Students give back to community during service day

Breehan Yohe-Mellor
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Students with helping hands and willing hearts are encouraged to participate in the annual Make a Difference Day taking place on Saturday as part of a national day of community service.

Started by USA Weekend magazine in 1992, the event takes place every fourth Saturday in October. Each year, about three million people are estimated to participate worldwide.

Philosophy sophomore Michelle Fox will be this year’s site manager for the volunteers helping out with Cal Poly’s Organic Farm.

“It’s a really good link between Cal Poly and the community,” Fox said. “I think we have to realize that as Cal Poly students, we have to have a part in the community so they see us out there trying to make a difference...I think they’re going to appreciate us a lot more.”

Cal Poly will send out about 500 students to volunteer, many of them from the Greek community as well as from groups such as the National Honors Society and the Society of Women Engineers, said Kelsey Currier, a recreation graduate student and the community outreach specialist and coordinator for the Alternative Breaks Program.

She said students can choose the organization they want to work with on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Those choices range from non-profits from San Luis Obispo to as far as Cambria. A few of this year’s 32 organizations needing volunteers will be Food Bank, Transitions Mental Health Center, 211 San Luis Obispo Hotline, Cal Poly’s ‘Cat Program, San Luis Obispo Botanical Garden, United Way, the AIDS Support Network, the San Luis Obispo Historical Society, the city of Pismo Beach and the Sierra Club.

“Profits usually have to two to three staff members,” Currier said. “Everyone wears about how JuicyCampus was born.”

Topics posted on Cal Poly’s page range from the best place to eat on campus to posts asking for people to rank students and their body parts.

JuicyCampus is a Web site where college kids can talk about the things that interest them most and in the manner that they deem appropriate,” Ivester said.

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"Our summer was good definitely because foreign tourists -- a lot of Germans and British -- could spend money," manager Deborah Hobbs said.

Although Hobbs said it's hard to tell what direct effect the country's economic situation has on her store, she has seen a cutback in expensive items being sold.

"Inexpensive items — people spend money on all the time. They'll let themselves buy $5 earrings," Hobbs said.

But expensive collectibles, like their Indonesian sculptures that go for $125 each, don't sell anymore.

Hobbs said sales to students are down about 30 percent from average, but students are still buying clothes.

"They see clothes as a necessity," she said. "Money doesn't stop them."

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When asked how the economic situation changed his shopping habits, industrial technology junior and downtown shopper Connor Mcminimee held up his shopping bag.

"I went to Koss," he said, noting that he'd usually shop at someplace higher-end, like Men's Warehouse.

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Overall, San Luis Obispo is faring well compared to other areas that have 1(0, 20, 30 people at their site can really make a difference for them," Yazdi said. "If we have 30 people come out and help, that can turn a month's work that they would do that we just do in right hours for them."

Volunteers can contact Kelsey Currier at 736-2176 if they want to sign up ahead of time or they can go to the Chumash Auditorium 9 a.m. Saturday. Free breakfast and lunch will be provided.

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"There was a line of students out the door of Ross today, so I'm pretty sure I'm not the only one," Mcminimee said.

While the economy is seen as a temporary drawback, Hobbs said the looming problem will come next year when stores have to relocate during seismic retrofitting of old downtown buildings.

"If the economy keeps going down, we certainly won't be able to come back and pay more rent," she said. "It's uncertain, very uncertain."

Owner Jono Hinks of start-up clothing store Coalition said it helps that San Luis Obispo doesn't have many major chain stores to distract from local businesses.

"Downtown San Luis has a pretty amazing mix of international, big-box type retailers like Gap and Banana Republic and Urban Outfitters; it rises really well with your small, local retailers," he said.

Jono doesn't regret his decision to open the store.

"We knew when we were opening that there was going to be a lot of increased competition and that things were a little off with the economy already, so it wasn't a huge surprise," he said.

Many downtown storeowners were reluctant to discuss the economic impact on their businesses.

"In San Luis, a lot of these are small business owners, so it's their livelihood," Miller said. "We're more of an affordable destination," Miller said.

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Because of the anonymity factor, students can write almost anything on their minds without consequences. However, site guidelines encourage students to refrain from writing lies or posting copyrighted material. JuicyCampus does not preview the posts but retains the right to remove postings.

The Web site has never identified posters except when violent threats were made against a campus community.

"It was an imminent danger to the students; we were very concerned and wanted to completely comply with local threats were made against a campus community," Ivester said. "To the extent that it can hurt someone's reputation, I think I would disagree. We have really gone out of our way: search engines can not crawl JuicyCampus so if someone's name was typed into Google and their name was also on JuicyCampus.com there would be no results in the Google search from JuicyCampus.

In Fabian's case, the comment could be found below. Students experiencing cases like these could sue for defamation but Den Otter thinks it would be hard to prove.

"Defamation is a false factual claim; it has to be communicated to a third party which obviously it is if it is on JuicyCampus. (However), another element they would have to show is the defamed had been presented in a tangible way. It's not simply (that) you had hurt feelings," he said.

While some think JuicyCampus is amusing, not everyone is laughing. Marketing senior Adam Rouman and political science sophomore Josh Fabian were both singled out on the site.

"For the time (the freedom of speech claim) is true; there is a strong presumption against censorship in our First Amendment doctrine but at the same time there is really a separate question. Even if you have a legal right to say what you want to say, do you have to do it?" he said.

"(The comments were) very hurtful at first so I started checking it more regularly and then someone else posted something more positive," Rouman said.

After he read the replies he decided to write one back himself.

"At first I was thanking people for the mean comments... it was an acceptance speech, but then I thought 'who really looks at this?' It is so shallow; so one dimensional," Rouman said.

The post about Fabian went a step further. It was an acceptance speech, but then I thought 'who really looks at this?'" It is so shallow; so one dimensional," Rounian said.

"I think some of it is in the good-hearted, competitive nature that has always been on greek campuses throughout the history of greek life. But to the extent that they are mean or insulting — that is not really what JuicyCampus is meant to be used for," he said.

JuicyCampus founder and 2005 Duke graduate Matt Ivester says he founded the Web site to allow students to share stories about their campus.

"I've learned a lot about the college experience," he said. "I think the students don't have a voice. This is their voice... it is their platform, it is their forum, it is their outlet for expressing their feelings and views about campus life. It is a way to get other students engaged in what is going on. It is a way to talk to Mom.

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Applying to graduate or professional school? The 2009-10 academic year deadlines start as early as November 1. Here are the main components of an application and some tips:

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• Experience - Are you prepared personally and intellectually for this program and field? What focus on may differ by discipline, so be sure to talk with your Career Counselor.

• Personal Statement - Confident and direct, but not self-involved, the best statements are grammatically flawless, interesting to read and express your unique candidacy.

Finally, meet with your Career Counselor for support and assistance with the application process. We're here to help!
Internationally-acclaimed leaders talk women's issues

From left, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, CNN's Campbell Brown, and PepsiCo CEO Indra K. Nooyi participate in The Women's Conference, Wednesday in Long Beach, Calif. The annual conference had sixty internationally-acclaimed leaders in attendance and 14,000 women in one arena along with the thousands of viewers watching the event online.

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The Annual Audit of the Associated Students, Inc. and the University Union for FY 2007-2008 has been completed. Public information copies are available at the ASI Business Office (UU 212) and at the Campus Library.

State Briefs

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. (AP) — A 20-year-old Inglewood gang member has been sentenced to 16 years in prison for conspiring to rob a San Luis Obispo bank last year. Superior Court Judge John Tice sentenced Ronald Simpson on Tuesday for his role with six others in the Dec. 13 bank heist. Involvement in a gang and a previous assault with a firearm conviction led to the stiff sentence.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. (AP) — A 250-acre wildfire ignited by fireworks brought an early morning scare to residents in the foothills of San Bernardino County on Wednesday as hot, dry Santa Ana winds returned to Southern California. The blaze erupted at 12:45 a.m. near Fontana, 60 miles east of Los Angeles, and moved west into canyons of Rancho Cucamonga.

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (AP) — State agriculture officials say five light-brown apple moths have been found in a quarantine area in southern Sonoma and Napa counties. The discovery announced Wednesday means a 19-square-mile area will remain under quarantine and the boundaries may be expanded. Growers and other farmers have their crops inspected and cleared before taking them out of the fields.

WORD ON THE STREET

"Where do you rent your movies/DVDs from?"

“My roommates and I rent our movies from Blockbuster because it’s close to our house and convenient.”

-Andrea Raggio
animal science and graphic communications senior

“I don’t really rent movies; most of the things that I watch are online.”

-Paul De Leon
software engineering senior

“Usually from Hollywood Video or something, but I’ve been considering NetRix lately. I did it last year, I just didn’t have time to watch the movies I was getting.”

-Jackie DalBroi
psychology senior

"I rent my movies or DVDs from Netflix. I like it because I can get whatever movie I feel like."

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US airstrike kills 9 Afghan soldiers at checkpoint

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In June 2007, Afghan police mistook US troops on a nighttime mission for Taliban fighters and opened fire on them, prompting US forces to return fire and call in attack aircraft. Seven Afghan police were killed.

In the last month, uniformed Afghan police officers have twice opened fire on US troops, killing two soldiers. The police officers were killed by US soldiers returning fire, but the incidents raised fears that insurgents have infiltrated Afghanistan's security forces as a cover to launch attacks.

In the country's southern Urugan province, a battle that ended early Wednesday killed 35 Taliban fighters and three Afghan police, and Jamael Hurrat, Urugan's provincial police chief, said the battle was led by a large force of Taliban fighters, but also involved helicopter gunships. Afghan officials recovered 35 bodies from the battlefield, he said. Some 190 Taliban fighters were involved in the battle.

In other violence, US troops killed seven militants and detained seven others in a series of operations throughout Afghanistan, the military said in a statement.

Rcession fears, weak earnings stoke sell-off

Ellen Simon

Now what?

After three days of relative calm, turbulence returned to Wall Street on Wednesday. Leader warnings of turbulence returned to Wall Street Wednesday.

Avid investors were braced for a broad sell-off that some market watchers say could be the beginning of the end of a long uptrend in the market.

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Bob Whiteford described it as "the final bullet in the head" that killed his business. After nearly 12 years, the quirky indie movie store Insomniac Video is dead. The economy killed it.

But the memories will live on for Whiteford and his legion of supporters who came to the small video store on Broad Street to find the movies they couldn't get anywhere else.

"My favorite memories are of watching people grow up," Whiteford said. "In the last week or so I've had parents whose kids grew up here; they're in college now and this was a big part of their life. That makes me proud."

For several years Insomniac Video was the only place a person could rent many of the strange cult films that made the shop so revered by its customers. Even some cult directors started taking notice themselves.

"(Grade-Z filmmaker) Larry Buchanan, when he was alive he used to live around here, he came here and showed me shot for shot how he shot 'Zontar the Thing from Venus,'" Whiteford said.

Eventually, with the advent of ship-to-you giants like Netflix and Blockbuster Online, Insomniac's revenue started taking a hit.

"Netflix, downloading, YouTube and such definitely was hurting us. But the bad economy was the final blow," Whiteford said.

After a summer that Whiteford called the store's worst ever, things got even worse.

His property owner raised rent, forcing the shop to close its doors for good.

Insomniac Video may be one of the first small shops to close its doors in San Luis Obispo, and while Whiteford said he strongly hopes that he is the last, there may be more problems to come for downtown's small-business scene.

"I suspect strongly that the entire mercantile landscape of this town is going to change," Whiteford said. "I think a lot of the tried-and-true that made this town what it is are going to be gone."

While the shop is in its final days, many customers are also mourning the loss of the indie film champion and reflecting on its loss to the community.

"I'm pretty torn up about the whole thing," former customer Gene Schoenee said. "I watch a lot of movies and many of them are off the wall, out of print or otherwise unavailable from Blockbuster or Netflix. Insomniac was the only place to find those gems that would otherwise be inaccessible to people."

Schoenee, who discovered the shop through his girlfriend's family several years ago, will also miss the wealth of knowledge that Whiteford and his staff brought with them.

"The vast stores of knowledge about film and film history within Insomniac is amazing and it's a sad thing that those of us seeking to draw upon that deep well of knowledge will no longer have a place we can drink," Schoenee said. "No rental chain can compare to the individual attention and understanding of movies like Bob and his staff. Imagine trying to discuss a movie like 'Breathless' (A 1960 French film directed by Jean-Luc Godard) with the kid behind the counter at Blockbuster. He would look at you like you were speaking, well, French. That is assuming they even had the movie on their shelves."

Schoenee has many memories of the store, but one of his favorites involves one of his early trips to the shop looking for an off-the-wall film.

"I asked for a movie called 'Auntie Lee's Meat Pies','" Schoenee said. "Bob laughed and told me that it had been the cornerstone of their camembert section for years. I thought to myself that any video store that has a camembert section is (in the words of Hunter S. Thompson) 'Too weird to live, and too rare to die.'"
I hate reading late reviews. Honestly, whoever does pen their views on a product already weeks old on the shelf is an oblivious dork, more concerned with the expulsion of their own scattered thoughts than with the task of imparting useful information to the reader.

Having said that, I'm reviewing a record that came out in June. Not only because I'm a willfully obvious, grumpy old hipster, but also because this record, "Lookout Mountain Lookout Sea," by The Silver Jews, celebrates the brooding, judgmental behavior of men like me. In "My Pillow is the Threshold," lead David Berman grumbles, "I unplug all the neon, turn the ringer off the phone / throw my thoughts like tomahawks into this world which I shun." I wish I could make my self-obessed talking sound so romantic.

As a veteran of the independent label boom of the 90s, and having formed his band with Pavement's Steven Malkmus, Berman is licensed to direct some of his tomahawks at the artifact of hipsterdom, and the supposed mainstream success of "indie" music which has taken place in the last few years. This exploration is most pointed on "Strange Victory, Strange Defeat," in which Berman asks, "What's with all the handsome grandsons in these rock band magazines?" And what have they done with the fat ones? The bald and the goatee'd?" To a lesser extent, the accoutrements of the "scene" scene and the "proper honky-tonk diva" are playfully mocked in "San Francisco B.C." with references to wearing sarongs, heavy makeup, goatee's, "in outrfits." 

I'm going to go out on a limb here and say that The Silver Jews are the only country act you'll find today with lyrics that could be classified as "clever." (There is some argument over whether the Silver Jews are, in fact, country.) Their cleverness has been around for the last five records yes, but with "Lookout Mountain," it's managed in a way that uses a much wider range of expression than simple wry humor. Take "Suffering Jukebox," which employs the most brilliant personification I've ever heard in a song to emphasize with the ignored jukebox full of sad country songs, "suffering jukebox in a happy town." You're over in the corner breaking down / And they always seem to keep you way down low. The people in this town don't want to know." Berman's wife, Cassie, takes lead vocals on the chorus, and she sounds like a proper honky-tonk diva — just the right amount of twang and melodrama. Crank this number up and have a good cry in your pitcher of beer.

Don't think that this is one long mope though — the record features some of the most uppy-up performances in the Jews' catalog. "Accusing Bluegrass Drummer," is a fast and rough rocker, with the kind of frantic upright piano line you'd expect from a western saloon pianist with a six-shooter held against his skull. "Party Range" is almost as fun. "Things get a good cry in your pitcher of beer."

Okay, so I admit this review comes a bit late and incoherent from its geriatric author, but hey — I know a lot of you out there haven't heard this band yet, let alone this record and you just need to...
Poly corn maze ready to scare again

Alisha Axson

Get ready for more chain-saws, corn and hot chocolate for the Haunted Corn Maze returns this year to scare young and old alike, promising everyone two nights of Halloween-themed fun. The maze is hosted by the Cal Poly Crop Club and will be open to the public Oct. 24 and Oct. 25 from 5 to 9 p.m.

“We’ve been doing it for as long as I’ve been going to school here,” said fruit science senior and Crop Club member John Molatore. “The Crop Club has always been affiliated with the corn maze and the City of San Luis Obispo has come to love it. Every single year we just try to do a better job than we did last year and keep people coming back.”

Crop science senior Brent Rhodes is this year’s club president and helped organize the maze with other officers from the club. “There were tons of people last year,” Rhodes said. “The buses were full all night. We get a whole wide range of people (from families to students).”

The corn field is grown by the crops unit at Cal Poly specifically for the maze and the corn reaches about 10 to 12 feet tall before club members go in and cut out the different paths for the maze. Molatore said they put plenty of offshoots in the corn to confuse people and make the maze more fun.

“We’ll hide farm machinery equipment (in the maze),” he said. “We’re going to have tractors and light them up. It can be scary at night when you have this big shiny tractor in there.”

Members of the Crop Club also dress up, cover themselves in fake blood and hide in the maze, jumping out at unsuspecting victims who wander into their path. “Young punk kids who think they can’t be scared are the main challenge for club members, along with the college students,” said Molatore. “The scarier they can make the maze, the better.”

“Last year I wasscaring people,” Rhodes said. “I was chained up to a tractor and I would jump out at people. They seemed to be pretty scared, especially the younger girls. They

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Death Cab for Cutie is coming!

Omar Sanchez

The Cal Poly Recreation Center athlete will become narrator when sold-out-headline rock band Death Cab for Cutie takes the stage at Cal Poly next week. The group that brought you such hits like, "I Will Follow You into the Dark" and "Soul Meets Body," is set for their debut performance along with special guest Matt Costa and the UCSB Ticket Office on the UCSB campus. Charge by phone. Productions, Inc. www.ottorproductionsinc.com • lat (888) 825-5484 Order online at www.vallitix.com • Produced by ASI Events and Otteij

Death Cab for Cutie will be headlining this week, Monday, October 27 at 8 p.m. The tour has been going great, our fans have been great," said bassist Nick Harmer. "The crowds have been responding really well to the new album," he said of the album, "Narrow Stare," which he himself turned.

The voice of lead singer/guitarist and guitarist Ben Gibbard, accompanied by the hit of drummer Jason McGerr, songwriter/multi-instrumentalist Chris Walla and bassist Nick Harmer has been labeled "boyish maniacal" by Rolling Stone. Often called "melancholic" and "glorious" love songs, the music also touches on topics of maturing.

When describing the reasoning behind the title, "Narrow Stare," the band second album on the major record label, Atlantic Records, Harmer said the name came to him while he was looking back at the precious times of his life. He explained that narrow stare symbolizes sharp turns.

"It reminds me when you're younger and you see things more wide open but as you get older you realize things aren't so open," Harmer said. "It's during that period when you have to be more careful with every step."

Harmer said the band intended to capture the sensation of a live performance. They recorded the album in three different recording studios, including some owned by the band members. The album is darker and sicker than previous albums, the band said.

Although Harmer is proud of the band's sixth album, he wouldn't call it compared to their other projects. "I don't do that, especially at this point in our career," Cal Poly is the only university left on the band's tour schedule and Harmer expressed his thoughts about playing in campuses versus other venues, "It's not much different... maybe it's different on campuses because there's not alcohol being served, but the people who come in, you know. "It's no different because they're like our music," he said. "It's not much where we play in the world."

White Death Cab for Cutie will be doing shows in different states Monday, they bring along some of their band's fanatical fans, "The crowds have been responding really well to the new album," he said. "It's much more different."

Although much of his music is influenced by his life growing up skateboarding in southern California, California, the sophomore album, "Unfamiliar Places," came to him during some unusual downtime. He wrote the album while recovering from a broken leg. "During that period, I had a lot of time to write," he said. "It wasn't for my broken leg, my albums have been way different."

After his most recent tour with the band Brian, Costa said he's back to writing at times performing at some local shows in Los Angeles before he was asked to join Death Cab for Cutie at Cal Poly. Death Cab for Cutie got together a decade ago in Bellingham, Washington. The four-person band has since scored the world. Currently they are coming off of shows in Canada and heading down the West coast to Los Olivos. Trips to Europe will follow this act, and the tour will finally end back in the States.

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By Harold Sushi

Mustang Daily

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The million dollar political moments
liberals have been waiting for

Every week John McCain creates a new tableau exposed on Barack Obama. The negative politics practiced by the Country First camp could be a sign that McCain’s sappy Straight Talk Express is now chinking down a dark dumpster alley, scavenging for garbage designed to scare the American people away from Obama.

I think it’s an interesting but fallacious story they’re creating. Last week they set the foundation for the ridiculous suspicion that Obama might be a terrorist — or at least a conduit for terrorism — and this week they tried to build real conflict by using the terms “extreme left,” “socialist,” and “spread thewealth around.”

Too bad Colin Powell spoiled their Obama Bash Sunday morning on “Meet the Pres” when he thoughtfully and contemplatively endorsed Barack Obama for President. It was a million dollar moment for the Obama campaign.

No, the Sunday endorsement did not necessarilyregister in terms of financial contributions, but it did register with the American public’s conscience and the polls early this week reflected this with a resounding “POW”!

The public’s confidence in Barack Obama’s ability to lead as commander-in-chief broke away in a 52 to 42 percent lead on John McCain in an NBC/Wall Street Journal poll Tuesday. For the first time, Obama has pulled away from McCain in double digits — exactly 10 percent — in terms of confidence in his abilities. With only 12 more days to go in this election, public opinion is invaluable.

Meanwhile, the media is still entertained by Sarah Palin’s suggestion that Obama believes America is so “imperfect” that he pals around with terrorists. Palin also more recently revealed that she most enjoys being in the pro-American parts of the country. Does she enjoy them in the same way she enjoys Moose Track ice cream?

I want to know if, in the mouse maze of Sarah Palin’s mind, there are in fact anti-American pockets of America, and if so, how does Palin define “anti-American”? How does Palin define “pro-American,” for that matter? Who knows what flabby little rodents are running amuck behind those designer glasses?

Who knew that Palin’s statements on pro-Americanism would lead to a million dollar moment?

Allow me to explain. Friday evening Michele Bachmann, a Republican Representative from Minnesota, found herself on “Hardball,” adding to the “McBalin’s” al-legations against Obama, and thus on the past few weeks of the election. Bachmann communicated the fear Obama that McCain is attempting to instill in the public, and the repul-sion felt in Americans for her nearly superstitious commentary is the noteworthy her state-ment.

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The urgency Minnesotans and Ameri-cans expressed through their campaign contributions to Tinklenberg revealed a lot of insight into Ameri-can’s thoughts on “McPalin’s” al-legations against Obama, and this on the past few weeks of the election. Bachmann communicated the fear Obama that McCain is attempting to instill in the public, and the repul-sion felt in Americans for her nearly superstitious commentary is the noteworthy her state-ment.

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Prop 2 threatens California agriculture

There is one thing that Oprah, Ellen and I have in common: we are all talking about California Proposition 2. However, as a conservative and an agriculturalist I have not completely differed on the issue. And given the public safety and economic effects of this provision, Proposition 2 warrants a much closer inspection.

Proposition 2 is a California ballot measure that would take effect in 2015 and seeks to eliminate the breeding programs, due in part to state economic effects of this provision. Proposition 2 is being sponsored by the Humane Society of the United States, an organization whose mission is global veganism. They should not be confused with ASPCA or your local humane society — those two organizations promote the spaying and neutering of cats and dogs.

So how would Prop 2 affect California if passed? Veal calves will be unaffected by Prop 2 because there is no substantial veal calf production in California. Most people perceive veal calves in this state to be actually replacement dairy calves. When they reach the right size and age, they are moved and eventually cycled into milk production. California’s veal production will also be labor intensive. Currently no commercial veal operations have breeding programs, due in part to state regulations. What few veal are raised here are born out of state and shipped in order to be raised.

While veal and veal are unaffected, California’s egg industry and swine production will be devastated. Egg companies would no longer afford to do business in California due to the large space requirements involved in meeting the egg state’s standards. Egg companies is bad enough now as is, so why would we want to make it worse?

Secondly, you as a Californian voter are being used for your decisions, but consciousness is an illusion. We do need to be conscious of our decisions, but consciousness does not equal discourse.

They are animals, and frankly we outlaw them on the food chain. We do need to be conscious of our decisions, but consciousness does not equal discourse.
Hamels, Utley lead Phillies over Rays in opener

Ronald Blum
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Cole Hamels, Chase Utley and the rest of the Philadelphia Phillies shook off a week's worth of worry and turned it into a World Series win.

Hamels escaped trouble to win his fourth postseason start, Utley hit a two-run homer in the first inning and the Phillies beat the Tampa Bay Rays 3-2 in the opener Wednesday night.

The two-out-first Rays flipped to their first game in baseball's ultimate event, managing just five hits.

The Phillies showed little evidence but were 0-for-13 with runners in scoring position. Their other run even scored on an out, an RBI grounder by Carlos Ruiz.

Philadelphia, seeking the city's first major title since the Navigate 76ers in 1983, had six days off after beating the Los Angeles Dodgers for the NL pennant, while the Rays didn't finish off the Boston Red Sox until Game 7 on Sunday night.

The Phillies also won the opener in 1980 against Kansas City, setting them to their only title since starting in 1901 against Detroit, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

The Rays have never before been to the World Series, and they'll try to make it two in a row at Tropicana Field when Brett Myers pitches against James Shields in Game 2 Thursday night.

The team that won the opener has taken 18 of the last 22 titles.

"It's huge," Phillies closer Brad Lidge said. "You try and play it down, but obviously you're coming into a place like this, you want to make sure you get the first game, especially because you get your ace on the mound. It's really important to do that.

Hamels, MVP of the NL championship series, improved to 4-0 with a 1.55 ERA this postseason. He had made a pair of 1-2-3 innings, but the composed 24-year-old left-hander allowed two runs and five hits in seven innings.

Ryan Madson pitched a perfect eighth. Lidge worked the ninth for his 47th save in 47 chances this year, silencing the Rays and their cowbell-clanging fans.

Carl Crawford homered for Tampa Bay, but playoff stars B.J. Upton and Evan Longoria went a combined 0-for-8. The Rays didn't get a hit over the final four innings.

"Fastball, middle of the plate," Utley said. "I was just trying to put the ball in play."
Biking

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Top competitors like Greg Minnaar, Kathy Pruitt, Eric Carter and Brian Lopes are among the many that will compete for a split of the $100,000 payout and keys to a new Jeep Grand Cherokee.

The DERBYStraIGHT, coming from two races in New Jersey and Utah, has partnered with ECO-SLO to create a Green Your Scene Eco-Festival, which will offer educational and interactive features aimed at raising environmental consciousness and providing local-level solutions.

"It costs a pretty wide net for somebody just looking for some-thing fun to do on the weekend," Cochran said. "If they're interested in sports, we've got that. We've got the music, and if they're interested in environmental awareness, this event offers that as well."

Many local vendors will also be in attendance to showcase their environmentally friendly innovations.

Competition begins on a course (designed by Carter) at the base of Madonna Mountain at 2:30 p.m. Friday with an open qualifier, time-trial race. The dual slalom race will follow Saturday.

Because the event is not sanctioned by the National Off-road Bicycle Association, an annual license is not required. However, participation in the qualifier is restricted to professional and semi-professional riders, although Cochran said it will be open to athletes from all over California. Amateur riders will also have an opportunity to contend in the hill climb competition.

"This is a great opportunity for amateur athletes to show their stuff," Cochran said.

Out of the 75 men and 25 women who qualify in the open qualifier, the fastest times will earn entry into the dual slalom championship, where they will compete against the champions from the previous two events. Prizes put up by event sponsors for the taking Saturday will include the keys to a brand-new Jeep and $10,000.

Two free concerts will be part of the festivities, with a noon concert by the Sunshine Brothers. Folk/pop singer Brett Dennen, who Rolling Stone named as one of "10 Artists to Watch" in 2007, will wrap up the event from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Cochran expects a large showing for this year's event, which he said will cater to different audiences.

"We're talking about thousands of people coming for the several events — either for the music or to go green," he said.

Alexis Miney, expo manager at the Madonna Inn, said that the attendance should be larger than in recent years.

"This is a good location in terms of the weather, population, the facilities available and the age base," she said. "This is the first year we've had the event while Cal Poly is in session, so the college demographic may be higher."

In addition to other guest giveaways slated for Saturday, Madonna Inn staff will be handing out free tri-tip sandwiches to the first 100 visitors to the expo site.

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At a recent Cal Poly women's volleyball practice, Mustangs associate head coach Mike Johnson decided to do something that hasn't worked out too well for many people: challenge Kylie Atherstone. "One of our big, powerful coaches — coach Johnson — ripped a ball at her in practice," Cal Poly head coach Jon Stevenson said. "We want to get those girls up to a speed that is at a rate as good or better than they'll ever face in an actual match. So here comes Mike hitting this ball, a ball she would normally bail out on because it's coming fast."

She's not the only Mustang to be rewriting the school's record book, though. Two nights prior to Atherstone's 4,000th hitting attempt, senior middle blocker Jaclyn Houston became the program's all-time block assists leader during a sweep of UC Santa Barbara when she surpassed the previous standard of 499. In spite of the history, Atherstone said, the Mustangs were too caught up in the moment to be concerned with the numbers. "I didn't even hear it when (the PA announcer) said it," she said. "I didn't find out until the end of the game. We don't really think about that too much. It's the same thing with Jaclyn. Of course, it's fun to be recognized but it's not something we're thinking about right now."

Atherstone, as her bid to become the first three-time Big West Conference Player of the Year since U.S. Olympian Misty May, enters Friday's 7 p.m. match against Cal State Northridge at Mott Gym just three aces away from breaking the school's career record of 167.

"We've been working on serving in and being guns blazing, and we were just flat," Stevenson said. "We need to serve better, we need to pass better and be more aggressive." After committing 17 serving errors in the loss to the 49ers, the Mustangs totaled a combined 20 over their past two matches. "We've been to the Madonna Inn for several years now," said Zane Cochran, spokesperson for Jeep 48STRAIHGHT, an Idaho firm that organizes winter and summer sporting events coupled with concerts. "The environment and the great atmosphere have us coming back."