Nader speaks at Cal Poly

Omar Sanchez

Hundreds of students and community members packed the Alex and Faye Spanos Theater and spilled out into the hallway behind it to hear presidential candidate Ralph Nader speak at Cal Poly on Sunday night.

Nader received a standing ovation from the crowd upon entering the stage. "I want to thank you for showing up," he said. "Half of a democracy is showing up."

Microbiology sophomore Sean Anayah said he was taking advantage of Nader's visit to learn more about the candidate and to hear something from someone he considers to be a candidate of the people.

That was the general opinion from students who attended his speech; that the two-party domination of the United States government needs to end. Other attendants, who don't think Nader's bid has a chance of winning the White House, came to hear new ideas that could possibly influence their vote.

"I came to see what he brings to the table," said aerospace engineering junior Tuan Nguyen. "I don't think he will change my mind. I'm expecting perhaps a new idea."

During a press conference before the rally, Nader said that students should be worried about the troubled economy and must become more active in the political process. He said a government takeover of student loans is necessary to protect students from bank failures.

During the speech Nader called on students to become more active in programs that improve the welfare of the country. He asked students to show how many of them have been to a Wal-Mart and McDonalds in their lifetimes compared to a visit to a city council meeting to portray the lack of civic involvement.

Nader described himself as an example of how ordinary people can produce change.

"I'm not a freak of nature. The difference between me and some of my friends was that I really wanted to help people," Nader said.

Nader also accused the two major presidential candidates, Sen. Barack Obama (D-Illinois) and Sen. John McCain (R-Arizona) of holding similar, if not identical, positions on issues facing the country. He went on to say that he holds their party's connections to corporations responsible for the multiple issues facing the United States, a country he said is falling apart.

"Our country is deteriorating, our economy is deteriorating, our education is deteriorating," he said.

Nader ended the speech with another plea for youth involvement.

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New campus eatery offers food with a "homemade" feel

Camas Frank

Garden Grille, the made-to-order salad, sandwich, pasta, and hamburger restaurant that came to Cal Poly in 2005, is gone. The garden-themed restaurant was replaced over the summer with the modernized, train and subway-themed 19 Metro Station.

The change was just one of many recent dining renovations which include the facelift of Baja Sol, previously named Veranda Cafe, the replacement of Tapango's by the Dexter lawns with Rockin' Bar-P-Q and the opening of Starbucks in the University Union.

The driver behind these sweeping changes is campus dining's energetic director Thomas Wudak, who started the job in November 2007.

"Tom's a shaker and a mover," said Cindee Picanso, 19 Metro Station's unit manager. "He's trying to improve the status of campus dining and raise the level of service and food."

The menu is the most notable difference at the new restaurant. Campus dining's main kitchen, which acts as a hub for most of the

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studies. Nader is a strong opponent of the war and believes it is a waste of money and resources. He is concerned about the increase in military spending and the lack of funds for education and healthcare. Nader believes that the United States should focus on addressing these issues instead of engaging in a costly and ineffective war in Iraq.

During the campaign, Nader has been critical of both Republican and Democratic candidates. He believes that both parties are controlled by big money interests and that they are not真正 interested in representing the needs of ordinary Americans. Nader is one of the few candidates who is not supported by large donors and has been funded mainly by grassroots donations.

On the issue of the economy, Nader has criticized both the Bush and Obama administrations for their policies. He believes that the current system is broken and that a fundamental change is needed. Nader advocates for the creation of a new political economy based on principles of sustainability and social justice.

In conclusion, Ralph Nader is a candidate with a strong commitment to social justice and a critical view of the current system. He believes that the United States needs a fundamental change in its approach to politics and policy. While his platform may not be widely supported, he is a candidate who speaks to the concerns of many ordinary Americans.
Pelosi: Rescue is not a bailout but a 'buy-in'

WASHINGTON — Congressional leaders and the White House agreed Sunday to a $700 billion rescue of the ailing financial industry after lawmakers insisted on sharing spending controls with the Bush administration. The biggest U.S. bailout in history won the tentative support of both presidential candidates and goes to the House for a vote Monday.

The plan, belted up by days by election-year politics, would give the administration broad power to use billions upon billions of taxpayer dollars to purchase devalued mortgage-related assets held by cash-starved financial firms.

President Bush called the vote a "difficult one" for lawmakers but said he is confident Congress will pass it. "Without this rescue plan, the costs to the American economy could be disastrous," Bush said in a written statement released by the White House. He was to speak publicly about the plan early Monday in what he described as a U.S. market open.

Flexing its political muscle, Congress insisted on a stronger hand in controlling the money than the White House had wanted. Lawmakers had to navigate between angry voters with little regard for Wall Street and administration officials who warned that inaction might cause the economy to spiral up and spout into recession.

A deal in hand, Capitol Hill leaders scrambled to sell it to colleagues in both parties and acknowledged they were uncertain it would pass. "Now we have to get the votes," said Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., the majority leader.

Rep. John A. Boehner, R-Ohio, the House minority leader, said he was urging "every member of Congress to vote yes." The final legislation was released Sunday evening, and Republicans and Democrats huddled for hours in private meetings to learn details and voice their concerns.

Many said they left undecided, and leaders were scrambling to put the most positive face on a deeply unpopular plan.

"This isn't about a bailout of Wall Street, it's a buy-in, so that we can turn our economy around," said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

The largest government intervention in financial markets since the Great Depression came Washington's long shadow over Wall Street. The government would take over huge amounts of devalued assets from beleaguered financial companies in hopes of unlocking frozen credit.

"I don't know of anyone here who wants the center of the economic universe to be Washington," said a top negotiator, Sen. Chris Dodd, chairman of the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee. But, he added, "the center of gravity is here temporarily. ... God forbid it's here any longer than it takes to get credit moving again.

The plan would let Congress block half the money and force the president to jump through some hoops before using it all. The government could get at $250 billion immediately, $100 billion more if the president certified it was necessary, and the last $350 billion with a separate certification — and subject to a congressional resolution of disapproval.

Still, the resolution could be vetoed by the president, meaning it would take extra-large congressional majorities to stop it.

As Bush's team stepped up its efforts to corral reluctant Republicans, the White House released a letter Monday, signed by his budget chief, Jim Nussle, to Boehner warning that the measure was "considerably less" than its plan.

Lawmakers in both parties were poring over the 110-page bill. Democratic leaders have made clear they will not support the rescue unless a substantial number of Republicans join them.

"It will take two to make this work," said Rep. Rahm Emanuel, D-Ill.

But it was a tough sell for lawmakers in both parties.

Sen. Joe Barton, R-Texas, an opponent, estimated that half of the House's 199 Republicans are "truly undecided."

Lawmakers who struck a post-midnight deal on the plan with Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson predicted final congressional action might not come until Wednesday.

The proposal is designed to end a vicious downward spiral that has butted all levels of the economy. Hundreds of billions of dollars in investments based on mortgages have soured and cramped banks' willingness to lend.

"If we do not do this, the trauma, the chaos and the disruption to everyday Americans' lives will be overwhelming, and that's a price we can't afford to risk paying," Sen. Judd Gregg, the chief Senate Republican in the talks, told The Associated Press.

Rep. Barney Frank of Massachusetts, the House Financial Services Committee chairman, predicted the measure would pass, though not by a large margin.

"It's not a bill that any one of us would have written. It's a much better bill than we got. It's not as good as it should be," he said.

A breakdough came Saturday night with the addition of a requirement sought by both Democrats and Republicans to ensure that the government be paid back by companies that get help.

The president would have to tell Congress after five years how he plans to recoup the losses. Another key bargain — the move to drain Republican support — allows, but doesn't require, government to insure some bad home loans rather than buy them. That's designed to limit the amount of federal money used in the rescue.

"This is something that all of us will swallow hard and go forward with," said Republican presidential nominee John McCain.

His Democratic rival Barack Obama sought credit for taxpayer safeguards added to the initial proposal from the Bush administration. Later, at a rally in Detroit, Obama said, "It looks like we will pass that plan very soon."

The rescue would only be open to companies who deny their executives "golden parachutes" and limit their pay packages. Firms that get the most help through the program — $500 million or more — would face steep taxes on any compensation for their top people over $500,000.

The government would receive stock warrants in return for the bailout relief, giving taxpayers a chance to share in executives' future profits.

To help struggling homeowners, the plan would require the government to try renegotiating bad mortgages it acquires with the aim of lowering borrowers' monthly payments so they can keep their homes.

But Democrats surrendered other cherished goals letting judges rewrite bankrupt homeowners' mortgages and steering any profits gained toward an affordable housing fund.

It was Obama who first signaled Democrats were willing to give up some of their favorite proposals. He told reporters Wednesday that the bankruptcy measure was a priority, but that it "probably something that we shouldn't try to do in the piece of legislation."

Frank negotiated much of the compromise in a marathon series of up-and-down meetings and phone calls with Paulson, Dodd, D-Men., and key Republicans including Gregg and Blunt.

Pelosi shepherded the discussions at key points, and cut a central deal Saturday night — on companies paying back taxpayers for any losses — that gave momentum to the final accord.

An extraordinary week of talks unfolded after Paulson and Ben Bernanke, the Federal Reserve chairman, went to Congress 10 days ago with ominous warnings about a full-blown economic meltdown if lawmakers did not act quickly to infuse huge amounts of government money into a financial sector buckling under the weight of toxic debt.

The negotiations were shaped by the political pressures of an intense campaign season in which voters' economic concerns figure prominently. They brought McCain and Obama to Washington for a White House meeting that yielded more discord and behind-the-scenes theatrics than progress, but increased the pressure on both sides to strike a bargain.

Lawmakers in both parties who are facing re-election are loath to embrace a costly plan proposed by a deeply unpopular president that would benefit perhaps the most publicly detested of all companies that got rich off bad bets that have caused economic pain for ordinary people.

But many of them say the plans is vital to ensure their constituents don't pay for Wall Street's mistakes. With the forms of unaffordable credit and mayors hit to investments they count on, like their pensions.

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CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. (AP) — Camp Pendleton is in the midst of a building boom despite a slowing economy. The Marine Corps base is undertaking what ultimately could be $2 billion worth of construction projects. Base officials this year are overseeing 25 projects valued at $387 million. In a normal year, the base usually spends $50 million on new construction.

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — The family of a psychiatrist who was killed during a hit-and-run is upset that the woman responsible for the death was recently released on probation after an unexpected pregnancy.

Heather Lee Hulsey, 22, was freed this month by a Santa Barbara County judge who ordered her into a residential substance abuse program. Hulsey was serving a six-year prison sentence after she pleaded no contest to manslaughter and-run is upset that the woman was released on probation.

WAGEPLAY

RHOENERT PARK, Calif. (AP) — Sonoma State University officials are investigating a security breach that exposed the Social Security numbers of about 600 former students.

University officials say they’re not aware of any criminal or inappropriate activity linked to the breach, which was discovered on Sept. 2.

National

NEW YORK (AP) — Police say as many as seven men were stabbed during a quarrel at a nightclub in New York City. Two are in critical condition.

The bloody fight erupted around 4 a.m. Sunday inside the Tabano club in the Queen’s neighborhood of Astoria.

RIDE THE RAIL

NEW YORK (AP) — MTA fans rode vintage New York City subway cars for their last nostalgic ride to the final regular season home game at Shea Stadium, Sunday.

The ride on the No. 7 train that took millions of fans to games for more than 40 years is courtesy of New York City Transit.

BOSTON (AP) — Sen. Edward Kennedy is back home after being taken to a Massachusetts hospital in an ambulance.

A statement issued by the 76-year-old senator’s office attributed the episode Friday to a change in medications. Kennedy has been in treatment for brain cancer. He complained of feeling ill Friday.

EL CENTRO, Calif. (AP) — The U.S. Border Patrol’s gleaming new regional headquarters building is just one sign of how the fast-growing agency is boosting the local economy.

Agents frequent the restaurant and gas station. A new indoor shooting range relies on Border Patrol employees. And dry cleaners do brisk business pressing green uniforms.

International

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — A heavily armed U.S. destroyer was stationed off the coast of Somalia on Sunday, making sure that pirates there don’t remove weapons from a hijacked Ukrainian cargo ship.

A man claiming to be a spokesman for the pirates says they want $35 million to free the cargo ship Faina and warned of dire consequences if any military action was taken to try to free the ship.

Pirates seized the Ukrainian-operated ship Thursday as it traveled to Kenya with a load of 33 Russian-built T-72 tanks and a substantial quantity of ammunition and spare parts ordered by the Kenyan government.

BEIJING (AP) — Three Chinese astronauts emerged from their capsule Sunday after a milestone mission to carry out the country’s first spacewalk, showing off China’s technological know-how and cementing its status as a space power and future competitor to the United States.

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — An Afghan police official said Sunday that a U.S-led coalition operation apparently targeting a suicide bomb cell in eastern Afghanistan killed three civilians.

However, the claim was disputed by the coalition, which said in a report that killed two al-Qaida militants. Elsewhere, insurgents killed a woman in charge of female police officers.

WORD ON THE STREET

“Did the debates on Friday have any impact on your vote for President?”

“I didn’t watch, but it would take more than just one debate to change my opinion.”

— Brian Miller, mechanical engineering freshman

“No, not really, I’m still pulling for Obama. I thought they both did well. I think Obama showed tough on foreign policy and that he could hang with McCain on that.”

— Alex Sharp, agriculture business freshman

“I don’t think so. I think they all seem to argue over semantics and not issues.”

— Peter Hoonhout, mechanical engineering junior

“I know I am voting for McCain. I think he made some good points but he’s not as good of a speaker as Obama. If he could speak better he would definitely win.”

— Aaron Lichtner, materials engineering senior

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Skyline Church members hand out literature urging voters to pass Proposition 8 on Sunday in San Diego. Churches of many faiths have banded together in support of Proposition 8.

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Gettysburg, Armageddon: The War of the Rings

Those are some of the superlatives culture warriors on both sides of the same-sex marriage debate are using to convey the urgency surrounding Proposition 8 on the Nov. 4 ballot, which would place a ban on gay marriage in California.

To the initiative’s backers, nothing less weighty than religious liberty and even the building blocks of society are at stake. To its opponents, the California Marriage Protection Amendment tests nothing more cherished than the American ideals of equality and personal freedom.

All of it is riding on whether voters in a place where same-sex couples — thousands of them since the court’s ruling took effect in mid-June — have legally wed.

“There is a sense that this is a potential tipping-point election,” said Jon Matsumura, president of the Initiative and Referendum Institute at the University of Southern California. “If voters here accept the concept of same-sex marriage, that will have an effect on the way people think across the country.”

By Election Day, the measure’s opponents and supporters expect to spend about $40 million — a large account for a social issue initiative — according to Matsumura. Volunteers on both sides will have spent thousands of hours getting their messages across to the state’s 16.2 million registered voters.

More than 9,500 people from all 50 states and the District of Columbia have contributed nearly $22 million to support or oppose the measure. See Prop 7, page 7

Chances remote for more drilling off Calif. coast

Samantha Young
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Home to the country’s first offshore oil well, California’s coastal waters have been off-limits to new drilling for a quarter-century.

The congressional ban that halted development is set to expire next week, but chances are remote that the 10 billion barrels of oil estimated to lie under the continental shelf will ever be tapped.

Stealthy opposition within the state, fueled in part by memories of a catastrophic 1969 oil spill off the Santa Barbara coast, will make it extremely difficult for oil companies to win the necessary approvals and prevail in the lawsuits that would be sure to follow.

“When it comes to California, it’s so extremely unlikely and remote that any new offshore oil drilling is going to take place,” said Mark Masara, director of the Sierra Club’s coastal programs. “Here, the opposition runs wide and deep.”

That includes Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, whose opposition put him at odds with the candidate he has endorsed for president, GOP nominee John McCain.

McCain has made offshore oil drilling a key component of his energy platform, his “drill here, drill now” mantra a staple of campaign events outside California.

McCain says tapping the country’s offshore reserves would help reduce America’s dependence on foreign oil and would be a stopgap measure until alternative fuels are developed. Democratic candidate Barack Obama has endorsed limited offshore drilling as part of a broader plan to wean America off foreign oil that includes investing in alternative-energy research.

In an address Friday in San Francisco, Schwarzenegger reiterated his opposition to new oil drilling and said he would prefer there be no drilling at all off the coast. He recalled walking the beach in his bodybuilding days after the Santa Barbara oil spill.

"Every single time I walked around Muscle Beach, my feet were stuck with tar and there were dead birds lying around," Schwarzenegger told the Commonwealth Club of California. "I think the people of California don’t want to go through that again. I think we must protect our pristine coastline.

The congressional shift on oil drilling came earlier this week when House Democrats conceded to Republican pressure to remove the annual ban in a must-pass, year-end budget spending bill. Republicans argue that more offshore oil drilling could decrease the country’s dependence on foreign oil and lower gas prices.

Despite the fanfare accompanying the moratorium’s expiration, it’s seen as just a temporary move. The longer-term decisions on coastal drilling will be left to the next administration and Congress.

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UCLA group discovers humongous prime number

Mathematicians at UCLA have discovered a 13 million-digit prime number, a long-sought milestone that makes them eligible for a $100,000 prize. The group found the 46th known Mersenne prime last month on a network of 75 computers running Windows XP. The number was verified by a different computer system running a different algorithm.

“We’re delighted,” said UCLA’s Edson Smith, the leader of the effort. “Now we are looking for the next one, despite the odds.”

It’s the eighth Mersenne prime discovered at UCLA.

Prime numbers are numbers like three, seven and 11 that are divisible by only two whole positive numbers: themselves and one.

Mersenne primes — named for their discoverer, 17th century French mathematician Marin Mersenne — are expressed as 2^P-1, or two to the power of “P” minus one. P is itself a prime number. For the new prize, P is 43,112,609.

Thousands of people around the world have been participating in the Great Internet Mersenne Prime Search, or GIMPS, a cooperative system in which underused computing power is harnessed to perform the calculations needed to find and certify Mersenne primes.

The $100,000 prize is being offered by the Electronic Frontier Foundation for finding the first Mersenne prime with more than 10 million digits. The foundation supports individual rights on the Internet and set up the prime number prize to promote cooperative computing using the Web.

The prize could be awarded when the new prime is published, probably next year.

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Presidential debate moderator poses a question to Democratic presidential candidate, Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill, left, and Republican presidential candidate, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., during the presidential debate Friday, at the University of Mississippi in Oxford, Miss.

Obama slams McCain for not mentioning middle class

Jesse J. Holland

Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama sought to score a quick post-debate advantage Saturday by traveling to two Republican-leaning states and accusing GOP rival John McCain of being out of touch with middle-class Americans.

“We talked about the economy for 40 minutes and not once did Sen. McCain talk about the struggles middle-class families are having,” Obama told more than 26,000 people who stood out in the rain with him on the campus of the University of Mary Washington.

While Obama was out campaigning, McCain stayed in the Washington, D.C., area monitoring by phone the congressional negotiations on a deal on stabilizing U.S. financial markets. Obama did the same while on the campaign trail, with aides saying he spoke by phone to Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., as negotiators inch toward a deal.

“Unlike Sen. McCain, it didn’t take a crisis on Wall Street for me to realize that people are hurting,” Obama said.

Obama returned to Washington Saturday night with his wife Michelle to accept an award from the Congressional Black Caucus at its annual legislative conference before taking off again Sunday for campaign stops in Michigan, a crucial battleground state.

Earlier in the day, Obama debated his post-debate attack on McCain with a campaign swing through North Carolina, another traditionally Republican state like Virginia where Obama hopes to make inroads.

The Illinois senator repeated that he took McCain to task for not talking about any plans for helping the middle class in the midst of the country’s financial and fiscal crisis.

“Through 90 minutes of debate, John McCain had a lot to say about me, but he didn’t have anything to say about you,” Obama told the cheering 20,000-plus crowd at the J. Douglas Gabbert Depot in downtown Greensboro. “He didn’t even say the words ‘middle-class.’ He didn’t even even the words ‘working people.’”

The Obama campaign tried to back up that point in its newest ad, a spot released Saturday that also notes McCain never mentioned the middle class during the debate. “McCain doesn’t get it,” the announcement says. “Barack Obama does.”

McCain’s campaign suggested Saturday that the Arizona senator had referred to the middle class during the debate when he argued that Obama had voted in favor of higher taxes on families making $42,000 a year and proposed hundreds of billions in new government spending that would place a crushing burden on families and businesses.

Obama disputed both of those assertions and said that 95 percent of America taxpayers would not pay more in taxes under his plan.

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House approves nuclear pact with India

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The House voted overwhelmingly Sunday to approve a landmark pact that would allow the U.S. to provide nuclear materials to India.

The deal still faces obstacles in the Senate, making prospects uncertain for passage before President Bush leaves office in January. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., a supporter, promised a Senate vote on the accord in the week ahead, possibly Monday.

Hoping to raise pressure on that chamber, Bush quickly issued a statement praising House passage and the Senate to do the same thing.

"I urge the Senate to quickly take up and pass this important piece of legislation before their Oct. 17 adjournment," the president said. "Signing this bipartisan bill will help strengthen our partnership with India."

India's Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, addressing the Indian community in New York where he was attending the U.N. General Assembly, said: "The journey President Bush and I embarked upon is a landmark event in our relationship in the face of decades of American leadership to contain the spread of weapons of mass destruction."

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Supporters say that while Congress argues over the deal, U.S. businesses are losing opportunities in France, Russia and other countries eyed India's multibillion-dollar market.

Critics are the initiative's critics, seeing the strong move to countries like Iran as they pursue atomic programs. India built its bombs outside the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, which provides civil nuclear trade in exchange for a pledge from nations not to pursue weapons.

India has refused to sign nonproliferation agreements and has faced a nuclear trade ban since its first atomic test in 1974. The agreement with the U.S. has been a top priority for the Indian prime minister.

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But it does give the Bush administration the funding it needs to begin preparations and secure sales around the nation's coastline, as close as three miles from shore.

Brian Rand, the Ocean Programs Manager at the California Resources Agency, says Congress' decision to let an innovation in the West Coast's oil reserves in play.

"The $100 million question for us is, will the federal government try to come in and put drilling off California and Washington?" Rand said.

California has more than half the undiscovered oil that federal officials believe could be recovered off its shores. At least 92 percent of California's oil reserves lie within 25 miles of the coast, according to estimates by the Minerals Management Service, part of the U.S. Department of Interior.

But federal officials say California's oil reserves could produce far less than much oil as had been drilled over the last 40 years.

"We can use that oil on our own resources but not to pursue oil that's foreign imports," said Joe Sparano, president of the Western States Petroleum Association, which represents oil exploration companies and refiners. "If you're concerned about foreign governments that don't like us and threaten to cut off our supply, then I think perhaps you might as well cut off our supply."

With that, the lifting of the moratorium for the federal mineral service will prepare a plan offering new leases for sale between 2010 and 2015.

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while institutions have locked in another $7.8 million.

"The nation will be watching to see what happens with this, second only to the presidential campaign," predicted Tim Widmer, president of the Manhattan Institute American Family Associates.

The evangelical Christian lobbying group has given $500,000 and produced a 30-minute video to back the Mississippi-based African American initiative that prohibited couples from marrying that would allow the U.S. to provide nuclear materials to India.

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University art gallery welcomes new exhibit

Samantha MacConnell

At first glance, the photography of Brian Taylor and Stanley Smith posted on either side of the University Art Gallery may appear to be vastly different. However, with a closer look, a definite harmony appears; the art becomes a cohesive collection and has a common purpose.

Cal Poly’s University Art Gallery introduced a new exhibit Friday evening entitled Polarities and Intersections, in which Taylor and Smith’s photography is displayed. Prior to the opening both artists, who had only met once a year, spoke to a large group in the business school detailing the start of their career and providing a glimpse of their work.

Taylor, an award-winning photographer since the age of 18 and a professor of art and design at Cal Poly, is a frequent visitor of the gallery and enjoyed viewing their work. "I think one of the commonalities, even though they are extremely different, is the narrative context," said Taylor.

Mary LaPort, professor of graphic design in the art and design department at Cal Poly, is a frequent visitor of the gallery and enjoyed viewing their work for the first time. "I think one of the commonalities, even though they are extremely different, is the narrative context," said LaPort. "Another interesting thing, this commonality is, they are both working with combining images, but the way they do it is very different."

The exhibit will run in the art gallery located in Dexter building through Oct. 31.
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Film raises funds for Obama

By Bridget Veltri
Entertainment Daily

Was it the debates or the price of gas that kept people from coming to “Gas Hole” on Friday? Twelve people attended the film fundraiser at the Palm Theater on Friday night at 7p.m. Proceeds from the screening went to Obama Victory Fund.

Palm Theater General Manager Cameron Bowman said that the film was originally offered to both presidential campaigns.

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Remembering Paul Newman

Mourners left roses on Paul Newman's star on Hollywood's walk of fame. Christine Lehnert

Paul Newman couldn't have existed today — at least, not the way we came to know him.

Sure the talent would have been there, the classic good looks, the magnetism, the raw emotion. But the primary role he demanded (and won), which helped establish and solidify his mystique as a bona fide movie star, never would have been afforded him in our tabloid-driven, celebrity-obsessed culture.

And yet true. Part of why we were fascinated with Newman, who died of cancer Friday at 83, was because we didn't know every gory detail of his life, even though he'd reached the zenith of fame and popularity. He left us craving more — and that he lived and died far from Hollywood's glare in the small town of Westport, Conn., in the converted farmhouse he shared with his wife of 50 years, Joanne Woodward, speaks volumes not only about who he was, but how he didn't want to be.

It's hard to think of an actor today who compares in that regard someone who's happily confident on-screen but maintains some mystery about who he really is, someone who would make even hardened, cynical journalists go weak in the knees upon meeting face-to-face. Newman's longtime friend and co-star, Robert Redford, certainly qualifies, but of the current generation of stars, we know too much about Tom Cruise, Will Smith, Leonardo DiCaprio.

George Clooney springs to mind, but even he has fought public battles with the paparazzi over the need to respect celebrities' privacy. Clooney himself seemed to recognize the legacy Newman left in reacting to his death Sunday morning. "He set the bar too high for the rest of us...not just actors, but all of us. He will be greatly missed," he said through his publicist.

I imagine that's it too. But looking back at Newman's career, which encompassed nearly 60 feature films over the past half-century, it's the range that leaves an impression. You never forget you were watching Paul Newman. He was a seer, after all. He was the star, but he could fit into a wide variety of parts — unlike some other actors with longevity and stature, who shall remain nameless for these purposes, who have devolved into caricatures of themselves as they're aged.

In just a smugling, Newman played:
24 A washed-up football player in Tennessee Williams' "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" (1958).
24 Boot shark "Fat Eddie" Felton in "The Hustle" (1961), the role he would reprise in "The Color of Money" (1986), which, surprisingly, earned him his only Academy Award in 10 nominations.
24 A bad-boy cowboy in "Bad" (1967).
24 A train robber alongside Redford, commonly known as "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" (1969).
24 The player-coach of a small-town hockey team in the comedy cult favorite "Slap Shot" (1977).
24 A cantankerous grandfather in "Nobody's Fool" (1994).
24 A formidable mob boss in "Road to Perdition" (2002).

Newman came up in the Method-acting tradition, a la Brando, but there was nothing obviously studied about him; he made the swagger look natural. And his evolution over the years — from young and dangerous to middle-aged and struggling to older and wiser — constantly carried with it the aura of dignity. "His powerful eloquence, his consummate sense of craft, so consummate that you didn't see any sense of effort up there on the screen, set a new standard," said Martin Scorsese, who directed him in "The Color of Money."

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back to skool concert culmination

event for poly students business

Orientation concert, took place in the parking lot at 714 Embarcadero Blvd. and shut down half of the Boulevard in front of the event.

The expected crowd turned out was between 2,500 and 3,000 people. While doors officially opened at noon, the line of expectant fans started arriving around 7 a.m. and stretched around the corner up Pacific Street. By 2 p.m., approximately 600 people crowded the stage, many of them waving their hands to the beat. Among the concert goers, groups of children ran around chairs and dodged adults while some of their parents watched from the enclosed bar area.

Despite being an event for all ages, there was a marked security presence and a detail of police officers on hand. While Morro Bay is no stranger to large events, the nature of this one, meant to bring Cal Poly and Cuesta students to Morro Bay makes it important to get right the first time.

No one is more aware of this than event organizers Reza Akavain, Jason Neubauer and Hamei Hamedi of Obsession Entertainment. The three Cal Poly students are respectively, president, vice president and marketing director of the company that is fast gaining a local reputation for excellence in event planning.

"Pretty much, one summer when I was president of our fraternity and Reza was treasurer, we came up with the idea that we should start packaging together all of the Greek events," Neubauer said.

"Everything had just been leading to off-site venues because all the houses were becoming such a liability. We came up with the idea of, 'Why not set up contracts with all the vendors, all the venues, transportation and you know, have our own security and DJs.' That way businesses respect another business coming at them to do Greek events."

By setting up a unified front for campus fraternities, the entrepreneurs gained valuable experience in event organizing, after planning all of Cal Poly's Greek events last year.

"The whole mission of the company, when we started was to save (fraternities and clubs) time and money," Akavain said. "So you make one phone call and we're the middle man. We take care of everything for them and we can get it for cheaper because we already have contacts with all these venues and transportation companies, everything."

Despite dealing with event planning for clubs, the company, joined by Hamedi who graduated Cal Poly with a degree in electrical engineering, started concert planning, bringing in sponsors and going after big name artists that aren't often seen on the Central Coast.

"You go out there and you go get them and you have to argue prices," Neubauer said. "It's like a game; you try to get the artist before they get too big so you don't pay as much. Shwayze we found before anybody knew him. I just had an inkling that he was going to blow up because of his MTV show and now he's pretty famous, so that's good for us."

Despite the strain of attending school and running a company simultaneously, the founders have collected their share of interesting stories, such as breaking down in Paso Robles with the artist E40 on April Fool's day while driving him to their first major concert.

"These guys always deliver a great, great performance," the MC for Sunday's concert, JoJo Lopez of the local radio station 106.1, called them "the cream of the crop." "These guys always deliver the big names," Lopez said. A lot of times people will advertise and you're like, 'Ya right, that sounds to good to be true, why would they choose here?", but these guys go and get the acts. They find names that otherwise we'd never see here."

Local law enforcement also appreciate their planning expertise.

"They're very professional to work with," Commander Tim Olivas of the Morro Bay Police Department said.

"You can tell Reza's done this before. He's got everything running smoothly. We've never had this type of event before, but there's certain things to expect anytime large groups get together."
JIM MEEHAN (continued)

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There are more than two checkboxes on your ballot

Candidates like Ralph Nader and others are the lost voices of true democracy

Whether or not you agree with their views — whether you find their politics inspiring, infuriating or amusing — one thing is certain: we need more candidates like Ralph Nader in our nation's political dialogue.

Starting at Cal Poly last night as part of his California university tour, Nader spoke passionately to a packed auditorium about the problems with America's current two-party political system.

"What's left for you to decide in this country?" he questioned the audience.

With his third presidential bid, this time on the Peace and Freedom party ticket, Nader hopes to bring attention to the plight of running as a third-party candidate.

Meanwhile, an estimated 60 million people had tuned in on Friday for the first time in 20 years to watch the debate between senior senators John McCain and Barack Obama. That is a phenomenal number of eyes and ears tuned in to listen to two mere mortals who hardly ever hear from their party's standard platform candidates.

And already the pundits are going at it again — dissecting every trivial figure of speech and mannerism from the debate. So much airtime is devoted to tracking McCain and Obama's politicking, it's almost as if life didn't exist before them.

In this media madness we forget that there are other issues at stake too — and that there is a whole spectrum of men and women who represent these views.

Candidates like Nader, former Republican candidate Ron Paul, Libertarian party candidate Bob Barr, former Democratic candidate Mike Gravel and Green party candidate Cynthia McKinney are shut out from the discussion completely.

Do they really exist? How flat, boring and utterly predictable our nation's political dialogue has become since starting them out?

Opening for Nader last night, his vice-presidential nominee Matt Gonzalez devoted his opening speech to speaking to that issue.

The other two party candidates, unlike us, with a straight face, that we're not allowed to be in a debate with them," he said.

"Then how can we have a better democracy?"

The reason these candidates weren't allowed into the primary debates and are still ignored is often not because their views are too marginalized for the average American, but simply because they haven't played the political game right; they're not in bed with corporate interests, nor do they have the charm to attract the same kind of followings around the globe.

Few Americans realize that the debates are literally controlled by the two major parties, in the form of the Commission on Presidential Debates, which was created by the Bush and Clinton Administration in 1987. Prior to that, the non-partisan League of Women Voters had sponsored the presidential debates, but they declined to continue doing so after pressure from the two major parties to internally shut out discussion by third party and independent candidates.

In a press release to the public that year, the League explained their reason for withholding sponsorship: "The League of Women Voters is withholding sponsorship of the presidential debates because the demands of the two campaign organizations would perpetrate a fraud on the American voter. It has become clear that the third party organizations are attempting to add debts to their list of campaigntrail charades devoid of substance, spontaneity and answers to tough questions. The League has no intention of becoming an accessory to the backrooming of the American public."

Every since, our presidential debates have been what they are now: not a chance to foster revolutionary ideas or encourage new political thought, but just another step in the re-election of a Republican or Democrat to the White House.

Granted, at this point in the game and in the face of economic meltdown, it would be ill-advised to ignore the debates. The stakes are just too high and McCain and Obama are, afterall, the only two options to realistically choose from.

But even as you do that — and vote however you may on November 4 — don't forget that a democratic society was never designed to be a two-party game. The fact that there are currently only two major political parties and that they have such a monoply on our country should be disconcerting to everyone, no matter what side of the aisle you take.

There was a time when Republicans and Democrats did not exist and when being an American meant more than voting for a prescribed party ticket. Now, candidates like Obama and McCain get pushed to celebrity status, complete with cult-like followings by their most ardent supporters, while "mes­ sage candidates" like Nader, Paul and McKinney are ridiculed and mocked for daring to break the mold.

Yet third parties and independents are realistic and they are vi­ able — if only given a chance.

Ross Perot proved to be a dan­ gerous competitor to both Bill Clinton and George H.W. Bush in the 1992 presidential campaign, polling roughly even with them at various points in the race. His supporters successfully managed to get him on the ballot in all 50 states, which gained him almost 19 percent of the popular vote.

During this election campaign, former Republican nominee Rei n Paul attracted a massive Internet following following our generation for his support of low taxes, free market policies, civil liberties and an end to the Iraq war. In a single day last year, his campaign broke the record among Republican nominees, raising $4 million online and an additional $200,000 over the phone.

And let us not forget that Na­ der himself had a major impact (for good or bad, depending on your outlook) on the outcome of the 2000 election when thousands of liberals flocked to him rather than Democratic nominee Al Gore, an outcome which many see was the Gore the election.

These moments in history — and events like Nader and Gonzalez's appearance at Cal Poly last night — prove that true democracy is not yet dead. Every once in a while Americans do see reason to remember that they have a right to demand a candidate that truly represents their viewpoints, regardless of party affiliation.

Voting for a third party candidate or an independent is not a vote wasted — it is a democratic exercise and a sign of independence.

Take the time to research the rainbow of other candidates out there and remember that the two men you see on television are only too many men with two platforms. There's too much to understand about our world and too much at stake to narrow our choices down to such a simple ballot.

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Hey professors: how about saving us some money on books?

Let's face it: textbook prices are freakishly high, but they don't have to be.

There's always the song and dance about publisher prices and no profit, etc. But here's the truth: there are plenty of ways professors can make it easier for students to get cheaper books each quarter. And there's no better way to gain the respect and love of your students than to save them some money. (To the extent you bring food to class, we're suckers for free food.)

Put book requests in early if using El Corral

If book requests are put in early to El Corral Bookstore, they'll appear on the “textbook lookup” online and students can find the booklets for their future courses. Reserving books ahead of time saves 10 percent on prices, but that doesn't matter if professors didn't ever order them. Addi's University Book Exchange can also get them if they're requested on time, which gives students another local option.

Students can also shop around for the best prices online and order books in time to do homework the first few weeks. Sometimes, we won't even know we have a book until the first day of class and when reading is assigned we're cornered into very few options (most of them are expensive). It's unfair to spring a book on people and expect them to have the money to buy it in time to complete the reading for next class. We have to buy locally and can't go for bargains online.

Use old editions

New books are shiny, which is understandably distracting and attractive, but old editions are often just as good and have more used copies available. Some textbooks update every year and professors insist on the very latest, which makes the chance of selling them back to the bookstore or other students slim to none. On that note, reusing the same book quarter to quarter is extremely helpful. We can sell them for more than the $8 recycling fee and you don't have to change your syllabus or reading schedule. Win-win!

Only require books that are absolutely necessary

Be realistic: a quarter consists of 10 weeks, so getting through three textbooks in that time probably won't happen. After all, our motto isn't “learn by highlighting a textbook.” Sometimes we buy them just to find out too late to return, (of course) that we won't be reading one of the books, or will only be reading a chapter or two out of it. You're killing us. I'll have to try to sell it online, because even if the book is unopened, I can only get a fraction of the money back from El Corral.

Keep students' interests at heart

Your “favors” cost me dollars. I know your colleague from that research project is your best pal, but their book is really expensive. Your book is quite nice too, I'm sure, but is it necessary for this class? Students are not your personal fan club. By all means, please use your book if it's relevant because your perspective will enhance the class, but don't assign it just because you can.

As one example, a media law textbook requirement for journalism students more than quadrupled in price this quarter. The new, hefty law textbook, co-authored by the new department head, replaced the thorough, educational, $30 paperback. How much better can the book really be? I doubt it, unless weight is a consideration.

Look for alternatives to textbooks

There's this miraculous thing called the Internet, and it's a great resource for fast, cheap communication. A lot of class material can be put on Blackboard or just posted somewhere online. Even readings can be posted as PDFs.

Back in the physical world, course readers are a great idea in theory, but are usually quite expensive because of royalty changes. It's also difficult to sell them after the class, so they're not always the answer. Instead, try saving and sending us links to relevant material through the quarter.

The truth about students

We will sometimes take a hit in the grade department in order to save a couple hundred bucks.

Especially for general education courses or areas of little interest to us, we see no reason to invest so much.

Definitely encourage students to share or borrow books and put some copies on reserve in the library. Maybe you should have a copy in your office for the truly desperate that they can borrow or come in and read. The more available the book is, the more likely we'll pick it up.

High textbook prices force us to ask ourselves if it's worth buying; we'll often opt to just wing it from lecture material as best we can. This result is that we're less prepared for class, have lame discussions and don't get as much out of it as we could. But can you blame us?

Giana Magnoli is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily managing editor. She didn't buy any textbooks spring quarter and still passed with flying colors.

Lessons learned from a police ride-along

This past Friday night I spent four hours conducting a ride-along with the San Luis Obispo Police Department. From 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., Sergeant Sean Gillham and I patrolled the other day; he said that in his 32 years he's never fired his weapon. I heard the same from the San Luis Obispo Police Department. From 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., Sergeant Sean Gillham and I patrolled the other day; he said that in his 32 years he's never fired his weapon.

I had no idea what we would encounter and found that there really is nothing like experiencing the late-night patrol first-hand. The police vehicles look strapped for war, but I'm told it's just precautionary. In fact, the officer I rode with has been with the force over 20 years and has never needed to fire his gun. I heard the same statement come out of Cal Poly Police Chief Bill Watton's mouth just the other day: he said that in his 32 years he's never fired his weapon while on duty. According to the University Police Department crime report, San Luis Obispo is a pretty safe place to live with fewer murders and very few serious crimes in the last few years.

But I soon found out that a typical Friday night produces dozens of noise complaints and potential noise violations. In addition to that, a steady flow of drunk in public, minor in possession, fights, urinating in public, open container and the like under the influences occur. Though seeing people cited for these violations didn't shock me, I was surprised at the frequency at which these violations were committed.

When partying, it's important to start the night with a game plan, so here are the top five things I learned on my police ride-along:

1) You're not fooling anyone by calling the liquid in your cup "orange juice." If you're outside of the house you can legally be cited for an open container violation. Police officers are permitted to question you about the contents of your beverage container. Note: a minor in possession citation is a few hundred dollars and goes on your record.

2) Nobody looks cool doing a field sobriety test. Don't risk it; find a sober driver. DUI arrests stay on your record for years and are really difficult to explain to potential employers, banks, and parents.

3) Don't break the seal! Urinating in public is a $350 fine! If you know that you are going to be far from a restroom for an extended period of time, prepare to hold it... or insert a catheter for those long nights (just kidding, everyone!).

4) Walking in front of police cars when they are speeding down Broad Street to stop a fight at Downtown Brew is not a good idea. Turns out, you can really get hurt that way! Close your cell phone and look both ways.

5) Turning the wrong way onto Marsh Street and claiming you were lost when your driver license says you're from Atascadero is also not a good idea. Cops know all the tricks; if you make a mistake, be more creative.

Ultimately, SLOPD and UPD are here to protect us and to promote a healthy and safe relationship between students and the rest of the San Luis Obispo community. We are all residents of San Luis Obispo and need to treat our (new) home with respect and courtesy. The choices we make today will inevitably affect the efforts and initiatives we wish to pursue tomorrow. Set limits for yourself before leaving the house, know who is driving and become familiar with the environment around you. Look out for your roommates and friends and be the person who stops the fight before it gets out of hand. Remember, responsible partying starts with you!

Angela Kramer is ASI Student Government President and a political science senior.
**Girls & Sports** by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

I’ll never meet a guy in this club. I’m not a good enough dancer.

You just have to change up your dance floor strategy.

What do you mean?

I spin them around so they can’t see how bad I am.

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**The New York Times Crossword**

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0825

Across
1. Opposed to ___
2. Leg part below the knee ___
3. Have as a definition ___
4. Tour of duty ___
5. Singing repetitions ___
6. Be very potent ___
7. Language of India ___
8. To the origin ___
9. Have as a ___
10. Got along ___
12. Consumer ___
14. Zest ___
17. Classmate of "30 Rock" ___
18. Kind of scheme that’s fraudulent ___
20. Like the sky at dawn or sunset ___
22. Like some delicate lingerie ___
23. Aim ___
24. Boston ___
25. Leave out ___
26. Like some ___
27. Toronto’s prov. ___
29. Pig’s place ___
30. Most-repellant wood ___
31. Open up ___
32. Engine additive brand ___
33. College freshman ___
34. Experts ___
35. Very best puppy or kitten ___
36. Mosquito repellent ___
37. Accomplishment ___
38. Rippled ___
39. Fuss ___
40. Moth-repellent ___
41. Lower-priced ___
42. RR stop ___
43. Sunny ___
44. Ripening agent ___
45. Miscellaneous coins ___
50. Inquired ___
51. Dark ___
53. Father of Cam ___
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57. Got ready to kiss ___
59. Tent floor, ___
60. Love, love ___
61. Go ballistic ___
62. Ed with the 1967 ___
63. Requirement ___
64. Ed with the 1967 "My Cup Runneth Over" ___

Down
1. Concert equipment ___
2. Within easy reach ___
3. Stuffed tortilla ___
4. What a quilt may be dipped in ___
5. Reaped ___
6. Language of India ___
7. Of an old Andean empire ___
8. To the genome ___
9. Physical Einstein ___
10. Got along ___
11. Dad’s opposite ___
12. Consumer Reports employee ___
13. Zest ___
15. Labeled ___
16. Four-piece band ___
18. Portion ___
19. "Men in Trees" actress Anne ___
21. NYU student ___
22. Like the sky at dawn or sunset ___
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**Pop Culture Shock Therapy** by Doug Bratton

Hey mom!! I found that dashed line. That’s always followin’ Billy around, but I can’t find Billy!

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going to do anything different than
that. Everything is up to this team

Blalock eliminated in singles play

Cal Poly women's tennis junior
Brandy Blalock was eliminated in
Sunday from singles play at the
Rivera Intercollegiate Tennis
Association Women's All-America
Championships in Malibu.
Blalock fell to Missouri's fresh­
man Kristi Bosn 7-6, 6-3 in the
third round of pre-qualifying

Rain washes away
first day of Hartford
Invitational

The Cal Poly men's golf team,
which was set to open its season
Sunday morning in the Hartford
Invitational, was unable to
play.

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enough success celebrating. Spones
reversed the ensuing kickoff to the
35. The Chargers were unable to put
a field goal through. Next, Lachevy
made a touchdown on a 4-yard
run. It was Admin's 10th of the
even game, which now stands at
3-2.

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"It was kind of a reverse of the
idea that we came up with.
When Rivers hit Antonio Gates for
9 yards to make it 13-10 on the
second play of the fourth quarter.

Just over a minute later, Marques
Harry beat Kwame Harris, stripped
the ball from Russell and recovered
at the 5. Afterwards, the 49ers
next play and a 2-point conversion

O'Sullivan eliminated from page 16

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Utah holds off hard-charging Mustangs

Scott Silver

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A barrage of second-half shots was in vain for the Cal Poly women's soccer team in a 1-0 loss to Utah on Sunday. The Mustangs (5-6-0) outshot Utah 15-4 in the second half but were unable to score despite several close chances.

"We had the ball in their half (the whole second half) they were on their heels," Cal Poly forward Ashley Valls said.

The Utes (4-6-0) took the lead in the 24th minute on junior Kelly Idaho's fifth goal of the season. Idaho made a 10-yard run to the top of the box and took a well-placed shot that went past Cal Poly goalkeeper Cord Hoover.

“They were composed on the ball and we got stuck a little bit,” Mustangs head coach Alex Cramer said.

Trailing 1-0 at the half, the Mustangs controlled the second half, playing the majority in the Utah zone.

“Toward the end we had a couple good quality opportunities,” Cramer said. “We just weren’t able to score the ball.”

One such chance came in the final minute, as junior Carlie Andrews' header off a corner went past Utah goalkeeper Enclave Rogers and skipped off the top of the crossbar and over the net.

The Mustangs also had their opportunities in the first half.

Late in the first, freshman forward Tiffany Sisler made a 15-yard run to the top of the box and took a shot, but it was cleared by a defender just moments before it that ended with a shot, or winning a corner on deflections from her cross attempts.

“I really can’t say why we couldn’t get it in the net,” a frustrated Valls said. "We should — there is really no excuse for it.”

Valls made several key runs in the second half that ended with a shot, or winning a corner on deflections from her cross attempts.

Cal Poly's Whitney Sidler (left) fights for position with Utah's Lauren Dudley on Sunday.

Cal Poly won seven corner kicks, while Utah had none.

Crotzer was happy with Cal Poly's effort defensively but thinks there's still room for improvement as the team begins Big West Conference play by visiting Cal State Fullerton at 7 p.m. Friday.

"We kept them out of the box for the most part of the game," Crotzer said of the Utes. "But they got the one goal and they were able to ride it out. They are a good team.”

Valls said the Mustangs will continue the aggressive play that led to a 21-12 shooting advantage.

"If we get a good opportunity, But (the shot) doesn’t get on the frames, we’re still going to take it,” she said. "We’re going to take any chances we can get.”

Crotzer said Cal Poly especially needs to work on its shot selection before Big West play.

“Two things to work on are taking a little better care of the ball possession-wise,” he said. “We’re forcing it a little bit. Also, just finishing, getting quality shots instead of just quantity.”

Valls agreed with a sense of urgency.

“Coming into conference, we’re going to work hard all this week to make sure there are no more bad chances,” she said.

Chargers rally, score 25 in fourth to beat self-destructing Raiders again

Josh Dubow

Associated Press

OAKLAND — For three quarters, the Oakland Raiders stopped LaDainian Tomlinson and appeared poised to stop a long losing streak to San Diego Chargers.

Then Tomlinson got loose, the Chargers pressured JaMarcus Russell and the longest winning streak any team has held against the Raiders grew to 16 games.

Darren Sproles' long kickoff return set up Nate Kaeding's go-ahead 47-yard field goal with 1:51 to play and Tomlinson sealed the 28-18 victory Sunday with his second fourth-quarter touchdown that gave him yet another 1,000-yard game.

"Every year is different. They're a better team," said Tomlinson, who had 78 of his 136 yards in the fourth quarter. "We pride ourselves on now matter how we start, finishing the game strong. It didn't matter that it was against the Raiders.".

Closing a game out was important for the Chargers (2-2), who lost their first two games of the season in the final minute. But those games weren't against the Raiders (1-3), who showed they can blow a lead against the Chargers as easily as they can get blown out.

"Obviously when you've won that many in a row, you've got a grasp on how to beat them," said quarterback Philip Rivers, who went 14-for-25 for 180 yards, a touchdown and two interceptions.

"We just kept fighting. It wasn't our prettiest win, but our defense gave us a chance. There was no panic."

The loss marked the second straight week the Raiders (1-3) were unable to hold onto a two-score lead in the fourth quarter and might finally signal the end of coach Lane Kiffin's tenure in Oakland.

The Raiders blew a nine-point fourth-quarter lead last week in Buffalo. They led 15-6 at halftime Sunday and went into the fourth quarter with a 15-3 lead. Now with a bye coming up this week, the questions about Kiffin's job security will only intensify.

"That's not my call," he said. "I don't know what he expects. I'm not seeing Chargers, page 15

New Orleans Saints defensive tackle Sedrick Ellis (98) rejoice after sacking San Francisco 49ers quarterback J.T. O'Sullivan on Sunday.

Brees, Saints blow away 49ers in New Orleans

Brett Martel

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Helmet in hand, Deuce McAllister jogged triumphantly into the tunnel of the Louisiana Superdome past celebrating Saints fans howling his name.

Then came another thrill.

McAllister's childhood idol, former San Francisco 49ers running back Roger Craig, called to congratulate him on his first validating performance since his second knee reconstruction.

"I talked to my hero," McAllister said. "He told me he was proud of me."

San Francisco's shaky run defense had trouble stopping McAllister's power running and New Orleans avoided an early-season hole with a 31-17 victory on Sunday.

The Saints all-time leading rusher hardly looked like he was playing on two reconstructed knees when he bowled over tacklers on his way to the end zone on his first validating performance since his second knee reconstruction.