Feds reject protest to Diablo Canyon waste storage plan

This April 12, 2001 file photo, shows the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant near San Luis Obispo. Federal regulators on Thursday, Oct. 23, 2008, denied an activist group's objections to a radioactive waste storage plan at Diablo Canyon.

Erica Werner
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Federal regulators ruled Thursday that a radioactive waste storage plan can go forward at a Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant without further study of whether it's safe from terror attacks.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission voted 3-1 to deny the novel objection from the activist group San Luis Obispo Mothers for Peace, which had won a federal court ruling forcing NRC to consider its arguments.

The decision OKs PG&E's plans to store spent nuclear fuel in aboveground casks at its Diablo Canyon power plant near San Luis Obispo. Dry cask storage is increasingly common at nuclear power plants around the country.

Mothers for Peace had contended there wasn't sufficient study of whether the casks planned for Diablo Canyon could withstand potential terror attacks while protecting human health and the environment, but the NRC said no more study was needed.

"The NRC staff and PG&E provided essentially unconstrained evidence that the probability of a significant radioactive release caused by a terrorist attack was low, and that the potential human health and land contamination effects of the most severe plausible attack would be small," commissioners wrote in their order.

NRC staff studied what they said were plausible attack scenarios that couldn't be made public for national security reasons, and concluded that even the worst-case scenario would result in such a low dose of radiation that it wouldn't cause health problems for plant neighbors.

Commissioner Gregory Jaczko dissented, contending that NRC staff didn't address potential attack scenarios raised by Mothers for Peace and made insufficiently supported assumptions that the probability of a terror attack was low.

"Combining this with the fact that the agency's message all along has been 'trust us to have looked at this information that we refuse to give you access to,' I would say the agency is standing on a very weak foundation to reject" the position of the

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word, but about the concept of voting dual systems," said Scallen. "The issue being decided here is whether the state can create two different statutes for opposite sexes. We call that civil marriage, and the other is domestic partnership," she said. "The question is whether the state can do that without vio­ lating the rights of people who want to get married."

Scallen boiled down the court's detailed and broadly based ruling to three key arguments: people have a fundamental right to marry the person they love; separate systems violate equal protection under the law; and the court is able to make this decision under the principle of separation of powers. "There is no new law here," she said. "The court recognized previous instances in which deny­ing someone marriage was recog­ nized as an undue abridgment of liberty. It's one of the oldest tenets of law, held over from Britain, that you don't treat similar cases differently."

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Mothers for Peace, Jackie wone. "We're pleased with the com­ munication and respect and the process that was used to make it which led to the declared impacts to the pub­ lic," she said. The ruling would allow the company to remain on schedule to bring the spent fuel into dry cask storage in 2009.

Following Mothers for Peace's win in the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in 2006, the attorneys general of New York, New Jersey and Mas­sachusetts challenged NRC decisions on similar grounds, and those are pending.

The ultimate outcome of the Dia­ ldo Canyon case could have broader ramifications for the nuclear power industry, which is anticipating growth as nuclear power attracts more interest as an energy source that doesn't gen­ erate greenhouse gas emissions.

The industry is hampered by the question of radioactive waste disposal. A federal permanent underground repository planned for Yucca Moun­ tain, Nevada, has been delayed by cost overrun and political opposition. The Energy Department has set a new opening date in 2020.

Meanwhile, more than 50,000 tons of spent fuel is piling up at nu­ clear reactors nationwide. Spent nuclear fuel is stored in dry casks at 47 power sites, a number that is expected to in­ crease to 70 by 2025, according to the Nuclear Energy Institute, an industry group.

Used nuclear fuel rods are first moved into casks to allow long-term storage, with a 50-year limit before they can be returned to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for disposal.

The NRC says the casks are de­ signed to withstand the worst of accidents such as being hit by an automobile in a tornado. The casks are to be used at Diablo Canyon, made of inner and outer carbon steel shells that are filled with 30 inches of concrete and weigh up to 170 tons when fully loaded with spent fuel.

The larger question of overall secu­ rity from terrorism at nuclear power plants has been controversial since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission revised its security plan early last year but crit­ ics said it was rushed and Mothers for Peace and other activist groups are challenging the plan in court.

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It's a sign about how energized African-Americans are about this election.

David Bositis, who tracks black voting trends, encourages voters to do so to ease the strain on Nov. 4. About a third of voters nationwide are expected to cast their ballots before Election Day.

Obama's campaign has focused heavily on turning out those vot­ ers, using advertising and campaign events. That's the message the Illinois senator brought to North Carolina during his last stop, when he ad­ dressed a predominantly black crowd in Fayetteville.

"We want to get as many votes as possible as early as possible," he said.

Louise Boyd, a 61-year-old Char­ lotte retiree, voted early this year and then returned to wait in line two days later with her sister, Nyata Frazier. Boyd, who is black, said she expected a very large turnout from watching rallies and noting the his­ toric nature of voting for a black presidential candidate.

"I had a little more pride," she said. "It shows how vastly the U.S. has changed."

In Marietta, just north of Atlanta, poll workers were warning arriving voters of waits up to four hours on Thursday. Many were deterred.

"Take off work, get in line and just expect a long wait," said Kristy White, 30. "Bring a book if you have to."

Georgia election officials expect 1.4 million people to vote early this year — more than double the total from four years ago.

It's the same in North Carolina, with the state Board of Elections Di­ rector Gary Bartlett said two months ago he told senior staff members that overall early voting attendance could reach 2 million ballots. Bar­ tlett said his colleagues thought he was a little crazy.

But based on results so far — more than 735,000 people had voted early as of early Thursday — "it looks like that we're going to be pretty close to that," he said.

"We're seeing historic numbers with a historic election year," Bart­ lett said. "I'm very proud to be a part of that historical process.

The Voting Rights Act of 1965 requires several Southern states to report racial breakdowns among voters who cast their ballots before Election Day, but voting by race is not reported in other states, including North Carolina, Georgia and Louisiana.

"We believe in transparency," Bartlett said. North Carolina has long had more registered Democrats than Republicans but hasn't voted for a Democratic presidential candidate since 1976. President Bush won the state by 12 percentage points four years ago. Bush beat John Kerry by 17 points in Georgia, a state that last voted Democrat in 2004.

This year's trends are daunting for McCain, the Republican nominee. Polls this week favor Obama in both North Carolina and Florida.

Last year, Obama said his place on the Democratic ticket would boost African-American turn-out by 30 percent — potentially opening up Southern states that his party hadn't won in more than a generation. But Obama campaign officials now play down the prospect that his place as the first black, to top a major party ticket would sway enough voters to win the swing states.

"I don't think we should talk only about race. There are so many other factors — age, geography, and spokesperson Caroline Adelman. "This campaign's not about race, it's about bringing people together."
EU honors Chinese dissident; Beijing furious

In March 2006, Chinese AIDS activist Hu Jia speaks during an interview at a cafe in Beijing. Hu Jia won the European Union's top human rights prize Thursday, despite a warning from Beijing that his selection would seriously harm relations with the 27-nation bloc.

Paul Ames
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A jailed Chinese activist won the European Union's top human rights prize on Thursday despite strong pressure from Beijing, which scorned the honor and said it would cause serious harm to China's relations with the 27-nation bloc.

Ignoring repeated warnings from China, the European Parliament chose Hu Jia over two other nominees for the Sakharov Prize. “Hu Jia is one of the real defenders of human rights in the People's Republic of China,” said EU assembly's president Hans-Gert Poettering. “The European Parliament is sending out a signal of clear support to all those who support human rights in China.”

Before the announcement, the Chinese Foreign Ministry said Hu Jia was a criminal and that honoring him would constitute interference in China's internal affairs. Hours later, the foreign ministry said the selection of Hu violated universal rules of respect.

Hu, an outspoken advocate on human rights, the environment and social fairness, is serving a 3 1/2-year jail term for sedition. The authorities in Beijing said the prize would seriously damage China's relations with the 27-nation bloc.

Hu had been suggested as a candidate. That prize was begun in 1988 in honor of Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov, who died the following year. Previous winners include former South African President Nelson Mandela, East Timorese leader Xanana Gusmão and Cuban dissident Oswaldo Paya.

The other nominees for the prize this year were Abbe Apollinaire Malu-Malu, who guided Congo through its first elections in 50 years in 2006, and Belarus opposition leader Alexander Kazulin.

To mark the 20th anniversary of the prize, the EU plans two days of special events culminating in the award to Hu on Dec. 17 in Strasbourg, France.

“I feel very happy to hear the news,” Hu's wife Zeng Jinyan said in a brief phone interview. Zeng, an AIDS activist, said she doubted it would lead to his client's early release from jail.

In Beijing, the government's fury over the prize contrasted with the friendly atmosphere it was trying to project as it welcomed leaders from the European Union and Asia for a summit to tackle the global economic crisis.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao spoke to reporters after the EU made its announcement. “We express strong dissatisfaction to the decision by the European Parliament to issue such an award to the jailed criminal in China, in disregard of China's repeated representations,” Liu said. “It also violates universally recognized rules in the world, which is countries should treat each others as equals and respect each other.”

The award cheered Hu's supporters and the rights community, coming after Beijing's success in holding the Olympics drew the spotlight away from China's civil liberties lapses. "I don't like to take naps on the lawns because I don't like the stickiness of the grass, so I prefer wooden benches for naps."

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Miami might skip his own election-night party

Beth Foulk

Instead of appearing before a throng of supporters at the Biltmore Hotel in Phoenix on the evening of Nov. 4, the Republican presidential nominee plans to deliver postelection remarks to a small group of reporters and guests on the hotel's lawn.

Aides said Thursday that the arrangement was due to space limitations and that McCain might drop by the election watch party at some other point.

Mc Cain's remarks will be piped electronically into the party and media filing center, aides said. Only a small press pool — mostly those who have traveled regularly with the candidate on his campaign plane, plus a few local Arizona reporters and others — will be physically present when he speaks.

Thomas Patterson, a government professor at Harvard's Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy, called the arrangement "unnatural" but said the campaign may simply be bowing to the reality that the candidate's remarks are geared more to his base.

"Addressing your supporters election night is one of those traditions in politics, like where you choose to launch your campaign," Patterson said. "Why wouldn't you want the energy of the crowd? And if you're going to lose, you almost need it even more."

With just 12 days left in the presidential contest, most polls show the Arizona senator trailing Democrat Barack Obama nationally and in most battleground states, although a new AP-GfK poll showed the race tightening a bit in the last few days.

Obama, by contrast, plans to address a giant outdoor celebration election night in Chicago's Grant Park. The event is free and open to the public, but the campaign was charging media organizations a hefty fee for close-in spots on the camera risers and platforms and for cable and wireless Internet at those spots.

The Obama campaign was also charging news organizations $935 per person for a spot in its press filing center, as opposed to $895 per person at the McCain gathering.

State

SACRAMENTO (AP) — While Washington debates the merits of financial bailout packages, California lawmakers are getting their own economic stimulus.

A state compensation board on Thursday approved a $3 daily allowance increase for all 120 members of the Legislature. The annual increase is required under state law to keep up with travel reimbursement rates for federal employees traveling to Sacramento. Lawmakers now will be entitled to receive $175 for each day they travel to the Capitol, up from $170.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — State regulators blame the pilot of a container ship for causing an oil spill in San Francisco Bay when the vessel rammed a bridge tower.

The state pilot commission approved a report Thursday that says Capt. John Cota committed several errors, including leaving port in thick fog on the morning of Nov. 7 and sailing the ship too fast. The Cosco Busan crashed into a support tower of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge and leaked more than 56,000 gallons of oil. The spill killed thousands of birds and fouled 26 miles of shoreline.

Despite the findings, the commission has no authority over Cota because he already has surrendered his pilot license and retired.

National

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A California activist group says it will petition Mormon church President Thomas Monson to stop his faith's involvement in a California proposition to ban same-sex marriage.

The Courage Campaign contends church leaders have "intimidated" members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints into giving millions of dollars to the Yes on 8 campaign. On Nov. 4, California voters will decide whether to ban gay marriage in the state's constitution.

RENO, Nev. (AP) — A jury recommended the maximum penalty Thursday for a man convicted of murdering a university professor after hearing him described as a brilliant, calculating, cold-blooded killer who should spend his life in prison with no chance for parole.

The same Washoe County District Court jurors who found Mohamed Kamaldemir guilty of first-degree murder in the 2007 stabbing death of Judy Calder said about four hours of deliberations Wednesday took about two hours. Thursday to return their sentence — verdict.

Kamaldemir also was found guilty of soliciting another murder in an earlier attempt on the life of the 64-year-old professor at the University of Nevada, Reno.

International

TOKYO (AP) — A 43-year-old player in a virtual game world became so angry about her sudden divorce from her online husband that she logged on with his password to log onto the popular interactive game "Maple Story" to carry out the virtual murder in May, a police official said.

The woman, who has been jailed on suspicion of illegally accessing a computer and manipulating electronic data, used his ID and password to log onto the popular interactive game "Maple Story" to carry out the virtual murder in May, a police official said.

The blast came on a day when the U.S. relinquished control of a province that includes much of the area south of Baghdad. The U.S. will go home. Americans will stay in the area to help the Iraqis when needed.

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One of Oakland's most respected underground hip-hop duos will stop by the Central Coast to perform at Chumash Auditorium Oct. 26. With an opening act by Cal Poly alum Brian McMullen, also known in the hip-hop community as B-Man. Zion I and B-Man will make their debut performances at Cal Poly along with acts like D'Lubric, Rahman Jamal and local group Public Defender.

Their manager Tom Hone said Zion I had a strong following on the Central Coast when the duo drove into town to play at Downtown Brew for their last visit. "Zion I has love in San Luis Obispo because the first thing we heard when we came into town was someone bumping Zion I in their car," he said.

House also mentioned that college shows have more energy compared to a typical show because the audience is made up of "forward thinkers." "It's different in general because everyone is on the same page. The lyrics challenge people with thought and (college) students get it versus those who don't."

The duo has released several albums and EP's and has been featured on mixtapes and collaborations. "(Zion I) takes a lot of risk with their music," he said.

The Hip Hop Congress, a group that fosters an understanding, and Alpha Epsilon Pi are hosting the show as fundraiser.

"Let's face it, we haven't really had big hip-hop acts here, so I'm excited that our first show will be Zion I's manager got in touch with Hip Hop Congress about building a greater fan base on the Central Coast. "Zion I's manager contacted me over the summer about putting on a show here, and obviously we accepted because we love those guys," Cherny said.

Zion I isn't the only headliner taking the stage on Sunday. Public Defendaz, a five-member group out of San Luis Obispo which started in 2001, will also perform. Their music has been described as counter to the stereotype that rap is all money and flash. Hip-hop artist B-Man's music has been described in a similar manner. "It's true hip-hop because he raps over his own beats and that's rare in hip-hop. His music is very progressive, old school brought to 2008 and beyond," said Cherny.

Tickets will be sold today in the University Union from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hip-hop duo Zion I will return to San Luis Obispo Sunday with a show at Chumash Auditorium. Tickets are still available for $15.
Check out these movies opening tonight at the Downtown 7 Cinema in downtown San Luis Obispo

"Saw V" (Horror, R) stars Tobin Bell, Costas Mandylor and Scott Patterson

"High School Musical" (Musical, G) stars Zac Efron, Vanessa Hudgens and Ashley Tisdale

"Pride and Glory" (Drama, R) stars Colin Farrell, Edward Norton, and Jon Voight

Nightmare on Elm St. October 24: 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Lar Lubovitch Dancers:
Saturday, October 25, 8 p.m. (Spamos)
World-renowned choreographer Lar Lubovitch brings his dancers to Cal Poly as a part of his 40th anniversary year.

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Saturday, October 25, 8 p.m.
All of Cal Poly's choirs will unite for a performance entitled "American Idols," which will include songs of our American heritage.

Slo Art Center: Friday, October 24, 7 p.m.
Evangelicals/The Weeds/The Danger Girl Starship Experiment (Pocket Productions show)

Slo Little Theater Short Play Festival:
Oct. 24-26, 8 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday

Haub Gallery
Oct. 24, 5-9 p.m. new art gallery opening: 956 Monterey Street

Downtown Brew:
Everlast with The Lordz will perform tonight, Friday October 24 at 7:30 p.m. (18+)
Sheenwood will perform on Saturday, October 25, at 6:00 p.m.
Pink Spiders, Barcelona and Reinos of Kindo will perform on Saturday, Oct. 25, at 8 p.m.

Linnaeu's
Friday, Oct. 24: Gary Foshee (Country/Folk)
Saturday, Oct. 25: Dustin Schmidt

Christmas on Mars debutes after years of expectation

John Meller
DAILY TEXAN (USTEXAS)

For Flaming Lips fans, it seemed like "Christmas on Mars" would never arrive. The film has been in development since 2001, and its release date has been pushed back year after year. But The Flaming Lips' cinematic magnum opus was finally released Saturday night. The film was screened at the Alamo Drafthouse to eager Lips fans, and, not disappointingly — it is as freaky as anyone could have expected.

Christmas on Mars is about a pioneering colony of astronauts on their first Christmas Eve on the Red Planet, anticipating the birth of the colony's first child. The story is centered around Major Syrtis, played by Lips member Steven Drozd, as he deals with the increasing isolation and paranoia caused by his surroundings and companions. The tone is increasingly claustrophobic as Syrtis confronts the weird forces controlling the minds of his fellow space explorers. Meanwhile, a silent, mysterious martian played by Lips frontman Wayne Coyne arrives, and one of the colony's main oxygen generators malfunctions. It seems their fate is sealed, but Syrtis never gives up hope for a Christmas miracle or loses faith in the power of Santa Claus.

Only The Flaming Lips could soberly convey such a story, and they do so beautifully. Depending on the viewer's familiarity with the band's aesthetics, the film is either genius or completely insane. It might not be inaccurate to call it both. The band brings forth a surprising and mostly talented cast, including the entire band Coyne's wife, J. Michelle Martin-Coyne; Fred Armisen from "Saturday Night Live"; and Steve Burns, aka Steve from "Blue's Clues."

Christmas on Mars is a remarkable film for how it was made. Much of it was shot in Coyne's backyard in Oklahoma City using sets constructed by hand, made of everyday objects and duct tape. That said, it is usually difficult to tell and has perhaps the highest production values possible for such a low budget. The camera techniques, combined with the juxtapositions of black-and-white film with vivid, bright colors, create a unique tone.
Rachel Maddow talks about her new MSNBC show

Chuck Barrey

It's about 10:30 p.m. in New York and Rachel Maddow has just finished her nightly television gig at the MSNBC studio in Rockefeller Center, but she's still very much "wired." Now, she just desperately wants to cop some Z's.

"If I don't get to sleep by midnight, the prospects for a good night's rest are about one in a million," she said in a phone interview while walking briskly along Sixth Avenue toward her apartment. "I might as well hit myself over the head with a ball-peen hammer.

It's a wonder that Maddow, a Castro Valley, Calif., native and Stanford University grad, can sleep at all these days. The relentlessness that is her life consists of daily anchoring duties for the "Air America" radio network and blogging assignments for the Huffington Post. She is also penning a book on the heavy topic of American militarism since 1989.

But the job generating the most buzz is one she has held for only a few weeks. As the liberal-minded, John McCain-bashing host of "The Rachel Maddow Show" on MSNBC, she has boldly bolted into the cable TV boy's club of political punditry while racking up mostly rave reviews and robust ratings.

"She has supernatral reserves of energy," said Bill Wolff, Maddow's executive producer. "She works harder and longer than anyone I've ever known.

She's also got smarts to spare. Maddow, 35, is a Rhodes scholar with a doctorate in political science from Oxford. She is a lifelong liberal who came out at the age of 17. She wrote her dissertation on AIDS activism in prisons.

"She's pretty surreal," Wolff said. "Intellectually, she kind of runs laps around everyone.

Maddow warmed up for her current assignment with regular guest bookings on CNN and MSNBC, including the network's top-rated program, "Countdown with Keith Olbermann." After watching her more than hold her own with the likes of Chris Matthews, Tucker Carlson, Olbermann and others, MSNBC execs concluded it was time to let her walk solo.

She is the first openly gay woman with a national news program, she doesn't even own a TV.

"It's not any kind of intellectual snobbery," said Maddow, who spies her time between New York and the Massachusetts home she shares with artist Susan Mikela, her partner of nine years. "It's more of a constitutional weakness. When the TV is on, I can't get anything done.

But plenty of people are watching her. Since launching on Sept. 8, "The Rachel Maddow Show" has doubled the ratings of Olbermann and CNN's Larry King. But plenty of people are watching her. Since launching on Sept. 8, "The Rachel Maddow Show" has doubled the ratings of Olbermann and CNN's Larry King.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

California girls showing a little too much skin

With the recent heat wave I've noticed a flood of beachwear-clad students. Of, to be more precise, I've noticed the lack of clothes on the women, which brings me to the subject of this letter: school dress codes. The only student dress code I am aware of at Cal Poly is the one at the gym. I like to see attire expectation requirements enacted elsewhere on campus.

Growing up in a liberal family, I have always been opposed to school dress codes. However, yesterday I was seriously distracted from my studies both in the library and in class by lovely California girls. I thought, having completed puberty nearly a decade ago, that I was beyond such simple distractions. I was wrong. Being older and wiser in the ways of the world only makes things much worse. Now I know exactly what I want to do with women and how to do it.

Why can't Cal Poly's females dress just a little more modestly? One might argue that attire expectation requirements impinge upon freedom of expression. To which I would answer: that it is no different from an indecent exposure law and the only ones who complain about that are the nudists. Honestly, we are not talking about a Catholic school where girls are expelled for wearing black bras. It may seem unfair that I have singled out the female for derision, but it still won't matter. If you're on Ramses, better bring a step ladder. He'll cause you pain, you'll shed a tear. And make you remember, the king's still here.

Robert Arshonsky

computer science senior

Dear Southern Utah Thunderbirds

You don't know me, but I'll let you in, Read this close and you just might win. Your team is good, but fix some things. When we explore these, we'll clip your wings.

Now, where should I begin? I'll start with Mr. Barned. If you haven't heard, or missed the tape. This guy shod tackles and makes his escape. Double him, triple him, but it still won't matter. It's 7. And these factory farms have a large percentage of sick and pigs deserve the same treatment. This isn't just an "animal rights" issue. It is a massive issue, (ilobal veganism is the only way to go.

For the animals but also for our health and environment. Proposition 2 is supported by food safety groups, many of the state's vet- erinarians (as well as the California Veterinary Medical Association), environmental groups and farm workers groups because it is not only better for the animals but also for our health and our environment.

Proposition 2 is supported by thousands of Californians. The opposition is funded almost entirely by industry donations, a large percentage from out of state. I urge you to reconsider this important issue and vote yes on Proposition 2.

— Kino

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THE PROBLEM WITH BEING TALL IS THAT I NEVER GET TO WEAR HIGH HEELS.

THE OTHER DAY, MY FRIENDS AND I WERE STANDING IN LINE TO ORDER A TABLE FOR TWO UNDER "MARSHALL." I SAW A GOOD TABLE UNDER "RATCLIFFE," SO I TOLD THEM TO ORDER IT. WE MET UP IN THE RESTROOM AND I TOLD THEM ABOUT OUR TABLE. I HAD THE IDEA THAT I'D ORDER A TABLE UNDER "MARSHALL" AND THEN WE'D MEET UP IN THE RESTROOM TO MEET UP AND THEN WE'D GO TO DINNER TONIGHT. OK, GREAT.
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"We had a couple of schemes we came up with specifically for South Dakota State that allowed us to be pretty efficient," Gillespie said. "And when one guy starts getting hot, the other guys want to step up. It's kind of like a competition. It becomes a chain reaction, and that's something we need to have."

They may get even more opportunities against the Thunderbirds, who've passed 134 percent more often than they've run.

Part of what led to the sack record, Ellison said, was that the Mustangs defensive backs didn't reveal their hands before necessary.

"The back end did a really nice job of being able to show one thing and play something else, and make everything develop for the quarterback after the ball was snapped," he explained.

Southern Utah on the other hand, allowed UC Davis to complete passes from different receivers in a 49-28 loss Oct. 11.

The Thunderbirds will be without senior linebacker DJ SENTER, who allowed UC Davis to complete passes against the Thunderbirds, with eight tackles and four sacks. He suffered a season-ending knee injury.

Cal Poly enjoyed plenty of offensive diversity of its own in Brookings, S.D.

In the absence of senior running back Jarrixt Noble, who broke two fingers Oct. 15, junior Jonas Gaygus rushed for 124 yards and two touchdowns on eight carries. Also, senior receiver Travis Tolarcoughed a career-high seven passes.

Noble, who underwent surgery was in uniform at practice Thursday with a wrapped hand.

Ellison said there was "a chance" that Noble, who played early last season with a cast, could play Saturday.

Southern Utah, Lantis said, put its best foot forward, and differs in "unique" schemes.

"This week came at a good time for us," Lantis said. "We really needed the extra week to be as prepared as we possibly could."
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**Cal Poly looks to rebound**

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**Cal Poly's Ashley Vallis (23) gets ahead of UC Santa Barbara's Julia Space during the Mustangs' 4-2 loss Sunday.**

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