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"We are committed to continuing to work cooperatively and on a bipartisan basis to safeguard the interests of the American taxpayers," said Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and House Republican leader John Boehner of Ohio.

Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois, the Senate's No. 2 Democrat, expressed optimism that Congress would "urgently pass" the plan, warning Americans "that the country could slip into a financial panic, and a distressing scenario would unfold." Bush said he would work to prevent this outcome.

For more information on the event contact (916) 834-9606 or event@visitnader.org

Lawmakers, Bush to meet on rescue plan

Julie Hirschfield Davis and David Eapo

WASHINGTON — President Bush summoned Barack Obama, John McCain and other leading senators to an extraordinary White House summit Wednesday to discuss the economic crisis and to try to piece together the $700 billion financial industry bailout that is a top priority of both sides.

"The administration appeared to be softening its resistance to Democrats' demand that the rescue plan be based in part on the market's determined action," the White House said in a statement late Wednesday.

WASHINGTON — The administration has proposed a larger financial bailout package than the one Congress has already approved, saying there is progress toward revised legislation to deal with the financial crisis.

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Ralph Nader to visit Cal Poly

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Ralph Nader, the politician and consumer advocate most famous for his 2000 presidential election run, is coming to Cal Poly on Sunday to campaign for his third major White House bid.

Nader and his vice-presidential running mate Matt Gonzalez are currently touring California universities to raise awareness for the campaign, which Nader says is being unfairly shut out from the upcoming presidential debates.

President of Cal Poly's political science club and political science student Stephen Kristoff said his club welcomed the candidate's visit. "We feel as a non-partisan political science club that all views concerning the future of this country are important," he said.

Nader's tour will address the importance of open debates during the presidential election season. There will also be an unrestricted question and answer session after his speech during which audience members can ask about any topic they want, said Nader's Southern California coordinator, Jamie Korb.

Nader plans to address issues he says concern the majority of Americans. These include single-payer health care, United States policy in the Middle East, the need to crack down on corporate crime, sustainable energy solutions, the defense of civil liberties and the need for living wages.

"A majority of the American people support these issues," Nader said on NBC's "Meet the Press" in February.

In the episode, Nader announced he was entering the race as the candidate for the Peace and Freedom party. His name is now on 45 state ballots.


"If the Democrats can't landslide the Republic­cans this year, they ought to just wrap up, close down, emerge in a different form," he responded to critics of his 2000 bid on the show.

Some Democrats accused the 74-year-old of taking away votes from the Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry in the 2000 election, consequently denying Kerry the presidency.

"I'm interested in hearing what a third party candidate has to say. I think he'll say some things you wouldn't normally hear from the candidates in the major parties," psychology junior Benjamin Thompson said.

The Nader/Gonzalez rally will start at 7:30 p.m. this Sunday in the Alex & Faye Spansweater at the Performing Arts Center.

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"I really wanted to include Cal Poly students in my development project," she said.

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A villager in Malawi demonstrates the "ped-a-pump," a human-powered water pump. Cal Poly's "Malawi Appropriate Technology Team" created the pump.

The goal was to assess the needs of a particular community with appropriate technology.

"We originally researched small-scale irrigation to increase crop production," Atwater said. "We were looking for a way to introduce irrigation in a way that would increase crop production," Atwater said. "We were at $3,600 per person.

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"...the files from the survey will be available in four weeks. Currently, the Malawi team is looking for agricultural engineers, civil engineers, or another strategy of that region," Atwater said. "This will help women are primarily responsible for feeding the families, the team wanted to promote the ped-a-pump to them especially.

It was well-received, though we did run into challenges we didn't anticipate," Atwater said. "For instance, many of the villages were so poor that they had never had a bicycle, the bicycles had chains falling off or the pedals were stripped.

Some of the women asked the team if a hand-crank could be added to make it more accommodating.

The team also joined forces with Compassion Ministries Development Program (COMDEP) a Malawi-based aid organization. The team helped COMDEP out with other projects and the two groups were able to pay for a topographic survey of 16 hectares of land.

"The survey will be done by the ministry of irrigation and that data will help design the irrigation nothing but a publicity event.

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Congress could work through the weekend and pass the measure, possibly to be the time market open on Monday.

The heart of the unprecedented plan, unveiled less than a week ago, involves the government buying up sour assets of shaky financial firms in a bid to keep them from going under and to stave off a potentially severe recession.

Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke spent most of the day at the Capitol, shuttling between public hearings on the proposal and private meetings with lawmakers.

"We agree that key changes should be made to the administration's initial proposal. It must include basic good-government principles, including rigorous and independent oversight, strong executive compensation standards, and protections for taxpayers," Pelosi and Boehner said in their statement.

"The American people are angry about executive compensation and rightfully so," Paulson told the House Financial Services Committee. "We must find a way to address this in the legislation without undermining the effectiveness of the programs."

The administration and congressional negotiators also were nearing accord on parceling out the $700 billion so it would not be available all at once, although key details remained to be worked out.

"Ultimately $700 billion has to be available but the market wants progress on how to give people some assurance that it is not going to go to $700 billion in one fell swoop," said Rep. Dennis Frank, D-Mass., who was leading negotiating with Paulson on the plan.

"We agree with the Senate...." Paulson also said he had accepted the idea of allowing the government to take an equity stake in some of the companies aided rather than just purchasing their bad assets, as Bush originally proposed — but there was no agreement yet on how the plan would work.

Given the progress on the talks, Frank said the White House summit would be relegated to little more than a publicity event.

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Treasury Secretary
North Korea orders UN nuclear inspectors from plant

George Jahn
ASSOCIATED PRESS

North Korea moved closer to restarting its nuclear arms program Wednesday, barring U.N. inspectors from its main plutonium reprocessing plant and announcing it will reconstitute the facility that provided the material for its atomic test blast.

The move fed fears about a resurgence in nuclear North Korea, but there also is speculation it might be motivated by negotiating strategy. Pyongyang could use the year needed to restart its sole reprocessing plant to wrest more concessions from the U.S. and others seeking to end the atomic program.

Still, coming amid reports leader Kim Jong Il suffered a stroke, the nuclear revival is raising nervousness about a breakdown in the international attempt to coax the North out of its confrontational isolation — a point addressed Wednesday by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

U.S. diplomats are talking with other nations involved in bargaining with the North at this week's meeting of the U.N. General Assembly. But their comments were way I feel.

Arm-in-arm with the Rev. Al Sharpton, Troy Davis' execution was halted by a busload of supporters shouting, wept and prayed Tuesday when they learned he was granted a new trial. The execution will be delayed another opportunity to proclaim his innocence.

"My son is dead. There is still alive," said Annelle McPhail, the officer's mother. "That's just the way I feel."

"I'm furious, disgusted and disappointed," Annelle McPhail said. "I want this over with. This has been hanging over us for 19 years."

Davis was convicted in 1991, after prosecutors at his trial said he approached McPhail with a "smirk on his face" as he fired the gun. But seven of the nine key witnesses who helped put Davis on death row now have since recanted their statements. Three other people have searched for Davis, page 4

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said one of the witnesses who tes-
tified at Davis' trial later confessed
to killing the officer.

The fresh doubts, coupled with
Davis' claims of innocence, have
drawn support from high-profile
leaders like President Jimmy Carter
and San Francisco Archbishop
Jesuit Desmond Tutu. Amnesty
International has organized protests as far away
as Paris, and Sharpton has helped
lead rallies calling for a new trial.

Amid the concerns, the state
pardons board postponed Davis'
execution in July 2007 less than 24
hours before it was to occur. The
courts have since thoroughly vet-
ted the case.

A divided Georgia Supreme
Court this year has twice rejected
his request for a new trial, and the
pardon board turned down his bid
for clemency this month after con-
sidering the case again.

The U.S. Supreme Court issued
its last-minute stay Tuesday night
after Davis had already turned
down his last meal and prepared
his final statement.

"If I saw him, I'd punch him in
the face," the victim's mother said
of Davis. "I am angry at the whole
family. I don't know how they have
such a following."

Pakistan finds suspected U.S. spy drone

Munir Ahmad
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Pakistani army said Wednesday it found the wreckage of a
suspected U.S. spy plane near the
Afghan border, but blamed a mal-
fuction — not ground fire — for
the crash.

Three Pakistani intelligence offi-
cials said troops and tribesmen had
shot down the aircraft late Tuesday
near Jalal Khel, a village in Paki-
stan's South Waziristan region.

U.S. officials didn't confirm
the loss of any of their drones, which
gather intelligence and fire missiles
on Taliban and al-Qaida bases in
Pakistan's border belt.

However, a Pakistani army state-
ment on Wednesday said security
forces had recovered the crashed
surveillance aircraft. It said a tech-
nical problem appeared to have
brought it down and that it was in-
vestigating further.

Confirmation of Pakistani forc-
es firing at U.S. troops or aircraft
could trigger a crisis in relations
between Islamabad and Wash-
ington, close but uncomfortable allies
in the American-led war on terror.

Pakistani leaders are condemn-
ing stepped-up American opera-
tions across the border from Af-
ghanistan — especially a highly
unusual raid into South Waziristan
by U.S. commandos on Sept. 3.

The government says it is trying
to resolve the dispute diplomati-
cally.

However, the army has vowed
to defend Pakistan's territory "at all
cost," and Tuesday's incident was at
least the third this month in which
Pakistani troops have reportedly
opened fire to counter an incur-
sion.

The three intelligence offi-
cials, who spoke on condition of
anonymity, said the aircraft was hit
after circling the area for several
hours. Wreckage was strewn on the
ground, they said, speaking on con-
dition of anonymity because they
were not authorized to brief the
media.

A senior U.S. official challenged
the account. "We're not aware of
any drones being down," said the
official, who also asked for ano-
mynity because of the diplomatic
sensitivity of the issue.
WORD ON THE STREET

“What is your favorite place on campus to meet up with friends?”

“Near the swimming pool at Poly Canyon.”
- Desmond Talkington, electrical engineering sophomore

“The library; it’s quiet.”
- Hamei Hamedi, agriculture business senior

“The gym, where I spend most of my time on campus when out of class.”
- Mitchell Johns, construction management junior

“My dorm; I’m new I don’t really know.”
- Kate Swisher, agriculture business freshman

State

PISMO BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Surfers and swimmers are again being warned to stay out of the ocean south of Pismo Beach Pier because of high bacteria levels.

Advisories were posted by San Luis Obispo County environmental health officials after the weekly sampling. The beach waters will reopen when bacteria levels come up to safe levels.

The water has tested for excessive bacteria levels more than 20 times a year for the past two years, most recently in July.

Pismo Beach has hired a team of Cal Poly professors to determine the source of the pollution. Feces from pigeons roosting beneath the pier have long been suspected.

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SACRAMENTO (AP) — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed a law Wednesday making it illegal to read or send text messages while driving in California, adding to restrictions this year designed to stem drivers from the distractions of handheld devices.

The bill by Sen. Joe Simitian, D-Palo Alto, imposes a $20 fine for a first offense and $50 for repeat offenders using any electronic devices to read or send messages, starting Jan. 1.

Briefs

DETROIT (AP) — A California woman who escaped from a Michigan prison 32 years ago and lived on the lam as a suburban mother was sentenced to probation Wednesday, five months after her capture.

“I knew for years this was coming,” said Susan LeFevre.

Wayne County Circuit Judge David Groner said LeFevre had already served 14 months in prison on a drug conviction when she escaped.

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Connecticut Democrats, wary that Sen. Joe Lieberman of campaigning for the Republican presidential candidate and criticizing his own party’s nominee agreed Wednesday to create a resolution to censure the veteran politician but won’t consider acting on it until after Election Day.

The state party’s central committee Wednesday agreed to send copies of the resolution to every Democratic town committee in the state. The resolution condemns Lieberman for speaking at the Republicans’ convention and backing John McCain.

Party officials said the group plans to get input from the town officials and revisit the issue in December.

International

TOKYO (AP) — A quick-smiling former Olympic skier-blond with a penchant for tailored suits and manga comic books took power as Japan’s third prime minister in two years Wednesday, vowing to boost a languishing economy.

Lawmakers elected Taro Aso, a 68-year-old conservative politician with the voting and known for his straight talk after drinking an attempt by the upper house to install a rival as premier.

In his first news conference as premier he also vowed to reduce the ruling party from 53 seats to 48 and known as the straight talk after drinking an attempt by the upper house to install a rival as premier.

KAUHAKOJI, Finland (AP) — Police released details Wednesday about the victims of a school massacre in western Finland, saying 11 children and two men were killed by the 22-year-old gunman.

They also confirmed the shooter was Matti Sarri, a student at the school who was questioned by police days before Tuesday’s rampage about YouTube clips showing him firing a handgun. Sarri was released Monday because police said they found no reason to keep him in custody.

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Emilie Egger

**PREFACE author comes to Poly**

Students, professors and community members crowded the Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Center (PAC) to hear author Larry Watson speak Wednesday evening. Watson was here to discuss his book, “Montana 1948,” which was chosen by PREFACE & SLO County Reads to be the featured novel for its summer 2008 program. The novel, one of his seven published books, is also the winner of both The Milkweed National Fiction Prize, and the Mountain & Plains Bookseller Association Regional Book Award.

Traditionally a large part of Cal Poly’s Week of Welcome (WOW) freshman orientation program, PREFACE has expanded to include more areas of the community. Now seven years old, it joined with the SLO County Library, and has grown into a series of events that includes more than just students. In addition to the estimated 3,500 incoming freshmen who read the book, many community members also took part, holding discussion groups in local libraries and other off-campus locations, and showing the success the program has had to diversify the events. Indeed, part of the reason that “Montana 1948” was chosen, is because of the potential of its many themes to resonate with a varied audience:

The story, which revolves around a conflicted family struggling to cope with the uncovred secrets of an uncle, who is an abusive doctor in the community, has no shortage of complex and timely topics that are broad enough to appeal to a variety of people. Besides tackling family and community issues, Watson’s choice of a protagonist also provided a poignant perspective for the reader to ponder. By telling the story of a grown man reflecting on his childhood, Watson explores the universal transformation from child to adult, including the necessary disillusionment that accompanies one’s departure from the innocence of youth.

Watson’s presentation in the PAC was subdued and thoughtful and focused on the reasons behind many of these themes. This included much time spent discussing the inspirations he finds for writing, including the ubiquitous experiences he observes in the people around him. For this novel in particular, Watson points to a Midwestern Literature class that he taught in the mid-1990s as a large motivation. When the focus of the class turned to the relationship between the classroom texts and his students’ personal experiences, Watson said he knew he had something. It was then that he realized, “Where [he] came from offered possibilities,” and the novel “began to take shape.”

The class also enlightened Watson to the unique uniformity of the Midwestern region of the United States. While not from Montana himself, his North Dakota upbringing gives him the familiarity with the American Midwest that he uses to make his novel so realistic and relatable. “I wanted a frontier front, a Wild West undertone,” Watson said, explaining why he picked that specific setting.

Watson also stressed Montana’s conduciveness to what he considers to be one of the novel’s most important themes: silence. The silence of repression, the avoidance of truth, the fear of embarrassment from one’s community, and of challenging authority all flourished against the background of sparse Montana, and played a large part of the “unhealthy silence” that he explored with the story. In the same vein, he also emphasized the importance of the novel’s specific time setting to accomplishing his goal. The period following World War II saw America at the cusp of what Watson described as the “buttoned-up 1950s”, and fit well with Watson’s theme of “the devastating consequences of silence, the covering up, the concealing.” He also said, “I retreat to the past, where history and memory have already done some of the writer’s work. The past is not as shifting as us.”

**While stressing that “none of this really happened,” Watson named some of his family members as loose models for characters in the book. Like the protagonist, both Watson’s father and grandfather were sheriffs and, like David’s father Wes, Watson’s father left his job in law enforcement to practice as an attorney. His focus on exploring secrecy also explains the sparse narrative of the novel, which often lends itself intrusions on the description of the characters and the Montana landscape.**

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**LDS**
Hecuba's debut EP "something to wake up for," on Maximal Vinyl, is an incredibly self-confessed release that explores the inherent downfalls and limits of some relationships and reveals that, sometimes, the thing that makes you an awful human being can also be your best attribute. The album, reminiscent of the Glass Candy style of female vocals with electronic, dance beats and italo-disco style, recalls all of those sleepless nights spent alone thinking of where you went wrong in your once-relationship while your roommate is trying to quietly sex on the bottom bunk.

I'm not going to go into the mythology that the duo's name alludes to (that would be really, really long, but suffice it to say that in Greek background offers a new understanding of the album's tone, which is that of a woman gone mad in the midst of male factory. As Isabelle Albuquerque sings her precious, emotionally-adomasochistic heart out, the brings us into her sexual world. The listener can sense the ambiguity expressed by her voice; for Albuquerque, a traditional loving relationship seems effortless as he serenades the 22 minute long, but, suffice it to say alludes to (that name alludes to (that would be really, really long, but, I don't mean I don't love you!" McBride said. "It was an eye-opening experience because I haven't really had a chance to perform down here. He said Brett Dennen, Trevor Hall, Bob Marley, John Lennon and Mungo Jerry have influenced his style.

The performance in the library opens new territories and may begin a weekly open mic-microphone night or something similar, said Ari Gold, associate dean of the library. "Hopefully this will begin a partnership with the music department and the students so we can do more performances here," Gold said.

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Alex Kacik
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly sophomore Chase McBride's transition from Montana native to California musician seemed effortless as he serenaded his audience with an acoustic guitar and sultry voice.

The upcoming musician performed barroom, perched on his usual in the corner of the second floor of the Robert E. Kennedy Library Wednesday afternoon to promote this week's What's New Tour. The tour highlights the vast changes that have been made throughout campus, ASI Program Coordinator Michelle Curro said.

McBride's mellow folk-rock style similar to Jack Johnson's attracted a crowd of about 40 students. Most women gazed at the 20-year-old as a welcome distraction from studying during McBride's renditions of James Taylor and Dispatch along with original music. Others continued to study and subtly tapped their pencils to McBride's upbeat rhythms.

McBride lived in Montana for 18 years and has nine years of music experience. He decided to go solo after arriving in California where he expanded his music tastes by listening to more reggae, he said. His move also changed his once previous melodramatic tone to a lighter feel, he added.

"I got my start playing music with many bands back in Montana, but when I moved down here, I started playing solo acoustic songs I had written for friends in the dorm (Trinity Hall)," McBride said. "People were diggin it."

McBride caught his break when he asked the local band Still Time to listen to his recordings he made using his laptop.

"They were stoked on the recordings and let me open for them at Downtown Brew the following weekend without hearing me play live; it was insane!" McBride said. "It was an eye-opening experience because I haven't really had a chance to perform down here."

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A English instructor (he is currently a visiting professor at Marquette University, and has previously taught at the University of Wisconsin), Watson seemed at ease in front of an audience comprised of roughly half students, and was ready to take their questions at the end of his presentation. Fielding queries about topics from his beliefs about current events, to his past novels, Watson was cautious to recognize his authority on some issues.

He did, however, acknowledge one of his strengths: "I am observant," he said, articulating what his presentation had alluded to all night. To Watson, being observant of what surrounds you, always taking in the truth, even in the midst of silence, sometimes provides truth that outweighs the findings of the sharpest mind.

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Greenwashing away eco-sins of the past

If you’re a casual reader of national media publications then you are probably fairly aware of the recent buzz being generated about issues like sustainability and global warming. Even for us sustainability needs, the constant onslaught of cookie-cutter articles and reports (not to mention the lip-service) about the environment can frankly just get, well, annoying.

But even worse is the deceptive marketing used primarily by oil and utility companies to appear “environmentally sensitive.” This is known as greenwashing.

Taken directly from the all-knowing Wikipedia, “greenwash” (a portmanteau of green and whiteness) is a pejorative term that environmentalists and other critics use to describe the activity of giving a positive public image to what are actually environmentally unsound practices.

The term greenwashing was originally coined to describe misleading instances of pseudo-environmental advertising. But lately, as corporations portray themselves as environmentally virtuous and have diversified and proliferated, so have the changes of greenwashing. The term is now used to refer to a wider range of corporate activities, including certain instances of environmental reporting, event sponsorship, the distribution of educational material and the creation of front groups. But regardless of the strategy employed, the main objective of greenwashing is the same: to give consumers and policymakers the impression that the company is taking the necessary steps to manage its ecological footprint.

This is an important line of thought. Are we accepting any business that is truly environmentally viable, or just well-promoted? Are huge subsidies involved? Do these companies stand to gain regardless of whether their investments succeed or not? And how do we get the big, bad, greenwashing government to do better and have that same public relations practice?

Here are some of the problems with greenwashing:

Most obviously, greenwashing is misleading. It attempts to deceive us, making us think that a company with an awful environmental track record is actually trying to do something that is actually possible, or viable, or just well-promoted. Are huge subsidies involved? Do these companies stand to gain regardless of whether their investments succeed or not? And how do we get the big, bad, greenwashing government to do better and have that same public relations practice?

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4. Once one square is closed, that player gets to go again. They continue until no more squares can be closed.
5. Player with the most squares wins.
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...ing when he said he never knowingly used performance-enhancing drugs during his 2003 grand jury testimony. In asking that some of the charges be dropped, Bonds' lawyers argued that prosecutors asked ambiguous and con-
tinuous questions during his grand jury appearance.

For instance, Bonds argues that the question, "In the weeks and months leading up to November 2004, were you taking steroids?" is ambiguous be-
cause of an ill-defined time element. He answered no.

Prosecutors countered Wednesday that a jury should decide whether the
question was unfair. They said the two documents they have showing Bonds
tested positive for steroids in November 2004 will put that question into
context.

Bonds' lead attorney, Allen Ruby, did not immediately return a call for
comment. Bonds' trial is scheduled to begin March 2.

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Other sports stories:

Michigan, Utah's lone marquee victim, lost 33-17 to Notre Dame
and coach pet sled and loosed points ag-
ainst "stout" Miami (OH) defense in a
10-point win. The Wolverines
spent their Big Ten opener in the
following No. 8 Wisconsin,
No. 22 Illinois, No. 10 Penn
State and Michigan State — and
may not be favored in any of those
next contests.

What does that all mean? For
starters, let's admit that the MWC is
engaging an up year as much as the
Pac-10 is laboring in a downer, al-
beit the evaluations are relative.

Case in point — when San Di-
go State founndered as football as
much as it excels in backcountry,
that's just how things are meant to be:
when UCLA admin to a foot-
ball monopoly in Los Angeles and
a Norrm Chow offense scores 10
points in two games against the
Cougars and Arizona — neither of
which is exactly defensive stalwa-
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Cal Poly seeks to continue Big West supremacy

Donovan Aird

Hitting a new level:
All the conditions were just right for the Cal Poly women's volleyball team to catch fire Saturday night.

A regular-season record crowd of 2,917 packed Mott Gym to see if the Mustangs could average a 3-0 loss to Stanford in the regional semifinals of last year's NCAA Tournament.

"We just wanted to take advantage of this bomb we had ready to go off in the gym," said senior libero Donovan Aird, while falling to 5-6.

But like an extinguisher, the sixth-ranked Cardinal breezed to a 25-17, 25-22, 25-20 win.

The Mustangs committed 35 attack errors and brought their season attack and service error totals to 353 (compared to opponents' 302) while falling to 5-6.

After entering the season ranked 10th, they are now find themselves at No. 25.

"We really had a sort of venting following that match — the girls were very upset," Stevenson said. "Today, for me, is all about analyzing as much as possible what we've done so far and making as many good comparisons to what happened last year," he said. "Where we are right now is at a very major crossroads, a major juncture in our season."

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The Mustangs, the only top-25 team with a losing record, have passed virtually every recent test provided by the Big West, which they've gone 28-2 against over the past two seasons.

They'll try to pick up where they left off at 7 p.m. Friday at Cal State Fullerton (6-8), No. 22 Long Beach State (10-2) and UC Davis (8-5) continue with winning records.

"We've been working on our hitting percentage, not making mistakes, staying positive on the court and making sure we minimize errors," Atherton said. "Regardless of our win-loss record, we still go into the Big West knowing we can be a dominant team."

Zamora gives Mustangs OT win at home

Cal Poly sophomore forward David Zamora (10) positions himself for a header against a Cal State Bakersfield player in the first half Wednesday night at Alex G. Spanos Stadium. Zamora's 103rd-minute header lifted Cal Poly to a 3-2 win in the second overtime. For a complete recap, go online to mustangdaily.net.

If the Mustangs need any proof that a turnaround is possible, they don't need to look any further than last year, when they also started 5-6, before winning 18 of 19 prior to the regional semifinals.

This year's regular season, however, concludes with two late-November matches at No. 7 Hawaii.

"It's been a recurring theme for us against the top teams that we've played," Stevenson said. "Whether that be Nebraska or Stanford or Cal — we've had our chances and we've been in those matches and have not been able to get the job done at critical times."

"We just wanted to take advantage of this bomb we had ready to go off in the gym," said senior libero Donovan Aird, who said he's had "very little sleep over the last few days," in taking solace in last year's run that was preceded by the similar loss.

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Mountain West teams reap benefits of early Pac-10 struggles

Andrew Kim

Cal Poly women's volleyball players huddle in Mott Gym during a 3-0 loss to second-ranked Nebraska on Sept. 5.

Congratulations, Mountain West Conference. You've caught the Pac-10 in a weak moment.

The Napoleonics MWC is 5-0 against the BCS' s West Coast bureau, as No. 17 Utah (4-0) and No. 11 Brigham Young (4-0) continue to impress nationally.

While the two programs' latter-day successes might single-handedly depend on their season finale against one another on Nov. 22, we also saw then-No. 15 East Carolina drop a roadie to North Carolina State last week. As the Pirates learned, it's not easy to overachieve week in and week out.

Meanwhile, the Utes and Cougars were talented enough to escape their non-conference slate unscathed. BYU's impressive two-week stretch, during which it out-scored UCLA and Wyoming 103-0, demonstrated how the Cougars can be — rather curiously — good and slow at the same time.

Still, Washington, arguably the second-worst team in the Pac-10, went neck-and-neck against BYU in a 28-27 loss at home, and the Bruins are beginning to garner rec-