Poly Pier now an important marine resource for students

Raiza Canelon

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

The drive out to the Poly Pier is ominous. The narrow bridge goes 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 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 pleasant demeanor 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.

The Poly 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 facility.

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 clean homes and offices.

"We're a group of attractive, sweet and outgoing college girls who recently started a unique and fun, sexy maid service here in San Luis Obispo and Santa Maria County," wrote Missy on the MySpace page for College Cleaners.

"One of us will come to your home or office wearing our skimpiest lingerie; we'll 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-sexy 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 must a\nnot be an unsafe business, but we do everything in our power to make it a safe one ... I just want to make enough money to pay the bills, doing something that I enjoy, and do it in a safe, comfortable environment."

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 555 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.

"Dr. hill has 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.
Obama beats Clinton in racially polarized primary

David Espo

WASHINGTON—President Obama is a man of two worlds, or at least ten, each inhabited by a tribe of voters that will be crucial to his chances of winning the White House.

The president's campaign has adapted to this reality, and it has been paying off.

Obama's advantage in the black vote, which has been estimated at 60% to 40%, has been bolstered by strong showing in key states like Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Florida.

In Ohio, for example, Obama won 57% of the black vote, compared to Clinton's 43%.

The president's success with black voters extends beyond just the black community.

In Florida, Obama won 55% of the vote, compared to Clinton's 45%.

In Pennsylvania, Obama won 52% of the vote, compared to Clinton's 48%.

In Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Florida, Obama's victory was built on a strong showing among white voters, who have been more likely to support him than Clinton.

In Ohio, for example, Obama won 52% of the white vote, compared to Clinton's 48%.

In Pennsylvania, Obama won 55% of the white vote, compared to Clinton's 45%.

In Florida, Obama won 50% of the white vote, compared to Clinton's 50%.

These results suggest that Obama's strategy of appealing to both black and white voters is working.

But Obama's success is not just limited to just the black and white communities.

In Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Florida, Obama also won a majority of the Hispanic vote, which has been estimated at 12% to 14%.

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The president's success with the Hispanic vote is significant, as it represents a growing demographic that is increasingly important to the presidential election.

In Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Florida, Obama also won a majority of the Asian vote, which has been estimated at 1% to 2%.

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Study finds ‘shocking’ rate of U.S. teen girls with STIs

Lindsey Tanner
ASSOCIATED PRESS

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 an STI.

"This is pretty shocking," said Dr. Elizabeth Alderman, an adolescent medicine specialist at Montefiore Medical Center's Children's Hospital in New York.

"To talk about abstinence is not a bad thing," but teen girls and boys too — need to be informed about how to protect themselves if they do have sex, Alderman said.

The overall STI rate among the 1,938 girls in the study was 26 percent, which translates to more than 3 million girls nationwide, researchers with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found. They released the results Tuesday at an STI prevention conference in Chicago.

"Those numbers are certainly alarming," said sex education expert Nora Gelpi, who works with a teen-written Web site called sexetc.org. She said they reflect "the sad state of sex education that has been going on for years." The researchers did not identify girls by race or ethnicity.

"Teens tell us that they can't make decisions in the dark and that adults aren't properly preparing them to make responsible decisions," Lindsey Richards, president of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, said the study shows that "the national policy of promoting abstinence-only programs is a $1.5 billion failure, and teenage girls are paying the real price."

Similar claims were made last year when the government announced the teen birth rate rose between 2005 and 2006, the first increase in 15 years.

The new study by CDC researcher Dr. Sara Forhan relied on slightly older data. It is an analysis of nationally representative records on girls ages 14 to 19 who participated in a 2003-04 government health survey.

The teens were tested for four infections: human papillomavirus, or HPV, which can cause cervical cancer and affected 18 percent of girls studied; chlamydia, which affected 4 percent; trichomoniasis, 2.5 percent; and genital herpes, 2 percent.

Dr. John Douglas, director of the CDC's division of STI prevention, said the results are the first to examine the combined national prevalence of common sexually transmitted diseases among adolescent girls. He said the data, now a few years old, likely reflect current prevalence rates.

Disease rates were significantly higher among black girls — nearly half had at least one STI, versus 20 percent among both white and Mexican-Americans.

HPV, the cancer-causing virus, can also cause genital warts but often has no symptoms. A vaccine targeting several HPV strains recently became available, but Douglas said it probably hasn't yet had much impact on HPV prevalence rates in teen girls.

The CDC recommends the three-dose HPV vaccine for girls ages 11-12 and catch-up shots for ages 13-26.

Chlamydia, which often has no symptoms but can lead to infertility, can be treated with antibiotics. The CDC recommends annual chlamydia screening for all sexually active women under age 25. Trichomoniasis, also treatable with antibiotics, can cause abnormal discharge and painful urination. Genital herpes can cause blisters but often has no symptoms. It's not curable but medicare can help.

The CDC's Dr. Kevin Fenton said given the dangers of some STIs, "screening, vaccination and other prevention strategies for sexually active women are among our highest public health priorities."

Douglas said screening tests are underused in part because many teens don't think they're at risk, but some doctors also mistakenly think "sexually transmitted diseases don't happen to the kinds of patients I see."

Teens need to hear the dual message that STIs can be prevented by abstinence and condoms, said Dr. Ellen Kruger, an obstetrician-gynecologist at Ochsner Medical Center in New Orleans.

"You've got to hammer at them" with appropriate information at each stage of teen development to make sure it sinks in, she said.

She said there are a lot of myths out there, too — many sexually active teens think the withdrawal method will protect them, or that douching with Coke-Cola will kill STI germs.

Dr. Margaret Blythe, an adolescent medicine specialist at Indiana University School of Medicine, said some doctors hesitate to discuss STIs with teen patients or offer screening because of confidentiality concerns, knowing parents would have to be told of the results.

Blythe, who heads an American Academy of Pediatrics committee on adolescence, noted that the academy supports confidential teen screening.

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Mar. 8, 15:37 - An unattended laptop computer was reported stolen from the library reading room.

Mar. 8, 00:10 - Officers respond to a medical aid at Sequoia Hall. An intoxicated visitor was transported to the local hospital for treatment.

Mar. 7, 23:56 - Officers assist San Luis Obispo Police Department to respond to a party off campus, reportedly including 500 people.

Mar. 7, 18:34 - A 911 caller reported a vehicle driving around with a person on the roof off campus at Monterey and Santa Rosa streets. The call was turned over to SLOPD for response.

Mar. 6, 12:12 - Officers respond to a medical aid at the Rec Center. The patient was transported to a nearby hospital.

Mar. 6, 07:34 - Officers respond to a medical aid at Tenaya Hall. The patient, suffered from an unknown medical condition, was transported to a nearby hospital.

Mar. 4, 12:02 - A suspicious person was reported near the Business Building. Officers interviewed the subject.

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WORD ON THE STREET
“How big of a problem is drunk driving in our community?”
Compiled and photographed by Brian McMullen

“I don’t think it’s that big of a deal — not compared to other towns. It’s smaller. You can walk to places where you can drink.”
— Tova Desantiago, animal science sophomore

“I don’t think it’s too much of a problem; everything’s pretty much in walking distance, which is pretty nice.”
— Rob Broderick, journalism freshman

“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

“I’ve been driven around by people who’ve been drunk or tipsy, and didn’t know it until after they started driving ‘cause I thought that they were OK...”
— Christina Mohr, architecture & environmental design junior

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State

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A reputed street-gang member was charged Tuesday with murder as the victim, a school football star, was being honored by family, teammates and city officials.

The killing of 17-year-old Ismael Shari 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.

Nett King Elementary school was locked down after the 11 a.m. shooting Tuesday, even though no students were involved.

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

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

A jury in Kern County Superior Court convicted Gary Dale Myers, Jr., of voluntary manslaughter and criminal possession of a firearm after a first-degree and second-degree murder. Myers is scheduled to be sentenced for his role in the March 2005 death of Marco Antonio Gutierrez April 8.

WOODLAND (AP) — A defense witness said a man accused of murdering a Northern California Highway Patrol officer had an extreme amount of methamphetamine in his body at the time of the killing.

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

Briefs

National

WASHINGTON (AP) — Gay-rights activists hope to use a global AIDS relief bill supported by the Bush administration to repeal a 1985-old law restricting travel to the U.S. by HIV-positive people.

Activists oppose the near-bar 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 lifelss in a burning mobile home.

When firefighters arrived at the blaze in northeastern Louisiana Friday, a resident of the house reported hearing a firefighter's voice. "Vodd" Odom and told him two dogs were trapped inside.

Odom entered the house and found the two tiny terrir puppies in pet carriers in a smoke-filled room, and shunted them to safety.

PORTLAND, Maine (AP) — Every college campus has a police force. In one of the nation's smallest, an environmental official said Tuesday, downloading the words of the city's notorious smog will overshadow 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 outside the city of 120,000 people, police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said. Nobody was injured.

Israel's 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 insurance carriers for families of victims and the Jewish community for losses during World War II.

Campaigners on Tuesday welcomed the decision to compensate those whose property and guilds in Belgium were looted by Nazi occupiers.

Overall, $345 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.

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No standards to test, treat, limit medication in water

Jeff Dunn, Martina Mendoza and Justin Pritchard

Associate Press

Traces of 56 human and veterinary pharmaceuticals or their byproducts — like the active ingredients in medicines for pain, infection, high cholesterol, asthma, epilepsy, mental illness and heart problems — have been detected in Philadelphia's drinking water.

outing their winding journey through the city's poor air quality.

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A sign marks the Ashokan Reservoir in Shokan, N.Y., in this 2007 file photo. Sources of water like this were recently found to be contaminated.

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celebritynews

Someone’s F-in’g Matt Damon

Matt Damon and wife Luciana, 32, are expect­
ing their second child. Damon’s representative, Jennifer Allen, said Monday,

“The couple is very excited.”

Allen told the Associated Press.

Iglesias Jr. ‘Cione Country’

The winner of Country Mu­
ic Television’s “Cone Country”

reality show was born in Madrid,
Spain, and raised in Miami, but these days Julio Iglesias

Iglesias Jr. “Cione Country”

the team on Wednesday and will wear uniform No. 19.

and his father.

The actor will sign a one-slat, minor league con­

try star Barbara Mandrell’s former home, concluded

for the game — to be played one day before his 40th

birthd.ay. The Yankees said Monday they have the ap­

approval of baseball commissioner Bud Selig.

The series, taped over 10 days in October at coun­

trag to speak out over CNN’s foreign policy in Sudan.

The Hollywood star promotes Omega Watches,

one of the worldwide Olympic partners for the Bei­

ning 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 bor­

row scene-stealer Barney’s favorite word — legendary.

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— The Associated Press
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 aggregated this phenomenon, making the design for the new thing a condition hopelessly unattainable. Crystal Castles solves the problem of its own artistic release of amazing yet uncontainable seven inches with a self-titled full-length album that lives up to the hype.

Ethan Kath and Alice Glass make up the Toronto-based music act Crystal Castles. The duo’s first album, 2003’s “Alice Practice,” brought them into an Internet-music scene still raving over an obvious Justice EP and Sebastian’s MySpace. Its 8-bit sound, produced by placing an Atari chip into a keyboard, was the perfect low-fi response to Ed Banger’s hard and heavy 808 batteries. Filling the gap successfully between indie-friendly house and noise art punk, incredible hype followed after an unstoppable pace. While well-deserved, it was definitely what the band has relied on until now.

But in no way was this hype a bad thing for the band or its fans. What made Crystal Castles, so great was, first and foremost, its cutting-edge song craft – but just as important was what it left to be desired. Well-paced, small releases with no filler left everyone craving for anything Crystal Castles touched. Now, two years later, with the release of its debut album, the band has delivered its strongest statement and arguably its best.

The album’s first track, “Ultratop UC,” is noticeably smoother than Crystal Castles’ first releases, but the crispness of the production adds considerable depth and an identifiably discernible dimension that makes a great song. The vocoder harmonies that rhythmically pulse throughout the track are haunting. 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

Rachel Gelfman

This is the first time in American history that there has been a documentary film made about someone who is fighting against American soldiers in real time and down in the American public while that conflict is still going on,” said Molly Bingham, director of “Meeting Resistance,” at a San Luis Obispo screening of the film last month.

Bingham and co-director Steve Connors, 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 screening to speak with the audience.

At this screening, it was obvious that Connors 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. Connors and Bingham interviewed 45 active 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.

Connors 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 stories they found while reporting. He said the statistics contrasted drastically with what The New York Times reported in its news stories. The my-ed editor asked for fact checks before the piece was published, and they all checked in.

“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 had said.

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Speaking of the “File Fog of War,” a film by Lari Mars, Bingham explained that since September, she and Connors 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.

“There is this notion of always hoping that the next few months, the next few weeks, the next year will produce a stabilized Iraq,” Bingham had said. “Sixty-one percent of the Iraqi population as a whole think 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 had 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.

Crystal Castles’ new self-titled album showcases the band’s cutting-edge song-making skills.
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.

Its sound 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 I'm a vagia, 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, its 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 white t-shirt. Hopefully we’ll look cool,” Scally said with a laugh.

Beach House will be playing at the Steinberg 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 clearer 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 leaves listeners wanting more.

A minor flaw — having nothing to do with the quality of the music — is that the album gives us what we were all expecting: a lot of good songs. But in being completely satisfied, there is something to be desired. Go on and

the days waiting for the new remix or EP to leak 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 results? I hope so. Does there need to be another Crystal Castles record? Not necessarily. So what’s the point?

Paul Cantelon is an architecture junior and music director for KCPR. San Luis Opus, 91.5 FM. He’s also completely full of it.

Erinn Bartlett and Craig Bierko star in the disappointing FOX series “Unhitched,” directed by the Farrelly brothers.

Natalie Abreu
THE SNUFF CIRCLE CONNECT

Even with its new spin on the 30something rebound-dating scene, FOX’s “Unhitched,” featuring four newly divorced, separated or post-break-up friends in Boston, fails flat in offering in-depth humor and laugh-out-loud moments.

The first television show from the Farrelly Brothers, nominated for gross-out and the most-revolting comedy, the half-hour proves to be 22 minutes of cringing, not-from-gross-out humor but at the sad attempts at jokes at the expense of characters’ dignity. The four friends include the professional jack “Gator” Gately; the back-Bobby Lee, 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 bold series premise of the scenario.

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 wildly comic moments in the Farrelly Brothers hit film, 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 wife wanting to get back together with him. In all these attempts at backstory, 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 haggard?”

The second episode, which will air Sunday, has a chuckle-inducing intro in which Tommy, a three-time divorcee, brings a girl he hooks up with to a sex addics’ 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 “Knocked Up.”

Even the chemistry between the friends and their potential loves is lacking, more dependent on mediocrity dialogue holding relationships together by mere threads rather than dialogue and acting. The only funny idea is somewhat oddly paired relationship that occurs in this episode is when the naive Dr. Freddy befriends the high-strung club bouncer Alonso.

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-headlights expression is shown on these actors’ faces. The feeling of emptiness these lowdown folks feel is not having true love in their lives is not as empty as the feelings that viewers feel while watching this poorly constructed comedy.

‘Unhitched’ unsuccessful

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Putting a price on equal education

Spring is rapidly approaching and with it comes the stress 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 cuts (it’s almost if tax cuts can generate revenue). Well, but this isn’t enough. Using pork-barrel spending and pork-barrel spending is further running this country’s economy into the ground, and will talk about a recession stating in the future, it’s time to take a serious look at where our money is going.

Let’s first address 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 our budget on defense, but this simply isn’t true. The federal budget consists of two categories: discretionary and mandatory spending. Mandatory spending consists of social security, Medicare, Medicaid, interest on debt and different entitlements. Discretionary spending is whether it’s left over, and this is what Bush writes his budget proposal on every year. In 2006, 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 alone, which is 15 percent in 1999 when we were 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 these are “entitlement” programs, perhaps it’s a good idea to consider cutting back on that familiar scapegoat, the military. Our country’s spending approximately $772 billion every year on welfare and fighting to right poverty. That’s approximately $13,000 for every single person in poverty, and realistically, only about half of the poverty in our society is in this type of programs, so that amount can easily be doubled. Obviously some things are worth more than the $3,000 per person enough to pull them out of poverty. If the government just funded every enrolled person a check for that amount, this might work, but this money gets funneled through so many useless programs that it just goes to waste. A perfect example of this is in our own backyard. It’s obvious that if federal funding doesn’t go where it needs to why is there no homeless shelter run by San Luis Obispo County and the homeless are in the area to rely on the generosity of local churches for shelter.

Though the welfare program went through reforms in 1996 that cut the amount of people in poverty, they were obviously not enough. Funding for this program needs to be drastically cut until we determine the programs that actually work.

Next to be cut (and eliminated) are pork-barrel spending and “earmarks.” Congress has just passed a program that will put aside $1.5 billion to make sure every family that wants it can have digital TV since all television will be broadcast in digital format starting in 2009 (after the Super Bowl, of course). They’ve also given $1.35 million to study obesity in the military (what obesity in the military?). Then there’s the $12 million to improve ticket identification on interstate buses (damn those fake bus passes) and the couple of million dollars given to Montana to study bear DNA (for more example, look up “The Pig Book” by Citizens Against Government Waste). John McCain has got something right in his pledge to aggressively cut down on this spending that is just drugging our country further into debt.

There’s no doubt that our economy isn’t where it needs to be. Our government needs to take an honest look at what they are spending our taxpayer’s money on, cut through the bureaucracy and manage our budget. The answer to all the problems in this country isn’t to throw more money at them, the answer is smart spending that’s a lot less than it is right now.

Jennifer Gilmour is a biology minor and a Mustang Daily opinion columnist.

The federal budget diet

The recently proposed partnership between Cal Poly and Jubail University College in Saudi Arabia has sparked controversy among students and faculty alike. Some are adamantly opposed to the deal. That’s a given. In fact, last year USA Today put its mind, and the debates and discussions are over. The decision to participate in this endeavor will reflect upon the entire campus, though it appears to be right everywhere.

At the recent Academic Council meeting, the position was to allow attendance were allowed to speak. But it itself on educating so many female students, then this constitutes a violation of expansion needs to take an honest look at what they are spending our taxpayer’s money to the Middle East, but we need to be careful about it. Yes, racism and sexism are illegal in America, but it isn’t in Saudi Arabia. We have cultural norms here that assume we’re right everywhere, and abroad we view them as the same. In reality, you see examples in reverse. It’s not a problem, but that’s a problem. The answer to this is in our own backyard. If the positions were restricted to only heterosexual, non-Jewish males, then this constitutes a violation of the Equal Employment Act.

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ABORTION DISPLAYS ON CAMPUS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pro-life... really?

To the people in charge of the displays on campus this week, I'm just wondering...

I have been a part of the unborn victims of violence, why would you ever exploit their bloody limbs and disfigured bodies on giant display boards for thousands of people to crane at? If you really cared about life, why would you promote such morbid and horrific displays of death?

Do you believe in life, but frankly I'm embarrassed and appalled to be associated with you in your efforts to raise awareness about the issue, would produce such obscene and disgusting displays?

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

Melody Wilkinson
Biological sciences senior

The displays won't change anyone's opinion

Before everyone gets too crazy about banning the abortion displays on campus, I would like to propose a solution to the arguing. 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 civil 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 odd (maybe even a little sad). These actions in no possible 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 dead babies, most would think I was crazy. Thus, I am curious as to how this is any different.

Now, I could be wrong. I don't think that the disturbing display 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 gravatar 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 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.

Troy Kaertner
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/106/pdf.html), 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 unjustifiable. 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

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Uncle Sam's nemesis: Abortion is horrible and no one wants it. Through 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/277vnm.

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, you 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.

Sara Hamilton
Mustang Daily

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 feel same about abortion, you can't visit a slaughterhouse without retching, you should be a vegetarian. Our society depends on a number of activities many people simply ignore and try not to think about. How did you think meat got on the table, that the medicine you took actually worked, or that your birthrate is as low as it is? The answer is that slaughterhouses butcher millions of animals, scientists experiment on all kinds of organisms (including ourselves), and people use birth control and occasionally have abortions.

Your existence in this world means the death of other creatures and the suffering of some living ones. This is how the world works. Stuff just doesn't magically appear for your convenience, it all came from somewhere. The tap water you drink means other people and/or ecosystems had it taken from them. The same goes for everything else we use from this earth. The only way to alleviate the suffering we cause is to improve our technology and use resources more efficiently. I'm sorry, but there's no going back to the "good old days" (they probably never existed).

So if you really believe what we do is wrong, give the world solutions, not empty rhetoric. Come to this 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/277vnm.

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Arlo White is a mechanical engineering senior and a guest columnist for the Mustang Daily.
Women's basketball 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 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.

UC Irvine, which was able to qualify for the postseason despite winning just three of its final 22 contests, is led by Stephanie 1)uda, 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 senior forward Kelly Casichran, 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.

A Mustang who could see an increased role in stopping the Anteaters' forward tandem is freshman forward Kristina Santiago, named recently to the All-Big West Freshman Team.

"She's been one of the best players in the conference in the past month, according to Mimnaugh, who said she has extraordinary athleticism for a post player.

"She's just tearing it up," Mimnaugh said. "If we can keep her out of foul trouble and keep her out on the floor she's going to be something special not just for the tournament but for her whole career."

Despite the success of the younger Mustangs, their veterans are ailing.

Guard Sparkle Anderson, forwards Kyle Howell and Toni Newman and center Nicole Yarwasky — all seniors — are overcoming injuries, but are all expected to play today, Mimnaugh said.

In last year's tournament quarterfinal round March 8, 2007, the third-seeded Mustangs found themselves trailing sixth-seeded Long Beach State 40-16 at halftime. Their second-half rally came up short, ending their season in a 70-67 upset loss.

"Last year was a bit of a surprise," Mimnaugh said. "I really was surprised we came out as flat as we were. I'm not really sure why we had the jitters as much as we did."

Harrison said in order for the Mustangs to avoid a repeat of last year they'll need to stay poised, push the ball up the floor and make sure not to become stagnant on offense.

"No one is saying it's going to be easy to win four games in a row considering that we usually only play two games in a week," Harrison said. "But I think the team's ready for it."

Cal Poly baseball team blasts
UC Santa Barbara 15-6

Cal Poly sophomore right fielder Adam Melker, who was 4 for 5 Tuesday night with three RBI, makes a catch in the Mustangs' 15-6 win over UC Santa Barbara at Baggett Stadium. The Mustangs, who led 15-0 after five innings, improved to 6-6 and host Santa Clara at 6 tonight.
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It was the Mustangs who enjoyed plenty of the former besides, when they made 59.7 percent of their shots from the floor overall and cruised to a 63-29 margin in the second half when Cal Poly was just 9 of 35 from the floor.

Our team’s done a good job of finding when we had bad games, so we’re going to flush that game,’’ said Mustang junior center Tim Shelton.
Although Cal Poly won three this season following 20-point losses, one of those victories came against NAIA Division II Meritex and the other two are 12 and 16 points, respectively, off-post North Long Beach State (6-24,3-13), the tournament’s eighth and final seed.

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

“In that locker room after the (game at Cal State North) Saturday, 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 we do what we can to take that feeling that you have and turn something with it in your next practice and game to get it out of your system.”

The sixth-seeded Mustangs (12-17, 7-13) are on an 11-game winning streak against the No. 7 seed Highlanders (8-20,4-12), to whom they lost 62-58 on the road Feb. 2 but edged 70-63 in overtime at Mott on Feb. 28.

“They’re a real scrappy team, and a hard-working team,’’ Shelton said. “I think we’re going to be a little bit more active. They play really hard — they trash the offensive boards extremely well, they’re going to push, they’re going to grab, they’re going to do it illegally, too.”

Blue screens or not, the High­landers, who trailed for just three minutes and 12 seconds in the second half of their overtime loss at Cal Poly,olec by Larry Cunningham.

“The senior guard, the Big West’s fifth-leading scorer at 15.9 points per contest, is now UC Riverside’s all-time leading scorer, with 1,165 points.

The Highlanders, however, 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 a 91-76 win over Western Athletic Conference champion Utah State on Nov. 15 and a 69-64 stunner against fourth-seeded Pacific on Jan. 28 that was nationally televised on ESPn2.

Among the lows, however, was a stretch between those victories when the Mustangs lost six of seven, and a string of backcourt injuries that was most serious of which was suffered by senior guard Dwan Whitner, the school’s 12th all-time leading scorer with 1,104 points. He missed the Mustangs’ 10 final regular-season out­ings due to plantar fascitis in his right foot.

“arly this season we’ve had a lot of changes, losing people, with injuries and stuff like that,’’ Shelton said. “Still, though, Shelton calls Cal Poly, which advanced to the Big West championship game after losing to Long Beach State 94-83 March 10, 2007, it provided an advantage from playing in the final a year ago even if we had since-graduated sharpshooting forward Derek Stockalper, a true­-full High-West First Team member now playing for Switzerland’s Lugano Tigers.”

“Experience is always big,” said Shelton, who scored eight points and pulled down six rebounds in the final 70-63 win over Cal Poly.

In the event of a Mustang win, they would play third-seeded Cal State Fullerton at 6 p.m. Thursday if UC Irvine beats Long Beach State in the other Wednesday contest. If Long Beach State were to win, the Mustangs would take on Pacific 30 minutes later, at the end of the 6 p.m. game Thursday.

Despite being upset by the tour­nament’s top seed, UC Santa Barbara, Cal State Northridge and Cal State Fullerton, Shelton espouses confidence.

“Basically, everyone’s 0-0 right now,” he said. “It’s good to get a fresh start. If we play confident and poised and take care of the ball we have as good of a chance as anyone else.”

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in the final set but Blalock, prevailed 6-4.
Blalock, who won her fourth straight match, is now 6-4 in singles.
At the No. 2 spot, Wong topped Steponas 6-3, 6-4.
Markoff remained undefeated, pushing her mark to 9-0 by downing Jessica Bedell 6-2, 6-4.
Junior Whitney Peterson and Bra­dy forced their matches into three sets but were unable to hold off the Cougars, falling 6-0, 3-6, 6-4 and 2-6, 6-4, respectively. Filip (8-2) fell to Celic 6-1, 6-4.
The Mustangs continue their home stand at 1:30 p.m. Thursday against Gonzaga.
**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 Gelfman

Following a week of accolades and broken records, the Cal Poly women's basketball team will take on UC Irvine in the final 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's happens to coincide with the toughest test faced all season by its men's basketball team.

The Mustangs will have to come alive and crank at just the right time by doing something that's never been done at the Big West Conference Tournament — winning four times in as many nights — to reach their first NCAA Tournament.

Their attempt starts in the Anaheim Convention Center against UC Riverside at 8:30 tonight.

"You feel like you've got the weight of the world on your shoulders if you start thinking about the big picture," Mimnaugh said. "March Madness is crazy, and young men do get a lot of confidence and they get 'uh-huhs' going on, and it can springboard really quickly," Broomley said.

Key to the Mustangs' hopes, he added, will be that his players "have got some more to them," revealed "when they'll make a pretty good play after making a couple really bad plays."

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**Women's golf**

Team upsets Washington State

Doublers 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 sophomores Brittany Bladock and Shelif Wong, improved to 8-3 with a defeat of Ekaterina Bashl and Ekaterina Kamendova.

Juniors Maria Mace and Shannon Brady edged Bianca Salice and Aleksandra Stefanova 8-6 to improve their record to 4-0 at the No. 2 slot.

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

The Mustangs sealed their win with Bladock's victory at the No. 1 position to end the day. She swept the first set over Bundal 6-0 but lost in the second, 4-6. The two exchanged games.

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**SPORTS**

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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 second period.

On the power play, Jonathan Cheechoo was skating close in on the left side when he passed the puck to Pavelski in front of the net, pulling Dan Ellis out of position.

Pavelski and Nashville's Greg Zanorn got tangled in front of the net but Pavelski was able to get off a shot from close range.

It looked like Zanorn, who was lying down in the net behind the goal line, had stopped the puck.

The review ruled the puck had crossed the goal line.

Jason Arnott scored his 25th goal for Nashville.

Thirty-seven seconds into the third period the Sharks extended the lead to 2-0. Michalek skated past Greg de Vries and shot the puck between the pads of Ellis from close range.

Ellis made 40 saves.

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 unattended 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. David Legwand missed his second game in a row for the Predators due to a deep bone bruise of his left foot.

The Sharks swept the series with the Predators 4-0 this season.

San Jose center Patrick Rissmiller backhands the puck in the second period of the Sharks' 2-1 win Tuesday night.