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Calif. gay weddings available soon

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SAN FRANCISCO — Same-sex couples in some California counties will be able to marry as soon as June 14, the president of the California's county clerks association said.

Stephen Weir, who heads the California Association of Clerks and Election Officials, said Monday he was told by the Office of Vital Records that clerks would be authorized to hand out marriage licenses as soon as that date, which is a Saturday and exactly 30 days after the California Supreme Court ruled that gay marriage should be legal.

The court's decisions typically take effect after 30 days, barring further legal action.

"They are shooting for the 14th," said Weir, adding that the state planned to give California's 58 counties advice this week for implementing the historic change so local officials can start planning.

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One audit worth liking

Sara Wright
MUSTANG DAILY

Graduating on time requires a lot more than taking the right classes at the right time; it also includes filling out a graduation evaluation and meeting with advisers frequently, among other things.

Associated Students Inc. and the Office of Academic Records know how hard this can be, and are nearing completion of a computerized degree audit program to help students track their graduation status.

The audit program, called Poly Progress, has actually been in the making for several years, according to Associated Students Inc. President Brandon Souza, who has supported the grad audit.

"It was a major focus of my platform when I ran for president, as it was of my opponents," he said. "I knew it was something students wanted."

According to Associate Registrar Maureen Muller, the purpose of Poly Progress is to give students an opportunity to check their progress toward graduation, without having to fill out grad evaluations or check unofficial transcripts. Students will be able to check their progress toward their degree at any time during their college career.

The construction of Poly Progress suffered a setback when the switch the California State University system made in fall 2006 to PeopleSoft, the current application students and faculty use to check their graduation status, faced complications.

The system was scheduled to be in place by fall 2007, according to Muller. That schedule was pushed back to fall 2008 due to PeopleSoft's delays.

"We should be ready for the fall 2008 graduating class," Muller said.

The degree audit will be used to assist students as they look for jobs after graduation, according to Muller.

"You can start looking for jobs the day you graduate," she said. "You don't have to wait for that extra degree audit certificate to arrive."

The audit program is available to current application students and faculty.

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Mechanics, police say gas theft changing with times

Jeff Karoub
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DETROIT — Dale Fortin is getting a new kind of customer at his Detroit auto repair shop — customers who have not just been in a fender-bender or had a windshield knocked off, regular, according to a survey of stations by AAA and insurance companies.

"That's the new fast," he said. "I'd never seen it before." Fortin said gas thefts at his store have become so common that a thief first saw during the Middle East oil embargo of the early 1970s.

Gasoline prices surged just before the Long Memorial Day weekend and crept a hair higher overnight Monday to a new record national average $3.072 a gallon as the region faces a possible shortage of regular, according to a survey of stations by AAA and the Oil Price Information Service.

Police and citizen mechanics and law enforcement officers say it's an unwelcome return of a crime that was once confined to certain big cities.

"The cost of replacing a metal tank on a passenger vehicle is between $990 and $4990, and the plastic tank on common on newer vehicles would be at least $990," AAA spokesman Dave Barrett said.

Bruce Burnham said thieves have hit the Budget Truck Rental business he owns in Shreveport, La., about a dozen times since the store opened two years ago.

A design change may also be contributing to the frequency of tank puncturing. Gas thefts have jumped in recent years due to the surge in fuel prices.

In recent weeks, police in Denver arrested two suspects in connection with about a dozen cases of damaging tanks and stealing gas. Denver Police Det. John White sees this "as a bigger problem." He points out that leaves every driver high and dry — is on the minds of motorists.

The thefts started shortly after Hurricane Katrina when prices spiked, stopped for a while, then restarted about a year ago. In some cases, the gas lines have been cut; in others, gas is siphoned and drained of its contents.

Gas and diesel aren't the only fuels being plundered. Restaurants from Berkeley, Calif., to Sedgwick, Kan., are reporting thefts of diesel at north thousands of gallons. Cooking oil vendors refill it through barrels in barrelized kettles. Diesel is also blended with petroleum diesel, and hydrogenated vegetable oil is now sold at 1,400 stations across the country.

"Gas is liquid gold these days, and has been for the last year-and-a-half," Scherflein, Troy Police lieutenant, said. "They're making progress," he added, "but there are too many variables and it's hard to catch them." Scherflein said the area's motor homes, which is an individual concentrates, which is an individual course of study." Souza said. "Creating the new audit program was an overnight process." Additionally, the program will incorporate the past three catalogues from the Office of Academic Records. In fact, the office prioritizes the project so highly that it has hired two employees from the Records Office staff to complete the project by fall 2008 or winter 2009.

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alt use for registration, checking financial information and more.

"That was a large step back toward the introduction of the PeopleSoft," Souza said. "We had to start all over because Poly was not compatible with PeopleSoft."

Audit programs can still be compatible with PolySoft, however. Therefore, a new program could be constructed for Poly to work through PeopleSoft, but the creation process has been a long one, since adjustments needed to be made every time PeopleSoft was updated.

Souza also emphasized how complex an audit program would need to be to accommodate Cal Poly students.

"We're unique at Cal Poly in that students must declare majors before coming in; they also have minors and concentrations, and students can even create concentrations, which is an individual course of study," Souza said. "Creating the new audit program was an overnight process." Additionally, the program will incorporate the past three catalogues from the Office of Academic Records. In fact, the office prioritizes the project so highly that it has hired two employees from the Records Office staff to complete the project by fall 2008 or winter 2009.

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McCain's fundraisers typically are closed to the press; the White House deferred to the campaign. Tuesday's fundraiser at the home of prominent Republican Jack Lon­ den and his wife, Lynn, raised an estimated $600,000 for the Republi­ can National Committee.

Democratic opponent Barack Obama has engaged in partisan attacks and lavish fund-raisers ever since he won the nomination. But McCain, who has yet to win a primary, is spending his time making the hard decisions and "I'm going to be in Crawford with my wife and kids," Scherflein said. "I would anticipate seeing more of these kinds of incidents as the primary process to go up." McCain's policies, he said, are a "step back" from the previous administrations.

Audits have been used throughout the years, said a bipartisan committee of the House, but the committee did not mention the provisions in the procedures.

Souza said. "They have a beta version and have even tested it out with me, but there is still a lot that needs to be built in. They want it to work flawlessly, and not something students will have a hard time with." The audit program should relieve stress off the Office of the Aca­ demic Records, especially during the window hours.

"The Office of Academic Records will always serve a purpose of accuracy and integrity of the students, and won't do anything to compromise that," he said. "It will just take a lot of stress off the students. It's unrealistic to ask them to fill out a graduation evaluation every four quarters in advance."

Although liberal arts adviser Bonnie McInerney thinks an ac­ curate audit would be helpful for students to deter­ mine their graduation status, she also thinks the students them­ selves as well as advisers should play the biggest roles in maintain­ ing awareness and understanding of the degree program.

"It is my experience that students who take the initiative to see their advisers and pay attention to their degree requirements do not usually have difficulty graduating on time," she said. "I would also say that with the complexity of many of the current accounting programs, no degree audit (program) will be a complete replacement for seeing your adviser."
PTSD cases jump to 40,000 since 2003

Pauline Jelinek
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The number of troops diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder jumped by roughly 50 percent in 2007, the most violent year so far in the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, Pentagon records show.

In the first time the Defense Department has disclosed a number for PTSD cases from the two wars, officials said nearly 40,000 troops have been diagnosed with the illness since 2003, though they believe many more are likely keeping their illness a secret.

"I don't really know because I don't hear much about them."
— Ginny Sively, civil engineering sophomore

"I honestly don't know. I don't drink and don't hang out with people who do."
— Hannah Payken, biology senior

Experts say many troops have symptoms of stress that can be mistaken for PTSD. They haven't worked with treatment and should not be confused with cases that develop into a mental disorder.

More than 26,000 soldiers altogether were diagnosed with the disorder over the last five years.

The Marine Corps had more than 2,100 cases in 2007, compared to 1,366 in 2006. They have had more than 5,000 PTSD cases diagnosed since 2003.

Schoomaker blamed the big rise partly to the fact that officials started an electronic record system in 2004 that captures more information, and to the fact that as time goes on the people keeping records are more knowledgeable about the illness.

He also blamed increased exposure of troops to combat. Factors increasing combat exposure in 2007 included President Bush's troop buildup, increased violence in both wars and the fact that a number of troops are serving their second, third or fourth tours of duty — a factor mental health experts say dramatically increases stress.

In order to supply enough forces for the buildup, officials also extended tour lengths to 15 months from 12, another factor that caused extra emotional strain.

Schoomaker said he believes PTSD is widely misunderstood by the press and the public — and that what is often just normal post-traumatic anxiety and stress is mistaken for full-blown PTSD cases.

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Some U.S. farms outsourced to Mexico

Jessica Bernstein-Wax

Antonio Martinez used to pay smugglers thousands of dollars each year to sneak him into the United States to manage farm crews. Now the work comes to him.

Supermarket lettuce pickers in central Mexico, Martinez earns just half of the $1,100 a week he made in the U.S. But the job has its advantages, including working without fear of immigration raids.

Martinez, now a legal employee of U.S.-owned VegPacket de Mexico, is exactly the kind of worker more American farms are seeking. Many have moved their fields to Mexico, where they can find qualified people, often with U.S. experience, who can’t be deported.

"Because I never moved my family to the U.S., I was always alone there," said Martinez, 45, who could never get a work permit, even after 16 years in agriculture in California and Arizona.

"When I got the opportunity to be close to my family, doing similar work, I didn’t even have to think about it!"

American companies now farm more than 45,000 acres of land in three Mexican states, employing about 11,000 people, a 2007 survey by the U.S. farm group Western Growers shows.

There are no exact studies to document how much the acreage has grown. But U.S. direct investment in Mexican agriculture, which includes both American companies moving their operations to Mexico and setting up Mexican partnerships, has swelled sevenfold to $60 million since 2004, Mexico's Economy Department told The Associated Press.

Major corporations such as Archer Daniels Midland Co. and Bunge have invested across Latin America for decades, particularly in countries like Brazil, where agribusiness is booming.

Some small farmers have cultivated parts of Mexico for much longer, seeking to secure year-round supplies of fruits and vegetables, while taking advantage of cheap labor and proximity to the U.S.

But the latest move south has been fueled by some new factors: farmers say a way to continue to deliver cheap, fresh farm goods amid the current U.S. political standoff over an estimated 12 million undocumented immigrants, the majority from Mexico.

Recent Immigration and Customs Enforcement raids have targeted major agricultural producers, including Del Monte Fresh Produce in Portland, Oregon, and several large packing plants across the states, scaring away many migrants and persuading many agricultural employers to clean up their hiring practices.

"Employers can’t find legal workers to replace this huge number of illegal workers," said James Hoh, an agricultural labor economist and independent consultant based in Washington. "Their only option is to go where the workers are."

Many of the growers, once based in California’s Salinas Valley, are also heading south to escape high land prices and water shortages. Mexico is closer to eastern U.S. markets than California, they say. Shipping times to Atlanta are a day shorter from Mexico’s central Guanajuato state.

Not everyone in Mexico has welcomed U.S. companies. Mexican farmers complain that they have driven up land rental prices. Many local growers worry they can’t compete against big, foreign firms, said Felipe Sanchez, president of a farmers group in Guanajuato state.

"How can a ranch that farms 70 acres compete with a company that came to farm 10,000 acres?" Sanchez said. "We’ll become laborers on our own ranches."

Farm workers at U.S. companies in Mexico make two or three times Mexico’s minimum wage of $4.80 a day. But they still earn far less than the average $10.60 an hour that field workers in the United States made in January 2008, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Juan Antonio Linarez, 19, makes a tenth of his U.S. roofering income at Taylor Farms de Mexico’s vegetable cooling plant in Guanajuato. But he has health insurance and can live nearby with his family — without the dangerous and expensive trek across the border.

Some experts argue that farmers simply need to raise U.S. wages to compete with other industries, something they say would help ease the labor crunch.

As the United States heads into a recession, more native-born workers might consider agricultural work if wages were high enough, said Harley Shaiken, director of the University of California at Berkeley’s Center for Latin American Studies.

"Labor shortage always is a question of what pay rate," Shaiken said. "Very often, if the wages are artificially low, it will be very difficult to find a work force."

But Steve Scaroni said he did offer higher wages and still couldn’t find a steady work force in the U.S. Scaroni owns VegPacket, a California and Guanajuato-based company that grows lettuce, celery, cauliflower and other vegetables. VegPacket has struggled after forking out millions of dollars to launch its Mexico division two years ago.

The problem is that cheaper labor in Mexico is often offset by lower productivity and high training costs, especially when it comes to meeting U.S. food-safety standards.

"The only thing that's cheaper down here is diesel fuel and the labor per day," Scaroni said.

(Left) Workers of U.S.-owned VegPacket de Mexico, a branch of U.S.-based Valley Harvesting and Packing Inc., pick up the lettuce at a field in Comonfort, in the central state of Guanajuato, Mexico. (Above) Victoria Pena, 74, works on growing lettuce in Mexico for much longer, seeking to secure year-round supplies of fruits and vegetables, while taking advantage of cheap labor and proximity to the U.S.

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China evacuates villagers after new flood threat

Andra Ang 

About 80,000 people were evacuated Tuesday from downstream of an unstable earthquake-created dam that is threatening to collapse, and troops rushed to carve a trench to drain the water before it floods villages.

The threat of flooding from dozens of lakes swelling behind walls of mud and rubble that have plugged narrow valleys in parts of the disaster zone is worrying for millions of survivors.

Many homes were emptied and the people were being sent to camps like the one outside Jingshu, where an Associated Press reporter saw 12-15 people standing in a line waiting for food.

Aftershocks continue to rattle the region, causing more damage and injuries and jangling the already-frayed nerves of survivors. Two tremors Tuesday caused more damage and injuries and jangled the already-frayed nerves of survivors. Two tremors Tuesday caused more damage and injuries and jangled the already-frayed nerves of survivors. Two tremors Tuesday caused more damage and injuries and jangled the already-frayed nerves of survivors. Two tremors Tuesday caused more damage and injuries and jangled the already-frayed nerves of survivors. Two tremors Tuesday caused more damage and injuries and jangled the already-frayed nerves of survivors. Two tremors Tuesday caused more damage and injuries and jangled the already-frayed nerves of survivors. Two tremors Tuesday caused more damage and injuries and jangled the already-frayed nerves of survivors.

The number of deaths from the quake climbed toward 67,183, with an expected toll of 10,000 or more. China's Cabinet said Tuesday that 67,183 people were confirmed killed, with 20,790 still missing.

State Briefs

GRANITE BAY (AP) — A man who admits causing a South­ern California commuter train de­ tailment that killed 11 people has apologized from the witness stand at his murder trial.

Juan Alvarez said Tuesday he was trying to kill himself and never meant to harm anyone else.

The defendant says he poored gas over himself and his Jeep SUV, took out a lighter and then decid­ed he didn't want to burn himself to death because it would be too painful.

He says he then drove onto railroad tracks, hoping a train would smash into his vehicle and kill him quickly.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Negotiations between Hollywood studios and the American Federa­tion of Television and Radio Art­ists were going down the drain Tuesday after sessions through the Memorial Day weekend failed to seal a deal.

After meeting late into the night Monday, the two sides worked to reach an agreement be­ fore the larger Screen Actors Guild returned to the bargaining table.

SAG previously said it planned to resume its talks by Wednesday. The union did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

RIVERSIDE (AP) — An at­torney for Mattel said a rival toy company stole the idea for the Bratz fashion doll line that has be­ come a global darling among con­sumers.

Attorney John Quinn made the allegation Tuesday during his opening statement in the federal copyright infringement trial in Riverside that pits Mattel against MGA Entertainment Inc., the maker of the urban-themed Bratz dolls.

Quinn said Mattel owns the rights to the Bratz dolls because the designer created the dolls while employed at Mattel.

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National Briefs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Another week, another rumbling train of obituaries that obliterate entire city blocks, smashing homes to their foundations and killing people even as they cover in their basements.

With the year not even half done, 2008 is already the deadliest tornado year in the United States since 1999 and seems on track to break the U.S. record for the number of twisters in a year, according to the National Weather Service. Also, this year's storms seem to be unusually powerful.

"There are active years and we don't particularly understand why," said research meteorologist Harold Brooks at the National Severe Storms Lab in Norman, Okla.

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — ASA officials say plans for the Phoenix Mars Lander's second day of activities on Mars have been delayed.

Lander completes first day on Mars

Indonesian Foreign Minister Hasan Wirajuda called Tuesday for her release, saying it would be a way of thanking the international community for its generosity after the April 12 earthquake.

"I hope for the best, but to be frank, I'm not optimis­tic," he said.

The French embassy was stepped up around Suu Kyi's home, with about 20 plainclothes police officers standing guard while six truckloads of riot police were on guard near her National League for Democracy headquarters. These were reinforced by pro-junta thugs in civilian clothes.

Around 200 NLD members attended a ceremony inside the headquarters to mark the 18th anniversary of the par­ ty's landslide victory in 1990 elections which the junta has never honored.

Myanmar has been ruled by the military since 1962. The current junta seized power in 1988 after brutally crushing a Suu Kyi-led uprising.

An extension of Suu Kyi's arrest would add to the inter­ national community's outrage and frustration with the junta, which is accused of blocking international aid to some 2.4 million survivors of Cyclone Nargis. Official government es­ timates put the death toll from the May 2-3 storm at about 78,000, with an additional 56,000 people missing.

The junta has given some ground, promising to allow for­ eign aid workers into the most devastated areas. U.N. officials have expressed hope they will be able to help survivors — if the generals keep their word.

In its latest assessment report, the U.N. said the rate of 10-15 aid airlifts into Myanmar needed to be stepped up along with quick delivery to the hardest-hit areas.

"The critical danger remains of a potential second wave of deaths among those still alive or only reached with small amounts of assistance," the report said.

Her National League for Democracy party uniform, a peach-colored jacket, was torn as she succumbed to her weight.

The French aid agency Without Borders said its teams had entered remote villages around the Irrawaddy delta town of Bogalay where people had not eaten for three days.

The U.N. has estimated that less than half the 2.4 million people victimized by the storm have received emergency assistance.

Opposition supporters detained in Myanmar

Arthur H. Rothstein
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fresh images sent back by NASA's Phoenix Mars Lander during its first full day operating in the Martian period that began on May 28 showed most of its science instruments in good health, mission scientists said.

The one snag on the lander occurred when the protective sheath around its 8-foot-long robotic arm failed to unwrap all the way after touchdown, and now covers the arm's elbow joint.

Deputy project scientist Debo­ rah Bass of NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory said scientists still planned to start the process of unstowing the arm Tuesday, but it could take an extra day to fully stretch the arm.

"I would say this is an inconvenient­ ness," Bass said.

Since landing on Mars on Sun­ day, Phoenix has delighted sci­ entists with the first-ever peek to the planet's unexplored northern latitudes. The terrain where Pho­ nix set its three legs is relatively flat with polygon-shaped patterns on the ground likely caused by the expansion and contraction of under­ ground ice.

Phoenix is on a three-month mission to excavate the soil us­ ing its 8-foot-long robotic arm to reach the ice believed to be buried inches to a foot deep.

The landing site could have sup­ ported primitive life. Among the things it will look for is whether the ice melted in Mars' history and whether the soil samples contain traces of organic compounds, one of the building blocks of life.

On Monday, NASA released a black-and-white image captured during Phoenix's descent by the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter which had a bird's-eye view of the lander coming down on its parachute.

"It's the first time a spacecraft had an image of another craft during landing," said rover project manager of the Uni­ versity of Arizona's Lunar and Planetary Laboratory said the camera aboard Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter had taken many unique pictures of Mars, but "this one's really unique."
Chinese orphans and other young earthquake survivors play a game organized by aid workers. Reports have been released alleging that many U.N. peacekeepers and international aid workers are abusing children as young as 6.

### U.N. peacekeepers, aid workers abusing kids

**Edith Lederer**

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon expressed "deep concern" Tuesday after a leading children’s charity said it uncovered evidence of widespread sexual abuse of children at the hands of U.N. peacekeepers and international aid workers.

The report by Save the Children UK, based on field research in southern Sudan, Ivory Coast and Haiti, describes a litany of sexual crimes against children as young as 6.

It said some children were denied food aid unless they granted sexual favors; others were forced to have sex or to take part in child pornography; many more were subjected to improper touching or kissing.

"The report shows sexual abuse has been widely underreported because children are afraid to come forward," said the report's chief researcher, Ann Buchanan, an Oxford University expert in statistical attempts to quantify rates of child abuse, said the report: "We'd call it a pilot study. All the research shows kids don't report a case of abuse and had never heard of a case being reported."

The threat of retaliation, and the stigma attached to sex abuse, were powerful deterrents to coming forward, the report said.

Ahn Buchanan, an Oxford University expert in statistical attempts to quantify rates of child abuse, said the topic is so taboo it is virtually impossible to come up with reliable numbers.

But she said the new report provides a useful starting point.

"This will never be a statistical study," she said. "We're calling it a pilot work exploring the start of an issue. All the research shows kids don't make it up."

Buchanan, who directs the Oxford Center for Research into Parenting and Children, said the biggest obstacle to accurate numerical studies of child sexual abuse is the reluctance of children to come forward and tell adults they have been taken advantage of.

"Sexual abuse is a hugely difficult, sensitive area, and it's not something that you can usually do surveys about because kids feel terrible shame and are afraid to say what's happened to them," she said. "Given what we know about underreporting of sex abuse, I would say this report is probably true. They've gone about it as sensitively as you can."

### International Briefs

**BUENOS AIRES, Argentina**

(AP) — Former army chief Luciano Benjamin Menem, 80, goes on trial Tuesday in the northern city of Cordoba, where he commanded the regional Third Army Corps for five years.

**MADRID, Spain**

(AP) — Spanish twins who were separated at birth through a hospital error and reunited as adult women through a fluke are suing for millions in damages, a lawyer said Tuesday.

The women finally met each other in 2001. The case has been working its way through the courts since 2004 and a court ruling on possible damages is expected soon, said Sebastian Serrano Pedrero, a lawyer for one of the twins.

He would not release the names of the women who are 39.

**TOKYO**

(AP) — Japanese youngsters are getting so addicted to Internet-linking cell phones that the government is starting a program warning parents and schools to limit their use among children.

The government is worried about how elementary and junior high school students are getting sucked into cyber space crimes, spending long hours exchanging mobile e-mail and suffering other negative effects of cell phone abuse, said Masaharu Kuba, a government official overseeing the initiative, said Tuesday.

### POLICE BLOTTER

**May 26, 00:32 -** Officers contacted four subjects at the water tower. It was discovered the subjects were in possession and using an Airsoft pistol. The pistol was seized.

**May 25: 03:17 -** Officers arrested three subjects trespassing at the Poly Canyon Village construction site.

**May 23, 00:58 -** One subject was cited for an alcohol violation in the Grand Avenue Parking Structure.

**May 23, 00:44 -** One subject arrested for DUI and possession of an open container off campus near Loomis.

**May 23, 00:18 -** One subject cited for an alcohol violation off campus near Longview.

**May 22, 13:09 -** Officers respond to a call of smoke coming from a trash can near Mustang Stadium. The cause appeared to be a cigarette that had not been extinguished properly.

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Chinese orphans and other young earthquake survivors play a game organized by aid workers. Reports have been released alleging that many U.N. peacekeepers and international aid workers are abusing the kids as young as 6.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon expressed "deep concern" Tuesday after a leading children’s charity said it uncovered evidence of widespread sexual abuse of children at the hands of U.N. peacekeepers and international aid workers.

The report by Save the Children UK, based on field research in southern Sudan, Ivory Coast and Haiti, describes a litany of sexual crimes against children as young as 6.

It said some children were denied food aid unless they granted sexual favors; others were forced to have sex or to take part in child pornography; many more were subjected to improper touching or kissing.

"The report shows sexual abuse has been widely underreported because children are afraid to come forward," said the report's chief researcher, Ann Buchanan, an Oxford University expert in statistical attempts to quantify rates of child abuse, said the report: "We'd call it a pilot study. All the research shows kids don't report a case of abuse and had never heard of a case being reported."

The threat of retaliation, and the stigma attached to sex abuse, were powerful deterrents to coming forward, the report said.

Ahn Buchanan, an Oxford University expert in statistical attempts to quantify rates of child abuse, said the topic is so taboo it is virtually impossible to come up with reliable numbers.

But she said the new report provides a useful starting point.

"This will never be a statistical study," she said. "We're calling it a pilot work exploring the start of an issue. All the research shows kids don't make it up."

Buchanan, who directs the Oxford Center for Research into Parenting and Children, said the biggest obstacle to accurate numerical studies of child sexual abuse is the reluctance of children to come forward and tell adults they have been taken advantage of.

"Sexual abuse is a hugely difficult, sensitive area, and it's not something that you can usually do surveys about because kids feel terrible shame and are afraid to say what's happened to them," she said. "Given what we know about underreporting of sex abuse, I would say this report is probably true. They've gone about it as sensitively as you can."
Yee-haw!

On Thursday nights, country lovers flock to their Mecca: The Graduate

Breehan Yohbe-Mellor

Alex Dunn was trying to teach members of the crowd how to wiggle their butts. She really was trying.

"Step, wiggle, wiggle. You can wiggle your butt or slide back if you're a guy and you're too cool (to wiggle)," she said. "I wiggle all the time, and that's why I teach it."

For Dunn, a kinesiology sophomore and event coordinator for the Country Line Dancing Club (CLDC), it was all in a night's work teaching line dancing.

"Teaching is the (most) fun and rewarding part of the club," said Dunn, who had never line danced until she came to Cal Poly. "I like getting feedback from people and hearing that they're having fun."

The Graduate has been offering Country Night every Thursday for many years, but when Cal Poly's Country Line Dancing Club formed four years ago, its members proposed teaching lessons at The Graduate.
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Scandinavian flick 'Reprise' brings back the bromance

Azure Gilman
THE ARTS EDITOR (INTERVIEW)

Ah, the bromance. Once an unusual phenomenon, cinematic odes to male camaraderie are now mainstream and, from "Entourage" to "Knocked Up," America does them best. Or they did, until the Norwegians took over.

"Reprise," director Joachim Trier's impressive feature film debut, explores the friendship of two aspiring young writers, Phillip (Anders Danielsen Lie) and Erik (Christian Rubeck). Trier sees the film together, and the audience is never sure if the grand, absurdist author is telling a straight story or editing it as he goes along.

The mysterious voice sacrifices even the slightest nuance, but what seems like the main plot may in fact turn out to be a void daydream. This kind of storytelling, which runs the risk of being unfocused, creates a shifting viewpoint that reframes the skeptical lives of the main characters.

Phillip, the first of the two friends to reach literarysuccess, is plagued by depression— he is Norwegian, after all. The film opens with the oppressive atmosphere of his return trip from a mental hospital, surrounded by his friends— but now stuck together. Phillip lives seemingly under water in muted colors, dominated by an obsession with a lovely Bjork—look alike played by Viktoria Winge. Erik, his best friend, is tall and blond, with the porcelain good looks we've come to expect from Scandinavians. Also a writer, his success comes slowly and his personal life is more comedic. The film is tailored to extremes and symptomatic tastes. It sometimes feels like a Prozac addict's version of Amélie.

The real beauty of "Reprise" is that it's not about one thing, one line may be, while

another can't help but

discuss it.

and a relationship. Like the great bromances that have gone before it, "Reprise" is filled with typical moments from the lives of two young men that likely abundant in any recent memory— like when a stranger at the party takes over the iPod without asking, or when a group of friends decides to torture an outsider acquaintance for the sport of it. Erik finally decides to meet his hero, who is something like in a Norwegian J.D. Salinger, and realizes that he is indistinguishable from the similarly sycophant standing next to him. Apparently, youth translates. And so do Converse shoes, for that matter.

The supporting actors are all works of art, but Lars (Christian Rubeck) is the standout. He is the most endearing: his insecurity, his vaguely fascist motives, his love of friends decides, his fans decked out in R.E.M.'s opening and Rihanna's luminescent foray was witnessing something the world will be forever Lupe's bit to Rihanna's costume retooling by Kanye to ensure that all four sets come together into one beautiful, cohesive experience. Simply put, it's pure, unadulterated fun.

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Endless possibilities for summer reading

Emily Bishop

Summer is the ideal time to visit the library or a book store to catch up on reading. Whether you're a mystery lover or prefer nonfiction, you've bound to find something you can't put down till you've reached the last page.

Here are some suggestions:

**Classics**

Cathy Van Brocklin, youth services librarian at the Ames Public Library in Ames, Iowa, suggests returning to literature classics. "I think sometimes young adults get turned off the idea of reading the classics because we had to read them in school," Van Brocklin said.

- "A Tale of Two Cities" by Charles Dickens
- "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea" by Jules Verne
- "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian" by Sherman Alexie

"The novel's name stems from the fact that the main character, Colon, has had 19 previous girlfriends all named Katherine. Find out more about Colon's relationships with the Katherine's as he and friends go on a road trip before college. "It's a good coming-of-age story," Van Marel said.

**Series**

- "The Harry Potter series may be over, but there are plenty of other series to get addicted to.
- "Gossip Girl" by Cecily von Ziegesar
- "The Sisterhood of the Travelling Pants" by Ann Brashares

"We recommend "Big Trouble" by Dane Barry. Van Marel recommends "Big Trouble" by humor columnist H. W. Barry. The novel takes place in Florida and involves hit men and war, and includes 15 plots occurring simultaneously — you will surely not be bored.

**Mysteries**

- "It's a good coming-of-age story," Van Marel said.
- "It's a really intimate look at their life."
- "It's very heartwarming and he writes in a way you feel a part of his family," Van Marel said.

**Fiction**

- "An Abundance of Katherines" by John Green
- "The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian" by Sherman Alexie
- "A Million Little Pieces" a few years ago is now receiving good reviews for his new fiction novel about Los Angeles.

**Nonfiction**

- "It's a coming-of-age story," Van Marel said.
- "It's a good coming-of-age story,
- "It's really moving," Van Marel said.
- "It's a really intimate look at their life."
When Super Tuesday rolled around, Republicans and Democrats alike supported different candidates. No candidate seemed to have that winning edge — until the results came in for Republicans. John McCain had all but officially become the presidential nominee of the Republican party.

On that day, I voted for Mitt Romney. One major reason I did this was because of his strong focus on the economy. His strong fiscal conservative principles made me confident that he would be able to stimulate our suffering economy. Likewise, I know that many other Republicans voted for Rudy Giuliani due to his firm leadership principles in New York City and his strong stance against terrorists after Sept. 11, 2001. Others chose Ron Paul for his back-to-basics, strict Constitutionalism. Fred Thompson was the key for some voters due to his Reagan-esque qualities. And of course, many Americans were drawn to Mike Huckabee because they believed he would lead the country back in the right direction with the way he wore his moral stances into everyday politics.

At McCain's last debate in the 2008 election became clear, those who didn't vote for him in the primary asked themselves, "What is it about him that would make me want to vote for him now?"

Here's the short list. His father and grandfather were distinguished military admirals, and their strength of character was instilled in him. McCain himself then became a POW and war hero, persevering through multiple physical and mental deprivations and continually respecting veterans and the Second Amendment, his main goal throughout his entire career of public service has been to reduce wasteful spending — a task that truly affects citizens through the economy. By reducing unnecessary spending, tax cuts become a legitimate action rather than just the creation of a sense of false economic security. McCain was elected to his first term in the U.S. House of Representatives largely based on this platform and has not backed down since. He also applies to our crucial health care needs — getting even under control is the only way to keep a competitive system, and simply pouring more money into it is not the answer.

He refuses to constantly toe his party line, and he does what he believes to be correct for our nation's well-being. And he is honest about mistakes. He has actively disagreed with President Bush on many points, which is an absolutely necessary quality for the leader of our nation. No one should always agree with his or her leadership simply because he or she belongs to the same party. McCain gives and takes criticism and has shown that he is one of few politicians in Washington, D.C., who is willing to fully work with both sides of the aisle — addressing climate change and education are key, and McCain is outspoken in these regards. He has a pro-jobs economic agenda, with legitimate plans to address the housing crisis and high gas prices.

He does not only go by the philosophy of government being "for the people." He remembers that government is also "of the people" and "by the people" and makes it a platform goal to nominates judges who understand that their role is to apply the law as written, not impose their opinions.

Essentially, along with his own unique experiences, he has many qualities that embody the appeal of all the other candidates combined.

John McCain is the only uniting candidate in this election, the only one who would even think about gaining some sort of consensus to solve problems. A Gallup poll in March showed that many Democrats would vote for McCain if their respective candidates didn't get the nomination. In fact, 28 percent of Clinton supporters said they would vote for McCain over Barack Obama, and 19 percent of Obama supporters said they would vote for McCain over Hillary Clinton.

Even more revealing, according to a recent poll by Quinnipiac University Polling Institute, is that coveted states Ohio and Florida give McCain the edge. In those states, about half of all surveyed Democrats would rather see Clinton win the nomination, versus 37 percent for Obama. Democrats who back Clinton say they would vote for her 95-4 over McCain, while only half would vote for Obama (being the presumptive nominee) over McCain.

So what is this McCain appeal for Democrats? A senior McCain adviser, who spoke to The Politico on the condition of anonymity — that the campaign is reaching male and female blue-collar, white Democrats — a group that many already view as McCain if their respective candidates didn't get the nomination. In fact, 28 percent of Clinton supporters said they would vote for McCain over Barack Obama, and 19 percent of Obama supporters said they would vote for McCain over Hillary Clinton.

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What we have in McCain is unparalleled experience and universal appeal. This historic election is inspiring more people than ever to vote and get involved with the election process. Educate yourself and have a say in your future; don't forget to vote June 3 and Nov. 4.

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It's time to let go, Clinton

With the general election only six months away and just a handful of primaries left, the Democratic party is stronger than ever. Record numbers of voters have shown their support and the race couldn't be closer.

It's becoming more and more evident that the Democrats have this election in the bag, but one thing still stands in our way — Hillary Clinton.

Yes, Clinton has had a good run, and she's managed to tear down barricades of chauvinism in places where it was once thought to be impossible. But the truth remains that we need a president who can unite this country, and Clinton seems to evade contraries. From her husband's infidelity years ago to her recent remarks on staying in the race just in case her opponent is assassinated, her popularity seems misplaced.

There's no doubt that she is well-qualified, and her experience in government is well beyond that of Barack Obama. But as we've seen in the last eight years, a life spent in politics in no way guarantees one's ability to run a country.

I like the idea of a woman president; I think women have unique leadership characteristics that are often preferable to those of men.

Furthermore, the success that Clinton has had thus far opens the door for female politicians further down the road. But that's all the more reason to wait.

This election will be historic no matter what, but let's not too far from the real issues at hand.

It's too easy to get carried away with the pseudo-politics that the media tends to perpetuate, things like Clinton's bad hair days or Obama's fanatical pastor. It's as if no one knows how to react to such a monumental change in politics, so we immediately resort to superficialities.

Given that this election would end the quagmire that is the Bush administration, the Democratic party is perfectly situated to make waves of change come next year. But attaining this change first means uniting the American people by offering a new kind of government.

Yes, electing the first woman president would be remarkable, but not if she represents business as usual in Washington.

The difference between Clinton and Obama is that Clinton represents nothing more than elitist politics shrouded in a woman's body. Obama truly is grassroots politics; it's the reason his support has risen exponentially while Clinton's is in steady decline.

By continuing to campaign, Obama is doing more harm than good. The writing is on the wall and she's(flying)ittering. Being a leader is about knowing when to do the right thing, and her actions continue to reinforce my belief in her inability to be a team player. Clinton needs to realize that her efforts would be better spent campaigning for the party rather than dividing it.

She has already said she would support Obama if he win the nomination, but her willingness to stay in the race detracts from this goal. By exiting gracefully, she can maintain her dignity and help the party unambiguously.

Please, Clinton, for the sake of Democrats everywhere, face the facts and drop out.

Erica Janoff is an industrial engineering senior and a liberal columnist for the Mustang Daily.

LEARNING LEFT

by Erica Janoff

I decided to make my own Craigslist personal ad and see what developed. This was not a missed connection, mind you, but a w4m casual encounter ad. I shot you not, my local readers, this posting was flagged and removed not more than 31 minutes after initial posting. Read it for yourself and maybe you can help me understand what went wrong. "Single white male...

Guest Commentary

Where did I go wrong?

Girls, alcohol, Craigslist, and more

Ever since I broke up with my previous girlfriend (a horrid bitch, for all fans out there), my life has been wrought with pornography and peeping-tom foolishness. Needless to say, my life isn't much different than when I was a single man) I have to pounce on opportunity (unless it comes from me), but I have taken myself to utilize methods I found in the bars, we will book it back to my house to dusting a 12-pack and a couple of Valiums and watch a cool movie.

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— Zach

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In a 1995 rodeo, three horses died in a "wild horse roundup," a steer was killed during the steer wrestling event, and a calf died after breaking its neck during the calf roping.

Remember the Cal Poly rodeo when the cowboy punched the horse in the head in the holding shute?

— Deborah Hutchings

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Girls & Sports

Last Ditch Effort

The New York Times Crossword

Pop Culture Shock Therapy
SAN ANTONIO — Kobe Bryant and the Los Angeles Lakers are one win away from returning to the NBA finals.

Bryant had 28 points and 10 rebounds and the Lakers held off the San Antonio Spurs 93-86 on Tuesday night to take a 3-1 lead in the Western Conference finals.

It was the Spurs’ first home loss this postseason, and the defending champions face elimination when Game 5 is played in Los Angeles on Thursday.

Tim Duncan led the Spurs with 29 points and 17 rebounds. Reserve Brent Barry had 23 points and his last-second 3-point attempt could have given the Spurs the win.

He claimed he was fouled on the play by Derek Fisher but there was no call.

The Lakers were last in the finals in 2004 when they lost to Detroit in five games.

We thought he would’ve been tremendous here — would’ve blossomed.

— Charles Huff Jr.

Tennessee State offensive line coach

Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant (24) celebrates with teammate Sasha Vujacic after the second half of the Los Angeles Lakers vs. San Antonio Spurs NBA Conference finals’ fourth game Thursday night in San Antonio.

Associated Press

Bryant leads Lakers to Game 4 win

Elizabeth White

Sudlow, a 6-foot-2 senior guard to the Northridge baseball team, was named the Big West Freshman Player of the Year.

Mario Hollands was selected as the Big West Freshman Pitcher of the Year, and Cal State Northridge third baseman Ryan Bineda as the Big West Freshman Infielder of the Year.

Big West Coach of the Year was UC Santa Barbara’s Andrew Cerda.

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NEW YORK DREAMING
TAU SUDLOW FOLLOWED HIS ASPIRATIONS ALL THE WAY TO CALIFORNIA

Donovan Aird
Mustang Daily

Tau Sudlow did everything big — especially dreaming.

"There were many instances where you could see that he was going places," says his older sister, Zakia Sudlow. "In January, when he was home, he had this DVD on with him playing, and we watched it together. He was smiling the whole time, and you could see how much it meant to him. He was so proud, and felt such a joy, almost like he was getting flashes of his future."

It was a future planned to begin at Tennessee State University, where 20-year-old Tau Sudlow (pronounced "Taw-oo Sudd-low"), a 6-foot-3, 275-pound offensive lineman from Brooklyn, N.Y., had signed March 26 as a national letter of intent to continue his career after two years spent at Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria.

"He knew he was going to be an NFL star," Zakia Sudlow says. "He was so excited, he didn't even want to go to his graduation in Santa Maria; he just wanted to have a big party in Brooklyn."

Tau Sudlow, whose transfer paperwork was filed May 2, never got that chance. He was shot and killed later that day in Santa Maria.

"Shock" wouldn't even describe it," says Kris Dutra, head coach at Allan Hancock, where Sudlow was a team captain and twice selected to the All-Western State Conference Team. "It takes a while for things to sink in."

While physically imposing, Sudlow's relentlessness was his most defining trait, in the eyes of Dutra. "He was a very mentally tough kid," Dutra says. "Every once in a while I have players I'd call 'powerful', and he was powerful. He'd block to the whistle every single play. What made him special was that effort level, that tenacity. He was a special kid — he wasn't afraid of anything."

Tennessee State, a Football Championship Subdivision program in Nashville, Tenn., seems to have also been won over by Sudlow's mindset.

"Tau was a great young man," says Charles Huff Jr., an offensive line coach in charge of the Tigers' centers and guards. "When he was here on his visit, he was really humble, a mild-mannered kid. We thought he would've been tremendous here — would've blossomed."

For Sudlow, transferring to Tennessee State (which produced Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie, a first-round pick by the Arizona Cardinals in the NFL draft April 26), and former NFL greats such as Richard Dent and Ed "Too Tall" Jones) represented not only a chance to keep playing but also to no longer be so far away from his family.

"He did want to move closer to home," Huff says. "He really liked a good family atmosphere and saw that our players were really close to one another. Nashville's a pretty good-sized city, and our players keep an eye on each other."

Relocating to Tennessee wouldn't seem to have been much of an obstacle for Sudlow after already having followed his dream from the Empire State to the California city of just more than 90,000.

"In order to play, he had to move," Zakia Sudlow explains of her brother, who in 2005 was a team captain and see Sudlow, page 15

Cal Poly football named 'team most on rise' by fan poll

The Cal Poly football team was voted the "team rising on the rise" throughout the Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division I-AA) and ranked 13th nationally in the Amy Grient Saturday preseason poll released Monday. AGS takes into account votes from FCS fans frequenting the "Big Stick's message board of the same name.

As of Tuesday night, the message board had more than 5,300 members who'd posted nearly 950,000 times altogether.

In order to vote, members must have already posted at least 100 times before May 1, and agree to vote objectively, vote for all 25 places each week and not ruin voting more than two weeks the entire regular season.

To safeguard against bias, the AGS Poll Committee employs a "honor rule," which discourages ballots submitted by voters who ranked their "supported" team No. 1 when no one else did. Defending national champion Appalachian State received all but six of 82 first-place votes. Cal Poly, which in 2007 amassed 487.1 yards per game to finish second in the country in total offense (trailing only Appalachian State's 493.3), received one first-place vote.

James Maddox, Richmond, North Dakota State and Northern Iowa rounded out the top five.

Also ranked were three of the Mustangs' 2008 foes — Montana (at No. 7), McNeese State (No. 8) and South Dakota State (No. 18). The other, primary pre-season polls — the coaches' and The Sports Network's — are yet to be released.

Cal Poly, which finished last season 7-4 and slotted No. 24 in both the AGS and Sports Network polls, returned 10 offensive starters and opens its season by visiting San Diego State at 6:30 p.m. Aug 30.