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Poly grads design
"White House
of the future"

Jennifer Titcomb
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Four Cal Poly architecture alumni competed in an international design competition where they were asked to redesign a modernized White House, called White House Redux, and they answered in a big way. The team of Jeff Frost, David Iseli, Justin Kruse and Laura Sperry, all of whom have left San Luis Obispo for the busy New York City life, won second place. Over 500 designs were entered from 42 different countries. The winners were selected by a jury composed of six prominent people in the architecture industry. Second place came with the perks of a $3,000 prize, the chance to attend the opening of Storefront for Art and Architecture’s contest exhibition and their work featured in the company’s “White House Redux The Book.”

“I think having our work displayed at Storefront (for Art and Architecture) for a month was the most significant reward,” Frost said.

The contest prompt was launched on Jan. 15 and the applicants had until April 27 to create the project. “(It took) several brainstorm lunch and dinner sessions at the beginning, and then we all waited until the last two weekends before it was due before doing any real work,” Kruse said.

“My two favorite parts were brainstorming everything at the beginning and then having it all come together on the last day,” Sperry said. “We decided to switch to the photoscopied book layout the morning of the competition deadline, so the rest of the day was a fantastic scramble to get everything done.”

Two of the group members were inspired by a professor they had while studying abroad in Italy during their senior year of college. “The whole thing was a kind of homage to a group of radical Italian architects from the 1960’s called Superstudio,” Kruse said.

The group's project consists of 12 different design concepts. “Each page of our proposal is a supposed excerpt from a larger volume of work that describes fictional future histories of our nation,” Kruse said.

Each future history is vastly different. “They range from a nation where the economy has collapsed and we turn to Vegas for answers, to a nation where the government now resides in a city in space, connected to the world from a space station,” Sperry said.

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Students battle to raise money for breast cancer

Cal Poly students played volleyball at the Rec Center lawn on Saturday to raise money for breast cancer. Recreation senior Mike Smith and civil engineering junior Mike Delach started the tournament.

Colin Powell endorses Barack Obama for president

Stephen Ohlemacher
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WASHINGTON — Colin Powell, a Republican and retired general who was President Bush’s first secretary of state, broke with the party Sunday and endorsed Democrat Barack Obama for president, calling him a “transformational figure” while criticizing the tone of John McCain’s campaign. Powell, a 26-year veteran of Congress and a former Vietnam prisoner of war, said McCain, a 26-year veteran of Congress and a former Vietnam prisoner of war, is weak. But, Powell added “I think we need a transformational figure. I think we need a president who is a generational change and that’s why I’m supporting Barack Obama, not out of any lack of respect or admiration for Sen. John McCain.”

The endorsement by Powell amounted to a stunning rejection of McCain, a 26-year veteran of Congress and a former Vietnam prisoner of war who has campaigned as the experienced, tested candidate who knows how to keep the country safe. Powell’s endorsement has been much anticipated because of his impressive foreign policy credentials, a subject on which Obama, a first-term senator from Illinois, is weak. Powell is a Republican centrist pop-
Bush looks forward to hosting summit

Deb Riechmann
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CAMP DAVID, Md. — President Bush, looking for answers to an global economic emergency with just three months left in office, will host an international summit to discuss ways to fix the world financial system but warned on Saturday against reforms that threaten capitalism.

"We will work to strengthen and modernize our nations' financial systems so we can help ensure that this crisis doesn't happen again," Bush said at the Camp David presidential retreat. Bush, meeting with French President Nicolas Sarkozy and European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso, did not announce a date or site for the summit. But Sarkozy suggested it be held in the shadow of Wall Street before the end of November.

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ular among moderate voters. At the same time, Powell is a black man and Obama would be the nation's first black president — a goal Powell considered pursuing for himself in 1996, before deciding not to run. Powell said he was cognizant of the racial aspect of his endorsement, but that was not the dominant factor in his decision. Powell expressed disappointment in the negative tone of McCain's campaign, his choice of Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin as a running mate and their decision to focus in the closing weeks of the contest on Obama's ties to 1960s-era radical William Ayers, saying "it goes too far." A co-founder of the Weather Underground, which claimed responsibility for nonfatal bombings in the United States during the Vietnam War era, Ayers is now a college professor who lives in Obama's Chicago neighborhood. He and Obama also served together on civic boards in Chicago.

"This Bill Ayers situation that's been going on for weeks became something of a central point of the campaign," Powell said. "That Mr. McCain says that he is a washed-out terrorist. Well, then, why do we keep talking about him?" That same question would come up a little later in the campaign, when McCain had been written off by the media, but he ended up winning the nomination. "Well, I've always admired and respected Gen. Powell. We've longstanding friends. This doesn't come as a surprise," McCain said on "Fox News Sunday." Powell said he remains a Republican, even though he sees the party moving too far to the right. He supports abortion rights and affirmative action, and said McCain and Palin, both opponents of abortion, could put more conservative justices on the Supreme Court.

"I would have difficulty with two more conservative appointments to the Supreme Court, but that's what we're looking at in a McCain administration," Powell said. Powell said that the current economic crisis is a "final exam" of sorts for McCain, suggesting that McCain had failed the test. "I found that he was a little unsure as to how to deal with the economic problems that we were having," Powell said. "Almost every day there was a different interpretation of economic isolationism and continue the policies of open markets that have lifted standards of living and helped millions of people escape poverty around the world." Since Oct. 9, 2007, when the Dow topped 14,164, investors have lost $8.3 trillion from pension funds, college savings plans, 401(k)s and other investments. Congress gave Bush a $700 billion plan to buy bad assets from banks and other institutions to shore up the financial industry. The crisis has roiled financial markets across the world, prompting fears of a worldwide recession.

"We're dealing with a significant problem," Bush said, calling for patience to let rescue measures take effect. "But the American people and our friends around the world can know that we're committed to whatever the measures will work." Barroso said it was time for the entire international financial system to be reformed.

"We need a new global financial order," he said. "The European Union and the U.S. can make a difference together." Sarkozy also stressed the urgency of what he said was a "worldwide crisis" that demands "a worldwide solution." He said hedge funds and tax havens cannot continue to operate as they have in the past, financial institutions cannot continue under supervisory control. "This is no longer acceptable," he said. "This is no longer possible.... This sort of capitalism is a betrayal of the sort of capitalism we believe in." White House deputy press secretary Tony Fratto said in a telephone call with reporters that the president wants to make sure that reforms do not restrict trade, slow down trade liberalization or impede the flow of capital between nations. But he said: "We do need to find ways to be transparent and ensure that major players, in particular, have the ability to prevent systematic events like what we're dealing with now."
Grocery bill still high?
Blame ‘sticky’ prices

Christopher Leonard
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Worries over a global recession have pushed the price of oil to its lowest in over a year. Don’t expect the same for a bottle of beer, a tube of toothpaste, or a box of cereal.

You can blame “sticky” prices. That’s what analysts call it when companies slap higher prices on products and keep them there even though the rationale for the price hikes — such as soaring oil prices — is gone.

The falling cost of oil could help companies pad their profit margins as they pay less to make and transport goods. But it won’t mean a break on the average grocery bill.

The price of consumer goods typically lags behind the price of key inputs like oil and wheat, said Chris Lafakis, an economist with Moody’s Economy.com.

“Consumer prices don’t change near as fast, because they are set by companies,” Lafakis said. “Commodity prices are set every day on an open market.”

The opposite is also true: Companies hesitate to hike prices because it might push consumers into the arms of a competitor, or to cheaper alternatives.

Meat companies like Tyson Foods Inc., for example, learned in the past 14 months. A sixth soldier faces an attempted murder charge.

“We have many great young Americans in our Army who have volunteered to serve during a time of war, almost all of whom are great citizens,” Graham said in a statement. “However, we too are very concerned about these horrible acts.”

Fort Carson also plans to re-screen about 1,200 soldiers from the brigade for potential physical or mental health problems.

Earlier Friday, Colorado Sen. Ken Salazar asked Army Secretary Pete Geren to investigate the slayings. Officials learned of the latest on Monday, when Spc. Robert Hull Marko, 21, led investigators to the body of a 19-year-old Juddilanna “Judi” Lawrence, whom he met on the social networking Web site MySpace, according to an arrest affidavit released Tuesday.

The affidavit said Marko told investigators he had violent sex with Lawrence before slitting her throat and leaving her to die in the foothills west of Colorado Springs. His next court appearance is Monday.

The issue of homicides by combat-stressed veterans gained national prominence in January, after The New York Times reported that at least 121 Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans had committed a killing in the United States or been charged in one.

Karen Linne, a spokeswoman for
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Stevens judged by 2 juries, trials and election

ONTARIO, Calif. (AP) — State authorities have arrested the owner of a signature-gathering firm on charges of committing voter registration fraud.

Secretary of State Debra Bowen says the Election Fraud Investigation Unit arrested Mark Anthony Jacobs, who owns the firm Young Political Majors. In late Saturday, near an Ontario hotel, Jacobs is accused of "registering himself" to vote twice — in 2006 and in 2007 — using the address of a childhood home in Los Angeles where he no longer lived.

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7:00 PM

MCU IRVINE

FRIDAY OCT. 24

7:00 PM

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MCU FULLERTON

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have swallowed losses this year as in- 
gredients costs rise because executives 
were fearful consumers would aban- 
don their products if prices jumped too 
fast. Tyson’s profit plunged 92 
percent in the third quarter and the 
company said it didn’t expect a re-
bound soon.

But once a price hike is in place, it 
virtually never goes away, Lakis said. The 
core factor that can drive prices down 
is a drastic drop in demand, but few economists expect the global 
economy downturn to be severe 
and it would cause widespread deflation, he said. More likely is that inflation 
will slow or possibly stall.

That was the case last month, when consumer prices were essen-
tially flat, even as oil prices plunged. 
The core Consumer Price Index, 
which eliminates food and energy 
prices, rose 0.1 percent, according to 
U.S. Labor Department figures. That 
was only about half the jump econo-
mists had expected, but it still lagged 
far behind the drop in oil prices. 
Crude oil has plunged more than 
53 percent from its record high of 
$147.27 between July and October.

Companies also tend to price 
their products based on what their 
competitors are charging and not 
necessarily on what it costs to make 
them, said Lars Perner, assistant 
professor of marketing at the University

of Southern California’s Marshall 
School of Business.

Coconut-Cola is more interested in 
what Pepsi is charging for a six-pack 
than the cost of its ingredients, such 
as high fructose corn syrup, he said. 
Neither Coca-Cola Co. nor PepsiCo 
Inc. would comment on possible 
price cuts in the future.

That means consumers are in a fix 
these days. Prices have been going up 
broader across whole categories of 
products, meaning competitors have 
been hiking prices in unison. For 
example, both Anheuser-Busch Cos. 
and SABMiller’s U.S. unit have 
been raising the price for beer, 
without one too worried that the 
price hikes will push customers to 
their competitor.

“They may be upset about it, but 
you really have fairly limited options 
as a consumer,” Perner said.

For prices to drop, consumers have 
hope that companies’ competitive 
prices start flowing again. The drop in 
and ingredient prices is creating a 
high-stakes game of chicken in the 
shopping aisle, Perner said.

If companies keep their prices 
at current levels, they can reap higher 
profit margin. But if one company 
starts cutting prices to lure customers 
away from competitors, it could start 
a price war.

“As soon as the first (company) in 
a category reduces prices, the others 
will follow suit. But they’re all hop-
ing the other one doesn’t’ cut prices,” 
Perner said.

Army continued from page 4
Fort Carson, said commanders two 
months ago ordered squad leaders 
and team leaders to revitalize sol-
diers to see if they needed additional 
help following concerns raised af-
ter another soldier from the unit 
was linked to a double slaying.

Pfc. Jarred Dennis Falo-Vives, 24, 
and Spec. Roderick Torres-Gar-
durral, 21, face attempted murder 
charges in the May 20 warrant 
for Capt. Zachary Zsody, who 
was shot twice while standing at 
an intersection. An arrest affidavit 
released in August said an AK-47 
used in the Zsody case was found 
in Falo-Vives’ apartment and it was 
also used in the June 6 deaths of 
two people gained down on the 
street while putting up signs for a 
garage sale.

Killed were Cesar Ramirez 
Bueno, 21, and Anativy Cer-
vantes, 28. Prosecutors filed mur-
der charges against Falo-Vives on 
Sept. 15.

Three other members of the 
unit were accused in the slayings of 
two soldiers. Bruce Barton Jr. was 
sentenced last month to 60 years in 
prison. He pleaded guilty to as-
ccessory to murder in the December 
shooting death of Kevin Sheldrake, 
23, of San Antonio, who was 
credit married in the August 2007 death of 
Robert James.

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Trial
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with the polls close and Stevens 
steak in the courtroom, his Democrat-
ic opponent, Mark Begich, has trashed 
him from afar. The Anchorage mayor 
defended his campaign spending 
and uses his legal predicament against 
him.

Democratic ad says the Alaska 
arms, including one featuring dra-
nified FBI agents listening to the 
senator. 

“Something has gone terribly wrong,” the narrator of one ad says. 

“I don’t believe it’s anyone here. It’s not about Alaska anymore.”

Stevens pushed for a speedy trial in 
hopes of clearing his name before Elec-

tion Day charges he purportedly failed to 
disclose on Senate financial forms 

during a White House stay and 
from his friend Bill Allen, the former chief of oil

services company VECO Corp.

The senator says his wife, Cath-
crine, paid every bill received by 
the couple for the modernization of 
their Alaska cabin — $160,000 in all. 
He also defended himself in court 
dark about the extent of the work 
and its cost.

The Alaska Democratic Party has 
directed the defense, accusing Stevens’ 

terests of trying to “bury and disguise” 
the jury by calling former Secretary of 
State Colin Powell, Utah Sen. Orrin 
Hatch and other Stevens friends of 
the senator as character witnesses.

Senate Majority Leader Harry 
Reid, D-Nev., has piled on as well. 

Voting urgent voters in an e-mail 
message to vote for Begich so Democrats 

can “reach a middle-ground majority — 60 Democrats.

"Tell Stevens we face two juries,” Reid wrote. “The first will determine 
whether or not he is guilty of (corrup-
tion) charges. The second will be the 

votes of the Alaskans, who have the oppor-
tunity to tell him they are tired of cor-
ruption.

Stevens’s campaign has countered 
by churning out news releases that make 
no mention of the trial. One carried 
the title, “Senator Stevens Does More 
after 5 p.m., than a Rookie Senator Could In a Year.”

“My opponent is trying to con-
vince Alaskans that he is not any longer ef-
fective,” the senator said in the release. 

Most loyal Alaskans, he added, “would 
disagreet.

While on the stand briefly Thurs-

day, Stevens offered autobiographical 

snippets that amounted to a 20-minute 
campaign ad. He described his child-
hood during the Great Depression, 
diary service in World War II, crus-
dade for Alaska statehood, the tragic 
loss of his first wife in a plane crash 
and four decades in the Senate.

On Friday, during hours of testimo-

ny, he was faced with the more tricky 
task of convincing jurors that a legis-
lator known for clarity and tenacity 
was agony about a project that turns 
his tiny A-frame cabin in Girdwood, 
Alaska, into a spacious two-story home 
with a sauna and wine cellar.

Stevens said he relied on Allen 
to oversee the project and, despite repet-

ted confrontations, his friend refused 
to stop giving him gifts.

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WORD ON THE STREET

“Do you believe in God?”

“I don’t believe in a supreme be-
ing watching over us but there is 
a force that binds us together.”

-Patrick Sparks, 

WWC

“Was, because I was raised 
Catholic, but even if I wasn’t, I 
would still believe in a higher 
power.”

-Gabriella Vetere,

WWW

“I do; something had to make 
all of this (the world).”

-Sean Connors, 

WWW

“Was, because I have exper-
enced his miracles firsthand.”

-Luke Gocke 

WWW

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and study patches at no cost. Reimbursement for time and travel may 
also be provided.

To learn more about this local study, please contact: 
Coastal Medical Research Group, Inc. 
549-7570

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Shakespeare Press Museum: a hidden treasure of Cal Poly community

Alissa Axsom

On the ground floor of the Graphic Arts building lies a little-known secret that takes you back to the 19th century, to a time when printing was done by hand and considered an art. Cal Poly’s Shakespeare Press Museum looks just like a printing office from the 1800s and is run mostly by students.

We like to think of it as we're trying to keep what a 19th century working printing office would have been like—said history graduate student Laura Sorvetti, museum curator for the museum. “What we do is we offer students and the public a large chance to see what it was like to print (on the 1800s).”

The Shakespeare Press Museum was started by a former newspaper man named Charles Palmo in 1964. He was friends with Shakespeare. “He kind of asked for some, and collected some printing equipment which he was interested in displaying at Cal Poly,” Sorvetti said.

The collection was donated to the museum in 1966 and opened to the public in 1967. As museum curator, graphic communications senior Alex Groat is trying to increase visibility to the campus and the public.

“I think this year we’re really going to focus on awareness, getting the word out there is a museum,” she said. “We’re trying to get more involved with other departments that we think would benefit from the museum.”

With over 12 printing presses and 450 fonts to choose from, the museum is thought to be one of the largest west of the Mississippi River. Sorvetti said and one of only two working press museums on the side of the Rockies.

Most of the working presses in the museum are used to print small postcards and cards. Currently, the club is printing Halloween and holiday cards to sell near the end of the quarter. The Campbell County Grindes Press (above left) is the “crown jewel” of the Shakespeare Press Museum and is used to make posters. The smaller presses are used to produce cards and posters. The museum is one of only two working press museums in the west.

“We like to try to give people the idea of how to design these postcards,” Sorvetti said. “We’re an arts student, becoming more visible in the arts community and just everywhere.”

In the museum, nearly everything is done by hand. There is no electricity, except for lights and Internet connection. The letters of each font are individual so the printer has to set them out by hand, exactly how he or she wants them.

“It’s a very intense process,” Sorvetti said. “You can’t just center something by pushing a button or have someone look through and decide which one you want.”

“It’s pretty amazing to have something you produced from beginning to end,” she said.

The club handles a variety of projects, from the holiday cards to graduation announcements and even the occasional wedding invitations. Groat said those projects are mostly from Graphic Communications majors who know about the museum.

“Once in a while the dean of the College of Liberal Arts comes down and has us (work on projects),” Groat said. “She’s a big supporter of the museum.”

While Graphic Communications majors make up the majority of the people using the presses, Groat and Sorvetti want to encourage all students and faculty to visit the museum as they both look to the future.

“It’s hard to get people to come down to it, to use it, not to come down here,” Sorvetti said. “We’d like to have what we know loved and more people know about the museum.”

The club is working on digitizing the fonts they have so that everyone can use them on computers as well as with the presses. Once these digitized fonts should be available in the next six months.

Sorvetti said they’re also trying to work with Kennedy Library when it has a Book Arts exhibit this spring. The club would like to get people who are familiar with letter press to work in this exhibit and showcase their work as well as the work that the students in the Shakespeare Press Museum.

“People should definitely come down here if they’re interested in print,” Groat said. “We’re just starting doing letter press this year. There’s no need to be afraid of it, we’re more than willing to show you how to print.”

The club is holding an open house this Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to help raise awareness about the museum.
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Palin smiles as ‘SNL’ mocks her anew

COLUMBUS — After watching “Saturday Night Live” make fun of her from afar, Sarah Palin witnessed it first hand as Tina Fey engaged in fiction by depicting her at the news conference the Republican vice presidential nominee has set to hold.

Later, Palin came on stage during the “Weekend Update” mock news segment and bobbed to the beat as cast member Amy Poehler performed a rap song the Alaska governor decided was too hardcore to perform herself.

“Tina and Jeremiah Wright’s ‘I’m the preacher, I got a bookish look and you’re all hot for teacher.” Poehler rapped as actors dressed as Eskimos, Palin’s husband, Todd, and a moose pranced across the stage.

The appearance was anticipated since September, when Fey began portraying Palin just after GOP presidential nominee John McCain selected the then-little-known governor as his running mate. The two look alike, and Palin remarked that people had often told her she resembled the actress.

In the show’s opening, Fey’s Palin told a news conference: “First off, I just want to say how excited I am to be in front of both the liberal elite media as well as the liberal regular media. I am looking forward to a portion of your questions.”

Moments later, the camera cut away to the real Palin watching a television monitor alongside the show’s executive producer, Lorne Michaels.

“You know, Lorne, I just don’t think it’s a realistic depiction of the way my press conferences would have gone,” Palin said. She said she wished he would have let her do a sketch about “30 Rock,” the NBC program in which Fey now stars.

That prompted Michaels to deadpan: “Honestly not enough people know that show.”

Palin then stood mute as Fey’s “30 Rock” co-star, Alec Baldwin came by, mistook Palin for Fey and pleaded with Michaels not to let the actor go onstage with the governor.

“This is the most important election in our nation’s history and you want her, our Tina, to go out there and stand with that horrible woman?” Baldwin said.

When Michaels broke down and introduced him to Palin, Baldwin sighed gravely and replied: “I see. Forgive me. I feel I must say this. You are way better as person.”

Palin got even, saying: “Thank you, and I must say, your brother Stephen is my favorite Baldwin brother.”

The camera soon cut back to Fey who answered a question about the polls.

“I don’t worry about the polls. Polls are just a fancy way of systematically predicting what’s going to happen. The only poll I care about is the North Pole, and that is... melting. It’s not great.”

The real Palin then walked onto the news conference set, and Fey fled.

“Thank you, thank you,” the governor said to applause from the studio audience. “No, I’m not going to take any of your questions, but I do wanted to take this opportunity to say, ‘Live from New York, it’s Saturday Night.’”

McCain, who spent Saturday night in Ohio, watched clips of the broadcast on Sunday. McCain said a crowd in Woodbridge, Va., on Saturday that he thought Fey and Palin were “separated at birth.”
Emilio Egger

Monday, October 20, 2008

**Poets and singers bring **_Flory Canto to San Luis Obispo_{**}

**Emilie Egger**

The smell of incense filled the room as the audience turned to face the four walls of the building Saturday night during "RAZA Speake Flory Canto," an open mic night sponsored by Cal Poly Multicultural Center volunteers. The audience was participating in a traditional Native American ceremony by standing in the four directions, which kicked off a night of Native American song and poetry at the Sawyer Gallery in downtown San Luis Obispo.

The evening's events were part of a university-wide Latino Heritage Month, which was hosted by the Multicultural Club and professor Gloria Vasquez.

Vasquez asked the audience to stand in solidarity with their heritage during the evening's events.

"Flory Canto symbolizes ties to the earth, harmony and the importance of El Paso and Las Vegas," said the University of New Mexico professor. "We can celebrate our similarities as well as our differences by sharing our stories.

"We are all connected to the earth. Flory Canto celebrates that connection.

"The audience was swaying and singing as they listened to the poets share their stories.

The audience then turned to face the four walls of the building, where they stood in silence as the performers took the stage.

A writer since she was a young child, Migud Harris, an El Paso alumnus and musician, who adapted her poetry to be placed on the stage.

"I wanted to symbolize different perspectives and the same side of our heritage."

"Flory Canto" was written by poet and composer Judy Haas.

"I wrote a poem for the class and I just put it to music because that's what's easiest for me," said Maynard.

Maynard's latest work, "From Mexico," was released on cassette tape last year. The album included songs that she wrote and performed in both Spanish and English.

"Flory Canto" was one of the performances at Saturday's event.

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Is patriotism partisan?

Does patriotism have a political party? Some might say yes.

Last Thursday night at a fundraiser in Greenwood, N.C., Republican Vice Presidential candidate Sarah Palin was quoted as saying that "we believe that the best of America is in these small towns that we get to visit, and in these wonderful little pockets of what I call the real America, being here with all of you hard-working, very patriotic, very pro-America areas of this great nation.

She went on to add that this is where we find "those who are protecting the best of this great nation." She went on to add that doing so requires "toughness and courage," and "a willingness to push for change, even at a time when doing so put them against the status quo.

Palin was no doubt referring to the small, conservative towns that will provide much of the Republican support in the upcoming general election. These comments left me wondering: does that mean that "daring to disagree with the actions of government is treason.

I call the real America, being here with all of you working Americans are not the only patriots in our country. To suggest that this is the real America, and that the rest of us live in phony, unpatriotic "pockets" of war, along with the idea of spreading democracy to all, GOP members traditionally support the notion of sending Americans to risk their lives overseas, in wars and embracing old-fashioned values become fashionable to those in need is an "inalienable rights" which in include "pursuit of happiness" conversations.

I've never heard anybody dismiss them as a bunch of unpatriotic liberal-thinkers.

Sorry Gov. Palin, but those small-town, hard-working Americans are not the only patriots in our country. To suggest that this is the real America, and the best of America, is simply not true. If you really think all of you, haven't been looking hard enough.

Nicole Bridgeham is a business junior and a guest columnist for the Mustang Daily.

If I'm not mistaken, the Declaration of Independence lists certain "inalienable rights" which include the right to "life." Denying health care to those in need is an infringement of that right. "Inalienable" seems pretty damn simple to me. As far as I know there's no... unless you can't afford it, in which case, piss off, claim. We don't even have to get into the pursuit of happiness" conversations.
In commemoration of the death of voter registration 2008 and Cal Poly’s “Democracy Week,” I have an idea. An idea that I believe will shake our political system to the core. It is a plan that I think students at Cal Poly can get behind and embrace. It is based on what I have seen on-campus, what I have seen off-campus, and most importantly what I feel in my heart.

Last week, several of my friends were participating in some very American Cal Poly student activities. They were drinking on the quad, smoke-scant, and it seems as if you have done it several times in your time here at Cal Poly. I stopped by, and sure enough broke one of the cardinal rules of college life: never drink and debate.

One declaration pulled me in: one indignant vote for Ralph Nader. I know that it may go against my college roots, but, despite my respect for Nader, I think he is an arrogant man who would rather prove a selfish point than serve a greater good. I began debating with some women who had been drinking, and despite all odds, the same politics I have stood by for as long as I can remember vaporized. What he said shattered my world view.

What I made out through the screaming though, made more sense to me than anything I had ever heard on CNN, and it is my proposition to Cal Poly, and to our country. Elected in all of the voices and minds of our population, I believe that plan, straight from the mouth of a Cal Poly student, may be able to turn our country around.

Let us once and for all do away with the two-party system. It is flawed and of course does not support the ongoing trend surfacing in America of choosing “Joe Six-Pack” with an IQ of 42 to run the free-world.

But back to the drunk defender of our freedom and voice, this nameless man opened my eyes and gave me a voice. He taught me that falling in line with the two-party system, even if that is where your true loyalty lies, is conforming to the “man.” He taught me that anyone who votes for Obama or McCain cannot be voting for what they believe in because neither candidate has the ability to represent all of the views of every singular member of society.

I know, crazy, right? It’s hard to believe that no one has ever come up with this genius before. This is what I propose: that we eliminate all political parties. In fact, I propose that we eliminate all campaigns and preliminary elections. On Nov. 4, I think that we should all be able to vote for whomever we think should be in office. Whether you believe that you will be best represented by Barack Obama, or you are like me and believe that you would be best represented by my roommate, you should be able to vote that way.

Getting your ballot in this manner would ensure that voters are able to nominate the candidate who wholly represents them. We would have a bevy of candidates, and a lot of options. It would be political perfection.

Though the downside may be that our new president would only represent four percent of the American population, at least we can all rest easy that we were able to vote for someone who we totally agreed with, even if none of us are stuck with the Gun-Totting, Drill-in-your-Backyard, Drink-a-Couple-Beers-and-Hold-a-Press-Conference-S drunk Six-Pack.” At least he is one of us.

Or maybe we Americans, and more importantly college students should consider the benefits of the two-party system before we fight the “man,” and remember to never drink and debate.

Rachel Newman is an English junior. “That’s What She Said” takes a fresh and mean-spirited proposition. We must defeat, like Proposition 4. We must do away with the two-party system. It is a plan that I think students at Cal Poly should consider before running for office. He ran because he wanted to represent the voices of young people he taught at the college level for a very long time before running for office. He ran because he taught and worked with for perfection.

There are also a few important propositions we must defeat, like Proposition 4. We must protect the safety of young girls who often don’t have parents they can turn to in time of need. We also must defeat Proposition 8, which seeks to ban same sex marriages and embolden discrimination against gays and lesbians in our state’s constitution. This is 2008 and it’s way past time to stop demonstrating so many of our friends and family members because of who they fall in love with. I urge you to defeat this mean-spirited proposition.

Now, if you are thinking your one lonely voice doesn’t really make a difference, think again. In 2000, George Bush won the presidency by winning Florida by 538 votes. In 2004 there were over 20 million eligible young voters that didn’t vote and John Kerry lost his election by thousands in Ohio. Elections are decided all over this country every year by just a few votes. Every vote counts in every election, be it for president or state propositions.

I know this is true from personal experience. As some of you may know, my husband Walter taught at the college level for a very long time before running for office. He ran because he wanted to represent the voices of young people — their hopes and dreams, their ideas and commitments — that he taught and worked with for so long. He won, as I have won in elections since, in no small part because of the support and votes from students along the Central and South Coast. Your votes made the difference then and they can do so again this November. But only if you are registered to vote.

So remember, today is the last day to make sure you can vote in this election. You must register today, so be sure to stop by the University Union or one of the voter registration tables on campus. Even if you don’t know yet what you think about Obama and McCain, or my race or the others, give yourself the chance to figure it out by registering to vote today.

Today is the last day to register to vote. Your vote gets heard. Don’t sit it out. Don’t let your friends or your roommates sit it out. Register today.

Lea Capps represents the 23rd congressional district and is a Mustang Daily guest columnist.
### The New York Times Crossword

**Across**
1. Wild-eyed and ready (9)
6. Mutual of (11)
11. With G5-Across, where this puzzle's creator is based (7)
14. Guy (W.W.) (bomber) (5)
15. Religious doctrine (11)
16. Brawler's home: Abbr. (5, 5)
17. Sacred song (11)
19. _pro nos_ (giga for us) (2)
23. Oral history (11)
29. James Brown's (11)
32. Opposite SSW (11)
41. Actress Gardner (11)
42. Guinness who played Go-War (11)
43. Song sung around Christmas (11)
46. That's a wrap (11)
56. Airport info: Abbr. (7)
58. Cincinnati team (11)
60. Steak variety (11)
65. Defer (to) (11)
66. See 11-Across (11)
67. Rings, as a church bell (11)
68. Tender spots (11)

**Down**
1. Office note (2, 3)
2. Soon, poetically (5)
3. Less competent (4, 2, 3)
4. De France (8)
5. Multipurpose (11)
6. Go down, so to speak (11)
7. "I just met a girl named 'West Side Story'" to speak (11)
8. Sands (hot winds) (9)
9. The Titanic's mast (11)
10. Southampton (11)
11. Michael (11)
12. Ultimate player of the TV game (11)
13. Scouting group (11)
14. Center of 31 Down (11)
15. Online poll (11)
16. Lab maze runner (4, 3, 4)
17. Oral history (11)
20. "You're so Beautiful" (11)
21. Proceed (11)
22. Lab maze runner (11)
25. Respect that one deserves, in slang (11)
26. Related to an arm bone (11)
27. Mount on which Noah landed (11)
28. Fly into the wild blue yonder (11)
29. Imprisoned (11)
30. "Are you good"? (11)
31. "Will you have no school?" lines (11)
32. "Low..._" diet (11)
33. Related to an arm bone (11)
34. "It's a Jungle out there" (11)
35. Easter (11)
36. See 11-Across (11)
37. As a church bell (11)
38. Tires irons loosen (11)
39. "Are you good"? (11)
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52. Masonry tool (11)
53. Contrite ones (11)
54. Mother of Don Juan (11)
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56. Airport info: Abbr. (7)
57. "I just met a girl named 'West Side Story'" to speak (11)
58. Cincinnati team (11)
59. Teachers' grp, Abbr. (11)
60. Steak variety (11)
61. Bandleader (11)
62. "I just met a girl named 'West Side Story'" to speak (11)

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Back-to-back goals lift Gauchos over Mustangs

The UC Santa Barbara women's soccer team had a pair of players score twice Sunday evening to lift the Gauchos to a 2-4 win at Cal Poly in Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

Kathryn Kugler scored in the 30th minute on a penalty kick and in the 43rd on an assist from Zazou Lespere. Then tallied back-to-back goals in the 74th and 75th minutes on assists from Sami Serrek and Jacques Simon, respectively.

Cal Poly's score came courtesy of Kristina Condon-Sherwood (on an assist from Leah Morales in the 54th minute) and Carrie Andrews (on the 82nd on an assist by Condon-Sherwood).

The Mustangs (8-7, 3-1 Big West Conference), who lost despite outshooting the Gauchos (19-5, 3-1-1) by a margin of 18-10, visit Pacific at 5 p.m. Friday.

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THE WEEKEND THAT WAS
what you may have missed in Cal Poly sports

men's soccer | UC SANTA BARBARA 1, CAL POLY 0 (2 OT)

Top: Cal Poly's David Zamora (10) gets ahead of the Gauchos defense during the Mustangs' 1-0 loss Friday night in Alex G. Spanos Stadium. Bottom, Cal Poly fans enjoy the match, which was nationally televised by Fox Soccer and attended by a sell-out crowd of 11,075 — the third-largest regular-season college men's soccer audience ever.

women's volleyball | CAL POLY 3, UC IRVINE 1

Left: Cal Poly's Kylie Atherstone (5) had a team-high 17 kills during the Mustangs' 25-21, 20-25, 25-23, 25-15 victory Saturday night at Mott Gym. Right: Cal Poly's Hailey Fishman (17), who distributed 43 assists, teams with others trying to block the Anteaters.

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