The University Union Plaza (above left) is tentatively scheduled to be under construction from June to December 2009. The proposed plaza renovation (above right) includes the removal of the centrally located cement stairs and the addition of 10 to 15 trees.

Rachel Glas
MUSTANG DAILY

The 1970s were a time of innovation; the decade spawned Star Wars and saw the popularization of bell bottoms, after all. But not everything fashioned in the '70s was quite as auspicious. Cal Poly's University Union Plaza, for example.

The plaza, originally built to allow students a place to mingle and relax, is now mostly known for its abundance of concrete and lack of landscaping.

"It has its critics," Associated Students Inc. President Brandon Souza said. "The design doesn't make the most efficient use of space."

Political science senior Eyal Bin-stock said. "It's pretty ugly. And it gets really crowded between classes."

Just like certain fashion trends and once mind-boggling special effects, the plaza has become dated after 30 odd years. University representatives now want to fix that.

"We want to completely tear down and rebuild the area," Souza said.

The vision is to transform the plaza into a venue capable of hosting multiple activities, including club fairs, large concerts and other activities.

"The goal is to open it up for more programmable space," Souza said.

Since its inception, the plaza has been used as a hangout for students before and after classes. Clubs and greek organizations set up booths along the edge by the bookstore and bands perform during UU Hour on Thursdays. But the plaza is empty at night and on the weekends, and Souza sees this as a problem.

The idea to renovate came about approximately three years ago when the University Union Advisory Board (UUAB) surveyed the campus and discovered that students were unhappy with the current design of the plaza.

Ever since, the UUAB has been working to update it.

"It's the job of the union board to keep the facilities updated," UUAB chair Nicole Stroimson said.

The plan to redesign the area took a big step forward Jan. 30 at the UUAB meeting when San Luis Obispo-based Omni Design Group, Inc. unveiled a possible design of the new plaza. The computer presentation showed a 3D model of what the new plaza would look like, complete with students walking through and relaxing on the grounds.

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Snow in SLO for fundraiser

Agnes-Dei Farrant
MUSTANG DAILY

The Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity at Cal Poly demonstrates that the hardships of one brother will be braced by every other member.

Pi Kappa Alpha and the San Luis Obispo branch of One Way Board Shop are working together on the "Boarding for Cancer" fundraiser taking place Saturday.

Greek organizations plan philanthropic events to benefit the community, and the members of this fraternity chose a cause close to home for their winter event after one of their brothers, Bryan Fouch, was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma last fall.

"At first we didn't know what we were doing," Pi Kappa Alpha member and business junior Will Hurley said. "But it all came together and we got sponsors when they learned about the cause and knowing who it's happening to."

According to the National Cancer Institute's Web site, Hodgkin's lymphoma, also known as Hodgkin's disease, is a cancer of the immune system in a group of cancers called lymphomas. It is distinguished by the presence of a large, abnormal cell called the Reed-Sternberg cell.

Hodgkin's disease is an uncommon form of lymphoma, accounting for less than 1 percent of all cancer cases in the country.

Pi Kappa Alpha brother and construction management junior Bryan Mione directed much of the event around the fact that there were more than 45 students in attendance; three sign-up sheets had to be made.

This was a pleasant surprise to Multicultural Center student coordinator Brenton Smith.

"We definitely had way more people than we expected, which was good," he said. "I'm glad people stuck around just to watch and see the questions and how the game went."

The five categories for the game were "civil rights," "culture," "fights," "entertainment" and "as that note."

Participants had a chance to win gift cards to gas stations, restaurants and retail stores.

Smith said the goal of the night was to "en-

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Five teams of students answer "Jeopardy!" questions regarding Black History Month Tuesday night.

Brittney Clyde
MUSTANG DAILY

Who is the author of "The Color Purple?"

Who was the first African American to win a Nobel Prize in literature?

Who is Malcolm X?

Is Alice Walker? Who is Toni Morrison? And who is Malcolm X?"

"We were talking about putting together a winter event," Mione said. "I had entered a pre-

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visions competition at One Way Board Shop and I know the owner from that. I connected the two ideas together.

The primary attraction of “Boarding for Cancer” is a snowboarding competition. Fifteen tons of snow have been donated and will be delivered the day of the event.

“It’s gonna be cool; it’s not cheap tracking in tons of pounds of snow. One Way’s been really helpful,” Pi Kappa Alpha member and business senior Wes Hartman said.

The snowboarding contest is the main attraction, but there will be numerous other happenings as well. Food has been donated for a tri-tip barbecue. There will be a snowboard raffle, sorority fashion show, sorority-run carnival games, giveaways and a DJ.

“We want to have a great time and raise as much money as we can,” Mineo said.

Money raised from the event is not only allocated for Foucher’s family but for St. Joseph Hospital’s new Cancer Center located in Orange, Calif.

“We said we had to do this for Bryan, help his parents, help them pay for bills or send it to a cancer foundation,” Mineo said, noting that a donation box will be located on-site. “Sponsors paid for all of the supplies and prizes so whatever we make is profit, which is really cool.

An e-mail from St. Joseph Hospital Foundation’s director of development Viki Baris to Hunley states that all proceeds will be designated to the new comprehensive Cancer Center housing their expanding cancer programs.

The new three-story center is scheduled to open this summer and offer full-service treatment in a single location.

“Boarding for Cancer” will take place from approximately 1 to 3 p.m. in front of One Way Board Shop located at 1501 Froom Ranch Rd. One Way Board Shop is one of 11 sponsors and will also hold a sale and donate prizes.

There is no attendance fee for the function, but entry for the all-division contest is $10. First prize is a snowboard, second prize is a jacket and third prize is a pair of gloves.

“It’s going to be a lot of fun,” Hartman said.

“Even if you don’t know Bryan, come out for the cause, come out for the snowboarders. How often is there snow in San Luis?”

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Members of the Cal Poly chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha are raising money for lymphoma.

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tertain people and educate them, which is why we had information after every question.”

Though many students initially came to get credit for KINE 353, the personal health: multicultural approach class, students didn’t walk away from the experience empty-handed.

“It was a good refresher for what I should have already learned,” said agricultural sciences freshman Bryan Pierce, who participated in the game.

Smith was glad people were able to learn something new from this experience.

“Hopefully they learned some facts about black culture; obviously, some of the questions were a bit tricky for some students to answer,” he said.

One of the questions that stumped all five teams was “What are the four elements that make up what is known as hip-hop?” The answer ended up being MCing, DJing, break-dancing and graffiti art.

Smith is also coordinator for the other events relating to Black History Month, including slam poetry, a step-dancing performance and documentary screenings.
Senate Republicans block Dems' attempt to add $40B to economic stimulus bill

Julie Hirschfeld Davis

WASHINGTON — The fate of $600-$1,200 rebate checks for more than 100 million Americans in limbo after Senate Republicans blocked a bid by Democrats to add $44 billion in help for the elderly, disabled veterans, the unemployed and businesses to the House-passed economic aid package.

GOP senators banded together Wednesday to thwart the $255 billion plan, leaving Democrats with a difficult choice either to quickly accept a House bill they have said is inadequate or risk being blamed for delaying a measure designed as a swift shot in the arm for the lagging economy.

The tally was 58-41 to end debate on the Senate measure, just short of the 60 votes Democrats would have needed to scuttle procedural hurdles and move the bill to a final vote. In a perfunctory showdown vote that capped days of partisan infighting and procedural jockeying, Republicans — four of them up for re-election this year — joined Democrats to back the plan, bucking GOP leaders and President Bush, who objected to the costly add-ons.

Democrats choreographed the vote for maximum political advantage, presenting their aid proposal as a take-it-or-leave-it proposition for Republicans and calling back their presidential candidates to make a show of party unity.

Democratic presidential candidates Hillary Clinton of New York and Barack Obama of Illinois flew to Washington for the vote. GOP front-runner John McCain of Arizona did not vote.

Supporters actually had 59 votes in favor of the Democratic proposal, but Reid watched his vote to "no" at the last moment, a parliamentary move that allows him to bring the measure up for a revote. Republican leaders objected to add-ons such as a $14.5 billion unemployment extension for those whose benefits have run out, $1 billion in heating aid for the poor and tax breaks for renewable energy producers and coal companies.

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Surfriders: just trying to make a difference

Cassandra Carlson

From recent sewage spills in Morro Bay to unannounced water testing in Pismo Beach, local surfers and beachgoers are worried about the current state of our oceans.

At Cal Poly, a group who cares about these issues is now voicing their concerns in the officially chartered sub-chapter of the San Luis Bay Surfrider Foundation.

Group president and environmental management junior Colin Nicol and vice president and nutrition junior Lindsey Mitchell came up with the idea to start a Surfrider group on campus.

“It was pretty cool when we both realized we had the same idea and there are so many people who want to get involved,” Mitchell said.

Nicol feels that the Surfrider Foundation is not just for surfers, but it is for anyone who loves the beach.

The Surfrider Foundation is a non-profit environmental organization whose mission is to protect and enjoy the world’s oceans, waves and beaches for the employment of all people, through conservation, activism, research and education.

Since becoming a new group, they have been volunteering at local Surfrider events and benefit shows and plan on hosting beach clean-ups and education on watersheds.

“Public outreach is important because most people do not know that creeks run into (the ocean),” Nicol said.

“We are starting to work with Kim Busby, the water quality specialist on campus,” Mitchell said. “We have decided together that we are going to work on community outreach and education. One out of three students are surfers on campus; this club will help gather everyone together.”

Surfers and locals who love the beach have had a lot to deal with in the past few weeks. The Pacific Ocean has recently had a murky brown tint due to all the run-off from the rain. On Jan. 27, a 20,000 gallon spill of untreated sewage from the Men’s Colony Wastewater Treatment Plant ran into Chorro Creek, creating a huge impact on the ecosystem in Morro Bay.

The San Luis Obispo County Public Health Department quarantined the entire area from Morro Rock to the southern end of the bay, restricting all sport-harvested bi-valve shellfish from the Morro Bay Estuary for a couple of weeks.

Locals are also worried about the number of samples taken 20 twenty locations by Environmental Health Services. According to the San Luis Obispo County Web site, weekly samples are looking for three types of indicator bacteria which at sufficient concentrations indicate the potential presence of bacteria that may cause human illness and a health advisory will be announced if these are present.

Even though the results are compared to standards established by the state of California, Nicol said that more testing is needed.

The Cal Poly group’s proactive stance on the issue is apparent since they are petitioning for more water testing near Pismo Beach. They received almost 150 signatures during UU Hour last Thursday.

Though the group just recently formed, members are also thinking about sponsoring an alternative energy boat, which will promote alternative energies in the future when the boat docks in San Luis Obispo County later this quarter.

Cal Poly Surfrider is also an active and voting member of the San Luis Obispo Surfrider Foundation, a group on campus.

There are many students involved with the club; the group has five other board members, even including what Nicol and Mitchell call a “web ninja.”

“Right now we are tweaking through uncharted water,” Nicol said of the group.

Surfrider plans on kicking off their group with a showing of the movie “Sipping Jet Streams,” at the end of February, an event that Nicol hopes will “gather the masses.”

The local chapter will also host Stoke Fest ’08 at the Old Vienna Restaurant in Shell Beach from 6 to 11 p.m. on Feb. 23. Featured music will include Mrs. Brown, Chancho and Ku Dog Karl.

“We are going to keep (Cal Poly Surfrider) pretty light-hearted for now,” Mitchell said.

“But we need to take care of the place we love the most … for me, this is the ocean. My life revolves around it.”

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The company that Mickey built owes much of its recent success to its slow of cable TV brands, including ESPN and its “High School Musical” and “Hannah Montana” franchises.

The Walt Disney Co. reported Tuesday it had notched a 9 percent jump in first-quarter revenue across nearly all of its business units, with the growth fueled in part by higher advertising, sales of “High School Musical 2” DVDs and “Hannah Montana” products.

The strong performance helped Disney beat Wall Street estimates, even as it posted a 26 percent decline in profit from a year earlier, when it benefited from the sale of a magazine and entertainment channel.

Disney shares rose $1.55, or more than 5 percent, to $31.62 during afternoon trading Wednesday.

CHICO (AP) — A man sought for attempted murder is in custody following a three-hour standoff during which he barricaded himself inside an apartment with a 6-week-old child.

Thirty-one-year-old Damon Mackbeck of Marysville is under arrest on a warrant alleging he stabbed a man in Yuba City in December. Chico police say they removed a woman who was in the apartment with Mackbeck on Tuesday, but she left her infant son behind.

Mackbeck never threatened the child, but police treated the standoff as a hostage situation. They closed a street and told neighbors to stay inside their apartments.

Mackbeck surrendered, and the child is unharmed.

LAGUNITAS (AP) — The number of endangered coho salmon returning to spawn in Marin County has plummeted, and scientists are trying to figure out why.

Marin’s Lagunitas watershed is home to one of the state’s largest remaining populations of wild coho salmon. Coho have become extinct in 90 percent of California streams that once supported the species.

The steep coho decline in Marin will make it difficult for the fragile population to bounce back.
50 dead as violent storms rip across South

Antonio Gonzalez

WASHINGTON (AP) — Residents begin digging out after a powerful tornado ripped through Lafayette County, Miss., looked him right in the eye and he died right there in front of me.

Residents in five Southern states tried to salvage what they could Wednesday from homes reduced to piles of debris, a day after the deadliest cluster of tornadoes in nearly a decade tore through the region, snapping trees and crunching houses. At least 56 people were dead.

Rescue crews, some with the help of the National Guard, went door-to-door looking for more victims. Dozens of victims were reported as the storms swept through Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas and Alabama.

Sevaca Dixon, whose Atkins, Ark., home was shattered, said Wednesday morning in her yard, holding weekly baby pictures of her son, who is now a 20-year-old soldier in Iraq. Only a concrete slab was left from the home.

"You know, it's just material things," Dixon said, her voice breaking. "We can replace them. We were just lucky to survive.

In many places, the storms struck as Super Tuesday primaries were ending. As the extent of the damage quickly became clear, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Barack Obama and Mike Huckabee passed in their victory speeches to remember the victims.

Twenty-six people were killed in Tennessee, 13 killed in Arkansas, seven killed in Kentucky and four killed in Alabama, emergency officials said. Among the victims were Arkansas parents who died with their 11-year-old daughter in Atkins when they stayed behind to calm their horses. The community, one of the hardest hit, is a town of about 3,000 approximately 60 miles northwest of Little Rock.

Ray Story tried to get his 70-year-old brother, Bill Clark, to a hospital after the storms leveled his mobile home in Macon County, about 60 miles northeast of Nashville. Clark died as Story and his wife tried to navigate debris-strewn roads in their pickup truck, they said.

"He never had a chance," Story's wife, Nova, said. "I was there before daylight and it looked like a war zone," he said.

National Briefs

WASHINGTON (AP) — An unexpected number of deaths among patients receiving intensive therapy to lower their blood sugar forced the National Institutes of Health to abruptly cut short part of a major study on diabetes and heart disease.

The therapy was aimed at reducing to normal levels the blood sugar of type 2 diabetes at especially high risk of heart attack and stroke. There were 257 deaths among people receiving intensive diabetes treatment, compared with 203 in the standard treatment group. NIH's National Heart Lung and Blood Institute said.

More than 18 million Americans have diabetes, with type 2 the most common form.

NEW YORK (AP) — Heath Ledger died of an accidental overdose of painkillers, sleeping pills, anti-anxiety medication and other prescription drugs, the New York City medical examiner said Wednesday.

The cause of death was "acute intoxication by the combined effects of oxycodone, hydrocodone, diazepam, temazepam, alprazolam and doxylamine," spokeswoman Ellen Borakove said in a statement.

The medical examiner's office only provided generic names, so it is unknown whether he took generic or brand-name drugs. Police had said they found six types of prescription drugs, including sleeping pills and anti-anxiety medication, in Ledger's apartment.

PASCO, Wash. (AP) — The discovery of an apparent piece of human scalp has puzzled police knocking on doors to try to determine the source.

"At this point it appears to be human," police Capt. James Raymond said Tuesday. "We're taking a leap that the person it belongs to probably is not alive." Enidhira Salinas said her 4-month-old puppy Clifford brought home the apparent piece of scalp with reddish hair on Sunday from a backyard in the neighborhood.

Police went door to door in the neighborhood in this central Washington town for about five hours Monday to ask neighbors if they had seen any red-haired strangers in the area lately.

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International Briefs

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, Pakistan (AP) — A coalition of Taliban militants in northeastern Pakistan declared an "indefinite" cease-fire Wednesday to fight against security forces. The government said it was preparing for peace talks.

A Pakistani army helicopter crashed in the same region, killing three generals and five other soldiers. The army said initial reports indicated a technical fault in the chopper and ruled out hostile fire as the cause.

Maulvi Mohammed Unar, a spokesman for the Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan, a militant umbrella group, said the cease-fire would cover the lawless, semiautonomous tribal belt that borders Afghanistan, and the restive region of Swat where the army also has battled pro-Taliban fighters.

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — Chad’s president said his government was in control of the entire country Wednesday, speaking publicly for the first time since rebel troops tried to overthrow him.

Idriss Deby wore a military uniform as he received reporters in the presidential palace. He denied reports that he had been injured as the capital of the Central African nation was besieged, spreading his arms wide and saying, “Look at me. I’m fine.”

Al-Qaida videos show boys in training

Al-Qaida videos shows boys in training as Iraqi insurgency’s ‘new generation’

Lauren Frayer
Thursday, February 7, 2008

N'DJAMENA, Chad (AP) — Chad’s president said his government was in control of the entire country Wednesday, speaking publicly for the first time since rebel troops tried to overthrow him.

The military said videos seized from suspected Al-Qaida in Iraq hideouts show militants training children who appear as young as 15 to kidnap and kill. It’s viewed as a sign that the terror network — hungry for recruits — may be using younger Iraqis in propaganda to lure a new crop of fighters.

“Al-Qaida in Iraq wants to position the next generation of Iraqis,” said Rear Adm. Gregory Smith, a U.S. military spokesman. “It is offering children the new generation of eagles’,” he added, using the Arabic term for holy warriors.

The military said the videos — seized in a December raid in Khan Bani Sart, northwest of Baghdad — were filmed in Iraq and depicted Iraqi children, but offered no definitive evidence. Smith said the adult trainer’s voice had an Iraqi accent. It could not be determined when the videos were made, he added.

The scenes included boys mimicking the violence and aggression that have become familiar to Iraqi children since the 2003 U.S.-led invasion. But the footage also appeared to show organized militant training sessions, suggesting an effort by Al-Qaida-inspired insurgents to train ever-younger — and perhaps less conspicuous — militants.

The raw footage was likely to be incorporated into propaganda films for Al-Qaida or other militant groups.

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When describing the word "creativity," lateral thinking and topics concerning the right and left brain might not instantly come to mind. But they do to renowned fantasy artist James C. Christensen.

"All I'm trying to do is get people's creative juices going and convince people that everyone has an imagination and everyone can be more creative than they are," Christensen said of his presentations.

Liberal studies department chair Susan Daffy is excited the school has once again secured artist James C. Christensen as a speaker.

"He was here last year, and he did such a phenomenal job," she said. "I'm interested so that I can communicate personal, tweaking it to make it interesting so that I can communicate with other people about my ideas," Christensen said.

Christensen was born and raised in Culver City, Calif. For as long as he can remember, he has wanted to be an artist.

"I tried to get out of it and do something else a couple of times, but my heart wasn't in it. I'm an artist," he said.

His studies included painting at Brigham Young University, where he finished his formal education, and UCLA. Since his days in school, Christensen has held one-man shows throughout the country, and his work is prized in collections throughout the United States and Europe.

Though labeled a "fantasy artist," Christensen does not think of himself in such a way.

"I just consider myself a picture-maker, a visual communicator," he said. "But I do it with fun and with an attitude."

His work has been described as opulent, colorful and Shakespearean. Christensen has created a Shake­spearean island, an underwater world and a village of Mother Goose characters as well as a unique place of his own that he likes to paint, where recognizable human emotions are often seen as fish or fowl.

Christensen has won numerous honors and awards and is the author of several books. He has also been commissioned by Time-Life Books and Omni to create illustrations for their publications, and his work has appeared in the "Annual of American Illustrators" and Japan's "Out­standing American Illustrators."

Daffy is a big fan of his work because of its whimsical yet metaphysical nature.

"He uses a number of symbols in his paintings. Some may have religious significance, and some may have significance of social commentary," she said. "But if you look at some of the books he's done, he explains what he's doing in his paintings."

Recently Christensen was designated a Utah Art Treasure by the Springville Museum of Art. He also received the Governor's Award for Art awarded by the Utah Arts Council, recognizing the significance of his work to Utah's cultural communities. He was inducted into the Art Magazine's Hall of Fame as well.

The free presentation takes place at 7 p.m. Friday in Phillips Hall in the Performing Arts Cen­ter.

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Bobbi Nelson: Out of her brother’s shadow, into the limelight

By Raiza Canelon

In a world full of musicians who want to be famous and live the dream of a rock star, it’s rare to find one who keeps her sanity and class while inspiring generations of people. But Bobbi Nelson has managed to keep her music alive in past, present and future generations.

Nelson, who is 76 years young, released her first solo album in September 2007. With the help of her brother, music icon Willie Nelson, she was finally ready to step from behind Willie’s shadow and present her own music to the world. Brought up in true Southern fashion, with a thick Southern drawl and loaded with charm and grace, Nelson speaks about her passion of music, her brother, and how she got to this point in her life and career.

“I have been playing with Willie and traveling with the band since 1971,” she said. “I grew up playing with him; our first band was back in high school. I think I was 16, and Willie was 14.”

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I have a confession to make: I created an eHarmony profile. Let me explain. I did it as a social experiment. I did it for you. I also did it in response to Taylor Moreno’s column this week about online dating.

It sounded safe. Just go on, take the test and find out if there is anyone out there who is my “match.” Well, consider that done.

First, I had to fill out a comprehensive personality test. I am most thankful for my friends, family, and “insert cliché word here.”

My friends would say that I am creative, easy-going, spiritual and loyal.

I am “somewhat” — no — “modest” honest. I wait, do I find pleasure and contentment in simple things, or do I crave new experiences and adventure?

I figured I would just keep an e-mail with the names and locations of a few coeds. That would be funny. That would be enough. But no.

No, 21, from Massachusetts is a “personal banker.” Andy, 26, from Albuquerque is probably a bigot. Matt, 25, from Fort Worth likes kids and cigarettes. It seems that none of my “matches” are even matches.

But wait, it’s not like it matters anyway. I am not actually going to follow up on this thing. I hate the idea of a match made in “digital heaven.” I’m old-fashioned like that.

But I look, I judge, I contemplate. What if one of these guys is my match?

Jeremiah, 25, from Seattle seems interesting ...

Ex, click the “x” before you get any ideas. But I get more e-mails informing me that I have another match, another match, another match, Jonathan, Rick, Justin. Now I feel bad, like I’m misleading them. I did set up a profile with the intention of using my potential matches for an ego boost. My original idea of “it’s OK to look” had turned into a full-blown ethical dilemma. (And guess what? It’s NOT OK to look!) Jeremiah wants to start communication. I DJ would like you to answer his questions.

Oh dear, this is going to be hard to stop. The e-mails just keep rolling in. What if I try no means with for them to stop — what girl wouldn’t want to have five e-mails a day telling her that she has yet another “match”? — I know that I have to end my relationship with eHarmony.

I look one last time. Justin has a “closed” message. What does that mean? He has a private message for me, or what? Well, my curiosity gets the better of me. I check.

Oh, he’s eBreaking up with me. Hey, he seemed nice, too. (This I found once I took a peck at what was missing.) He explained, though no photos or enough information. Pleas, good thing, too — he may have fallen for me.

And another “closed” message. I prepare myself for its contents. Too much physical distance between us.” Hey, look, I know I distance myself from relationships when they get too serious. Jerk.

Ooohh, he’s referring to that fact that he lives on the opposite side of the country. Rats.

Now I have to stop.

I log off. That’s it. It’s over between us, eHarmony. It’s not me; it’s you.

And this that it was over quicker than it began. Confession number two: I still haven’t figured out how to actually quit the program and delete my profile.

So, yes, I will still be receiving those nice little e-mails.

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A reggae night done right

Reggae band SOJA (Soldiers of Jah Army) performed Tuesday at Mongos in Grover Beach and evoked some true reggae spirit.

By the end of the night, the aroma of dank weed and smoke rose above the crowd as arms swayed in the air to the beat of the reggae music. People sang along with SOJA and danced in rhythm with the throb of the bass and drums. The vibe was truly incredible with such an eclectic gathering of people.

The night started out as any other Reggae Tuesday at Mongos in Grover Beach. The sound of the pool table resonated in the room — until the music began, that is. Then people gathered around the dance floor, eventually filling it up so it was almost impossible to get from one side of the room to the other. Some closed their eyes during the performance and moved in time, obviously lost deep in the sound, while others had their arms around each other smiling and dancing.

Rebelution was the opening band for SOJA. Hailing from Santa Barbara, they got their start playing shows in Isla Vista. Their album "Courage to Grow" was awarded by iTunes the 2007 Editors' Choice for Best Reggae Album.

“If tonight is anything like the last three nights, we expect a lot of energy mixed with death and people listening to the messages we and SOJA share throughout the night,” said Marley Williams, bass player for Rebelution, to the crowd.

“My favorite part of playing is looking out into the crowd and seeing people having a good time, singing along with the words and dancing,” added Rory Carey, keyboardist for the group.

SOJA is heavily influenced by classic roots reggae, infusing rock into their music. The sound was amazing, defined by their exploding guitar riffs and intense drum solos throughout the concert.

During their set, they played songs off “Courage to Grow” and older songs such as “Change the System.” Carey jammed on his keyboard with his eyes closed most of the time and a smile constantly on his face. Eric Rachmany, lead singer and guitarist, shredded on his solos and his facial expressions were priceless when he involved the crowd.

The lyrics to their song “Feelin Alright” start out: “Well it’s about that time, for us to look around, and meet somebody new.” Fittingly, people began to look around and make friends with their neighbors. The positive feeling in their songs is catchy, and those who didn’t know the chorus at first knew it by the end of the song.

SOJA took the stage half an hour later after Rebelution broke down their gear. People were anxiously waiting for them to play, some of them never leaving the dance floor.

Kenny Brownell, who play percussion for SOJA, was walking amok, holding a drink in his hand — some sort of concoction of Hefeweizen and fruit juice his sound technician had given him.

“I can’t wait to get up there and play; I know I do this for a living, but it’s not work to me,” Brownell said. “I love having small crowds such as this, because the vibes can be just as good, if not greater, than our large venues.”

As the band was doing sound check, people clapped and whistled. As soon as the first song started, lighters flickered and the haze of smoke became apparent.

The maximum occupancy of Mongos is 300, and the venue was packed to capacity. Some people had to stand outside, listening to the music from there because they couldn’t get in.

Jacob Hemphill, SOJA’s lead singer and guitarist, got the crowd going with one of their more popular songs, “Peace in Time of War,” by having the crowd sing back to the band.

Listening to SOJA is truly a unique experience, and the messages of peace and overcoming the system were a good way to end Super Tuesday. There was a feeling of love and change in the air. Or maybe it was just the weed.
Girls & Sports by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

INTRODUCING: "LAKERY THE COMPOSITIVE LURP!
WONTH MY FANTASY BASKETBALL LEAGUE, MY OTHER TEAM IS KICKING Vกาแฟ TÉAM BUTT'S!
AND THE ENTRY FEE IN THAT LEAGUE IS $500, SO I DON'T EVEN TAKE THIS LEAGUE SERIOUSLY!
REALLY? BECAUSE IT SAYS HERE YOU LEAD THE LEAGUE IN LINEUP CHANGES, PROPOSED TRADES AND VISITS TO THE ADVICE COLUMN.

Last Ditch Effort by John Kroes

GURLS COME ON, MAN. WE JUST LOSE POINTS CAN'T WE DO SOMETHING!
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LIKE PLAY A GAME, LIKE CREATES THE GAME OR SOMETHING?
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The New York Times Crossword
Edited by Will Shortz
No. 1227

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Super Tuesday was this past Tuesday, and while most of you were busy playing Guitar Hero instead of voting for who you hope will eventually be the leader of the free world, two or three of your colleagues took time out of their day to visit their nearest polling station.

Unfortunately, these students’ votes were trampled and snatched under the iron walkway of the over-60 age bracket, who were tricked into voting by having been told “it’s just like bridge.”

With young people consistently failing to become interested in the political process, San Luis Obispo tried to help college students polling locations through unique methods. One location tailored to people too dull to ponder specific issues,4 encouraging students to vote for the “Best Dressed” candidate from a series of photographs.

Another enabled 21-year-olds to choose a cup of beer at random, drink it and vote for the candidate whose name was written on the base of the cup. This led to the problem of students attempting to vote for multiple candidates. While initially discouraged, eventually folks got so wasted they simply cared to the pressure. Hmmm... I hope none of those photostats are in their book.

Even then, turnout was miserable. Why does our age group consistently fail to vote in election apathy? As a group, if we all voted in the same numbers that our parents and grandparent voted, we would change the course of this country completely.

There are so many pressing issues that face young people these days that are yet to be solved. For example, how can someone be able to serve in the military but not be able to rent a car? And why is that guy in my engineering class allowed to wear the same green polo shirt without fail every single day? I guess it’s OK if he wishes it every night or has a collection of green polo shirts in his closet. But how can I know that? I should be allowed to know that! It’s a matter of homeland security, I say.

One answer to this question lay in the fact that young people are stupid. Not stupid in the “I wonder what Jamie Lynn Spears names her kid” sort of way, but the “I tasted more tears when the Patron lost the weekend” sort of way. It is a truly unhealthy version of sloth, where young people claim they failed to vote because they forgot what day it was. Even worse, Super Tuesday occurred. On perhaps there’s an abstainer, ballot waiting to be mailed beneath a pile of partially-completed Suduko puzzles from old Mustang Dailies (try today’s Sudoku; it’s mind-opening).

And now it’s too late. Super Tuesday is long (two days) behind us. It seems that while young people recognize voting is important, they simply don’t have the time to get around to it. I’ll admit, my schedule’s just too busy sometimes. Not busy in the “I simply must whittle my list of favorite baby names from 394 down to 53 before she gives birth” sort of way, but the “I just put extra items in my daily planner so people looking over my shoulder at my planner will think I work harder than they do” sort of way.

Wait a sec; some students get extra credit in class if they vote! To the poll!”

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Caution: Zombie crossing

Sarah Kyo

Once upon a time, when the clock struck midnight, Cinderella’s coach turned into a pumpkin.

Once upon a time, when the clock struck midnight, I once thought it was my time, my bedtime.

Fairies don’t translate well into reality.

Before I transferred to SJC, a couple of years ago, pulling an all-nighter was reserved in cases of “emergencies,” such as papers and projects that were due the next day. Now, either those emergencies seem to be more frequent, or I’m finding other ways to put off going to bed.

Going our doesn’t even need to be an excuse for staying up late into the night. I can stay inside. It’s a safe place and find some reason to not do anything.

Not getting enough sleep, though, does take its toll.

...do you concentrate when your eyes want to close and your body warms the comfort of a nice, warm bed, not to mention that your head may start aching and you may feel compelled to inject some caffeine into your system.

During Sunday’s Super Bowl, there was a commercial for Diet Pepsi Max, a more caffeinated version of the artificially watered-down drink. Like the people in that commerical, I’ve sometimes felt compelled to nod off all of a sudden. Unlike the people in that commercial, though, I don’t plan on drinking that beverage, nor do I do any social media head-bopping. I am the film “Night at the Roxbury” to the song “What Is Love?”

“Baby don’t hurt me, don’t hurt me, no more.””

Forget about the baby. Why do I abuse myself with lack of sleep?

Why do we do it?

Sometimes it can be just out of necessity because of our busy, over-scheduled lives. Sometimes that’s out of our hands, but other times it’s our own fault. Plus, there always seems like there’s more that needs to be done. If I’m not doing something, then I’m thinking about doing something. Constantly thinking about something can keep you up at night.

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According to the American Academy of Sleep Medicine, about 20 percent of U.S. adults don’t sleep enough, while about 30 million Americans have a chronic sleep disorder.

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Thank you, Hollywood

The Hollywood writers are on strike, shows have stopped production, and the American public is left without fresh nightly entertainment. To many this constitutes tragedy, but for some, it brings sheer enlightenment.

After missing nightly fixes of shows like “Grey’s Anatomy,” “30 Rock” and the overly popular “Desperate Housewives” for several weeks, the brain-sucking conspiracy that is television has finally made itself apparent to me. In fact, the writer’s strike may be my saving grace in reclaiming an active lifestyle.

In the age of technology, with touch screen this and auto-start that, it’s easy to forget that electronic devices are not the only form of entertainment available. There was even, in fact, a time before Nintendo Wii, interactive phones, and the ever-ready, always present television.

We are so desperately in need of our weekly TV fix that 90 percent of Americans own a television set that is left on for an average of six hours and 47 minutes a day and watched for approximately four. In a 65-year life span, that equates to nine years glued to the tube, according to a study by A.C. Nielsen Co.

That’s the same amount of time it takes to get to the fourth grade from the day you were born. Nine full years that could be spent doing far more advantageous things.

For example, without “Grey’s Anatomy” shackling down ankles on Thursday nights, TV watchers are now free to go out and enjoy the best that San Luis Obispo has to offer. Farmer’s Market can make a social creature of the most drama-addicted TV nut and it even allows for a nice dinner out with friends.

Evenings are now open for studying, reading and overall improvement of faulty work habits and floundering grades. And when that’s finished, there’s always hanging out with friends, playing a board game or even watching a classic flick. Just last Monday, my roommates and I took in a childhood favorite, “The Little Mermaid,” in lieu of “Samantha Who?” and had a pleasant time reminiscing, something we’d have missed had our regular show been in production.

The writer’s strike has also brought clarity to the striking reality of reality television. The reality is that it sucks, and now that the airwaves are full of it, there’s even more reason to click the TV off.

Hiking is a nice alternative to all-day marathons of “America’s Next Top Model.” Biking through town serves to dissipate from VH1’s “Rock of Love,” and reading, rather than indulging in another episode of “My Super Sweet Sixteen,” is a good alternative to fake television drama.

With no new shows to occupy extra time, a fresh new habit of leaving the TV off can develop, allowing one to learn of new wonders that have long existed outside the living room and beyond the confines of the couch.

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Shannon Boren is a journalism junior and a Mustang Daily reporter.

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while averaging 5.4 rebounds per contest.

Clark has been practicing with a broken nose, which shouldn’t keep him from playing, Bromley said.

Senior guard Dawn Whiten, who started 18 games this season before not playing in the Mustangs’ most recent game, the (2-58) loss at UC Riverside, is expected to be out for the remainder of the season due to foot injuries, Bromley said Monday, adding that sophomore Lorenzo Keeler would likely start in his place.

As a team, the Anteaters average 67.9 points per game while shooting 45 percent from the floor.

“Offensively, defensively, they’re very deliberate with the ball,” Bromley said. “Teams don’t score that much on us, and they don’t score a lot either…. It’s Big Ten basketball, I guess, at its best.”

UC Irvine is the “same type of team,” Bromley said, that they were Jan. 12.

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After taking on UC Irvine, the Mustangs will host Cal State Fullerton at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Cal Poly (8-13, 5-3 Big West), meanwhile, enters the contest having lost four of its past five games.

In their most recent shortcoming, a 67-55 home loss to UC Riverside on Saturday, the Mustangs went 7 minutes and 44 seconds without scoring midway through the game.

Jumper forward Megan Harrison and senior guard Tony Neveymar shared a team-high 13 points in defeat.

For the season, Harrison paces Cal Poly with both 13.8 points and 6.5 rebounds per game, while junior forward Lisa McBride, who came off the bench against UC Riverside due to illness, is second in both categories, with 10.9 points and 5.9 rebounds per game.

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The Mustangs lead the all-time series with UC Irvine 16-16.

Shortly after taking the floor against the Anteaters, Cal Poly will play at Cal State Fullerton at 5 p.m. Saturday.

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a formula that can’t be beat.

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6) College football rivals — All right, all right, I’m guilty of being a wimp here. Without threatening my right, all right. I’m guilty of being a wimp here. Without threatening my

Even though those inflatable pools that belong to me are history, but it only contributes to

the build-up that makes the Final Four a must-see event. That this event only cracks the top five shows the strength of my list.

4) The Kentucky Derby — I was sold on this event last summer when I saw spectators gathered around one of those inflatable pools that belong in front yards with overgrown weeds.

What is so great about that, you ask? The pool was full to the brim with cans of beer.

The way I see it, I have a 10-year window where my physical ability

to see me through safely without risk of a serious or fatal injury that would jeopardize the future of any hypo-

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For anyone interested in com­pleting this journey, the Yankees are

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a college atmosphere, four teams vying for a national championship and a whole weekend to party before the big game on Monday.

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while the Mustang coaches natur­ly have preconceptions about where certain players might ultimately fit heat, they won't jump to any conclu­sions, especially with a group whose versatility and fluidity are such as­en, Ellerson explained.

Among other offensive, skill­position signings were running back Thomas Reynolds, of Archbishop Mitty High in San Jose, wide receiver Josh Swaney of Toy High in Fuller­ton and all-purpose threat Ryan Taylor­or of Oakmont High in Roseville.

Johno.h, Ellerson said, became less recruited after breaking his leg during his senior year, when he rushed for 1,995 yards and 10 touchdowns

on 167 carries. Swaney, at 6-foot-5, 220 pounds, re­eled in 45 passes for 811 yards and nine scores as senior.

He could get some company at a wider receiver from Taylor, who, while a quarterback who completed 51 per­cent of his passes for 1,110 yards and 10 touchdowns as a senior, exhibited overall playing ability that could warrant his transition to the outside.

Other signings included Matthew Hertole, an offensive and defensive li­rman from Loomis High, Av Jackson­s, a defensive back from Charter­Brothers High, Ryan Medinu, a right end and defensive end from St. Bo­naventure High, Kyle Mohamed, an outside linebacker from Brandy­Hill, Bismark Nacoro, a wide rec­iver and cornerback from Lowell High, Kevin Rutledge, a running back and defensive back from Law­dwell High, Ryan Soloneor, a running back and defensive back from Penn­sla High and Keith Winkelman, an off­ensive tackle and outside linebacker from Los Gatos High.

San Luis Obispo County signings included Logan B ind, a quarterback and defensive back from Morris Bay High and Keithoe B on, a two-way, li­rman from Nipomo High.

Cal Poly, Ellerson said, is still ac­tively pursuing a handful of recruits. The regular signing period ends April 1.

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Grammar: Greenla elected to go to Cal Poly because it would "feel more like home," a former student said.

"He meant a lot to us," Ellerson added of the All-Paci­fia View First Team coaches.

While Broadous has ex­perience at running back, he has the speed to be a B-back in Cal Poly's offi­cial offense. Ellerson's coaching staff prop­erly prepared him primarily as a rover or a wide line­backer.

"With his running back back­ground, he'll see the game the way­ and moves like this," Ellerson said. "He sees the reciprocal picture the running back does.

Offensively, the highest-profile ac­quisitions, and one Ellerson character­izes as a "perfect, ideal fit" looks to be quarterback Andre Broadous of Grant High in Portland, Ore.

An all-state Class 6A signal­ caller, Broadous amassed 44 touchdowns passes and ran for 35 more scores in his final two prep campaigns. As a se­nior, he completed 71.5 percent of his passes for 2,064 yards during Grant's 12-1 season.

"It was for him and a rich­e for us," Ellerson said of the "special opportu­nity" to acquire the Oregonia­n because of the background of current Cal Poly offensive coordina­tor Ian Shields, who recently was a head coach at Eastern Oregon.

Broadous reportedly attracted in­terest from several FBS schools, in­cluding Oregon State and Idaho.

He could receive his most com­petitive offers behind center from fellow addition Doug Shumway, a 6-foot, 175-pound quarterback from Agoura High.

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SPORTS

Mustangs try to make up for losses on court, training table
Cal Poly hosts UC Irvine, likely without starting guard

Shannon Boren

The Cal Poly men's basketball team is not only trying to rebound from what head coach Kevin Bromley calls a "frightening" Saturday loss at UC Riverside, but also from the announcement earlier this week that starting senior guard Davin White will likely be out for the rest of the season due to plantar fasciitis in his right foot.

In the first of two consecutive Big West Conference games this week, the Mustangs host UC Irvine at 7 p.m. tonight in Mont Gym.

In the most recent meeting between the two teams, UC Irvine (9-12, 4-4 Big West) emerged 73-69 at home on Jan. 12, when a close contest that included a back-and-forth game of Cal Poly catching up was essentially ended by an Anteaters free throw with 1.2 seconds left to put the game out of reach.

"We had a chance to win that basketball game," said Cal Poly head coach Kevin Bromley. "Mentally and physically we had to grind out some defensive stops at the end and couldn't get them stopped."

Senior forward Patrick Sanders, who is sixth in the conference in scoring, averaging 15.2 points per game, poses a unique threat to the Mustangs (8-12, 3-5 Big West). Sanders is a "tough match-up," Bromley says, because of his quickness as a power forward.

Also key to the Anteaters' attack is senior center Daren Fells, who averages 13.9 points and 6.2 rebounds per game while shooting a conference-best 59.4 percent from the floor. He secured 11 rebounds on Jan. 12.

"Fells is terrific inside," Bromley said. "He can go on you and he's strong and he's physical."

Cal Poly sophomore wing Charles Anderson feels that while the Anteaters' inside tandem drives their offense, the Mustangs will need to focus just as much on their supporting cast.

"Fells and Sanders are going to get their points," Anderson said. "If we can contain their role players, we'll be all right."

Leading Cal Poly should be junior guard Chaz Thomas attempting a layup during a 79-67 win over UC Davis at Mott Gym on Jan. 24.

Cochran, who has averaged 11.7 points and 7.5 rebounds per game this season, told the Daily Pilot earlier this week that she and her teammates "can't wait to play Cal Poly."

Her scoring and rebounding averages are second on the team behind senior Stephanie Duda, who posts 12.8 points and 10.4 rebounds per outing. Her rebounding average is 11th in the conference.

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The Anteaters (6-16, 2-6 Big West), who Mimnaugh deems a "very scary team," had lost 12 games in a row. They snapped their los-

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Women's Basketball

Cochran's return challenges Poly

UC Irvine's second-leading scorer didn't play in Mustangs' rout of Anteaters earlier this season

Raiza Canelon

Nearly a month ago, the Cal Poly women's basketball team enjoyed in most lopsided win of the season at the expense of UC Irvine. This time around, though, it doesn't figure to be so easy.

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