Provoest Durgin moved to new position

The new position will also have him guiding the use of new academic technology to further student learning and working on development and funding for the Cal Poly graduate programs.

Durgin was unavailable for comment yesterday, but stated in a university issued press release that: “While I have certainly enjoyed serving as provost, I also see that I can contribute even more by focusing on issues critical to the future of this university. I am grateful to President Baker for seeing those needs as I do and providing this opportunity to address them.”

Durgin was most recently in the news regarding his involvement with the controversial and yet-to-be-finalized proposed Cal Poly deal with Jubail University College in Saudi Arabia. Durgin ardently supported the proposal at numerous public forums and Academic Senate hearings against opponents of the deal who felt it would discriminate against female, homosexual and Jewish faculty members who may want to participate in the creation of a new engineering program in Saudi Arabia.

At times, Durgin fielded many of the media inquiries about the program and much of the criticism from students and faculty on campus. In April he wrote an open letter to the university entitled, “A global perspective for Cal Poly,” defending the Saudi proposal.

Baker holds that the controversy did not affect Durgin’s decision to be reassigned and that the university is willing on external funding and appropriations of Provost, page 2

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Dow takes a dive as bailout bill fails

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 777 points Monday, its biggest single-day fall ever, easily beating the 664 points it lost on the first day of trading after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

As uncertainty gripped investors, the credit markets, which provide the day-to-day lending that powers business in the United States, froze up even further.

At the New York Stock Exchange, traders watched with faces tense and mouths agape as TV screens showed the House vote rejecting the Bush administration’s $700 billion plan to buy up bad debt and shore up the financial industry.

Activity on the trading floor became frenetic as the “sell” orders blew in. The selling was so intense that just 162 stocks on the Big Board rose, while 3,073 dropped.

The Dow Jones Wilshire 5000 Composite Index recorded a paper loss of $1 trillion across the market for the day, a first.

The Dow industrials, which were down 210 points at close Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2008
Wednesday, September 30, 2009

News

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1:30 p.m. EDT: nose-dived as traders on Wall Street and investors across the country saw "no" votes piling up on live TV feeds of the House vote.

By 4:42 p.m., the line was 292 pages. Then the bottom fell out. Within minutes, the index was down about 500 points as it became clear the bill was doomed.

"How could this have happened?" Baker said, doing a disconnect on Capitol Hill. This becomes a problem because Wall Street is very uncomfortable with uncertainty," said Gordon Chrapol, managing director at Reider Securities.

"The bailout not going through sends a signal that Congress isn't willing to do their part," he added.

"While investors didn't believe that the plan was a cure-all and it could take months for its effects to be felt, most market watchers believed it was at least a start toward setting the economy right and unlocking credit.

"Clearly something needs to be done, and the market dropping 400 points in 10 minutes is telling you that," said Chris Johnson, president of Johnson Research Group. "This isn't a market for the faint of heart.

Before trading even began came word that Wachovia Corp., one of the biggest banks to struggle from rising mortgage losses, was being rescued by a buyout by Citigroup Inc.

That followed the recent forced sale of Merrill Lynch & Co. and the failure of three other huge banking companies — Bear Stearns Co., Washington Mutual Inc. and Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc., all of them felled by bad mortgage investments.

And it raised the question: Which banks are next, and how many? The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. lists more than 110 banks in trouble in the second quarter, and the number has probably grown since.

Wall Street is contending with all of it against the backdrop of a credit market — where bonds and loans are bought and sold — that is basically functioning because of fears that anyone lending money will never have to return it.

More evidence could be found Monday in the Treasury's three-month bill, where investors were stashing money, willing to accept the lowest return simply to be sure that their principal would survive. The yield on the three-month bill was 0.13 percent, down from 0.87 percent and approaching zero, a level reached last week when fear was also running high.

Analysts said the government needs to find a way to help restore confidence in the markets.

"It's probably fair to say that we are not going to see any significant stability in the credit markets or the stock market until we see some sort of rescue package passed," said Fred Dickson, director of retail research for D.A. Davidson & Co.

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Three European governments agreed to a $16.4 billion bailout for Fortis NV, Belgium's largest retail bank, and the British government said it was nationalizing mortgage lender Bradford & Bingley, which has a $91 billion mortgage and loan portfolio.

But Wall Street found further reason for worry overseas.

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Solar placed on the Vatican

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St. Peter's Basilica is seen in the background of a solar panel set up on the roof of the Paul VI Hall, at the Vatican, Monday. According to workers, a total of 2,700 panels will be placed to provide 300,000 kilowatt hours which will be used to illuminate, heat or cool the building where the pontiff holds his general audiences in bad weather. Concerts in honor of the pontiff are also staged in the 6,300-seat audience hall. In the background St. Peter's Basilica.

Palin: Pakistan comment response to 'gotcha' query

Will Lester

Gov. Sarah Palin said Monday that her comment about attacking terrorist targets in Pakistan, which appeared to contravene the position of GOP presidential nominee John McCain, was a response to a "gotcha" question from a voter.

"This was a voter, a constituent, yelling out a question from across the floor. What are you gonna do about Pakistan? You better have an answer to Pakistan. I said we're gonna do what we have to do to protect the United States of America," Palin told the "CBS Evening News" in an interview about her exchange with a voter Saturday at a Philadelphian restaurant.

The Republican vice presidential candidate's answer was similar to Democratic nominee Barack Obama's statement that he would support sending U.S. troops into Pakistan to attack high-value targets like Osama bin Laden. In a conversation with someone who you didn't hear the question very well, you don't know the context of the conversation. Grab a phrase. Got Palin and I agree that you don't announce that you're going to attack another country.

Palin added that "as Sen. McCain is suggesting here, also, never would our administration get out there and show our cards to terrorists, in this case, to enemies and let them know what the game plan was."

Asked what she learned from the experience, Palin said: "That this is all about "gotcha" journalism. A lot of it is. But that's OK, too."

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"I think that we should do anything we can but 'drill here, drill now' has negative effects on the environment. Maybe drill a little bit and invest in alternative energy for the future."

Chelsea Barackman, aerospace engineering sophomore

"I wouldn't want them because it would negatively affect the coastline."

Kathleen Lee, graphic communications junior

State Briefs

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) - Federal immigration authorities said Monday they arrested more than 1,150 people in a three-week enforcement action in California.

The sweep targeted immigration violators including those who have ignored deportation orders or returned to the U.S. illegally after being deported.

... EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (AP) - About 500 firefighters are working to control a wildfire burning near the coast of Los Padres National Forest.

The blaze, about 22 miles west of King City, has consumed nearly 1,000 acres of rugged terrain since starting Saturday evening. It's about 7 percent contained.

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To learn more about this local study, please contact:
Coastal Medical Research Group, Inc.
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WORD ON THE STREET

"Should offshore oil rigs be set up along the Central Coast?"

"Yes, because it will help ease the gas prices for the short-term."

-Russel Taylor, computer engineering senior

"When it comes to energy solutions drilling more holes won't do anything. It would be better to spend more money on energy solutions."

-David Lowry, mechanical engineering senior

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SMALL SHOT

Sketches of familiar landscapes filled the Steynberg Gallery on Monterey Street Sunday afternoon when the Plein Air Poets of San Luis Obispo County gathered to launch their book “Poems for Endangered Places.”

The reception, complete with wine, music and a live poetry reading, served as a release party for the book, which focuses on eleven Central Coast landscapes considered threatened by extensive ecological change. The group seeks to speak for these lands through their book and the medium of poetry.

THE POETS

The seven Plein Air Poets come from different areas of the county and fill very different roles in the community.

The book’s introduction describes them as a “painter, biologist, jazz musician, urban planner, university professor, community activist, English teacher, educational psychologist, writer and midwife,” and gives readers insight into both their individual and collective influence in San Luis Obispo and its surrounding cities.

Two of the poets, Jane Eldon and Rosemary Wilvert, were Poet Laureates of San Luis Obispo, in 2005 and 2007, respectively. Each poet has written for other publications in his or her respective field. It is their writing abilities, combined with the love they share for the land around them that ultimately bring them together. “I experienced the lands differently than the other poets,” said Paula C. Lowe, one of the poets. “Our different backgrounds add to the accessibility of our work.”

THE PLACES

The locations in the book were picked by the seven Plein Air Poets who wrote about them over the course of a year. The term “endangered” was used to describe areas of the county that are vulnerable to some sort of detrimental change, whether it be overdevelopment or an oil spill.

The French term “en plein air” (in plain air) is used to describe art that is created in the midst of natural inspiration. Though usually used to classify painting or other visual arts, the writers used the same idea when writing their poetry. Each traveled across the county to spend time in the endangered spaces and wrote about the things that

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Poets

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affected them the most. For some, it was personal memories and experiences that conjured up the most emotions. For others, it was the knowledge of the area’s history or the appearance of struggling natural environments that inspired them.

Most of the landscapes included in the book, are well-known San Luis Obispo landmarks, such as Bishop Peak, the Eucalyptus Grove at Montana de Oro and the Irish Hills. They extend across both North and South County and include seascapes, mountains, fields and tree gardens. Some, like the Dalido Farm and Avila Beach, have been in recent news due to land use controversy and environmental concerns.

Less familiar landmarks are also included, although fewer people frequent them, they too are threatened by encroaching development and, in the words of the poets, deserve to be given a voice. There is a chapter dedicated to the “downtowns” of the community, which give homage to the locally owned shops and long-established yet-well-hidden spots that make up the heart of local cities.

Also included is a section on local tradition, highlighting the more human consequences of development and environmental degradation. While a chapter has its own sense of nostalgia and unease, a respect for the precocious nature of the status-quo and a warming of how things can change. While the poems outline nature’s beauty, they also prompt worry in those who wish to retain some of the old and traditional in the midst of a changing landscape.

The Issues

While there are many different ideas behind the book, Lowe said the main impetus was Measure J, the 2008 ballot proposition that decided the San Luis Obispo community over the proposal of a shopping center and housing units on the Dalido property on Madonna Road. Still contested today, the measure ignited heated debate on both sides of the issue.

While citizens and politicians argued over the fine print of land use law, some, including the Plein Air poets, felt that the land itself was getting lost amid the continued fighting. It was then that the idea for the poetry book came to be; the poets decided to use their voice to advocate for something that cannot speak for itself.

While the group is not overtly political, although some of the poets are individually politically active, there is no doubt that the poets are active advocates of nature. The book was not intended to take a side in the land use debate, but to instead express the hopes of the land being protected.

“Our role as poets was not to tell the community how to feel,” Lowe said, “We wanted to add beauty to the facts, if it got people feeling, it did what it was supposed to do. I didn’t want to add to the anger (of the debates), but we could make sure the land was at the table.” Poetry was the best medium to accomplish that.

Now, that the book has been launched and is available to buy, there are several more events planned in different locations on the Central Coast, including local libraries and coffee shops. There will also be a reading at Cal Poly in early 2009.

‘Duchess’ not distinct

Betsy L. Mead

HARVARD CRONIN (EYEWITNESS)

Given the spate of costume dramas that have hit the big screen recently, you could be forgiven for failing to distinguish one silk-clad heroine from another. And “The Duchesses” — based on the biography of the same name by Amanda Foreman — does little to make the dazzling Georgiana of Devonshire stand out from the crowd.

Like “Maria Antoniette” and “The Other Boleyn Girl,” “The Duchess” is a period film about a beautiful, young, aristocratic female trapped in an unhappy situation, a marriage with a distant relative of the Prince of Wales. The Duchess Georgiana, played by Keira Knightley, consoles herself by taking a dashing young lover, flaunting the newest fashion, and schmoozing her way to the top of London society.

The real-life Georgiana Cavendish was a relative of Princess Diana, a fact the filmmakers make sure to exploit. However, linking the story to Diana of Wales will not make this 18th century romp any more successful, nor will it evoke any more sympathy for its main character. The movie’s trailer — encapsulates the film’s aim is to entertain rather than to teach.

Its parts, while it’s not expected to the top of London society, are met with lines of dialogue that frequently-insubstantial pageantry. “The Duchess” is a marriage with others like it, including “The Queen” and “The Other Boleyn Girl,” and “The Duchess” is smoke, mirrors and frequently unsubstantial pageantry.

“Duchess” isn’t meant to be a groundbreaking movie by any stretch of the imagination. Its aim is to entertain rather than to educate. But gorgeous dresses and champagne can’t mask the fact that stale dialogue and flat storylines will ruin a movie, whatever its aim may be. Director Debbi’s offering isn’t terrible — it isn’t great either. If you want light entertainment and social scandal, an “OC” box set is likely to give you more satisfaction — if you can do without the powdered wigs.
Author serves up hilarious "slice of circumstance"

Every now and then I come across a book that I completely and totally fall in love with. Such is the case in this week's collection of essays, "I Was Told There'd Be Cake," by Sloane Crosley. In a league with storytellers like David Sedaris, Crosley takes everyday situations and shows us how life can be rather...well, hysterical.

I knew I would be physically unable to put the book down as soon as I read the first essay of the book, "The Pony Problem," in which Crosley tells the reader, very honestly, her inability to cross referencing ponies in daily conversation. True to her statement she has collected a number of plastic ponies from various boyfriends, which she secretly hides in the depths of a kitchen drawer.

Crosley is a twenty-something "lat-Jew," living in New York City. Amidst her success in the publishing world, she has somehow had time to record these awkward little slices of heaven for us readers. We really should thank her.

Moving away from "The Pony Problem," the collection just keeps on keepin', concocting more and more unforgettable life snapshots. I actually had a difficult time reading this book in public. Unable to control my amusement laughter, I found that examining Crosley's life was best kept to the confines of my own home. But isn't that what we all want out of our reading material, to effect us in some way? Well, you can cat as much of this cake as you like, and probably tone your abdomen as a result of all the strenuous laughter.

I think perhaps one of my favorite stories (they're all my favorites, though) would have to be observing Crosley struggle through life at her first publishing job in "The Ursula Cookie." Granted with the boss from hell, she finds herself desperately trying to win points while continuing to come up short. Of all of her attempts to redeem herself, there is none so amusing as her idea for the "Ursula Cookie," which Crosley says, "came down from the heavens like the speckled spotlights in Cilantro." Needless to say, creating a Frisbee-sized cookie reminiscent of your boss's face is not the best way to say "Merry Christmas." But, luckily for us, we get to watch Crosley learn the hard way.

Crosley struggles through life with every good-hearted decision seemingly meandering its way to the land of disaster. This girl can't even invite friends over for dessert without one of them leaving a "cherry-sized turd," on her bathroom floor. Or how about the time she locks herself out of her apartment twice in one day? Priceless.

There is no doubt that Crosley has endured some pretty awful situations, but haven't we all? This book is real-life looked at through a microscope labeled "cynical and sarcastic." Let's take a moment now to appreciate the fact that Crosley was forced to be part of a wedding party for a couple who changed their last name to "Universe." I mean, really? This stuff is gold.

The essays are uncensored, bizarre, and frank. With some works labeled as nonfiction, it is easy to wonder if the author has not stretched the truth here and there. But rest assured, these stories are brimming with honesty whether they should be or not. I think that all of us, male or female, can relate to Crosley. At different times, she will dig up your old obsession with, "The Oregon Trail," and bring you right back to summer camp as an awkward adolescent. Who wouldn't enjoy a trip down memory lane, or as Crosley puts it, "nostalgic nostalgia highway."

I guess what I'm trying to say is "Read This." Crosley is talented, wise, quirky and as I'm sure I have already implied, laugh out loud funny. So put that textbook down and have a big slice of circumstance. You know you want to...

Next week's book is Chuck Klosterman's newest release, "Downtown Owl." Happy reading!

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Global warming affects the most vulnerable

With the many questions a topic like global warming raises, one of the most persistent ones is this: Who will be affected by global climate change? A study released last year in the journal *EcoHealth* identifies the most-at-risk populations, and as it turns out, we have far greater concerns than simply the retirees in Florida.

Rather, the populations that have contributed the least to global warming stand to lose the most. The team of researchers led by environmental public health authority Jonathan Patz of the University of Wisconsin-Madison reports that the health burden of climate change will rest disproportionately on the world’s poor.

Mortality rates in Africa, southern Asia, and South America will likely increase at a greater rate if current trends continue. The first world nations pumping out the bulk of harmful emissions are not the only ones at risk.

The report gives a vivid portrayal in the form of graphs and data sets to further show the "ethical dimension" of global warming. Americans, for example, have carbon outputs that are six times the global average, but a far lower risk for the health effects of climate change.

The issue brings to mind Lester Milbrath’s best-selling humanity’s genuine concern focused around people living in a different hemisphere: we just don’t care as much when people are half a world away from us.

Patt argues that changes in patterns of disease and other negative outcomes of global warming suggest that the developed world must begin to "pursue equitable solutions that first protect the most vulnerable population groups."

A similar America study by the *Joint Center reports* that African-Americans in the United States will suffer the effects of climate change more severely than their Caucasian counterparts. It states that they are twice as likely to live in cities where already-high temperatures are likely to become more severe as global warming increases. They’re also more likely to live in the South, where the increased investment required to control air pollution is more likely to affect them.

Other surveys show that while many African Americans do not believe global warming is one of the most pressing national problems, there is a strong belief that the federal government should take steps to deal with it. There is an understanding that there will be costs to deal with global warming. The economics of dealing with global warming are not going to be cost-free and the country will be much better off if the government begins the long process of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

A survey of 6,712 African-American adults in the United States found that 81 percent said the government should take strong action on climate change and 70 percent think it’s an important issue in the 2008 presidential race.

"There is a fierce urgency regarding climate change effects on the African-American community," Ralph Everett, the co-chair of the Commission to the AFRICAN-AMERICANS ON CLIMATE CHANGE, told Reuters. "People need to understand what is at stake — our very health and well-being."

Leaders from the 2,900 churches in the state that belong to the National Council of Churches said last year that they would urge their congregations to write to their representatives asking them to promote alternative energy and climate action, citing concerns that blacks are more at risk due to global warming.

An article in the *Financial Post* in July "Oil Sands Get Nod from U.S. Anti-Poverty Group," underscores the need for more energy education. The article presents the views of a newly-formed anti-poverty coalition led by African-American civil rights and faith leaders.

According to the Post, "The group is waging a national campaign targeted at people with anti-poverty organizations and that the price increases in oil, gas, coal, and electricity are not due to climate regulations, but to depletion and decline, and with continued increases, the affordability becomes even more at risk for the poor people."

Climate experts need to talk to these groups. They must be helped to understand that poor people will be the most immediate victims of climate change and that the shift away from fossil fuels is not merely an option. The price increases in oil, gas, coal, and electricity are not due to climate regulations, but to depletion and decline, and with continued increases, the affordability becomes even more at risk for the poor people."

But Eckell is a business senior with a minor in sustainable environments. "The Greens Speer" will run every in every section every Tuesday. The column features a variety of writers on environmental and sustainability issues.
It's no surprise that as the market continues to deteriorate, the immediate debate around underaged drinking has resurfaced. After all, that's what our organized behavior revolves around the next few weeks. Citing many regulatory failures and lack of oversight, many see the crisis as an opportunity to push harder on the issues of underage binge drinking and Wall Street's chaos.

Underage drinking is taboo, and like all things taboo, it becomes incredibly interesting as a result. The potential problems that come about from binge drinking are similar to the debacles that follow on campus, which left taxpayers in the hole for $85 billion, the collapse of AIG, the Federal Reserve has offered a steady hand in our current financial crisis.

Though one might argue that the explicit mandate of the Federal Reserve is to maintain growth and control inflation, no two goals are more closely wedded to the economic well-being of the average worker and consumer. Therefore, it is essential that the government support both the nation's largest mortgage provider and one of the largest insurers, lest they fall completely, and the, and the impact of American homeowners and healthcare consumers. To put it in perspective the centrality of these companies to their respective sectors and to the financial market as a whole, consider that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac finance roughly 90% of all new mortgages.

Economic gloom is the trademark of most newspaper headlines as of late. Oil prices are over $100 per barrel, but bear markets seem to come no matter how many economists or economists either way. The housing market continues to deflate. And in the midst of it all, a number of Wall Street's most venerable institutions are disintegrating. No matter who wins or loses, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and American International Group (AIG), the Federal Reserve did what it needed to do to protect everyday Americans from serious financial trouble.

Beginning last spring with its facilitation of the sale of Bear Stearns, which left taxpayers in the hole for $29 billion, and the August bailout of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac — an action the Bush administration had repeatedly denied weeks before — would take place in the past few years — to last week's announcement of an $85 billion loan for AIG, the Federal Reserve has offered a steady hand in our current financial crisis.

The risk-laden, unregulated environment in which these companies... have been operating is completely unacceptable.

The Oklahoman: We got economics wrong

With banks crashing everywhere, stocks plummeting, your Visa bill reaching new heights because of gas prices and house prices continuing to stall, you have to think, "What in the world happened?"

Rest assured, campus, nobody knows what's happening. And if you find an economist who tells you why things appear to be in the tank, know that you've just found the new Sibylla Boone's oil speculations, economists' growth charts or our beloved government's regulations won't save our economy — they never did. For some reason, Americans believe that the economy means "Wall Street" or "taxes." That's like saying baseball is defined and driven by Alex Rodriguez's on-base percentage or Fenway Park's average daily attendance, baseball, of course, is about hitting, winning, fielding and scoring.

So where did we get the economy wrong? Probably by thinking that the economy is everything but making, buying and saving things that people care about.

For about three weeks now, many Republicans thought they might have found the female version of Ronald Reagan. But it looks like all John McCain found was an successor anybody who comes from a state that is literally built of subsidies, earmarks and oil deposits. Is she smart? Probably. Is she aware? I bet she's read Wikipedia as much as we have.

Is Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin the kind of leader who has the experience in becoming McCain's No. 2? Her fiscal policy in Alaska has basically been selling the former governor's jet, jacking up taxes on American oil companies and dispersing government revenues (paid by American oil companies) in a way that would make Hugo Chavez jealous.

When it comes to the economy, not even Washington or large banks can figure things out. So who are we to think that the fiscally socialist governor from Alaska will add grace and morality to our politics? If you're a Republican, you're already thinking that comes from a state that is literally built off of subsidies, earmarks and oil deposits. Is she smart? Probably, Is she aware? I bet she's read Wikipedia as much as we love.

By voting for someone to be president, am I increasing or decreasing my next paycheck?

We need to realize that the economy will take care of itself (unless we add more regulation) and note that Palin is another ordinary politician.

Tuesday, September 30, 2008

Cornell: Wall Street's crisis is one hell of a hangover

Saul Hansel noted how Will Street executives did their best to keep the American public in the dark, and for the American public. In a post on The New York Times blog "BLOG," writer Saul Hansel noted how Will Street executives deliberately "chose to program their computers, there was no alarm even though the computer sent out an alert objecting to the equation and the fight that this could cause. Details were kept from them sounding the alarm early enough."

Not keeping track of their bar tab, the wealthier bankers in Will Street engaged in high-risk finance last week, according to Hansel, thea' w.is stinie effort to ensure calling on elevated officials to openly and for the American public. In a post on the blog "BLOG,"

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How to play the Daily Dots

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4. Once one square is closed, that player gets to go again.
5. Players continue until no more squares can be closed.
6. Player with the most squares wins.

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Manny

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against the Cubs. The postseason began earlier that fall in Philadelphia, when the N.L. wild-card Brewers visited after the Dodgers-Cubs, the Red Sox visit the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Dolphins third-base coach Larry Ross, who once saw a lot in baseball in Miami, headed something else exactly as clear about anything to what Ramirez had done.

"We not in this a short time, this impact he's had," Ross said. "We've done very well at scoring runs. Manny's records have been to the point where he didn't have much of a chance. Not so.

"I know he's playing for a contract, but he's been incredible. He took a big step over there. He's saying, 'I'm going to show you guys it's not true.' He hasn't been 'Manny being Manny.' I mean, he hasn't done anything to make you say, 'Oh, God.'

"He loves it here. He lives in the same complex I do. Here, he goes to a little diner in Pasadena, nobody bothers him. I watched him come in for breakfast, he was left alone. Ramirez hit .396 with 17 home runs and 53 RBIs in 55 games with Los Angeles, prompting some MVP talk. His defense in left field was flawless as well. He led the way as the Dodger's nucleus expanded from an eight-game losing streak in late August to win 18 of 23 games including two straight over Arizona, turning a 41/2-game deficit to the Diamondbacks into a division title.

"Would the Dodgers be in this position without him? "I know we wouldn't, it's not just I don't think so," Ross replied. "No, no way. I think the thing I've learned about him is his work ethic. There's a purpose to everything he does. We were on the road, I got up early a few days ago, saw him in the gym, working out. He's just made everybody relax, telling the guys to go out and play."

Catcher Russell Martin called Ramirez "a special person." "I don't think you can replace what he's done," Martin said. "Manny has that. A lot of people consider him a little kid in a big man's body. You've got to have that passion and he's got it."

First-year Dodgers manager Joe Torre managed Ramirez for 12 years while he was with the Yankees and Ramirez played for Cleveland and Boston.

"I knew he had a good personality, but I didn't know how caring he is to other people." Torre said. "It's very gratifying to see that. His teammates speak very highly of him. The work ethic is what really impressed me. He enjoys playing the game. Sometimes, it's made fun of because there's always going to be a spotlight. Sometimes he's the favorite. It's how much fun he's having." Neither Ramirez nor the Dodgers ever pitch to him. "We're real close to being a good, complete team," Holohan said. "We're real close to being a good, complete team," Holohan said. "We're real close to being a good, complete team."
Cal Poly's Kyle Montgomery (30) and David Zamora (10) try to get the ball away from Cal State Bakersfield's Chico Ruesga (13) on Wednesday.

Mustangs look to defense to provide boost heading into Big West play

Donovan Aird   Mustang Daily

It might seem Cal Poly men's soccer head coach Paul Holocher would have reason to first. After all, the Mustangs entered the year with their first-ever preseason top-25 ranking — No. 24 by College Soccer News — but have since been relegated to the "others receiving votes" category.

Holocher, though, is being patient. "The polls this time of year are just trying to figure each other out," he said. "There's a feeling-out process."

Those voters aren't the only ones trying to draw conclusions from the first half of the year. Cal Poly (5-2-2) hasn't lost in five straight outings and boasts non-conference upsers over teams that were slotted in the top 25 (New Mexico and Evansville) but has just two shutouts and needed two overtimes against Division I-transitioning Cal State Bakersfield to ensure their only back-to-back wins.

"It's been a little shaky at times, and our consistency hasn't been there altogether," Mustang senior midfielder Anton Peterlin said. "But we're a young team and things are starting to come together."

Holocher also spoke of missed opportunities, but shared a sense of optimism.

"I think we could be 8-1, quite honestly," Holocher said. "At the same time, I think we've needed a lot. We're figuring things out, we're definitely a better team now than we were at the beginning of the season, and that's all that matters."

The Mustangs left Sacramento State with a 1-1 draw Sunday and open Big West Conference play by hosting Cal State Fullerton in Alex G. Spanos Stadium at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

"We're just expecting a war," Holocher said of the "young, athletic, and very technical" Titans (3-4) he thinks are "definitely better than their record."

This year, the Big West implemented a conference tournament in which the top four regular-season teams will vie for an automatic bid to the College Cup.

"The numbers back him up. No. 4 Cal tops the NSCAA/adidas Far West rankings, but is followed by four Big West squads.

After facing the Titans, the Mustangs will visit UC Davis at 1 p.m. Saturday. The Aggies' ascent shouldn't have been unexpected, Holocher said.

"You could see it coming for the last few years," he said. "Five-foot-9, 160-pound UC Davis senior forward Quinyi Amarikwa (whose 18 points place him 10th in the country in per-game average), Holocher said, is "incredibly powerful" and a "special, special player" — the type to "come up every once in a while."

Peterlin agreed.

"He's crafty," he said. "He can not be doing very much and then all of a sudden score. He's an animal. He's a very, very good athlete."

"With Davis, they're not going to knock the ball around with 15, 20 passes on you," he said.

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Everyone loves Manny in Los Angeles nowadays

John Nadel   Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Amid the celebration in the Dodgers' clubhouse, first baseman James Loney wore a T-shirt that said it all: "We love Manny being Manny."

Who doesn't in L.A. these days?

Manny Ramirez came west from Boston two months ago with a sullied reputation, joining an under-achieving team plugging along at 50-99, fortunate to be playing in one of baseball's weakest divisions. His impact has been remarkable in every way.

Almost immediately, the slugger added energy to a previously drab clubhouse and became a crowd favorite. And despite changing leagues, he began one of the best streaks of his career — or anyone's, for that matter — in leading Los Angeles to first NL West title in four years.

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Now, shocking as it might sound, Ramirez is a role model and team leader with the Dodgers, hustling at every turn.

"When I left Boston, it was great. A new life. My dream come true. I know a lot of people doubt me," he said. "Whatever people say out there, well, that's good because I came and I showed everybody wrong. It feels great. I'm just happy everything worked out great."

So now, it's to Chicago for the start of the playoffs Wednesday night. For Ramirez, a number one page 11

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Cal Poly trails at Hartford Invitational

The Cal Poly men's golf team finished the first round of the Hartford Invitational on Monday in 10th place out of 23 teams. The Mustangs finished with a four-person total of 302 strokes at the 6,928-yard, par-72 Ballymeade Country Club in North Falmouth, Mass., leaving them 18 shots behind team-leading Baylor (284). Texas Christian and Rhode Island are tied for second place, eight strokes behind the Bears.

There are a number of other teams clamped behind Baylor, as the margin between second and 10th place is only 10 strokes heading into today's final round.

Originally the tournament had been schedule for 54 holes, but was shortened to 36 because of heavy rain Sunday and Monday morning that delayed tee times.

Colin Peck had the best opening round for the Mustangs, shooting a 74, putting him in a tie for 24th place. Bryan Pierce finished in a tie for 34th place after shooting a 75.

The Mustangs also repre- sented by Geoff Gonzalez (who tied for 36th with a 76), Trevor Oertel and Ty Trott (tied for 53rd after shoot- ing a 77) and Jarod Knight (tied for 71st after carding a 79).

North Carolina State's Matt Hill is the individual leader, shooting a 66, giving him a three-stroke advantage over Mercer's Bill Jones III. Four golfers are tied in third place after shooting a two- under-par 70.

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