ASI holds last-chance voter drive

DEMOCRACY WEEK EVENTS:

Monday
Voter registration starts in the UU plaza; Congresswoman Lois Capps speaks at 7 p.m. in University Union, room A12

Tuesday
Mayoral/City Council Debate at 12 p.m. in University Union, room 220

Wednesday
California Secretary of State Debra Bowen will speak at 12 p.m. in University Union, room 220

Wild end caps Dow's worst week

Wall Street capped its worst week ever with a wild session Friday that saw the Dow Jones industrials rocket within a 1,000 point range before closing with a relatively mild loss.

Harry Dunphy
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WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson told international leaders on Sunday that isolationism and protectionism could worsen the spreading financial crisis. With a new trading week dawning, U.S. lawmakers urged quick action by the Bush administration on measures to make direct purchases of bank stock to help unlock lending.

Sen. Chuck Schumer, chairman of the Joint Economic Committee, said an administration proposal to inject federal money directly into certain banks, in effect partially nationalizing the banking system, "is
women. The exhibition's goal is to protest against negatively stereotyped images while recognizing and appreciating the true depictions of both sexes in the media, Hall says.

"I tell people I'm a feminist because I believe that men and women are both stereotyped in the media and are bitli portrayed the way the media wants us to be," Hall said.

"I just want to bring awareness that we are perfect just the way we are."

Two 45-minute short films "Redefining Liberation" and "Hollywood's Smoke and Mirrors: Women's Health at Risk" will be shown later in the day.

Dr. Jane Lehr, assistant professor of ethnic studies and women's and gender studies, will lead a post-discussion about the films.

On Tuesday, various community members and groups will gather for "Reclaiming Our Bodies," a healthy fair.

Different resources from eating disorder specialists to fitness groups will be in attendance. Jess Hawley, SAFER (Student Assistance for Eating Recovery) director, said that participants will be asked to sign a pledge on "No Weigh! Declaration" to stop the abuse of unhealthy eating habits while encouraging healthy habits to form.

"The (No-Weigh) declaration is important for body image because it is such a problem on a college campus and especially since college freshmen are now on campus; it's important to take a step back and be happy with who you are," Hawley said.

On Wednesday, a student wellness Whole Body and Soul Fair will have different students from kinesiology, fitness and nutrition studies and nutrition classes to talk to their fellow peers about different health-related topics like physical fitness, the importance of physical contact, good nutrition and body image.

 Afterwards, licensed marriage and family therapist and eating disorder specialist, Michele Lamarkin, will lead a workshop, "Real Beauty, Real Body." in Chumash Auditorium.

"I want it (the workshop) to appeal for everyone, whether you have an eating disorder or not," Hall said.

"Eating disorders are very prevalent in our society and it's not talked about very often."

Hawley said that all of the events are trying to push healthy eating as well as a healthy workout routine instead of trying to just be skinny.

"This event is really a celebration of your body," said Hawley.

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"gaining steam."

"I am hopeful that tomorrow, the Treasury will announce that they're doing it. And they have to do it quickly ... markets are waiting," Schamir, D-N.Y., said.

The administration has not indicated when it would announce its next steps.

Democrats also are lining up behind House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's plan to bring lawmakers back to Capitol Hill after the Nov. 4 election to work on a second economic relief plan.

The idea is "give the middle class and the average citizen the same kind of relief that we try to give the financial sector," said Democratic Rep. Barney Frank of Massachusetts, chairman of the House Financial Services Committee.

Top Democrats are suggesting a $150 billion measure that would extend jobless benefits, provide more money for food stamps and finance some construction projects, such as rebuilding bridges and roads. It would also include either a tax rebate or tax cut.

Rep. Roy Blunt of Missouri, the second-ranking House Republican, said he would hold on a plan "that makes sense" but is not laden with huge public works projects or bailout steps for states that overspent on social programs.

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WORD ON THE STREET

"Do you think political parodies such as the ones on 'Saturday Night Live' affect elections?"

"Probably not because I don't think anyone takes that seriously. It's just for a good laugh."

Ben Merritt, biomedical engineering freshman

"Yes, because it calls on the attention of people who probably wouldn't have taken the time to watch the news channels and they just let it bias their opinion."

-Katherine Foster, English freshman

"Yes, because people don't really bother to get informed. They just watch SNL and don't really check into what they're saying. So in a way they're informed, but crudely informed."

-Jenna Jerman, aerospace engineering freshman

"I think they do just because of the younger crowd of people that are voting. It's a little more interesting for people who may not enjoy the political side of it but enjoy the humor learning issues. Definitely it makes a more educated voter."

-Jordan Baker, agriculture business freshman

State Briefs

SANTA CRUZ (AP) — Investigators are looking into what caused a sand dune to collapse on three boys at a Santa Cruz beach, killing an 11-year-old.

State parks lifeguard supervisor Chip Bockman says the dune near an entrance to Natural Bridges State Beach collapsed Sunday afternoon.

Witnesses say one boy was buried for 10 minutes and another partially buried for 5 minutes. The third boy was also under the dune when it came down but fell to the side and was able to help locate the others.

Bockman said the two boys who survived were 9 and 10 years old but did not describe their conditions.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Coroner's have released the identity of a homeless man who was killed after being doused with gasoline and set on fire.

John Robert McCraham, 36, was found Jan. 22, 2009 by a passing motorist in the middle of a street in Koreatown. Investigators say they believe McCraham was drenched with gasoline and set on fire.

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"The Supreme Court has spoken," said Gov. M. Jodi Rell, a Republican who opposes same-sex marriage. "I do not believe their voice reflects the majority of the people of Connecticut. However, I am also firmly convinced that attempts to reverse the decision — either legislatively or by amending the state Constitution — will not meet with success."

Los Angeles County sheriff's officials say a missing man who was reported missing last month has been found dead.

Coroners have released the victim's identity. He lived, on the street.

Locals set up a makeshift memorial for McCraham, who had been in the area for at least 20 years and was often given food, clothes and spare change.

SANTA CRUZ (AP) — Santa Cruz County sheriff's deputies are still trying to identify a young man whose body was found alongside Highway 1 in Watsonville.

A hiker found the man's head on a trail north of Scott Valley on Sept. 30. His body was found nearby. Investigators say they believe the victim was killed in the area, but have not released the cause of death.

Sheriff's Lt. Phil Wisocky says investigators are reviewing hundreds of missing person reports from Santa Cruz and Santa Clara counties in hopes of finding the victim's identity.

The man is believed to have been between 14 and 22 years old but did not describe their conditions.

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Dina Cappiello

The economic free fall gripping the nation may bring down one of the main environmental objectives: capping the greenhouse gases that are blamed for global warming.

Democratic leaders in the House and the Senate, and both presidential candidates, continue to rank tackling global warming as a chief goal next year. But the focus on stabilizing the economy probably will make it more difficult to pass a law to reduce carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases. At the very least, it will push back when the reductions would have to start.

"Clearly it is somewhere down the totem pole given the economic realities we are facing," said Tom Williams, a spokesman for Duke Energy Corp., an electricity producer that has supported federal mandates on greenhouse gases. Duke is a member of the U.S. Climate Action Partnership, an association of businesses and nonprofit groups that has lobbied Congress to act.

Just months ago, chances for legislation passing in the next Congress and becoming law looked promising. The presidential candidates support mandatory cuts and a Democratic majority is ready to act on the problem after years of the Bush administration's resisting federal controls.

But the most popular remedy for slowing global warming, a mechanism known as cap-and-trade, could put further stress on a teetering economy.

Under such a system, the government would establish a market for carbon dioxide by giving or selling credits to companies with operations that emit greenhouse gases. The companies can then choose whether to invest in technologies to reduce emissions to meet targets or instead buy credits from other companies who have already met them.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Rep. Rick Boucher, D-Va., said that in light of the economic downturn, a bill that would give polluters permits free of charge would be preferable.

"The first way we can control program costs is by not charging industrial emitters," said Boucher, who released a draft of a bill this past week with the chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich. Giving away right-to-pollute permits was one of the options.

Other Democrats, however, see a cap-and-trade bill — and the government revenues it would generate from selling permits — as an engine for economic growth. Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama supports auctioning off all permits, using the money to help fund alternative energy, should you see this as a job creation opportunity for the U.S. to develop the products that are then sold around the world, then you should be optimistic about what the impact of passage would mean for the American economy," said Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass.
Elizabeth Kerrigan, left, and Joanna Mack bring their twin sons Fernando (second from left) and Carlos to the podium with them at a news conference in Hartford, Conn., Friday.

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but few other states are likely to recognize it.
The ruling was thrilling for the plaintiffs, eight couples who sued in 2004 after they tried to get wedding licenses.
"I can't believe it. We're thrilled; we're absolutely overjoyed. We're finally going to be able, after 33 years, to get married," said plaintiff Janet McKee of Chelmsford.
Piek said that when the decision was announced, she and her partner, Corie Conklin, started crying and hugging while juggling excited phone calls from her brother and other relatives and friends.
"We've always dreamed of being married," she said. "Even though we were lesbians and didn't know if that would ever come true, we always dreamed of it." A year after the suit was filed, Connecticut's General Assembly approved a civil unions law that gave same-sex couples the same rights as married couples. At the time, no other state had granted so many rights to gay couples without being ordered to do so by a court, but the plaintiffs declined to drop their lawsuit and said they wanted full marriage rights.
In the majority opinion, Supreme Court Justice Richard N. Palmar wrote that denying marriage to same-sex couples would create separate standards.
"Interpreting our state constitutional provisions in accordance with firmly established equal protection principles leads inevitably to the conclusion that gay persons are entitled to marry the otherwise qualified same-sex partner of their choice," Palmar wrote.
Three justices issued separate dissenting opinions.
Justice Peter T. Zarrella wrote that he believes there is no fundamental right to same-sex marriage, and that the court's majority failed to discuss the purpose of marriage laws, which he said is to "promote and regulate procreative conduct."
Zarrella added, "The ancient definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman has its roots in biology, not bigamy. If the state no longer has an interest in the regulation of procreation, then that is a decision for the legislature or the people of the state, and not this court."
The ruling cannot be appealed to federal courts because it deals with state constitutional issues, Attorney General Richard Blumenthal said.
The ruling overturns a decision from New Haven Superior Court. It becomes effective Oct. 28, and weddings are expected to begin within days after the lower court holds a hearing to implement the high court's ruling.
The White House reacted to the ruling by again raising the prospect of a federal constitutional amendment defining marriage as between a man and a woman.
"It's unfortunate that activist judges continue to seek to redefine marriage by court order without regard for the will of the people," Karl Zinzwasser, President Bush's domestic policy advisor, said in a written statement. "Today's decision by the Connecticut Supreme Court illustrates that a federal constitutional amendment defining marriage as between a man and a woman is needed.
"It's time for Congress to continue to work on legislation to permanently prohibit marriage licenses for gay couples and ban same-sex marriages."

** National **

DETOUR (AP) — General Motors Corp. and Chrysler LLC have held preliminary talks about a merger or an acquisition of Chrysler by GM, according to published reports Saturday.
The Wall Street Journal, citing people who described the discussions, said Cerberus Capital Management, the private equity firm that owns 41.1 percent of Chrysler and 51 percent of GMAC Financial Services, proposed trading Chrysler's automobile operations to GM.

WASHINGTON (AP) — North Korea says it will resume dismantling its Yongbyon nuclear complex and allow U.S. and IAEA inspections to verify the process.
North Korea's Foreign Ministry says in a statement Saturday that it made the decision after the U.S. said it would remove the communist regime from its list of terrorism-sponsoring countries.

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A Minneapolis radio station said Friday it would air public service announcements on HIV/AIDS after a pair of talk hosts accused Magic Johnson of taking AIDS.
KTLK's Chris Baker and Langdon Perry made the remarks during Baker's conservative talk show on Wednesday.

Admission is FREE for Cal Poly Students for all home Athletic events.
Poly instructor parleys life experiences into writing career

Jennifer Titcomb

He has come a long way since selling watermelons and poetry in Greece and using his bathroom breaks at Bay Area Corporations to edit his books. Cal Poly instructor Carson Medley has hit the big time and looks forward to continued success.

His controversial first novel "Ain't Whistlin' Dixie No More," speaks of racism and interracial relations in the south (which starts out in Mississippi in Amendment abolishing slavery and in one week they are either going to elect their first African American governor and Republican or a white congressman Democrat who has ties to the KKK," Medley said.

The book was published last October but is particularly relevant to American politics today. "It seems like it is a timely book right now; mainly because of the presidential election and the fact that we are kind of walking this idea of a black person being president of the United States," Cal Poly English professor Glen Starkey said.

"In his book I think it is kind of drawn broadly; it is a real satirical and the characters are kind of stereotyped really large but it deals with those issues about racism and sort of indoctrinated feelings that people have," Starkey said. "They have grown up a certain way and how hard it is to break that.

The book's main character, Spencer Mc-Daniels, experiences discrimination when he is enrolled in an almost all African American school, while he himself is white.

"The congressman is about to lose the election so he pulls his son Spencer out of prep school on the east coast and puts him in Mississippi's most violent school to show the people he cares," Medley said.

Interracial relationships come into play when Spencer falls in love with an African American girl, Kim Wallace, whom he attends school with. It is Spencer's tale of revenge against the south and injustice and racism and a terrible act that his father did to his mother, which was murder," Medley said.

The idea of the book was partly inspired by Medley's real life. "The seed was planted because there is a girl Katrina who plays Kim Wallace, and I was totally infatuated with her in high school but she was black and if I went out with her being the son of a lawyer in white Jackson, it just wouldn't have happened," Medley said.

Growing up in Jackson, Miss., he too went from a private to public school. "I was the white school prep kid that was at the almost all African American public school," he said.

Other inspiration for the book came from Medley's love for Shakespearean tragedies and Quentin Tarantino films.

"The way he constructed the story is he begins with the ending then you go through the rest of the book building up to where it started; so it is kind of backwards before that poor modern kind of fractured chronology," Starkey said.

"Ain't Whistlin' Dixie No More" took just two years to write but four years to edit. "I did nine drafts and when you do nine drafts of 554 pages it is an everyday process," Medley said. "I kind of wanted to create a hip-hop kind of novel because all of my dialogue is written in Ebonics or Black English Vernacular, which was awful to edit," he said.

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It may be small in size, but Cal Poly's Studio Art Club is big on acquainting its members with the outside art world. The Studio Art Club started out as a fundraiser for the university's art and design department but has since evolved into a separate entity. The club meets once or twice a month with Cal Poly's three main studio art professors and talks about contemporary issues in art.

"It exists to mainly bring students together to expose them to the contemporary art world outside of the class-" said club president Ashley Wertheimer. "I joined my freshman year, but I wasn't very interested in organized events like this. I just wanted to draw with them.

"Students that have taken his Reasoning, Argumentation, and Writing class agree. "He made it fun to go to class and cared about connecting with us," liberal studies junior Nicole Frey said. In his class students come up with their own theories and present them to the class.

"He encouraged us to come up with our own ideas. He was really open to any style of writing," math junior Lindsey Weed said. "I hated English and writing papers before this class," she added. Medley wants his students to leave his class with, "the ability to think critically and examine not only their own lives but every form of popular culture and media that surrounds them. And that they master the colon, the semicolon and the dash."

As a child Medley used his creativity to come up with good lies. "My father told me to speak the truth but make up good lies when I write," he said.

His advice to aspiring writers: "Don't expect overnight success and keep your day job. Better yet get a night job and write all day."
Avoiding a personal credit crisis

Your meal points are almost completely used up and it's not even halfway through the quarter. The food on campus was great the first couple of weeks, but now it tastes uninspired. The weather's changing from summer to fall and last year's winter clothing is, well, last year. All of a sudden that credit card you signed up for in order to get the plastic basketball hoop with complimentary foam ball seems to be helping out a lot with weekend excursions, more pleasurable dining experiences and fashionable threads.

As college students, we are consistently bombarded by credit card advertising, whether it be through the mail, telephone calls, social networking sites, or even your student newspaper's Web site. Why such aggressive marketing to a crowd of well-born-eared college students?

Simply stated, it's profitable. A study by the Federation of Students Public Interest Research Group released in March found that undergraduates are signing up for plastic in considerable numbers, and even further, are accumulating substantial amounts of debt from the use of those cards.

The study, which surveyed 1,500 undergraduates from 40 schools in 14 states — eight in California — found that of the 66 percent of students reported having at least one credit card and of that, 70 percent reported being responsible for their own payment. Of that 70 percent, more than two-thirds said that they had a balance. It makes sense that college seniors were the most hard hit by the credit card companies feel your pain. With an average balance of $2,623 compared to the freshman who averaged $1,307 on their balances according to the survey. More time at the mall and less time to rack up debt. So let's think about this for a second.

A hypothetical student with a hypothetical credit card balance (for one card), $9,900, a rate of 12.49 percent, who makes the hypothetical minimum payment of $40 a month, won't pay off their hypothetical credit card debt for 65 months. That's more than five years and only if you stop using the card. It's not too say that all students are irresponsible when it comes to credit cards. One of my co-workers said that she uses hers primarily for air travel to see her family on the east coast. A friend at another school said that he leaves his card at home and only uses it to fill up his gas tank.

There are others, however, that don't have the will power to live within their means and find themselves continuously struggling to get their loan to car payment to mobile phone bill on time. The consequences of defaulting on a credit card are devastating to your credit score. A low credit score is potentially hazardous to your career options or your ability to purchase a major appliance, such as a home or car, in the future. Many credit card companies also offer longer lease terms, insurance and even further, are accumulating substantial amounts of debt from the use of those cards.

College students need to be educated about the potential dangers of credit cards well before they get to college. On a broad scale, state and local governments should look into updating their laws to make it harder for high school economics classes and focus more on modern economic topics such as how credit cards work, what a credit score is and potential dangers of defaulting on loans and credit cards.

If students really wish to get a card they can go through other channels such as Facebook ads or through banks. Cal Poly should also include a mandatory 1-unit credit management course in the lower-division general education requirements in order to at least familiarize students with the basic concepts.

On an individual level, students need to be conscious of their own spending habits with regards to credit cards. If you have a balance and are making the minimum payments, seriously consider cutting up the card and live according to the real cash you have.

Jodina Appy is a journalism senior and a Mustang Daily reporter.
Round-up

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Freeman forward Wes Freigh-
ter opened the scoring in the 57th
minute, and sophomore forward
David Zanotta added the second
goal in the 64th.

Mustang goalkeeper Eric Brandenburg made three
saves in his fifth shutout of the season
and 21st of his career.

With the loss, the Titans (3-10-0)
remained winless in Big West
Conference play.

Cal Poly (8-3-2, 3-1) returns to
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And the Dodgers' 23-9 record at
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good idea is a step forward," Soares
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"The fact that we are all think
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of the game. Manny looked a little
more steamed than I was."

Manny had been the center of
attention during the first inning of
Game 2 on Fri-
day, and Martin was brought in
after the southpaw threw a broken
ball to Dodgers pinch-hitter
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Tori thought the warning from
umpires was proper.

"With the position that goes in
the position. It's not a walk, a
walk, all year to get here, and I think
the umpires just barely did try to do the
sive thing," Tori said. "And I can't miss
them in that.

"Nobody wants to get hit in the
head," Kuroda said. "That's certainly
true, I've been hit a couple of
times. I'm not sure that that was
the intention, even though the pitch
was there. Again, you try to throw
balls inside and sometimes it gets
away. But certainly there was no in-
tent on hitting somebody in that
area. That I can off you for sure.

The Phillies and Dodgers have
planned 11 times this season, including
eight in the regular season, with the
home team winning every game.

And the Dodgers' 23-9 record at
home after the All-Star break was
the best in the majors.

Kuroda, a 33-year-old rookie
pitching just the second postseason
start of a career that includes 11 years
in the Koshien League, came
game one hit and two runs,
one walk and three strikeouts before
being relieved by Cory Wade.

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Dodgers fight way back into NLCS