Super Tuesday yields record voters

McCain, Clinton lead pack in California primary

Juliet Williams

LOS ANGELES — Hillary Rodham Clinton handily won California's coveted Democratic presidential primary Tuesday and John McCain easily defeated rival Mitt Romney in the Republican race, as the most populous state wielded its influence in the presidential nominating process for the first time in years.

Clinton had 54 percent to rival Barack Obama’s 37 percent, with a third of precincts reporting. McCain had 44 percent to Romney’s 27 percent.

Exit polls conducted for The Associated Press showed Clinton drew strong support from Hispanic voters, who backed her by a margin of more than 2-to-1.

Among them was Erendida Vargas, 32, a housekeeper from South Los Angeles who believes Clinton has the best chance of reversing eight years of Republican policies in Washington.

“She is going to be the first woman president,” Vargas said. “Everything men do, we can do it, too.”

A rich trove of California delegates was at stake — 370 for Democrats and 170 for Republicans — in the state's first-ever midwinter primary. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and legislative leaders moved the contest from June, in February, in hopes of playing a greater role in the national races.

Californians also voted Tuesday on several statewide propositions, including one that would modify legislative term limits and another that would allow a major expansion of Indian gambling for four Southern California tribes.

But it was the presidential race that attracted all the excitement. Voter registration hit a record for a presidential primary in California, at 15.77 million voters, or about 68.5 percent of those eligible, and campaigns for all the major candidates pushed hard in California right through Election Day.

Turnout was so strong in the San Francisco Bay area's Alameda County that some precincts ran out of Democratic ballots, prompting a judge to order polls to remain open as late as 10 p.m.

“To run into this situation indicates that turnout was huge,” said county Registrar Guy Ashley.

With about half of all ballots cast, exit-poll officials predicted that up to a see State, page 2

Autopsy results confirm drowning

Coral Snyder

The autopsy report of the deaths of a mother and child found off the San Simeon coast showed that both deaths were the result of drowning. Autopsies were completed in the deaths of Marcia Harrigan, 43, and her daughter Gillian Goldman, 8, of Hermosa Beach, on Jan. 16.

Sheriff's department detectives, coroner's investigators and District Attorney investigators determined from the results of the autopsies that the deaths were a murder/suicide. Detectives and investigators concluded that Harrigan drowned her daughter and then committed suicide by drowning herself.

Additionally, toxicology results indicate that Harrigan had a Blood Alcohol Content of 0.03, and no prescription or illegal drugs were found in her system.

There was no indication of alcohol or drugs found in Goldman's results; they were determined to be normal.

Both mother and daughter were found in the ocean off the coast of San Simeon in the morning Jan. 10. The surrounding area where the bodies were found is considered to be a no vantage point, as the land above the water is rocky and narrow.

Harrigan's former lawyer, Jeffrey Doeringer, reportedly claimed she was upset because custody of her daughter was turned over to the father by order of the court. Doeringer reportedly said that Harrigan "was very distraught and told me she didn't think she'd comply with it."

Harrigan allegedly fled and refused to turn over custody because of allegations that Goldman's father was sexually abusing her, however, no evidence to support these allegations was found by the court.

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some other countries," he said.
Historically, candidates have had a
tough time convincing young people
to vote. In the 2004 election, only 47
percent of citizens ages 18 to 24 voted,
compared to two in three citizens older
than 55, according to cbsnews.com. So
why are young people turning out for
this one?
Many people think that Demo-
crats presidential candidate Sen. Barack
Obama (D-III.) is the reason.
"I'm tired of the Clinton dynasty and
the Bush dynasty, we need someone
new," English sophomore Melissa Mon-
tecillo said.
Tony Silvestri, biology sophomore
and member of Students for Barack
Obama, isn't surprised.
"Obama is really bringing out the
youth vote. I've never seen kids our age
actively caring about politics so much until him," he said.
Students have been getting involved
beyond just voting, however. Students
led clubs such as the Cal Poly College
Republicans, the Cal Poly Democrat,
and Students for Barack Obama which
is not chartered by the school. All three
have been working to get a big voter	turnout.
"Students need to understand that
the candidates and issues affect them,
and as responsible adults, they should
vote," said Christina Chappie, Cal Poly
College Republican president and poli-
sical sciences senior.
The Cal Poly Democrat and the Cal
Poly College Republicans have both
been registering students to vote and
providing information on the different
candidates and propositions.
"The primaries are really important
because historically during the general
election, people look at the candidates
and don't like them," said Erin Mellon,
vice president of the Cal Poly Democrat
and business administration junior. "Well,
they had a chance to vote for someone
during the primaries when there were
more options."
Each club threw a party for its mem-
bers as well, to "celebrate the democratic
crash," in the words of Erica Janoff,
president of the Cal Poly Democrats and
industrial engineering senior. Neither
club has endorsed a candidate but said
they will endorse their respective party's
nominee.

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quarter of the votes would remain uncounted on Election Night.
The other quarter of voters in each primary said they had chosen their
candidate in the final three days be-
fore Election Day, adding to the high
number of absentee votes forecast to
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How necessary do you think the electoral college is?”

Compiled and photographed by Rachel Glas

“I don’t know that it’s necessary, but I do think that it’s very confusing.”
— Nancy Xiong, journalism junior

“I don’t think that we should eliminate it but I think that there is another solution.”
— Joli Barretta, graphic communication freshman

“It’s necessary because people don’t always take the time to research candidates, and we need informed people to help Americans make decisions.”
— Elizabeth Baldwin, business junior

“It’s necessary because I believe in plurality.”
— Brian Rubin, business senior

State Briefs

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK (AP) — Search and rescue teams are combing Yosemite National Park for three snowboarders who have been reported missing.

The search started after the snowboarders didn’t show up to meet their ride Monday evening near the community of Yosemite West, close to the park’s western boundaries.

Ground searchers fanned out in the area until midnight, and found tracks that matched the snowboarders.

HAYWARD (AP) — A 5-year-old girl who witnessed her mother’s slaying reluctantly testified in court and said the suspect she earlier identified as the killer did not resemble the gunman she saw that day.

Superior Court Judge Reginald Saunders told lawyers to give the girl some latitude as she took the witness stand Monday at the murder trial of Manuel Uranga, 30.

The child was holding her mother’s hand when the woman was shot in the head while walking to a school.

ROSEVILLE (AP) — A 42-year old Sacramento man who stole two Weed Eaters from a Home Depot store is going to state prison for 20 years to life.

A Placer County judge says the recent theft on top of two robberies 15 years ago are enough to bring Reginald Whitfield a life prison term under California’s “three-strikes” law.

Whitfield was convicted of armed robberies in 1991 and in 1993. He wrapped his hand like a gun in the first robbery and struggled with security officers after he was caught taking food from a market in the second.

Whitfield’s attorney argued the minimal violence means he should not qualify as a third-strike offender.

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SAN LUIS OBISPO (AP) — Operators of the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant near San Luis Obispo have shut down one of the two reactors for refueling.

The project also includes replacement of the reactor’s four steam generators, which will keep the reactor shut down for two months.

Plant station director Jim Becker says it’s the largest refueling outage in the history of the Pacific Gas and Electric Co. nuclear plant.
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Overlooked star

It's not every day that you see Robert De Niro on the cover of "Vibe" — with 50 Cent.

They posed for the magazine's March issue to promote their new crime drama, "Righteous Kill," co-starring Al Pacino and Brian Dennehy. The movie is expected to be released this fall.

Mareli Moore

50 Cent, whose real name is Curtis Jackson, says he'd "hang out with Robert on Thursdays and Fridays" if he could.

"His celebrity is so strong that I get a chance to feel like a normal person for a little bit," the 31-year-old rapper tells "Vibe." He would release his movie, "The Devil's Advocate," later this fall.

Lip plumping complaint

Teri Hatcher won a ruling in a feud between rival lip plumpers worthy of Wisteria Lane.

A judge ruled Monday that a $2 million lawsuit against the 43-year-old "Desperate Housewives" star should be moved out of court and into arbitration.

The lawsuit from cosmetics company Hydroxiderm, filed late last year in Superior Court, claims that a 2005 endorsement agreement with Hatcher's production company stipulated that she would not pitch competing products.

On the cause again

Four years ago, Sean "Diddy" Combs took his hip-hop swagger acriss the nation in an effort to get young people to vote, with the bold slogan "Vote or Die." Now, he's back with a new campaign aimed to improve children's quality of life through literacy, physical activity and nutrition programs.

Afterward, Moore, a mother of two, was inspired to offer a new kind of Valentine: Send a digital card.

Under too much control

A restraining order against Britney Spears' friend and manager Sam Lutfi alleges that he dragged her, took over her life and finances and for months threatened the ex-cons serv of paparazzi.

The order, based on a lengthy declaration from Spears' mother, Lynne, says that Spears met Lutfi in October 2007 and "Mr. Lutfi has essentially moved into Britney's home and has purported to take control of her life, home and finances."
US faces fresh claims of civilian deaths in Iraq

Kim Ganal
APASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD (AP) — The U.S. military faced complaints Tuesday from its Sunni allies over claims that more civilians had been killed by American forces — amplifying tensions as the Pentagon tries to calm anger over an airstrike last week that claimed innocent lives.

The disputes have further strained ties with anti-al-Qaeda fighters considered crucial in turning the tide against extremist violence.

The latest deaths occurred when U.S. soldiers — acting on tips — stormed a squat, mud-brick house in the village of Adwar, 10 miles south of Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit. The predominantly Sunni area is home to many former members of Saddam's regime, and has been the frequent site of American raids.

The U.S. military said a gunbattle broke out after the troops came under small-arms fire by two suspected terrorists. It acknowledged a woman was killed and a child was wounded, but said it was not clear who shot them.

Two other men were killed and the military described them as insurgents.

It was the second time in as many days that the U.S. military conceded involvement in the death of Iraqi civilians.

On Monday, the military said it had accidentally killed nine Iraqi civilians, including a child, in an airstrike Saturday targeting al-Qaeda in Iraq south of Baghdad.

The killings illustrate the increasing difficulty in identifying the enemy as the nature of the U.S.-led war in Iraq has changed. Many former insurgents and tribal leaders have joined forces with the Americans against al-Qaeda in Iraq. The mistaken shootings also threaten to jeopardize the fragile relationship between the Americans and their new Sunni partners.

"Such acts by U.S. soldiers cannot be justified, and they will create mistrust and arouse suspicions between U.S. Army and members of the Awakening councils," said Abu Muthanna, a leader of a U.S.-backed anti-al-Qaeda council in Tarmiyah, home to many former members of Saddam's regime, and has been the frequent site of American raids.

"This could hurt the level of cooperation between the two sides."

Both U.S. raids on Saturday and Tuesday were based on what the military said was intelligence gleaned from informants. That raised the possibility that the military was misled into targeting the households, perhaps in part of an insurgent campaign to derail the U.S.-backed Sunni revolt against al-Qaeda in Iraq.

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Jessica Alba: I think initially I'm going to a blind orientation center. Afterwards, strange things start happening.

Jessica Alba talks violin, going indie, Mike Meyers

Alex Plattner
THE SUNBEEFLE (EDISON L.)

Jessica Alba sat down with college journalists from across the country to talk about her upcoming movie "The Eye."

College Reporter: What kind of roles do you find yourself gravitating more toward now that you're going to be a mother? Jessica Alba: I think initially I'm going to probably do maybe a little bit more character-driven roles, kind of more indies, ensemble casts, smaller budget. Not necessarily the big, you know, box office movie. I've had my eye out for an action movie since I finished "Dark Angel." And it's been this long since I finished and I still haven't found a good female-driven action so I've been looking for it.

CR: What sort of research did you do for the role? How did it feel to have to pretend to be blind at first? JA: I went to a blind orientation center in L.A. and one in New Mexico. And I lived among people who were learning to deal with blindness, particularly in New Mexico. And I learned how to read Braille, walk with my cane, label everything in the house. Just sort of learn how to exist as someone who has blindness.

CR: Which was more difficult: playing the violin or playing blind? JA: Violin was definitely more difficult. You know, I played a soloist, but you have to be kind of the best of the best. And people who've been playing that instrument since they were three years old and gave their whole life, practice eight hours a day still don't become soloists. They're just in the orchestra. So that was tough for me because I wanted to come off as realistic and believable as possible in order for the audience to really take the journey with me in this movie.

CR: The Hong Kong version of "The Eye" is very original. Will the remake be a similar experience? JA: It is. It's definitely catered to the American audience, the more Western way of thinking about ghosts, you know. You're familiar with the Eastern way of, you know, making ghost stories and these horror movies. And in Western culture people think you're absolutely nuts if you believe in ghosts or if you see ghosts, and yeah, you're basically going insane. And so we dealt with the ghosts in this film similar to that.

CR: How do you compare "The Eye" to "Awake"?

JA: It's a horror movie. "Awake" is more a psychological thriller and about, you know, someone who is dealing with a surgery and trust and, you know, everyone in his life sort of betraying him. And in this film, it's about a girl who has a corneal transplant. She gains the ability to see, she takes on psychic abilities of the girl, of the donor and starts to see death before it happens, and she doesn't understand.

CR: What's your next? JA: I personally want to go in a more indie route for a little while. And have a bit more of a balance between the commercial movies and the indie movies that don't necessarily do as well. And don't necessarily — aren't necessarily — going to make it in the theaters. And I think it'll be fun to kind of take more risks and more challenging roles.

I am coming out in a ... comedy with Mike Myers, which to me was like a dream come true, because he is the Peter Sellers of our generation, I feel. And he is a genius, and he's primed in every phrase in pop culture ... and so that was huge because I love comedy, and if you're going to work with anybody in comedy Mike is definitely someone to learn from.
I want to get something out of the way before I start this review. The new Modular Records compilation, a DJ set entitled “Leave Them All Behind 2,” does nothing surprising. It doesn’t break any new boundaries or go into experimental territory. We don’t get a Girl Talk mega-mix or Diplo crate-digging or Clipse beat-stealing mixture territory. Seriously, it’s the equivalent of making out with an 18-year-old girl drunk off the 16 shots of Lemon Smirnoff she took in her dorm room before heading to Hump Night and grinding you in the cage. I mean, there’s like 50 other shots of Lemon Smirnoff she took in...

“Leave Them All Behind 2,” the latest compilation from Modular Records features Swedish brother-sister duo The Knife (right).

COURTESY PHOTO

...and nothing tops the end. Nick Alman’s remix of Hot Chip pushes “Boy from School” into atmospheric territory allowing thousands of hipsters to push themselves into the Urban Outfitters honey next to them and whisper, “We tried, but we didn’t find love.”

I may seem to be maligning the album, but seriously, I’ve had it on blast for car ride after car ride. It’s a perfectly mixed hipster top 40. It’s the KCPR mixdown. Come on, I know we’re all self-deprecating hipsters, but even hipsters need the time to get down to dance songs we know without criticizing everyone who does something completely expected.

On an additional note, it comes packaged with a lovely extra CD of unmixed songs. Car and pastel? Be your own DJ. Do you think a Simian Mobile Disco song would go well with New Young Pony Club? It’s for sure will. And then when you mix it, the rest of us hipster children will adore you and you’ll be king of the ball for a night just like the DJs who put this compilation together. Hey, it’s helluva easy. But whoever said being easy wasn’t fun?

Cathleen Gallaher is a journalism senior and a stacks assistant at the Heights (Boston College)
Today is the momentous day after Super Tuesday. By now, the results are in and we should be 24 states closer to deciding who will be each party’s presidential nominee.

During elections, there is a fundamental element that we should all be mindful of in our constitution—a freedom of speech. However, the exchange of ideas is the one of the single most important aspects of our free society. We must engage in the debate so we may find the better way of life to which our Constitution can pay tribute.

Many believe that the Fairness Doctrine, a regulation by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) instated in 1949, may threaten the exchange of ideas. It was originally introduced during an era of anti-Communism in the United States as a regulation requiring broadcasters to present issues of public importance, in a manner deemed equitable and balanced. However, the thought that FCC authorities or any political party can determine the future of discourse in the United States is not something that we should support. The right to fair and balanced debate has been a cornerstone of American democracy, and the FCC should respect this right.

Supporters of the Fairness Doctrine argue it would guarantee broadcasting of more opinions, when in reality it’s the Fairness Doctrine that would diminish dialogue so vital to the continued success of the free world. These free-world high-ranking politicians are calling for the return of the Fairness Doctrine.

Talk radio is being targeted by politicians and special interest groups calling to reinstate the Fairness Doctrine. Many news and political junkies enjoy the in-depth coverage, satire and intensity of many hosts of talk radio. Liberals attempted and failed at carrying an audience for talk radio, such as with “Air America.” Talk radio can be considered the last substantive source of free speech for conservatives. With the Fairness Doctrine, conservative talk show hosts fear they would be forced to share equal time with a liberal talk show host, or some may be taken off the air altogether.

A prime example of a related transgression against the First Amendment directed toward talk radio is occurring in a lawsuit between the Independent conservative talk show host, Michael Savage, and the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR). CAIR is an advocacy group that has been criticized by people of many political convictions that the organization has ties to militant Islamic extremist groups. Savage is suing CAIR on the grounds of copyright infringement, stating that an CAIR repackaged the content of Michael Savage’s show and manipulated that stolen content so that it could be used by CAIR to raise funds.

Furthermore, several companies have been pressured by CAIR to drop their advertising support for Savage’s talk show “The Savage Nation.” CAIR is calling for the extraction of Savage from the airwaves and, if the Fairness Doctrine is reinstated, could give them and others in Washington legal grounds to do so. The silence of the former advertisers also lends more support to CAIR’s cause.

Presidential hopeful Hillary Clinton believes the Fairness Doctrine should be reinstated. Other outspoken supporters of it include Dennis Kucinich, Diane Feinstein and John Kerry. Many politicians wish to eliminate conservative talk radio because they believe it has an impact on the electoral process, namely who we elect to represent the people. The talk show hosts are Washington outsiders with strong opinions, and the politicians do not appreciate the apparent influence of talk radio on the public. The people should continue to have the right to public voting records about a candidate as well as their philosophies and intentions regarding future policies, yet some apparently wish to oppress these rights. Free radio should continue just as free speech.

The link between the Fairness Doctrine and the recent actions of CAIR is that they both allude to the dangers of inhibiting free speech altogether. The government arbitrarily dictates what is “fair” or what Americans should be allowed to watch or listen to is not conducive to free speech principles—that behavior by our government is reminiscent of the old Soviet Union, or something straight out of Orwell’s 1984.

The right of anyone to speak their beliefs is something that should be protected with the utmost fervor. Eradicating the opinions of others out of disagreement is unacceptable. Our goal as Americans should be to vote somebody into office who will uphold our Constitutional rights—hopefully all of you considered that when you went to the polls yesterday.

Remember, ideas and thoughts are the beginning of inventions that can change our world, hopefully for the better!

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It’s not about Obama vs. Clinton, it’s about Democrats vs. Republicans

by Patrick Molnar

After “Super Tuesday,” tensions between Barack Obama supporters and Hillary Clinton supporters are high, and will likely continue for a few more weeks. In fact, it’s getting so partisan on the campaign trail, there is growing concern among Democrats that all this infighting will ultimately split the party and hurt the nominees’ chances in the general election. Therefore, it’s important for Democrats to put their political differences in perspective and remember the main obstacle to bringing change in America is not within the Democratic Party, but with the Republican nominees John McCain (sorry Mitt Romney).

Am I saying that Democrats should adopt Ronald Rea­gan’s rule of never criticizing a fellow party member? Of course not. There are legitimate issues that need to be debated regarding the candidates, such as Clinton’s vote on Iraq, or Obama’s relative inexperience. Nevertheless, I am sure most Democrats can agree that, whether we elect Obama or Clinton, both will bring a great deal of positive change to the White House, especially when juxtaposed with the disastrous policies of the Bush administration.

Consequently, Democrats need to remember the biggest political danger facing our country is that Republicans will put aside their differences and unite behind a single can­ didate, especially if it is John McCain. The reason McCain is dangerous is because he continues to deceive voters into believing he is a “moderate” Republican, even though his views are strongly aligned with George W. Bush’s.

Sure, McCain has taken opposing stances on immigra­tion and torture within his own party, but that speaks more to how extremely partisan Republicans are with these issues, and less to McCain’s own moderate beliefs. If McCain was really a moderate politician, then why did he vote against increasing children’s health care in America (SCHIP), even though 18 Republican senators voted for it? Frankly, McCain’s entire “moderate” health care platform eerily resembles that of the current administration, which puts pharmaceutical and insurance company profits before patients.

Of course, there is also McCain’s “moderate” position on Iraq and the Middle East. A few weeks back, McCain open­ly said that he could see the U.S. staying in Iraq for another 100 years, a seemingly hypocritical thing to say consid­ering McCain touted all the “progress” we’ve made in Iraq. Furthermore, let us not forget the time McCain jokingly sang “Bomb Iran” to the tune of “Bartender Ann;” I am still shocked that a former soldier would handle the issue of war with Iran with such levity.

These stories about McCain serve an important purpose, because when we juxtapose the views of this Republic­an front-runner to either Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama’s views, the true “forces of status quo” be­gin to reveal themselves, and they clearly do not re­side in neither Democrat camp; they lay solely with the Republicans.

Ultimately, Democrats can and should argue all they want about which candidate will bring the most “change” to American politics, but let’s not get too caught up in this political horse race, obsessing about which Democrat is winning or losing. I say this because the stakes in 2008 are too high.

This election is a fight to end the di­sastrous war in Iraq and resolve the con­flicts in Afghanistan. It is about eliminating our country’s addiction to oil, strengthening our country’s infrastructure, and providing American working families with affordable health care and education. Both Sens. Obama and Clinton have outlined comprehensive solutions for each of the aforementioned issues, while Republicans like John McCain have not.

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"I may not be able to suck your toes, but I can explain Quantum Physics in circles around these Wankstas."

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Stephen Hawking on *I Love New York 3*
Standing at heights of 7 feet, 7 feet, and 7 feet, the Lakers have the tallest lineups the NBA has ever seen. Los Angeles fans can only hope that the paint does not become too crowded and that players will approve of their touch count.

As long as Bryant stays happy and spreads the ball around to his big men, the Lakers have a bright future. Well, at least for the next two years, until they need to resign Bryant and extend Bynum's contract. Nonetheless, when Bryant was asked if the trade will help him decide to stay a Laker, he said playfully, "Ah, it doesn't hurt."

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**Gaud started Tuesday night at New Jersey despite practicing just once with the Lakers after joining them in a trade Friday with the Memphis Grizzlies.**
Lorenzo Keeler would be a San Jose State Spartan if not for an unfortunate circumstance that landed him here at Cal Poly, but that doesn’t mean he’s not proud to wear green and gold on the basketball court.

The sophomore guard, and second-leading scorer on the team, Mustang Daily noted, “I’m a funny dude.”

One of four children, Keeler grew up in Escondido, a small town outside of San Diego, where he left his mark with two great high school seasons, averaging 23 points per game as a junior and 26 per game as a senior.

“I miss home — I’m homesick right now,” he says. “That’s where I grew up; that’s where I’ve been all my life.”

Out of high school, Keeler signed to play basketball for San Diego State, but had a change of plans. After reviewing his decision with his father, the two decided that a year of preparatory school would help him mature further.

Keeler spent a year at Winchendon Prep in Boston and then signed to San Jose State. He began practicing with the team, but before he could play a game, his scholarship was taken away.

Along with five others, Keeler faced statutory rape charges in Boston, and it was a big case, what he says. “My father owns a lot of property and they own a family business back home, so just learning about all the tribulations and trials I’ve been through in my life, so it was just a setback for me. I just looked at it as just a little block in the road and I knew that I was going to overcome it. I just couldn’t wait to get another chance.”

After being dropped by San Jose State, Keeler attended Mt. San Jacinto College, a community college north of Hemet, for a year before signing with Cal Poly.

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When asked if he tells jokes, Keeler smiled and replied, “Nah, not really. When we’re in the locker room, we go at each other with a little bit of jokes, but you know, it’s all love.”

Along with his teammates, Keeler has also left an impression on his head coach, Kevin Breenes.

“Keeler’s an incredible young man. I love him,” Bromley said. “But he’s a little bit more of an extrovert, somewhat of a clown, which is important.”

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In addition to basketball, Keeler has a passion for music. “I love hip-hop, I love R&B and just being with my dad a lot,” he says. “He plays a lot of jazz, so I’ve gotten to like jazz as well.”

He added that his family is Christian and detailed his mother’s faith. “Every time I’m in the car she’s like, ‘No, turn that off, we’re driving!’” he says. “She doesn’t like hearing all that rap stuff, so I love gospel as well.”

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The charges against Keeler were eventually dropped at the request of the victim’s family, but he said that he doesn’t blame San Jose State for its decision.

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