Divers find treasure hidden in a sunken ship off the southwest coast of Africa. page 4

Web site targets downtown crowd

Patrick Barbieri
MUSTANG DAILY

For people who wake up after a late night of drinking at their favorite bar and are unable to recall exactly what happened, NiiTES.com can help.

The Web site specializes in documenting San Luis Obispo's bustling nightlife. Those who frequent the local bar or club scene have probably already been approached by one of NiiTES.com's "photo angels." These angels, usually attractive young ladies traveling in pairs, are actually employees who scout the bar scene looking for people having a good time. With permission, the angels take a photo of the bar patrons and post it on NiiTES.com the next day, completely free of charge.

The idea is that people visit NiiTES.com to see their pictures. This generates page views for the Web site, which in turn allows them to sell advertising to local businesses. The plan has worked surprisingly well, with NiiTES.com receiving more than 90,000 hits during its first month of operation, and that number is increasing each month.

"We're blown away with how rapidly successful NiiTES.com has become," said Dustin Ryen, CEO and one of four partners who own the site. "Last month, we had 120,000 hits, and we're on track to beat that record."

Inspired by similar Web sites in Sacramento, Ryen and his girlfriend, Cal Poly history senior Rachael Jones, brought the idea to San Luis Obispo.

"We thought it looked like a good business model for a small college town," Ryen said. "There are always plenty of people out and about, and we thought it would be easy to get our foot into the market."

Jones, who is also a co-owner, has been with NiiTES.com since its official launch last New Year's Eve. When not tending to the business or attending classes, she can be found at the bars as a photo angel.

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Lenthall makes presence felt at Cal Poly

Donovan Aird
MUSTANG DAILY

A day after debating with Adam Hill, Jerry Lenthall reached out to Hill's workplace.

Hill, an English lecturer at Cal Poly, is running for supervisor of San Luis Obispo County's third district against the incumbent, who is trying to earn a second term at the June 3 primary.

Lenthall, a 1972 industrial technology graduate of Cal Poly, greeted students Thursday morning in the University Union, where his campaign held a booth offering voter registration forms along with giveaways including hamburgers and sodas and pro-Lenthall T-shirts, bumper stickers and campaign signs.

"It's kind of like coming home for me," Lenthall said. The Cal Poly College Republicans helped facilitate the hour-long effort through which 14 people registered to vote and more than 200 burgers were served, according to Amber Johnson, Lenthall's campaign manager.

Connecting with students is "very important," Lenthall said, as Cal Poly is a "big part of the local economy." While Hill may seem to have a built-in advantage with Cal Poly students, his working at Cal Poly had "no relationship" with holding the rally, Lenthall said, adding he's visited the campus in the past, including four years during his initial campaign.

Still, his presence at Cal Poly could mean more this time given Hill's status.

"It's really important he comes here and meets students so they get to know him on a political level," said microbiology senior Jennifer Gilmore, a member of the Cal Poly College Republican board of directors. "Maybe then they'll go back to Adam Hill and ask him important questions instead of just going into the booth and thinking, 'I had him' and filling (in Hill's) bubble."

Lenthall, who said he worked for more than three decades in law enforcement, touted his experience over Hill.

"Professor Hill is a part-time English lecturer," he said. "I've been in public service and government all my life."

Incumbent Jerry Lenthall visit with students Thursday in the UU.

ASI candidates debate

Benjamin Rozak
MUSTANG DAILY

ASI presidential candidates (from left) Angela Kramer, Melissa Lema and Arvand Sabetian discussed their qualifications and platform goals to a crowd of hundreds during UU Hour Thursday.

ASI presidential candidates debate
Immigration reform marchers gather in L.A. one year later

Jacob Adelman
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Immigration-reform advocates gathered Thursday for downtown demonstrations one year after peaceful marches on the issue ended violently when police officers used batons and fired on the marchers.

Police officials, who admitted significant command failures last year and remaind officers in crowd control, promised things would be different for this May Day's marches by as many as 100,000 people in Los Angeles.

Hundreds of people gathered at march starting points downtown and to the west at MacArthur Park, scene of last year's trouble. "WELCOME TO THE MARCH," said an electronic sign on a new police vehicle that is part of a new system called Phasedate for communicating with crowds in several languages.

Jose Antonio, 43, said he came to the MacArthur Park rally to protest immigration violations. "Most Hispanic people are not terrorists," said Antonio, who wore a T-shirt bearing the words "Don't Take My ID's" and a photograph of a man being handcuffed in front of a woman and little girl.

"They're working for their families," Antonio said. He did not expect a repeat of last year's violence.

"It's different this year. There's been talk between the community and police," said Antonio, who came from Mexico to the United States 20 years ago and works as a street vendor.

A pair of mounted police officers in dark cowboy hats rode along a path around the park at midafternoon, greeting people.

Oscar Garcia, 37, said he wasn't worried about violence after the officers said hello to him and his wife, Isoldad, and moved away.

"I'm not worried. It looks quiet and it looks like it's going to be all right," Garcia said.

Garcia said he came to the rally in hopes of changing immigration policy to make it easier for him and other illegal immigrants to get green cards and to visit relatives in Mexico and return to the U.S.

"It's very difficult to come back and I have to come back. Every time I go to Mexico I cry to see my mother and after one day passes I cry to see my kids," he said.

Also on hand was Violetta Luchino encountered a photo angel last St. Patrick's Day at McCarthy's Irish Pub.

"It's definitely fun getting my picture taken by a total stranger with a big camera. It felt like I was in Hollywood," Luchino said.

Aside from taking pictures of bar patrons, NiTES.com promotes local arts and entertainment. This element is still expanding, and Ryan and his partners hope to incorporate a green life and social-networking component into the Web site as well. The ultimate goal is to build NiTES.com Web sites in similar college towns throughout California, billing for national advertising sales.

One important part of NiTES.com's business is promoting responsible drinking. The Web site provides free advertising to Cal Poly's "Smart Students. Smart Choices" program, with banner ads found next to every photograph. Also, it's strict policy not to photograph patrons who look like they've had too many.

Most of the time, people love having their picture taken. Occasionally though, some decline the opportunity especially when they're drinking on the down-low.

"Sometimes we'll ask guys to take their picture, and they'll explain that their wife or girlfriend doesn't know they're out drinking," Jones said, laughing. "But usually it's a blast.

People love to get their picture taken, and we meet all kinds of new faces."

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The Baker Forum is a biennial public policy forum convened by the Cal Poly President's Cabinet, a senior advisory group of state and national leaders in business, industry, government and the community. The Forum seeks to further the dialogue on critical public policy issues facing the nation and higher education, giving particular attention to the special social and economic roles and responsibilities of polytechnic and science and technology universities.

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SANTTEE (AP) — An attorney for Saniit LeFevre, a housewife arrested in California 32 years after escaping a Deport prison, said Thursday she plans to petition Michigan's Democratic governor to commute the nine years remaining on her sentence.

LeFevre, who married and raised three grown children in a post San Diego suburb as Marie Walsh, has agreed to be extralitical back to Michigan to face the consequences of her 1975 guilty plea to drug trafficking charges. She served one year of her 10- to 20-year sentence before climbing over a fence to meet her waiting grandfather in February 1976.

SAN JOSE (AP) — Apple Inc. said Thursday that new movies from a date of major studios will now be available for purchase over iTunes the same day they're released on DVD.

The change will up the number of new titles available in the iTunes online store and help the service compete better against DVD retailers. It's the latest of many of the moves available for purchase over iTunes were older releases.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — West Coast cargo traffic came to a halt Thursday as port workers ditched work to commemorate May Day and call on the U.S. to end the war in Iraq.

Thousands of dockworkers at 29 ports from Long Beach, California, to Portland, Washington did not show up for the picketing shift, leaving ships and truck drivers idle as ports from Long Beach to Seattle, Pacific Marine Associates spokesman Steve Gettig said.

The longshoremen were expected to return to work for the start of the evening shift, Gettig said.

FRESNO (AP) — The Fresno City Council will review a failing high school student who was shot and killed by a police officer he attacked with a baseball bat and prescription drugs in his system.

Seventeen-year-old sophomore Jose "Jesus" Cerda killed April 16 of a single round fired by school resource officer Jonas Perry.

BRIEFS
NEW YORK (AP) — After three decades of keeping mum, Barbara Walters disclosed a past affair with married U.S. Senator Edward Brooke, whom she remembers as "exciting" and "brilliant."

Appearing on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" scheduled to air Tuesday, Walters shared details of her relationship with Brooke that lasted several years in the 1970s, according to a transcript of the show provided to The Associated Press.

TARPON SPRINGS, Fla. (AP) — A woman convicted two weeks ago of being the "D.C. Madam" hanged herself Thursday, apparently making good on her vow never to go to prison for running a high-end Washington prostitution ring.

The body of Deborah Jeanie Palfrey was found in a shed near her home, police said.

KETCHIKAN, Alaska (AP) — It's easy for tourists to find the city's historic Federal Building — it's the only big, pink building in the midst of town.

Now the 1938 landmark needs a paint job, and the federal government has a question for Ketchikan residents: keep it pink, or go with cream?

Paint selection isn't normally brought to the attention of the public, but officials thought it was important in the case of the five-story Federal Building, one of 2,300 federally owned structures on the National Register of Historic Places.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush urged Congress Thursday to approve $770 million to help alleviate dramatically escalating food prices that threaten widespread hunger and increasing social unrest around the world.

INTERNATIONAL
CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Algeria's democratization Saniit al-Haj was released from detention at Guantanamo Bay Thursday after more than six years in custody and was being reparated to Sudan, his lawyer said.

Reprisal, the legal action char­

ity that represents 35 Guantanamo prisoners including al-Haj, the Sudanese cameraman was seized by Pakistani forces on December 15, 2001, apparently at the behest of the U.S. authorities who suspected he had interviewed Osama bin Laden.

The group said that "supposed ins­

elligence" turned out to be false.

BAGHDAD (AP) — Two suicide bombers attacked a wed­

ding cairess Thursday as it drove through a crowded market district past bystanders cheering the bride and groom, killing at least 35 people and wounding 65 in a town north­

east of Baghdad, officials said.

In the capital, a bomb-rigged packed car exploded when a U.S. patrol went by in a crowded area earlier in the day leaving a U.S. sol­

dier and at least nine Iraqis dead.

The attack also wounded 26 Iraqis and two American soldiers.

The terror attacks came amid heightened worries that al-Qaida in Iraq is regrouping despite recent security gains by U.S.-led forces, which freed themselves facing intensi­

fied fighting with Shiite extrem­

ists, particularly in Baghdad's milita stronghold of Sadr City.

AMSTETTEN, Austria (AP) — An unmistakable maelstrom settled Thursday over the town where police said Josef Fritzl impris­

oned his daughter for 24 years and fathered seven children with her in a windowless Warren of soundproofed cellar rooms.

As the sheer monstrosity of his alleged atrocities sunk in, anguished Austrians questioned whether their criminal justice system and cherished pri­

vacy have steered them terribly wrong.

"Without question, this entire experience shows the system isn't working," said Wolfgang Buchner, who has scrambled as one of the nation's chief image consultants to do some damage control.

"I really am, I'm afraid if I give too much information about myself online someone could know too much about me."

—- Judy Palm, agricultural science freshman

"I have a little trouble shopping online and using my credit card online be­

cause of the horror stories I've heard."

— Jesse Traub, mechanical engineering junior
U.S. missile strike kills reputed al-Qaida leader in Somalia

Mohamed Olad Hassan
ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. missiles destroyed the house of the man identified by the U.S. military as the top al-Qaida commander in Somalia, killing him and 10 others Thursday in a pre-dawn attack that analysts warned could torpedo peace talks.

The killing of Aden Hashi Ayro comes amid escalating fighting and a spiraling humanitarian crisis in the Horn of Africa nation.

Islamic fighters have staged a series of attacks on towns in the months leading up to talks. The insurgents overran the central Somali town of Dusamareb in February, and the capital, Mogadishu, in March.

A top aide to the former first lady, Harold Ickes, who will attend the convention to 268-248.

The U.S. has backed Somali warlords promising to fight the insurgents, including some accused of human rights abuses. But the strategy has deepened anti-American sentiment.

"Ayro's body was beyond recognition, some of them cut into pieces, and those to take his place.

"Our brother martyr Aden Hashi, has received what he was looking for — death for the sake of Allah at the hands of the United States," he told The Associated Press.

Richard Shadnum Clinton was joined Thursday by the defection of one of her long-time superdelegate supporters, a former national party chairman who urged fellow Democrats to "reject the old negative politics" and unity behind Barack Obama.

"A vote for Hillary Clinton is a vote to continue" a long, self-destructive Democratic campaign, Joe Andrew drew added in a letter designed to have an impact on the type of campaign tactics practiced by some in the Clinton circle.

"If the campaign's surrogates called Governor Bill Richardson, a respected former member of President Clinton's cabinet, a "Judas" for endorsing Senator Obama, we can all imagine how they will treat someone like me," he wrote.

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"They are the best practitioners of the old politics, so they will no doubt call me a traitor, an opportunist, a hypocrite. I will be branded as disloyal, power-hungry, but most importantly, they will use the exact words that Republicans used to attack me when I was defending President Clinton.

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But it had nothing to protect it from the fierce weather off a particularly bleak stretch of inhospitable African coast, and it sank 50 years ago.

The geologists stopped the brutal earth-moving work of searching for diamonds off Namibia.

"I think this has been good for the Democratic Party. People can decide how they want to decide. That's up to them. But anyone who believes this is bad for the party just think is not paying attention, because the level of enthusiasm to be part of this process is, from my perspective, helping us build a stronger and deeper Democratic base."

Andrew's defection came at a particularly opportune time for Obama. The front runner in the race, he has won most states than his rival as well as more of the popular vote, and he has an overall lead in delegates, 1736.5-1620.5. It takes 2,025 to clinch the nomination.

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<td>Jim Sturgess, Kate Bosworth, Laurence Fishburne, Kevin Spacey, Liza Lapina, Josh Gad, Aaron Yoo; directed by Robert Luketic</td>
<td>Summary: Needing to pay school tuition, shy MIT student Ben Campbell (Sturgess) gains a group of gambling-loving (and system-beating) peers as they head to Sin-City every weekend to make the money. The Good: An excellent &quot;slick escapist fantasy&quot; (as per the Philadelphia Inquirer). The Bad: Its moralistic message is its downfall. (Metacritic.com)</td>
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<td>88 minutes (R) 108 min.</td>
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<td>Al Pacino, Alicia Witt, Leelee Sobieski, Amy Brenneman, Deborah Kara Unger, Benjamin McKenzie, and Neal McDonough; directed by Jon Avnet</td>
<td>Summary: College professor and forensic psychiatrist Jack Grams receives a threat telling him he has 88 minutes to live. Gram must find out what women will kill him before his time runs out in this real-time thriller. The Good: Cool concept sees Al Pacino fighting for his life as the minutes tick away. The Bad: Absurdly cheesy story is filled with too many plot twists. Not up to Pacino standards. (Metacritic.com)</td>
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<td>Baby Mama (PG-13) 96 min.</td>
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<td>Tina Fey, Amy Poehler, Greg Kinnear, Dak Shepard, Romany Malco, Maura Tierney, Holland Taylor, Sigourney Weaver; directed by Michael McGuillers</td>
<td>Summary: Unable to get pregnant, successful businesswoman Kate Holbrook can't wait any longer to have a baby. But when she hires a surrogate mother, she gets more than she bargained for. The Good: The Fey/Poehler duo is dynamite, but the supporting actors make the film even stronger. The Bad: Unsurprisingly, a plausible main character in the company of completely unrealistic people. (Kristen Marschall)</td>
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<td>Deception (R) 108 min.</td>
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<td>Hugh Jackman, Ewan McGregor, Michelle Williams, Lisa Gay Hamilton, Maggie Q, Natasha Henstridge; directed by Marcel Langenegger</td>
<td>Summary: Jonathan (McGregor) lives a lonely, boring life until he becomes entangled in the exciting life of a lawyer (Jackman), which turns out to be much darker than he expects. The Good: Langenegger produces great visuals by keeping it simple with camera angles. The Bad: There's no deception when it comes to the predictable plot in this generic thriller. (RottenTomatoes.com)</td>
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<td>Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed (PG) 90 min.</td>
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<td>Ben Stein, Jason Collett; directed by Nathan Frankowski</td>
<td>Summary: Ben Stein travels the world in search of scientists and scholars who are being discriminated against for their lack of faith in Darwinism, revealing the misfortune encountered by these people. The Good: Addresses an interesting aspect of the evolution vs. creation debate. The Bad: Strong bias and lack of factual evidence does little to further Stein's argument. (Metacritic.com)</td>
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<td>The Forbidden Kingdom (PG-13) 113 min.</td>
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<td>Jet Li, Jackie Chan, Michael Angarano, Collin Chou, Crystal Liu Yi Fei, and Li Bing Bing; directed by Rob Minkoff</td>
<td>Summary: Jason Topkis is hurtled back in time to ancient China, where he must free a fabled warrior held captive by an evil warlord. A wise kung fu master teaches him what he needs to get home. The Good: Impressive special effects and fight scenes, playful humor and a fresh take on an aged genre. The Bad: May not live up to the expectations of kung fu purists. (Metacritic.com)</td>
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<td>Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R) 111 min.</td>
<td>B+</td>
<td>Jason Segel, Kristen Bell, Mila Kunis, Bill Hader, Russell Brand, Jonah Hill, Paul Rudd, Lizzy Caplanowski; directed by Nicholas Stoller</td>
<td>Summary: After being dumped by his girlfriend of five-and-a-half years, Peter (Segel) escapes to Hawaii, but in a sick turn of fate, Sarah (Bell) and her new beau happen to be staying at the same resort. The Good: Clever one-liners and awkward situational humor in this &quot;ultim ate romantic disaster&quot; movie. The Bad: If you don't like full-frontal male nudity, be sure to close your eyes (four times). (Janelle Eastridge)</td>
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<td>Harold &amp; Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay (R) 102 min.</td>
<td>B+</td>
<td>John Cho, Kal Penn, Rob Corddry, Roger Bart, Neil Patrick Harris, Kal Penn, Rob Corddry, and Roger Bart; directed by Jon Hurwitz and Hayden Schlossberg</td>
<td>Summary: After Kumar's bomb is mistaken for a bomb on an international flight, he and Harold are thrown into and escape Guantanamo Bay. Their subsequent life on the run yields random adventures. The Good: Running gags from the first movie, political mishmash with pot humor, uncensored and NHK. The Bad: Don't see it if you're easily offended by anything. It pushes the R-rated envelope. (Giana Magnoli)</td>
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<td>Iron Man (PG-13) 126 min.</td>
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<td>Robert Downey Jr., Terrence Howard, Jeff Bridges, Gwyneth Paltrow, Leslie Bibb, Shaun Toub, Faran Tahir; directed by Jon Favreau</td>
<td>Summary: Based on the popular comic, Tony Stark uses his intelligence to build a high-tech suit of armor and escape captivity. He then uses his armor to thwart a nefarious plot with global implications. The Good: Awesome special effects combined with a quality script make this comic-book-inspired movie worthy. The Bad: May not appeal to non-action fans. Takes too long for the actual suit to come to fruition. (Metacritic.com)</td>
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<td>Leatherheads (PG-13) 114 min.</td>
<td>C+</td>
<td>George Clooney, Renee Zellweger, John Krasinski, Jonathan Pryce; directed by George Clooney</td>
<td>Summary: In an effort to save his second-rate football team, Dodge Connelly (Clooney) manages to sign on a war hero-turned-football star, only to fight him for the affections of a scheming reporter. The Good: The 1920s ads, clothing and culture make for an aesthetically pleasing period film. The Bad: 11% box office, 85% banter. Not a romcom or a man's movie, just an awkward interweave. (Kristen Marschall)</td>
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<td>Made of Honor (PG-13) 101 min.</td>
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<td>Patrick Dempsey, Michelle Monaghan, Kevin McKidd, Kathleen Quinlan, Sydney Pollack; directed by Paul Weiland</td>
<td>Summary: For Tom, life is great. But then best friend Hannah, whom he's in love with, goes to Scotland for six weeks and comes back engaged. Tom agrees to be her maid of honor, while also trying to win her over. The Good: Heart warming romantic comedy that delivers cookie-cutter laughs. The Bad: Predictable and not very original. (Metacritic.com)</td>
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<td>Nim's Island (PG) 96 min.</td>
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<td>Jodie Foster, Abigail Breslin, Gerard Butler, Alfonso Musaji; directed by Mark Levin</td>
<td>Summary: Nim (Breslin) enjoys life on a utopian island, until her father goes missing. She writes to her favorite author for help in finding him. The Good: Flawless animation and an enjoyable, family-friendly plot. The Bad: Slapstick comedy and too much interaction with CGI animals drag down acting performances. (Metacritic.com)</td>
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<td>Shine a Light (PG-13) 122 min.</td>
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<td>Keith Richards, Mick Jagger, Bill Clinton, Ron Wood, and Charlie Watts; directed by Martin Scorsese</td>
<td>Summary: This documentary captures the raw energy of a Rolling Stones concert in a way never before seen by the world using a legendary team of cinematographers. The Good: Perhaps the most well-crafted documentary of any live concert to date. The Bad: All about the Rolling Stones. If you don't like them, you won't like this film. (Metacritic.com)</td>
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<td>Smart People (PG-13) 95 min.</td>
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<td>Dennis Quaid, Sarah Jessica Parker, Ellen Page, Thomas Haden Church, Ashton Holmes, Christina Lufti; directed by Noam Murro</td>
<td>Summary: Lawrence Wetherhold (Quaid) is a widowed Victorian lit professor who has flawed relationships with his kids, falls in love with a former student and must deal with his slacker brother. The Good: The dialogue is sharp, witty and amusing. The Bad: Semi-interesting characters lie behind a thin veneer. (Metacritic.com)</td>
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<td>Taxi to the Darkside (R) 106 min.</td>
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<td>Alex Gibney (director), Brian Keith Allen, Moscoum Bagi, Bill Brand; directed by Alex Gibney</td>
<td>Summary: A stunning documentary about an innocent civilian taxi driver who was allegedly kidnapped, tortured and executed by the greatest democracy on earth — the United States government. The Good: Well-researched and engaging film delivers thought-provoking evidence of a tragic event. The Bad: May leave viewers more disturbed and outraged than they'd like to be. (Metacritic.com)</td>
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<td>The Year My Parents Went on Vacation (PG) 110 min.</td>
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<td>Michael Joesias, Daniela Pipaszyk, Liliana Castro; directed by Cao Hamburger</td>
<td>Summary: In Brazil's 2007 Oscar contribution, a young boy is separated from his parents, who are forced to leave the country because of political turmoil, and moves to a new home in a Jewish neighborhood. The Good: Poignant and surprisingly tender at times. Plus, the film's climax is definitely worthwhile. The Bad: A film about a childhood trauma presented in a timely and sanitized manner. (RottenTomatoes.com)</td>
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Rats invade the library

Casey Neill and the Norway Rats, which includes Jenny Conlee of indie rock band The Decemberists, will play a show at San Luis Obispo's City/County Library — the actual library, not THE Library for all you bores hounding out those.

Casey Neill and the Norway Rats claim to fine modern rock with punk, Americans and Celtic styles, and are currently promoting its third album, "Brooklyn Bridge," which was released almost one year ago.

Conlee, who is also a long-time accordionist, pianist, organist, keyboardist and occasional backup vocalist for the indie-rock band The Decemberists, is a member of the Rats in her spare time.

Fromman Neill has enjoyed critical success since the 1995 release of "Riffraff," which was praised for its "Celtic" sound and features past and present members of The Decemberists.

However, Neill's vocals change throughout. While his rasp voice seems legit at first, it's hard to reconcile it with the other songs when his voice takes on a very different sound elsewhere in the album.

To check out Casey Neill and the Norway Rats for yourself, see them play live at the San Luis Obispo City/County Library, 995 Palm St., at 7 p.m. Saturday night.
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Not long after the wedding, when Hannah has to go on a six-
week trip to Scotland for her job, Tom has a hard time without her --
and begins to realize he may be in love with her. By the time she
gets back, though, she has met Colin (Kevin McKidd, "Hanni­
bal Rising"). After only a month of whispered romance, the couple
decides to get married.

Hannah appoints Tom as her maid of honor, and all hell breaks
loose when an ex-flame of his who is out for revenge, Melissa (Busy
Philipps, "Dawson's Creek"), turns out to be one of the other brides­
maids. She sets Tom up throughout the movie, pulling stunts like hir­
ing a sex-toy service for the bridal shower (which Hannah's grand­
mother attends) and signing him up for the traditional pre-wed­
ding Scottish competition of log throwing (and making sure he has
the shortest kilt in the bunch). It doesn't help that Colin is as strap­
ling as he is rich and good-look­
ing, and puts Tom to shame when
it comes to any physical activity.

These tactics work in terms of

embarrassing Tom, but for any of
them to succeed in making the au­
dience laugh, Dempsey would first
need comedic timing.

Dempsey does manage to con­
vey some charm as Tom tries to
make a rash decision. Unfortu­
ately, she mistakes some of his
more heartfelt confessions of love
as suggestions for her vows.

In a movie as predictable as this,
it is crucial to have memorable
characters portrayed by talented
actors. "Made of Honor" fails in
this respect, with underdeveloped
supporting roles, a totally flat lead­
ning lady and a leading man whose
talents translate better on the small
screen.

form a truly epic, interactive experience.
If you're a fan of the series, you will crap
your pants the first time you career in your
mission dump truck through a busy inter­
section at 100 mph, smashing anything or
someone in the vicinity. You will laugh out
load when a hot-dog cart deflects off your
hood, only as level a crowd of nearby pedes­
trians like bowling pins. Never before has this type of
reckless catharsis been so shamefully rewarding.

But underneath the surface, "GTA" is so much more
than that. To label the series, as Sen. Hillary Clinton has,
"a major threat to morality" and "a silent epidemic of me­
dia desensitization" would be to deny the redeeming social
value these games have to offer adults.

Any fan can attest to how saturated the "GTA" uni­
verse is with social commentary and cultural satire. As can be
seen on every billboard and heard in every radio com­
mercial within the games, the world in which you play it is
a mocking mirror of both the beautiful and the ugly of
American society.

Following in the footsteps of classic lampoon staples
like "Saturday Night Live," "South Park" and Doonesbury,
"GTA" pokes fun at every stereotype found in American
pop culture. From the fast food and firearms industries to
religion and politics, all the elements of today's society are
targeted and exploited in an absurdly ridiculous yet delib­
erate way. It's the video game embodiment of free-amend­
ment free speech in its finest, most hilarious and perhaps
most controversial form.

In the past, the "GTA" series has raised the bar of what
this medium can hope to achieve. It has transcended the
world of mere video games and entered the realm of a true
work of art — one that, besides having aesthetic and enter­
tainment values, delivers a poignant and relevant message
to those who take the time to look.

This latest entry is no exception, and further solidifies
the "GTA" phenomenon as being as much an integral part
of American mainstream culture as baseball, apple pie or
even democracy — ironically the same culture it so suc­
derately lampoons. Even so, I don't expect to see Clinton standing in line at
Best Buy with a copy of "GTA IV" anytime soon. Share
for her, since she's missing out on one hell of a fun game.

As American as Apple Pie

"Grand Theft Auto IV," the latest installment of the popular video
game series on XBOX 360 and PlayStation 3, proves to be just as
enjoyable — and just as controversial — as the previous ones.

GET CAUGHT!

Farrell Pompa
2nd year Business
"My favorite thing is Tit for Tat."

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WE'LL BE WATCHING

"My favorite thing is Tit for Tat."
Be the change

Oh ... has it really been just three years? It seems like ages ago that I was a timid freshman trying to navigate my way around campus. I don't think that I ever imagined that I'd be where I'm at today, scheduling committee meetings between classes and introducing myself to various administrative big-wigs. It biked the mind. And to think that it all started by just attending one club meeting.

A San Diego State study released Feb. 26, 2007 found that today's college students are more "narcissistic and self-centered than a generation ago." This is obviously fueled by the likes of MySpace and YouTube, but our generation is also more involved in extracurricular activities than any previous generation. On average, students continue and even expand their extracurricular involvement when they move to college. But how will our generation be remembered? Will we be the generation that accepts the apathy of the central state of things because we're too busy looking in the mirror, or will we be the movers and shakers whom our modern times so desperately need?

It is undoubtedly crucial for students to find their niche on campus. Most of us only get one or two rounds on this college experience, and we need to make the most of it. Follow your passions. Find those clubs that interest you, or create a new one. I'd always had an interest in renewable energy, and I was very fortunate to stumble upon some student groups that shared a similar interest. During my second year, I happened to notice a sandwich board on campus advertising the Hydrogen Energy Club. I decided to go check it out, and found myself to be the only non-engineer at the meeting. Things went well (we toured the Sierra Nevada Brewery and the Chevron Energy Solutions Headquarters), and through it, I heard about the Emperor Power Gala Council. I was intrigued and began attending those meetings, and soon enough I found myself to be a part of the group. I had arrived on campus not knowing what "sustainability" even really was, and after immersing myself in the movement for months, I became a board member. Now I cannot write with enough sincerity that I am inspired every day when I skate to school just knowing that I have a purpose on campus.

So if you have issues with the way things are on campus, then change them! Don't acquiesce! As paying customers, we have the power to shape this campus. We are involved with so much opportunity in this microcosm known as Cal Poly, even if that window is only open for four or five (ten or seven) years. More so, it is important to see those students who simply go to and from class, not caring enough to involve themselves in much of anything besides a weekend Brentwood tournament. If we, the students, don't involve ourselves in the campus decision-making processes, things will be decided for us. The fear is that once you step out of that role as a cynic and become an activist, you are held responsible for your actions.

On Saturday, the Empower Poly Coalition will host the second annual Be the Change conference, a sustainability-focused student leadership training. Throughout the day, students, faculty and community members will lead workshops, lectures and activities on various aspects of activism. Students will not just learn the logistics of making change on campus, but will also develop the fundamental leadership and communication skills critical to becoming effective community leaders in the future. The conference will be held in and around the Business Bios (Room 213) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free breakfast and lunch will be provided, and all attendees are encouraged to BYOM (bring your own mug). Hope to see you there!

Steve Eckold is a business junior, a member of the Empower Coalition and an environmental columnist for the Mustang Daily.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Miss Evans,

I would hope that you would have done some research of your own before you start accusing people of inadequacy. To make up for your error, I did some investigation of my own and discovered that the club received financing from both the Irish Republican Army as well as the International Reading Association.

I didn't note the surface next time.

Nicholas Leone
Architectural senior

Quality control: political columns

Every week I read the Wednesday liberal and conservative columns in the Mustang Daily, this week more than usual I found myself wondering why. Both the liberal and conservative columns are rarely well-written, usually full of contradictions and many times composed completely of petty and childish insults aimed at the other side of the aisle. It's not that I am against freedom of speech — it's everyone's right to call Republicans warmongers, dino-heads or Democrat weak, unpatriotic gory men — but I guess what is surprising is that the Mustang Daily continues to print this substantial excuse for political journalism. Anyone can fling a bunch of pseudo-intellectual, back-handed, misinformation filled political columns, but that doesn't mean I, or any other Mustang Daily reader, should have to read it.

Now not everyone is endowed with the gift of immediate comprehension, and I don't expect Pulitzer Prize-winning articles that majestically tackle hard-hitting issues. All I want is to not have to see rabblerousing smut wasting paper every week. I understand that it is nice to have political columns weekly, but as my mother says, "If you don't have anything nice to say, you might as well not say anything at all." I propose the Mustang Daily do one of two things. First, open up the political columns to any writer wishing to eloquently express his or her opinions on an issue (survival of the fittest article) or, secondly, if the writers of the Blueprint or the Right Way can't produce mature and reader-worthy columns, simply leave their articles out and save a bit of the budget.

Luckily the political articles are conveniently buried in the middle section of the paper. Without them, I don't think they can't be of too much embarrassment, but maybe with a little healthy competition for the space, the Blueprint and Right Way could produce some front page quality writing.

Isaac Safdie-Miller
Computer engineering freshman
There'sClearly

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Hey, we’ve got a real news feed too.
Lee says his parents are always away on some adventure, which has helped shape his understanding of the world. "My family is my support system," the Saint Francis High alumnus says. Lee plays mostly right field, and some left field, but loves playing in center. "I feel the most comfortable there because I can read the pitcher and the balls that come off the bat, so I can make my adjustments accordingly," he says. Lee points to his speed as his main strength, and believes the Mustangs have better camaraderie this season than in any other he's played in. "In the past, there have been players that get caught up with themselves and not thinking about what's best for the team," he explains. "This year we are like a brotherhood — there aren't any superstars." Lee also plays summer baseball, and this summer will play in Eau Claire, Wis.

A year ago, as a member of the only Canadian collegiate team, the Kelowna Falcons of British Columbia, he boasted a team-best .303 batting average while stealing a league-record 27 of 30 bases.

"I want to play this game for a long time, and how I look at it is not to regret," Lee says.

The West Coast Collegiate Baseball League All-Star was an all-league second team honoree. "Before every game, I visualize what I am going to do," Lee says. "A couple summers ago I thought to myself, 'OK, I will get at least one hit per game,' and it happened. Then I tried to visualize two hits per game, and that happened. I really believe in the mental aspect of baseball, developing your own approach."

The Mustang (19-23) opened three-game series hosting UNLV at Baggett Stadium at 6 tonight. First pitch Saturday is also at 6 p.m., with Sunday's start slated for 1 p.m.

The San Diego Padres' Kahlil Greene, left, tags out the Philadelphia Phillies' Carlos Ruiz (51) on a fielder's choice in the fourth inning Thursday night in Philadelphia. Philadelphia's Ryan Howard hit a tiebreaking, solo home run in the eighth inning to lift the Phillies to a 3-2 win.

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Howard homers, lifts Phillies over Padres

Eric Maciewingame, Junior, Menlo, CA

THIS WEEK IN CAL POLY ATHLETICS
**Kemp’s tiebreaking single helps L.A. complete sweep**

**Steven Wine**

MIAMI — If the Los Angeles Dodgers keep sweeping series, they might find themselves atop the tough NL West in another week or two.

Marlins’ woes in the tiebreaking run with a ninth-inning single Thursday, and the Dodgers completed their second consecutive series sweep by beating the Florida Marlins 5-3.

The Dodgers have won seven in a row, their longest winning streak since taking seven straight to close the 2006 season. They’re still five games behind the Arizona Diamondbacks, whose 20-8 record is the best in baseball.

"They’ve been working on trying to push it that way, and it worked," Torre said.

Torre liked the way the Dodgers stretched out the tiebreaking run.

"Fundamentally sound baseball — it sounds simple and boring, but you put yourself in position —" he said.

Kemp then stole second, and after a walk, he scored when the Marlins made two throwing errors on a grounder to the pitcher. Kemp threw to second to try for a forcour, and second baseman Roman Andino made a wild relay throw to first.

Joe Beimel (3-0) threw one pitch, retiring Jeremy Hermida on a popup to end the eighth. Torre mentions that the Dodgers scratched out the tiebreaking run.

The crowd of 15,550 included many kids.

"Every time he plays, he’s always doing something to help the team win," Kemp said.

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