Drunken stunt results in jail, bail

Coral Snyder

A 20-year-old San Luis Obispo man was arrested late Monday after allegedly surfing on top of his vehicle. Police responded to the accident after the 1999 Toyota Solara apparently struck a 2002 Dodge Ram 1500 truck parked at 557 Ramona St. in San Luis Obispo.

Police said Cuesta College student Nathan Andrews drove his Solara on Ramona Street when he climbed out of the driver’s seat and onto the top of his vehicle while the car was still in motion. He then allegedly proceeded to perform a stunt known as “ghost riding” or “car surfing,” which involves standing or dancing atop a moving motor vehicle.

The vehicle then crashed into the parked truck because Andrews was unable to control his car, police said. The accident occurred near the Valencia Apartments, which is primarily a student-housing complex and home to approximately 500 college-aged residents. Police also said the area is typically crowded with pedestrians and vehicular traffic.

Investigators determined Andrews was under the influence of alcohol at the time of the incident and was additionally driving his vehicle with a suspended license, the result of a previous DUI.

He was arrested for driving under the influence with a blood alcohol level exceeding .08 percent, driving with a suspended license and violating a prior court order. His car was towed and will be impounded for 30 days, police said.

Bail was set at $15,000 and Andrews was booked into the San Luis Obispo County Jail.

“DUIs have always been a problem in this area, but there haven’t been anymore incidents this year than in years past,” said Lt. Steve Tolley of the San Luis Obispo Police Department.

The Poly Pier at Port San Luis serves as a valuable research tool for Cal Poly students and faculty members.

Raiza Canelon

The drive out to the Poly Pier is ominous. The narrating bridge jetts out into the middle of Port San Luis. The bottom steel looks like a grate, showing the ocean below. On a clear day, the view of Port San Luis stretches down the coast past Port Sal to Vandenberg.

Tom Moylan, Poly Pier’s director of operations, has a background in zoology and aquatic biology, and spends a lot of time on a marine research boat. Moylan’s place on the horizon shines as he casually shows off his work.

“It’s great being so close to campus that the students can come out here and experience first-hand what it’s like to do research in the field,” Moylan said.

This pier was donated to the university by Uno-cal in 2001 for a marine science and research center, and is used for many of its programs.

The College of Science and Mathematics is in charge of the pier and has been allocated $3.5 million for maintenance and operations for the center. The center hosts marine biology, invertebrate zoology, ocean technology, aquaculture and introduction to biology classes.

Moylan schedules lab times and helps the classes get the materials and supplies they need for marine research and experiments. He also builds the equipment for students and teachers and the facil-

sees Piers, page 2

SAFER takes new maid service to the cleaners

Cary Conrady

College Cleaners is not your average cleaning service. The “cleaners” are young women who wear revealing clothing, even lingerie, said “Missy,” a College Cleaners employee.

The business caused quite a stir with Cal Poly’s Sexual Assault Free Environment Resource (SAFER) program when College Cleaners posted advertisements across campus. SAFER promptly found, removed and shredded them.

“(The fliers) were posted in the University Union, outside the psychology office and in various buildings around campus. They were advertising their services and recruiting girls ... I must say we were all rather shocked to see this,” said Alicia Voorhees, the associate coordinator of SAFER Programs.

College Cleaners advertises that “for a few dollars more than a regular maid service, a fun and attractive girl in lingerie will do your laundry, your dishes, vacuuming, sweeping, appliances, and we’ll even wash your car! Special requests appreciated and considered! Call for pricing and to schedule one of our super-slay girls,” the ad stated.

The MySpace page also hosts pictures of the women posing in revealing maid outfits.

“One has to wonder what type of individuals would call for this service, and these women could really be putting themselves in a bad situation, especially if they are going to homes alone,” Voorhees said. “SAFER tries to encourage women to avoid situations that could put them at risk for sexual assault, and this is definitely one of those. SAFER wants to keep women safe, and we hope that the women working for College Cleaners will realize how risky their business might be,” Voorhees said.

According to Missy, College Cleaners employs trained bodyguards who accompany every woman to every job.

“I am going to be completely honest,” Missy said. “This very well could be unsafe if we didn’t take every precaution to make sure that our employees are protected. There is absolutely no physical contact between our employees and the clients. If any of our employees feel uncomfortable while working for any reason at all, we will leave immediately.”

“I believe SAFER should back off,” she said. “I know why they are concerned; this is an important issue and I can understand their concerns,” Voorhees said.

Missy said College Cleaners employees feel uncomfortable while working. She said she would never allow any of their employees to be near a domestic dispute, for example.

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The “cleaners” are young women who are 18 or older, and all work for a minimum wage. They work for 13 hours a week and receive two raises a year.

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Obama beats Clinton in racially polarized primary

David Espo

JACKSON, Miss. — Barack Obama collected a victory in Mississippi's Democratic primary Tuesday, the latest in a string of racially polarized presidential contests across the Deep South and a final tune-up before next month's high-stakes race with Hillary Rodham Clin- ton in Pennsylvania.

Obama won roughly 90 percent of the black vote but only about one-quarter of the white vote, extending a pattern that carried him to victory in earlier primaries in South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and Louisiana.

His triumph seemed unlikely to shorten a Democratic marathon expected to last at least six more weeks — and possibly for longer — while Republicans and their nominees-in-waiting, Sen. John McCain, turn their attention to the fall campaign.

"Now we look forward to campaigning in Pennsylvania and around the country," Maggie Williams, Clinton's campaign manager, said in a written statement that congratulated Obama on his victory.

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But in a race growing more contentious, he took a swipe at the way his rival's campaign responded. He said, "I'm confident that once we get a nomi­nee, the party is going to be unified," Obama said as he collected his victory.

"We've been very measured in terms of how we talk about Senator Clinton," he said. "I've been careful to say, I think Senator Clinton is a capable person and that, should she win the nomination, obviously, I would support her. But I am not sure we've been getting that same approach from the Clinton cam­paign," he said on CNN.

Returns from 92 percent of Mississippi's precincts showed Obama gaining 99 percent, to 39 percent for Clinton.

Obama picked up at least 17 of Mississippi's 33 delegates to the Democratic National Convention, with five more to be Awarded. He hoped for a win sizable enough to erase most if not all of Clinton's 11-delegate gain from last week, when she won three primaries.

The Illinois senator had 1.596 delegates to Clinton's 1.484. It takes 2.025 to win the nomination.

Neither of the two rivals appears likely to win enough delegates through primaries and caucuses to prevail in this historic race for the nomination, a development that has cleared the importance of nearly 800 elected officials and party leaders who will attend next sum­mer's national convention inasted super­delegates.

Obama leads Clinton among pledged del­egates, 1,385-1,237 in The Associated Press count, while the former first lady has an ad­vantage among superdelegates, 247-211.

There was little suspense about the Missis­sippi outcome, and Obama and Bill Clinton spent part of their day campaigning in Penn­sylvania, which has 158 delegates at stake in a primary on April 22.

The volatile issue of race has been a con­stant presence in the historic Democratic campaign, and it reappeared during the day in the form of comments by Geraldine Ferraro, the 1984 Democratic vice presidential candi­date and a Clinton supporter.

"If Obama was a white man, he would not be in this position. And if he was a woman (of any color), he would not be in this position. He happens to be very lucky to be who he is, and the country is caught up in the con­cept," she said in an interview with The Daily Breeze of Torrance, Calif., that was published last Friday.

Clinton expressed disagreement with Ferraro's comments and said, "It's regrettable that any of our supporters -— on both sides, be­cause we both love this experience — say things that kind of veer off into the personal." Obama called Ferraro's remarks "patently absurd." Blacks, who have supported Obama in overwhelming numbers in earlier primaries, accounted for roughly half the ballots cast in Mississippi, according to interviews with vot­ers leaving polling places.

About six of the six Democratic primary voters were independents, and Clinton and Obama split their support. Another 10 percent of voters were Republican and they preferred Clinton by a margin of 3-1.

Six in 10 Obama supporters said he should pick the former first lady as his vice presiden­tal running mate if he wins the presidential nomination. A smaller share of Clinton's vot­ers, four in 10, said she should place him on the ticket.

The Republican primary provided even less suspense than the Democratic contest. McCain had already amassed enough dele­gates to win his party's nomination and was in North Carolina last evening fundraising that was expected to raise $1 million.

Adding to the uncertainty in the lengthen­ing race between Obama and Clinton, Demo­crats from Florida and Michigan are pressing for their delegations to be seated at the sum­mer convention.

Other than Pennsylvania, Indiana, North Carolina, West Virginia, Kentucky, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Montana and South Dakota have primaries remaining.
Study finds 'shocking' rate of U.S. teen girls with STIs

Lindsey Tanner

CHICAGO — At least one in four teenage American girls has a sexually transmitted infection, suggests a first-of-its-kind federal study that startled some adolescent-health experts.

Some doctors said the numbers might be a reflection of both abstinence-only sex education and teens' own sense of vulnerability. Because some sexually transmitted infections can cause infertility and cancer, U.S. health officials called for better screening, vaccination and prevention.

Only about half of the girls in the study acknowledged having sex. Some teens define sex as only intercourse, yet other types of intimate behavior, including oral sex, can spread some diseases.

Among those who admitted having sex, the rate was even more disturbing — 40 percent had at least one STI.

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“I don’t think it’s too much of a problem; everything’s pretty much in walking distance, which is pretty nice.”
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“I wouldn’t say it’s a big problem, but it’s a problem. I haven’t really heard of very many accidents.”
— Robby Comeau, agricultural business freshman

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — A reputed street-gang member was charged Tuesday with murder as the father of a school football star, who was being mourned by fans, teammates and city officials.

The killing of 17-year-old Ismael Staw Jr., a standout running back at Los Angeles High School, came amid an outbreak of gang-related violence that has victimized schoolchildren and teens around the city.

LONG BEACH (AP) — Long Beach police said one person was injured in a shooting across the street from an elementary school.

The killing of 18-year-old Brandon Collins occurred about 11:15 a.m. Tuesday.

Police officer Jockey Bezart said an 18-year-old was taken to the hospital, but his injuries were not life-threatening.

Bakersfield, Calif. (AP) — A Bakersfield man was convicted of manslaughter for attacking his housemate with a samurai sword during an argument over his sword collection.

A jury in Kern County Superior Court convicted Gary Dale Myers, 42, of voluntary manslaughter in the 2005 death of Marco Antonio Gutierrez April 8.

WOODLAND (AP) — A defense witness said a man accused of murdering a 93-year-old woman outside the house by the time of the killing.

A state Department of Justice toxicologist, testifying at the trial of Brendt Volarvich, said a blood sample taken a day after the 2005 shooting found a drug level so high it went of the department's scale.

National

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gay-rights activists hope to use a global AIDS relief bill supported by the Bush administration to repeal a 19-year-old law restricting travel to the U.S. by HIV-positive people.

Activists oppose the near-ban as discriminatory since HIV is the only medical condition singled out in the Immigration and Nationality Act for inadmissibility.

Under a 1993 amendment to that law, foreigners with the virus can obtain visas to come to the U.S. only under limited circumstances and if they get a waiver from the Department of Homeland Security.

WEST MONROE (AP) — A firefighter performed mouth-to-mouth resuscitation and revived a small dog he found lifeless in a burning mobile home.

When firefighters arrived at the blaze on the northeastern Louisiana Friday, a resident of the house reported that a firefighter's son, "Odie" Odom and told him two dogs were trapped inside.

Odom entered the house and found the two tiny terrier pups in pet carriers in a smoke-filled room, and shocked them to safety.

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Every college bus.mapper has its share of challenges淡 in the environmental activism, an environmental official said Tuesday, downplaying worries that they will smother the Games.

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International

JERUSALEM (AP) — Palestinian militants in Gaza launched a rocket Tuesday at the Israeli city of Ashkelon after several days of calm, Israeli police said.

The rocket landed in an open area just southeast of the city of 120,000 people, police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said.

No injuries were reported.

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert left Ashkelon a short time before the rocket hit.

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — The Belgian government and banks have agreed to pay $170 million to Holocaust survivors, families and victims of the Jewish community for losses during World War II.

Campaigners on Tuesday welcomed the decision to compensate those whose properties and belongings were looted by Nazi occupiers.

Overall, $54 million will be paid to claimants and the rest will go to a trust to help the needy and ensure that the horrors of the Holocaust are remembered.

BEIJING (AP) — Beijing will meet its pledge to have cleaner drinking-water by 2010, an environmental official said Tuesday, downplaying worries that efforts to clean up the city's notorious Smog coats the Games.

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Someone's E-ting Matt Damon

Matt Damon's project life is getting as action-packed as his movie roles.

The "Bourne" trilogy actor and wife Luciana, 32, are expecting their second child, Damon's representative, Jennifer Allen, said Monday.

"The couple is very excited," Allen told the Associated Press.

Iglesias Jr. "Gone Country"

The winner of Country Music Television's "Gone Country" reality show was born in Madrid, Spain, and raised in Miami, but these days Julio Iglesias Jr. is spending a lot of time in Nashville.


The series, taped over 10 days in October at country star Barbra Mandrell's former home, concluded Friday on CMT with Iglesias proclaimed the winner.

New Yankee — for a day

Billy Crystal will get to "look majestic" in pinstripes.

The actor will sign a one-day, minor league contract with the New York Yankees and play in Thursday's exhibition game against the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Crystal, an avid Yankees fan, will work out with the team on Wednesday and will wear uniform No. 66 for the game — to be placed one day before his 60th birthday. The Yankees said Monday they have the approval of baseball commissioner Bud Selig.

Outdated will leaves daughter nothing

Heath Ledger's will leaves nothing to his former girlfriend and their 2-year-old daughter because it was never updated after they became parents of 2.

A copy of the three-page will, filed in Manhattan Surrogate Court, showed the 28-year-old Australian actor left everything he owned to his parents and three sisters. The actor's father, who has said the family would make sure the actor's former girlfriend, actress Michelle Williams, and their 2-year-old daughter, Matilda Rose, would be provided for, according to published reports.

Clooney controversy

George Clooney put pressure on an Olympic sponsor to speak out over China's foreign policy in Sudan.

The Hollywood star promotes Omega Watches, one of the worldwide Olympic partners for the Beijing games.

"I have talked with Omega (about China) for over a year and will continue to talk to Omega," Clooney was quoted saying on the BBC Web site Tuesday. "I have and will go to the places I and China do business and ask for help.

First comes hospital then comes TV

Brinley Spears' upcoming appearance on the CBS show "How I Met Your Mother" could be to borrow scene-stealer Barney's favorite word — legendary.

Spears will guest-star in a March 24 episode of the cult series, CBS spokesman Kelli Raftery told The Associated Press on Tuesday. The pop star will portray Abby, a receptionist in a dermatologist's office who becomes "smitten" with Ted (Josh Radnor), Raftery said.

Craig Thomas, the show's creator, told Usmagazine.com that Spears attended a table reading with the cast on Monday, and that her scenes will probably be filmed later this week.

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“Meeting Resistance,” a documentary by journalists Molly Bingham and Steve Conners (above right), shows the motivation behind the Iraqi insurgent movement. The film will be screened at the San Luis Obispo City/County Library Thursday, just in time for the fifth anniversary of the U.S. invasion of Iraq.

Rachel Gellman
ARTS EDITOR

“Meeting Resistance,” a documentary by journalists Molly Bingham and Steve Conners, both photojournalists who have specialized in Middle Eastern affairs for more than 25 years, will show their unprecedented documentary for the second time at the San Luis Obispo City/County Library at 7 p.m. Friday. The film will be shown in honor of the fifth anniversary of the U.S. invasion of Iraq, and the directors will stay afterward to answer questions and discuss issues.

The directors showed the film about the active Iraqi insurgent movement at the library Jan. 17, in an intimate setting and remained for more than an hour after the showing to speak with the audience.

At this screening, it was obvious that Conners and Bingham were not informed just about the insurgent movement, but of the history of Iraq and other Arab nations as well. They extensively researched what is going on currently, politically and socially.

“Meeting Resistance” explores the myths in mainstream U.S. media by documenting primary sources. Conners and Bingham interviewed 45 Iraqi insurgents in a 10-month period to create the film, and although faces and identities are obscured on screen, the messages are clearly projected.

Conners explained that before “Meeting Resistance” was screened, he and Bingham produced an opinion-editorial piece for The New York Times with clips of their film accompanied by many statistics they found while reporting. He said the statistics contrasted drastically with what The New York Times reported in its news stories. The op-ed editor asked for fact checks before the piece was published, and they all checked out.

“As far as the Iraqi people are concerned, 78 percent believe the U.S. military creates more conflict than it prevents, and 71 percent want a withdrawal of U.S. troops within a year,” Bingham said.

Bingham explained that since September, she and Conners traveled across the country five or six nights every week to show the film in all types of venues, and she detailed their motivation to pursue this project.

Speaking of the “Iraq of War,” a film by Earl Mars about the Vietnam War, Bingham said someone notes that 3.2 million Vietnamese people were killed because the U.S. misunderstood their motivation. People thought the people they were fighting were communists when they were actually nationalistic fighting occupation.

“I think (Meeting Resistance) in some way kind of calls that bluff to the American population, to our political structure,” Bingham said. “We all said we’ll never do this again; we’ll never do what we did in Vietnam again.

She said especially now, in an election year, she hopes that after people see the film, they will hold discussions about it. She said people should write blogs or tell friends about it, or just spread the word because she hopes it will persuade Americans to contemplate their political decisions.

Conners pointed out that although he and Bingham are mainstream journalists, they came against gatekeepers after they made the film but decided not to quit.

“And here we are. We are here addressing people directly with the film,” he said.

Bingham said there is hope in America that the war is going to “turn a corner,” as President George W. Bush recently said.

“There is this notion of always thinking that the next few months, the next few weeks, the next year will produce a stabilized Iraq, ... Sixty-one percent of the Iraqi population as a whole thinks it is perfectly acceptable to target American troops in Iraq and kill them. That’s a significant statement. Recognizing that it is the heart and soul of Iraq that’s opposed to our presence, there is a real step to make,” Bingham said.

The San Luis Obispo City/County Library is located at 995 Palm St. A $12 donation is suggested but not required for the viewing.

Perfectly crafted Crystal Castles’ album leaves listeners wanting more

As the progression of pop music steadily increases, wild mutations occur more frequently and die down just as fast. A generation with access to instant media consumption has only gathered this phenomenon, making the desire for the new thing a condition hopelessly unattainable. Crystal Castles solves the problem of its early sporadic releases of amazing yet unsettling seven inches with a self-titled full-length album that lives up to the hype.

Ethun Krief and Alice Glass make up the Toronto-based music act Crystal Castles. The duo’s first album, 2006’s “Alive Practice,” brought them into an Internet-music scene. The band’s new album, 2011’s “Crystal Castles,” is a perfect example of how to create a perfect electronic album.

The album’s first track, “Untrust Us,” is noticeably smoother than Crystal Castles’ first releases, but the crispness of the production adds a considerable depth and an identifiable dimension that makes a great song. The vocoder harmonies that rhythmically pulse throughout the track are haunting. While the first comparison that comes to mind would be The Knife, this comparison only points to a new sound. Crystal Castles has created scattered throughout the album’s new tracks are older ones from previous EPs. Although tracks like “Alice Practice” and “Air War” are excellent songs, they make the beginning of the album somewhat disjointed. With the amount of new material on the album, these older songs do not seem necessary and are sometimes extraneous.

After the first few tracks, the album gains its footing...
Beach House prepares for ‘spin-tingling’ SLO show

Rachel Glas
MUSTANG DAILY

Armed with their ethereal sound and biting wit, the duo behind the band Beach House is poised to storm into San Luis Obispo Friday. Well, maybe “storm in” is the wrong expression; “float in on a cloud” is a better fit to describe this band’s sound.

Beach House, comprised of organist/vocalist Victoria Legrand and guitarist/keyboadist Alex Scally, is touring in support of its recently released second album, “Devotion.” The “dream pop” group released the album Feb. 26 and is in the middle of a 33-show tour to promote it. *(The tour) is going to be awesome, going to be spine-tingling numbness,” Legrand said.

Beach House gives listeners the sense of floating in some surreal, undefined landscape. There’s no pounding bass or hard drum beats in this album, just soothing organs and Legrand’s lush, deep voice. At times, the music is like a religious hymn.

In sound it is best suited to small, intimate venues where listeners can wrap themselves in the music’s layers. Fittingly, the band enjoys playing in these types of places the most.

“In a small space, the sound is all-consuming, and you can feel everyone’s physical being so close to you. It’s really incredible when everyone’s feeling the same thing,” Scally said.

Beach House formed about three years ago when a mutual friend introduced Legrand and Scally. The two clicked immediately and began making music. Their self-titled debut album was released in 2006, Dubbed “dream pop” by critics, the band was compared to everyone from Mazzy Star to Cat Power.

Legrand’s rich, tranquilizing vocals are frequently likened to Velvet Underground singer Nico. When asked about the oft-made comparison, Legrand didn’t mince words.

“I’m a girl; she’s a girl. She’s a lot taller than me. She has a voice 10 registers lower than mine. I guess there are some similarities, but I don’t see them. I have a low voice and a vagina, so there you go. Guess I’m like Joan Osborne and Boy George, too,” Legrand said.

Baltimore-based Beach House will bring its “dream pop” sound to San Luis Obispo Friday in support of its newest album, “Devotion.” The show, which is being promoted by student-run Pocket Productions, will take place at the Steynbeig Gallery at 8 p.m.
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Though the band’s first album was a hit, Legrand thinks the new album shows an evolution of their sound.
“It’s thicker and has more texture, more age, not in the sense of getting older, but like a scratch versus a Smirnoff ice,” she said.
Though the band’s sound may be getting older, members haven’t shed their sense of fun. On the eve of their tour kickoff, the duo went shopping at a Maryland mall.
“We’re looking for white paint to go with our costumes. I have a weird white blazer. Hopefully we’ll look cool,” Scally said with a laugh.
Beach House will be playing at the Steenberg Gallery at 8 p.m. Friday with opening act The Paper Cuts. To listen to the band’s music, go to: www.myspace.com/beachhousemusic.

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claims. The newer tracks lose some of the rawness of their early seven inches, but their cleaner production allows for richer harmonies and wonder-lusting. Despite how well the album captures the band’s essence and all it has come to mean within these last couple of years, the amount of material and the range of songs leave listeners wanting more. A minor flaw — having nothing to do with the quality of the music — is that the album gives what we were all expecting: a lot of good songs. But in being completely satisfied, there is something to be desired. Gone are the days waiting for the new remix or EP to lack, after hearing to this album it’s hard not to feel that Crystal Castles has shown in everything they can do. Kath and Glass are extremely talented musicians, and I am sure they have many more ideas. By making an unexpectedly perfect Crystal Castles album, however, they made their work under this project complete.
Is this a great album? Yes. Will Ethan Kath and Alice Glass continue to make music? I hope so. Does there need to be another Crystal Castles record? Not necessarily. So what’s the point?
Paul Cambria is an architecture junior and music director for KCPR. San Luis Obispo, 93, 5 FM. He’s also completely full of it.

unsuccessful

Erinn Bartlett and Craig Bierko star in the disappointing FOX series “Unhitched,” directed by the Farrelly brothers.
Natalie Abreu
THE SANTA BARBARA DAILY NEWS

Even with its new spin on the 30-something rebound-dating scene, FOX’s “Unhitched,” featuring four newly divorced, separated or post-break-up friends in Boston, fails to live up to its inclusion of depth humor and laugh-out-loud moments.
The first television show from the Farrelly Brothers, notorious for gross-out and heart-warming comedy, the立项 proves to be 22 minutes of cringing, not from gross-out humor but at the sad attempts at jokes at the expense of character’s dignity. The four friends include: the professional Jack “Gator” Gately; the back Bobby; Kate, who can’t seem to get a good guy; and Dr. Freddy, who just separated from his wife six months earlier.
The pilot episode, which aired last Sunday, attempts a somewhat-bald series premise of the season.
One of the friends, “Gator,” is having wild, animal-like sex with a date, only to find that the date’s pet monkey also wants to get in on some action. Although similar to other wilder comedic moments in the Farrelly Brothers ball of fame, it proves to be too short-lived a joke to have any humorous impact on the audience.
Too many unfinished subplots are placed into the short 22 minutes, some of which try to give some history of the characters, such as Gator’s wanting to get back together with him. In all these attempts at backstories, we do not get the backstories of how the friends met or even broke up with their significant others beyond the typical “she didn’t understand me” or “he was a jerk.”
While the friends are a diverse set, some of the diversity seems forced and may leave viewers wondering, “Why would this girl ever hang out with these guys?” and “Why does Dr. Freddy’s Indian accent sound so high-pitched?”
The second episode which will air Sunday, has a chick-flick inducing intro in which Tommy, a three-time divorcee, brings a girl to hook up with to a sex addled convention. However, the episode plummets from there.
The four friends go to a nightclub to search of easy hookups, a scene in which the dialogue of the characters becomes contrived and overly witty and sounds like a lame attempt at the club scene in “Wrecked Up.”
Even the chemistry between the friends and their potential loves is lacking, more dependent on mediocre dialogue holding relationships together by mere threats rather than display real acting. The only laugh that somewhat subtly panned relationship that occurs in this episode is when the naive Dr. Freddy befriends the stoic club bouncer Alonzo.
The characters also try too hard to be vulnerable in trying the dating game again, but it results in being pathetic in their outlandish and embarrassing situations in which only the emotion of shock and a deer-in-the-head lights expression is shown on these actors’ faces. The feeling of emptiness these lowbrow folks feel in not having true love in their lives is not as empty as the feelings that viewers feel while watching this poorly constructed comedy.
The federal budget diet

Spring is rapidly approaching and with it comes the cost of living. You know that means it’s time to slim down. Yeah, I’m talking to you, federal budget. Everyone knows the federal budget needs to be reduced. With our disgusting huge deficit, one has to wonder what we can do to get this country’s checkbook balanced and under control. Last year, the federal deficit was at $1.63 billion and, surprisingly, that’s considered good. In fact, last year USA Today reported that under the Bush administration, the federal deficit hit in lowest point in five years thanks to the tax cut (it’s almost as if tax cuts can generate revenue... interesting). But this isn’t enough. Unseen programs and pork-barrel spending is further running this country’s economy into the ground, and with talk about a recession starting in the media, it’s time to take a serious look at where our money is going.

Let’s start with the elephant in the room (no pun intended): The U.S. military. I’ve heard a lot about how our government is spending more than half of our budget on defense, but this simply isn’t true. The federal budget consists of two categories: mandatory and discretionary spending. Mandatory spending consists of social security, Medicare, Medicaid, interest on debt and different entitlements. Discretionary spending is whatever is left over, and this is what Bush writes his budget proposal on every year. In 2008, defense took up a little more than half of our discretionary budget, but when you look at the budget at a whole, it’s a lot less. In reality, we only spend 21 percent of our budget on national defense. This is 14 percent in 1999 when we weren’t in a war. Sound like a lot? Well, we also spend 21 percent on Social Security, 13 percent on welfare, 13 percent on Medicare and 17 percent on Medicaid. Considering half of those are entitlements, perhaps it’s no surprise that a lot of money is wasted. Perhaps than cutting back on that familiar scapegoat, the military.

Our country spends approximately $1.17 billion every year on warfare and trying to fight poverty. That’s approximately $13,000 for every single person in poverty, and realistically, only about half of the people in poverty are enlisted in some type of program, so that amount can easily be doubled. Obviously some-
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pro-life... really?

I'm just wondering... just infuriated and discouraged

To the Editor

Displays on campus this week. I'm pro-life... really?

I'm really curious. Of all the people brave enough to come up with a good look, how many of them changed their minds on the issue and how many were just there for the graphic stuff? That disgusting me like? There are so many other ways to convince people that do not involve blood and dismembered fetuses. Maybe rather than using this time to construct these monstrosities around college campuses, use it to figure out a peaceful way to spread the message. 

Melody Williamson
Biological science senior

The displays won't change anyone's opinion

Before everyone gets too crazy about how these anti-abortion displays on campus, I would like to propose a solution to the agruing. And no, the following is not based on my stance on abortion, it is based on the simple concept of ignoring things that are not debated in a civilized way.

In contrast to all the political and ideological arguments that are sure to ensue, I would like everyone to look at the display for what it is, in its most fundamental sense. The people who are responsible for the displays somehow get a sense of accomplishment from traveling the country with gigantic posters of dead babies. The last time I checked, that was pretty sad. These actions in no way promote the advancement of the human race. For instance, if I traveled the country with my friends, taking with me several 20-foot tall posters of women who had surgical abortion, I would not think I was crazy. Thus, I am curious as to how this is any different.

I believe that if they are creating lively debate about a serious issue, I beg to differ. No, I am not going to change their stance based on the displays; in fact, I predict that it will make some people more devout in their original views. I would like to ask you to not get so worked-up before you analyze the displays for what they truly are in their most basic sense.

Doug McIntyre
City and regional planning senior

What?

I'm kind of confused about the abortion display. Now, you may ask why I'm not registering disgust about the gory pictures; my dad's a doctor and I've seen more than my share of disgusting medical stuff. My real concern is the origin of those pictures.

Now, there's not an abortion provider that I know of (no repeat offender anyway) who deliberately mangles fetuses in the manner shown in the pictures. For that matter, they don't lay them out and display to take pictures that are vaguely reminiscent of Abu Ghraib. All of which brings me to my main point:

Where did these pictures come from? For one way I can think of that anyone would be able to get these pictures is to mangle a fetus. That's disgusting and says more about the people taking the pictures than does about abortion in general.

Now, I could be wrong. I don't know where those pictures came from. The problem is, no one seems to. Perhaps we could clear that up and see if the content of the images actually supports the claim they're trying to make.

Trey Kaestner
Aerospace engineering/physics senior

Display is legal, but still insensitive

As the administrative "point person" in Academic Affairs regarding implementation of campus policy on free expression (see http://policy.calpoly.edu/cpe/100/ap40.htm), I am writing to confirm that the anti-abortion display on Dexter Lawn appears to be protected speech under the Constitution, which is reflected in our policy. In other words, the sponsoring organization has the right to mount the display, however objectionable the content may be to some people.

Nevertheless, in my opinion, the display goes well beyond the bounds of decency and exhibits a total lack of respect for our campus community. There are other ways to promote reasoned discussion about an important topic than to impose welcome images and a one-sided message on those who have little choice but to pass by a central area of the campus or to occupy adjacent buildings. The fact that the display was evidently designed to traumatize some people who have faced extraordinarily difficult personal choices is unmistakable. I sincerely hope that the campus group which brought the display here this time (and apparently at least once before) will have the good sense and courtesy not to do so again.

W. David Conn
Use Project for Academic Pro­gress & Undergraduate Education

Exposure to images unwanted, unavoidable

I am writing concerning the disturbing display of aborted fetuses located on Dexter Lawn. Let me first say that I am a firm believer and supporter of the first amendment right to free speech. However, I also believe that the disturbing display violates my rights as a Cal Poly student. My foremost gripe is that the display does not allow me or other students an adequate choice to be exposed to such graphic images. I found myself physically and psychologically shaken by only brief exposure to such images. In doing so, this display affected my ability to learn in classes and thus violated my rights as a student.

Likewise, I found myself making a significant detour just to avoid the display. As a student, I should have the right to walk through any part of campus and not feel psychologically threatened. Furthermore, this display is insensitive to students who have been impacted by abortion. I can only imagine the negative impact this display is having on them and their studies.

In conclusion, I demand that my rights and the rights of fellow students be protected through the installation of visual barriers or the removal of this display.

Jed R. Mille
Liberal studies sophomore

Embrace the gore

Many people seem shocked and appalled by the abortion display. I say embrace it. If you can’t look at those photographs and still think they are legal, please go to your class at school to help improve society, to give us alternatives to our current way of life. Our blessing and curse as humans is the ability to understand our universe and the complex interactions within it. We must apply this accumulated knowledge to improve life based on our sense of morality.

To step back to the original topic and give my personal opinion: Abortion is horrible and no one wants it. Though you may personally be able to commit to marital sex and never aborting, many people in your same society cannot. There are many reasons a woman may need to abort (health, social, economic). If at this point you’re wondering “how can he believe any of those reasons justify abortion?” read the article “Why I am an Abortion doctor” at http://tinyurl.com/277nvm.

In those “good old days” (the 1960s), some people did their own abortions, often resulting in septic abortions, a problem rarely seen now that abortions are legal and performed by professionals. For some people, the economic and social issues related to pregnancy are so serious, they would rather attempt self-abortion than carry to term. If you believe abortion is a real solution and our society would be improved by making abortion illegal, you are ignoring the needs and condition of your fellow man/woman, and spouting blank and empty rhetoric. If we want to reduce abortions, we need to improve birth control techniques and sexual education in schools.

That’s it; it’s not a difficult problem. As abortions are sometimes necessary, the only solution is prevention through education and technology. Now go think about the hard stuff, like how to peacefully resolve warring nations, or ease the environmental impact of growing countries, or solve world hunger and disease, or improve the lives of people in our own country.

Ari White is a mechanical engineering senior and a guest columnist for the Mustang Daily.

The anti-abortion exhibition on Dexter Lawn and in the UU Plaza this week was brought to the university by the organization Justice For All.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

ABORTION DISPLAYS ON CAMPUS
Poly junior forward Megan Harrison, who was named this week to the All-Big West Conference First Team, shared similar sentiments when it came to strategy.

"Our biggest strength is our ability to run the ball," Harrison said. "No one in our conference is as fast as us on the court. If we push the ball every single time and if we stay committed to that, then the game is ours and we can do anything."

Mimnaugh said she thinks Cal Poly and UC Santa Barbara are the best transition teams in the Big West, and that in terms of team speed, the Mustangs are one of the fastest squads in the conference.

"I know they're going to try to slow us down and hopefully they won't be successful in that because that is a great strength of ours," Mimnaugh said of the Anteaters.

MC Ward, which was able to qualify for the postseason despite winning just three of its final 22 contests, is led by Stephanie Judah, who Mimnaugh called "relentless."

The senior forward was ninth in the Big West in scoring at 12.4 points per game, and her Big West-leading 10.2 rebounds per contest were 12th in the country entering the week.

Also key for UC Irvine is sophomore forward Kelly Caichran, who posts 11.8 points and 7.2 rebounds per outing.

"They have some serious weapons that can certainly do some damage to us," Mimnaugh said.
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It was the Mustangs who enjoyed plenty of the former. Perhaps, when they made 59.7 percent of their shots from the floor overall and cruised to a 3-29 margin in the second half, when Cal Poly was just 9 of 35 from the floor.

"Our team's done a good job of flowing when we had bad games, so we're hoping to flow that game," said Mustang junior center Tom Shelton. Although Cal Poly was three this season following 23 point losses, one of those victories came against NAIA Division II Merck and the other two by 12 and six points, respectively, opposite Long Beach State (6-24, 2-13), the tournament's eighth and final seed.

In order to surprise in Anaheim, the Mustangs will need to take out their frustrations, Bromley emphasized.

"To that locker room after the (game at Cal State) Northridge, you could hear a pin drop," Bromley said. "And those young men in there were devastated. It's no fun to get your butt kicked, so what you do is take it of the next game. We're going to have that game," said UC Riverside's all-time leading scorer with 1,495 points.

The Highlanders, though, enter the tournament last in the conference in scoring at 59.7 points per game and are yet to win three straight games.

Meanwhile, Cal Poly, which ended the season picked by the coaches and media alike to finish second in the conference behind top seed UC Santa Barbara, has experienced more of a roller coaster. It has featured highs, including an upset win over Western Athletic Conference champion Utah State on May 15 and a 69-64 victory over fourth-seeded Pacific on Jan. 26 that was nationally televised on ESPN2.

Among the lows, however, were a stretch between those victories when the Mustangs lost six of seven, and a sting of backcourt injuries — the senior guard, the Big West's most serious of which was suffered by senior guard Dawin Whiten, the school's 12th all-time leading scorer by senior guard Dawin Whiten, the senior guard, the Big West's...

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SPORTS
Big West Tournament begins today

women's basketball
Cal Poly vies for another win against UC Irvine

A third win this season over Anteaters would advance Mustangs to second round of tournament

Rachel Gellman
STAFF REPORT

Following a week of accolades and broken records, the Cal Poly women's basketball team will take on UC Irvine in the first round of the Big West Conference Tournament at noon today at the Anaheim Convention Center.

The fifth-seeded Mustangs (11-18, 8-8) have downed the eighth-seeded Anteaters (7-23, 3-13) twice this season, and if they do it again, they will meet No. 4 seed Pacific at 2:30 p.m. Thursday.

Although Cal Poly beat UC Irvine 92-55 Jan. 12 and 84-65 Feb. 7, Mustangs head coach Faith Mimnaugh said, "We are not taking them for granted at all. We're going to have to play some tremendous defense — they've got great shooting."

Eleven of Cal Poly's 18 defeats have come by 10 or fewer points, reason to make Mimnaugh think the Mustangs are "right in the mix" of the tournament.

Of the tournament as a whole, Cal Poly "has the potential to do some damage," Mimnaugh said.

women's tennis
Women's golf team upsets Washington State

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Doubles were key for the Cal Poly women's tennis team as it upset No. 36 Washington State 4-3 at Mustang Courts on Tuesday.

The Mustangs, who split six singles matches with the Cougars, won all three doubles competitions.

Cal Poly's No. 1 tandem, comprised of sophomore Brittany Black and Steffi Wong, improved to 8-3 with a defeat of Ekaterina Bandshv and Ekaterina Kamerdinova.

Junior Maria Mace and Shannon Brady edged Bianca Selaru and Aleksandra Stefanova 8-6 to improve their record to 4-0 at the No. 2 spot.

Sophomore Diane Filip and freshman Amy Markhoff improved to 3-0 at the No. 3 position with their 8-4 win over Aleksandra Cekic and Marina Nicolas.

The Mustangs sealed their win with Black's victory at the No. 1 position to end the day.

She swept the first set over Bandshv 6-0 but lost in the second, 4-6. The two exchanged games.

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Nabokov leads Sharks over Predators, 2-1

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Joe Pavelski and Milan Michalek each scored goals, Evgeni Nabokov made 26 saves and the San Jose Sharks beat the Nashville Predators 2-1 Tuesday night for their franchise-record 16th straight win.

The first goal was decided after a lengthy video review in the third period. Jason Arnott took a shot on the power play from the right side when he passed the puck to Pavelski in front of the net, pulling Dan Ellis out of position.

Pavelski and Nashville's Cireg shot the puck between the leg pads of Ellis from close range.

The Predators ended Nabokov's shutout bid at 5:29 of the third period. Jason Arnott took a shot on the power play from the left circle that went high over the shoulder and an untouched glove of Nabokov.

Nabokov leads the NHL with 40 wins.

He won all four games against the Predators this season.

Coach Barry Trotz was behind the bench for his 727th game with the Predators, moving him into 11th place all-time in games coached for one NHL team.

He passed former Boston Bruins coach Milt Schmidt.

Nabokov made a couple really bad plays.