Super Tuesday yields record voters

McCain, Clinton lead pack in California primary

Juliet Williams
ASSOCIATED PRESS

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 decades.

Clinton had 55 percent of the vote to Barack Obama’s 43 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 to 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 votes, 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, it was too early to predict official results predicted that up to 90 percent of the vote was counted on Tuesday.

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Autopsy results confirm drowning

Coral Snyder
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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 indicated 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 vista point, as the land above the water is rocky and narrow.

Harrigan’s former lawyer, Jeffrey Doerringer, re­portedly claimed she was upset because custody of her daughter was turned over to the father by order of the court. Doerringer reportedly said that Harrigan “was very distraught and told me she didn’t think she could 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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Construction on schedule despite wet weather

Patrick Barbarier
MUSTANG DAILY

Despite the rain, Cal Poly’s construction projects are proceeding better than expected, according to staff.

“We’ve been blessed with good weather this year,” said Johan Uytterwaal, associate director of Facilities Planning and Capital Projects at Cal Poly. “All of our projects are ahead of schedule.”

The two major projects in the works are Poly Canyon Village and the Construction Management building.

Poly Canyon Village consists of two phases, with phase one near completion and to be open to students in September. Phase two will be complete in spring 2009. Both phases are com­plete on the exterior, meaning that the roof and walls are up, allowing contractors to install dry­wall, electricity and plumbing and finish paint­ing the inside, regardless of weather outside.

“Everything’s already covered,” Uytterwaal said. “The only thing being affected by the rain would be landscaping of phase one, which is not critical to completion.”

The Construction Management building project includes construction of the new building located next to the Graphic Communica­tion Building and a partial renovation of the Engineering West building. Again, with the roof and walls up, contractors can continue to finish work, despite wet weather. Uytterwaal said stu­dents can plan on having both buildings open in the fall.

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Construction on Poly Canyon Village is sched­uled to be completed by spring 2009.

“We’ll be installing equipment and labs dur­ing the summer,” Uytterwaal said. “The rain has had very little impact on this project.”

The same holds true for smaller renovation and maintenance projects.

“There’ve been some minor setbacks with sidewalk improvements, but most of our proj­ects are in good shape,” said Mark Hunter, the director of Facilities Services. “The rain has actually helped us by revealing any roof leaks that need repair. Other than that, it has not sig­nificantly impacted us.”

According to Uytterwaal, contractors use sta­tistical information to take into account any delay caused by rain before bidding out a project. If there are not enough rainy days, then contrac­tors can continue working ahead of schedule.

Once a project nears completion, a final punch list is generated and officials inspect the project. State building inspectors issue a notice of acceptance and when everything is satisfac­tory, construction is complete.
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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 aged 18 to 24 voted,
compared to 65 percent of citizens older
than 25, according to cbsnews.com. So
why are young people turning out for
this one?
Many people think that Demo­
cratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack
Obama (D-Ill.) 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 Sirentis, 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 of our age
else in the primaries when there were
more options." he primary is 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 Demo­
crats 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 as to celebrate the democratic
process," in the words of Erica Jannaf,
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 voices would remain
uncounted on Election Night.
Both quarter of votes in each
primary said they had chosen their candidate in the final three days
before the election, adding to the high number of absentee votes forecast
to come in at the last minute.
"I went back and forth quite a
bit before I picked Hillary," she said.
"I think she's really been there be­
fore and can get in there and get things
done."
Secretary of State Debra Bowen
reported some complaints from nonpartisan voters who had trouble
casting ballots. The Democratic and
American Independent parties al­
lowed voters who aren't affiliated with any party to vote in their
candidates, but those people had
request a special ballot.
Nearly one in five of those who
cast ballots in the Democratic race
identified themselves as "independ­
et or something else," the survey
preferred Obama about 2-1 over
Clinton, according to exit polls.
The state Republican primary was
closed to voters not registered with the GOP.
Both Democrats and Republic­
ians rated the economy as the most important
issue facing the country, with about 50 percent of Demo­
crats characterizing it as not so good or
poor, two-thirds of Republicans said the
same.
Democrats who rated the econ­
omy or health care as most impor­
tant strongly backed Clinton, while	hose who cited the war in Iraq as the
most pressing issue favored Obama.
In the Republican primary, those
who rated the economy as the most
important issue went strongly for
McCain, along with those who
cited illegal immigration fa­
ered Romney.
Voters who called themselves evangelical or born-again Christ­
sians split their votes three ways be­
tween McCain, Romney and Mike
Huckabee, who drew about 12
percent of the Republican vote in California.
Meanwhile, a measure that
sought to modify term limits for
state legislators by cutting two years
off the maximum term lawmakers
could serve was trailing by a small
margin with 34 percent of precincts
reporting. That measure, Proposition
93, drew strong criticism because
it would allow 34 lawmakers who
otherwise would be term limited by the
Assembly or Senate this year to stay
in office for another four or five years.
Measures seeking approval for
the governor's deal to let four In­
dian tribes add up to 17,900 slot
machines to their casinos were lead­
ing in the polls. Propositions 94-97
attracted more than $130 million in
spending, most of it for advertise­
ments by the tribes and their allies.
Voters defeated Proposition 92,
which would have dedicated a cer­
inous issue facing the commu­
ities as the most pressing issue.
Because of the state's term limits,
Jesus was rated the econ­
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tant issue facing the
state's Republi­

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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 Urango, 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.

MONTEREY (AP) — The Monterey Bay Aquarium has released a young great white shark that has spent the past five months in captivity.

Aquarium staff released the male shark from a boat in Monterey Bay Tuesday morning after fitting the predator with electronic tags that will track and collect data on its travels over the next several months.

It was the third white shark that the aquarium had exhibited and released in four years.

Since it arrived in late August, the shark had grown from 4 feet 9 inches to 5 feet 10 inches long. During that time, it more than doubled its weight, from 67 pounds to 140 pounds.

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

"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
celebritynews

Overshadowed 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, "H righteousness Kil." co- starring Al Pacino and Brian Dennehy. The movie is expected to be released this fall.

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.

Lip plumping complaint

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

A judge ruled Monday that a $2 million lawsuit against the 45-year-old "Desperate Housewives" star should be moved out of court and into arbitration.

The lawsuit from cosmetics company Hydromed, filed late last year in Superior Court, claims that a 2009 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 across the nation in an effort to get young people to vote, with the bold slogan "Vote or Die." Now, for the eve of Super Tuesday's primary contests, the entertainer has just a simple message: "Go vote.

"If we want to stop the war, if we want to get the economy better, I think that young people need to understand they have to take matters into their own hands," Combs, 38, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview on Monday. "It's really like waking up a sleeping giant.

Some political analysts believe the youth vote could be a key factor in this year's presidential election.

New kind of Valentine

Julianne Moore has a loving new way to help struggling kids in America: Send a valentine.

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Under too much control

A restraining order against Britney Spears' friend and manager Sam Lutfi alleges that he drugged her, took over her life and finances and for months controlled the raven-haired pop star.

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

International

National

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Fat Tuesday and Super Tuesday collided on the streets of the French Quarter, where revelers added a distinctly political flavor to the city's annual raucous bash.

Among the men dressed in pink baby-doll pajamas or leather loincloths, and the women flashing glimpses of flesh for beads were some whose costumes had political themes. Louisiana voters don't head to the polls until Saturday, so many let their costumes make political statements on a day when 24 other states were holding presidential primaries and caucuses.

AKTINS, Ark. (AP) — Tornadoes across four Southern states tore through homes, ripped the roof off a shopping mall and blew apart warehouses in a rare spasm of violent winter weather that killed at least 17 people and injured dozens more.

The twisters that slammed Arkansas, Mississippi, Tennessee and Kentucky were part of a line of storms that raged across the nation's midsection at the end of a day of Super Tuesday primaries in several states. A spectacular fire erupted at a natural gas pumping station northeast of Nashville that authorities could have been damaged by the storms, and an undefined number of people were reported dead.

Local news

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — Americans seeking a change in foreign policy and a new national image abroad flocked to churches in Rome, town halls in England and an Irish pub in Hong Kong on Tuesday to vote in a Democratic Abroad primary.

The voting will determine who gets the 11 votes allocated to Democrats Abroad at the Democratic National Convention in August.

The group is allowing online voting — a first for voters overseas — that will continue for one week.

Porchche Hall in central London was jammed with high-spirited voters Tuesday evening as rival groups backing Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama chmod and waved banners for their candidates.

TUILIA GUTIERREZ, Mexico (AP) — The U.S. Peace Corps said Tuesday it had temporarily suspended its operations in Kenya following weeks of violence over a disputed election.

While no Peace Corps volunteers have been targeted in the violence that has engulfed Kenya over a disputed election, the Washington-based group has decided to pull out its remaining 30 volunteers, spokesperson Amanda Beck said. Another 144 volunteers were sent home in January after the violence first erupted, she said.

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US faces fresh claims of civilian deaths in Iraq

Kim Gansel
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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.

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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-Qaida in Iraq. The mistaken shootings also threaten to jeopardize the awakening councils," said Abu Muthanna, a leader of a U.S.-backed anti-al-Qaida group in the northern Baghdad neighborhood of Azamiyah.

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"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 as part of an insurgent campaign to derail the U.S.-backed Sunni revolt against al-Qaida in Iraq.
Jessica Alba: I think initially I'm going to a blind orientation center to get my eyesight back. Afterwards, strange things start happening.

Alex Plimack

The Turner Center (Fallon, 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 do as well. And don't necessarily believe in ghosts or if you see ghosts, and yeah, you're basically going insane. And so we deal with the ghosts in this film similar to that.

College Reporter: How do you compare "The Eye" to "Awake"?

Jessica Alba: It's a horror movie. "Awake" is more about a girl who has a corneal transplant. She's literally seeing for the first time, 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 deal with the ghosts in this film similar to that.

College Reporter: What was your role? How did it feel to have to pretend to be blind at first?

Jessica Alba: 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.

College Reporter: Which was more difficult: playing the violin or playing blind?

Jessica Alba: 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.

College Reporter: The Hong Kong version of "The Eye" is very original. Will the remake be a similar experience?

Jessica Alba: 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 deal with the ghosts in this film similar to that.

College Reporter: What's next for you?

Jessica Alba: 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.

Rachel Glas

MUSTANG DAILY

Four internationally diverse guitarists will perform tonight at the Performing Arts Center as part of the International Guitar Night tour.

Billed as "the longest-running mobile guitar festival in North America," the International Guitar Night tour was founded in 1995 by San Francisco native Brian Gore. The event aims to showcase acoustic guitar music and will begin at 8 p.m.

Three notable guitarists join Gore each year to play concern across Canada and the United States. This year's concert features the following musicians: D'Gary from Madagascar; Clive Carroll from England; and Trinidadian-born, Canadian-based Miguel de La Bastide.

Each guitarist brings a unique style of music to the concert, thanks to their different cultural backgrounds. Cal Poly music professor Craig Russell said the concert is a good opportunity to learn about these cultures.

"If you want to know about someone's life, listen to the music they make," he said. "When you hear music from different cultures, it gives you a different perspective."

Gore uses elements of folk, jazz and classical music to create a particular brand of finger-style playing. He has also released two solo-albums and has authored a book on guitar techniques.

D'Gary, whose real name is Ernest Randrianasolo, developed his sound from traditional Malagasy music. His innovative playing style, based on the concept of open tuning, has "(given) the audience to really take the journey with us," Gore said.

Carroll and de La Bastide have been performing together as a duo for more than two years and have released two solo-albums. Their music is based on "traditional Irish, acoustic, and pop/rock," according to their personal Web site.

Bastide emigrated from Trinidad to Canada at the age of 18. He is one of the most respected flamenco guitarists outside of Spain. Bastide's work has been featured on more than a dozen albums.

"This event will show students the versatility of the guitar from the viewpoint of other countries and cultures. I think that the combination of musicians from all over will show that the guitar itself can be applied towards all different styles of music rather than just the pop and rock music we are used to," business senior and jazz band trombonist Brian Rubins said.

Tickets for the concert can be purchased at the PAC.
unoriginal lovely meltdown

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-stalking mixtape territory. Seriously, it's the equivalent of making out with an 18-year-old girl drunk off the 10 at her dorm room before heading to Hump Night and grinding you into the cage. I mean, there are like 50 other guys in the other room who have done the same thing at least be enjoyable and entertaining for those around you.

With that out of the way, it doesn't mean that actions like these don't say anything and, when done properly, can't at least be enjoyable and entertaining for those around you. The compilation is entirely a statement of what it means to be nu-rave in the late 2000s. The Goofy barks in as the Lovefoxx of CSS shimmies and shakes next door. Blasts of noise from Justice mega-hit "Waters of Nazareth" knock to be nu-rave in the late 2000s. The Ciossip barks in as Karen O tells us she's "bigger than the sound" on some Peter Bjorn and John, Klaxons and MSTRKFT remixes and you're more ready for the club than a French.

On an additional note, it comes packaged with a lovely extra CD of unmixed songs. Carpe diem! Before I start this review. The book, published after a DVD of the same name and subjects, is truly a quick read. The language is simple and without lengthy passages; it is more of a collection of anecdotes and quotes. Each page — glossy, short and sweet — is pleasing to the eye. Overall, the book is positive, presenting life as capable of having an abundance of happiness, if only people thought more positively. Some stories, from a variety of people such as Winston Churchill and Jack Canfield, the mind behind the Chicken Soup for the Soul book series, rely on common wisdom, emphasizing that thinking positively brings good things. The book also affirms making your own "universe" by how you think. It's an empowering book, reminding readers that destiny is in their own hands, so long as the reader is an idealist. If the reader is a cynic, this book will be too much, especially in the realm of comedy.

After reading it, I thought it was an interesting way to view life, and I have used some of the techniques it proposes, although I'm usually a negative thinker already. But when I recommended it to my high school English teacher, she reminded me exactly why it's so wrong.

The main point of the book is a law of attraction, "Like attracts to like. That which you think about something hard enough and can visualize within reach, then it will be attainable. Although visualisation is a good technique to employ, this law brings it to a new level, to the point where it begins to blame the victim, although it doesn't necessarily mean this.

My teacher's example was children in impoverished countries. "Do they bring malnourishment upon themselves because they can't visualize food?" she asked. The examples in the book are about people who wanted expensive cars and a million dollars, which they gained, according to them, because they followed the Law of Attraction. This book puts too much emphasis on material wealth and its connection to this law, yet the book disregards a lot of issues that people all over the world face everyday.
LETTERS to the EDITOR

Conversations on diversity

In response to the numerous columns in the Mustang Daily regarding equality and diversity, we would like to lend our expertise in shifting the debate away from polarization and closer to meaningful conversation.

The current debate in our view is not productive and is unlikely to lead us toward any greater understanding or solution. It rather serves to pigeonhole groups of people into polarities of either/or thinking prevent us from seeing that our lives are filled with many commonalities. We then close conversations on diversity with the goal of truly getting to know the various constituencies and complexity of individuals on our campus. We are certain such a dialogue will shift the entire nature and tenor of this current debate in ways that will surprise and nurture and enrich all of us.

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Fairness Doctrine: Unfair to all

By Patrick Molnai

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: freedom of speech. The exchange of ideas is the one of the single most important aspects of our free society. We must engage in debates and discussions in order to give 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) instituted 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 properly determine and enforce what is “fair” is nothing more than a fallacy. The ability to achieve enlightenment begins with speech, beliefs and expression.

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Thinking Cap

by Patrick Molnar

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

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 nominee 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 of them 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 candidate, 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 on imposing 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's, 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 "Barbara 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, the true "forces of status quo" begin to reveal themselves, and they clearly do not reside in neither Democrat camp; they lay solely within the Republicans.

Ultimately, Democrats can and should argue all the things 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 counterterrorism 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.

Patrick Molnar is a business junior and a Mustang Daily liberal columnist.
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Conference when they lost Andrew Bynum for two months due to his left knee injury. Now, with Gasol on board, the Lakers can stay atop amongst the powers of the West while integrating him into the sys­tem. When Bynum finally returns from his injury, the Lakers are going to have a scary front-court lineup. With Bynum, Gasol and Odom standing at heights of 7 feet, 7 feet, and 6 feet, 11 inches, respectively, the Lakers could have one of 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 of the trade will help him decide to stay a Laker, he said play­fully, "Ah, it doesn't hurt."

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Gasol started Tuesday night at New Jersey despite practicing just once with the Lakers after joining them in a trade Friday with the Memphis Grizzlies.

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Cal Poly sophomore guard has finally found a home

Brian McMillen
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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, with 8.9 points per game, describes himself as shy — that is — until you get to know him.

“People might think that Lorenzo don’t talk,” he says, “but nah, really. 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 senior.

“High school seasons, averaging 23 points per game as a senior. I grew up; that’s where I’ve been all my life,” Keeler says.

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

Keeler spent about 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. He said that he proclaimed his innocence from the beginning, but that wasn’t enough.

“My name got thrown in this big of mess,” Keeler says. “When San Jose (State) heard, they didn’t want 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.

Keeler declared himself as a comparative ethnic studies major coming into Cal Poly but hopes to transfer to business.

“The business program is just so back on track here,” Keeler says. “I like to do something in the field of business management.

“My father owns a lot of property and they own a family business back home, so just learning from him, I just want to own my own business one day.”

When he’s not studying or practicing with the team, Keeler says, he likes to relax with friends and go to the beach. He added, “I’m also in the gym a lot when I’m off. I’m just playing on working on my game — I’m just playing in the gym, in the gym.

Along with five others, Keeler has also left an impression on his head coach, Kevin Bromley.

“We really kick together good off the court, which is important.”

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

He later elaborated on the team’s off-court chemistry, saying, “We really kick together good off the court, which is important.”

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

“(Keeler’s) an incredible young man. I love him,” Bromley said.

“He’s a great addition to our basketball program, he’s very mature, he’s a great teammate and he’s been a tremendous student.”

After such a tumultuous beginning, Keeler says he’s finally found a home at Cal Poly.

“Coaches gave me a chance here and I really love the coaching staff,” he says.

Although he began the season coming off the bench, he has earned a starting spot in the past three games.

“I’m definitely staying here,” he says. “I’ve got three more years, this one here and two more to go, so I’ve got a lot more Cal Poly basketball to play.”

Kung Pau! The Lakers are instant contenders

Dmitry Bisk
THE GIVE and GO

On PAU GASOL: Joining the Lakers

Only eight months ago, Kobe Bryant expressed his desire to be traded due to his growing frustration with the Los Angeles Lakers, general manager’s intent to enter the team into a rebuilding stage. When Bryant was asked if there were any teams that he would rather play for, he simply replied, “At this point, I’ll go play on Pluto.”

Now it’s fast-forward to this past Friday, when Kobe had just poured in 46 points to help lift the Lakers over the Toronto Raptors on the road. He was all smiles after the game, but it had nothing to do with the win or his performance on the court. So why was his attitude so completely different from this past summer, with him even going as far as to compliment the Lakers’ front office? Probably because only hours before the game, Lakers general manager Mitch Kupchak pulled the trigger on their biggest trade since the organization sent Shaquille O’Neal to Miami.

Kupchak had just traded for — more like stole — Pau Gasol from the Memphis Grizzlies. In return for the 2006 All-Star, the Lakers sent a package that included Kwame Brown, Jarvis Crittenton, Aaron McKie, rights to Marc Gasol and first-round picks in 2008 and 2010. In one afternoon, through one trade, the Lakers sealed their spot as one of the top teams in the Western Conference.

More bizarre than Bryant’s parking-lot interview and talk radio show appearances over the summer, when he demanded trades, was how the Lakers gave up practically nothing to acquire Gasol. Maybe the Grizzlies thought they were essentially getting the same player back when they received the rights to Pau’s brother Marc. More likely, they were looking to dump Pau’s contract and get more salary-cap room when Brown’s $1.1 million contract expires. The only problem now is that there won’t be any players who will want to sign with the Grizzlies — who now look more and more like the early Vancouver Grizzlies. With the Grizzlies rumored to be shopping Mike Miller, and the already-low attendance at FedExForum, Memphis will not be a desired location for free agents this summer.

On the Lakers’ side, the seemingly expendable Lamar Odom remains in Los Angeles, and word around the NBA is that Los Angeles will not be looking to make any more deals before the Feb. 21 trade deadline. So there will be no last-second effort to trade for New Jersey’s point guard Jason Kidd, even though he and Odom were the center of the Lakers’ trade rumor.

Instead, the Lakers will be looking to integrate Gasol into coach Phil Jackson’s triangle offense. Gasol, a superb passer, could fit right into the team’s offensive philosophy and in turn make the Lakers a dangerous team in the playoffs, no matter what seed they fall into.

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