Prop 8 quietly demonstrated

Dozens of demonstrators both for and against Prop 8 — the proposition to ban gay marriage — made an appearance at Farmers' Market Thursday evening. Peacefully carrying colorful signs through the crowd, each group was quick to clarify that they were not "protesting," but merely promoting their respective views. Both community members and students alike participated on both sides of the demonstration.

Poly hosts workshop to help disadvantaged communities

Students looking to work and perform community service while traveling abroad will benefit from this weekend's Engineers Without Borders (EWB) West Coast Workshop.

Cal Poly's chapter of the non-profit humanitarian organization has been selected to host the workshop on campus, which is open to students of all majors as well as professionals already working in the field.

EWB partners with disadvantaged communities in developing countries to improve their quality of life. Some projects include helping to build proper homes and health care clinics to digging wells and providing sanitary water in places like Nicaragua, Thailand and Laos.

"Our goal is to help them out by implementing sustainable projects," said Gregg Fiege, civil environmental engineering professor and advisor to EWB. "Environmentally sustainable (projects) but also sustainable in the long term to the point where they're empowered to help out with the work and then to maintain and continue on with the work that we do in the future."

The Cal Poly chapter also works on local projects to help communities and organizations on or off campus.

With so many different clubs on campus vying for a meeting space, organizing all the requests can be an ordeal.

The University Union Epicenter, or the Events, Programs, and Ideas Center, handles club activities and requires that clubs submit paperwork, called an E-Plan, two weeks in advance of when they wish to reserve a room.

All chartered Cal Poly clubs must submit an E-Plan to the Epicenter in order to hold an event and clubs must fill out room request forms for their regular meetings.

Some students think that the process should be streamlined.

Inna Treyger, business senior and vice president of Hillel, had difficulties the first time she applied for an E-Plan.

"The procedure wasn't clear," she said. "It can be a confusing process for people that are unfamiliar with E-Plans."

But Misha Davies, psychology senior and president of Cal Poly Brights, hasn't experienced any problems so far, though she acknowledges she has little experience with it.

"I heard that the people who'd tried to start the club in the past had some issues with filing paperwork," she said. "But everyone I have talked to has been really helpful."

The E-Plan is a basic form that explains the rules and regulations of holding events. It asks the club to give specific details about what their event will entail. E-Plans are required for all official club activities held on or off campus and require the signature of the club's adviser and an officer.
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Several such projects such as stabilizing a creek embankment in Poly-Can-"y-On to prevent it from col-lapsing into the creek and near-by road.

The workshops this weekend will include lectures and dem-onstrations from Cal Poly faculty and engineering professionals as well as those with experience working with non-profit groups or writing grants.

Students will participate as well. Civil engineering senior Mark Fischer, who spent his last summer with EWBI in Thailand working with locals, will be giving a speech about interlocking compressor blocks.

"We were trying to keep the people living in the region," Fischer said. "It's so poor, everyone's going to Bangkok, they had to live out there to support their families. So we created more local jobs...using local materials.'

Topics covered in the workshops will range from technical lectures demonstrating the engineering aspects of the projects to non-technical presentat-ions on anthropology, cultural sensitivity and communication skills.

Fischer said that the workshops will be more than just classroom speeches.
"Cal Poly tried to be more hands-on," he said. "So they're going to have the power point and the lectures on the board... but then they'll get their hands-on experience with the pumps being demonstrated or the sewer blocks being built or going out to the field and ac-tually seeing how a water well is drilled.'

Environmental engineering senior Steve Barr noted that EWBI has been trying to recruit non-engineering majors to come on the trips.

"We're expanding our maj-ors, looking for people into health and the sciences," Barr said. "Also business, because business tends to be a big part of world development work.'

The club also welcomes anthropology majors to help EWBI volunteers understand other cultures, biology majors to study environmental issues related with the project, and agriculture majors to help with ventures such as irrigation. STUDENTS studying foreign languages can also help by working as lan-guage and cultural interpreters.

"There's ways in which ev-erybody on campus could be involved," Barri said. I think you see more and more students who want to use what they've learned to help people. We're getting more of a world view.'

The workshop will be held today through Sunday with sign-ins from 6 to 7 p.m. to-night in Chumash Auditorium. It costs $35 for EWBI members and $40 for non-members.

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"You need an E-Plan for any-thing that your club does on cam-pus," ASI president and political science senior Angela Kramer said.

"The primary reason is to keep track of club activities and keeping the playing field level.'

Kramer said that some people that are not always happy about having to follow the procedure.

"We have people that aren't satisfied with the policy and we do the best we can to meet their needs," she said. "But you can't turn people away for not understanding what's going on.

"We don't want to lose students...using our money.'

E-Plans are re-quired to be sub-mitted two weeks in advance and requests must be submitted only once a year.

"We've been involved with a lot of student activi-ties on campus and understand it's frustrating, especially when trying to plan events,' she said. "But my frustrations didn't come from that two-week time policy, they came from a lack of space, which is an issue that we are working to improve.'

"If a club has an event coming up and can't submit their E-Plan two weeks before, all may not be lost.'

"There are alternative routes that the clubs can go, like through their respective colleges and depart-ments," Kramer said. "Sometimes they can expedite the process.'

Kramer said that the current system and its policies have been formed over the years.

"We have created a system that has developed and progressed through the years,' Kramer ex-plained. "We re-evaluate every single year.

The school is working to im-prove the process. E-Plans are more accessible online at the ASI Web-site, and club advisors no longer need to sign a hard copy but can sign the form using an "e-signa-ture.'

"I know that everything I need is online and that I can always go to ASI if I have a question," Davies said.

The Epicenter is located on the second floor of the Univer-sity Union and is open Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Dow industrials fall 675 points, below 9,000

Tim Paradis

NEW YORK — Stocks plunged in the final minutes of trading Thursday, sending the Dow Jones industrials down more than 675 points, or more than 5 percent, to their lowest level in almost four years after a major credit ratings agency said it was considering cutting its rating on General Motors Corp. The Standard & Poor's 500 index also fell more than 7 percent.

The sell-off came as Standard & Poor's Ratings Services put GM and its finance affiliate GMAC LLC, under review to see if its rating should be cut. GM has been struggling with weak car sales in North America.

The action means there is a 50 percent chance that S&P will lower GM's and GMAC's ratings in the next three months.

S&P also put Ford Motor Co. on credit watch negative. The ratings agency said that GM and Ford have adequate liquidity now, but that could change in 2009.

GM led the Dow lower, falling 31 percent, while Ford fell 58 cents, or 23 percent, to $2.08.

"The story is getting to be like that movie 'Groundhog Day,'" said Arthur Hogan, chief market analyst at Jefferies & Co. He pointed to the self-driven credit markets, and listed the bank-to-bank lending rate that remains stubbornly high despite the Fed's recent rate cut.

"Until that starts coming down, you'll be hard-pressed to find any-thing getting out of the stocks," Hogan said. "Everybody's trying to see his historic. The problem is historic, the solutions are historic, and in-fortunately, the sell-off is historic. It's not the kind of history you want to be making.'

According to preliminary cal-culations, the Dow fell 678.91, or 7.3 percent, to 8,774.79. The Blue-chip's haven't fallen below the 9,000 level since Aug. 6, 2003.

Newsweek's Robertson also blamed the Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 75.62, or 7.6 per-cent, to 909.92, while the Nasdaq composite index fell 95.21, or 5.47 percent, to 1,649.12.
Tropical species also threatened by climate change

Randolph E. Schmid

If you can't stand global warming, get out of the tropics.

While the most significant harm from climate change so far has been in the polar regions, tropical plants and animals may face an even greater threat, say scientists who studied conditions in Costa Rica.

"Many lowland tropical species could be in trouble," the team of researchers, led by Robert K. Colwell of the University of Connecticut, warns in Friday's edition of the journal Science.

"The tropics, in the popular view, are already hot, or how could a global warming harm tropical species? We hope to put this concern on the conservation agenda," Colwell said.

That's because some tropical species, insects for an example, are living near their maximum temperatures already and warmer conditions could cause them to decline, Colwell explained.

"We chose the word 'attrition' to emphasize slow deterioration," he said. "How soon that will be difficult to say."

But the researchers estimated that a temperature increase of 5.8 degrees Fahrenheit (3.2 Celsius) over a century would make 53 percent of the 1,962 lowland tropical species they studied subject to attrition.

That doesn't mean today's jungles will one day be barren, however.

"It's an ill wind that blows nobody any good. Some species will thrive," Colwell said. "But they are likely to be those already adapted to stressful conditions," such as weeds.

What of the others?

There are few nearby cooler locations for tropical plants and animals fleeing rising temperatures.

In the tropics in particular, going up rather than out may be an answer.

That's because tropical species with small ranges would have to shift thousands of kilometers north or south to maintain their current climatic conditions. "Instead," Colwell said, "the most likely escape route in the tropics is to follow temperature zone shifts upward in elevation on tropical mountainside.

For example, moving uphill, the researchers said, temperature declines between 9.4 degrees Fahrenheit and 11.7 degrees for every 3,280 feet. To get a similar reduction moving north or south, species would have to travel more than 620 miles (1,000 kilometers).

Of course moving won't work for everyone; species already living on mountaintops will have no place to climb.

The study provides an important illustration of the potential risk to tropical species from global warming, Jennifer Christian-Svenning of the University of Aarhus, Denmark, and Richard Condit of the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute note in a commentary on the findings.

"These numbers suggest large risks," but are likely to be controversial because there remain large gaps in the knowledge of species' sensitivity to climate change, added Condit and Svenning, who were not part of the research team.

Meanwhile, a separate paper in Science reports that warming climate has already scrambled the ranges of small mammals in Yosemite National Park.

Ranges for some high-elevation mammals such as the alpine chipmunk have shrunk, while animals living at lower elevations, see Species, page 4.

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San Luis Obispo's Secret Garden

Samantha MacConnell

Nestled secretively between San Luis Obispo and Morro Bay is a peaceful garden filled with plants from the five Mediterranean climate regions of the world.

The San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden, located in El Chorro Regional Park on Highway 1, and features an ever-growing spread of plants that is planned to eventually expand to a garden of 150 acres.

“Our mission is to connect people and plants to help people understand the importance of plants,” the garden’s administrative director Debbie Hoover said. “Without plants, we wouldn’t be able to survive.”

The two acre botanical garden allows visitors to take a self-guided tour following the many paths lined with stone. Benches are placed in different areas of the garden to give visitors a chance to relax and take in the beautiful scenery.

Plants from the world’s five Mediterranean climate regions are showcased to reflect the diversity and beauty of plant life in California, the Mediterranean basin in Europe, Central Chile, the Cape Province of South Africa and Southern and Western Australia.

The five regions featured in the garden consist of long, dry summers with little rain.

As a part of the Mediterranean theme, there is a prominently displayed solar-powered fountain shaped like a sun. Visitors are advised to cover the solar panel with their shadow or a piece of clothing to see the fountain slow down or stop. It responds quickly to sunlight and a 12-volt solar panel is connected to a small pump, which is used to pump water out of the basin.

The garden also features an authentic Chumash home, which is made entirely from willow branches, most commonly from the Arroyo Willow, which can be seen in the garden. The branches are tied together with willow bark and thatched with tule reeds.

An education center, currently under construction, will be the botanical garden’s first building. It will be a model of sustainability and resource conservation including both the natural and human built environment. Most importantly, this building will be an integral part of the garden’s education program.

The first phase of the desired full-scale botanical garden will also include the construction of the “Gardens of Exploration,” which will consist of a visitor’s center and an area to hold demonstrations showing the different plants from each climate region.

Besides daily visiting hours, the garden staff offers other opportunities for all members of the community to get involved.

The botanical garden offers field trips for grade school children all the way up to the 12th grade. Field trips for elementary school children are free.

“We focus on a lot of children’s programs,” said Hoover. “We have four or five field trips geared toward the age level and the content meets the California State standards.”

Volunteer opportunities are available to propagate plants and maintain the preview garden for those who would like to help keep the garden beautiful.

While open to the public every day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., volunteer Carol Nelson-Selby says that Tuesdays and Saturdays are the busiest days.

The garden also hosts special events throughout the year to bring awareness to the garden. The upcoming presentation, entitled “Gardens, Arts and the Environment” is a 35 minute presentation in which the big vision for the garden is shared and will take place in the garden’s new straw bale, sustainable Oak Glen Pavilion, located just inside the garden.

It will be held on Oct. 10 at noon and Oct. 23 at 9:30 a.m.

The San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden on Highway 1 features plants from several Mediterranean time zones. The garden is open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is free and open to the public.
Local ‘kitchen’ serves up bike help

Alisha Axsom
MUSTANG DAILY

After crashing his bicycle during a tour through Santa Cruz a couple of years ago, Cal Poly environmental engineering junior Brant Haffich found a bike church that helped him fix and learn about his mode of transportation so he could get back on the road.

Haffich was so impressed with his experience, he found himself asking why San Luis Obispo didn’t have a similar organization. In order to remedy what he considered San Luis Obispo’s lack of bike help, Haffich, along with Cal Poly graduate Brian Kurotsuchi, and friend Kylie Mendonca started the SLO Bike Kitchen six months ago. They saw it as a way to help community members learn about their bikes and how to fix and maintain them.

Haffich and Kurotsuchi both loved bikes and talked about them regularly at the coffee shop that Kurotsuchi worked at. Soon, they started talking about the idea of bringing a bike kitchen to San Luis Obispo.

Now that it is up and running, the bike kitchen is a place where bicyclists can meet to share advice and tools for a low cost.

The idea of a bike kitchen is not new; there are similar organizations in Los Angeles, San Francisco and Santa Cruz. They are known as kitchens, church- or co-ops and they offer a variety of services. Some operate like regular bicycle shops and sell brand new parts or co-ops and they offer a variety of services. Some operate like regular bicycle shops and sell brand new parts.

"The bike kitchen is supposed to be a community resource center for people to work on their bikes," Kurotsuchi said. "You can’t go to a bike shop and that’s it.”

"The important thing about the SLO Bike Kitchen is that we’re not trying to compete with SLO bike shops," Kurotsuchi said. Instead, the kitchen uses donated parts and tools, and focuses mainly on educating the people who come to their workshops instead of selling new parts to make a profit.

"Most people don’t know how to fix their bike," Kurotsuchi said. "Now they have people there to help them."

While Cal Poly offers a similar resource for students, the bike kitchen members wanted to start an organization that was not affiliated with the campus. Many people don’t know it’s there or they don’t want to go because they feel it’s oriented toward students, Haffich said. The members wanted to create an organization that didn’t have the barriers of a university-affiliated program.

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Crop science senior Isaac Miller said he met Haffich a year ago at a bike swap meet where Haffich and Mendonca had a booth set up and has since visited the bike kitchen.

"I really like the idea that it’s a place that doesn’t cost money," Miller said. "You can hang out and learn, it’s been a great experience."

Miller also helps out at workshops by teaching. "I helped a friend fix up her bike and now I see her ride it around all the time," he said.

Kurotsuchi said that the bike kitchen has ties with all the bike shops in the area, where they place back-
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cuts for bicycle parts that the shops want to throw out. The kitchen then lets people who go to the workshops dig through the buckets to find parts they need for their bike. If parts cannot be used any more, the kitchen donates them to be used as art.

"We try to be a standard for environmental responsibility in terms of bikes," Kurotsuchi said.

SLO Bike Kitchen is currently searching for a permanent home and the members are pursuing non-profit status. They rely solely on donations and a few sponsorships by local bike shops like Art's Cyclery. They also would like to operate seven days a week and hold more regular workshops, as well as get involved with other community programs such as a bike loaner program, Kurotsuchi said.

"We've gotten a very positive response (from the community)," Haflich said. "People are surprised they can come and do things for free. They really gain empowerment from being able to do things themselves."

France's Le Clezio wins Nobel literature prize

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For those Americans — and there may not be many — seeking great foreign authors who have yet to be discovered in English, the Nobel Prize judges present a fresh candidate: Jean-Marie Gustave Le Clezio, this year's winner of the literature prize.

Le Clezio, 68, was cited by the Swedish academy Thursday as an "author of new departures, poetic adventure and sensual ecstasy, explorer of a humanity beyond and below the reigning civilization."

His works include "Terra Amata," "The Book of Flights" and "Desert," a 1980 novel the academy said "contains magnificent images of a lost culture in the North African desert contrasted with a depiction of Europe seen through the eyes of unwanted immigrants."

Speaking to reporters in Paris, Le Clezio said he was very honored and the news left him feeling "some kind of incredulity, and then some kind of awe, and then some kind of joy and mirth."

Asked if he deserved the prize, he replied, "Why not?"

Le Clezio had been considered a strong contender and Thursday's announcement continued a decade-long trend of European and European-oriented authors receiving the Nobel.

No American has won since Toni Morrison in 1993 and no American was expected to win — Le Clezio did put in a plug Thursday for Philip Roth.

Last week, Academy Permanent Secretary Horace Engdahl told The Associated Press that the United States is too insular and ignorant to challenge Europe as the center of the literary world; Le Clezio may serve as Exhibit A.

He is unknown to the U.S. public and to much of the U.S. literary community, even though he has a home in Albuquerque, N.M. Most of his books are unavailable in English and virtually all of those that have been translated are out of print, a common fate for writers from overseas.

Carstens Press, a Willimantic, Conn.-based publisher that in 2004 released the English version of Le Clezio's "Wandering Star," a novel about a French Jewish woman and a Palestinian woman.

According to the National Endowment for the Arts, less than 1 percent of non-English books end up being translated in the United States, a much smaller percentage than in European countries, says NEA Chairman Dana Gioia.

"The good reason is that America is so large and so diverse that it is a full-time job to understand the ever-changing complexity of American cultural life," says Gioia, a poet who has translated 1975 Italian Nobel laureate Eugenio Montale into English. "The bad reason is that even most American intellectuals are monolingual."

The prize will almost surely raise sales for Le Clezio in English, but the Nobel bump is unlikely to last. Winners that sell best are those who write in English, including Morrison and VS. Naipaul, or those already widely translated, such as Gabriel Garcia Marquez and Guenter Grass.
This past year, Slim to None missed the deadline to sign up to lead a discussion group for the incoming freshman novel "Montana 1948." I was also deemed not "hip" enough and not a grad student. So, I'd like to take some time to discuss the book with you.

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Don't panic. Other notable books have come back from falling this category before to win big. For example, "An Introduction to Quantum Mechanics," the "Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants" and "Lord of the Flies" all went on to score big points. However, two books never made it out of their cover. "Catcher in the Rye" and "The Lovely Bones," which I can only assume teaches more on the street, and no one knew the answer. Only one clear surface. Nearly 100 percent of sophomores asked in this extremely quasi-scientific poll remember that there were numerous potatoes involved in the plot. STN has narrowed down all the usual suspects to two: "A Guide to Your Mr. Potato- head" or a AAA road map of Idaho. The book that was assigned the year before that was "The Lone Bollies," which I can only assume teaches some necromantic ritual to its readers.

And in conclusion, does this stack up with previous freshman ori- entation books?

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Finally, consider cost. Based on these criteria, STN gives "Montana 1948" a stiff Colorado 1945 out of a possible Georgia 2006.3.

So please, instead of preaching to us how only one side is responsible for the crisis, tell us instead how your conservative principles can get us out of this. This is what I (as a non-conservative) look for when I read the conservative columns in the paper. Watching you throw mud around isn’t what I want out of my political discourse. Instead, tell me what you want done about it, and why and how your idea would work. The libertarian column, for comparison, has been rather good about that.

As the old saying goes, "put up or shut up."
Girls & Sports by Justin Bonus and Andrew Feinstein

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Bo Duke, a good ol' boy (never meanin' no harm), meets his college roommate.
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Following last season, Barden considered declaring his draft eligibility early but decided to return after being projected as a fifth-round pick by the NFL advisory committee.

When he was named the pre-season Great West Conference Offensive Player of the Year on Aug. 29, Ellerson said through a conference-issued news release, "He's the best we've had when compared to the bunch of guys we have in the NFL today."

Every opposing head coach on Cal Poly's schedule has also glowing about Barden's outlook.

Montana's Bobby Hauck and Northwestern State's Scott Stoker both said he could be a first-round pick. McNeese State's Matt Vanor told reporters professional scouts have informed him he was the top pick in the FCS and during the Great West teleconference call Sept. 29, South Dakota's Ed Mesker compared his style of play to the environment and on the same field with the guys from the Pac-10 and the Big Ten and all those brand-name places, and (Barden) goes, 'OK, you can still run and still catch it and are still hard to cover.'

While concerns about FCS players not being able to succeed in the NFL linger a bit, they've disputed considerably, Ellerson said.

"I think our level of competition is respected enough that every year, it seems there's a little bit less and less of that knock," he explained. "At the same time, (the game) does put FCS players in the practice slate included BYU, Utah and Notre Dame even said Barden was 'as good of a receiver as (the Aztecs) would play all year.'"

As exciting as the opportunity may be, Barden remains humble as the No. 7 Mustangs (3-1) prepare to visit South Dakota State on Oct. 18.

"Without (teammates') hard work, without their support and their belief, none of this is possible," he said. "I'm just happy to be the guy from this team that's going."

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Our forwards are all getting in the box on the end of crosses," Crozier said. "We're creating things, we're creating scoring opportunities." Crozier said he could be a first-round pick.

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Dodgers manager Joe Torre wasn't surprised Ramirez was pitched to. "Well, not really," he said. "We've got some pretty good hitters behind him. And early in the game, I mean, you're not going to start walking him. I don't think anyway, in the first inning." Ramirez, though, can't win the NLCS alone for the Dodgers.

The 2004 World Series MVP for the Boston Red Sox popped to short in the third, singled in center in the fifth and lined out to third in the eighth. Ramirez was 4-for-10 with two homers, three RBIs and four walks against Chicago in the NL division series and has hit safely in 39 of his last 44 postseason games.

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"It means a lot," Barden said. "It's nice to have a little bit of recognition and an opportunity to get another game in as the season winds down." Through four games, Barden has caught 28 passes for 626 yards and seven touchdowns. He leads the Football Championshi p Subdivision (formerly Division I-AA) with 156.5 receiving yards per game — 22.7 more than the runner-up.

"It's not surprising, of course," Mustangs head coach Rich Ellerson said of the announcement. Barden, a two-time candidate for the Walter Payton Award (given to the FCS' best offensive player) — which in the past has been won by eventual NFL stars like Steve McNair, Brian Westbrook and Tony Romo — moved to the top of the list with five games remaining.

He suffered a season-ending foot injury in his rookie preseason, was later released and spent last season contributing on special teams for the Denver Broncos, who also released him. Gocong, a defensive end at Cal Poly, was chosen by the Philadelphia on the 67th round (222 overall). McCuish, a linebacker, was undrafted but played in the preseason for the Oakland Raiders in 2007 before being attached to practice squads of the Eagles and the Minnesota Vikings. The Vikings released him in September. Each member of that trio faced positional questions when translating to the next level due to their unique roles in Cal Poly's flexible 3-4 defense.

Barden, Ellerson said, shouldn't face those transitional questions because his responsibilities isolated in space at Cal Poly are closer, respectively, to what they'd be at the next level — much like those of former Mustang Courtney Brown, a cornerback-turned-safety for the Dallas Cowboys, who chose in 2007's seventh round.

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Musical actor

women's soccer

Dan Gelston

PHILADELPHIA — Manny Ramirez had two more hits and another RBI for the Dodgers.

Too bad the rest of Los Angeles' lineup couldn't help the dynamic slugger in Game 1 of the NLCS.

Ramirez had an RBI double in the first inning — the only run-scoring hit for Los Angeles — in the Dodgers' 3-2 loss to the Philadelphia Phillies on Thursday night.

Sporting freshly trimmed, thick braids for the NLCS, Ramirez was 2-for-4 for the Dodgers. Not quite as bad as in previous at-bats, Ramirez went 2-for-4 for the Dodgers.

Even the Phillie Phanatic got in on the fun. The green furry mascot held a Dodgers helmet with long black braids attached high in the outfield for the faithful Philly fans to boo. Then the Phanatic smashed a hammer on the top of the helmet and shattered it, the blue remains scattered on the turf.

The L.A. Dodgers' Manny Ramirez mugs after lining out Thursday.

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Fantasy Football

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