Mc Cain comes to Central Coast

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San Luis Obispo congressman Lois Capps (D-Calif) went head-to-head with Republican John McCain earlier this week when the presidential candidate held a rally in Santa Barbara to discuss energy issues.

McCain visited Santa Barbara on Monday and Tuesday, the first day of a private fundraiser with local Republicans, the second for a green energy rally at Museums of Natural History, alongside Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger. MSNBC reported that the demonstration outside the rally was the largest anti-McCain gathering they've seen this election season.

McCain recently proposed lifting the moratorium on offshore drilling in an effort to increase domestic oil production and ease consumer gas prices.

"The immediate problems of high gasoline prices and of our strategic, dependence on foreign oil are upon us," McCain said in Santa Barbara. "And on recent days, I've been setting forth a plan of action. When people are hurting, and struggling to afford gasoline, food and other necessities, common sense requires that we draw upon America's own vast reserves of oil and natural gas."

He went on to speak about the other facets of his energy platform - including investing in nuclear technology, developing a cap-and-trade system, modernizing the nation's electric grid, and offering tax incentives for green energy usage - but never specifically spoke about expanding offshore drilling at the rally.

"In these and other ways, we can meet the challenge of global warming with all the resources of human ingenuity at our disposal. Like other environmental challenges - only more so - climate change presents a test of foresight, of political courage, and of the unwavering concern that one generation owes to the next," McCain said.

Capps fired against McCain in a press teleconference alongside state senator Barbara Boxer on Monday, saying that the proposal to lift the oil moratorium is evidence of a hypocritical energy platform.

"This is a total gimmick; we aren't going to drill our way out of an energy crisis," she said. "John McCain has flip-flopped on the energy issue and now he's threatening the livelihoods of the workers who depend on a clean coast."

"McCain wants to threaten our $70 billion coastal economy," Capps said. "This Bush-McCain policy is nothing more than a sweet deal for big oil companies."

"Lifting the moratorium is going to hurt our economy, it's going to hurt our environment, and it's going to hurt our health," Capps continued.

Offshore drilling is an especially hot topic in Santa Barbara, which saw the state's worst oil spill in 1969: An estimated 3 million gallons of crude oil spilled out into the ocean when a blowout occurred from an oil platform six miles offshore, killing thousands of marine birds and animals and leaving a


Neighborhood patrol program on hold

Lauren Rabajino

A controversial neighborhood patrol program is on hold because of a large amount of student protest and possible budget issues. The neighborhood protection plan was just one of many city projects created by funds from Measure Y, a half-cent tax that passed in San Luis Obispo in 2006. The part students especially opposed allowed police to cite loud parties, even if there was no neighbor or citizen complaint.

Although plans are at a halt, San Luis Obispo Chief of Police Deborah Linden said she would change the program to better reflect student concerns, a decision reached after an on-campus meeting June 3 between city officials and students.

"There is a healthy portion of students who would feel like it's very directed at students," said Associated Students Inc. President Angela Kramer, who attended the meeting. "They feel like it's the "party police" coming in to lay down the law and kill parties, and, at the same time, there are people who understand the need."

Officials used the meeting to clarify misunderstandings and show students why neighborhood patrols are necessary.

"I think the meeting put it in much better context and I think that's valuable," Linden said.

Linden said the reason students felt so targeted was because of vast misinformation circulated by a Facebook group of 1,500 students opposed to the measure.

Civil engineering senior Mike Comfort created the Facebook group "Students Against Measure Y" which he said grew to 1,000 members in its first week.

Although the students claim to be against Measure Y, Linden said the students actually oppose a program created by the measure, rather than the measure itself.

"There is a misunderstanding that Measure Y is a series of ordinances," said City Councilman Paul Brown, who was also at the student discussion.

The neighborhood control plan was created based on significant
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cant complaints from community members.
"It was neighborhood residents going to City Council really, really fed up," Linden said. Although the plan was created based on wants and needs of the community, she was open to "silent concerns."
"Based on that input, we're putting refinements to the program. The plan was created based on what students are targeted at the Greek system of things in the Poly neighborhood. It was open to student concerns," Linden said. Although the plan was held the week before finals, time for questions and answers was limited. Counselor Brown, Kramer, and Gunther each said there needs to be more discussion on the issues.
"I wasn't sure if they were even going to be open to hearing us," Gunther said. "I think it's awesome that Linden even came out, a lot of cities police wouldn't."
This isn't the first time city officials have met with students. Brown and Linden both said it is something they do each year. "Anytime you can have communication it's a good thing," Brown said. "I think students realize it's not the city versus students. We're all members of the community."

"For me personally, I think that the whole point of neighborhood team is supposed to be for safety," Kramer said. "If there's a cop driving down the road ticketing a few guys making noise and all they're doing is playing on a Wii... that's not what safety is about."
After listening to student concerns regarding noise violation, Linden said that revisions will come. However, due to recent budget issues facing the police department -- because of a binding arbitration decision that resulted in pay raises for police -- the future of the neighborhood control program is unclear. Linden said more specifics will be announced in coming months.
If the plan for unannounced noise citations is removed from the program, Gunther said it would appease most of the students concerned.
Kramer said she hopes to continue conversations with Linden to improve the relationship between campus and the police department. She said students should realize that these measures aren't set in stone yet and they can always be changed.
"We're really going to work hard this summer to develop a happy medium," she said. "Chief Linden and I will be discussing this in the near future."

The suspension includes all state responsibility areas and local responsibility areas. The proclamation covers 23 counties, including San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura and Monterey counties. The current and predicted fire weather has alarmed officials, and is the primary reason for the suspension. Even agricultural forest management, hazrd abatement and other industrial-type burnings are suspended. All official "dooryard" burning permits are also temporarily voided.
"The burn suspension will be in effect until there is a proclamation from the regional chief lifting the ban," Zrelzik said. "Given the current weather and wildland fuels conditions, the burn suspension will most likely not be lifted until the end of the fire season. Fire season usually ends in late fall or early winter."

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massive oil slick that will remain today. That historic spill has often been cited as a catalyst for the national-wide environmental movement.
"Those of us who've seen the effects of oil drilling on our coasts need to educate the rest of the America," Capps said in reference to the spill. Boxer said that lifting the moratorium is in effect a gift to big oil companies.
"We already know that 80 percent of the offshore oil is in already drillable areas," she said. "Yet only 21 percen-
Scientists think big impact caused two-faced Mars

**Alicia Chang**

Why is Mars two-faced? Scientists say fresh evidence supports the theory that a monster impact punched the red planet, leaving behind perhaps the largest gash on any heavenly body in the solar system.

Today, the Martian surface has a split personality. The southern hemisphere of Mars is pockmarked and filled with ancient rugged highlands. By contrast, the northern hemisphere is smoother and covered by low-lying plains.

Three papers in Thursday's journal *Nature* provide the most convincing evidence yet that an outside force was responsible.

According to the researchers, an asteroid or comet whacked a young Mars some 4 billion years ago, blasting away much of its northern crust and creating a giant hole over 40 percent of the surface.

New calculations reveal the crater known as the Borealis basin measures 5,300 miles across and 6,600 miles long — the size of Asia, Europe and Australia combined.

It's believed to be four times bigger than the current titleholder, the Martian impact, but it does not rule out the other theory that hot rock from inside the planet could have welled up and formed the different crusts.

All three teams believe there was a single giant blow and not several small hits because there's no evidence of other basins.

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**Jeffery Andrews-Hanna** of Massachusetts Institute of Technology renders an impact on the surface of Mars. Scientists say fresh evidence supports the theory that a monster impact punched the red planet.

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**SAN FRANCISCO** (AP) — Nine teenagers and two adults who were reported missing in a rugged area of the Sierra Nevada mountain range were located to safety Wednesday, hours after rescue teams launched a search.

The teens, ages 13 to 16, and their two 30-year-old guides turned up at a remote camp store several miles outside the search area, said Brad Mashaw, executive director of wilderness programs at Outward Bound, the nonprofit group that organized the expedition.

The hikers had last been seen on Sunday while on the tail end of a two-week backpacking and rock-climbing trip in the Sierra National Forest about 16 miles west of Kings Canyon National Park. They had supplies to last them through Friday, according to the Fresno County sheriff's office.

They were reported missing to authorities on Tuesday, two days after the group missed a rendezvous with a third guide.

The names of the teens have not been released, but sheriff's officials said they were from "all over the country," including Hawaii, Connecticut, Montana, Massachusetts and California.

**SAN FRANCISCO** (AP) — Yahoo Inc.'s leaders defended online search leader Google Inc. as a more desirable partner than Microsoft Corp. in a Wednesday letter that affirmed the Internet pioneer's commitment to a strategy which has alienated shareholders,

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What happens when you combine a quirky young artist, a misunderstood troublemaker, and a video camera? Mix in some '80s fashion and little to no parental supervision, and you get a homemade sequel to the classic Rambo flick, "First Blood," appropriately titled, "Son of Rainbow."

Written and directed by CJarth Jennings, this low-budget indie film is a heartwarming tale that balances corniness and fantasy, with spectacular acting and truly touching moments.

Set in a quiet British community in the 1980s, we meet Lee Carter (Will Poulter) who makes it his mission to independently cause chaos around the school. When sent out of class for misbehaving, he meets his unlikely partner in crime, Will Proudfoot (Bill Milner) who is anything but rambunctious. Quiet, shy and content with doodling in his Bible, Will is the Ying to Lee’s Yang. As part of a strict religious sect, Will was never formally introduced to bending the rules, so Lee takes it upon himself to show him the ropes.

Both boys have unusual home lives, and on paper the two seem entirely opposite. It is on screen that their bond evolves, beginning as strangers and ending as brothers. The boys bring a creative light to their imaginative lives as they sail through their days dreaming of flying dogs and scarecrows coming to life.

Lee lives in an elderly care home with his older brother and is often left alone with video equipment. He is instructed to make a bootleg copy of "First Blood," but after seeing an advertisement for a young filmmakers contest, he spends every spare moment dreaming of winning. Securing the assistance of Will as his stuntman, the two begin a hilarious and touching journey to bring to life the screenplay Will has written.

It is a film inside of a film, and it is interesting to observe the parallels between the movie the boys create and the issues in their lives.

Both boys lack father figures, and in their film, the hero is on a rescue mission for his father, Rambo. Will plays the brave "Son of Rainbow," defending his father’s honor with his chin held high and bandana intact. Initially, Lee comes off as strong and unaffected by his negligent parents but after acquiring a true friend, he sees him transform.

The boys are not usually accepted by the other children at school but once their peers find out about the film, they all suddenly want a lead role. Soon many students become involved, and Will becomes a mini celebrity. It is at this point that the charming, easy-going film unravels into a conflicted mess, with loyalty becoming an issue. Will faces adversity from his mother for going against their religion, and conflict with his best friend, Lee.

For a small, wiry boy, Will has to make some large choices. Should he abandon his upbringing and continue filming the movie? Should he continue working with the other students even though Lee wishes it was just the two of them?

When not consumed with the continuously entertaining plot, it is a treat to observe these amazingly talented young actors. It is like spying on two remarkable young boys, brightening and enriching their days on screen. Featuring a colorful cast of characters, this film is a truly triumph that any age can relate to.
New York singer/songwriter Kierstin Ciray will bring her eclectic style to The Clubhouse.
Logging partly to blame for fires

On June 4, 2008, the Mustang Daily published an article "Why environmentalists hurt the environment" by Jennifer Gilmore. This was an opinion piece, and as such it was open to wide interpretation.

In the article, Jennifer missed some important aspects of wildfire management. For example, it is correct that thinning a forest does usually reduce wildfire hazard. But she is mistaken when she goes on to suggest that a "little bit of logging" will also reduce wildfire problems. Her article accuses environmentalists of redefining what's been printed in the liberal media. She seems to be unaware of her own bias toward the timber industry.

Historically, logging is the root cause of our present wildfire problem in the Western United States. Starting in the 1930s, and accelerating after World War II, the U.S. Forest Service came under heavy pressure from the timber industry to extinguish all fires for commercial logging.

This fire policy was successful, and a mix of thick forest and brush grew back. This thick brush and brush stands were fuel ideal. Next, the very thick forest was made-to-order for insect and disease epidemics that created more fuel. Finally, in many western areas, a large number of expensive homes were built in these thick forest sites, adding another fuel in the equation.

The process of thinning as a wildfire hazard technique has been abused by many commercial timber companies. In some situations, a stand is supposed to be thinned ends up looking like a "seed" harvest. Most professional foresters agree that responsible wildfire management does require appropriate tree removals—but, not very often a full-scale timber harvest.

Logging and culture are the two reasons why more thinning is not accomplished. Thinning is a very expensive operation to do by hand. So, some less successful attempts to lower cost by controlled burning and use of herbicides have been used in some places. Culture is a part of the thinning problem in those situations where the USFS has attempted to pay (at prevailing rates) unemployed loggers to thin forest stands. A decade ago, in Oregon, not a single logger was paid for thinning work, because it wasn't "big timber." While I was teaching forestry, I always told my students that sustainable forest management had to include responsible tree removals. If Jennifer hasn't already taken a natural resources course, she might find it helpful if she studies any more fire-related articles. Her article was a good attempt, but not quite on target.
Sharon seems to rise up a little higher when the pressure is on.

— Jack Hoyt

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others who have not already met the
Olympic "A" qualifying stan-
dard would need to do so at the trials in order to make the team.

In other words, if three standard-
less jumpers placed first through third at the trials at heights beneath
6-4 3/4, and Day placed fourth, she
would supersede them and make the team in the current year of
already having achieved the standard during the applicable time span (the past 18 months). But if the three other
jumpers to hold the standard were to place above her, she wouldn't make the team.

"Hopefully, everything comes
together like it has this year, and she'll be "rolling,"” said Jack Hoyt, Cal Poly's jump coach. "Sharon seems to rise up a little higher when the pressure is on. I think she's believed she's already made the 6-4 3/4 mark, and can just get in there and compete. She's got a fantastic chance."

Day, who has jumped at the track before (although she's been upgraded for the trials), said she's lightened her training in order to be "fresh and not so sore or run-
down" at the meet, which will be held through July 6.

Women's high jump finals will be held at 7:30 p.m. July 4.

In addition to Day, former Mustang Jon Tachibana (in the men's pole vault), Maggie Vessey (women's 800), Kaylene Wagner (women's high jump), Stephanie Brown-Trafton (women's discus throw) and Ben Bruce (men's steeplechase) have qualified for the trials.

Three others with Cal Poly
— Ryan James and Ariis Borjas
(both in the men's javelin throw), as well as Phillip Reid (men's 1,500) — have provisionally qualified, but still could be left out of the field.

Brown-Trafton, a No. 2 seed with a mark of 217-1, finished 11th in Group A at the 2004 Summer Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, at 192-1.

Wagner, a ninth seed, and Taka-
hashi, a 10th, are the only other
Mustangs seeded in the top 10 of their respective events.

Takahashi, Brown-Trafton and Vessey will compete in Friday's prelims, Wagner in Monday's and Bruce in July 3, when Reid would also compete if he qualifies.

If Borjas and James qualify, their prelims will be July 4.

"There aren't that many opportu-
unities to get there," Hoyt said of the Olympics. "It's really as elite a group to be able to say you were on an Olympic team is really special. It's every athlete's dream as a little kid."

For Day, who saw her parents and had a graduation party the weekend before heading to the national championships, representing her country by becoming the
Olympic Women's 100 meter hurdles champion is "truly a dream come true," said Jorge Carter, selenium coach. "Sharon seems to rise up a little higher when the pressure is on."

Scott Kalitta does a burnout during qualifying for the Lucas Oil NHRA SuperNationals drag races at Old Bridge Township Raceway Park on Saturday in Englishtown, N.J. He died soon after when his Funny Car crashed.

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likely.

If Vick died on the football
field from a hit that broke his
neck, we would have seen it from
every angle available. We would have seen the sky cam, the sideline
and the referee hat cam.

We certainly saw every shot
of former Buffalo Bills tight end
Kevin Everett's career-ending hit that people believed would leave him paralyzed.

Everett has made a remarkable
recovery, but had he died on the
field, the broadcast would have re-
mained the same.

While the Eight Belles tragedy
has brought about a rapid discus-
sion on horse safety in racing, thus far there has been no significant talk in regards to ramping up Fun-
ny Car safety regulations.

After Earnhardt's death in 2001, the fourth NASCAR-related death in less than a year, NASCAR offi-
cials began looking for ways to ensure driver safety, eventually developing the next generation of the racer, dubbed "The Car of Tomorrow."

Kalitta's death is the second
Funny Car fatality in just more
than a year.

In March 2007, Eric Medlen
died during a practice run after a
tire failure. Six months later, pop-
ular Funny Car racer and reality

television star John Force suffered a near fatal crash from which he has still not completely recovered.

For the sake of the fans who do not enjoy watching athletes' deaths plastered across the television
screen, let's hope the NHRA follows horseracing and NASCAR with its own sweeping reform.

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Day leads former Mustangs looking to head to Olympics

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Nearly two weeks ago, Sharon Day missed her graduation ceremony. She was OK with that, though, because she can soon qualify for another ceremony—at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games.

Day finished her Cal Poly career June 13 by placing second in the women’s high jump at the national collegiate outdoor track and field championships in Des Moines, Iowa—parts of which were being overwhelmed by flooding.

A day later, she couldn’t make it home in time for her formal graduation.

“It was kind of crazy because there were all these things happening in all of their separate little worlds,” Day said. "There was flooding and natural disaster over there, a national track meet over here. Our hotel was actually on a huge hill above the river, where you could see everything; we were just watching for something to happen, but it didn’t really affect the meet. All this stuff was going on, but we weren’t really a part of it.”

Sharon Day, shown as a sophomore during the 2004-05 season, was a seven-time All-American during her Cal Poly career, which ended June 13. On Monday at the Olympic trials in Eugene, Ore., Day, who is seeded fourth in the women’s high jump, will try to finish in the top three to earn a trip to Beijing.

Needling a top-three finish at the trials to make the U.S. squad, Day enters the competition seed mark of 6 feet, 4 3/8 inches—the country’s best collegiate mark this season and 3 3/8 inches higher than her leap at the national meet.

Draftees from Cal Poly tune up in summer leagues

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Although the Cal Poly baseball season ended May 23, many Mustangs are in the midst of playing in summer collegiate leagues across the country.

Former Mustangs Brent Morel, Logan Schafer, Derrick Saito and Brian Winning, who have all already signed professional contracts, are also playing summer baseball after being chosen in the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft from June 5-6.

Morel, a third baseman, agreed June 7 to a $458,000 signing bonus with the Chicago White Sox after being chosen with the 86th overall pick and is batting .233 in Great Falls, Mont., for the Great Falls Voyagers of the Pioneer League.

Schafer accepted June 14 a signing bonus of about $400,000 plus college tuition and a scholarship from the Chicago Cubs, who chose him overall in the draft. He’ll be hitting .335 for the Helena Brewers, also of the Pioneer League.

Saito, a left-handed pitcher who struck out our five batters in 2 2/3 innings of work for the league’s Idaho Falls Chukars, came to terms June 9 on a $100,000 signing bonus plus one year of college tuition from the Kansas City Royals, who selected him 479th.

Winning, a right-hander, has surrendered three earned runs in an inning on behalf of the New-York-Penn League’s Mahoning Valley Scrappers of Niles, Ohio after taking a deal June 12 with the Cleveland Indians after being picked 1,161st.

Four more Mustangs drafted—sophomore right-hander Kevin Castner, sophomore outfielder Luke Yo-