Open house excites

Student-run booths at Open House weekend featured everything from barbecue and artichokes to live goldfish, while providing existing and prospective students with information about campus, as well as entertainment.

BRYAN BELKE
MUSTANG DAILY

Police make weekend arrests

Steve Lawrence

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — State Sen. Gil Cedillo is trying to shine some light on a shocking but little known episode in American history. He faces an uphill battle.

“The Los Angeles Democrat is the author of a bill that would require public junior high and high schools to teach students about the deportation of about 2 million Hispanics, including 400,000 Californians, to Mexico during the Great Depression. Elementary schools would have the option of including information about the deportations in social science instruction. The deportation program was started in 1929 by the Hoover administration, supposedly as a way to get rid of illegal immigrants and open up jobs during the Depression. Most of those rounded up and sent to Mexico were American citizens or legal immigrants, critics say. Cedillo calls it “an embarrassment to all Americans.”

“Those that don’t learn from history are doomed to repeat it,” he said. “That would be another tragedy upon a tragedy... The way to avoid that is through education.”

Cedillo’s bill is scheduled to be considered Monday by the Senate Appropriations Committee. That committee shelved an earlier version of the legislation last year as part of an effort to hold down spending. A committee analysis said the bill could lead to hundreds of thousands of dollars in state costs to reimburse school districts for a new mandate.

Cedillo said he might be able to “tweak the language regarding what’s mandatory, what’s optional or available” to get the bill out of committee.

Even if the bill clears the Legislature, it faces a possible veto by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who turned down similar legislation in 2006 that was introduced by then-Sen. Joe Dunn, a Democrat from Garden Grove.

The Republican governor says he has consistently rejected bills that require mention of specific events or groups of people in social science instruction.

“I continue to believe that the state should refrain from being overly prescriptive in school curriculum beyond establishing rigorous academic standards and frameworks,” he said in vetoing the Dunn legislation.

Senator wants schools to teach about 1930s deportations
Schools

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Schwartzmenger also vetoed a Dunn bill in 2005 that would have set up a fund to pay reparations to victims of the deportations. But the governor signed another Dunn measure that same year that officially apologized for the deportations.

The requirement for junior and senior high schools would kick in when the state Board of Education adopts new social science textbooks and curriculum frameworks. Cedillo said the board is going through that process now, which makes the bill timely.

Here are some of the other bills on lawmakers’ agendas this week:

CITIZEN WHISTLEBLOWERS — Cities and counties would have to maintain “hotline” telephone numbers that people could call to report possible violations of laws or regulations by local government employees. The measure, by Assemblyman Sande Swanson, D-Alameda, is scheduled to be considered Wednesday by the Assembly Local Government Committee.

DRIVING WITH PETS — Assemblyman Bill Marc, R-Visalia, doesn’t have anything against pets, but he doesn’t think they belong in their owners’ arms or laps when they’re driving cars. Maze has a bill on the Assembly Appropriations Committee’s agenda Wednesday that would make it an infraction for someone to drive with an animal in their arms or lap. A recent American Automobile Association study ranked pets and loose objects as a bigger distraction for drivers than cell phone use, eating and drinking.

UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS — A bill by Sen. Sheila Kuehl, D-Santa Monica, would make people eligible for unemployment benefits if they lost their jobs because they took paid leaves of absence to care for an ill family member of a new child. It also is on the Senate Appropriations Committee’s agenda on Monday.

PROPERTY TAXES — Counties could allow seniors to reduce or eliminate their property tax if the seniors chose to forgo caps, gowns, and commencement tickets.

Wheat: Mission Plaza

When: Saturday at 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Questions? Go to the calpolywinetestival.com

Que. The Vines to Wines club will host its sixth annual wine festival, which will feature California wineries and local restaurants. The event will benefit the Cal Poly wine and viticulture program and the Vines to Wines club.

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Questions? Call ASI Events staff at 756-1112.

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Dairy Products course lineup

What: The Cal Poly Dairy Products Technology Center is offering a selection of classes. This week’s session allows people to make cheese or bourn dairy desserts.

When: Tuesday and Wednesday

Where: To be announced

Questions? Call Laurie Jacobson at 305-5071.

National Day of Silence

What: What: The Cal Poly Pride Center is showing the film “Dropkick Mountain” for the National Day of Silence.

The film will be followed by a discussion.

When: Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Where: University Union room 231, San Luis Lounge


Root beer pong

What: Senior project campaign Smart Students, Smart Choices will host root beer pong games to remind students to drink responsibly.

When: Thursday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Questions? Email Cara Williams at cwilliams@calpoly.edu.

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Secretive sect unleashes public relations campaign

Jennifer Dobner
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Before authorities raided their west Texas ranch, members of a secretive polygamous church spent decades holding as tight as they could their sensitive private life.

Contact with outsiders was limited. Few people were permitted in the compound or allowed to leave FLDS homes or learn much about the people living there.

The public relations campaign began more than a week later, when many FLDS children, who had been allowed to remain with their children in state shelters, were bused back to their 1,700-acre ranch.

Within an hour, church leaders threw open a pair of normally locked gates, launching a two-day media blitz. Cameras and reporters had been allowed into the grounds, and peeks inside the sect's homes and a church school.

And while the message seemed clearly targeted, the decision was less targeted. State officials raided the ranch April 3 after a domestic violence hotline call from a 16-year-old girl who alleged she was trapped inside the private retreat and had been physically and sexually abused by her much-older husband.

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Pope blesses ground zero in New York City

Rachel Zoll
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Pope Benedict XVI began the final day of his American journey by blessing the site of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and pleading with God to bring "peace to our violent world.

The visit by Benedict to ground zero was a poignant moment in a trip marked by unexpectedly festive crowds anxious to see the former academic who for three years has led the world's Roman Catholics.

Benedict was driven in the popemobile part-way down a ramp now used mostly by construction tracks to a spot by the north tower's footprint. He walked the final steps, knelt in silent prayer for a few moments, then rose to light a memorial candle.

Addressing a group that included survivors, clergy and public officials, he acknowledged the many faiths of the victims at the "scene of incredible violence and pain."

"The pope also prayed for "those who suffered death, injury and loss" in the attacks at the Pentagon and in the crash of United Airlines Flight 93 in Shanksville, Pa. More than 2,900 people were killed in the four crashes of the airliners hijacked by al-Qaida.

"God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world," the pope prayed on a chilly, overcast morning.

"Turn to your way of love those whose hearts and minds are consumed with hatred."

Benedict invited 24 people with ties to ground zero to join him: survivors, relatives of victims and four rescue workers. He greeted each member of the group individually as a string quartet played in the background. In his prayer, he also remembered those who, "because of their presence here that day, suffer from injuries and illness."

New York deputy fire chief James Riches, father of a fallen Sept. 11 firefighter, said the pope's visit was important and gave him "a little consolation."

Hundreds of people stood just outside the site, behind police barricades, hoping for a glimpse of the pope.

The site where the World Trade Center was destroyed is normally filled with hundreds of workers building a 102-story skyscraper, a memorial and transit hub. It bears little resemblance to the debris-filled pit where crews toiled to remove twisted steel and victims' remains.

The remains of more than 1,100 people have never been identified.

Benedict was joined by New York Cardinal Edward Egan, along Mayor Michael Bloomberg, New York Gov. David Paterson and New Jersey Gov. Jon Corzine.

The land is owned and managed by the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey.

Benedict has addressed terrorism several times during his six-day visit.

In a private meeting with President Bush, the two leaders "touched on the need to confront terrorism with appropriate means that respect the human person and his or her rights," according to a joint U.S.-Holy See statement.

Benedict has been critical of harsh interrogation methods, telling a meeting of the Vatican's office for social justice last September that, while a country has an obligation to keep its citizens safe, prisoners must never be demeaned or tortured.

Addressing the United Nations on Friday, Benedict warned diplomats that international cooperation needed to solve urgent problems is "in crisis because decisions rest in the hands of a few powerful nations."

The pope also insisted that the way to peace was by ensuring respect for human dignity.

"The promotion of human rights remains the most effective strategy for eliminating inequalities between countries and social groups, and increasing security," the pope said.

Those whose rights are trampled, he said, "become easy prey to the call to violence and they then become violators of peace."
Online TV-watching made easy
A breakdown of what different Web sites offer

Ryan Chattrand
MUSTANG DAILY

It's a TV network's nightmare come true: millions of people watching its content, new and old, without paying a dime and only sitting through 30-second advertisements.

And yet it was the networks themselves that made it all happen.

In case you hadn't received the memo, cable television is going out of style. Before you know it, watching TV without a mouse in your right hand will be as socially wrong as singing the Macarena in 2008.

For whatever reason, most networks choose not to offer reality shows on their sites, and such is the case with the reality powerhouse "American Idol" on FOX.com. Nevertheless, the site is still a worthy contender against NBC and ABC.

Hulu.com

There's no reason why you shouldn't be a member of the Hulu community. With more than 400 television shows and more than 100 free, enjoyable films like "The Girl Next Door" and "October Sky," Hulu is a dream come true.

Included television networks are: NBC, FOX, USA Network, Bravo, Fuel TV, FX, Sci Fi, Style, Sundance, G4 and Oxygen.

The video player is one of the best available (far better than YouTube) and includes the option for high-resolution videos (streamed at 480p for you tech geeks). Hulu also has an HD Gallery for HD clips, but the collection is small and only contains movie trailers.

Since Hulu is a community like YouTube, there are many features geared toward viewers, such as customized playlists of videos, ratings, comments, viewed videos history and a section that groups several clips together, such as "Best of Christopher Walken."

The one complaint many viewers have with online television is that they would rather watch the shows on their television. But just because the shows and movies appear on your computer monitor doesn't necessarily mean you need to watch it at your desk.

If your laptop or desktop has some form of video output on the back of the computer, such as a VGA connector (blue), an S-Video connector (black circle) or a DVI connector (white), you can easily watch online content on your television.

Watching television online may seem restricted to the "tech geeks," but with some patience and research, you can save $20 a month by not having to pay for cable television.

Televison, as you know it, is changing. Networks will no longer expect you to come to them during primetime. Now you make the call, and you get to decide when, where and through what medium you will view their content.

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WHERE MY NERDS AT? STAND UP!

We've got new Batman and Superman movies coming out. "Iron Man" comes out next month; there's a Hulk movie coming out that may not suck, and studios are making a new Street Fighter movie, a GI Joe movie, a Justice League movie, an Avengers movie, a live-action Star Wars TV show and a new Star Trek movie. It's a pretty damn good time to be a nerd, but still, the "nerd" label is still trendy to throw around in our culture. I say it's time to make a change, like Jean Grey did when she became Phoenix. My fellow nerds know what I mean.

Society is starting to come around to video games. They're no longer considered the epitome of nerdiness, but some people still make fun of those of us who choose to wear the telemarketer headset while playing online multiplayer games. Do you even know how vital it is that you communicate the exact positions of the blue team to your red team-mates so we can capture the flag, gain experience points and go up in rank? Other than the International Basketball Federation, have you ever seen a silent game of basketball? Communication is necessary when playing sports, and now that we have Major League "Halo" is a sport. So suck it.

Then there's the stigma around comic books. If you read them, you're a nerd, but watching movies based on comic books is totally cool like Slater. What's the difference? Reading. This proves that reading is the single nerdiest activity you can do, which actually means you are being a nerd right now ... but don't put this paper down. Embrace your inner nerd; everyone has one.

So, my fellow nerdicans, live long and prosper. Know that anyone who makes fun of your nerdriness is himself or herself a nerd in some form. And if you want to challenge the TRENDASAURUS at "Halo 3," you can't; he's a Nintendo nerd (but my gamertag is The OG DeV Man). Bring it on, bitches!

Brian McMullen is a journalism senior, Mustang Daily columnist, and self-professed nerd.

telling you about their new favorite brand of gum? Yea, gum nerds. And that dude at the party who knows all the beer pong house rules and corrects you every time you say "beer pong" like "beer pong is with paddles. This is beer, dumbass." He's a beer pong nerd. The sooner you realize what kind of nerd you are, the sooner we can all see eye-to-eye and stop bullying each other. Personally, I'm a hip-hop, comic-book cartoon, "Rock Band" drummer, major-ranked "Halo" player and giant robot nerd. Who can't relate to that?

Then again, isn't being a nerd awesome simply because only other nerds understand your passion for something others label as stupid or lame or geeky? Isn't it amazing when you break into 45-minute conversations about how "Spider-Man 3" bore no resemblance to the classic comic book storyline? Yes, but that doesn't mean we can't all benefit from breaking down this "you are a nerd, I am cool" trend.

Seriously, we have to stop the trend of calling certain people nerds. Everybody is a nerd in some way. ESPN addicts are not sports enthusiasts; they are sports nerds. KCPR DJs are not hipsters; they are music nerds. Nobody's fashionable; they're style nerds. Nobody has a shoe fetish; they're shoe nerds. You know those friends of yours who are always
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Response to “Forgotten Sarah Marshall: Totally unforgivable”

Bravo! With this remarkable, informative, and eloquent article, you have somehow managed to set back your values and the people who subscribe to them by about 100 years. Congratulations; I’m shocked that one so pedantic, this isn’t college-level work. I almost considered getting angry over this exceptional piece of trash until I realized how insouciant I am toward liberals, conservatives and all that other bullshit in general. So thank you, College Republicans, for reminding me why I chose not to have any political values or stances.

— Chet King
Response to “Understanding liberals”

Your uncertainty about how liberals think clarifies how you think: completely closed-minded. Maybe you don’t understand them because you always assume the answer: you’re always right and they’re always wrong (oh wait, you already said that). So, stop trying to totally generalize it into the “dark evil side” against the Jed, and totally turn it us vs. them, situation which always ruins everything. This is reductionism, this college-level thinking: “I’m right and you’re wrong, just because I think so.”

But if you want to spend money on a war killing instead of helping the poor live, then maybe you don’t really understand you either...

— Sean R.
Response to “Understanding liberals”

I am very pleased with the responses of my first two letters. I would advise anyone who posted suggestions to take the idea directly to ASI! I have found them to be very responsive. If you have a good idea, you voice it once and let it echo with me, with it and see how far you get. And don’t forget to bring the idea up to our 2008-09 candidates when you see them.

— Antoine McGrath
Response to “Eliana-facton: One of the greatest dangers facing America”

So, was this supposed to be a movie review? Because it sounds more like a summary, complete with details of all the good scenes in the movie. Why should I even bother watching it now? Granted, there are plenty of movies people go to where they already know the ending (“Titanic,” anyone?), so the drama is that they get from the review is based on things like the quality of acting or the director’s ability to tell the story. This article hints at some things, but not the final four sentences, albeit with cliché and uninformative remarks.

— John
Response to “Forgetting Sarah Marshall: Totally unforgivable”

University police department could change the likelihood of a violent event on a school’s campus. Of course, a school shooting can occur anywhere, and much of the time there are no preventive measures in place, but I do believe these factors have an impact on campus safety.

Moreover, a good major is safety, efficiency, and emotional. The population is young, immature, and emotional. Therefore, any gun policy that could change the likelihood of a violent event on a school’s campus. Of course, a school shooting can occur anywhere, and much of the time there are no preventive measures in place, but I do believe these factors have an impact on campus safety.

Safety must be just as much as a priority on campus as education. While the right to personal security must be respected, the admittance of weapons only further decreases the level of comfort on campus.

As students, I encourage every one of us to understand our rights and responsibilities. If you are interested in learning more about the movement to give students the right to carry on campus, visit the SCCS at www.concealed-campus.org. For those who are against SCCS’s fight for personal weapon protection, visit the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence at www.bradyca.org.
Girls & Sports by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz  No. 0310

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1 Stans and Stripes, e.g.
2 Places where lines meet
3 French greeting
4 '________ of Sandwich'
5 Cause of a game cancellation
6 Unaccompanied
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12 Join
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Down
1 Admit (to), with
2 Reindeer herder
3 Geometry calculation
4 'My pleasure'
5 Black power manufacturer
6 Dundie
7 The "C" in N.Y.C.
8 Divided $50
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10 Scooner fill
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15 Dusting sword
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42 Killer whale
43 Sgt. Snorkel's counterpart
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50 Knight time?
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**Calgary, Alberta — Miika Kirpusoff made 21 saves, Owen Nolan and Dawn Langkow scored, and the Calgary Flames beat the Sharks 2-0 on Sunday night to force a Game 7.**

The decisive match Tuesday night will be the first Game 7 the Sharks have hosted in franchise history after playing five on the road.

Facing elimination in front of raucous home crowd that braved freezing temperatures and snow to get to the Pengrowth Saddledome, the Flames channeled San Jose relentlessly along the boards. Kirpusoff was outstanding during the stretches his team’s scoring chances dried up and the Sharks were pressing.

Calgary held San Jose scoreless on three power-play chances and went 0-for-2 with a man advantage. Nolan, a former Sharks star, opened the scoring midway through the first period and Langkow made it 2-0 with 37 seconds left in the second.

Langkow took two strides from the boards and beat Evgeni Nabokov with a low wrist shot stick side for his third of the postseason. Nabokov made 23 saves.

The Sharks mustered some sustained pressure in Calgary’s zone after two scoreless power plays in the second period, but botched a 3-on-1 opportunity with just over three minutes to go.

Milan Michalek hung onto the puck too long and then didn’t get a clean shot away. The Sharks No. 2 scorer during the regular season remained pointless in the series.

Kirpusoff’s pad save on Ryan Clowe from close range late in the second and a quick glove on Joe Thornton’s through traffic during a Sharks power play early in the second period helped preserve Calgary’s lead heading into the third.

Calgary carried the play off the opening faceoff. The Flames outshout the Sharks 13-4 and won almost 70 percent of the faceoffs in the first period. They also outshot San Jose 14-1 in the second.

A couple big shifts and hard grunt work behind San Jose’s net midway through the opening period set the table for the Flames’ first goal.

Kristian Huselius reclamed the puck that was getting away from him with deft stick work and he got a backhand shot away. Nolan corralled the rebound and scored low stick side on Nabokov at 11:33 for his third of the series.

**Checkmate Press**

San Jose Sharks goalie Evgeni Nabokov, left, gets pressured by the Calgary Flames’ Matthew Lombardi during the third period of the sixth game of their series in Calgary, Alberta, on Sunday. (ASSOCIATED PRESS)

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The Lakers were 3-0 against the Nuggets during the regular season, winning by an average of 16.3 points per game, but haven’t won a playoff series since 2004, when Bryant and Shaquille O’Neal led them to the NBA finals.

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**Lakers continued from page 12**

Carmelo Anthony had 30 points and 12 rebounds for the eight-seeded Nuggets. Allen Iverson also had 30 points before picking up two technical fouls with 2:10 remaining, calling for immediate ejection. Lins Kleza scored a career playoff high 23 points and J.R. Smith added 15 before fouling out with 3:14 left.

The Nuggets should have known it wasn’t going to be their day when several players were stranded on the Santa Monica Freeway for about a half-hour when the team bus broke down on the way to the game.

The bus left the team’s hotel about two-and-a-half hours before tip-off at scheduled, but experienced problems about 15 minutes into the trip, spokesman Eric Sebastian said. “There was a pop, black smoke, there was another pop, more black smoke,” Sebastian said. “We rushed off the bus. We were standing on the side of the road.”

The Nuggets’ second bus, which left the team hotel about 30 minutes after the first one, stopped to pick up their teammates. The entire team made the rest of the trip to the arena, arriving about 90 minutes before game-time.

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The Lakers outscored the Nuggets 39-22 in the third quarter after leading 56-36 at halftime. “We just broke down (in the third quarter),” Iverson said. “We’re underdogs, and people don’t think we have a chance at all. But we’re not going to give up.”

The Nuggets shot just 23-for-37 from the foul line. Iverson was the lone free-throw shooter as three technique fouls with 2:10 remaining, calling for immediate ejection. Lins Kleza scored a career playoff high 23 points and J.R. Smith added 15 before fouling out with 3:14 left.

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The Lakers led 97-78 entering the fourth quarter, but an 11-2 run by Denver made it 101-91 with 8:17 remaining. The Nuggets drew within nine twice down the stretch, but Bryant wouldn’t allow them to get any closer.

“They struck first,” said Denver’s Marcus Camby, who had only four points, seven rebounds and two blocked shots. “I was surprised how well they passed the ball. They are a very unselfish team. It was also a surprise how well they cut to the basket. Once they got the lead, it was hard to catch up with them.”

The Lakers outscored the Nuggets 39-22 in the third quarter after leading 56-36 at halftime. “We just broke down (in the third quarter),” Iverson said. “We’re underdogs, and people don’t think we have a chance at all. But we’re not going to give up.”

The Nuggets shot just 23-for-37 from the foul line. Iverson was the lone free-throw shooter as three
Fischbach lifts Poly to series win in Davis

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first round is even being called the "real" Western Conference finals. On top of that, there's an unspeakable edge lingering from last year due to Robert Horry hip-checking Steve Nash into the court's tree.

Suns general manager Steve Kerr took a long look at starting for Shaquille O'Neal this season for the sole purpose of stopping Tim Duncan, and the Suns can't afford to lose two games against the Spurs with O'Neal.

Yet Duncan has also never lost in the first round of the playoffs since entering the league. This will be an interesting series to watch, with the Suns finally getting over the hump and beating the Spurs in seven games.

Dallas Mavericks (7) vs. New Orleans Hornets (2)

It's not an upset if the winner is just flat-out better. Dirk Nowitzki is still the reigning MVP, and the Mavericks have a deeper bench than the Hornets.

As well as Mavericks' lack of play-off experience, there is no better way than to kick it off than with a win against Jason Kidd, who is a great defender and a winner. The Mavericks will win this series in seven games.

Eastern Conference

Atlanta Hawks (8) vs. Boston Celtics (4)

The Hawks, who hold the best record in the league, will be playing against a team with barely any playoff experience. No further analysis needed — Celtics in four.

Washington Wizards (5) vs. Cleveland Cavaliers (4)

This is one of the toughest series to analyze. Even though LeBron James is one of the best players in the league, he just won't get enough help.

The Wizards are deeper, hungrier and want revenge for being knocked out of the playoffs the past two years by the Cavaliers. Washington will take this series in six games.

Toronto Raptors (6) vs. Orlando Magic (3)

It will be Dwight Howard or Chris Bosh dictating the outcome of this series, but the play of Hedo Turkoglu that will be the deciding factor.

In addition, the emergence of Jose Calderon this season has caused inconsistency at the point guard position, as he and T.J. Ford battle every night for minutes. Orlando will take this series in five games.
Cahns shuts out Matadors

Mustangs, who have won 13 of 14 at home, score all five of their runs in the sixth inning of win over Cal State Northridge to take Big West series 2-1

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Gasol leads Lakers past Nuggets in first game

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LOS ANGELES — Pau Gasol’s post-game smile made it clear how he felt about finally winning a postseason game.

His numbers revealed just how much he had to do with the victory.

Gasol established career playoff highs with 36 points and eight assists, and he also had 16 rebounds and three blocked shots Sunday as the Los Angeles Lakers took command in the third quarter and beat the Denver Nuggets 128-114.

“It feels amazing, it feels great. I had a blast out there,” the 7-foot Spaniard said after shooting 14-of-20 from the floor and 8-of-8 from the foul line. “We did a pretty good job, we can improve, but we were better than we did, and defense is probably the first thing we’ll address.”

Denver coach George Karl said he didn’t believe it was just Gasol.

“I think the film will show it was the Los Angeles Lakers who tore us up,” Karl said. “Gasol played great, don’t get me wrong. He had a lot of great decisions for him to get a lot of easy baskets.”

With the win, which secured the series 2-1, Cal Poly moved into a third-place tie in the conference with Cal State Northridge and Cal State Fullerton.

The Mustangs, who lost a doubleheader opener 8-7 Saturday before rebounding with a 6-2 win, have won 13 of 14 contests at home.

They’ll continue Big West play by visiting Pacific for a doubleheader beginning at noon Saturday.

Above, Cal Poly sophomore first baseman Krysten Cary slides into second on a two-RBI double in the sixth inning Sunday. Right, junior shortstop Melissa Pura swings. Pura was 1 for 3 in the win.

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