Super Tuesday: who will you choose?

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SACRAMENTO — California is poised to shed its also-ran status and become the kingmaker in Tuesday's coast-to-coast presidential primary.

The nation's richest delegate prize grabbed last-minute attention from the campaigns of all the major candidates, as both Republican and Democratic contests remain up for grabs.

It's just the type of spectacle Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger hoped for when he and state lawmakers moved California's presidential primary from June to February this year.

Although California is one of 24 states holding primaries or caucuses on Tuesday, the spotlight is clearly on the nation's most populous state, where 370 Democratic and 170 Republican delegates are in play.

Republicans John McCain and Mitt Romney added last-minute campaign stops in California on Monday and Tuesday, while Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama sent high-profile surrogates to campaign on their behalf.

"The world is looking at California as a big player in the decision-making," Schwarzenegger told reporters Monday in Los Angeles. "That's exactly what we intended.

Former President Bill Clinton swept the state for a second straight day Monday on behalf of his wife, emphasizing her experience and know-how over rival Obama, whose momentum has led to a dead heat in the Democratic primary.

"You know she can deal with any crisis that comes up. You know she is confident and strong," he told a diverse crowd of about 1,000 at the state fairgrounds in Sacramento.

He said his wife was best positioned to enact health care reforms, promote clean energy, create jobs and improve education.

Clinton's appearances came after a weekend Field Poll showed his husband had lost her double-digit lead over the Illinois senator.

Obama's campaign got a jolt of celebrity power on Sunday, when Oprah Winfrey energized a rally attended by 9,000 people in Los Angeles and Maria Shriver added her endorsement.

The same Field Poll showed nearly one in five Democratic voters was still undecided at the end of last week.

Among them was 53-year-old Judy Arnold of Sacramento, a Democrat who was worried about Clinton's electability against Sen. John McCain if the Arizona senator wins the Republican nomination.

"I respect her a lot, but I want somebody who can really win," Arnold said. "I'm on the fence. Hillary has the experience, and I think she can get it done ... I don't know what to do.

Obama supporters, buoyed by Shriver's surprise weekend endorsement, stuck to low-key phone banks and get-out-the-vote operations.

Meanwhile, the Field Poll showed McCain's lead widening over former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, although 15 percent of voters remained undecided in that contest.

Romney rearranged his travel schedule to appear at a rally in Long Beach on Monday night before returning to the East Coast for Election Day. McCain planned a stop at

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A procrastinator's guide to the propositions

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MUSTANG DAILY

With so much attention given to the upcoming presidential primary, it's easy to forget about the other things on the ballot the propositions.

After all, "Super Tuesday" is the largest primary holding in American history and will involve 24 states with 52 percent of all pledged Democratic party delegates and 41 percent of all Republican party delegates at stake.

However, aside from the presidential contest, voters will also be asked to vote on Propositions 91 through 97, which concern a variety of different issues.

Proposition 91: This proposition was qualified in 2006 as a means to prevent the governor and state legislature from using gasoline taxes for non-transportation purposes.

Since then, however, proponents of this measure have accomplished this proposition's goals with the passage of Proposition 1A in November 2006.

Thus, this proposition is no longer needed, but was included on the ballot because it already qualified.

For: There was no argument given in favor of this proposition.

Against: Proposition 1A was passed by an overwhelming 77 percent by voters in November 2006.

State politicians in Sacramento can now longer use gas tax dollars for non-transportation purposes. Proposition 91 is no longer needed.

Proposition 92: It establishes a system of independent public community college districts in the state constitution; requires minimum levels of funding for school districts and community college districts to be calculated separately using different criteria; sets community college fees at $15/unit per semester and limits future fee increases; and establishes formulas for allocation by legislature.

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Perspectives shared in local forum

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Members of the Cal Poly community will be in search of the truth this week.

The Veritas Forum, Latin for "a public discussion of truth," is a weeklong event open to people of all backgrounds and faiths to discuss the nature of truth in terms of; music, science, philosophy, morality, spirituality, history, poetry, art, personal life experience, sexuality and more.

The event runs from Feb. 4 to Feb. 10 and is sponsored by Associated Students Inc. as well as SLO Crusade, Veritas Foundation,
Details revealed in local murder case

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A young woman who witnessed her friend’s murder testified about the attack in court last week.

Last December, Joshua Houlgate, 36, was found dead in the California Men’s Colony. His friend, Melvin Mueller, is on trial for murder.

The witness, Sarah Lonsinger-Rey, 24, was an intimate friend of Houlgate and was staying at Wollett’s trailer on the night of the incident. She testified that she and a group of friends, including the defendants, had been using methamphetamine and alcohol in the hours leading up to the attack.

According to her testimony, the group returned from a bar to Wollett’s trailer early in the morning. Shortly after, she and Houlgate took a shower and MMM and sex and were lying in the living room before being attacked by the defendants, who were wielding blunt metal objects, she said.

“We were laying down on the mattresses covered with a blanket, talking, listening to music, and then we started getting hit with metal bars or poles,” said Lonsinger-Rey, who reports being struck several times and suffering broken bones in her foot and a contusion in her forearm.

She said after the assault stopped, Houlgate tried to escape through a sliding glass door. Then Chad locked outside, released the gun and looked at me. I said, ‘Don’t shoot me! Don’t shoot me!’ and then Chad left out the back,’ the witness recalled.

Lonsinger-Rey said she went outside to follow Houlgate, thinking he had escaped, but found him lying in the driveway.

“He was just laying there, gargling blood,” a sobbing Lonsinger-Rey recalled. “I shook him and kept screaming his name, but he was unresponsive.”

Defense attorneys tried to discredit the witness by discussing her drug addiction and the possibility that she had a poor memory of the events.

“Westbrook’s attorney, Melvin Mueller, argued, ‘Methamphetamine is a powerfully dangerous drug, the effects are cumulative and, when used for a long time, it fries the brain.’”

In fact, the witness testified to being awake for four days straight prior to the incident.

The defense also questioned why the witness initially told police she did not know what had happened but later alleged that he saw Westbrook shoot Houlgate.

“I loved Patrick as a friend. At first I was very conflicted,” the witness asserted. “Later I realized that Josh wasn’t coming back. He was my friend, and Chad killed him.”

Lonsinger-Rey later confirmed that she did not actually see Wollett injure the victim but confirmed that he was "one of the attackers.”

According to her testimony, Lonsinger-Rey was at one point engaged to Wollett’s brother but broke off the engagement before becoming involved with Houlgate. Prosecutors suggested that Wollett and Westbrook attacked Houlgate because of his relationship with Lonsinger-Rey. One officer testified that a witness told him that Wollett said he “felt like he was being disrespect in his house” and that “someone was going to die tonight.”

Both defendants have plead not guilty to charges.

Houlgate is a 1995 graduate of Cal Poly and the son of retired Cal Poly philosophy professor and sociological activist Laurence Houlgate. Throughout the testimony, Houlgate’s parents could be seen in the audience wiping tears from their eyes.

Wollett’s defense attorney Gregory Jakson said during his closing argument, “There is no evidence that my client did anything against the victim. According to the prime witness (Lonsinger-Rey), he was there but did nothing.”

Judge Ginger E. Garrett ordered both defendants to continue to be held on all charges without bail.

The matter was set for further arraignment on Feb. 26.

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Muslim Association, InterVarsity SLO, Asian-American Christian Fellowship, and Navigators.

“The purpose of the Veritas Forum is not to discover what truth is and what it means to be human. The purpose of the Veritas Forum is not to discover what religion is, but to understand what truth is and what it means to be human.” — Lindsay DeKlotz

Co-coordinator of the Veritas Forum

at the California Men’s Colony. Completing the panel representing Christianity is Gary Habermas, a philosophy and theology professor at Liberty University.

“I hope (the forum) opens up lines of thought and dialogue that are not typically present in the classroom, volunteer coordinator and mathematics senior Sedridc Mart said. “The university platform was founded on exploring truth in all forms, and I think it has lost a lot of focus, particularly on things like religion and the meaning of life.”

A lot of questions that are really important are not really answered anymore.

On Tuesday, there will be an art tent in the University Union displaying photographs, sculptures, graphic art and paintings. Inside the tent, there will also be coffee, live music, baked goods and couches for students to continue discussions related to the Veritas Forum.

Thursday night features the Veritas band and dance show in Spanos Theatre at 7 p.m. Performances include the Pat Little Band and Lauren Sexton.

There will be a student film festival held at 3 p.m. Saturday in the Business building, room 213. Students made films on their own search for the truth.”

The Veritas Forum will conclude with a discussion over coffee in the Spanos Center. The Spanos Center is located inside old Pacheco Elementary on the corner of Slack Street and Grand Avenue in room 213. The event is a place for people who still have questions about the talks or want to learn more; they can go to the (Spanos Center) library and get more information on it and talk to other students about it.

This nationwide event began at Harvard University in 1992 and was created by a student.
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too community college districts that otherwise wouldn't receive revenues through community college apportionment.

For its 2004, the state legislature raised community college fees from $15 unit per semester to $26, resulting in 30,000 fewer Californians attending community college. This proposition would lower fees and mandate they stay lowered, and would be paid for by the excess money community colleges generate. This proposition would also lock into our state constitution a guarantee for minimum funding.

Against This proposition has no accountability requirements to ensure that the mandated money gets into community college classrooms, and mandates taxpayer spending without a way to pay for it. The legislature will either have to raise taxes or cut into other needed programs, such as public schools and healthcare, to generate the revenue needed. This proposition also erects a spending formula for community colleges into our state constitution, which is already plagued by too many spending formulas.

Proposition 93 It reduces the total amount of time a person may serve in the state legislature from 14 years to 12 years, but allows the total number of years to be served in either house as a combination of both. Also, it provides a transition period to allow current members of either house to serve a total of 12 consecutive years in the house that they're currently serving, regardless of any prior service in another house. For this Proposition strikes a balance between the need to elect new legislators with fresh ideas and the need for experienced legislators with expertise in solving the complicated problems facing California. Current law only allows for three two-year terms in the senate and two four-year terms in the house; this proposition reforms term limits by allowing legislators to serve their duration in either house, giving them more opportunities to concern themselves with policy because they won't be worrying about which office they run for next.

Against This proposition is a scam that would actually lengthen term limits and would create the term-limit structure. The proposition contains a loophole that benefits incumbents by letting them serve more time in office when they would otherwise be termed out. Some politicians under this proposition would be able to serve up to 20 years in office. This proposition is funded with millions of dollars in special interest money and is backed mostly by incumbent politicians.

Propositions 94 to 97 These early amendments to the existing gaming Compact between the state and Pechanga, Sycuan, Agua Caliente, and Montego Indian tribes, allowing each to operate thousands of additional slot machines. Propositions require additional annual payment and percentages of revenue generated ranging from $20 million to $42.5 million, to the state. The proposition omits certain projects from the California Environmental Quality Act and provides for Tribal Impact Environmental Impact Reports. For these propositions would help generate additional hundreds of millions of dollars for the state at a time when the state is facing a budget crisis. These agreements were negotiated by the governor and approved by bipartisan majorities in both houses of the state legislature.

These propositions increase the amount of slot machines that can be maintained by tribes with gaming land in San Diego and Riverside counties, and negotiate additional protections for the environment and local communities with casinos sharing in costs of law enforcement and fire protection services. Casinos employees would also be allowed to unionize. Against These are legislative giveaways that

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as a San Diego airplane hangar Tuesday, where he will be joined by Schwarzenegger.

Senator McCain played the role of a volunteer on Monday during a stop at a McCain campaign office in Gardenia, a Los Angeles suburb. There, he accepted a cell phone and made a personal pitch to a voter on the senator's behalf, then told reporters he had just spoken to a Democrat who agreed to support the senator.

"All I have to do is convince my wife to do the same thing," Schwarzenegger quipped.

He called McCain, whom he endorsed last week, "a man of great character, great inner strength."

The governor also joined in last-minute campaigning on behalf of ballot initiatives that until recently had attracted little attention, appearing with Democrats at a Los Angeles rally in favor of Proposition 93.

That measure would cut the number of years state lawmakers could serve in office from 14 years to 12, but would allow them to spend all 12 in one house of the Legislature.

The change would allow 34 lawmakers who otherwise would be termed out of the Assembly or Senate this year to stay in office for another four or six years.

Weekend polls showed the measure was slipping out of favor, while support was growing for a slate of gambling initiatives that would add up to 17,000 slot machines to four Southern California Indian casinos.

Schwarzenegger also campaigned on behalf of those deals Monday. He signed the compacts with the tribes and the Legislature approved them, but opponents collected enough signatures to force a vote.

California would reject the compacts with a vote against propositions 94-97.

The gambling measures have attracted by the far the most spending of any of the initiatives, with the tribes and their allies raising $101 million to blanket the airwaves with commercials urging a yes vote. Several played Sunday before and after the Super Bowl.

The excitement of this year's early primary appears to have energized voters. Registration hit a record for a presidential primary in California — 15.7 million voters — and a turnout of 55 percent is projected.

About half of California voters are expected to vote with mail-in ballots, a demographic targeted in recent weeks by the Clinton campaign.

Among those voters was Charles Bush, 72, a Sacramento Democrat whose household reflected the divided electorate. "I voted for Hillary. I'm sure my wife voted for Obama. She had a ballot so I couldn't see it — even though we've been married for 55 years," he said with a laugh.

Late-deciders who drop off their absentee ballots on Tuesday are expected to delay vote-counting in several counties. Elections officials warned that the race might not be called until Wednesday in some close counties.

A woman prepares ballots for the upcoming election (above) and a polling booth hosts a voter during an earlier primary.

equal one of the largest expansions of casino gambling in US history. These propositions give unfettered control over one-third of the state's Indian gaming to just four of California's 108 Indian tribes, which would economically devastate smaller tribes. These propositions contain no language that guarantees any of the revenue to our schools and would actually hurt the environment with language that does not mirror California's Environmental Quality Act. Tribes themselves, rather than an independent auditor, would be allowed to determine what amount of revenue is subject to sharing with the state. These propositions are simply an example of the rich making themselves richer.

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Suicide attack underscores Israel's fears border breach with Egypt to be exploited

Laurie Copans

A Palestinian bomber blew himself up Monday in Dimona, a desert town near Israel's nuclear reactor, killing an Israeli woman and wounding 11 people in the first suicide attack in Israel since 2000.

Police killed a second attacker after a doctor found a suicide vest while treating him for wounds suffered in the blast.

The attack fueled Israel's fears that Gaza militants would exploit the border breach with Egypt to sneak into Israel. Militants claimed the bombers entered Israel through the porous Egyptian border, about 35 miles from Dimona, and said more militants were inside Israel waiting to strike.

In Gaza, gunmen fired in the air and relatives of the bombers passed out sweets to celebrate the bombing.

An offshoot of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah movement claimed responsibility, threatening to complicate recently revived peace talks.

Abu, a 28-year-old Palestinian, had been specifically trained to be a suicide bomber by Hamas, Israel's arch-enemy. He had worn an explosive belt and used a home-made explosive device to kill at least one person in Israel. His mission was to find and kill an Israeli soldier or other important person.

The bomber entered Israel through a hole in the Egyptian border fence and walked to a building where he was1

An Israeli police explosives robot removes clothing from the body of a suicide bomber in Dimona.

The explosion took place in a shopping center about six miles from the reactor.

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Israelis officials dismissed suggestions the reactor might have been targeted. The facility, where atomic weapons are believed to have been developed, is heavily guarded, encased in the bedrock and guarded by a half-dozen Israeli security forces.

The force of the blast left a surreal scene of strewn flesh and scattered clothing and furry drippings from a bomb.

A Zaka paramedic service volunteer cleans the bloodstains at the scene in Dimona.

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The Israeli military attacked the Gaza border, saying it was a response to the suicide bomber's actions.

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Israelis killed 11 people in the first suicide attacks in Gaza since 2000, with one bomber being killed in the blast. Another bomber was disarmed.

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Candidates race to Super Tuesday showdowns

David Expo

Biased by cheering crowds and bolstered by more than $1.3 million a day in TV ads, Democrats Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton raced through the final hours of a Super Tuesday campaign across 22 states. Mitt Romney made a late, possibly last appeal to conservatives to derail Republican front-runner John McCain on the busiest day in primary history.

"We're going to hand the liberals in our party a little surprise," boasted Romney, the former Massachusetts governor, predicting he would score an upset in delegate-rich California. "We're going to hand the liberals in our party a little surprise," boasted Romney, the former Massachusetts governor, predicting he would score an upset in delegate-rich California.

McCain projected confidence Monday, not only about wrapping up the nomination but also about winning in states he has been trying to win for months and appearing in a string of caucuses in five and the West Virginia state convention.

Several state delegates to the winner, and McCain was favored in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Delaware and his home state of Arizona, with 251 delegates combined.

Romney hoped to counter with victories in Utah and West Virginia, as well as in a string of caucuses in Western and Midwestern states.

But his task in several Southern and border states — Arkansas, Alabama, Georgia, Oklahoma and Missouri — is complicated by the presence of Mike Huckabee on the ballot.

The former Arkansas governor was in Tennessee, where he said that Wal-Mart Republicans knew long before Wall Street that the economy was headed for trouble. "They were paying more for their fuel and more for their health care and their kids' education, but their paychecks weren't going up enough to cover all those things that were costing more," he said.

In sheer numbers, Democrats have more at stake than Republicans — 15 primaries, and caucuses in seven states plus American Samoa, and 1,681 delegates.

They also lack a clear front-runner in the historic race between Clinton, who is trying to become the first woman to sit in the White House, and Obama, seeking to become the first black commander-in-chief. The Northeast was their battle-ground for the day, an arc of states stretching from New Jersey and New York to Connecticut and Massachusetts. Apart from Clinton's home state of New York, the polls told a similar story in each — and in Missouri and California — with the former first lady trying to hold off Obama's late rush.

Obama's campaign was eager to claim the underdog's role. "Senator Clinton is certainly the favorite on Feb. 5, given the huge lead she has held in many of these contests throughout the course of the campaign and the political, historical and geographic advantages she enjoys in many of these states," Obama's campaign manager, David Plouffe, wrote in a memo to reporters.

A Clinton spokesman, Phil Senger, countered that the outcome on Tuesday is "likely to be close due to the proportional allocation of delegates under the Democratic party's rules." Even so, he said, "we expect to maintain our current overall lead in delegates on Feb. 6."
Bush's $3.1 trillion budget to increase for military and deficit

Andrew Taylor  
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The record $3.1 trillion budget proposed by President Bush on Monday would produce whopping federal deficits, despite his attempts to impose politically wrenching cuts on Medicare and eliminate scores of popular domestic programs.

The Pentagon would receive a $365 billion, 8 percent boost for the 2009 budget year beginning Oct. 1, even as programs aimed at the poor would be cut outright.

The president forecasts a $45 billion surplus for 2012, keeping the alternative minimum tax, which will revert to 39.6 percent at the end of 2010 unless renewed.

Jim Nussle, the White House budget director, said the softening economy was responsible for the worsening deficit over the past decade, which will mean pressure to allow tax rates to rise.

"Our formula for achieving a balanced budget is simple; create the deficit surplus in 2012 was based on the economic forecasts and leave out the economic projections that are mostly academic since he's leaving office next January.

"The president forecasts a $45 billion surplus for 2012, which will be double the surplus Bush is projecting for that year."

Jim Nussle, the White House budget director, said the softening economy, continuing war costs and the deficit-financed economic stimulus measure soon to clear Congress were responsible for the worsening deficit picture. And he said that the deficits experienced during the Reagan years and Bush's father's administration were far worse when compared to the size of the economy.

"It's a manageable deficit — it isn't the largest in history by any stretch of the imagination — and it's one that can be managed if we get economic growth back on track," Nussle said.

Bush is leaving his successor an enormous fiscal dilemma. The deficit numbers will mean pressure to allow some tax cuts to expire, especially the 35 percent bracket for wealthy taxpayers, which will revert to 39.6 percent at the end of 2010 unless renewed.

President Bush, meets with members of his cabinet, Monday, Feb. 4 in the Cabinet Room of the White House in Washington.

In the Cabinet Room of the White House in Washington.

There was an assumption that in the short term that the budget would start to correct and that we could balance the deficit by fiscal 2010.
A super-sized boom coming for telescopes

Seth Borenstein

An asteroid arms race is taking shape around the world. Astronomers are drawing up plans for the biggest, most powerful instruments ever constructed, capable of peer deeper into the universe — and further back in time — than ever before.

The building boom, which is expected to play out over the next decade and cost billions of dollars, is being driven largely by technological advances that afford unprecedented clarity and magnification. Some scientists say it will be much like switching from regular TV to high-definition.

In fact, the super-sized telescopes will yield even finer pictures than the Hubble Space Telescope, which was put in orbit in 1990 and was long considered superior because its view was freed from the distorting effects of Earth’s atmosphere. But now, land-based telescopes can correct for such distortion.

Just the names of many of the proposed observatories suggest an arms race: the Giant Magellan Telescope, the Thirty Meter Telescope and the European Extremely Large Telescope, which was downsized from the OverWhelmingly Large Telescope. Add to those three giant ground observatories a new super eye in the sky, NASA’s James Webb Space Telescope, scheduled for launch in 2013.

With so many giant telescopes, astronomers hope to get the first pictures of planets outside our solar system, watch stars and planets being born, and catch a glimpse of what was happening near the birth of the universe.

“We know almost nothing about the universe in its early stages,” said Carnegie Observatories director Wendy Freedman, who chairs the board that is building the Giant Magellan Telescope. “The GMT is going to see in action the first stars, the first galaxies, the first supernovae, the first black holes to form.”

When scientists look at a faraway celestial object, they are seeing it at its created millions and millions of years ago, because it takes so long for light from the object to reach Earth.

Current telescopes can look back only about 1 billion years in time. But the new telescopes will be so powerful that they should be able to go back to a couple of hundred million years after the Big Bang, which scientists believe happened 13.7 billion years ago. That’s where all the action is.

“We hope to answer these questions: Are we alone in the universe? What is the nature of dark matter and dark energy in the universe?” said astronomer Henri Boffin, outreach scientist for the European Southern Observatory.

Two new technologies enable this extraordinary quest — one reliant on modern lasers and computing power and the other inspired by ancient Greek and Roman tiling.

The first is adaptive optics. It allows telescopes on the ground to get rid of the distortion caused when looking through Earth’s thick atmosphere into space.

Adaptive optics relies on a laser to create an artificial star, or a constellation of fake stars, in the sky. Astronomers then examine the fake stars and use computers to calculate how much atmospheric distortion there is at any given time. This allows astronomers to compensate like a pair of eyeglasses. This adjustment happens automatically hundreds of times per second.

Adaptive optics worked first for smaller telescopes. But getting it to work for big observatories was a problem. The first successful use in large telescopes was in 2003 at the twin-telescope Keck Observatory in Hawaii, an effort that took nine years.

The second breakthrough involves technology that makes bigger mirrors possible. Instead of casting a giant mirror in one piece, which is difficult and limits size, astronomers now make smaller mirror segments and piece them together.

Keck scientist Jay Nelson, now working on the Thirty Meter Telescope, pioneered this technique and said he got the idea from looking at how the Greeks and Romans tiled their baths. This technique is going from 36 segments in current telescopes to 492 segments with his new project.

In astronomy, the bigger the mirror, the greater the amount of light that can be grabbed from the universe. For the past decade and a half, the Keck has had the largest Earth-bound telescope, with mirrors nearly 33 feet in diameter.

However, three giant land observatories, proposed for construction within the decade, are going to dwarf those: the Giant Magellan Telescope, the California Institute of Technology, the University of California and the Carnegie Institution of Washington; the European Extremely Large Telescope, a partnership of six U.S. universities, an Australian college, the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory and the Carnegie Institution of Washington; and the Thirty Meter Telescope, which is being planned for Chile and is aiming for 9.8 meters.

Each is aiming for a telescope with about a 98-foot mirror by 2018. No site has been chosen. The cost is about $780 million.

The Thirty Meter Telescope. The California Institute of Technology, the University of California and the Association of Canadian Universities for Research in Astronomy are aiming for a telescope with about a 98-foot mirror by 2018. No site has been chosen. The cost is about $780 million.

The European Extremely Large Telescope. A partnership of European countries called the European Southern Observatory already has telescopes in Chile and is aiming for a new one with a mirror of 138 feet, scaled back from initial plans of 328 feet. The Europeans are aiming for a 2018 completion, but have not chosen a specific location yet. The cost would be $1.17 billion.

Astronomers are in the early stages of an international building boom of super-sized telescopes that will play out over the next decade.
Local band’s tribute to a reggae icon

A local band’s tribute to a reggae icon

The spirit of Bob Marley Day was out in full force Saturday as San Luis Obispo County-based reggae band Resination paid homage to the great reggae artist with its own versions of Marley’s classic reggae jams.

Resination, accompanied by fellow reggae artists The Kicks, and openers Ras Danny and the Reggae Allstars, revisited many of Marley’s more well-known jams while flavoring its own spin to make the music unique.

“We’ve been doing the Bob (tribute) shows for about six to seven years now,” said Vance “Noche Man” Fahie, who does vocals and plays guitar for Resination. “It’s a tribute to a great reggae artist who really got the reggae movement off the ground.”

“It’s great to be able to take advantage of these opportunities and relay his positive message, especially since we love playing for the people of San Luis Obispo so much,” he added.

All bands that performed were more focused on the roots genre of dub reggae, known for recurrent melodic tunes and heavy bass tones that permeate the music.

And while Resination did not have a horns section when the band first formed in 1999, the later addition of trumpet and trombone elements significantly furthered the band’s sound in terms of being definitive dub reggae.

Ras Danny and the Reggae Allstars featured a saxophone as the band’s horn element, which is unusual for a roots band with such heavy dub influences.

The inner “dub-ness” of the band was easily discernible, however, as the band’s sound could easily be likened to that of dub legends such as Barrington Levy. Ras Danny even went so far as to play his own version of one of Levy’s tunes — “Shine Eye Girl” — in the midst of his set.

Resination’s set, with not only Resination but also the other two bands playing their own renditions of Marley’s songs such as “Waiting in Vain” and sing-along versions of “Stir it Up.” Ras Danny and other performing musicians could be seen wearing Bob Marley attire.

“It’s pretty obvious that we’re big Bob Marley fans, with or without the day,” remarked Patrick Pearson, Resination’s lead guitarist who also does vocals. “Regardless of any event, we’re still going to be the first people to listen to and perform his music.”

“And it’s sort of a lucky thing that Bob’s birthday comes at the beginning of Black History Month,” Vance added. “We’ve done a lot of Bob Marley events on the Central Coast, and it’s good to be able to integrate them with Black History Month, although I prefer to celebrate the month all year and throughout my life. It’s all about going out and gaining life experiences.”

Marley’s presence was undoubtedly felt most in Resination’s set, with the band performing such hits as “Iron Lion Zion,” “Zimbabwe” and “Lively Up Yourself” in a manner that left the crowd cheering for more.

The most notable twist that the band put on Marley’s music was the integration of solos for each respective band member during various portions of the set.

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Hurley (played by Jorge Garcia, above) and other "Lost" characters return for another confusing season.

GET 'LOST'
Emma Dessau
Daily Arts

After a nine-month hiatus, the hit ABC show "Lost" returned with the premiere of its fourth season on Jan. 31.

"Lost" is infamous for its addictive quality that keeps millions of viewers excited about seeing if the survivors of Oceanic Flight 815 will ever be rescued. Each episode brings up more questions about the mysterious island that keeps its viewers watching and guessing. This leads to viewer frustration over the lack of answers the show provides.

For those who do not watch "Lost" and have managed to escape the bombardment of promotions and commercials that ABC has had over the past two months, here is a recap of last season's three episodes. The survivors are under the impression they are going to be rescued, but there is evidence that the people triumphantly coming to the island claiming to be rescuers are not the people originally sent out to look for survivors.

Like every episode, season three's finale left fans guessing and speculating about what would happen next. Then, finally, the new season arrived.

The new episode opened right where the last one left off. A call has been made to the people who claim they are there to rescue the survivors, and they say they are on their way.

While some new flashbacks are brought up in the first episode, the storyline remains somewhat that same. The "Flashforward" addition opposes the past three years of flashbacks, adding an interesting twist. Now viewers know where the characters ended up, and the show serves as the journey toward that point.

The writers are commendable for not falling into some of the most typical long-awaited premise pitfalls. All the characters are accounted for immediately, so the viewers don't have to wonder what happened to exceptions for the first three weeks of the season.

But like all episodes, the present storyline and the lingering questions fans will not learn the answers to anytime soon. "Lost" has stuck to its tried-and-true methods of making fans think they might see the light at the end of the tunnel, then, as always, revealing the light to be nothing but an illusion.

For people interested in learning more about "Lost" or for fans who want a recap, all three seasons are available on DVD as well as for download on iTunes. Some episodes are even available for free online at ABC's Web site.

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Reggae band SOJA (Soldiers of Jah Army) will be playing tonight at Mongo’s in Grover Beach. SOJA is, from left to right, Kenny Brownell (percussion), Jacob Hemphill (lead vocals, guitars), Ryan Berty (drums), Bob Jefferson (lead vocals, bass) and Patrick O’Shea (keyboards).

**SOJA MUSICIAN SPILLS ON STATE OF REGGAE AND TRAVERSING THE WORLD**

Raiza Canelon  
**MUSTANG DAILY**

When asked to describe a typical reggae band, you might picture a stereotypical group of Jamaican guys sitting on the beach, with their hair in dreadlocks, smoking joints, singing about peace and love. This may be especially true if the name of the band is SOJA (Soldiers of Jah Army).

However, these men, who have played reggae for the past 11 years, didn’t come from Jamaica. They are a group of guys from Washington, D.C., and the only thing about them that screams “We are a reggae band!” is that three of the five members have dreadlocks. But that’s where their tie to the stereotype ends. SOJA will be playing at 9 p.m. tonight at Mongo’s, 359 West Grand Ave. in Grover Beach. Tickets are $12 in advance or $14 at the door.

**MUSTANG DAILY** How did you get into reggae music?

**KB:** We studied it well throughout the years of playing and being in the music scene in D.C. We are good listeners, and we are always expanding our reggae horizons by checking out new artists of the genre. We went into the city seeing different artists, talking to Jamaican downtown, and we just opened our eyes to the different sounds reggae has to offer.

**MUSTANG DAILY** What was the first reggae album or song that got you into the music?

**KB:** It was by Apple, who was the singer of Israel Vibration — a song called “Rude Boy Shufflin.” I think that was around ‘96 or ‘97. After that, of course, is Bob Marley.

**MUSTANG DAILY** How did you meet?

**KB:** Bob and Jacob have known each other since first grade and then the rest of us met in middle school and high school. We have been playing (together) now for 11 years.

**MUSTANG DAILY** Where are you all from originally?

**KB:** We are from Arlington, Va., which is just outside of Washington, D.C.

**MUSTANG DAILY** How did you develop your passion for reggae?

**KB:** We studied it well throughout the years of playing and being in the music scene in D.C. We are good listeners, and we are always expanding our reggae horizons by checking out new artists of the genre. We went into the city seeing different artists, talking to Jamaican downtown, and we just opened our eyes to the different sounds reggae has to offer.

**Resination**

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entire set seemed to blend into itself, with no real halt in the music. Resination took the stage around 11 p.m. and didn’t stop playing until last call at the bar, when staff at the venue seemed to realize that concertgoers wouldn’t leave until the music stopped.

The enthusiasm felt by the crowd was quite evident, with many patrons pushing their way to the front of the stage with drinks they had bought for members of the band. After the band’s encore ended around 1:40 in the morning, female vocal contributor Raeme Miner commented that she didn’t even realize they’d been playing for so long.

“We were just feeling good. It didn’t even feel like we were playing for almost three hours,” she said. “We were just feeling the crowd, and the crowd was feeling us.” And it is in such a manner of song that the great Bob Marley himself conveyed his messages of peace, love and happiness.
‘Persepolis’: a graphic novel for the pickiest of readers

Graphic novels are often passed over by traditional readers who prefer prose over pictures. However, French writer Marjane Satrapi comes as a comic that has attracted a whole new audience.

Through simple black and white pictures, "Persepolis" tells the story of a young girl growing up during the Islamic Revolution in Iran. Originally published in installments, the book was recently translated from French and combined into one volume by its English publisher Pantheon (famous for the Pulitzer Prize-winning graphic novel “Maus”). Through its many translations, people around the world have come to appreciate the integrity of a coming-of-age story set against the backdrop of intense modern history.

"Persepolis" follows the childhood and adolescence of its author, who was raised by liberal parents who encouraged her to learn and grow despite being a girl in an oppressive culture. Marjane discovers early on how to live with her father’s death under the dominating forces that appear again and again throughout her life. As a girl in the Islamic Revolution, a teenager during Iran’s war with Iraq and a young adult in Vienna, Marjane faces similar lessons and conflicts, having to ultimately reconcile herself with the culture and the rest of the world.

Out of a lifetime of harrowing circumstances comes a protagonist who refuses to become someone else at the whim of others, whether they are school teachers who punish her because her hair is peeking beneath her veil or pompous military officers who threaten to arrest her for listening to Irani music.

Through the storyline might sound trite, the setting of war-torn Iran and dynamic 1980s Europe add depth and context to the story. The reader is shown exactly how an individual can refuse to succumb to the negative aspects of society and find her own way through the maze of history. Its simplicity conceals much depth.

Furthermore, the basic pictures add to the novel’s rich material. Instead of suffering through wordy explanation, the audience watches the novel happen, and each person is able to take away from it whatever he or she wants. The reader is witness to the characters’ history and world history at the same time, and there is no agenda, just a story.

"Persepolis" is the story of a real person, and we experience the bad times as well as the good. Marjane faces the violent death of loved ones under Iran’s Islamic regime, suffers intense loneliness after moving to Europe, and has to come to terms with bad decisions, even ending up homeless at one part of the novel.

She’s a real person, not a perfect protagonist. In spite of her intelligence, she makes stupid decisions, her loyal passions sometimes turn cruel, and her resilience is often clouded by hopelessness. Nevertheless, she is always genuine. The reader will attach his or herself to Marjane’s character and will always carry hope for her.

Even those not familiar with (or inclined to pick up) graphic novels will find a way to love this book. It reads easily and clearly, and most won’t mind that it’s not composed in straight prose. The book has also spawned a film, which was recently nominated for the Academy Award for Best Animated Feature — perhaps proof of its ability to appeal to a wide range of audiences. All in all, it’s a captivating story and a quick read that will gain the affection of even the pickiest of book lovers.

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In “Persepolis,” French author Marjane Satrapi tells her story of growing up during Iran’s Islamic Revolution, dealing with the pains of adolescence during Iran’s war with Iraq and reconciling her past as a young adult in Vienna.
Valentine’s Day tends to bring out the chocolate lover in all of us. With cupids’ holiday just around the corner, I thought I would give you a few more reasons to fall in love with this surprisingly healthy indulgence.

Every Valentine’s Day, people spend more than $1 billion on chocolate. Having trouble picking which kind to buy for your special someone? Go for the dark chocolate if you want to reap all the health benefits. You might have noticed many chocolate products advertised as a good source of antioxidants. These antioxidants are from a compound called flavonoids, which are found in cocoa. They help goggle up the free radicals that can cause heart disease and other ailments. Many people don’t realize that chocolate is plant-derived, just like fruits and vegetables, therefore, it has some similar health benefits. Unfortunately, this does not mean you get to substitute your five servings of fruits and veggies for chocolate.

Not all chocolate is created equal. Dark chocolate contains the most amount of cocoa and the highest concentration of these disease-fighting antioxidants. Milk chocolate and white chocolate substitute the antioxidant-containing cocoa for excessive sugar and saturated fat. So dig into a little dark chocolate.

Here are a few healthy reasons to give in to this decadent desire:

Heart Health Benefits

Consuming a small amount of dark chocolate every day can help reduce blood pressure. It has also been shown to lower LDL cholesterol (the bad cholesterol) by up to 10 percent. Flavonoids keep cholesterol from blocking blood vessels and increase blood flow to the arteries.

Chocolate as Sunscreen

The flavonoids found in chocolate have been proven to keep your skin healthier by decreasing damage from UV rays and preventing skin cancer. Most flavonoids absorb UV light, which helps prevent the redness caused by sun exposure. Getting the amount of added sugar, chocolate will give your skin a smoother, healthier glow by increasing blood circulation just under the tissue.

Diabetes

Some studies suggest that dark chocolate helps increase the body’s metabolism of sugar, which could decrease the chance of diabetes. Watch the amount of added sugar, though; try to buy chocolate that has less than 7 grams of sugar per serving.

Other fun facts about chocolate:

• It stimulates endorphin production, which gives an increased feeling of pleasure
• It contains serotonin, which acts as an anti-depressant
• It contains a little caffeine and other substances that can help perk you up

That said, I prefer to get my protection from eating dark chocolate. Indeed, I look for any excuse to label my bittersweet indulgence as therapeutic. Looking for that perfect Valentine’s Day gift? Even if you think chocolate might be a little cliché, it could help prevent heart disease, cancer, diabetes, and even depression. So go out there and have a lovely, healthy and delicious Valentine’s Day.

Sarah Bailey is a nutrition senior, a Mustang Daily nutrition columnist and a member of PULSE. E-mail her your questions at sibailey@calpoly.edu.

Chocolate Tip No. 1 — Balance the Calories:

This information doesn’t mean that you should eat a pound of chocolate a day. Chocolate is still a high-calorie, high-fat food. If you eat a bar every day, that means you must balance those calories by eating less of something else. I wouldn’t eat more than 200 calories per day. Cut out other sweets or snacks and replace them with chocolate to keep your total calories the same.

Chocolate Tip No. 2 — Taste the Chocolate:

Chocolate is a complex food with more than 300 compounds and chemicals in each bite. To really enjoy and appreciate chocolate, take the time to savor and really enjoy it. Little bites can be surprisingly effective.

Chocolate Tip No. 3 — Go Natural:

Pick dark chocolate with a 65 percent or higher cocoa content to ensure you are getting all the health benefits. Also try to scan the ingredient list, and stay away from chocolate that contains partially hydrogenated oils or high fructose corn syrup. These additives are bad news bears.

Chocolate Tip No. 4 — Skip the Nougat:

You should look for either pure dark chocolate or dark chocolate with nuts or other natural flavorings. Avoid anything with caramel, nougat, or other unhealthy fillings. These additives are just adding sugar and fat which erase many of the benefits you get from eating the chocolate.

Chocolate Tip No. 5 — Avoid Milk:

It may quench your thirst, but your research shows that washing your chocolate down with a glass of milk could prevent the antioxidants from being absorbed by your body. Milk may interfere with the absorption of antioxidants from chocolate ... and may therefore negate the potential health benefits that can be derived from eating moderate amounts of dark chocolate.
Our time to change history

The nation stands on the precipice of change. When generations look back at history (assuming global warming doesn't extinguish life in the next 100 years), future professors will point to this time and say, "That was the turning point."

As I'm sure you are aware, the California presidential primaries for both the Democratic and Republican parties are being held on Tuesday, along with 23 other states. Super Tuesday may turn out to be decisive victories for any of the remaining candidates, but that's not what will fascinate political science experts 50 years from now.

The ones who make the change will be Americans like myself and a majority of you — people who never had a reason to be involved, standing en masse to show that the current political system is unworkable.

For the past four years, I have been the very definition of political apathy. Hating to sound stupid, I paid only enough attention to carry on a reasonable and intelligent conversation. Well, as reasonable and intelligent as possible when discussing politics.

In fact, I was the worst form of apathy because I was informed and still had absolutely no motivation to be involved. Let's just say I was not too impressed with my choices. Whatever ideology and policy differences candidates may have had, they were still products of the political system.

This time seems different. For the first time in a long time, there is a candidate that stands for more than just skin-deep changes; he stands for actual change. That's why voters like me, young independents who have never voted, are showing up in unprecedented numbers to support Illinois Sen. Barack Obama.

You can accuse me of being caught up in the rhetoric of his campaign, and you would probably be right. I will admit that when I listen to Obama, it's hard not to get emotionally caught up and to feel optimistic. But that is the beauty of the situation. When was the last time you could honestly say you were inspired by a politician? Obama stirs up that reaction and creates hope.

I would vote for him on that quality alone.

The thing I most admire Obama for, though, is his stance on lobbyists. The decline of productivity in Washington and the rise of political action committees go hand in hand. His promises of ethics reform to refocus policy makers on issues that matter is refreshing.

Beyond that, he would be a tremendous PR boost for the American image worldwide. Finally, we can show the rest of the world we dislike Bush as much as they do, and would go a long way to repair relationships globally.

I realize there are a lot of ifs in the equation. Obama still must get the Democratic nomination and then go on to win the presidency to begin fulfilling his promises. But if he gets that opportunity, it will be due to the support from our voter base.

While I was at home over winter break, I attended a lot of gatherings with family and friends. Naturally, the conversation frequently turned to politics.

When I showed my enthusiasm for Obama, the reaction I got most often did not exactly shock me but certainly saddened me. Time after time, adults (despite my age, I'm still not one of them) would say, "I knew growing up how and who I consider extremely intelligent and very tolerant told me that there was a certain portion of the population who would never vote for a black man and that Obama would never get elected.

This obstacle, this reluctance to change is something that can only be tackled by us. Only the youth can show the rest of the country that thinking in terms of color is truly a thing of the past. Do we have race relations down pat? Obviously not, but one thing that our generation does better than any of our predecessors is take a person for who they are and judge an individual based on their character.

The latest field polls in California show that Obama is closing in on Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-NY), with 18 percent of likely Democratic voters still undecided. Because of California's election rules, independent voters have the opportunity to make the difference in a close contest.

The Republican primary is closed to registered Republicans, which means independent voters who want to vote in the primary can only vote in the Democrat's race. And because the Democratic Party awards the delegates proportionally, each vote truly matters.

No matter who wins, it is our generation's chance to capitalize on our vast potential as a voter base to make politicians listen to our voice so that historians can point and say, "This is when it all changed."

Kory Harbeck is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily reporter.

Better days ahead in America with Obama

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Today could represent a great change for America. Today, nearly two dozen states will hold their primaries in what could make or break a candidate's prospective presidential nomination. While there are able candidates from both parties, Barack Obama stands head and shoulders above the rest. More than any other Democrat or Republican, Obama embodies change.

His stances on taxes (scaling back tax benefits for the top 5 percent of earners), education (making college affordable for more Americans), and the Iraq war (the immediate withdrawal of US troops) are certainly admirable qualities in a presidential hopeful. Americans, younger voters in particular, need a candidate to become enthused about.

Not since John F. Kennedy has a Democrat so thoroughly inspired voters and brought out the "best of what America personifies." With Barack Obama, then truly is the "belief that there are better days ahead."

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Pop Culture Shock Therapy by Doug Bratton

"No Krypto! Bad dog! No getting frisky with Green Lantern's leg!"
an even better person,” said Cal Poly head coach Justin McGrath. “I think a lot of the (tennis) guys really respect him as a leader. He never gives up on the court. With every game he’s constantly fighting and clashing to get the points; in everything he does he gives it 100 percent.”

With that spirit, Foy hopes the Mustangs can grab the Big West Conference title the team so narrowly missed out on last year. “Every match is different because you’re always going up against a new competitor,” Foy says. “It makes it challenging, both physically and mentally. I love tennis because there are just so many faces to the game.”

Foy credits his older brother War­wick — who was the team captain at Sacramento State last year — for the continued influence on his play. “I started playing 13 years ago, when I was 6, because my older brother had picked up the game,” Foy says. “He’s still a huge influence in how I play. He makes me feel good about going out on the court.”

Competing at the college level in America is especially challenging, regardless of where foreign players may move from, McGrath said. “It’s hard for all of our interna­tional guys — college tennis is com­petitive over here,” he explained, noting also he has one player from South Africa, two from Sweden and one originally from Russia. “Both as students having to make that transition to a different country, and as players competing at a very different level of play, it’s not easy. I have a lot of respect for my players that can handle the culture shock both on and off the court.”

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Whiten likely out for season

Donovan Aird
Tuesday, February 5, 2008

Foot ailments may require surgery for Cal Poly senior guard

Cal Poly senior guard Dawin Whiten, shown here in a 79-67 win over UC Davis on Jan. 24, has scored the 12th-most points in school history.

Foy story gets better and better

Sophomore has won six of past seven singles matches

Marlize van Rombouh
February 5, 2008

Love may mean nothing to tennis players the world over, but at one Cal Poly player knows, that doesn't mean the game is the same everywhere you play.

Foy is enjoying his second year on the Cal Poly men's tennis team, thousands of miles away from his hometown of Wellington, New Zealand, but at least this year, he knows more of what he's up against on the court.

"It's unbelievable, the jump I had to make in my level of play," Foy explains. "In New Zealand, tennis isn't such a big sport. Then over here, all of a sudden I'm playing 22-and-23-year-old full-grown men... I had to do a lot of growing up on the court last year.

Apparently it's paid off.

Foy, who came to the U.S. with an already-impressive record, has won six of his past seven singles matches to run his team-best total record to 8-5. Along with junior Darrey Young, Foy has comprised a doubles tandem that has gone 4-0 in dual play.

On Saturday and Sunday, he earned clutch, back-to-back singles victories at both