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Presidental debate prospects questionable

Liz Sidoti
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Prospects were questionable at best that John McCain and Barack Obama would meet Friday for their first presidential debate as progress appeared to dissolve between Congress and the Bush administration on a $700 billion financial industry bailout.

McCain didn't plan to participate in the debate unless there was a consensus. Obama still wants the face-off to go on, arguing that Americans need to hear from the candidates. The Democrat was scheduled to travel to the debate site in Oxford, Miss., on Friday.

"I believe that it's very possible that we can get an agreement in time for me to fly to Mississippi," McCain said late Thursday. "I understand how important this debate is and I'm very hopeful. But I also have to put the country first.

In turn, Obama said: "It is my intention to be in Mississippi and obviously the biggest priority is making sure that we get this deal done. But I also think it's important to describe to the American people where the next president wants to take the country and how he's going to deal with this crisis.

Both candidates made the rounds on network evening news programs after meeting on the crisis with President Bush and bipartisan congressional leaders at the White House. McCain did not participate in late-night negotiations on Capitol Hill but worked the phones from his Virginia home. A senior McCain official said McCain hasn't signed on to any one proposal, though he does agree there needs to be a greater protection for taxpayers.

The debate over the date is the latest campaign twist as McCain and Obama try to navigate the uncharted politics of the financial meltdown and show leadership at a time of national angst.

In Mississippi, debate organizers continued to prepare, and Gov. Haley Barbour, a Republican, told a news conference he expected the debate to go on. "This is going to be a great debate tomorrow night," Barbour said.

Television networks, too, said they were moving forward.

Presidential politics ran smack into the delicate discussions over how to stop further weakening the sagging economy.

At McCain returned to Washington at midnight. Democratic and Republican negotiators emerged from a closed-door meeting to report an agreement in principle.

The cost is $19 a week, but students on a budget have another option. As part of the work-trade program, students who work a weekly four-hour shift on the farm receive a free box of produce.

The farm also accepts student volunteers who can work whenever they are available. After working a shift, they can pick up any leftover produce.

"With organic being so expensive these days, it's really helpful with my budget," said Rhianne Montgomery, journalism junior and farm volunteer.

The CSA project is only one aspect of the farm, it accounts for 90 percent of the profit and employees depend on produce sales for their salaries.

"By signing up, you are supporting education, your campus and your fellow students," Douglas said.

Poly farm serves up organic produce

Rachel Glas
MUSTANG DAILY

There's no need to spend hours searching Farmer's Market or sifting through the bins at local grocery stores to find fresh, organic produce. In fact, you don't even have to leave campus. The only thing students need to do is fill the whole program with students.

Each week throughout the quarter, program participants receive a box filled with fresh, organic fruits and vegetables. One box feeds approximately two to three people, said CSA manager and Cal Poly graduate Leah Bauer.

Participants can pick up their produce at the farm itself, Poly Canyon Village, or the main desk at Cerro Vista.

"Eating locally-grown food reduces the energy it takes to get food from the fields to your plate, which benefit the environment," said Cindy Douglas, manager of the farm.

The farm, which is certified organic by the United States Department of Agriculture, grows enough crops to support 280 subscribers; students currently fill 50 of those spots. Douglas' goal is to eventually fill the whole program with students.

The bulk of the produce comes from the organic farm but the boxes are sometimes supplemented with fruit and vegetables that don't grow on campus.

"Unfortuntely, sometimes we can't get organic items in the quantity we need, so we buy conventionally-grown produce," Douglas said.

This produce is marked and bagged separately from the organic produce.

Program participants can expect to see lettuce, potatoes, eggplant, zucchinis and corn among other items in their boxes this season.

The Cal Poly Organic Farm grows a variety of fresh produce, including tomatoes, that community members to purchase. Students can sign up to receive a fresh box of fruits and vegetables each week.

NICK CAMACHO MUSTANG DAILY
The New York Times

Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz
No. 0819

Across
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For more information on the organic farm, volunteer opportunities, and how to sign up for the CSA program, go to www.calpolycsa.com or call 805-756-6139.

The organic farm employs Cal Poly students and community members for both full-time and part-time work. Students enrolled in the Organic Farm Enterprise Project (CREC 2014) also help work the 11-acre land. The class is held every quarter and accepts all majors.

The CSA program is currently accepting applications for all quarters and will do so until the program is full. For more information on the organic farm, volunteer opportunities, and how to sign up for the CSA program, go to www.calpolycsa.com or call 805-756-6139.

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FRIYDAY Sept. 26

El Corral Bookstore
Grand Prize: Dell Laptop Computer Drawing held Friday at noon in the UU Plaza

Campus Dining
Fusion Bowl
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Enter for: Chick-fil-A Gift Certificate

Village Market
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Enter for: Chick-fil-A Gift Certificate

Grand Prize: 32" flatscreen LCD HD TV
Drawing held Friday at noon in the UU Plaza

Solution, tips, and computer program at www.sudokuro.com
New, green California museum unveils Saturday

A living roof is shown with special skylights at the new California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco, one of the most green museum buildings in the world. The new academy in Golden Gate Park is insulated with nontoxic, second hand blue jeans and capped with the 2.5 acre living roof planted in native wildflowers. Thousands of live species of flora and fauna and 20 million specimens are housed in the new building.

WORD ON THE STREET

“What are your thoughts about Nader running for President again?”

“I think it’s great he’s at Cal Poly. But honestly I don’t know much about his campaign.”

-Elizabeth Johanson, animal science senior

“I’ve heard he’s ran for president like six times. He should just stop.”

-Clyde Barkley, mechanical engineering senior

“I think it’s redundant. If you didn’t get elected once you won’t again.”

-Heather Rayford, business junior

“I think it’s important that people like Ralph Nader and Ron Paul run. It’s a good thing that they run and express their views.”

-Brian Riley, business senior

State

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says the San Joaquin Valley now meets federal clean air standards for small particle pollution.

The announcement Thursday drew strong rebuke from environmentalists, who called it a “farse” and said air pollution continues to threaten the health of valley residents. They said the decision effectively sweeps the valley’s dust problems under the rug.

*SACRAMENTO (AP) — Levi Strauss & Co. is putting its famous pockets behind defeating a ballot initiative that would outlaw same-sex marriage in California.

The San Francisco-based jeans maker said Thursday it will chair with Pacific Gas & Electric a group trying to drum up opposition to Proposition 8 in the business community.

*SACRAMENTO (AP) — Democrats have dominated both houses of the California Legislature for most of the last 50 years, but they’ve rarely had the two-thirds majorities needed to pass state budgets, override gubernatorial vetoes, approve constitutional amendments and raise taxes.

They could get close to that when voters go to the polls on Nov. 4. There are 100 seats at stake — all 80 in the Assembly and 20 of the 40 in the Senate.

But no more than nine or 10 are likely to be real battlegrounds that both parties have a chance of winning. Republicans are defending eight of those seats.

National

NEW YORK (AP) — Financial markets grew more upbeat Thursday as political leaders said they struck an agreement in principle on a massive spending plan to revive the crippled financial system.

The Dow Jones industrial average jumped about 290 points on optimism about the bailout, and demand for safe-haven assets remained high but eased slightly as some investors placed bets that a deal would help unplug credit markets.

Stock market investors got a lift when key lawmakers said they would present the $700 billion plan to the Bush administration and hoped for a vote by both houses of Congress within days.

*WATERBURY, Vt. (AP) — Massive over, Holstein PETA wants world-famous Ben & Jerry’s Homemade Ice Cream to top nursing moms, rather than cows, for the milk used in its ice cream.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals is asking the ice cream maker to begin using breast milk in its products instead of cow’s milk, saying it would reduce the suffering of cows and calves and give ice cream lovers a healthier product.

WASHINGTON (AP)— JPMorgan Chase & Co. Inc. acquired the assets of Washington Mutual Inc.’s banking operations Thursday after federal regulators seized the ailing thrift, the company’s largest.

The deal marks the second in six months that JPMorgan Chase has taken over a financial institution crippled by bad mortgage bets.

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International

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Angered by U.S. raids into Pakistan in search of terrorists, Pakistan’s new president warned Thursday that his country cannot allow its territory to be “violated by our friends.”

After placing a picture of his assassinated wife, former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, on the podium, President Asif Ali Zardari told world leaders that such attacks strengthen the extremists the U.S. and others are trying to destroy.

*MOSCOW (AP) — Prime Minister Vladimir Putin says relations with Latin America will be a foreign policy priority for the Russian government.

Putin, who is meeting with visiting Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, says Russia is willing to discuss further military contacts with Venezuela and help it develop nuclear energy for peaceful purposes.

Chavez said during Thursday’s meeting that close ties between Venezuela and Russia would strengthen a multi-polar world.

*CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — The man elected South Africa’s third president since the end of white rule is an anti-apartheid activist and former trade unionist who takes over in a time tense with fears of political and economic crises.

The deeply divided African National Congress forced President Thabo Mbeki to resign last week after he lost a power struggle to the party’s corruption-tainted leader Jacob Zuma.

The favored ANC-nominee Kgalema Motlanthe was voted in with 269 votes 50 for the main opposition party’s nominee.

Fredenburgh, family member, died Thursday night after a month-long battle with cancer. He was the loving husband of Karin Fredenburgh and father of Stacie. He is survived by his wife, Karin and daughter, Stacie. Fredenburgh will be missed by all of us who knew him. He was a loving husband and father and a great friend to many people.

Music, dancing, and food will be abundant at the third annual SLO Music Festival on Saturday. The all-day event at Mission Plaza will feature local artists and musicians as well as those from around the world.

"I wanted to bring all that joy that comes from being at a festival," said producer Wendy Oliver. "Life is too short. You need to have fun."

The third annual event is held as a way to welcome new and returning students to the community. Previously, the event had been held on the Fourth of July and Memorial Day weekends, but Oliver decided that schedule didn’t give students enough time to settle in.

"I just really want to bring what the students want," Oliver said. "I don’t want to be stale. I like that fresh outlook and I want (the festival) to grow."

Reggae is the predominant style of music at the Music Fest this year, but it wasn’t intentional.

"The artists just all want to pitch in so every year it will change," Oliver said. "Last year there was more world music."

Oliver said she wants to support more local artists, such as The Kicks, who have played at the event since the beginning.

"As a band full of locals and Poly alumni we do everything we can to promote music in our hometown," said The Kicks’ lead singer Reese Galdo. "Plus, it’s a great excuse to get out and play some music outdoors in one of the most beautiful stages in the city."

The band’s saxophone player, Mike Galtress, said the SLO Music Fest is one of the band’s favorite events to play.

"The range of different musical and dance performances along with the variety of food and clothing vendors make the festival a day full of culture, which is really great to see in (San Luis Obispo)," he said.

Oliver’s husband, Derrick “Ras Danny” Reid will also play at the music fest along with artists such as Stevie Culture, Leroy Shakespeare, the Reggae All-Stars, The Lambshread and many more.

Oliver, who owns Bali Isle in downtown San Luis Obispo and has sponsored reggae shows for Cal Poly’s KCPR, said the event will benefit the Earth Day Alliance and give people a chance to register to vote.

"I’m not politically charged one way or the other, but I’m into responsibility," Oliver said. "It’s all about expressing yourself and your voice. I really want people to care."

Oliver said she wants to reach out more and wants the event to reflect the community.

Tickets to the event are on sale now for $8 at Bali Isle and Boo Boo Records downtown, and $10 at the gate. Wristbands give people access all day long. Oliver wanted the festival to be affordable because she wants to cater to the students.

"I’ll even give students a discount because I just want them to come and have a good time," Oliver said.

A Green Expo, children’s area, ethnic and world vendors and artists, international cuisine, and an organic beer garden will also be available at the event.

"Wendy at Bali Isle has really done a fantastic job the last couple of years bringing everyone together," Galtress said. "As Cal Poly alumni we’re really hoping to see students out on Saturday to support local music and culture here in SLO."
WEEKEND ENTERTAINMENT

Towhead (R) opens at the Palm Theatre in downtown San Luis Obispo today.

Choke (R) opens at the Palm Theatre in downtown San Luis Obispo today.

A special screening of Gas Hole (NR) will show at the Palm Theatre.

Nights in Rodanthe (PG-13) opens at Downtown Centre 7 Cinemas.

Miracle at St. Anna (R) opens nationwide.

Eagle Eye (PG-13) opens at the Fremont and at the Sunset Drive-In alongside Righteous Kill.

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Still Time and Dirty Heads will play at Downtown Brew Tonight at 7 p.m. for all ages and Saturday night at 8 p.m. for the 21 and over. (Still Time Pictured).

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Jon Bartel & Friends will be performing old time folk and some original music at Linnear's tonight at 8 p.m. On Saturday night at 8 p.m., soulful songwriter, Damon Castillo will perform. (Jon Bartel pictured)

COURTESY PHOTO

"Oliver!" kicks off the Performing Arts Center's new Broadway Series this Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. with a special early curtain.

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CORRECTIONS
On Thursday, September 25, the Mustang Daily incorrectly stated the debut of the band He cula was "something to wake up for." The correct title of the EP is "SIR."

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Welcome back Mustang! I hope all of you had a great summer and I offer a special welcome to all new Cal Poly students. You've chosen a great institution. I know this from my many visits to Cal Poly over the years, and from the close working relationship I have developed with President Baker and many of the University's professors and students. In fact, I was able to see some of the incredible work being done on alternative energy research projects by some brilliant students on my recent visit to campus. It's just that kind of cutting edge work that will create jobs and chart our country's future energy. I want to applaud all of you, and your families, for having the commitment and drive necessary to attend one of the nation's premier institutions of higher learning. I know that beyond the excellent academic credentials you needed to gain acceptance to Cal Poly, many of you and your families also had to overcome significant financial hurdles to attend the University.

Unfortunately, the cost of a college education is more expensive than ever. In the last five years alone, college costs have grown nearly 40 percent. Sadly, every year some 200,000 students in America do not attend college because they can't afford the high cost. Those who do attend are graduating with a significant debt load.

At Cal Poly, the average student borrower must pay over $15,000 in student loans when he or she graduates. These burdensome costs for students and families are making a key component of the American Dream — access to a better life through education — more and more difficult.

Fortunately, help is on the way. Democrats in Congress have introduced a bill that restructures the current student loan system to make quality education affordable is one of the cornerstones of the our country and critical to the future competitiveness of the United States in the larger global economy. And over the course of the last couple of years the Democratic Congress has taken major steps towards making college more affordable and accessible for all Americans. For example, last fall Congress enacted into law a $2 billion increase in college financial aid over the next five years, the largest increase in student aid since the G.I. Bill of 1944. To reduce the cost of loans for millions of student borrowers, this legislation reduces interest rates on half of all college loans, from 6.8 percent to 3.4 percent over the next four years. Once fully phased in, this will save the typical student borrower — with over $15,000 in need-based student loan debt — $5,000 over the life of the loan.

This summer we took another major step by passing the Higher Education Opportunity Act, enacted into law last month. This bipartisan legislation was designed to address the soaring cost of college tuition and remove other obstacles that make it difficult for qualified students to pursue a college education. I am especially pleased to report that this new law increases Pell Grants by $8,000 over the next few years and allows students to receive them year-round. It also provides up to $10,000 in loan forgiveness for students who high need public service careers such as nurses, teachers, enforcement officers. It and increases college aid and support for veterans and military families by creating a new scholarship program for active duty military personnel and family members. This bill also takes important steps to improve the integrity and accountability to our student loan programs by requiring that students be provided with full and complete information about their borrowing options and mandating lending colleges and universities follow strict guidelines of conduct.

In addition, it makes textbook costs more manageable for students by helping to guarantee textbooks for classes before each semester. It also requires more transparency from colleges and lenders, requiring loans and loan offers to provide students and families with consumer friendly information on college pricing and the factors driving tuition increases. Finally, it also helps create the consumer-friendly process of applying for financial aid by streamlining the Federal Student Aid Application process into an easy to use two-page form.

So, this is a huge step forward. Democrat Congress will continue to work and more video games, believing that knowing how to defeat the incoming alien invasion will be more important than writing a paper about the uses of helium.

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match-up with Cal Poly, the Cowboys’ first test in FCS play was washed away. Their first win of the season came against Division II Delta State, so little has yet to be learned about how they stack up with other FCS powers — although they only lost to North Carolina 35-27. A tough Southland Conference schedule could shed light on how far this team can go. 5. Northern Iowa (2-1) — Northern Iowa was able to keep its opening-day loss to BYU closer than the Pac-10’s UCLA managed against the dominant-looking Cougars. After completing an impressive sweep of the South Dakota teams, the Panthers have a big test this weekend at Southern Illinois. 6. McNeese State (1-1) — After Hurricane Ike forced the cancellation of a key early-season match-up with Cal Poly, which was expected to contend in the always-powerful SEC. Trading just 16-13 late in the fourth quarter, the Terriers couldn’t pull off the upset. They begin an extremely difficult stretch of games beginning Saturday against Georgia Southern. Scott Sibis is a Mustang Daily sports editor. Cal Poly, which is ranked ninth in both the coaches and Sports Network media polls, is off this week before hosting South Dakota on Oct. 4.

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Mustangs take on Utah State Utah as Big West Conference play looms ahead

Cal Poly midfielder Kaleena Andruss (2), now a junior, fends off Cal State Fullerton’s Geminesse Martinez during the Mustangs’ 1-0 overtime win at Alex G. Spanos Stadium on Oct. 7, 2007.

Two weekend tune-ups remain for the Cal Poly women’s soccer team before Big West Conference play begins Oct. 3 at Cal State Fullerton.

The Aggies (4-5-1) lost the Big West in 2005, were picked to finish third in the Western Athletic Conference preseason coaches poll.

Utah State will be led by sophomore forward Lauren Hansen, who has four goals, nine points and 24 shots — all team highs — despite starting only six of the Aggies’ 10 games this year.

Mustangs host Utah State

Cal Poly has historically dominated the play between the two former Big West rivals, compiling an 8-1 all-time record. The teams last met in Utah in 2004 in a 3-1 win for the Mustangs.

“When Utah State we haven’t seen for quite a few years — since they left the Big West,” Cal Poly head coach Alex Crozier said. “They’re well-coached and they have good players, so they’re going to be good to get ready for conference.”

Utah State is winless on the road this year at 0-4.

The Mustangs just returned from their own road trip, which included two games at the San- ta Clara Adidas Classic, where they beat Santa Clara and fell to No. 6 Stanford.

The win over Santa Clara was Cal Poly’s first in 17 tries against the perennial soccer power.

“We played two very good teams,” Crozier said. “We got exposed in a couple of areas, which was good, so we can address that this week and then get ready for the opening game in conference.”

Cal Poly will host Utah (3-5-2) at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Crozier said that the two games leading into conference action are a crucial build-up to improving on last year’s third-place Big West finish.

“We need to play well both of these games this weekend so we have that momentum. These games are huge for us.” — Alex Crozier

Cal Poly head coach

Playing tight games against nationally ranked competition like Stanford has helped the players gain confidence, Crozier added.

“Our record is not quite 500 yet, but our players now believe they’re going to win every game they’re going to be in,” he said. “So that was one thing we’ve accomplished the last couple weeks. I want to continue that.”

Wille Parker — After suffering a knee sprain at the end of last week’s game, Parker has been ruled out against the Ravens. First-round pick Rashad Mendenhall will start in his place. If you’re short at the running back position or are losing one to a bye, Mendenhall would be a solid start.

Brian Westbrook — An ankle injury knocked him out of last week’s game. Although he should be ready to go Sunday, Cornell Buckhalter has become a must-add for Westbrook owners.

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Winnipeg Blue Bombers tight end DREW BEES is coming back from a broken foot and is expected to be out three to six weeks. With his absence, the Blue Bombers will be looking towards Drew Henderson and Robert Meachem. Both look to be solid third wide receiver plays for the Saints.

Denver Broncos tight end Nate Jackson stays in bounds for a touchdown in the Broncos’ 34-32 win Sunday. Denver’s 114 points lead the NFL.

James Madison’s campaign tops in the FCS

With the college football season in full swing the time has come to start looking at the top teams in the Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division I-AA) through the first quarter of the season.

1. James Madison (3-1) — Things were looking grim for the Dukes, who trailed Appalachian State 21-0 at halftime last week. After a huge comeback and a 35-32 win over the formerly No. 1 Montanans, James Madison has firmly staked its claim as the No. 1 team in the FCS.

2. Richmond (3-1) — The Spiders are a close second to James Madison after beating Maine. In the team’s three victories, Richmond has outscored its opponents 114-44. The landscape of the FCS will become clear after Richmond hosts James Madison on Oct. 11.

3. Appalachian State (1-2) — Perhaps the best 1-2 team in college football is the Montanans. They are three-time defending FCS champions. The narrow loss to James Madison drops them out of the top spot, but this dangerous team still has yet to be beaten in the postsea on with Appalachian State at Edwards at quarterback.

4. Montana State (3-0) — The Big Sky frontrunner, Montana has won two close games against Great West Conference foes in Cal Poly and UC Davis. Winning close games is the mark of a title contender.

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Points aplenty in AFC West

In the third week of the NFL season we saw the Patriots lose for the first time in the regular season since 2006, Ronnie Brown tally five TDs four rushing, one passing) and the Bills and Titans stay undefeated. Whether or not you benefited from these unforeseen occurrences, we will look ahead to week four.

Fantasy game of the week

Denver at Kansas City

Denver will face a Chiefs team that has lost the last two games has given up 23 points to Oakland and 38 to Atlanta. So I expect Jay Cutler to be airing it out to Brandon Marshall, Eddie Royal and Tony Scheffler, making them all strong fantasy plays. Kansas City also has its share of strong fantasy plays, as the Broncos have been in shoo-ins in each of their last two games. Larry Johnson got back on track last week, rushing for 121 yards and a TD, and Dwayne Bowe has been a solid fantasy wide receiver in his first three games.

Key injuries and solutions

Jeremy Shockey — He had surgery on a sports hernia and is expected to be out three to six weeks. With his absence, the Giants will be looking towards Dwayne Harris and Robert Meachem. Both look to be solid third wide receiver plays for the Giants.

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James Madison’s Scotty McGee celebrates a Dukes touchdown Saturday night during a 35-32 upset win over Appalachian State.