan"
54  Ewe's call
55  Raising a false alarm

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1  New York stadium
2  Relative of a frog
3  Seeing through the deception of
4  Dictator Amin
5  Calls off
6  Cell centers
7  Magpie, e.g.
8  Slack-jawed
9  Edits
10  Neologist
11  Kiln
12  Suit to ___
13  Biblical pronoun
18  Sticky matter
23  Give... for one's money
24  Comedic actress Martha
25  Captain's quarters
27  Four, Prefix
30  Land of blarney
31  Achings
32  Army transport
33  Spoken hands out, as
37  Leads, as an orchestra
38  "Hulk" director Lee
39  Don with a big mouth
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42  Hands out, as duties
43  Peter of Peter, Paul & Mary
44  Unrestrained nude Mary
45  Don with a big mouth
46  Actor Penn
47  Marina fixture
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49  "Almighty," 2007 film
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52  What accidents do
53  Drill
54  Many miles away
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58  "...the air"
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64  Didn't just guess
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40  Big elephant feature
41  Theater award
42  Plays (duly)
43  Impulse
44  Peter of Peter, Paul & Mary
45  Unrestrained revelries
46  Actor Penn
47  The "et" of et cetera
48  Lock of hair
49  Rip off
50  "Moo goo... pan"
54  Ewe's call
55  Raising a false alarm

Down

1  New York stadium
2  Relative of a frog
3  Seeing through the deception of
4  Dictator Amin
5  Calls off
6  Cell centers
7  Magpie, e.g.
8  Slack-jawed
9  Edits
10  Neologist
11  Kiln
12  Suit to ___
13  Biblical pronoun
18  Sticky matter
23  Give... for one's money
24  Comedic actress Martha
25  Captain's quarters
27  Four, Prefix
30  Land of blarney
31  Achings
32  Army transport
33  Spoken hands out, as
37  Leads, as an orchestra
38  "Hulk" director Lee
39  Don with a big mouth
40  One of the Sinatras
41  One of the duties
42  Hands out, as duties
43  Peter of Peter, Paul & Mary
44  Unrestrained nude Mary
45  Don with a big mouth
46  Actor Penn
47  Marina fixture
48  Honor with a roast, say
49  "Almighty," 2007 film
50  Many miles away
51  What icicles do
52  What accidents do
53  Drill
54  Many miles away
55  Matter
57  Supping
58  "...the air"
59  Singer Sumac
60  "Man alive!"
61  Roman statesman ___ the Elder
62  Daylight saving, eg
64  Didn't just guess
65  Locales of mineral waters
66  Say with one's hand on the Bible

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Basketball
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Sophomore forward Rebecca Tratten and senior guard Kyle Hessel recorded career-best scoring highs, reaching 16 and 15 points, respectively.
Junior forward Megan Harrison's 10 points marked her ninth consecutive double-digit scoring game, dating to last season.
Playing in its first game against UCLA (3-6) since Feb. 27, 1976, Cal Poly — without against the Bruins in five attempts — held its first lead at 18-17 on the second of two Harrison free throws with 14 minutes remaining in the first half.
The Bruins, however, posted a 27-9 run during the ensuing eight minutes to earn a 42-27 lead.
UCLA, which shot 53 percent from the floor, led 52-40 at intermission and allowed Cal Poly to break its double-digit advantage just once in the second half.
Although they lost, a positive for the Mustangs was their season-best 86 percent (15-of-17) from the free throw line.
Fairfield
A poor first-half shooting performance doomed the Cal Poly women's basketball team in the opening game of the program's inaugural Holiday Beach Classic, as the Mustangs dropped a 60-50 decision to Fairfield on Nov. 23 in Mont Gym.
Cal Poly shot 26 percent from the floor in the opening period and that figure, coupled with an early 18-2 run by Fairfield (4-0), sent the Mustangs to a 28-16 deficit at halftime.
Cal Poly, which received a team-high 10 points from senior forward Nicole Vorasky in a losing effort, failed to close in gap to less than double digits in the second half.
A layup from Harrison gave the hosts a 6-4 lead five minutes into the opening half. Fairfield, however, held Cal Poly to a single field goal during the ensuing 14 minutes to earn a 22-advantage.
Freshman forward Kristina Santiago's layup moments later helped Cal Poly whittle its deficit to 24-15 shortly before halftime, but the Mustangs drew no closer until the final buzzer.
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Vance drops 14 in reserve role
Senior forward Dreshawn Vance came off the bench to score 14 points in leading the Cal Poly men's basketball team to a 73-66 win over Southern Utah on Nov. 20 at the Cedar City UT.
With the win, Cal Poly improves to 3-2 while SUU falls to 2-4.
Vance's came off the bench to hit all five of his shots from the floor and all four attempts from the floor.Vance added a team-high eight rebounds in 17 minutes of play.
Junior forward Tito Shelton was the team's top scorer with 15 points. Shelton hit six of seven shots from the floor while grabbing four rebounds with two blocks.
The Mustangs held a 33-29 lead at the half after being whipsawed for 16 fouls compared to just nine for SUU. Vance led the Mustangs at the half with eight points and six rebounds. The Thunderbirds missed on all seven attempts from long range.
Cal Poly opened the final period on a 12-6 run and held a double-figure lead most of the second half until the Thunderbirds closed to within eight with 3:30 left in the game.
Junior guard Chaz Thomas added 14 for the Mustangs as he hit five of nine shots from the floor. Southern Utah reserve guard Lorenzo Keeler had seven points and senior forward Matt Hanson contributed six points and grabbed five rebounds.
Geoff Payne led all scorers with 29 points for Southern Utah while adding 12 rebounds.
Cal Poly shot 30 percent from the floor, but hit on only 26 percent from long range. Poly forced five more turnovers than Southern Utah, 20-15, but was out rebounded 36-33.
The Mustangs return to action tonight when the team travels to Arizona State for a 6 p.m. PST game.

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Football

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Walter Baden, another Mustang in- 
come throughout the 2007 season — 
most receiving yards (1,407), points 
(180) and 109th receiving game 
(7) in a season as well as receiving touchdowns in a game (6), season (18) and career (32). He is second national-
ly in receiving yards per game and he 
will open the 2008 season as the UCI 
FCU leader in career touchdowns, re-
ceiving yards and yards per catch.

Field, another Mustang offen-
sive line that helped Cal Poly rank No. 
1 in the nation in total offense, No. 
5 in rushing offense, No. 6 in scoring 
offense and putting in 27th in sacks allowed.

Lawyer was Cal Poly’s bullhead line-
backer, playing mostly as a down li-
ner. He finished the year with 28 
tackles, including 7.5 tackles for lost 
yardage and 2.5 sacks. Lawyer also had 
eight quarterback hurries, two pass 
breakups and a forced fumble.

Cox earned the conference’s Frosh-
tman of the Year award. Cox started 
as a reserve linebacker but was inserted 
into the starting lineup at center early 
in the season after an injury to Field. 
When Field came back, Cox was moved 
to another position on the line and 
helped lead Cal Poly to the No. 1 
ranking in total offense in the nation. 
Cox was the final nine games of the 
season, playing all three offensive line 
positions — center, guard and tackle.

He was part of an offensive line that 
surrendered just 13 sacks in 11 games, 
27th in the nation.

North Dakota State senior line-
backer Joe Mays was named Defen-
sive Player of the Year whileSouth I-
da State had seven and Southern Utah 
three and Southern Utah two. Cal 
Poly had eight members on the First-
team selections for the 
third-straight year as offensive line-
man Nate Sale of North Dakota State 
and Mitch Eckman of South Dakota State, kicker Parker Douglas of South Dakota State and 
defensive lineman James Aban of UC Davis. 
Walker, Mays, offensive lineman 
Jon Compton of UC Davis and punter 
Mike Drauschak of North Dakota State were named to the first team for 
the second consecutive year.

In all, North Dakota State led First-
team selections with 11 members 
while South Dakota State followed 
with eight, UC Davis four, Cal Poly 
three and Southern Utah two. Cal 
Poly placed eight members on the 
second team while South Dakota State 
had seven and Southern Utah six.

Volleyball

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Stevevon Webster was the second 
Poly manager to win two 
Championships in his nine seasons 
with the program. Mike Wilson earned Coach of the 
Year honors in 1995 and 1999.

"I'm honored to be recognized 
and even more grateful for having 
a tremendous staff," Stevens said, 
giving assistance coaches Mike 
Johnson and Wes Schneider. "Our 
team's success has been well-earned 
and deserved, but it's due in part 
to surrounding myself with the best 
people who have done the right 
things, in the right way and at the 
right times."

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The Mustangs head to Ohio for first round

Nick Camacho, Mustang Daily

Thirteen Mustangs land on All-Great West Teams

Led by repeat first-team selections Ramses Barden and Stephanie Field, a total of 13 Cal Poly players have been named to the 2007 All-Great West Football Conference teams.

Barden, a junior wide receiver, and Field, a junior offensive lineman, landed on the first-team offense for the third consecutive year. Also earning enough votes for first-team honors is Mustang junior defensive lineman Sean Lawyer.

Eight Mustangs were named to the second unit: junior wide receiver Todd Tober, freshman offensive lineman Jason Conson, junior quarterback Jonathan Daly, sophomore running back Jon Hall, sophomore placekicker Andrew Gantner, senior defensive lineman Adam Tousain, senior outside linebacker Jason Reyes and senior punter Turner Chicoine.

Honorable mentions were given to Cal Poly senior defensive lineman Ed Kehl and junior inside linebacker Matt Thrall.

Barden shares the Big West Offensive Player of the Year award with North Dakota State senior quarterback Steve Jackson, Houston and junior outside hitter Ali Waller. Also honored by the conference was Mustang middle blocker Dominique Olowolafe, who earned a spot on the all-freshman team.

"I could not be more proud of our Big West championship squad and the incredible feats that they have been able to accomplish during the past few months," Stevenson said. "The individual awards received by our players must be viewed as a testimony to a great team effort."

Atherstone led all conference players in kills per game (4.75) and total kills (494) and placed second in both aces per game (0.48) and total aces (59).

The senior sensation smashed a conference record this season by winning six Big West Player of the Week awards and recorded a career-high 32 kills in the Mustangs 3-1 victory over UC Santa Barbara Nov. 8 and 30 kills in a five-set Oct. 20 win at second-place Long Beach State — a triumph that ultimately provided Cal Poly with its Big West title.

Atherstone, whose current 4.75 kills-per-game pace is the second-highest single-season figure in program history, has posted nine matches of 20-plus kills, 18 of 15-plus and reached double digits in 24 of Cal Poly's 28 contests.

A three-time All-Big West first team selection, Atherstone is the first athlete to repeat as conference Player of the Year since Long Beach State's Cheryl Weaver (2006-07).

With her senior year remaining, Atherstone has a chance to become the first three-time Player of the Year selection since Long Beach State standout and U.S. Olympian Mayte Martinez (1996-98).

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Jackson recorded a career high with 34 digs against San Clemente State Sept. 13, finished the regular season second among Big West players with 351 total digs and third with a .233 digs-per-game figure that ranks as the top mark in Cal Poly single-season history. Jackson will depart the program as a three-time All-Big West honoree, having earned honorable mention status during her 2005 sophomore campaign.

Hayes finished the regular season second among Big West players in assists per game (12.44) and total assists (1,294) — figures that currently rank fourth and fifth, respectively, in Cal Poly single-season history. Her 12.38 career digs-per-game mark is the sixth best figure in Cal Poly history.

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