History Channel thinks Cal Poly is “cream of the crop”

Coral Snyder
MUSSTANG DAILY

Got dairy products? Cal Poly’s Dairy Products Technology Center and Creamery will be featured on the History Channel’s program “Modern Marvels.”

The episode premiered on the History Channel on Monday and will have its last scheduled showing at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Titled “Modern Marvels: Milk,” the episode will discuss the process of milk production from the dairy to the marketplace.

“The show is going to show the history and value of pasteurizing, why and how it came to be and who invented the process,” said Phillip Tong, director of the Cal Poly Dairy Products Technology Center.

Filmed in the Cal Poly facilities in early October 2007, the episode features Cal Poly cows, research labs, professors and students in various segments.

“The show used Cal Poly as technological and scientific experts and used its facility to talk about nutrition and health,” Tong said.

The Dairy Products Technology Center is part of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences. The center conducts dairy research involving nutrition, new food products and applied science, which support the dairy industry.

The creamery is operated by the dairy science department and has been making and selling products to the Central Coast since 1903. The milk is produced by a herd of Jersey cows owned by Cal Poly.

The college hired a full-time manager to oversee the daily creamery operations as well as student production of cheese and ice cream. This is made possible through support from the Oregon Dairy Family Foundation.

“The creamery serves as a practical lab for students to learn how to run a commercial entry,” Tong said.

Students are involved in all aspects of dairy production, including managing the herd of cows and creating, packaging and marketing dairy products such as milk, cheese and ice cream.

According to Tong, students are able to gain practical “hands-on experience” with foods that will be purchased and consumed. He said they learn the scientific aspect of production as well as how to make technological business decisions.

The episode is going to showcase the size and scope of Cal Poly facilities and highlight the university’s production capabilities.

“Students who watch the show can learn about the history of milk and how it evolved for consumption,” Tong said.

Winter wonderland brought to downtown

Above: Children pelt KSBY’s meteorologist Dave Havelda with snow at Farmers’ Market last night. At right: A child plays in the 15 tons of snow that was trucked into San Luis Obispo for the event.

Calif. Rep. Doolittle retires from Congress

Samantha Young and Erica Werner
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ROSEVILLE, Calif. — Republican Rep. John Doolittle announced his retirement Thursday after a 17-year congressional career that took him from crusading conservative idealist to the top ranks of the House GOP.

It was there he got caught up in the scandal that would end his career.

Doolittle told supporters he would serve the remainder of his ninth term in the House but would drop his re-election bid for a 10th because he no longer loved his job.

After more than three years of maintaining his innocence while under federal criminal investigations in the Jack Abramoff lobbying probe, Doolittle said he realized within the last month that he did not want to serve in the House any more. He and Julie, has also been swept up in the investigation.

“Julie and I had a conversation and I said to her, ‘You know, I don’t mind risking losing an election because we’ve taken that risk on various occasions in these nearly 28 years. But I really don’t like the idea of winning an election and then being obligated to serve two more years as a representative.’”

Doolittle said during a news conference at a community center after telling supporters of his plans to retire.

“Once that came out of my mouth, which was a revelation to me at that point, I knew the decision was easy I needed to not run again.”

Doolittle, 57, was facing mounting political pressure from fellow Republicans eager to cleanse themselves of the ethics clouds some blame for the loss of their House majority in 2006.

Many also worried that after a near-loss in his 2006 re-election campaign, Doolittle would not be able to hang onto his seat in November — even though it’s among the most conservative in California.

“John’s decision was made in the best interests of his family, his constituents and the House, and I appreciate his years of service in Congress,” House Minority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, said in a statement. “My prayers remain with John and Julie, and I wish them the best as they work to bring this difficult process to a resolution.”

Doolittle is contesting grand jury subpoenas for his congressional records as part of a larger dispute between Congress and the Justice Department over the scope of criminal investigations of lawmakers. The status of the investigation hasn’t changed and there have been no developments in the case that prompted Doolittle’s retirement, said his attorney, David Barger.
Richardson ends campaign for Democratic presidential nomination

Barry Massey
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New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson ended his long-shot bid for the Democratic presidential nomination Thursday after poor finishes in the first two contests in Iowa and New Hampshire. He praised all of his Democratic rivals but endorsed none. He encouraged voters "to take a long and thoughtful look" and elect one of them president.

Richardson said that although his support at the polls lagged the front-runners, many of his leading rival had moved closer to his positions on such issues as the war in Iraq and educating young Americans at home.

"Despite overwhelming financial and political odds, I am proud of the campaign we waged ... and most importantly the influence we had on the issues that matter the most to the future of this country," he said.

On a less serious note, he estimated the long campaign had included 200 debates. He quickly amended that to 24 but said "it felt like 200."

Richardson, 60, announced his decision at the state Capitol, saying he was returning to "the best job in the world" as New Mexico's governor.

With the New Mexico Legislature convening for its annual one-month regular session next Tuesday, he said with a grin to all those involved: "I'm back!"

Richardson had one of the most wide-ranging groups of voters ever to run for the presidency, bringing experience from his time in Congress, in President Clinton's Cabinet as energy secretary, as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, in the New Mexico Statehouse as well as his unique role as a freelance diplomat. As a Hispanic man, he added to the unprecedented diversity in the Democratic field that also included a woman and a black man.

But Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama dominated the spotlight in the campaign, and Richardson was never able to become a top-tier contender, trailing well behind them and former North Carolina Sen. John Edwards.

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New rules for driver's licenses meant to deter terrorists, illegal immigrants

Devin Barrett
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Americans born after Dec. 1, 1964, will have to get more secure driver's licenses in the next six years under ambitious post-9/11 security rules to be unveiled Friday by federal officials.

The Homeland Security Department has spent years crafting the final regulations for the REAL ID Act, a law designed to make it harder for terrorists, illegal immigrants and con artists to get government-issued identification. The effort once envisioned to take effect in 2008 has been pushed back in the hopes of winning over skeptical state officials.

Even with more time, more federal help and technical advances, REAL ID still faces stiff opposition from civil liberties groups.

To add some of those concerns, the government now plans to phase in a secure ID initiative that Congress passed into law in 2005. Now, DHS plans a key deadline in 2011, and then further measures to be enacted three years later, according to congressional sources who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because an announcement had not yet been made. DHS officials briefed legislative aids on the details late Thursday.

The Sept. 11 attacks were the main motivations for the changes.

The hijacker-pilot who flew into the Pentagons, Hamza Hanjour, had a total of four driver's licenses and ID cards from three states. The DHS, which was created in response to the attacks, has created a slogan for REAL ID: "One driver, one license."

By 2014, anyone seeking to board an airplane or enter a federal building would have to present a REAL ID-compliant driver's license, with the notable exception of those more than 50 years old, Homeland Security officials said.

The over-50 exemption was created to give states more time to get everyone new licenses, and officials say the risk of someone in that age group being a terrorist, illegal immigrant or con artist is much less.

Survey of lax money controls leads to FBI surveillance shutdown

Lara Jakes Jordan
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Telephone companies have cut off FBI wiretaps used to eavesdrop on suspected criminals because of the bureau's repeated failures to pay bills on time.

The Justice Department released Thursday blamed the lost connections on the FBI's lax oversight of money used in undercover investigations. In one office alone, unpaid costs for wiretaps from one phone company totaled $66,000.

In at least one case, a wiretap used in a Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act investigation "was halted due to untimely payment," the audit found.

FISA wiretaps are used in the government's most sensitive and secretive criminal and intelligence investigations, and allow eavesdropping on suspected terrorists or spies.

"We also found that late payments have resulted in telecommunications carriers actually disconnecting phone lines established to deliver surveillance results to the FBI, resulting in lost evidence," according to the audit by Inspector General Glenn A. Fine.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — A man stabbed his ex-wife and daughter to death early Thursday, then drove to a famous bridge in Pasadena and jumped to his death, authorities said.

The identities of the victims were not immediately released.

Bush turned to land they held before Israel's occupation.

ROWLAND HEIGHTS (AP) — Authorities say a man apparently shot and wounded two women and then killed himself at a home in the Rowland Heights area of Los Angeles County.

County fire Captain Mike Brown said paramedics found them in the home early Thursday after a 911 call summoned them to the home at about 7:19 a.m.

Police said the man who was possibly wounded by the applicance of her South San Francisco City Council approved the design for a new ferry terminal.

After the unanimous approval Wednesday night, the head of the San Francisco Bay Area Transit Authority said service between Oyster Point and the San Francisco International Airport would return to the Middle East before he leaves the White House.

Bush's statement Wednesday underscored that he is interested in the West Bank when he spoke of occupation.

President Bush, summing up meetings with both sides in the Israeli-Palestinian dispute, said Thursday that a peace accord would require "painful political concessions" by each. Resolving the status of Jerusalem will be hard, he said, and he called for the end of the "occupation" of Arab land by the Israeli military.

"Now is the time to make difficult choices," Bush said after a first-ever visit to the Palestinian territories, which followed separate meetings with Israeli leaders in Jerusalem the day before.

Bush is in the Middle East for days, trying to bolster his goal of achieving a long-elusive peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinians.

In his set of U.S. bottom lines were security for Israel, a "contingent" state for the Palestinians and the expectation that final borders will be negotiated to accommodate territorial changes since Israel's formation. He also supported international compensation for Palestinians and their descendants who claim a right to return to land they held before Israel's formation.

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Hadley said that Bush wasn't announcing new U.S. policy with any of his statements, but was trying to determine the American position all over one place. "The important thing is what he's beginning to hear from the Palestinian and the Israeli side," he said.

Bush spent most of his day in the Palestinian West Bank, seeking to counter Palestinians' skepticism about his commitment to Mideast peace.

He underlined that message somewhat — by saying it may not be possible to resolve this year the current, violent split in Palestinian leadership — vital to a deal establishing an independent state.

The militant group Hamas took over the Gaza Strip in June, meaning the Palestinian people and the land that could eventually form an independent Palestinian state are split between governance by Hamas'" "state" and the Israeli military.

"We don't know if he lost control. There was no wet pavement," Butler said.

WASHINGTON (AP) — A woman found in her home with the decomposing bodies of four girls faces murder charges, and authorities believe she is their mother, officials said Thursday.

Barbara Jacks, 33, was expected to appear Thursday in D.C. Superior Court, where the charges will be formally presented, prosecutors said.

Medical examiner Dr. Marie Pierre-Louis said the bodies were likely there more than 15 days, "based on the insects that were found there."

Iraqi troops, was part of Operation Phantom Phoenix, a nationwide campaign launched Tuesday against al-Qaeda in Iraq.

On borders. Bush said any peace agreement "will require mutually agreed adjustments" to the lines drawn for Israel in the late 1960s. He was referring primarily to Israeli neighborhoods on disputed lands that Israel would keep when an independent Palestinian state is formed.

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Bush had harsh criticism for Hamas, which does not recognize Israel's right to exist, Hamas, he said, was elected to help improve the lot of Palestinians, but "has delivered nothing but misery.

"With his presidency over a year from now, Bush said he knows "I've got 12 months."

Quoting a black American hero in endorsing the man who hopes to be the first black president, Kerry told a cheering crowd, "Martin Luther King said the time is always right to do what is right." Now is the time, Kerry said, to declare "that Barack Obama can be, will be and should be the next president of the United States."

Kerry delivered his endorsement in South Carolina at a time, two weeks before that state's primary, when Clinton is riding a wave of enthusiasm following her victory over Obama in the New Hampshire primary.

Kerry said there were other candidates in the race whom he also had worked with and respected.

"But I believe more than anyone else, Barack Obama can help our country turn the corner. He is somebody who can deliver change. And we don't need to be raising false hopes of our country about what can be delivered. The best way to know what change I will produce is to look at the changes that I've already made."

Returning to the subject, Obama said when he took the microphone from Kerry: "In the unlikely story that is America, there has never been anything false about hope."

Former Sen. John Edwards of North Carolina, the third contender in the Democratic presidential race, was Kerry's vice presidential running mate in 2004. Despite their political alliance, the two men were not close personally and differed behind the scenes on campaign strategy in a race that President Bush won.

Edwards responded to word of the endorsement with a diplomatic statement: "Our country and our party are stronger because of John's service, and I respect his decision. When we were running against each other and on the same ticket, John and I agreed on many issues."

Kerry was Obama's political benefactor once before, selecting the relatively unknown Illinois senatorial candidate to deliver the keynote address at the 2004 Democratic National Convention in Boston. It was Obama's first turn in the national spotlight and helped launch him on a remarkable ascent that has made him one of two leading contenders for the party's presidential nomination only four years later.

The Massachusetts senator lost the South Carolina Democratic primary in 2004 to Edwards.

Kerry and Edwards had their differences during the 2004 campaign over strategy and spending, and Edwards has said he would have been more aggressive in challenging the unorthodox intimations of the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth questioning Kerry's military record.

Kerry's endorsement also was a jab at Clinton, the New York Democrat who won the New Hampshire primary after a loss to Obama in the Iowa caucuses.

Kerry had withheld his endorsement, hoping to have an impact on the race and avoid the fate of former Democrat Al Gore, the 2000 nominee who endorsed Howard Dean in 2004 shortly before the former Vermont governor's campaign imploded. Gore has made no endorsement so far this year.

While Kerry has been close to Clinton's husband, the former president, he was incensed in 2006 when she chided him after Kerry suggested that people who don't go to school "get stuck in Iraq.""Asides said Kerry meant to jab at Bush and say 'get us stuck in Iraq,'" and that he didn't appreciate Clinton piling onto the criticism he was already getting for the remark.

The Republican National Committee pounced on the endorsement to brand Kerry and Obama "liberal soul mates."

Kerry himself had considered running for president in 2008, but that plan fizzled with the botched remark. For many Democrats, his words revived bitter memories of his mistspeaks in 2004, when he lost to Bush.

As for Obama, Kerry gave the young Illinois state senator his first turn in the national spotlight when he chose him to deliver the keynote speech at the 2004 Democratic National Convention. Later that year, Obama won election as a U.S. senator.

Since announcing a year ago he would not make a presidential runeded, Democrats to take a stronger anti-war stance, pushing for troop withdrawal deadlines. In another area, he has backed environmental causes, writing a book with his wife on the issue.

Kerry should be able to provide some organizational and fundraising muscle to Obama.

Since losing the 2004 race, Kerry has kept a national network of supporters intact. He has an e-mail network of 3 million supporters, according to aides. He also has traveled extensively raising millions of dollars for Democratic candidates nationwide.
The Water Horse (PG) 97 min.
Summary: Unsuspecting songwriter Dave Seville (Lee) stumbles upon three singing, dancing chipmunks — Alvin, Simon and Theodore — in this mix of live-action and computer-animated film. Based on the '60s cartoon, the film focuses on the dynamic of the unlikely family on their way to stardom.

The Kite Runner (PG-13) 117 min.
Summary: Based on a true story (sadly), the unknown Congressman from Texas named Charlie Wilson uses what little power he has to help the Afghans defeat the Russians in the 1980s.

National Treasure: Book of Secrets (PG) 124 min.
Summary: Based on the best-selling novel by Mike Nickel, "The Kite Runner" explores the war in Afghanistan and the relationship between the main character and his former childhood friend.

I Am Legend (PG-13) 92 min.
Summary: "Wilson's War": a look at America's hush-hush past

FRIDAY SHOWTIMES

Downtown Centre Cinema
The Bucket List 1:15, 3:45, 7:00, 9:45
Atonement (R) 123 min.
The Bucket List (PG-13) 97 min.

First Sunday (PG-13) 124 min.

I Am Legend (PG-13) 92 min.

No Country for Old Men (R) 128 min.

P.S. I Love You (PG-13) 126 min.

Sweeney Todd (R) 117 min.

The Water Horse (PG) 111 min.

The pirates: Who Don't Anything: A Veggie Tales Movie 1:10, 3:15, 5:20, 7:25
First Sunday 2:20, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15

The Kite Runner 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 10:00
I Am Legend 2:10, 5:00, 7:45, 10:15

Palm Theatre
The Divining Bell and Butterfly 4:15, 6:45, 9:15
June 4:15, 7:00, 9:15
The Orphanage 4:15, 6:45, 9:15

Fremont Theatre
National Treasure: Book of Secrets 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:30
The Pirates Who Don't Anything: A Veggie Tales Movie 1:10, 3:15, 5:20, 7:25
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No Country For Old Men 7:50, 10:35

Alvin & The Chipmunks 1:30, 3:40, 5:45
P.S. I Love You 8:45

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Shannon Boren
MUSTANG DAILY

Everyone knows the catchy McDonald's tune featuring the classic slogan "I'm lovin' it." However, few would imagine that by simply changing a word and vertically flipping the iconic golden arches an anti-war slogan could be born.

A red sign with the phrase "I'm bombin' it" beneath a yellow "W" is just one of many featured posters in the "Design of Dissent" exhibit, which opens today in the University Art Gallery.

The show includes several international artists and is comprised primarily of more than 100 posters. It focuses on social and political concerns worldwide in an artistic light.

"It features different issues from a historical standpoint, an educational viewpoint, and also deals with our current situation," said Charmaine Martinez, curator of the exhibit and an art and design professor.

The gallery, located in the Dexter Building, is overwhelming with colorful displays of rebellion and conflict along with the artist's evident desire for social and political change. Most predominant in the display is a strong anti-war sentiment.

A bathtub filled with blood, for instance, is pictured to remind people of the blood bath occurring in Israel, while the bloodshed of Bosnia is symbolized with a simple rusted knife engraved with the country's name.

President Bush is the focus of many posters which question his war tactics, governing ability and overall character. For example, one piece plays off a popular milk campaign, showing him with a black milk mustache and the phrase "Got Oil?"

"The biggest thing for me is that (the show) can possibly be the start of conversation," gallery coordinator Jeff Van Kleeck said. "You can think about these things and have conversations about them instead of just saying, 'This is what you should believe.'"

Though the exhibit does lean more to the left on the political spectrum, its main goal is to inform the public and especially college-aged students of these controversial issues.

"The younger generation is going to define how the future goes more than other demographics, and they are essential to preserving freedom," Martinez said. "There are issues here that people will disagree with — and that's fine — but at least we'll have these discussions."

"Design of Dissent," an exhibit featuring political and social commentary posters by Mirko Ilic' opens tonight at the University Art Gallery.
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A smorgasbord of repertoire

Britney Clyde

Accomplished pianist and music department chair W. Terrence Spilier will take to the Spanos Theatre stage at 8 tonight for a benefit recital.

Spilier said this recital in particular is different than those he’s done in the past because he “can choose to play whatever (he) wants.” Spilier said this year he has a “smorgasbord of repertoire” that includes works by Robert Schumann, Francis Poulenc and Sergei Rachmaninoff.

Choosing which pieces to play can be a somewhat difficult task at times, he said, because he must consider how to achieve a certain musical balance throughout the recital. Not all pieces should be bombastic in the past because he “can choose to play whatever (he) wants.” Spilier decided this year he would choose an entirely new collection of pieces.

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Spilier’s main goal for this event is to “enjoy playing the pieces and hopefully have the audience enjoy them as well.”

All proceeds from the recital will go toward the Cal Poly Music Department Fund. The recital is sponsored by the Music Department and College of Liberal Arts. Tickets to the recital are $6 for students and senior citizens and $10 for the public.

Passafire’s musical fusion works nicely

Eli Jabbe

Georgia band Passafire is influenced by several distinct styles of music that combine to create their sound. The band’s album “Subensible,” released on Law Records, has elements of reggae and rock, and manages to blend the two styles nicely.

“While writing songs, we wanted to make it reggae music, but also make it sound progressive, because a lot of bands do reggae and rock and mix them, but I feel Passafire is pushing the boundaries of genres,” keyboardist Adam Willis said. “It lets people know that you can do a lot with that combination.”

The first song on the album, “Divide,” exemplifies that combination. Ted Bowne sings in the first verse, “All I really need is just some room to breathe. Some space to separate what has been conceived. They say we’re living in a time where the earth is moving/With some dues to pay, and resolution seems so far away.”

Interestingly, there is a divide in the styles of this song’s production as well. During the verses, the vibe is that of a vintage reggae song, but the chorus features louder drums and guitar than accompany your typical rock song. This song is one that stands out on “Subensible.”

Rather than make every song in this style, which would have been repetitive, Passafire changes the formula, such as on “Bell Jar.” The elements of reggae are subtle, and for the most part this is almost strictly a rock song featuring memorable quotes. “Keep on telling yourself it’s not true! Keep on telling yourself it’s your! Eyes can be fooled only so long/With repetition of fiction,” Bowne sings.

Passafire wins with this album because it finds different ways to write music in the reggae-rock style instead of producing repetitive numbers. It also features many songs that are conducive to being played live, which suggests they put on a great show.

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"Oohs," "aaahs" and the clicking of digital cameras are common sounds heard along the viewing boardwalk of the 60-meter tall crumbling Perito Moreno glacier in southern Argentina. During the spring and summer months, thousands of adventurers from all over the world travel to Patagonia in southern Chile and Argentina to catch a glimpse of these magnificient living pieces of ice.

A few weeks ago, I had the opportunity to travel to Patagonia and witness firsthand what scientists have been talking about for years. Greenhouse gases, created mainly from the combustion of carbon-based fossil fuels, are warming the climate of our planet. This warming is causing glaciers and ice caps to melt at rapid rates.

Now, I understand that glaciers melt in the summer and grow during winter and that most of what I had experienced was normal seasonal thawing. However, according to an experienced tour guide in the Torres del Paine National Park in Chile, the melting of the 90-meter high glaciers of Patagonia is far from normal. This popular trekking destination is seeing more than 15 meters of sea level rise over the past year, worry scientists, locals and travelers.

Peninsula Valdés in the southern tip of South America may seem cold, Cal Poly students and their families are far from being isolated from the consequences of the melting ice.

Who exactly will be affected by the rising sea levels you ask? Is anyone from San Francisco, Oakland, or New York? Not exactly. It is the coastal communities in Third World countries that are facing the effects of rising sea levels from global warming.

While industrialized countries account for about 80 percent of the world's historic carbon dioxide emissions, it is clear that the poorest nations will suffer the most severe consequences of climate change.

Luckily for us, we can still preserve the beautiful glaciers of Patagonia and give a break to developing nations if we (as the largest polluters in the world) take aggressive action to reduce greenhouse emissions. In the next couple of years. While Bush Sr.'s presidency primary less than a month away, we have the chance to elect candidates who have bold plans (in both parties) to lead us to a clean, carbon-free future. So go ahead and get registered, get educated, and vote on Feb. 5 so you and your families never become "climate refugees."

Chad is an industrial engineering senior, president of the Engineers Poly Coalition and a Mustang Daily columnist.

Last time I checked, most white people were of European descent, maybe I missed the "White" country while I was ditching geography eating McDonald's. I WILL be sure to remember your name on this crap article later child.

Doug 

Response to "Why I hate white people"

I found nothing in this "article" funny. I sincerely hope that trash like this never sees the light of day ever again.

Dare 

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This is a disgrace to the humor column. Bring back "Mike's Guide to Life!"

Tom

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**Philip Rivers leads Bolts against Colts**

_**Bernie Wilson**_  
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SAN DIEGO — One starting quarterback on Sunday will be leading the defending Super Bowl champions. He was MVP of that game, as well as a two-time NFL MVP earlier this decade.

The other guy? He just got his first playoff win.

Welcome to Philip Rivers’ world. He’ll lead the San Diego Chargers into Sunday’s divisional-round playoff game against Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts, relishing the underdog role.

“It’s one thing to throw 292 yards and the go-ahead touchdown in a 17-6 win over the sixth-seeded Tennessee Titans. Now he’s going to be compared with Manning, and he’s going to be tested by safety Bob Sanders, the NFL Defensive Player of the Year.

Barring something crazy, we’re going to be the underdogs from here on out…”

— Philip Rivers  
Chargers quarterback

Rivers said.

That’s fine with Rivers, the Chargers’ second-year starter.

“A team can win it all and any team can get beat as we found out here last year as the one seed. The Colts were in our position last year now as the three seed. Pittsburgh, a couple years ago they were the six seed, I think at this point, why not us? We’re going to go with that frame of mind. We’re going to go in confident but obviously knowing the challenge that’s ahead of us.”

Rivers has never lacked confidence since coming into the league as the fourth overall pick, and he carried a big load in the wild-card win.

The Titans loaded up against LaDainian Tomlinson and forced Rivers to beat them. He did.

“His confidence is going to be higher,” Tomlinson said. “The momentum of going into this playoff game is going to be a big thing for us. We are coming off a fresh win last week. Keeping that momentum of playing football and not taking any time off, that’s going to help us.

“Obviously they have the advantage in experience. I certainly don’t see Philip being shaken up at all. That’s not his style to show any lack of confidence. It’s because he’s the son of a coach. That goes back to his roots. That’s just the way he is. His dad did a great job of just keeping him focused. Even when things aren’t going well, he’s always been able to keep confident. That’s huge for a quarterback.”

It’s been an up-and-down season for Rivers. He’s played well at times, but he’s also struggled.

He was boosed at home several times during the season by fans whose expectations were sky-high after a 14-2 finish in 2006.

Playing well against the Titans certainly helped, but coach Norv Turner said it wasn’t as if Rivers had been doing horribly.

“If I had doubts, or if Phillip had doubts or if any of his teammates had doubts then that performance would be good for all of us,” Turner said. “I don’t have any doubts about Phillip and our players don’t have any doubts and I know he doesn’t have any doubts. He’s had parts of games like that throughout the entire year. He’s had games like that throughout this year and that wasn’t a surprise to me.”

In losing their two previous playoff games, the Chargers weren’t able to control their emotions. They did a much better job of that against the Titans.

“I think too, once the ball gets snapped and you get going, it’s the same game,” Rivers said. “Nothing really changes. I do think we handled the preparation going in. I think from an emotional standpoint we handled that a lot better on Sunday. I think now once you get one under your belt and you see that hey it is a game just like the first 16 were, I think it’ll help our approach again this week. We know the task is tough but I think we’ll have the right mind-set going in.”

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er in the Football Championship Subdivision, was part of the Philadelphia Eagles practice squad for the final five weeks of the regular season.

Prior to that, the leading tackler at the 2007 East-West Shrine All-Star Game played in the preseason for the Oakland Raiders before being one of their last cuts heading into the regular season.

He will officially join Indianapolis in April.

Two other former Mustangs, defensive back Courtney Brown, now with the Dallas Cowboys, and wide receiver Kasim Osgood, currently a special-teams ace with the San Diego Chargers, will join their teams in the playoffs this weekend.

Brown, whose Cowboys kick off at home against the New York Giants at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, had five tackles in their last three regular-season outings.

After the Cowboys’ 28-23 win over the Washington Redskins on Nov. 19, Cowboys star wide receiver Terrell Owens gave a game ball to Brown for his special-teams stop of Antwaan Randle El on a punt return with less than a minute to play.

On the West Coast, meanwhile, Osgood, who set Cal Poly single-game records with 17 catches for 376 yards in a 43-41 loss to Northern Iowa on Nov. 4, 2006, made 11 tackles this season for San Diego, which plays at Indianapolis at 10 a.m. Sunday.

He was named in December to his second straight AFC Pro Bowl squad, with which he will participate as a special teams specialist in Honolulu at 2:30 p.m. Feb. 10.

**Volleyball team picks up two prep stars**

The Cal Poly volleyball team has added to the future of its looming lineup.

Carlin Smith, a 6-10 outside hitter from Brea Olinda High in Brea, and Anicia Santos, a 6-foot-1 middle blocker from Summit High in Frisco, Colo., have signed national letters of intent to play for Cal Poly, Mustangs head coach Jon Stevenson recently announced.

Smith, a four-year starter at the prep level, was an All-Century League First Team selection in 2007.

Santos, respectively, was recently selected to play for the USA Youth National Team on its tour of Eastern Europe.

Five starters should return for the Mustangs next season, as should their top six kill leaders.
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Talented tennis tandem leads Poly into spring season

Wong, Blalock try to pick up where they left off in fall

Sophomore Brittany Blalock lobbs the ball before serving at the Cal Poly Open on Nov. 18.

Cal Poly remains undefeated in Big West while winning its third straight game

Dustin Stone
MUSTANG DAILY

In its closest game of the season, the Cal Poly women's basketball team took down Cal State Fullerton 55-54 at Mott Gym, remaining undefeated in the Big West Conference.

The win marks only the second time the Mustangs have turned out, was easier said than done.

Every time Cal State Fullerton (2-11, 1-1 Big West Conference) looked like it could effectively slow the pace of the Mustangs (6-9, 3-0 BWC) down, they broke loose.

Tony Thomas, the conference's leading scorer, made 5 of 10 shots from the floor for 20 points.

She also pulled down seven rebounds in the losing effort.

No one else could net double figures, though, for the Titans, who were outrebounded 48-39. A stout defensive effort by the Mustangs held them to just 31-percent shooting from the floor overall, and 25 percent from beyond the 3-point line.

Lauren Chos, who came into the contest as the fourth-leading scorer in the conference with 14 points a game, was nullified, held to just six points on 1-of-9 shooting.

On the night, Cal Poly survived just a 33.9-percent shooting performance overall.

The Mustangs will look to notch their fourth victory in a row at 4 p.m. Saturday when they host UC Irvine.

Men's basketball team's rally comes up short

The Mustangs' bid to win their second straight Big West Conference game didn't materialize at Cal State Fullerton Thursday night, as they fell 78-64 at Titan Gym.

After leading 37-33 at the half, the titans reeled off an 18-2 run to give themselves a 55-35 advantage with about 13 minutes left.

Cal Poly, though, cut the lead to 69-64 on a Shawn Lewis 3-pointer with 2:35 left, but on the ensuing trip down the court, the Titans answered with a Trey of their own, and the Mustangs got no closer.

Matt Hanson scored a game-high 22 points on 10-of-15 shooting and pulled down six rebounds for Cal Poly (6-9, 1-2 Big West Conference).

Tina Sheldon added 10 points in the loss.

Josh Ackerman led the Titans (10-4, 3-0 BWC) with 21 points. Twelve of them came in the opening half.

Cal Poly will try to get back in the win column at UC Irvine at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Wrestlers looks to hand Sun Devils first loss of season

Cal Poly hasn't beaten Arizona State in three seasons, but will get another shot at Mott Gym tonight.

Leading the Mustangs (3-3, 2-1 Pac-10) into the conference dual meet are Chad Mendes (16-6), ranked third in the country at 141 pounds, and Chase Paris, slotted tenth at 157.

The Sun Devils (8-0, 0-0 Pac-10), meanwhile, carry a trio of top-25 grapplers into the 7 p.m. contest.

Senior Pat Pinch, ranked No. 10 at 165 is the most highly touted of the three, followed by freshman Brent Chiswell, No. 16 at 184, and freshman Anthony Robles, 19th at 125.

Pinch, Mustang assistant coach Sammie Henson said, will be a hard task for Ryan Williams.

Robles, who wrestles with one leg, can seem like a heavier force, Henson said.

"He's unbelievable," Henson added. "He's more like a 175-pounder.

When he gets on top of you and gets a hold of you, you're in trouble.

In the second half of a two-match, conference home stand, the Mustangs will host No. 25 Boise State (2-0) at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Freshman Adam Hall, No. 12 at 149, and Tyler Sherfey, No. 12 at 157, lead the Broncos.

Shotwell catches on with Colts, other former Mustangs make mark in NFL playoffs

Leading up to the most recent NFL Draft, the Indianapolis Colts were reportedly one of the teams to show the most interest in Kyle Shotwell, who won the Buck Buchanan Award as the best defensive player in the Northwest Region, ahead of Georgia Tech.

"It's normally something you do a lot during the regular season," Cal Mustang head coach Hugh Bream said. "Santa Clara we've always had really close matches with, and it's a great rivalry."

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