Fossil Fuels Brewing Co. has been in the making for more than a decade, but that's nothing compared to one of the ingredients used to brew its beer. The yeast used in the fermentation process is tens of millions of years old.

In 1995, microbiologist and Cal Poly professor Raul Cano made headlines in the science world when he successfully removed living bacteria from a bee encased in fossilized amber from 25 to 45 million years ago. "We extracted 1,500 to 2,000 organisms, mostly bacteria and a few yeasts. Our main interest was the bacteria, with hopes of extracting antibiotics. But when that became too expensive, I turned my attention to the yeasts," said Cano, currently a professor emeritus at Cal Poly.

Cano got into contact with Bill Evans, brewmaster of Carmel Brewing Company, and they developed Fossil Fuels Brewing Co. and a line of unique beers that played off the prehistoric origin of their product.

The T-Rex Lager, Stegosaurus Stout and Jurassic Amber Ale were born. The theme struck a chord with producers of a movie being released that year and the beer was actually served at the cast party for "Jurassic Park II: The Lost World."

Various difficulties and complications arose that forced Cano to close shop by 1997. For the next 10 years, the yeast would be stored inside a freezer at 70 degrees Celsius until a twist of fate revived Fossil Fuels Brewing Co. Lewis "Chip" Lambert, a microbiologist who had confirmed the validity of the amber research also worked as a ski instructor and gave lessons to the wife of Peter Hackett, owner of Stumptown Brewery in Guerneville, Calif.

"My friend Chip is a schmoozer, so when he found out she was married to the owner of this eclectic brewery, he asked her how she would like to brew a beer with ancient yeast," Cano said. "It fell into my lap. We were randomly put in touch and six weeks later we were brewing beer," Hackett recalled.

Fossil Fuels Brewing Co. was reformed with Cano and Lambert as partners and with Hackett producing a variation of his trademark Rat Bastard Ale, adjusting the name to T-Rat.

In a comparison of the two, Jay R. Brooks of Celebrator Beer News magazine remarked, "While they're both great beers, the T-Rat has a more complex and well-developed taste profile, and its smoothness makes it great. The fact that it was made with such old yeast is fascinating, and given how good the beer is, no more novelty."

Hackett described the beer as having an "exotic ginger and melon quality with spiciness reminiscent of Belgian styles." He attributes that to the fact the Belgian brewers use wild yeast, although Cano said the ancient variety is unique from any of the yeast stocks found presently. T-Rat was recently submitted to compete in the 2008 World Beer Cup earlier this month.

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Jeffrey Howard

News Daily staff report

The San Luis Obispo Police Department issued a warrant for a Grover Beach man who is suspected of committing a lewd act with a minor in 1992.

Jeffrey Howard, 49, had the leading role in "Evita" in a SLO Little Theatre production at the Old Junior High School, and allegedly molested a minor, who was then 12 years old, during breaks in the play, according to police.

Police have been investigating the case since the victim came forward last year. Howard was arrested and booked Tuesday and his bail was set at $100,000.

Police have received information that Howard still participates in plays in the south county, and anyone with information that may tie Howard to a crime should contact the police at 967-2283.

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Abbas appeals for more U.S. help in peace process

Matthew Lee

WASHINGTON — Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas appealed to the Bush administration Wednesday for more support in peace talks with Israel that have bogged down five months after both sides pledged to reach a deal by January.

In a meeting with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice ahead of talks with President Bush on Thursday, Abbas said time was running out if that target laid out at the Annapolis Conference in November was to be met and that more pressure must be exerted on Israel to stop the expansion of Jewish settlements in the West Bank.

"We are serious in having a serious negotiations to reach an agreement by the end of the year, but the gaps are still wide between us and the Israelis," he said in a speech to the Arab-American Institute after his talks with Rice.

Chief among the Palestinian complaints is Israel's expansion of settlements in the West Bank, a halt to which is a major component of the so-called road map blueprint for peace.

"I am telling you frankly that the most important obstacle to the peace process and the negotiations is the continuation of the settlement activities," Abbas said. "Therefore, I am calling on the Israeli government to stop all settlement activities so we can hold proper meetings to reach a solution on the core issues." Abbas aides said he had pressed Rice for U.S. action on the matter.

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stead, she hopes to convince party leaders who will attend the national convention as superdelegates that she is better able to defeat Republic­an John McCain in November and persuade them to swing behind her candidacy as a result.

With a handful of Pennsylvania delegates yet to be awarded, Obama had 1,723.5 and Clinton had 1,592.5 in The Associated Press national count. It takes 2,025 to clinch the nomination.

Clinton said donors had contributed more than $3 million to her candidacy in the hours since her Pennsylvania victory, some of it from thousands of new donors. Her campaign said she was on track for the cash register was later located near the agreement at a nearby business which yielded a photo of the suspect.

He is described as a white male in his late teens or early 20s with blond hair, wearing a dark sweatshirt with a logo design on the front, and left the area in a light-colored compact car, police said. The cash register was later located at a nearby park with the money missing, but the tip jar remains outstanding.

Police responded to a report of a broken window and commercial burglary Tuesday morning at The Poor Boy Sandwiches on California Boulevard.

Officers discovered that the cash register and tip jar were missing, according to a San Luis Obispo Police Department press release.

Federal Election Commission un­der Law enforcement at the scene.

In addition, McCain's campaign accused Clinton of seeking to cut back on her advertising, saying, "It is entirely appropriate for the campaign for candidates based on their past associations."

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State

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The surviving members of the Grateful Dead are turning over the rock band's archives to the University of California at Santa Cruz.

Dennis McNally, a spokesman for ex-Dead guitarist Bob Weir, said Weir and drummer Mickey Hart are going to announce a partnership with the university Thursday. The announcement will take place at San Francisco's Fillmore Auditorium, where the Grateful Dead played many of its legendary shows.

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Four multimillion dollar homes in San Diego's upscale La Jolla area were evacuated as a precaution after a landslide cut a 30-foot-deep crevice in a nearby canyon.

City officials are investigating the cause of Wednesday's landslide on the north face of Mount Soledad. It was reported just after 9 a.m.

SCRANTON, Pa. (AP) — Collin Saltry and Joey Daniel said they skipped gym class on Monday to rush over to a diner where Sen. Barack Obama's motorcade had just pulled in for an impromptu breakfast stop.

The two met Obama, and they said he even signed excuse slips for them to show their teachers. That didn't work. Saltry and Daniel got one-day suspensions for leaving school grounds, and Saltry was ordered to resign as senior class president.

National

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A bank teller pregnant with twins was shot in the abdomen during a robbery Tuesday morning, but both the teller and the fetuses survived the attack, authorities said.

The masked gunman came into the Huntington Bank branch around 9:30 a.m., jumped over the counter screaming, shot the teller and grabbed cash from her drawer, police said.

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Poly Reps give good first impression

Sara Wright
October 21, 2008

For a lot of current Cal Poly students, the first person they met on campus wasn’t their roommate or their best friend; it was a young man or woman sporting a green polo proclaiming “Poly Reps.”

Most know the Poly Reps as students who give campus tours to prospective students and their parents, alumni and other visitors. And as some of the first people to greet newcomers to Cal Poly, this group sees the value in making a good first impression.

Ross Macy, an agricultural education graduate student and president of Poly Reps, said previous encounters with the group inspired him to become involved.

“When I took a tour as a prospective student, I thought, ‘Man, I kinda wanna do that,’” he said.

The Poly Rep program began in 1985, according to Terrance Harris, an admissions officer for Cal Poly Admission & Recruitment as well as a Poly Rep advisor.

“There was a need for student ambassadors to show people the campus and work with the Alumni Association,” Harris said. “People want to know about food on campus, classrooms, so there are certain things you’ll want to show them. Poly Reps give a general overview of what campus has to offer.”

Cindie Thompson, associate director of admissions and the former 21-year adviser of Poly Reps, helped establish the program.

Poly Reps serve as guides, giving walking tours of most of the campus that last for around 90 minutes. They describe campus events, programs and curricula, throw in fun trivia and answer questions while they’re at it.

“I’ve been learning a lot,” said Cathy Huertertting, mother of a prospective student during a tour. “[The Poly Rep] is doing a really good job... this is a huge tour!”

While most recognize Poly Reps primarily as campus tour guides, their work includes much more.

Poly Reps also work with the Alumni Association, such as at events like AWOI! (A Week of Leaving, for graduates) and new-student welcome events during the summer.

They also serve on panels to discuss student life at Cal Poly for counselors and parents, give presentations at high schools and community colleges; represent Cal Poly at public relations events; and help spread the word about keeping involved with the university after graduation.

Poly Reps commit a minimum of 10 or 15 hours a month to their Poly Rep program during spring quarter to replace graduating Poly Reps. Once a student is accepted, he or she is a member for the whole year.

“We always encourage anyone to apply,” Harris said. “We try to give students an opportunity to grow as leaders and to expand public speaking skills.”

Applications are only accepted once a year, starting around January before spring quarter. Training is once a quarter after acceptance. Training retreats occur during the fall and winter quarters, and tour training is during the spring. Meetings are every other week throughout the year.

Finally, Poly Reps have fun with special events such as a new member celebration, conventions, holiday parties and the annual End-of-the-Year Banquet.

Because being a Poly Rep offers great opportunities to gain skills as well as socialize, many remain for more than the minimum single year.

“We like to say, ‘Once a Poly Rep, always a Poly Rep,’” Macy said.

Anthony Lumbad, a biology sophomore, gives a tour of campus to prospective freshman and their families.

Poly Reps relate information about dining, housing and more to give possible students a real look into the university.

Candidates Forum-UU Plaza
April 29, 11 a.m.
Free Speech Hour
Meet the candidates and hear their platforms

Candidates Debate-UU Plaza
May 1, 11 a.m.
Interactive candidate debate

The filing period for ASI elections has officially closed. If you are interested in being a write-in candidate and participating in campaign activities, come to UU212 to register.
Questions? Call 756-2586 or visit www.almostalumni.calpoly.edu
How Oprah Winfrey is like global warming

Earth has had a pretty good week, but it has had better. On Sunday, revelers showed their appreciation for the Earth's handiwork by partaking of a certain mind-shaping leafy substance and on Tuesday, people showed their respect for the biosphere by reprimanding litterbugs as they attempted to toss empty bottles into trash cans. But don't pat yourselves on the back quite yet, Earthlings.

You may feel like you have parted ways to save the planet from the evils of global warming, but what have you done to save it from Oprah? (Hint: If you have no idea what I'm talking about, the answer is “No.”) There are more than a few eerie similarities between the two besides identical syllabic emphasis.

Infiltration occurs in stages.

Just as a few years ago we scarcely heard the term “global warming” so has the ubiquity of Oprah Winfrey proliferated into every part of our lives: music, television, radio, the arts, and even wine festivals.

In the years since the 1980s, Winfrey has been a major player in the global entertainment industry. Her talk show, “The Oprah Winfrey Show,” has been a staple on American television for over 20 years, and she has used her platform to discuss a wide variety of topics, including health, relationships, and social issues. She has also launched her own line of infomercial products, including Oprah’s O, a lifestyle magazine and Oprah’s Book Club, which has been a popular source of literary recommendations.

The impact of Winfrey’s influence is not limited to her television show. She has become a cultural icon, with a net worth estimated at over $2.5 billion. Her influence extends to the world of music, as well. She has been known to introduce new artists to the public, and her endorsement can have a significant impact on an artist’s career.

This week, the Vines to Wines Club is hosting its sixth annual Cal Poly Wine Festival, which has become one of the premier wine events in the area. The event, which began in 2003 as a senior project, will take place at the Santa Margarita Ranch from 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday. The event boasts nearly 100 different wineries from across California, and 20 local restaurants will cater to the more than 1,000 visitors the festival draws each year.

A limited number of gold passes are still available for $20 plus general admission, which is $50 or $30 for students, faculty or staff with a Cal Poly ID. The gold passes grant visitors entrance to the festival at noon for first crack at the amenities as well as a limited-edition tasting glass.

“It’s like being in Disneyland with no lines,” said Ryan Crodle, Vines to Wines president and business senior. “And if you break it down per hour, it’s a good value financially.”

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The festival brings in students, faculty, alumni, connoisseurs and industry professionals alike.

“T here was a good mix of student, teachers, and adults from the community,” said Scott Robb, a Cal Poly business graduate who attended last year and is driving from Sacramento for the event this year. “Good food, good wine, great time.”

Panelists will include:

President Warren Baker
Provost William W. Durgin
Dean of Research and Graduate Programs
Susan Opava
Dean of Engineering Mohammad Noori
Associate Dean of Research & Graduate Programs Ed Sullivan
Dr. Gregg Fiegel

Thursday, April 24, 2008
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
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Put yourself in the "Star Wars" universe, but more than 125 years after "Return of the Jedi."

Now picture these characters: Luke Skywalker's great, great grandfather; a feared bounty hunter who contributes to the eradication of Jedi in a post-apocalyptic setting; a space pirate who runs with two like-minded gangsters; a drifting drug addict who forgets his problems by using death sticks; and the last remaining Skywalker who could give hope to a Sith-crippled galaxy if only he wasn't jaded by his traumatic childhood.

It's all about Cade Skywalker, the archer around which Dark Horse Comics' "Star Wars: Legacy" comic book and graphic novel series is centered.

"Legacy" takes a darker-than-the-movies approach to engage readers in a profoundly narrative narrative that serves as a prime example of how characters from the original "Star Wars" saga are unnecessarily to recreate the magic George Lucas first brought to the silver screen in 1977.

If Episodes VII, VIII and IX are ever made, "Legacy" could easily rival the breakthrough 1997 Timothy-Zahn trilogy of "Star Wars" novels as the best possible literary framework from which screenplay could be adapted. "Legacy"'s psychologically driven themes are complex yet relatable. Its characters are shrouded in mystery, but are understandable. And its visionary creators — writer John Ostrander and his team of 10 artists — remain so true to classic "Star Wars" archetypes that the John Williams orchestra can practically be heard while turning pages.

"Legacy" has no been uncensored, as the comic book itself is Dark Horse's No. 2 monthly seller behind only " Buffy the Vampire Slayer," according to Wookieepedia.com, making it the most popular "Star Wars" comic book on the market since it was launched in June 2006.

Even more adult readers have latched on to a like a trade paperback, graphic novels that were released as a compilation of 12 of the 22 40-page " comic book book issues to date. "Broken," released in May 2007, and "Shards," released last month, are comprised of introductory issues before the series launches into the "Claws of the Dragon" story arc.

Along the way, "Broken" and "Shards," readers are introduced to a cast of characters they will quickly become attached to. These characters are almost on par with those of the original trilogy and decidedly better than those of the prequel trilogy. They include: the aforementioned Cade Skywalker, his two gun-wielding pirate associates, the Zheltro female Dehak Blue and the human male Jarialh Syn; the Force-inclined Princess Maraath Fel; her father, the exiled Emperor Roon Fel; Sith such as Darth Talon and Darth Nihl; and self-made Sith Emperor Darth Krayt, a dictator who makes Palpatine look like a voting-rights advocate.

It needs to be said that the binary rule of Sith (i.e. Darth Sidious/Darth Vader) no longer exists under Krayt. Instead, he rules over a legion of Sith who have overtaken Coruscant and turned it into a post-apocalyptic hell that bears no resemblance to the crown jewel of the galaxy seen in Episodes I and II.

Perhaps more interesting than Krayt, though, is Talon. Although in some ways a shameless integration of wvs reappears in the storyline, the series is filled with intrigue than any of Krayt's other minions because she amounts to a female version of Darth Maul. Her femme fatale ways briefly cross paths with Cade in a couple pages that show the fearless Outrider has in weaving the story.

"Legacy" capitalizes thoughtfully on its sparing use of original saga iconography, which includes the ghost of Luke, a hallucination of Vader and R2-D2, which is somehow still beeping and rolling around just fine.

Without Cade, though, "Legacy" would be irrelevant. His conflicted nature and deep-rooted pathos creates more conflict in his family's heritage creates a compelling revision of "Star Wars" conventions that authors are often scared to tackle with. The best scene in the original saga is Luke staring at Tanoos's twin twins, desperately longing for adventure. Some of the most powerful art in "Legacy," in contrast, depicts a stoned Cade staring blankly into a ghost of Luke and explaining why he would much rather blend in.

Cade's renunciation of the code leads largely stems from watching as a child when his father, Kol, sacrificed himself to save fellow Jedi. Cade and the Sith who killed his father, Kol, then unwittingly set out on an inexorable path toward a lightaber duel in which a grown-up Cade can stake his claim to revenge if only he's willing to tread on the dark side of the Force.

If Luke could only know that his great, great grandson would have blonde dreadlocks, earrings and tattoos.

And now that they're acquainted, hopefully "Legacy" will never have to jump out of hyperspace.

Tristan Aird is a journalism student and lives with a free textbook.
Sunscreen, water and wet wipes
A Mustang Daily guide to surviving the summer festival season

Dustin Stone
MUSTANG DAILY

The mercury is rising and the sun is lingering in the sky a little longer each day, which can mean only one thing: The summer festival season is upon us.

All around the country, music lovers are bracing themselves to face sweating heat, $4 bottled water and epic B.O. — all in pursuit of the perfect concert experience.

As a service to our readers, we have compiled a list of tips for maximizing the enjoyment of these events, ensuring that festival-goers come out alive when it's all over.

1. Be prepared for the heat.

This one should be fairly obvious to anyone with half a brain, but every year thousands of festival-goers suffer from blistering sunburns, heat stroke and severe dehydration. Don't be one of these people.

Sunscreen is your friend, so don't be afraid of it. Whatever SPF you choose, make sure it is waterproof so it won't sweat off while you're shaking your ass to some sweet tunes. Don't forget to reapply throughout the day. Try doing this every time a new band takes the stage. It may seem excessive, but it saves you a lot of pain and peeling in the long run.

Also, don't forget the H.O.T. It keeps you alive, you know.

Last year, architecture junior David Swaim chose to rely on his ingenuity to find water during the Coachella Music and Arts Festival rather than paying $2 for a bottle of water.

"My clever solution was not to drink," he said, "which, by the end of the day, resulted in me lying on the ground fidgeting and hallucinating that my knees were battling. When I heard someone behind me say 'Look, that guy's on acid,' I realized that my ingenuity had failed me. Sometimes water is worth $2 a bottle.

2. Get plenty of rest.

Festivals involve 12- to 24-hour days of music and~~

3. Avoid the chill-out tent.

While it may afford you the chance to meet Wavy Gravy (study your festival history and you will find that he is much more than an awesome Ben & Jerry's flavor), the chill-out tent is not somewhere you want to be. Sure, you get all the free oranges and water you can consume, but it's not as glamorous as the Holy Steady sound makes it seem.

"Let's be honest, while the Mustang Daily does not condone drug use, we understand that festivals and drugs have a long coexistence since... forever. You don't have to be a buzz kill, just be smart. Don't be excessive, know your limits and hopefully you will be fine. Don't use festivals as a place to experiment. The middle of a crowd of 50,000 people is not the ideal place to experience hallucinogens for the first time. Stick to what you know and, again, stay hydrated so you don't wind up semi-conscious on the back of a golf cart screaming about giant bats and manta rays in the sky.

4. Don't be a jerkface.

This one comes straight from Cal Poly alumni and long-time KCPR DJ Paul Sitting (better known to the public as Sasquatch), who demands you refrain from acting like an ass, even if you...

...are really tired of standing in line. So is everyone else!
...can't see well and arrived late to a stage. Just because you have elbows doesn't mean you need to use them to get to the front of the stage. If you were the biggest fan ever, you would have been two hours early like everyone else at the front.
...really love this song! Getting drunk and/or high then singing off-key and stepping on people while you dance only displays you're a jerkface/douche to everyone around you, not how in tune you are with this song and the whole of the cosmos.

5. Choose your company wisely.

Festivals are great places to make new friends, but, as is true for life in general, choose those new friends wisely.

Political science graduate of UCSB Brian Galvin, 23, learned this lesson the hard way while attending last year's Vegoose festival after some friends bailed and left him scrambling to find a Vegas hotel room on "the cheap."

"I wound up staying in room at the Tropicana with a friend of a friend of his roommate's, along with 15 of that friend's friend's friends."

When Galvin left the room in search of food and drink, his new Bulgarian roommate, who had made the trip out just for Vegoose, overdosed on heroin and was rushed to the hospital.

"The next morning I go to the bathroom, and while scrambling to find something to write while I do the deed, I find a crumpled paper detailing how the guy had his stomach pumped and was then set free back into the wilds of Vegas," Galvin said.

The next day, Galvin sprained his ankle and wound up stuck in the hotel room while everybody, the Bulgarian gentleman included, headed out for the festival.

"In the morning he shoots up in front of everyone, making 15 people look at the wall uncomfortably," he said. "Then they smoke a bunch of pot and go to day two. In the meantime, I'm stuck in the hotel room with the dude's heroine and a bunch of acid and miscellaneous other drugs (in room that is sinking up the floor and was visited by paramedics the night before. So Vegoose and my new friends come back and drive me back to Santa Barbara after a 10-hour freak-out session in the room."

6. Don't be afraid to ditch your friends.

One of the best things about attending big festivals is the ability to completely customize your experience. The variety of acts that play these events is usually pretty overwhelming and not everybody wants to see the same thing. Don't let your friends' musical tastes get in the way of your good times, or vice versa.

Keep your cell phone charged and set meeting places and times to meet back up with your group. This will ultimately help in avoiding the obligatory "...but I want..." argument.

Kinesiology senior Juan Ramirez figured this one out after the first time he attended Coachella.

"I was in a decent sized group, and everyone was afraid to break apart," he explained. "I was really annoyed with the other people in my group, because I was dragged to shows I had no interest in seeing. I did have a lot of fun that year, but I was pretty pissed off at times due to missing some great shows at the expense of 'sticking together.'"

7. Wet wipes and talcum powder.

You know what they're for and when you don't get to take a shower for three days, you'll be glad you brought them. "Nuff said.

Music lovers from the world over gather at the Coachella Music and Arts Festival in Indio, Calif. each year in hopes of experiencing the perfect festival/concert. This year's event begins Friday.
Oprah

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TV, radio, literature and merchandise. Slowly, she went from obscurity to celebrity, and like the shining ozone, she’s trying to spread her sphere of influence to even the remotest parts of the world.

Some people are still in denial.

It may be an “unconvenient truth,” but Oprah pretty much controls the world. Even if you don’t want to change the way you think, you’ve been a victim of cultural pressure.” Sure, she does lots of great things, like increase literacy and properly fitting lingerie, but with one stab of her fingers, she has the ability to turn on even her “friends.” Like she did with James Frey and Dr. Phil.

Many celebrities have gotten involved.

To commemorate Earth Day, Oprah wrangled Julia Roberts, Sandra Bullock and none other than Al Gore to demonstrate how to encourage sustainability and environmental consciousness. Leonardo DiCaprio must have been booked.

The harms will be more extensive and will happen sooner than we think.

We are already experiencing the negative effects of global warming in the form of erratic weather patterns and melting icebergs, and experts warn that more is to come. Just this year, Oprah introduced yet another facet of her power with her plans to launch her own network. At this point, it may be impossible to stop the “O-nertia” created by her culture empire.

There is something you can do about it.

You can use reusable bags and stop driving to school, but none of it will do a thing to prevent Oprah from making us dream of getting our homes decorated by Nate Berkus and our wardrobes revamped by Stacey London. While we should continue our waste-free habits, we should perhaps rethink our reliance on Oprah to get all of our information about health, politics, arts and culture. She does know how to pick good books, though.

Note: I have no qualms with the great Oprah Winfrey, I’m simply wary of anyone who has such an incredible influence on what Americans wear, read, listen to, watch and even who we vote for. In fact, I subscribe to her magazine (it’s really a great publication) and admit to watching her show on occasion. All I’m trying to point out is that pop culture dictators become detrimental when they undermine our own ability to find things we care about on our own. I agree that sometimes we need a few nudges to get us in the right direction (I guess that’s what I’m supposed to be here for), but no one should rely on any single source for their information.

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Lee Barats: 
Yes, keep adoption safe, free and legal

Alright fine, Sean.

We’ll debate the one thing nobody wants to debate. It’s the most controversial issue in America today, but I happen to feel very strongly that adoption is a great option for couples everywhere who want a healthy family life, but don’t have to have sex.

First, it is an individual’s choice to adopt a child or not. If the government declares adoption illegal, then every American citizen’s rights have been denied. As human beings, we can raise another person’s child if we so choose. And how dare you or any organization try to tell me what to do with my disposable income?

If adoption was no longer a possibility, more and more children would grow up as orphans, in bad homes and in third world countries. That’s terrible. Adoption prevents kids from growing up in awful places where they’re unwanted. Studies show that kids suffer less if they are adopted than if they are raised by their biological parents. In a way, adoption is sort of humane.

If you want to get technical about it, most adoption take place in the first trimester of a person’s life, or before the age of 25. During this period of a human’s development, they are not able to survive in the outside world without the financial assistance of their parents. Therefore, the child is just another one of the parent’s financial assets. Adults should be able to cut ties with an investment at any point and give their dependent up for adoption.

I’m sick of hearing about the health risks involved. Adoption is a completely safe medical procedure. Did you know that 95 percent of adoptions are successful with no health damages to the parents or child? Adoptions won’t stop you from making illegal people. They are going to adopt babies whether you like it or not. Forbidding adoption will just result in more and more back alley adoptions, or “kidnappings.” And as you know, most kidnappings result in at least somehow getting the crap kicked out of them. There’s the real health risk.

So please, don’t tell me somatic therapy is more important when it benefits the individuals involved and society as a whole. If you look at the issue logically, there’s really no good reason not to adopt children. So shut up, get a girlfriend or girlfriend, and adopt a child today.

Sean Michetti:
No, let’s stop this baby swap meet

I first thought to start this column by apologizing for being pro-good-life. But then I would be a liar, and liars live bad lives. As a pro-good-lifer, I will speak my mind and work directly toward seeing that we live in a world of honest, loving, caring people who are wise and clever enough to see that being pro-good-life is the only way to live.

Mary Potter may glamorize the life of an adopted child, but (Harry has *(spoiler alert!*) magical powers to offset the terrible environment in which he is raised, Chris Hemsworth is a flashy, charming, brawny, non-endangered, pubescent, third world Honey, Hedwig, to keep him company, until of course, *(spoiler alert!*) Hedwig dies. Now, if dirty Muggle children try to be like Harry Potter, they’d undoubtedly be rejected or pee on, if they’re lucky, develop a case of brain-dissolving raves. So thank you J.K. Rowling, for profiting off innumerable illnesses about adoption, as well as the unnecessary and painful death of *(spoiler alert!) Professor Dumbledore.

If you are going to hate sex, use protection. Too many girls have become comfortable using adoption as a form of birth control. Pregnancy is basically a Depo Vera shot that lasts for nine months. Because if a girl is pregnant, they have all the unprotected sex they wants and won’t get pregnant. Buying other forms of birth control is embarrassing. I can feel the “Eleven night shift workers visualizing me naked when I buy condoms from them.” I feel dirty. Pregnant women, on the other hand, are worshipped. They have doors held open for them, they can cut in buffet lines, and no one wants to argue with them. There aren’t any negatives with absorbing pregnancy as a birth control.

What about the confused state the adopted child will grow up in? Imagine growing up looking nothing like your parents. Children begin to feel like they’re spies, gathering information and reporting back to their red-haired parents about what the olver-cloned Italian family eats and how they shower. If adoption continues at its current blustering rate, Blue Cross medical insurance will have to start covering therapy sessions as adopted children attempt to “find themselves.”

I now conclude my plea to you potential voters. In this upcoming election, demand that the Democratic and Republican candidates make adoption a top issue in their campaigns. If we continue trading children freely, then accidental in-breeding will doom America. Re-read that sentence, get afraid, and then write to your local congressman about outlawing adoption.

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The miseducation about the Saudi university

For a while, I watched the madness over Jubail University College (JUC) from the sidelines. Finally, I decided to join the conversation and throw in my two cents. First, I should start by acknowledging that there are legitimate points raised by some who are against the now-famous deal with JUC. Their opposition is based on genuine concern for equal rights and justice for all. For some, it’s the modest cost of $3.9 million, which is understandable. As a student who was also accepted to Berkeley, I receive regular e-mails from the UC president, and I learned that it got a lucrative deal compared to us. They signed a $30 million deal with King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST) is cool, unlike Cal Poly’s EE program), which has the sixth-largest endowment in the world after a $10 billion donation from the King. Hopefully, Cal Poly will get a slice of this pie in the future. However, there are many misinformed students who just jumped on the bandwagon before learning the facts. For instance, I read so many unfounded comments posted in a Facebook group of more than 400 Cal Poly students where most of them are against this deal. Its creator believes that “honor killings” take place in Saudi Arabia. Actually, such practice takes place in Turkey, not Saudi Arabia, and a Turk will get a slice of this pie in the future.

The main individuals leading the crusade against this deal are some members of the Cal Poly College Republicans (CPCR), the masters of divide and rule. One might fall for their sudden concern for diversity, but their record speaks volumes. In the past, they have organized events and wrote columns offensive to blacks, Hispanics, Muslims, homossexuals, Indians, and women. Their hypocrisy is astounding, and they don’t have a moral high ground to stand on the issue of diversity.

Unlike most students, I am optimistic about this collaboration with JUC. I see this as a golden opportunity to enhance international scientific and cultural contacts. This is the best way to promote Western democracy in a country that badly needs it.

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Despite segregation of the sexes and second-class citizenship of females, Saudi Arabia is a country in transition. In 2003, it had only eight public universities serving a population of 22 million, and a majority of students were under the age of 29. But in the last four years, the education budget has more than tripled; and as a result, the number of public and private universities has increased by 150 percent and 300 percent respectively. As Al Qasim, dean of Al-Faisi­
al medical school, puts it, “It’s more about transferring to Western culture of learning, and we need people from that environment.” We should all encourage such changes as the reformers move Saudi Arabia closer to Western democracy. Shafeeq Ghabra, a fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, says that where people have started to question more, and reforming their education will be like opening Pandora’s box. By opposing such partnership with JUC, we are playing to the wrong crowd — the conservative Wahabi (not wasabi) elites who have long dictated the academy of Saudi Arabia. To some of you, I might come across as an ardent defender of Saudi Arabia. Actually, I’m highly critical of the Saudi monarchy and part of its society for personal reasons. I’m originally from Lebanon, and Saudi Arabia has for years lured poor workers from East Africa and Southeast Asia, including many of my relatives and family friends. Some of these workers face inhumane conditions such as involuntary servitude, where they are subjected to physical and sexual abuse, withholding of wages after years of labor, and restrictions of movement including withholding of their travel documents. On top of that, if a victim files a complaint, he or she is not allowed to work.

But academia is where you find the most progressive people. You have to punish Saudi Arabia, this is the last sector that you have to go after. If you really want to send a message to Saudi Arabia, my advice is don’t buy their oil. When we debate JUC, we debate, according to what is in the room — the CSU budget crisis. In case you are unaware, G. Schwarzenegger has proposed an educational budget cut of $4.8 billion for the fiscal year of 2008-2009. As a result, the CSU system will face a cut of $836 million next year. This means the public universities in California won’t accept tens of thousands of eligible applicants due to lack of economic means. They have already decided to close their admissions early, and Cal Poly has only full admission scheduled for next year. What does this mean for Cal Poly students? Well, it means fewer classes and sections and fewer professors. It means more graduate assistants and larger class sizes. The main reason I chose Cal Poly over Berkeley is small class sizes taught by real professors, not TAs. Don’t know if you are already feeling the budget constraints, but I am. This quarter, the program I work for couldn’t hire 30 percent of the workers. One of my colleagues, who have been furloughed, was cancelled at the last minute due to lack of funding which means I have to wait another quarter to graduate (if I graduate). I would have graduated this May. But academia is where you find the most progressive people. You have to punish Saudi Arabia, this is the last sector that you have to go after. If you really want to send a message to Saudi Arabia, my advice is don’t buy their oil.

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Tolver

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Tolver was an All-Great West Football Conference Second Team selection in 2007, when he was ninth in the country in average yards per punt return.

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Tolver's eyes. "It's just a matter of putting solid technique with his natural talent, and the times will take care of themselves," Williams says. "He's always willing to do the extra, to help out not only himself but the team; he's a natural leader."

To Williams, Tolver's consistent attitude for track and football could be an exciting sign of things to come. As Jarred Houston, also a member of the football team, is following in Tolver's footsteps, and even finished a hundredth of a second ahead of him in the 100 at the Mustang's invitational.

"Track and football work together," Williams says. "[Track] helps establish a dynamic, technical form of running."

Rich Ellerson, Cal Poly's head football coach, fully agrees.

"As excited as we are right now about some of the things he's done in track, I pointed out he's been one of our most improved players this year," Ellerson says. "Some of that brilliant run-after-the-catch ability we expect to be a part of his game that flashed at different points last season and before is becoming more routine."

Tolver is one of 10 starters returning from an offense that a year ago averaged 487.1 yards per game, second in the entire Football Championship Subdivision, trailing only national champion Appalachian State.

In spite of last year's fireworks, Tolver, who caught 31 passes for 337 yards and five scores while also missing ninth in the country in punt returning by averaging 13.6 yards per return, is of the mind that the Mustangs can put on even more of a show.

"There were a lot of things we took from last season," Tolver says of the Mustangs' 7-4 campaign that didn't reach the playoffs. "We want to raise the bar. It shouldn't be close."

Although the most widely hyped date on the Mustangs' schedule is their season-ending, Nov. 22, foray into Wisconsin, Tolver's most anticipated opponent is closer to home.

Cal Poly's opener Aug. 30 at San Diego State doesn't figure to be a typical away game for the Mira Mesa High grad who relocated from Shreveport, La. before second grade.

"San Diego State is the game I get excited for the most," Tolver says. "Playing at Qualcomm (Stadium) is like a hometown game."

That familiarity couldn't have hurt in the Mustangs' 16-14 road victory over the Aztecs in 2006.

"I have more fans at our away games at San Diego State than our home games at Cal Poly," Tolver laughs. "It shouldn't come as such a surprise that Aztec supporters would have a soft spot in their hearts for Tolver."

His brother, J.R. Tolver, led the country in receiving yards per game at San Diego State in 2002 before embarking on a pro career including stops with the NFL's Miami Dolphins, Carolina Panthers and Dallas Cowboys, and now the CFL's Calgary Stampeders.

"If I would've went to San Diego State, I would be in my brother's shadow to this day," Tre'dale Tolver says. "I just wanted to make my own path."

However, that's not to say he doesn't tap into his brother's wealth of knowledge.

"I go to my brother all the time," Tolver says. "He's like a smorgasbord of football information. He's been everywhere and he's done everything — he's been on that roller coaster of highs and lows for a long time."

At 5-foot-9, 175 pounds, Tolver says he tries to model his style of play after similarly sized receivers such as Santana Moss and Steve Smith.

"He was really fast when he got here," Ellerson says. "Sometimes it's a trap when you've always been the fastest growing up: things can get too easy for you and you don't learn how to work and train. That's not the case with Tre'dale."

Venturing into both sports only strengthens those routines in Tolver's eyes.

"Many people see doing two sports at the same time as a problem, but I try to pull the best of both worlds from each," he says. "I get the strength from football and the speed from track. No track athlete's going to lift like I lift, and no football athlete's going to run like I run."

Though Tolver calls football his "No. 1 priority," he adds, "Just because (track) isn't primary doesn't mean I'm not going to put forth 110 percent. Sports are sports, and competition is competition, so wherever I can get it in, that's what I plan to do."

Devoting time to both is time-consuming, Tolver explains, but he wouldn't have it any other way.

"It's difficult to balance both," he says. "And it leaves me with a lot of early nights and a lot of sore mornings. But it's worth it in the end."
Poly was "more in the ball park with everyone else" at less than $100,000.

On-campus Alex G. Spagos Stadium, which would've served as the San Luis Obispo site, was reviewed along with L.A. Memorial Coliseum, Stanford Stadium, San Jose State's Spartan Stadium, Memorial Stadium in Bakersfield and UC Davis' Aggie Stadium.

Spagos Stadium, which was renovated from 2003 to 2006, has a seating capacity of 11,750, roughly 15,000 fewer than the Home Depot Center.

The CIF extended requests for proposals through the state and after being contacted in late February, the San Luis Obispo County Visitors and Conference Bureau immediately reached out to Cal Poly to use Spagos Stadium before returning its proposal, according to Jenny Biaggini, executive director of the San Luis Obispo County bureau.

Biaggini said in late March she would've expected up to 25,000 people in attendance over the course of the five games they were to be held in San Luis Obispo.
Cal Poly's Tre'dale Tolver has become a star in both football and track and field

When you're at top speed, it's almost like being in a parallel universe.

—Tre'dale Tolver
Cal Poly sprinter and wide receiver

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**Switching lanes**

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**EDITOR**

Cal Poly's Tre'dale Tolver ran the 100-meter dash in 10.57 seconds at last year's Big West Conference Championship preliminaries. The standard for NCAA West Regional qualification is 10.55.

**NICK CAMACHO MUSTANG DAILY**

**CIF looks away from Cal Poly, signs new deal with Home Depot Center**

**MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT**

Although Cal Poly was one of seven sites considered to host five high school football state championship games in December, the California Interscholastic Federation announced Wednesday a two-year deal keeping the games at the Home Depot Center in Carson, where they were played the past two years.

Deemed April 1 by CIF director of communications Emmy Zack as "substantially more prohibitive in cost" than the other sites, the Home Depot Center worked with us to bring CIF back to their facility," said CIF executive director Marie Ihida in a news release. "Their willingness to provide a financial deal and other incentives indicated their strong desire for our football championships to return.

All five CIF State Football Championship Bowl Games matching teams from Southern California and Northern California will be played Dec 19-20.

While Zack didn't divulge specific financial parameters of proposals, she told the Mustang Daily on April 1 the Home Depot Center would've cost close to $200,000 for the two-day rental, while Cal

**Pair of Matthews blasts powers Angels to 6-4 win in Boston**

**NICK CAMACHO**

The Los Angeles Angels' Gary Matthews Jr. rounds the bases during the fifth inning after hitting his second home run of the game against the Boston Red Sox on Wednesday night at Fenway Park.

Casey Kotchman hit a solo homer in the sixth to put the Angels ahead. Their 6-4 win snapped Boston's six-game winning streak.

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