Engineering: women still minority in all departments

Omar Sanchez

It's no secret that few women study engineering at Cal Poly. The most recent statistics released by the school showed that women make up only 15 percent of engineering majors.

The National Science Foundation's Advance program recently awarded four Cal Poly professors nearly $200,000 to study the experiences of female faculty in fields including engineering.

Nigul Sungar, professor for the College of Science and Mathematics; The team includes Mary A Armstrong and Jana Jaworski, both professors in the College of Liberal Arts; and Daniel Walsh, a faculty member in the College of Engineering.

Sungar said that the number of women graduating with degrees in engineering is higher than the number of female engineers teaching at higher institutions of learning.

"Something we're possibly trying to identify are barriers that prevent women from getting jobs or retaining teaching positions relating to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) fields at Cal Poly," Sungar said.

That study is currently in the planning stages and little is presently known why there is a shortage of women engineers teaching at Cal Poly.

Sungar and the team want to avoid making assumptions. "We're trying to enter this with an open mind," she said.

Workman thinks that perhaps some women are uninterested in studying engineering and suggested that an increased focus on math courses targeted towards young women could possibly change this.

Students like biomedical engineering junior Lesley Telford hold similar views.

"It's shown that students lose interest in math and science in the fourth or fifth grade level," Telford said.

Telford, a member of the Society of Women Engineers, said the club exists to expose young women to female role models. She thinks having female professors is unnecessary as long as professors are supportive of women in engineering.

Another trend some SWE members noted is the high number of female biomedical engineering majors compared to women in other engineering concentrations.

Telford credits her concentration in biomedical engineering to her interest in both biology and engineering.

Mechanical engineering senior and SWE member Brian Hill thinks gender stereotyping is a possible factor in women's decision to study biomedical engineering instead of other areas, such as mechanical engineering.

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Scott Silvey

"Going green.

It's the new catchphrase thrown around by people these days to symbolize their newfound care for the environment.

For Brandon Borene, going green is a lifestyle choice that means more than just recycling old plastic bottles. He is taking it a step further by bringing his vision of the future of restaurants and industries to San Luis Obispo.

Borene and his wife Susan will open Pizza Fusion, an environmentally-friendly eatery, next to Trader Joe's on Higuera Street. The upscale pizza place may be a little different than what you might expect from a typical pizzeria.

"When I discovered (the Pizza Fusion franchise) I just knew it was a perfect fit because it fit our healthy lifestyle, it fit what we're about as people, and I also knew it was a perfect fit for the community of San Luis Obispo," Borene said.

After having twins in 2004 the Borene's discovered organic food during their search to live a healthier lifestyle for their young family. But after a while the menu began to wear thin.

"One of the complaints we had about organic eating is that there is a lack of options for outside of home eating," Borene said.

So Borene is attempting to turn Pizza Fusion into the first organic-certified restaurant in San Luis Obispo.

Robert H. Heid

Iraqi Cabinet says U.S. pact needs change

Robert H. Heid

BAGHDAD — Iraq's Cabinet decided Tuesday to ask the U.S. for changes to the draft agreement that would keep American troops here three more years, as key Shiite lawmakers warned the deal stands little chance of approval as it stands.

The decision, reached in a closed-door meeting that lasted nearly six hours, raised doubt that the agreement can be ratified before a new American president is elected next month.

Parliament must approve the draft before the current U.N. mandate expires on Dec. 31 or no legal basis will exist for the U.S.-led military mission.

Such an outcome would force hard decisions in Baghdad and Washington on the future of the unpopular war.

Critics maintain the draft falls short of Iraqi demands for full control of their own country after nearly six years of U.S. occupation. Supporters insist Iraq still needs change.

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Brandon Borene is attempting to make his upcoming restaurant environmentally-conscious through measures such as using hybrid cars to deliver pizza.
employees will also wear organic cotton uniforms and all delivery orders will be delivered from one of the company's two Toyota Prius hybrid vehicles.

While this may sacrifice the appetite of environmentally conscious eaters, customers concerned more about the flavor of the food than the recycled counter tops they will eat on won't be disappointed, Borene said.

All the pizza toppings will be organic, including meat and there will be many specialty pies to choose from along with the traditional option of building a pizza.

Pizza Fusion will also offer salad and sandwiches along with an organic beer and wine bar and organic sodas.

The restaurant will be full service inside. Borene said.

Salads will be served on chilled plates and gluten-free brownies served on a warm plate drizzled in chocolate sauce for dessert will be offered.

Borene plans to give back to the community by hosting a free children's program every three weeks. They will learn about "organics and give back to the earth" and be able to make their own free pizza.

With no comparable pizzerias in town, Borene is excited to see his dream of organic food come to fruition in San Luis Obispo.

"There's nobody that's offering a concept such as this," Borene said. "And if there were, I wouldn't be doing it."

Borene senior Chris King thinks the idea will succeed through his confirmed that the idea is new to San Luis Obispo and in a market flooded with other pizza options, it will have to carve out its own niche.

"It's ahead of its time anyway. I would be shocked if it didn't succeed in some way (but) They can't just go with the organic kick because eventually that luster is going to wear off."

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Hill considers himself lucky for having an average of one to two women in his mechanical engineering classes.

"I've heard of classes where it's just guys," Hill said. "When you have one or two women, and max out at four in classes of 20 or 30 students, the percentage is really low."

He speculated that women don't aspire to teach for reasons similar to why men don't desire for a higher income or desire to put their education to work in a commercial field. Software engineering junior Alyssa Dow said she would like to teach one day, but only after years working in the industry. She credits some of her professors for this new ambition.

"Before I did not see teaching as an option, but after speaking with some professors, I now would like to take some classes on teaching," she said.

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needs U.S. military and political support as it builds its security forces and government institutions.

Opposition, however, is divided, with different parties objecting to different parts of the agreement, which could make it difficult to win broad support for the entire document before the year-end deadline.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and his ministers reviewed details of the draft, the official said, and hammered it out in months of tortuous negotiations, and concluded that changes were needed "to raise the agreement to a nationally acceptable level," government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said in a statement.

Cabinet members will prepare a list of proposed changes to present to the Americans, al-Dabbagh said without giving a timeframe.

Government officials said al-Maliki wanted the proposed changes submitted Wednesday so the full Cabinet could consider them Sunday. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not supposed to release the information.

The officials said the ministers of planning, defense and interior — which rely heavily on U.S. support — agreed to accept changes without conditions. Others in the 37-member Cabinet raised various objections to the draft.

The Bush administration was waiting for a formal statement from the Iraqis before commenting.

Al-Maliki wants his coalition Cabinet of Sunnis, Shiites and Kurds to sign off on the draft before he sends it to parliament.

The prime minister, who is a Shiite, fears he could end up politically isolated if he pushes forward with the controversial agreement without solid political backing.

The agreement calls for U.S. troops to leave Iraqi cities by the end of June but added that this will be connected to the security situation on the ground. Al-Maliki's main partner in the 30 lawmakers loyal to anti-American Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr are expected to vote against the deal. With solid opposition from the Sunnis, the prime minister needs strong backing from the Supreme Council, which also holds 30 seats, as well as his own Dawa Party, with 25 lawmakers.

So far, only the Kurdish parties, which control 54 seats, have expressed unequivocal support for the draft. Other parties either oppose the agreement or want to show their constituents that they accepted the deal only after resisting U.S. demands as long as possible.

Al-Hakimuddin al-Safigh, an influential Supreme Council lawmaker, said the agreement stands no chance of parliamentary approval without changes. Another Supreme Council lawmaker, Humam Hmoudi, told reporters that amendments were necessary because of "national sensitivities."

"What they (Americans) gave with their right hand they took away with the left," said Hmoudi, chairman of the parliament's foreign affairs committee. "They brought new conditions and limits such as in the article about leaving the cities. They agreed to leave by no later than June but added that this will be connected to the security situation on the ground."

Kurds also have also refused to take a position, possibly because major Shiite parties haven't done so either. Many Sunnis prefer the Americans to stay as a protection against the Shiite-led government.

But Sunni politicians are deeply sensitive to being tagged as American puppets, recalling that Sunni tribes that supported Britain in the 1920 revolution are still shamed as traitors.

Sunnis spokesman Salim Abdullah told Alhurra television that his group was concerned that a clause providing for U.S. help against "outlawed groups and remnants of the former regime" could be used against "innocent individuals" who served in the Saddam government.

U.S. and Iraqi officials believe Iraq's security forces still need American support to guarantee the security gains of the past year. Sunni and Shiite extremist have been battered but not defeated.

In this photo released by the Iraqi Government, Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, right, meets with U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, Michael Leavitt, in Baghdad, Iraq, on Monday, Oct. 20, 2008.

If the agreement fails to win approval, the two governments could ask the U.N. Security Council to extend the mandate. But the Iraqis don't like that option because they want to be freed from all U.N. restrictions, some of which have been in place since the 1990 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

Another could be to move U.S. troops into giant bases around the country and suspend all security operations pending a full withdrawal or another agreement.
San Francisco considers decriminalizing prostitution

Evelyn Nieves
ASSOCIATED PRESS

In this live-and-let-live town, where medical marijuana clubs do business next to grocery stores and an annual fair celebrates sadomasochism, prostitutes could soon walk the streets without fear of arrest.

San Francisco would become the first major U.S. city to decriminalize prostitution if voters next month approve Proposition K — a measure that forbids local authorities from investigating, arresting or prosecuting anyone for selling sex.

The ballot question technically would not legalize prostitution since state law still prohibits it, but the measure would eliminate the power of local law enforcement officials to go after prostitutes.

Proponents say the measure will free up $1 million the police spend each year arresting prostitutes and allow them to form collectives.

"It will allow workers to organize for our rights and for our safety," said Pasta Prostitution, page 6
Alaska funded Palin kids' travel

Brett J. Blackledge, Adam Goldman and Matt Apuzzo

Gov. Sarah Palin charged the state for her children to travel with her, including to events where they were not invited, and later amended expense reports to specify that they were on official business.

The charges included costs for hotel and commercial flights for three daughters to join Palin to watch their father in a snowmobile race, and a trip to New York, where the governor attended a five-hour conference and stayed with 17-year-old Bristol for five days and four nights in a luxury hotel.

In all, Palin has charged the state $21,012 for her three daughters' six one-way and 12 round-trip commercial flights since she took office in December 2006. In some other cases, she has charged the state for hotel rooms for the girls.

Alaska law does not specifically address expenses for a governor's children. The law allows the state to pay for payment of expenses for anyone conducting official state business.

As governor, Palin justified having the state pay for the travel of her daughters — Bristol, Willow, 14, and Piper, 7 — by noting on travel forms that the girls had been invited to attend or participate in events on the governor's schedule.

But some organizers of these events said they were surprised when the Palin children showed up uninvited, or said they agreed to a request by the governor to allow the children to attend. Several other organizers said the children merely accompanied their mother and did not participate. The trips enabled Palin, whose main office is in the capital of Juneau, to spend time with her children.

"She said any event she can take her kids to is an event she tries to attend," said Jennifer McCarthy, who helped organize the June 2007 Family Day Celebration picnic in Ketchikan that Piper attended with her parents.

State Finance Director Kim Gardner told The Associated Press she has not reviewed the Palin's travel expense forms, so she could not say whether the daughters' travel with their mother would meet the definition of official business.

On Aug. 6, three weeks before Republican presidential nominee Sen. John McCain chose Palin his running mate, and after Alaska reporters asked for the records, Palin ordered changes to previously filed expense reports for her daughters' travel.

In the amended reports, Palin added phrases such as "First Family attending" and "First Family invited" to explain the girls' attendance.

"The governor said, 'I want the purpose and the reason for this travel to be clear,'" said Linda Peratrovich, state director of administrative services.

When Palin released her family's tax records, which overlooks Central Park.

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The event's organizers said Palin asked if she could bring her daughter.

Alexis Geller, who organized Newsweek's Third Annual Women & Leadership Conference, said she does not know how Bristol ended up attending. Geller said inviter usually attend alone, but some ask if they can bring a relative or friend.

Geller, the campaign spokesman, said he believes someone with the event personally sent an e-mail to Bristol inviting her but he did not have it to provide. Records show Palin also met with Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Goldman Sachs representatives and visited the New York Stock Exchange.

In January, the governor, Willow and Piper showed up at the Alaska Symphony of Seafood Buffet, an Anchorage gala to announce winners of an earlier seafood competition.

"She was just there," said James Browning, executive director of Alaska Fisheries Development Foundation, which runs the event. Griffin said the governor's office received an invitation that was not specifically addressed to anyone.
State Briefs

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger will call legislators back to Sacramento to address California’s worsening economic and a deficit that is expected to top $3 billion.

Spokesman Aaron McCarr said Tuesday that the governor believes the budget crisis is so severe that a special session must be called before the new Legislature is sworn in Dec. 1.

There also is a political calculation for the governor. Lawmakers whose term expire this year might be more willing to vote for a temporary tax increase or other unpopular ways to bring in extra revenue.

First, finance officials need to figure out exactly how short of cash California will be. The state treasurer’s office put the figure at $3 billion for the remainder of this fiscal year, but the state is expecting updated financial numbers in the next few weeks.

CASTAIC (AP) — An overturned tractor-trailer on Interstate 5 is bringing traffic to a stop about 65 miles north of Los Angeles.

California Highway Patrol officer Patrick Kimball says three of four lanes on I-5 southbound side in northern Los Angeles County are closed because of the truck that turned over Tuesday morning around 5:50 a.m. The truck was carrying rolls of paper, and some diesel fuel spilled.

Kimball says the lanes are expected to be closed into the afternoon.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A Los Angeles jury has ordered Boeing Co. to pay $370 million over a contract dispute with a communications company headed by cellular phone pioneer Craig McCaw.

The Superior Court jury reached its decision Tuesday in favor of ICO Global Communications Holdings Ltd., which accused Boeing of breaching a contract to produce satellites. The trial lasted four months and included weeks of deliberations.

Virginia-based ICO sued Boeing for around $1.5 billion in actual damages. The lawsuit stems from a decade-old plan to launch satellites that would transmit mobile service.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A Los Angeles city councilman wants to halt construction of new elephant habitat at the city zoo and use the money to build a city-run sanctuary for pachyderms.

Councilman Tony Cardenas filed motions Tuesday to reclassify what’s left of the $36 million has been spent. Construction is already too small to keep elephants happy.

They intend to complete the project.
Utah geologists discover 'dinosaurs dance floor'

Mike Stark

SALT LAKE CITY — Geologists say they have discovered prehistoric animal tracks so densely packed on a Utah mesa that they're calling it a "dinosaurs dance floor.'

The site, along the Arizona-Utah state line, offers a rich new set of clues about the lives of dinosaurs 190 million years ago.

Back then, large animals of the West were all about 30 feet long, dinosaurs were found in what would become a waterless, canyon-rimmed trough among towering, wind-whipped sand dunes.

The footprint cluster provides fodder for researchers trying to understand dinosaurs that survived in what many considered a "saurian desert." Mike Stark, curator of vertebrate paleontology, said the landing site, which is located in a protected area of Vermilion Cliffs National Monument, was formed along the foot of a mesa in a square yard.

"It was a place that attracted a crowd kind of like a dance floor," said Stark.

Researchers identified four different kinds of tracks in the rock but haven't determined the specific species that left them behind.

Some of the footprints — once thought to be potholes formed by erosion — measure 3.5 inches across and have three toes and a heel.

Others are smaller and more circular.

The area also includes what researchers think are tiny tall stick marks.

Kevin Steiner, a scientist at a nearby geology lab, said the area might have been a popular gathering spot for adults and youngsters alike.

It could have been one of many places where Early Jurassic dinosaurs stopped for refreshment before moving along.

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liberation likely to begin by afternoon.

Kamaludeen, who claimed he wanted to be freed that afternoon, was complex.

The next day, the mayor of Kula announced that "it was premeditated. It started in Aug.

Professor K has been endorsed by the local Democratic Party, the mayor, district attorney, police department and much of the business community oppose the idea, contending it would increase street prostitution, allow punks the run of neighborhoods and hamper the fight against sex trafficking, which would remain illegal because it involves forcing people into the sex trade.

The San Francisco Chronicle editorialized against the measure, saying it could make the city 2 magnet for prostitution.

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They decided to kill Judy in exchange for the money.

The mayor of Kula announced that "it was premeditated. It started in Aug.

That was the whole master plan," he said.

But when he arrived in Mexico, he went to the U.S. Embassy to get a visa to go to South America, he said they reported him to immigration officials, who took him into custody.

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Movie night to raise funds for Wheelchair Foundation

Cal Poly's student chapter of the Wheelchair Foundation hopes to raise at least $90,000 at a movie night fundraiser tonight at the Fremont Theatre. The foundation, which will be selling $5 tickets to a showing of "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone," will generate money to help send wheelchairs and provide cataract surgeries for needy residents of Oaxaca, Mexico.

"The whole mission is to give the gift of mobility and by doing that, you're giving someone a chance to get back into society and live their life again because they won't be dependent on their family and friends anymore," said business junior Helya Naghibi, project manager for the foundation. "We forget when we live in San Luis Obispo how easy it is to take everything for granted so I want to be able to give the gift that I have to somebody else."

The foundation, which began eight years ago, is a non-profit that keeps an eye on different needy regions of the world. Every year, the Cal Poly chapter chooses a location and spends all year raising money for it. If students who are able to, they'll travel the area during the summer to hand-deliver the wheelchairs.

Journalism senior Tyler Brewer works in media relations for the foundation for his senior project. He said going to Oaxaca and seeing the faces of the people in need would be an amazing hands-on adventure.

"It just looks like a phenomenal experience just to be able to give a person who can't walk or can't get around on a daily basis a vehicle to get around," he said. "When I was looking for a senior project, I was looking for something with a little adventure and instead of writing a boring old paper, I was super ecstatic at the idea of actually helping people. I'd never really been in a cause like this where you solely dedicate yourself to a cause so for me it was just exciting to have a chance to give to people in need."

Last year the foundation raised $90,000 and brought 100 wheelchairs to Malawi and 260 to Peru. They hope to reach the $150,000 mark by the end of this year, enough to send two containers full of wheelchairs along with the cataract surgeries.

Their next fundraiser will be an art show on Nov. 6 and will feature photographs from last year's visit to Peru.

Tonight's event is expected to bring between 300 and 400 people, according to Brewer. It starts at 7:30 and those who come in a Halloween costume will automatically be entered in a raffle to win an iPod.
Everyone needs one. For those playing the game, it would actually increase the possibility of scoring. I'm not talking about an amazing jump shot or a gorgeous golf swing, or a 50 million foot vertical. What I'm referring to is something I would like to call a Handy Handy Score Kit. In layman's terms, it is a box, basket, or collection of things that could not only increase pleasure during an experience but create a much more romantic evening.

Personally, I tend to be a fan of romance. In fact, Romance and I are on a first-name basis. Friends would tell you that I am the largest sap in the entire world and never pass up a moment to say, "Aww," when the opportunity presents itself.

This kit that I present to you is a list of items that a special group of people, along with myself, deemed worthy enough to share. If you use the items correctly, there is no way your partner, however tough or cool he or she acts, could pass up the "aww" moment. It is a demonstration of your romantic side as well as your capability to plan something out more than your weekly date with "The Office" on Thursdays.

Prepare yourselves, as I will be handing you the keys to the perfect evening. But don't forget the "Do Not Disturb" sign for the door.

**The Location (a.k.a. the Bed)**

This is quite possibly the most important item in the kit. During your evening of romance, I'm pretty sure your partner doesn't want to engage in physical activity on bed sheets that haven't been washed in months. It stains and is visible. I suggest either changing them or at least washing them. Pretty much, the cleaner and more comfortable the bed looks, the more likely your partner will be comfortable. This goes for the rest of the room as well; even if your room is clean, free months worth of laundry as the corner is not going to do much for libido.

**The Candles**

You have the option of candles or incense. While candles present that more romantic, soft lighting, incense can provide you with a smell to raise your desire, excitement, etc. An important thing to remember is to not put the candle too close to your bed. In the heat of the moment, catching your bed on fire or spilling wax everywhere might not be so fun.

**The Drink**

To be used as a prelude to the sensual excitement of the evening, a glass of wine or champagne can be used as a first step in the right direction. Did you hear me right? I said "a" glass, not an entire bottle. A glass can loosen you...
Of Montreal evokes with ‘Lamping’

Kyle Weather

Known for its outrageous and colorfully stating shows, indie pop band Of Montreal has evolved over the course of nine albums from fusing indie rockers on the seminal Athens, GA, Elephant 6 Record label into genre-bending glam-rock experimentalists. Led by multi-instrumentalist Kevin Barnes, in recent years, the band’s sound has shifted from quirky song-driven pop albums towards intricate but scattered dance-soundscapes on its newest release, “Skewed Lamping.” The album bears 15 named songs, but that number is deceiving because almost every song, despite their various lengths, segments into new, often bizarre directions.

The album’s opener, “Nonpareil of Fear,” begins incannuously with a dancing harpsichord, droning bass, and Barnes’ voice, only to add harmo­nies and a bright brass section, followed by an interlude of keyboard hits and synths, the song embodies the band at its best when it is creating upbeat, densely layered and cinematic songs. Barnes described “Lamping” as a new, often bizarre direction, and he boasts that the album does not detract from the beauty of some songs.

On the uncharacteristically calm and melancholy “Touched Somethings Hollow” Barnes sadly sings, “I don’t know how long I can hold on if it’s gonna be like this forever,” only to clearly shift into the album’s rapturously happy “An Eluardian Instance.” Filled with uptempo guitar noodling and a bright brass section, followed by an interlude of keyboard hits and synths, the album briefly experimented with on its last album. Most notably on the song “Geonlands, Edn., Ctd. like ‘GALLERY PECC.’ St. Exquisites Confessions” and “Ewanse over Noble Miscreants” follow the program as they lyrically explore the boards of sexuality and humanity embodied by George, Fruit, the black transsexual alter ego of the married white Barnes. “Skewed Lamping” marks the next stage in the group’s strange evolution. While a continuously evolving album of ever-transitional songs marks an ambitious goal, the album is at its best when continuously shifting, but when it remains in a groove long enough to enjoy.

The Music

Throughout time, music has been used to inspire emotions, bring back memories, or have some type of spir­itual connection with people. Music can also be used as a backdrop for an amazing romantic, sexual rendezvous. I’m pretty sure none of you want to be doing anything浪漫 and exciting and fun and enjoying each other. It’s not like you’ll be putting down the instrument and saying, “I’m done.” We’re not just playing music, we’re not just creating music, we’re creating a fantasy and hearing it played.

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19 Metro Station has some of the most notable changes in Campus Dining are at the hub of UU plaza. Garden grille is now 19 Metro Station and Veranda Cafe is Baja Surf. With the new menu comes new and improved recipes. All three restaurants feature flat screen TVs in the dining rooms, 19 Metro Station and BackStage Pizza also have flat screen menu boards that create a new and modern look.

There are big changes at The Avenue, too. While The Avenue still features some all time favorites like Chick-fil-A, Tapango’s, and City Deli, new additions include Green Street (formerly CitySubs), Fusion Bowl (formerly Red Dragon Wok) and Sydler’s (formerly Nathans!). Even the coffee

Scate Kit

• up without leaving you feeling like you are out of control of what you’re doing. But it allows you to be more liberated but still completely in control of what you’re doing. Some music that would be beneficial to such a playlist could include Marvin Gaye, the classic Barry White, or anything else that’s going to last and doesn’t distract from what you’re doing.

The Protection

You should know me well enough by now to know the importance that I place on safe sex. Having a stash in your room of condoms, latex dental dams and lubricant can ease your partner’s mind away from risks and concerns. On a side note, even if you’re not currently sexually active, having a stash of condoms is always a good idea. They last for at least two years and you don’t need them, you can share because we want our friends to be safe too.

The Other...

This last category is the compilation of all other possible things to have in your kit to guarantee amazing sex! Okay, maybe not guarantee but pretty darn close. Essentials of locations include a poolside fanny pack of light dimmers, band-aids in case you’re performing the candlelight service, and a clean shower. A clean shower or tub is key as it would kill that loving feeling to see your partner’s repulsion and refusal to step into that mold infested thing you call a bath tub, though bubble bath could help to soften the skin. Other essentials include massage oils (can’t forget those) and mints for that kissable fresh breath. If you’re feeling more...
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Neither major party is pro-choice in the true sense

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The painfully long process of U.S. presidential electioneering

As we make painfully slow progress towards a final outcome in the American presidential elections, let us pose some rhetorical questions for inner reflection.

Does our unique American electoral process have to be the way it is now? Should we consider reforms of our electoral protocols to devise a more streamlined process with a much shorter time cycle and reduced campaign expenditure?

Would the streamlined process used by most democratic nations around the world work well for us too?

Our current system does eventually elect a president but does it really secure the best leader? Other leaders from around the world very effectively make their pick with a much shorter electioneering period. It is also notable that other democratic countries seem to transition their national leaders without the massive campaign expenditures incurred by our presidential aspirants during the year-long primary then followed by an equally slow fiatctional campaign.

Consider the ironic outcome of our long and arduous 2006 and 2008 elections. They eventually gave us a singularly ineffective president: George W. Bush. His performance grade is now a D+ or C- if we interpret opinion polling results and opinions from expert analysts. (I admit that this does contradict the automatic "A" grade that Rush Limbaugh, Bill O'Reilly and their auto-pilot followers would grant to their esteemed Dubbya.)

So what then are the possible options available to us, if we do want to explore the proposition that perhaps of other nations' parliamentary systems merit intellectual consideration?

If we examine the electoral process in countries like Great Britain, Canada and Australia, we find the following attributes, where some elements may be appealing:

- The prime minister (with power and roles similar to an American president) is elected on the basis of being the leader of the party with the majority of elected members of parliament. If the prime minister's performance declines, the party can replace him or her during the term of office, by invoking a motion of no-confidence or voluntary resignation.
- In these nations, elections are held during a campaign cycle of about two months with intense campaigning on the basis of a "published manifesto" deployment of moderate (but adequate) campaign funds, thus avoiding the apparent American voter fatigue.
- The prime minister and his entire cabinet remain continually accountable to the electorate; incisive questions can be posed by any of the elected representatives on designated days every week when parliament is in session. During a prime minister's question time, with immediate answers required from the PM or members of the cabinet.
- Let as recall the events of the past two years of the American election season as we consider how we could reform this process.
- Consider the millions of millions of dollars (contributed by a plurality of the electorate and lobbyists) that have arguably been wasted during the primaries to finally come up with two major-party candidates (and the irrelevant also-ran third party dudes). Was that hullabaloo really worth it in terms of bang-for-the-buck?

Consider too the hours and hours spent by so many people in the nation attending rallies and reading and watching the constant media coverage. After all that, have we truly picked the crime-de-la-creme, in terms of talent and capability? If your answer is YES, can you truly justify that stance in absolute terms?

The purpose of this introspective soliloquy is not to denigrate our system or to question the wisdom of America's founding fathers. Rather, it is to pose a question on the efficacy of our current system. Perhaps there is scope for improvement, without weakening the system's integrity or the robustness of our sound democracy. In case anyone misconstrues my observations as "heresy," I pre-empt any such misunderstandings by stating that I am a patriotic American and I am sincerely proud of my adopted nation. I admire our democracy and it continues to be the envy of many in these nations, where some elements may be appealing.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Write-in votes provide chance to vote for anyone

First, I'd like to say that I most certainly agree with you, Mr. Newman, that drinking and debating politics should never be mixed. I'd also like to add that publishing an article about you and your letter in the opinion section would be a big mistake, because it would not only show your ignorance but also your contempt for the system of checks and balances and the separation of powers that is the foundation of our democracy.

I agree with the message to vote, but I believe that only the third-party presidential candidates offer meaningful change. Obama voted for the $700 billion bailout of banks, the renewal of the PATRIOT Act, and retroactive immunity for telecommunications companies who helped spy on US citizens, and supports continued war with Afghanistan, a possible war with Iran, and no reforms for the inflationary Fed Reserve system. This is change? Note that this is not an endorsement of McCain; he voted the same way in these decisions (expect for the retroactive immunity vote, he was absent), and his administration will just be a continuation of the Bush presidency.

I believe that voters should see what Bob Barr, Cynthia McKinney, and Ralph Nader have to offer before they choose their presidential candidate. These three candidates are anti-war, against bailouts, and believe in reforms in the Federal Reserve system, very important issues in these economically bad times. I'm voting for change this election. I'm voting for a third party candidate.

Michael McKhrow

Response to "Today's the day: make sure your vote is heard"

Dima, Michael. And there are actually six candidates on the ballot in California. If you, reader, really want to be behind your vote, visit their websites, look into each of their campaign platforms, and make an informed decision for who you want. I support Ralph Nader, and have been asked countless times, "Why would you vote for him if you know he's not going to win?" Let's analyze this question. Does this imply that I should only vote for someone if I know they'll win? How foolish! Do you root for the winning team just because you know they'll win, so that you can be on their bandwagon when everyone celebrates the win? Obama is currently ahead by about 15% of the vote in our state. I ask you, why vote for anyone in this state if he's "already won?"? Ask us to talk to the "bandwagon" idea, we should ALL vote for him, since we KNOW he's going to win. Well I won't. If my "vote doesn't count," it's because I vote in California, and the electoral process is screwing me, regardless if I vote for Obamaco or anyone else. So I choose to (prop) vote for the person I actually want, and you should too, it's a Republican, Democrat, Green, Libertarian, Constitution, or Peace & Freedom party candidate. Democracy, anyone?

- Scott Waddell

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what could be gained in the long term.

"No doubt it's young, but we have a really athletic backline with a lot of capability for the future," Bragonzano-Franco said. "They played great defense for so long. We’ll learn from those losses.

The Mustangs (8-4-2, 3-2-1 Western) will need to go back to the Antelopes (8-14-1, 1-2-0) this week and continue their strong showing in the league and individual stat sheets.

The Mustangs have compiled a 4-1-0 record with 28 points, while Thompson isn't finding anything behind the plate at 15.

"There's no problem shooting from 35 feet out so we're going to have to be very alert," Bragonzano-Franco said. "And Thompson is going to do great things."

Defensively, Holocher said, the Mustangs could stand to benefit from being more judicious and patient.

"We could definitely be a little bit sharper in the final third of the field," he said. "Closer to the goal, we need to have a bit more composed and try to produce some more quality chances."

The postseason atmosphere of the USCB loss only figures to intensify as Big West teams vie for the conference’s top four spots and places in the inaugural conference tournament. Its winner gains an automatic bid to the playoffs.

Being able to apply the lessons learned during the UCSC defeat sooner than a week after it happened could be key in finding the momentum that led to those 3 Shutout wins over the Mustangs' previous four matches, Bragonzano-Franco said.

"We don't have to go into training days getting ready," he said. "The big thing is just to be getting back out on the pitch and make things happen."

Philosopher's game

Brett Myers (P) — It has been nothing short of a roller-coaster ride for Myers this season. Halfway through, he found himself pitching for the Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs, the Phillies AAA Affiliate. However, upon his return, he went 4-1 in August to help the Phillies into the playoffs. During the postseason, the 28-year-old has been reliable as the No. 2 starter, winning both of his games.

Ryan Howard (1B) — It has been a quiet postseason for Howard, who has remained homeless-less, but he remains the largest threat to Rays pitchers. During the season he hit 48 HRs with a whopping 148 RBI. The 27-year-old went 3 for 4 with an RBI in the last game of the NLCS. The Rays, which could halt an outburst in the World Series.

Chase Utley (2B) — After a quiet NLDS, the 25-year-old was a solid contributor against the Dodgers, hitting a home run in Game 1 and going 3 for 5 in Game 4. For the season, Utley hit .33 HRs with 103 RBI and scored 113 runs while showing he deserves the title of best second base man in the league. Look for Utley to show up as the offensive and defensive leader of the Phillies. If you didn't notice, all the players mentioned are under the age of 30. They're all either entering or right in the middle of their primes. The difference-makers in this year's World Series are the players of the future and many of them will look to showcase their skills to the world for the first time during this match-up. It is a formula for what will be an entertaining and extremely competitive World Series.

Game 1: Philadelphia at Tampa Bay — 5 p.m. today

Projected Starters: Hamels and Kazmir

Prediction: The Rays finish the improbable dream and win the World Series in 7 games.

Matt Adams is a mathematics Junior in 1992, Singletary dabbled as a motivational speaker and an umpire while raising seven children with his wife, Kim. After he caught the coaching bug a decade later, he landed a job on Brian Bilzer’s staff at Briera alongside Nolan, and the two quickly became friends.

The 49ers also fired offensive line coach George Warhop, one of Nolan's original assistants. San Francisco's line has yielded a league-high 29 sacks this season.

Jason Tarver will take over many of Singletary's duties as the 49ers linebackers coach. Singletary has been praised for his work with some of the NFL's best, including former 49ers rookie of the year last season.

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and Singletary for the announcement. His presence was the most significant sign of his rise in the club's power structure.

"Job Year" for the Rockies lack "passion and intensity."

"We have talent. There's no doubt we have talent," he said. "We've got Pro Bowlers on all three phases of the ball. What we're lacking right now is a killer instinct, that finishing ability.

"We're not getting outplayed," Work added. "I think we are getting out-intensified. I don't think that's a word, but I'm going to use it anyway. That's what we need, and that's what Mike Singletary is going to bring. I think you feel it, I assume you feel it. You feel his presence when he's up here speaking. That's what he brings to the organization. That's what he's going to bring out of the players."

That intensity is what elevated Singletary past offensive coordinator Mike Martz, who took the Rams to the Super Bowl during his tenure as their head coach. While Martz, San Francisco's current coordinator in six seasons, is busy each week with the 49ers' game plan, Singletary can more easily assume the head coach's supervisory role while concentrating on the defense.

That's an area Singletary knows intimately. After his final NFL season in 1992, Singletary dabbled as a motivational speaker and an umpire while raising seven children with his wife, Kim. After he caught the coaching bug a decade later, he landed a job on Brian Bilzer's staff at Briera alongside Nolan, and the two quickly became friends.
Cal Poly looks to bounce back against UC Irvine

Donovan Aird

It sure didn't feel like a regular-season game.

The national broadcast by Fox Soccer Channel pushed the match's start back an hour further into the night. The Alex G. Spanos Stadium sellout crowd of 11,075 was the third-largest regular-season audience in college men's soccer history. Soon after the outcome, celebratory flares were set off in the stands.

But Friday night's epic wasn't a championship game, nor even a postseason one. It was merely another meeting between Cal Poly and UC Santa Barbara. This year's version was a 1-0, 101st-minute Mustang loss that came on the one-year anniversary of their first win over the Central Coast rival in 13 tries.

They finished 2-3-3 the rest of the year,

and 11-07-5 when the Yorks gave control to San Luis Obispo before what was then a school-record 7,143 and ran their record to 9-1-1.

They finished 2-3-3 the rest of the year, though, and missed the playoffs.

They'll try to present a similar Ledken the rest of this year, beginning at 7 tonight when they host UC Irvine.

"It was a hard loss, for sure," Cal Poly head coach Paul Holocher said. "The way that we lost, it just happened so quickly."

All but one of Cal Poly's losses have come by a single goal.

"We have basically made the one big mistake that costs us the game," Holocher said. "That's concentration.

"If we do that again, it's going to be a different game."

But Holocher denounced the unusual crowd behavior, he wasn't willing to blame the defensive breakdown on the stop play preceding it.

"You look at our backline and we're pretty young," Holocher said of a group including two freshmen and a sophomore. "So experience is going to help these guys. Unfortunately, the losses are sometimes what it takes for them to really grow."

Brasigan-Francisco also took solace in

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Singletary vows to raise 49ers' intensity

New San Francisco 49ers head coach Mike Singletary addresses the media in Santa Clara after being named the team's head coach Tuesday.

Greg Beacham

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SANTA CLARA — Mike Singletary radiated an uncommon intensity during his Hall of Fame career with the Chicago Bears. He then spent a decade giving motivational speeches before getting into coaching in 2003 at Mike Nolan's right-hand man.

With yet another season nearly lost in San Francisco, the woe-begone 49ers will need every bit of intensity and motivation they can get from the former linebacker with the famously fierce eyes.

Singletary became the 49ers' interim head coach Tuesday, replacing his coaching mentor with a vow to build on the foundation he built with Nolan — even if he only gets nine games to do it.

"Right now, the guys realize that we do have something here," Singletary said. "Is to what degree, I don't know, but we do have something special here. It's a matter of stepping up and being able to bring it together, and that's something I've done all my life."

After the club fired Nolan seven games into his fourth season, Single- tary had mixed feelings Monday night when general manager Scott McCloughan asked him to take charge. Although Singletary has inter- viewed for four top jobs in the NFL and another at Baylor, his alma mater, the thought of replacing No- lan made him uneasy until he spoke to the man who had just been dismissed.

"If looked at (Nolan) and he looked at me, and before I said a word, he said, I want you to take this job." Singletary recalled. "I know that you have the heart of the players at hand, and I know they're important to you. ... If you do not take the job, I will be very disapp- pointed in you as my friend."

Singletary's appointment gives the NFL seven black head coaches, matching the most in league history. He is the third coach to take over a club during the current season, joining St. Louis' Jim Haslett and Oakland's Tom Cable.

Singletary had been Nolan's as- sistant head coach since 2005 with the 49ers (2-5), who went 18-37 in Nolan's tenure and lost their fourth straight game last Sunday to the New York Giants. McCloughan said he approached owners John and Jed York "a couple of weeks ago" with a plan to fire Nolan, who hired him in 2005 when the 49ers gave control of all football operations to a career assistant coach with no background in personnel.

When the 49ers agreed, Mc- Cloughan didn't even wait until the 49ers' bye next week to drop No- lan.

"I don't think there is a right time for a decision like this," said McCloughan, who gained decision- making authority over Nolan last winter after the 49ers' third straight losing season under Nolan. "If you go off of past experiences and talk- ing to people, the bye week is usu- ally the best week. ... But I think with the distractions on the outside, the most important thing is for us to be ready to play this week, to play against the Seahawks."

Nolan released a brief statement through the 49ers thanking his play- ers for their hard work.

"It is the responsibility of the head coach to build a foundation and an environment for success," Nolan said. "In many areas we were, although it is winning that ultimately determines success."

San Francisco hasn't made the playoffs or had a winning record since owner John York fired coach Steve Mariucci in a fit of pique follow- ing the 2002 season. Singletary, who also coached the 49ers' linebackers, will attempt to succeed where Dennis Erickson, Terry Do- naire, Nolan and McCloughan all have failed so far.

Jed York, John's 27-year-old son, appeared alongside McCloughan and

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Mat Adams

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The Rays and Phillies make up the 2008 World Series. Before the season started, this was an improbable combination to say the least, and this was the match-up that Major League Baseball didn't want. The World Series will not include the defending champion Red Sox, the 100-year cured Cubs or the personality of Manny Ramirez. Instead, the World Series consists of two teams with players unknown to many. So let's meet the future of baseball.

Rays:

B.J. Upton (CF) — Since being drafted second overall in 2002 out of high school, Upton has been the top prospect in the Rays' system. Two years ago it looked like he broke into the scene, batting .300 with 24 HRs and 22 steals, and followed it up this year by stealing 44 bases. In the postseason, the 24-year-old has hit seven home runs and has tallied 15 RBI. There are no signs of him slowing down.

Evan Longoria (3B) — The soon-to-be runaway Rookie of the Year hit 27 HRs with 87 RBI in just 122 games, and during the process, earned himself an All-Star appearance. In the playoffs, the 23-year-old has continued his outstanding batting, with six HRs and 11 RBI. He will remain the difference-maker in the middle of the lineup.

• Scott Kazmir (P) — He was pushed up to start Game 5 of the

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Tampa Bay Rays pitcher David Price, left, is hugged by catcher Dioner Navarro in St. Petersburg, Fla. on Sunday.

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