Diaz pleads no contest

Ryan Chartrand
MUSTANG DAILY

Computer engineering freshman Francisco Diaz pleaded no contest Wednesday morning to felony charges after he was accused of sending threatening e-mails to more than 50 Cal Poly students and faculty members in October 2007. The plea bargain, while technically not a guilty plea, means Diaz neither admits nor disputes the charges of criminal threats and unlawful access to a computer and fraud. His sentencing is set for June 2.

Judge Dodie Harman dismissed the remaining two counts of criminal threats and one count of unlawful access to a computer and fraud originally charged against him.

His felony probation, which could last from three to five years, states that he is to serve up to 90 days in the county jail in addition to performing community work service. He also faces a fine of no less than $280 and no more than $10,000.

Police arrested Diaz Oct. 30, 2007 at Cal Poly on suspicion of sending e-mails that stated the sender was planning an attack on Cal Poly students and faculty similar to incidents at Virginia Tech in April 2007. Diaz posted his $50,000 bail the following day.

An online message allegedly sent from Diaz in November 2007 to the Mustang Daily said Diaz was sorry for sending the e-mails and that they were meant to be a Halloween prank.

Giving sperm is about more than money

Michelle Ragsdale
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We’ve all been privy to the classic scene in movies and sitcoms where a desperate male protagonist, in a final plea to retain some sense of self-worth and earn a quick buck, struts into a sperm bank, makes a quick deposit and walks out chipper, the audience cackling at the wild antics of the little rascal. If only life imitated art.

In reality, sperm banks couldn’t be farther from Hollywood’s wacky portrayal. With new developments in medicine every day, it is becoming easier to conceive — and with easier conceptions, the importance of quality sperm is on the rise, as are quality sperm banks.

California Cryobank, one of America’s leading sperm banks and largest laboratories, is pioneering the art of helping those with reproductive issues, same-sex couples and single women hoping to conceive.

Established in 1977, California Cryobank has four locations: Westwood, West Hollywood, Palo Alto and Boston. Uniquely, California Cryobank’s donors are often male college students.

The Cryobank today, however, embodies more than just a college student’s quick option to make a quick buck; it stresses the ability to help people of all backgrounds realize their dream of becoming parents.

“I love it. It’s the most satisfying thing I’ve been a part of,” said Scott Brown, California Cryobank’s communications executive.

Modem-day sperm banks have evolved into a serious commitment on the donor’s part, evident in the long process of becoming a donor.

Neglect, abuse seen in 1 in 50 American infants

Mike Stobbe
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — About one in 50 infants in the U.S. have been neglected or abused, according to the first national study of the problem in that age group.

Nearly a third of the victims were one week old or younger when maltreatment was reported, government researchers said Thursday. The study focused on children younger than 1.

Most of these cases involved neglect, not physical abuse. In the case of the newborns, experts said the data suggests drug abuse by the mother may have been the cause for reports of neglect, but they couldn’t be certain.

Maternal drug abuse is often discovered through blood tests while newborns are still in the hospital, CDC researchers and others said.

“That is the story here,” said Dr. Howard Dubowitz, professor of pediatrics at the University of Maryland School of Medicine.

The researchers counted more than 91,000 infant victims of abuse and neglect from Oct. 1, 2005 to Sept. 30, 2006. About 30,000 of those cases were newborns aged one week or younger.

The information came from a national database of cases verified by protective services agencies in 45 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Obama outraises Clinton 2-1

Jim Kuhnhenn
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Barack Obama raked in $40 million in March, leaving Hillary Rodham Clinton and her $20 million in the fundraising dust and stuffing his campaign treasury so he can outspend her in the crucial Pennsylvania primary.

His haul in new donations also buttressed his argument to Democratic superdelegates that he has built his campaign treasury so he can outspend her in the crucial Pennsylvania primary.

Supporters of Democratic presidential hopefuls cheer at a St. Patrick’s Day Parade in Scranton, Pa.
January and February combined. David Plasco claimed a double benefit from the Illinois senator's fundraising. "Many of our contributors are more interested in making sure our campaign the largest grassroots army in recent political history," he said.

Clinton, speaking to reporters in Burbank, Calif., in the midst of her own fundraising sweep through the state, said: "We're both raising huge amounts of money because the most competitive, the most effective Democrats have been in raising money the last 15 or so months."

"I will have more to compete. Obviously Sen. Obama has more than enough money to compete. But this is a good news story because we mean it to raise us from committed to our candidates."

Indeed, the numbers, even for the lagging Clinton, are remarkable. While both raised less than they did in February, the March totals did come in 15% higher, with the two campaigns coming in a bit under the presidential peak. There have not been any primaries or conventions this month, and the most competitive state of theер results were March in Texas and Ohio.

Obama's money has given him a significant spending edge over Clinton in Pennsylvania, where the April 22 primary is the biggest delegate prize left on the Democratic calendar. He has $3 million to Clinton's $785,000 in state ads in the state, according to data compiled by TNS Media Intelligence/Campaign Media Analysis Group, which tracks political ads. Clinton spent almost $900,000 in ads in the state.

His money allowed Obama to look over the horizon to May contests in Indiana and North Carolina. He already spent about $236 million on ads in each state.

Clinton acred her first North Carolina ad on Thursday, a 60-second spot urging voters to submit questions to her campaign. "Just go to NCAskMe.com, and then I'll be getting back to work on the {national TV] to answer your questions and offer some solutions," Clinton says in the ad.

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Missile defense in Europe almost done deal

Robert Burns

BUCHAREST, Romania — No matter how much Russia hates it, the U.S. now has a clear track to build its long-range missile defense system in Europe.

The crucial go-ahead came Thursday from the Czech Republic, where a vital radar site is planned.

NATO leaders added their unanimous backing for the idea at a European summit, all but sealing the controverted deal just before President Bush's weekend meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin. Putin has harshly criticized the proposed system, portraying it as a threat to Russia, virtually in its own backyard.

Beyond the immediate dispute, the Czech accord and the NATO endorsement marked an important moment in the long history of U.S. efforts to persuade allies of the merits of missile defense.

At Thursday's NATO session, the leaders declared that the proposed U.S. missile defense shield for Europe would make a substantial contribution to the region's security and that Russia should stop criticising it, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice told reporters afterward.

The intent is to combine the U.S. system, which is meant to shoot down long-range missiles, with one run by NATO that could defend against shorter-range missiles that are more of a worry to countries like Turkey, Greece, Romania and Bulgaria. Because of geography, they face a more immediate threat from Iranian missiles.

The Russians insist it's really a scheme to undermine their own missile forces.

The Czech radar would be linked to a system of interceptors that the U.S. plans to place in Poland. The Poles have not yet agreed.

Polish supporters of the plan are concerned that the next U.S. administration might try to kill the project. Among the major candidates to succeed Bush, Republican John McCain has been a long-time supporter of the program, while Democrat Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton have been less vocal on the issue.

The Russians, despite their heated rhetoric, seem to accept that they are unlikely to stop it. They said as much during talks last month in Moscow with Rice and Defense Secretary Robert Gates, who have been pushing a series of proposals intended to make the project more palatable for the Russians.

But this does not mean Moscow's misgivings will stop irritating U.S.-Russian relations, nor does it guarantee that the defense shield for Europe will be the only missile threat.

After decades of development at a cost exceeding $100 billion, the missile defense system now in place in America -- mainly at bases in Alaska and California -- is unproven and unpopular in Congress. It began as a way to stop long-range missiles launched in a doomsday scenario during the Cold War years when the United States and the Soviet Union targeted each other with thousands of nuclear missiles.

Today's more modern, designed to stop a limited attack by North Korea.

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New evidence puts humans in North America 1,000 years earlier

Randolph E. Schmid

New evidence shows humans lived in North America more than 14,000 years ago, 1,000 years earlier than was previously known.

Discovered in a cave in Oregon, fossil feces yielded DNA indicating these early residents were related to people living in Siberia and East Asia, according to a report in Thursday's online edition of the journal Science.

"This is the first time we have been able to get dates that are undeniably human, and they are 1,000 years before Clovis," said Dennis L. Jenkins, a University of Oregon archaeologist, referring to the Clovis culture—well-known for its unique spear points—that have been studied previously.

Humans are widely believed to have arrived in North America from Asia over a land-bridge between Alaska and Siberia during a warmer period. A variety of dates were proposed and some are in dispute.

Several artifacts were found in the cave, leading Jenkins to speculate that people stationed there only a few days at a time before moving on, perhaps following game animals or looking for other food.

The petrified poop, or coprolites, as scientists call it, is yielding a look at the diet of these ancient Americans, Jenkins said.

While the analysis is not yet complete, he said there are bones of squirrels, brown hare, fish scales, protein from birds and dogs, and the remains of plants such as grass and sunflowers.

The oldest of several coprolites studied is 14,340 calendar years old, said co-author Eike Willerslev, director of the Centre for Ancient Genetics at Denmark's University of Copenhagen.

"The Paisley Cave material represents, to the best of our knowledge, the oldest human DNA obtained from the Americas," he said. "Other pre-Clovis sites have been claimed, but no human DNA has been obtained."

The date for the new coprolites is similar to that of Monte Verde in southern Chile, where human artifacts have been discovered, added Willerslev.

Jenkins said it's unclear exactly who these people living in the Oregon caves were, since there were few artifacts found. He said there was one stone tool, a hand tool used perhaps to polish or grind or mush bones or fat.

"We are not saying that these people were of a particular ethnic group. At this point, we know they most likely came from Siberia or Eastern Asia, and we know something about what they were eating, which is something we can learn from coprolites. We're talking about human signatures," he said.

"If you are looking for the first people in North America, you are going to have to step back more than 1,000 years before Clovis to find them," Jenkins said.

The Clovis culture has been dated to between 13,200 and 12,900 calendar years ago and is best known for the tools left behind.

Michael Waters, director of the Center for the Study of the First Americans at Texas A&M University, said the find, along with indications of human presence at other locations, adds to the evidence for a pre-Clovis human presence in North America.
Scientists find bacteria that eat antibiotics

Lauran Neergaard

Antibiotics for breakfast? The drugs are supposed to kill bacteria, not feed them, yet Harvard researchers have discovered hundreds of germs in soil that literally gobble up antibiotics, able to thrive with the potent drugs as their sole source of nutrition.

These bacteria outwit antibiotics in a disturbingly novel way, and now the race is on to figure out just how they do it — in case more dangerous germs that sicken people could develop the same ability.

On the other hand, the work explains why the soil doesn't harbor big antibiotic buildup despite use of the drugs in livestock plus human disposal and, well, excretion.

"Thank goodness we have these bacteria to eat at least some of the antibiotics," said bacteriologist Jo Handelsman of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, who wasn't involved in the study. "Nature's pretty effective!"

The discovery, published in Friday's edition of the journal Science, came about almost by accident.

A team led by Harvard Medical School geneticist George Church has a Department of Energy grant to develop ways to create biofuels from agriculture waste. Plants are full of natural toxins, so the goal was to find microorganisms that are capable of degrading these chemicals. To winnow down the strongest candidates, they tried exposing these bacteria to what should have been far more toxic substances, antibiotics.

That bacteria can eat wend things is the basis for the field of bioremediation. Some bugs help break down oil spills, for example. Nor is it a surprise that soil bacteria can withstand some antibiotics; some had already been found. After all, a number of antibiotics are natural — think penicillin. Some antibiotics have been derived from soil.

Instead, the surprise was how many bacteria didn't just survive but flourished when fed 18 different antibiotics, natural and manmade ones — including such staples as penicillin, vancomycin and Cipro — that represent the major classes used in treating people and animals.

"They're capable of living on this stuff for a long, long time," Church said, adding that about 1,000 homes are built on its land in Anata but was always turned down on grounds that Anata doesn't have a master plan. Without one, permits cannot be issued.

Demolition orders are currently pending against several other Anata houses, he said.

Across east Jerusalem, thousands of residents live in fear of demolition, Margalit said, adding that about 1,000 homes are built there without permits every year. Israel portrays demolitions as a technical matter — saying it's cracking down on illegal construction across Jerusalem, and that it's doing so without differentiating between Arab and Jewish residents. "It's a matter of enforcing municipal law," said Israeli government spokesman Mark Regev.
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NUN NAMED SISTER IDOMINIQUE NIQUEE
George W. Bush and a singing center in San Luis Obispo. The show, branchchild of local comedian and playwright Gale McNeely, is the most recent incarnation of 2006's highly acclaimed "POPE: The Musical." It follows the same plot as the original, but has been reworked to remain humorous and relevant to today's news.

According to McNeely, "The inspiration (to bring the show back) is the change in today's political climate. The satire is no longer aimed solely at 'Dubya' and the Catholic Church. It pokes fun at the latest crop of presidential candidates as well as the 'American Political Idol Campaign' currently captivating the country. "It's hard for Dubya to be funny anymore," said McNeely, who plays the role of the great decision maker. "We're equal opportunity pokers."

George W. Bush and Sister Dominique-nique-nique engage in a musical duel to take over the Catholic Church in "POPE II," which opens Saturday at the World Rhythm and Motion Studio in San Luis Obispo.

Don't hit to reach '21'

Bill Fech

Hollywood is such a gamble these days. Just look at the new blackjack thriller "21." You may be familiar with the true story on which it's based: In the 1990s, a cadre of math wizards from MIT (college kids like me, except you know, smart) devised a successful system of card counting they used to bank millions during flashy weekends in Las Vegas. Though eventually caught and banned from many gambling establishments, their story became the stuff of legend and inspired the best-selling book "Bringing Down the House."

Little surprise that Hollywood sidled up to the table and ante'd in for their own version of the tale. Unfortunately for the real-life players, "21" is not the blackjack they deserved, but rather the inverse, a deadly "12" just begging to bust. (For you non-players, that means really bad.)

Puppy-eyed Jim Sturgess of "Across the Universe" fame plays Ben Campbell, a "good with numbers" MIT senior who needs a prestigious scholarship to attend pricey medical school at Harvard. Even with his new promotion at a men's clothing store — $8.00 an hour as assistant manager — Ben can't figure out how he'll come up with the $300,000 needed for Harvard. "I always thought there was more to life than money," he announces out loud, a not-so-subtle hint at his upcoming character crisis.

When not impressing customers with his rapid price calculations on marked-down suits, Ben works with two nerdy friends (Josh Gad and Sam Golzari) on a science competition, rating the attractiveness of females in bars during breaks.

For those who missed the first "POPE," it's definitely your garden-variety musical. Reminiscent of a vaudeville review on speed, improvisation and audience participation ensure that individual performances are unique. Each show includes a question-and-answer segment where audience members can grill the candidates. The actors, never breaking character, have to either come up with the right answers or avoid and defer, like real politicians.

"There is a script, but it's just not your average theater experience," said Christina Landeros, a recent addition to the cast. "It's theater, not mechanical. It's more intimate because there are only four actors and we play everything."

Landeros' favorite role? A rapping Saddam Hussein. "It's not supposed to be good because Saddam's not a rapper," she said. "But it is supposed to be funny ... and it's definitely that." "POPE II" previews Friday at the World Rhythm and Motion Studio, located at 150 South St., and officially opens Saturday. It will play at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 1 p.m. Sundays through April 20. There is a suggested donation of $15 for general admission and $10 for students. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling (805) 925-1882.

For two weekends in April, George W. Bush and a singing nun named Sister Dominique-nique-nique will vie to become the head of the Catholic Church in "POPE II: A Holy, Political, Musical Cabaret."
Director Robert Luketic provides the requisite aerial shots of the city's nighttime skyline, showing in montages of neon signs, towering hotels and busy boulevards. Vegas has always been an exaggerated dreamland, but Hollywood often confuses that with caricature, and Luketic, who doesn't have the artistic cap to tell a captivating story, tries to pacify us with computer-generated piles of chips, music video editing and cheesy slow-motion. And the montages — my God, the montages. This isn't a movie about blackjack players — it's Vegas porn.

Like the tell-all trailer promised, the group runs into a deck of problems, including a bullish casino boss (Laurence Fishburne) who doesn't appreciate the methods employed by Ben and company. But because this supposedly important plot-thread has to compete for screen time with the nerdy friends (who aren't featured in the book) and the forced romance with Jill, it becomes lost in the shuffle.

By far, the most glaring error "21" pulls off is its refusal to accurately portray the real-life people of the story. Two of the major counters in reality were Asian-Americans, but Columbia Pictures, who financed the project, thought it better for their bottom line if the main characters here were familiar, pleasant Caucasians. They still gave parts to Asian-Americans: two supplemental counters (one is a comic-relief klepto with goofy hair, the other a "loser" who plays slots) and an anonymous counter who is beat up by Fishburne early in the film. Hollywood has a history of "white-washing" minorities out of movies, and this one has received some major flack (there's even a Facebook group called "Boycott '21").

It's a shame, because the real story is quite cool. Check out the book, but with "21," when it comes to "hit" or "stay," you need to stay.

Stay away.
"We need a different on-ramp for people from disadvantaged communities," Van Jones told Thomas Friedman in the New York Times article "The Green-Collar Solution."

"The leaders of the climate establishment came in through one door and now they want to squeeze everyone through that same door. It’s not going to work. If we want to have a broad-based environmental movement, we need more entry points."

Van Jones is an Oakland-based progressive leader whose vision of environmentalism seamlessly incorporates social justice. He is the founder and national executive director of the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights in Oakland, an action center working for justice, opportunity and peace in urban America. Jones is also a member of Oakland Mayor Ron Dellums’ Green Economic Initiatives Task Force, which supports the idea of aggressively creating eco-friendly employment and businesses to fill the inner city, currently writing a book called "Green-Collar Jobs: How To Beat Global Warming, Cut Poverty & Unite America," in which he places the general issue of social and economic justice at the center of a new, solution-based environmentalism.

Jones is most recent project, Green For All, is projected to provide 1 million jobs of "green collar" to minority and low-income workers.

Van Jones!”

**Guest Commentary

**Two sides to the story, but not to the facts

In response to Soquel Schafer’s guest commentary on April 1, there are multiple sides to each story, but that does not allow there to be multiple facts (or maybe you were just making an April Fool’s Day joke?).

For example, you claimed the 1967 Arab-Israeli War was ignited by Israel. While Israel did, in fact, fire the first shots on June 5, Egypt closed the Straits of Tiran to Israel shipping on May 22, which was a declaration of war. I’m sure Dr. Foroohar also taught you that Syria repeatedly shelled Israeli towns in the north, and Egypt sent terrorists to attack Israel in the years leading up to the war. But did she tell you why Nancy ordered the UN peace-keeping troops to withdraw from the Sinai on May 16?

Nasair said it happened on May 23. “Our basic objective will be the destruction of Israel. The Arab people want to fight.” He followed this the next day: “We will not accept any…coexistence with Israel…Today the issue is not the establishment of peace between the Arab states and Israel…The war with Israel is in effect since 1948.” That was the bottom line with Egypt, and that is the bottom line with the Palestinians: They do not want the Jews in Israel.

Read the Hamas charter and see for yourself. (Hamas, by the way, is the democratically elected governing party in the Palestinian territories.) As you can see, the fact that Israel is a Jewish state has everything to do with the conflict.

And I know it’s popular to call Israel “apartheid,” but just remember Israel has universal suffrage, with 10 out of 120 parliament seats going to Arab parties, and one Arab in the Supreme Court. I’d like to see if we can get a seat in the Yemeni parliament as a Jew!

By the way, if Palestinian suicide bombers are killing Arab lands, then what motivated Hamas and Islamic Jihad to shoot thousands of rockets into Israel from Gaza recently? For the settlements evacuated from Gaza in 2005!

One last thing: maybe you should hear Neel Lazarus speak on April 7 at Chumash Auditorium from 8 to 10 p.m.

Zachary Goldstein is a mechanical engineering senior and a guest contributor for the Mustang Daily.
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Kevin Love. The Tigers haven't seen a guy with this much versatility all season.

Love is a superlativ,e an unstoppable 19-year-old on a mission to win the championship, and will go down as one of the greatest one-and-done players in NCAA history.

Prediction: UCLA 65, Memphis 63

Now to Kansas-North Carolina, a game that will re-unite two of the most storied programs in college basketball history.

Roy Williams, North Carolina's head coach, will try to beat a team he coached for 15 years.

Both teams play a similar style, like to get up the floor and push the basketball. Each possesses several future NBA players and has the ability to score massive amounts of points in short periods of time.

North Carolina is led by two-time All-American and Player of the Year candidate Tyler Hansbrough. He has it all: toughness, athleticism and more heart than most teams combined.

But Kansas has athletic big men and brings a potential NBA lottery pick in Sasha Kaun off the bench. North Carolina only goes as far as Hansbrough takes it, and Kansas has what it takes to contain him.

The X-factor will be Brandon Rush. If he's on, and Kansas contains Hansbrough, it's a different ballgame.

Howland said. "To have the X-factor will be Brandon Rush. If he's on, and Kansas contains Hansbrough, it's a different ballgame.

He stepped into one of the best situations any freshman could ever ask for, he said. "Just sort of stood around the court, watched the X-factor will be Brandon Rush. If he's on, and Kansas contains Hansbrough, it's a different ballgame.

Love has learned to play Howland's style of hard-nosed defense, something he's never done in high school, where he "just sort of stood around and got easy baskets and waited for rebounds," he said.

The turning point in Love's memorable first college season came against Texas in early December. The Bruins were beaten by two points at home, their first loss, and Love played just 24 minutes—nearly 10 minutes less than the other starters.

"I wasn't doing that great on defense. Lorenzo Mata-Real had to step in being a fourth-year guy," Love said. "From then on, I just tried to study film and listen to my coaches.

Unlike most of the team, Love has been injury-free throughout the season, except for tweaking his back in the Pac-10 tournament. He's scored in double figures in all 38 games, including 23 double-doubles, with 16 of those in the Bruins' last 22 games.

He stepped into one of the best situations any freshman had in the country. Love has a strong supporting cast, with backcourt mates Darren Collison and Russell Westbrook.

"I was still a little bit nervous if I was going to be accepted on the team," Love said. "They took me in as part of the family, and there was never any mixed emotions or jealousy about it.

Having most of the attention on him is "a little weird sometimes," Love said. It's he's on a podium with his teammates, Love will pass a question directed at him to one of them.

"He's a team player and for a youngster who had so much publicity in high school, the ability to not let it get to his head," Wooden said. "I've been very impressed with him as a player and as a person.

Love's signature outlet passes, rarely seen in college basketball, have made countless TV highlights and prompted older UCLA fans to recall the length of the court to Westbrook, who made the easy layup.

"He's got the arm of Elway," Memphis coach John Calipari said. "He's there's potential, and there's performance. He performs.

Love honed his passing skills by watching cable reruns of "Magic: Johnson at the Magic Place" and "Showtime," the Lakers'运转 in the 1980s.

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Cal Poly senior Chris Frazier placed 19th in the 400-meter hurdles Thursday in 53.09 seconds at the 81st Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays. The Mustangs will continue competition in Austin, Texas through Saturday, while others will particpate in the Stanford Invitational, which is held today through Saturday.

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The Cal Poly women's tennis team will host two Big West Conference contests this weekend at Mustang Court.

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