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Chelsea Clinton visits Poly today
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Chelsea Clinton, daughter of former President Bill Clinton and Sen. Hillary Rodham-Clinton, will be speaking at Cal Poly this afternoon. The 27-year-old will give a speech at 5 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium, according to Associated Students Inc.

The visit is one in a series of visits Clinton has made to California universities in the last few weeks. Earlier this month, Clinton made surprise visits at UC San Diego, UCCLA and Stanford, her alma mater.

The proposal of a Clinton visit was put before ASI Thursday, and the organization spent most of Thursday struggling to confirm arrangements for the daughter of the Democratic presidential candidate.

With Election Day quickly approaching and the California primaries a vital force behind the Democratic presidential nomination, Clinton has taken a rare step into the limelight to subtly call attention to her mother’s battle.

However, Clinton is not coming specifically to endorse her mother’s candidacy; her speech will reportedly focus primarily on the importance of the youth vote.

“Personally, I’m an Obama fan but I think it’s wonderful she’s making an effort to reach young voters,” said Erica Joffe, president of Cal Poly Democrats.

After the speech, students are encouraged to stay for a question and answer session.

“I’ll be a great opportunity to ask her questions if she’ll answer them; I wish more candidates took an interest in Cal Poly,” said Brian Eller, a materials engineering senior and former treasurer for Cal Poly Republicans.

SPORTS

Three Major League Soccer teams will come to Cal Poly for exhibition play in late February.

ARTS

In “Days Like Floating Water,” local Sue McKee recounts her time living and teaching in China.

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Students prepare tax returns for free
Rachel Glus
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A group of Cal Poly students aims to ease the stress of tax season by offering free tax services for low-income students and community members.

Business accounting seniors will prepare tax returns starting Saturday for free at the computer lab on the business building’s third floor. The program runs from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. every Saturday until March 15.

Individuals or families with a total income of less than $40,000 are eligible to receive the program’s services.

“We are helping people who may not have the ability to prepare their own taxes,” program coordinator Michelle Bissonnette said.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance has been offered at Cal Poly for 17 years, and 73 students will be involved this year, Bissonnette said. The program is sponsored by the IRS and the Franchise Tax Board.

To participate, individuals are asked to bring their Social Security cards or ITIN numbers as well as their tax return, then a certified public accountant from the community checks it over.

“Participating students are basically getting a professional to do their taxes,” Bissonnette said.

VITA is run as a business class and Cal Poly students receive senior project credit, but the students involved are participating for more reasons than to get school credit.

“IT’s a great volunteer opportunity; we are really doing good for the community,” business administration senior Shannon Downing said.

Students also gain real-life experience that can help them determine their career path. “After this class I’ll be comfortable deciding whether I want to go into tax or auditing or neither,” business administration junior Arielle Dekofsky said.

To prepare for the busy tax season, students meet twice a week for a month to learn the computer software as well as administrative policies that the IRS mandates, Bissonnette said. Classes then stop Saturday and students prepare the returns.

Focus the Nation’s leveled displays were scattered across campus Thursday in celebration of the event. Dexter Lawn featured a polar bear ice statue (above), and the Cal Poly Biodiesel Club showed off their processes, which can convert Campus Dining grease into biodiesel (right).

Nation’s largest sorority to establish Cal Poly chapter
Gary Conrad
MUSTANG DAILY

The largest sorority in the country with 173 chapters and 300,000 members has started a new chapter at Cal Poly this quarter. Chi Omega will recruit freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors to be a part of its founding class in February.

“Panhellenic and Chi Omega nationals have been working together for quite some time to bring Chi Omega to Cal Poly,” said Lauren Heaney, vice president of philanthropy for Cal Poly’s Panhellenic Executive Council.

“All the sororities voted last year to bring Chi Omega to Cal Poly this year, and we’re so excited to finally see them get here.”

A team of 12 Chi Omega women from all over the country will be at Cal Poly to host information sessions next week. Meetings will be held at 7 p.m. Feb. 4 in the Performing Arts Center Pavilion and at 7 p.m. Feb. 5th in the Science building, room E27. Students interested in joining a sorority are encouraged to attend one of the hour-long meetings and learn all about the sorority, its recruiting process and what it means to be a founding member.

“Being a founding member of our organization is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity,” said Laura Lee Jones, director of extension for Chi Omega. “The founding class of Chi Omega will be able to start something new and create a lasting legacy at Cal Poly. They will help shape the identity of the sorority; they get to determine the causes that the sorority will support and activities to be involved with.”

After the meetings, women will have the opportunity to sign up for the recruiting process, which will include one-on-one “getting to know you” sessions with the Chi Omega women, and an invitation-only event on Saturday. Selected women will be invited to join Chi Omega Sunday, and the sorority will officially begin at Cal Poly.

Chi Omega is looking to recruit women who exemplify the organization’s purposes. “We are looking for women who are involved, dedicated and willing to start something new,” said Kristen Burchinal, national consultant for Chi Omega.

“Chi Omega was founded on six purposes including scholarship, sisterhood, community service, high standards of personnel, campus activities, and career and personal development. We as Chi Omegas live these purposes everyday and strive to achieve our personal best through the support of our sisters.”

Founded in 1895, the organization’s support of Make-A-Wish Foundation helped raise more than $3 million over the last five years. Chi Omega officials said the sorority hopes to bring its support of the Make-A-Wish Foundation to Cal Poly.

Chi Omega does not yet have a sorority house because it is a new chapter, Jones said. “We hope to have one in San Luis Obispo in the near future; we have alumni working on that right now.”
Bush's 2009 budget

WASHINGrON — President Bush's 2009 budget will virtually freeze most domestic programs and seek nearly $200 billion in savings from federal health care programs, a senior administration official said Thursday.

Overall, the Bush budget will exceed $3 trillion, this official said. The deficit is expected to reach about $400 billion for the year and next.

Bush will present his proposed budget for the new fiscal year to Congress on Monday, where it's unlikely to gain much traction in the wake of a presidential campaign. The president promised a plan that would erase the budget deficit by 2012 if his policies are followed.

To that end, Bush will propose nearly $178 billion in savings from Medicare over five years — nearly triple what he proposed last year. Much of the savings would come from freezing reimbursement rates for most health care providers for three years. An additional $17 billion would come from the Medicaid program, the state-federal partnership that provides health coverage to the poor.

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The Bush budget would project the 10-year cost of the Medicare program, from 2008 to 2017, at $915 billion. That's $17 billion less than what had been forecast last summer. The federal government is expected to spend about $600 billion on Medicare and Medicaid in 2008. It represents more than $1 out of every $5 spent by the federal government.

The OMB official said the president views the budget as a final opportunity to slow the growth of entitlement programs but recognizes that Congress probably won't go along. He said spending on Medicare would increase under Bush's new budget, but not as quickly as had been expected. "Medicare will grow at 5 percent. It just won't grow over 7 percent," he said.

Savings also would come from charging wealthier people higher monthly premiums for Medicare's drug program. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services said the Bush budget would project the 10-year cost of the program, from 2008 to 2017, at $915 billion. That's $17 billion less than what had been forecast last summer. The agency attributed the lower estimate to smaller increases in the cost of medicines, and better deals negotiated between insurers and drug manufacturers.

HOMELAND SECURITY

adds cities, regions to terrorism high-risk list

WASHINGTON — Bush's proposed budget adds cities, regions to terrorism high-risk list.

President Bush signs an executive order Tuesday.

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Consumers increased their spending at the weakest pace in six months while applications for unemployment benefits soared last week, two more signs the economy is weakening.

The Commerce Department reported Thursday that consumer spending edged up just 0.2 percent in December — the year’s peak shopping season — down sharply from a 1 percent gain in November. It was the weakest performance in this area since a similar 0.2 percent rise in June of last year.

Meanwhile, the Labor Department reported that the number of laid-off workers filing applications for unemployment benefits soared by 69,000 to 375,000. That was the highest level for jobless claims since the week of Oct. 8, 2005, when the economy was dealing with the disruptions caused by Hurricane Katrina and the other Gulf Coast hurricanes.

The increase in jobless claims was more than triple what economists had been expecting, although part of the increase was blamed on technical difficulties in adjusting the figures around the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

But private economists said they believed the figure was accurately pointing to a weakening in the job market that reflects the significant slowdown in the overall economy. For Shepherson, chief U.S. analyst at High Frequency Economics, said he believed the underlying level of jobless claims currently is around 350,000, an indication of a deteriorating labor market.

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| LOS ANGELES (AP) — Campus police are fighting a crime spree that included several muggings on and around UCLA. The UCLA Police Department urges students to take precautions, including use of the campus night-time escort service and notifying officers about suspicious activity.

The most recent attack occurred late Monday when a car rolled up and blocked the path of a man walking across an intersection outside the campus. Police say a passenger tried to grab the man's cargo bag before punching the victim.

SANTA ANA (AP) — Prosecutors say a La Palma man cut off his girlfriend's tongue and threw her to the floor before dying to death behind the corpse for weeks.

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| RENO, Nev. (AP) — The Kanas-bred black stallion that played at the funeral of U.S. soldiers, claiming the servicemen were dying because God hates gay people and America’s tolerance of them, has decided that God hates Reno too.

Police Chief Michael Paisahian called the church’s statement “despicable,” especially because it begins with references to Brimins Dominos, a 19-year-old college student who has been the target of a search since police believe she was abducted from a Reno home on Jan. 20.

“If Brimins Dominos dies, blame the corrupt Reno Police,” the church’s statement said, adding that church members will “picket her funeral, in religious protest & warn others.”

HIGHGATE, Vt. (AP) — Motorists passed easily through border checkpoints Thursday at tougher identification standards for U.S. and Canadian citizens went into effect without the backdrop and confusion some travelers had feared.

People entering the country will no longer be allowed to simply declare to immigration officers at border crossings that they are citizens. Instead, those 19 and older will have to show proof of citizenship — a passport, a passport card or a birth certificate and government-issued ID such as a driver’s license.

Customs officials said delays were minimal across the country and that most motorists had the documentation they needed.

“Very much business as usual,” U.S. Customs and Border Protection spokeswoman Kelly Klundt said in an e-mail.

The statement did not say specifically what the new evidence was.

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| HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — Fears of a global bird flu pandemic that once dominated headlines have largely vanished in the West, but the virus began raising Asian poultry, it continues to quietly spread.

Most global health officials continue to warn that the virus could morph into a disease as threatening to people as it is to chickens. Although a few are now calling the risk “overestimated,” recent developments raise concerns.

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Vatican, Maciel, a Mexican priest who founded the Legionaries of Christ religious order and was dismiissed by Pope Benedict XVI after sex abuse allegations died in the United States, his order said Thursday He was 87.

Maciel died Wednesday of natural causes, the conservative religious order said in an online statement, which called Maciel the “beloved founding father,” did not say exactly where he died.

ORANJESTAD, Aruba (AP) — An investigating new evidence in the disappearance of Natalie Holloway provided by a Dutch crime reporter prosecutors said Thursday.

Information from reporter Peter R. de Vries may help resolve what happened to the American teen age hit by a car in 2005 and found dead on the beach.

The Orange County prosecutor said Thursday that he would ask the former Cabo San Lucas艳istractor to return to the U.S. to face de Vries, the Dutch reporter who published a book including a story about sightings of Natalee Holloway that raised doubts about the young Aruban authorities are investigating.

HOLSTER, who vanished during a May 2005 school vacation to the Dutch Caribbean Island, the prosecutor’s office said in a statement.

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| WASHINGTON (AP) — American Airlines lost the right to fly to 13 Eastern European countries because of a dispute over the carrier’s right to sell tickets to passengers wanting to travel to the United States.

The carrier had planned to fly to the countries from San Francisco, Long Island and Miami.

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Joseph Coleman

Japans dolphin hunt sags under protests over mercury contamination

Every autumn and winter, hunters from this craggy Japanese fishing village corral thousands of dolphins into a tiny, isolated cove and kill them for meat and fertilizer, turning the water red with their blood.

Every year, foreign animal rights protectors converge on the town, interfering with the slaughter, clashing with fishermen and broadcasting grisly photographs of the slayings around the world — all without stopping the hunt.

Now, Japans dolphin hunters face a new, powerful opponent: mercury contamination. A series of scientific studies in recent years in Japan have documented high levels of the toxic heavy metal in dolphin meat, and a group of city councilmen in Taiji launched an unprecedented campaign against the hunt several months ago after doing their own tests.

A leading regional supermarket chain has pulled dolphin from its shelves over the health concerns, and hunt critics in the town say villagers are shunning it. Meat from pilot whales — a type of dolphin — was taken off local school lunch menus in October.

"The mayor says weve caused 100 million yen ($1 million) in damages to the industry, but I dont know how that's calculated," said Junichi Yamashita, a city councilman spearheading the anti-hunt movement. "They say the business is important for Taiji, but we say that health is more important."

Indeed, while animal rights arguments against the hunt have fallen on deaf ears in Japan, the threat of mercury contamination strikes a chord in a country where food safety is rapidly becoming a paramount public concern.

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The village resents the attention and accuses outsiders of interfering with a hunting tradition of hundreds of years. Standoffs between protectors and hunters quickly boil over into arguments and threats. The town erects barriers and hangs tarps to block activists from photographing the kill, and daily hunts can be canceled if foreigners are seen in town.

"No thank you," said an official at the fishermen union when approached for comment on the hunt. "Youve come at a bad time."

The recent findings on mercury levels, however, have given pause to many would-be consumers.

Tetsuya Endo, a researcher at the Health Sciences University of Hokkaido, in northern Japan, has co-authored numerous studies showing the mercury in dolphin meat can contain mercury at concentrations many times higher than the 0.5 parts per million allowed by the Japanese government for many types of fish.

The highest concentration he found so far was 100 parts per million from a bottlenose dolphin — a species whose meat is butchered in Taiji.

"This ought to be investigated," Endo said, calling for a government probe into the dangers of eating dolphin. "There are people who eat it a lot, and those people could be suffering health effects."

The threat of mercury contamination, however, failed to cause a stir in this isolated village until Yamashita, irked by the towns plans to build a $3 million dolphin slaughterhouse and spread the use of local dolphin meat in school lunches, decided with allies to conduct their own probe.

The results on tests of three locally caught pieces of dolphin meat at a government-run lab confirmed his fears, he said.

The pieces of meat taken from pilot whales were all many times the 0.4 parts per million threshold. One piece logged 11 parts per million of mercury, and 2.6 parts per million of PCBs, an industrial pollutant that Japanese regulations limit to 0.5.

Yamashita and his allies announced the results in a handout distributed with local newspapers, and he expanded his crusade by appearing at a news conference in Tokyo for foreign reporters — a move that angered village elders and hunters.

"They said that if dolphin hunting disappears, then Taiji will disappear, but I say its important to look at developing other industries," he said. "Theyre upset that I showed this to the outside world."

The Taiji leadership — only three of 10 councilmen oppose the hunt — is clinging to plans for the new slaughterhouse, counting on sales of dolphin meat outside the region, where the mercury concerns have not spread because of lack of national media attention. Captured dolphins are also sold to dolphin aquaria in Japan and abroad, at substantial profit.

Fishermen work on a boat filled with freshly caught dolphins as a diver lifts a tale from the bright red, blood-filled water in the fishing town of Taiji in Wakayama Prefecture, Japan.
Untraceable proves unworthy

**Friday Showtimes**

**Downtown Centre Cinema**

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**Untraceable**

*Frank Godinho, MA, MCB, University of Massachusetts, Amherst*

After watching "Untraceable," most viewers will be left with nothing more than a bitter taste in their mouths. In its present form, it seems more like a new-age psychological thriller, "Untraceable" fails to leave most viewers with a lasting impression.

For the Internet crime bureau of the FBI, Special Agent Jennifer Marsh (Diane Lane), Agent Griffin Dowd (Colin Hanks) and their colleagues find themselves dealing with a serial killer who enjoys torturing his victims and airing their murders live over the Internet. By using a "Web streaming" video device, the viewers who tune in to witness each murder are unknowingly active participants and accomplices. For each additional viewer to the video, the more tortures his victims must endure.

Untraceable is a title that captures the essence of the film's gripping and disturbing plot. However, it is not the most appropriate title, as it does not provide an accurate representation of the film's content. The film's storyline is more akin to a thriller, but it also contains elements of a psychological drama. The film is a complex and thought-provoking exploration of the impact of technology on society and the ethics of using technology for criminal purposes. Overall, Untraceable is a film that will leave audiences on the edge of their seats, but it is not a film that will be easy to forget.
Marlize van Romburgh

When guests enter her house, Susan McKee politely asks them to take off their shoes before stepping inside. It’s a habit she learned in China and one she still likes to keep, along with hanging Oriental watercolors on the wall behind her.

As a two-”60-somethings,” McKee and her husband Robert decided nine years ago to embark on the kind of adventure that many half their age aren’t bold enough to do: Selling their cars and renting out their comfortable home in San Luis Obispo, the two accepted a Mormon humanitarian mission to teach English to college students in a rural village in China. When she returned home to San Luis Obispo, McKee decided to write the story of their 16-month experience at Zhejiang Wartu University in Ningbo, China. The result was the recently-published “Days Like Floating Water,” a Story of Modern China.”

In China, the couple decided they wanted to be able to do some sort of mission for their church, and having spent some of her adolescent years growing up in Asia, McKee said she knew she wanted to return to that part of the world.

The Chinese government, meanwhile, was actively looking for English teachers to come in to the country, and the match seemed perfect. The only catch: As Americans and as Mormons, the McKees would be watched and monitored constantly to make sure everything they taught was acceptable by the country’s Communist standards — there would be no mention of religion and no discussion of politics. Apprehension aside, the couple boarded a plane and arrived in the village of Chuga on April 4, 2002, their 40th wedding anniversary.

From the get-go it was an adventure. They were given a little cottage on the university campus, but were warned it could be swarming with tourists.

The village, so far removed from the conveniences of modern Western life, turned the simplest tasks into day-long chores. Paying bills and buying groceries meant navigating through crowded streets, riding on dirty buses and pushing through lines of people.

“The Chinese don’t understand standing in line,” McKee said with a laugh. They were just the tasks of daily living. The McKees now had to overcome the challenges of the class they were teaching.

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The McKees tried various tricks to break up the formal atmosphere of the Chinese classroom as well — “the desks are bolted to the floor” — so they started bringing music into the classroom, playing guitar and singing. McKee started writing “Days Like Floating Water” before she even knew it, in the stories she described in the e-mails she sent home. Upon her return to the United States, several friends told her that they had really enjoyed the correspondences she’d sent out, and that she should consider compiling them into a book.

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Given that their small house was on campus, the McKee’s started an open-door policy for students who wanted to come over to talk, help cook dinner, play Chinese chess or even take piano lessons.

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Even when she writes, McKee’s words are light brush strokes across paper, painting a picture of a culture thousands of miles away but still etched in her and her husband’s minds.

The first paragraph of the book opens, “Gray is the color, so much gray. Concrete sidewalks with little thought of ornament, utilitarian, barred windows, winning streets paved with two and three-wheeled bicycles burning people, rusted propane bottles, sugar cane, chunks of cement or rocks, absolutely anything. People are in gray, with dashes of color here and there. The sky is often grey, too.”

It’s winter here in Chuga, a small village on the edges of the ancient city of Ningbo, China, a city of 2 million souls bustling into its twenty-first century, anxious to be rid of its past of crumbling buildings, wearing its adolescence in tall towers and taxicabs rather self-consciously. In the cold rain, and it seems to rain often here, umbrella-bliss in colors, but the heavy gray seems to mate even those.

“Days Like Floating Water” is currently available for sale at Novel Experience Books in downtown San Luis Obispo, Coalesce … A Bookstore & More in Morro Bay, and Volumes of Pleasure in Los Osos.
"Uncommon," "different" and "rare" can all be used to describe Isabel Barbuzza's work, but "incomparable" is the only word that can really do it justice.

Barbuzza, an artist from Argentina, has smashed the mold of standard artistic images and used the remnants to create unique pieces that she will discuss and present during a free slideshow lecture from 5 to 6 p.m. today in the Business Rotunda.

Encompassing mundane elements such as cornhusks, books, mussel shells and razor blades, her works convey complicated concepts by altering simple and common ready-made objects.

"She's very much an installation artist," said Sky Bergman, art and design department chair. "I went to grad school with her, and she would build some really interesting works, so I'm looking forward to seeing how her style has developed."

Constantly evolving, her mixed-media approach includes elements of sculpture, printmaking and book art while using methods like sawing, gluing and welding to ensure her work makes a statement.

One such piece forms a pseudo-suit of armor created with 50 pounds of mussel shells and Vaseline, titled "embrace me/abrazame." A similar looking, yet very different piece titled "casa/home," features an empty coat created of soft muslin and waxed cornhusks, presenting a contrasting concept for viewers to consider.

Another original work in her collection presents several altered encyclopedias covered in printer ink, wax and lead that are appropriately called "el libro de los libros/the book of books." This piece has a similar feeling to "rhizome/rizoma," a sculpture formed by 10 volumes of encyclopedias molded together with wax.

By using everyday materials, Barbuzza conveys a reality that average people can relate to and a context in which she can create pieces that emphasize perceptual qualities of intimate space.

Barbuzza studied art and art history at the Universidad Nacional de Cuyo in her native city of Mendoza, Argentina. Though her early training focused primarily on traditional drawing and sculpture, her focus later shifted and was influenced by the extreme censorship and repression she experienced in Latin America before moving to the United States in 1978.

She studied art at UC Santa Barbara from 1984 to 1988 and received her master's degree of fine arts in 1990 with a concentration on sculpture, printmaking and book art. Since then, she has studied with other notable artists, including Ann Hamilton, Buzz Spector, Harry Reese and Steven C'ortright. She currently works as an assistant professor at the University of Iowa.

"Her work is interesting and poignant," Bergman said. "Anytime that we can get well-known people to come to a town like San Luis Obispo, students should take the opportunity to come and see the work. Students don't necessarily get the chance to go out and see things like this very often, so they should take advantage of it."

Isabel Barbuzza, an Argentine installation artist who now teaches at the University of Iowa, will present a slideshow of her unique works at 5 p.m. in the Business Rotunda.
Obama: McCain: The real candidates able to solve climate change

Up to this point in modern politics, we have been raised in this disenchanted country of ours to put little faith in the words of politicians. I came from a family even split along the traditional party lines. Needless to say, once the wine began to flow at Thanksgiving dinners, the table conversations turned into yelling matches. I became calloused and apathetic to the partisan politics that weren’t solving anything. But for the first time in a long time, it feels like there are presidential candidates who truly have the capacity to address the issues facing our generation — one of the most pressing being climate change.

To be succinct, I will state the reasons for supporting Sens. McCain and Obama on their respective party tickets.

“Our nation has both an obligation and self-interest in facing head-on the environmental, economic and national security threat posed by global warming. America has much to gain in terms of jobs and trade by meeting the growing world demand for advanced, environmentally sound technologies.” — John McCain

The real candidates able to solve climate change

Both candidates show an uncanny ability to transcend typical party rhetoric and state things as they are. They know that the issue of climate change is not just an environmental matter, but also an economic, social and national security issue. Millions of green jobs can be created in this wave of environmental policy if the federal government makes a real commitment to renewable energy technologies. The other Republican candidate in the race has not shown such a high level of aptitude when addressing the topic. Obama and McCain have also been very receptive to the needs and demands of their fellow citizens, much more so than the typical politician.

A history of bipartisanship, and the ACTUAL ability to bring both parties to agreement

In this crucial early years of the 21st century, our nation cannot afford to have another four years of stagnancy in our capital. Though Sen. Hillary Clinton calls for a new administration in Washington, she has also been a coauthor of the Climate Stewardship and Innovation Act, which mandated that our energy research money be spent on “clean” coal technology (bleh). But America has much to gain in terms of jobs and trade by meeting the growing world demand for advanced, environmentally sound technologies.

Utilization of pragmatic, commonsense policies

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Consistent stances on climate change and energy policy

Both senators support a cap-and-trade system to cut U.S. emissions. Obama calls for a bill that would reduce greenhouse gases to 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050. McCain was a coauthor of the Climate Stewardship and Innovation Act, which would cap emissions from utilities, industry and transport at 2004 levels by 2012 and then gradually decrease emissions to about 30 percent of 2004 levels by 2050. There are a myriad of other corporations that they have put forth, but if you were to overlook it doesn’t matter how great your proposals are if they stand no real chance of being enacted. Sens. Obama and McCain have both proven countless times that they can work across the aisle with much success.

A story of rejecting the inertia of corporate lobbyists in Washington

Sen. Obama has championed an expansive narrative of ethics reform legislation. In the first two weeks of the 110th Congress, Sen. Obama helped lead the Senate to pass the Legislative Transparency and Accountability Act, a comprehensive ethics and lobbying reform bill, by a 96-2 vote. This landmark bill was signed into law in Sep­tember 2007. Sen. McCain has shown no less resolve in this matter. He put forth a number of important reform policies, most notably the passing of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act of 2002. While other Republi­cans reiterate that they are “from the party of Theodore Roosevelt,” few are as steadfast as McCain. McCain railed against the notion that private interest always trumps public good. He believes, says McCain, that “base materialism” tempt people to in­difference and greed.” Rival candidates Clinton and Romney are very much a part of the lobbyist culture that has dominated in the government for so long.

Now I’m not in complete agreement with every policy proposal put forth by both of these candidates, most notably, their endorsement of “clean” coal technology (bleh). But coal is undoubtedly going to be used in America for the next couple of decades, and that’s just a reality I’ll have to accept. The greater realization is that there are two presidential candidates who can actually tackle the issue of climate change, and that’s damn refreshing.

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Girls & Sports by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

WELL, WE FINALLY GOT INTO HARRIS’ SUPER BOWL PARTY. DOESN’T IT SEEM LIKE WE’RE READING THIS, SOMETHING OR SOMETHING ELSE?

I DON’T EVEN SEE ANY TVS. THIS IS RIDICULOUS! I DON’T EVEN SEE ANY TVS. THIS IS RIDICULOUS!

WHAT? MY MOM’S ALWAYS TELLING ME TO WATCH LESS TV.

Last Ditch Effort by John Kroes

You can’t... You can’t... You can’t... You can’t...

Answer to Previous Puzzle

Across
1 Musical genre that uses a flatted fifth
6 Violin attachments
15 It vibrates during snoring
16 Novel that nobody reads
19 Multiflora container
22 Hostage holder
23 Endearing, as a smile
24 King’s successor as S.C.L.C. president
27 Shrink
28 Member of the 500 Home Run Club
29 Cannibal of Anglo-Saxon legend
31 “Science made older” Crockett
32 Stole, slangily
33 Who’s left?
34 Assessment paid only by those who benefit
35 Moving vehicles without apparent effort
36 Without apparent effort
37 Bonus Army member
38 Venomous
39 Cabin addition
40 Heel bone, e.g.
42 Bridge declaration
44 “Politics is the... imagination”: McEwan
47 Oz visitor
50 Dutch painter
52 "We Know Drama" slogan
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Down
1 Roll
2 Actress who was the voice of Duchess in "The Aristocats"
3 The Pearl of the Danube
4 Succrose polyester, more familiarly
5 "Travelin' Thru" singer
6 City largely destroyed by the Normandy campaign
7 Literary pal of Tom
8 Witness statement
9 Rain clouds
10 Worked one's wiles on
11 Longtime NBC sports exec
12 "Man of Constant Sorrow" (old folk standard)
13 On the way
14 Stick on the grill
20 One of Ferdinand II's kingdoms
21 House on a hacienda
25 "Wild Thing" band, with the
30 University of Texas sports exec
31 "Mars of Constant Sorrow" (old folk standard)
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The Hurleys thought their daughter was finally dating the perfect guy... until they heard George Clooney’s car horn playing “La Cucaracha” as they drove away.
Women's

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pulling down 39 boards per contest, Mimmaugh expre-
sed concerns about matching the Highlanders' size advantage. UC Riverside starts three 6-footers, meaning
that one will probably match up with one of Cal Poly's smaller guards.

"They're really big and really athletic," Mimmaugh said. "It's difficult to match their size in those three spots
—it gives them some major advantages and success be-
cause they're so long, athletic and quick."

Cal Poly junior forward Megan Harrison enters the
game posting team highs of 13.8 points and 6.6 rebounds
per game, respectively. In the Mustangs' most recent game, Saturday's 62-61
win at UC Davis, their first victory there in 19 seasons, senior guard Sparkle Anderson led the Mustangs with 18
points and eight assists, and sank the game-winning shot with 1.3 seconds left.

UC Riverside's season-opening, five-game losing skid included non-conference stumbles of between 16 and 18
points to No. 10 Cal, No. 21 Oklahoma State and Aub-
urn, which just dropped out of the top-25 rankings.
The Highlanders, who lost nine of their first 11, also fell to Big Ten contender Minnesota, 57-49, and Sum-
mit-leading South Dakota State, 93-90.

"Everyone in the conference had tough schedules so
that by tournament time they'd be well seasoned, and be
prepared with that mindset," Mimmaugh said.

Last season, the Mustangs split with the Highlanders,
losing 75-65 on the road before edging them at home
nearly three months later, 64-58.

Swimming and diving team may have to brave
gusty weather in regular-season finale

The Cal Poly swimming and diving team will face Ne-
vada and UC Santa Cruz at noon Saturday in its final
meet of the regular season.

This weekend's meet, hosted by UC Santa Cruz, is the
Mustangs' last before heading to the Big West Conference
Championships from Feb. 20 to 23.

"Last year when we competed against them it was close
in both the men's and women's events," said Cal Poly head
tom Milich. "This year we anticipate winning nearly
every event. We have the potential to break records in
virtually every event, both for the men and the women."

Several Cal Poly swimmers and divers recorded season
bests against Pepperdine on Saturday. Cal
Galin Lee posted records in the 50-yard freestyle, 200
freestyle and the 100 butterfly, while Kaylee Boyle had sea-
son bests in the 50 freestyle and 200 freestyle. Katie Web-
ster posted records in the 200 freestyle and 200 IM, while
Danielle Coville, Kaylee Yoshida and Natasha Nelson also
accomplished season bests.

The Cal Poly men will be entering the dual competi-
tions fresh after having a week off.

"They are very good," Milich said. "Even though more
than 70 percent of the team is freshmen, we have a very
solid core."

Inclement weather could be a concern, Milich added.

"It does look like the weather is going to be bad this
weekend, so I'm just going to have each person compete
in no more than two events," he explained. "At this point,
going into the Big West, my top priority is keeping every-
body healthy and not leaving them in the water longer than
necessary."

Indoor track and field squad travels north for
second meet of season

After opening their season at Ran for the Dream in Fres-
no on Jan. 21, members of the Cal Poly indoor track team
again look to make their mark at Saturday's Washington All-
Comers meet.

Saturday's 5 p.m. competition follows Cal Poly's deal
wins over Fresno State, Hawaii and Cal State Stanislaus in
Fresno.

Long- and triple-jumper Jessica Eggleston and 3,000-
meter runner Bridie McCarey led the way at the meet,
grabbing one and two first-place wins, respectively.

Men's tennis team hits courts in Oregon af-
ter missing past weekend's action due to
weather

Back on the court after having both of last week's match-

canceled and postponed, the Cal Poly men's tennis team
will have a chance to make up for the rain with a pair of
dual matches this weekend against Oregon and Portland.

The Mustangs currently held a 1-1 record, with Drew
Jacks, Darrin Young and Robert Foy leading the way.

Jacobs and Young both have 2-0 singles records after de-
feating their opponents in the Westmont and Fresno State
match-ups. In No. 2 doubles, Young and Foy are also 2-0.

Both the Oregan teams started their season by losing
their first matches of the spring campaign. The Ducks stand at
3-1 overall, and the Pilots at 2-1, respectively.

After losing to Sacramento State 4-3, Oregon has posted

Portland, meanwhile, lost its first spring match to Wash-
ington State, and plays UC Davis and Montana State before
meeting Cal Poly.

Cal Poly's canceled match against Pepperdine has been
rescheduled for Feb. 7 at 1 p.m., while the UC Santa Cruz
match is now on April 10 at 2 p.m.
have a good football team and they don't.

"I mean, everyone in the country except for Boston fans and, apparently, 49ers fans, were rooting for the Chargers to beat the Patriots the other week."

Even some 49ers fans agree that their fan base's animosity toward the distant neighbor from the south is unwarranted.

"I don't know why so many 49ers fans feel the need to voice their opinion to San Diego fans," agreed Matt Louis, a mechanical engineering senior and 49ers fan. "Maybe it's reflective of the whole Nor-Cal versus So-Cal thing. But our team isn't even good right now; not that I feel this way, anyway."

So why is it that so many 49ers fans feel the need to hate on the Chargers?

I just don't know. What I do know is how tired I - and many Chargers fans - have grown of hearing 49ers fans say the same thing, over and over.

You can only listen to references of the Chargers' loss to the 49ers in Super Bowl XXIX, and of Maurice Merriman's four-game suspension for substance abuse, so many times before you begin to feel pity for the opposition's lack of anything else to talk about.

I'd offer belated congratulations to 49ers fans for their team's victory over the Chargers in a Super Bowl that was played 13 years ago, but I doubt it would prompt them to update their argument.

To draw a parallel, saying the 49ers deserve more respect than the Chargers because they beat them in the Super Bowl 13 years ago is like me hating German people because my grandfather was in the Holocaust; justifying a belief with an event that occurred so long ago, only shows how much someone is living in the past.

Last time I checked, the main in-state rivalry the Chargers had was with the Oakland Raiders, and I never seem to have to tolerate Raiders fans' spoiling whenever I choose to represent the Chargers.

The two teams obviously respect each other, so why do some 49ers fans feel that the Chargers don't deserve any?

Whatever happened to California love?

Besides, doesn't it make sense that Eagles, Seahawks, Bengals, Panthers and Bills fans would be upset if it were asserted their teams didn't deserve any respect because they hadn't won a Super Bowl?

Part of being a fan is simply having pride in your team, and when you say that team doesn't deserve any respect, you're inferring on that pride.

And even with the Patriots — a team I don't respect, yet one I won't say doesn't deserve any respect — respecting the Chargers heading into the AFC Championship game, perhaps it's time for 49ers fans to re-evaluate their stance and start doing so.
Major League Soccer comes to Cal Poly

Three franchises to play on campus in late February

Donovan Aird

Cal Poly will play host to three Major League Soccer teams in February, school officials announced Thursday.

The San Jose Earthquakes will take the field in exhibition play at Alex G. Spanos Stadium against the Columbus Crew on Feb. 22 at 7 p.m., and also against D.C. United on Feb. 24 at 1 p.m.

"We're incredibly excited for everybody in the community that professional sports are coming to campus," said Paul Holocher, head coach of the Cal Poly men's soccer team. He orchestrated the event with his former teammate John Doyle, the Earthquakes' general manager.

Both the Earthquakes and United will train in San Luis Obispo during the week leading up to the exhibitions.

Columbus, Holocher said, will train at the Home Depot Center in Carson during the week leading up to the showcase, while D.C. will train in San Luis Obispo for five days prior to the event.

"These will be world-class athletes coming here," Holocher said. "It could be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. If you haven't been a soccer fan yet, this is a great day to start." San Jose has returned to MLS play after a two-year hiatus. Key to the Earthquakes' attempt to reverse a 1-1-1 start is former head coach Frank Yallop. The team should be ready to play in front of a sold-out crowd. Holocher said.

The Mustangs are just 2-7 on the road. The team has a 4-15 mark thus far, including a 1-7 record in conference play.

Though the two team's records seem to indicate that Cal Poly has the upper hand, all four franchises will see one another twice.

Macau's (2-8, 1-7 Big West) lead the conference in rebounding, averaging 43.8 per game, while the Mustangs average only 34.7. Macau's stand at 6-11 overall and 2-6 in Big West Conference play.

UC Riverside's record is dastardly by comparison — the Highlanders, helmed by first-year head coach Jim Wooldridge, have struggled to a 4-15 mark thus far, including a 1-7 record in the Big West.

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