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candidate Sen. Barack
Obama, D-I11. (above),
waves to supporters after
speaking at a rally at the
University of North Caro-
olina, Monday.

Republican presidential
candidate Sen. John Mc-
Cain, R-Ariz. (right) gives
a thumbs-up as he stands
on stage at an airport rally
in Indianapolis Monday.

Despite Obama
lead, Calif. expects
record turnout

Juliet Williams

Sacramento — Even as Democrat Barack Obama is expected to have California's 55 electoral votes in the bag, voters are projected to turn out in record numbers Tuesday as they weigh in on a long list of contentious and costly races.

A measure to amend the state Constitution to ban gay marriage has drawn the most attention and inflamed passions across the state just as the presidential race has done nationally.

That initiative has raised a record $73 million in donations for a social measure, with much of the money coming from out of state. Polls have shown it to be a virtual toss-up, as the campaign for and against same-sex marriage have flooded the airwaves with contentious spots about what its passage might mean for California.

Voters in several legislative and congressional districts also have been bombarded as Democrats see opportunities to gain seats in the state Legislature and perhaps even some in Congress.

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Got organic milk? Win awards

Scott Silvey

The organic food industry has soared in popularity in recent years as shown by the grocery stores entirely devoted to health food products.

And one Cal Poly student is leading the way for organic food processing to become the norm.

"Organic has started to become a big thing," said agricultural business sophomore Colin Brodt.

Brodt, who is minoring in dairy science, was one of four nationwide recipients of the Horizon Organic Producer Education (HOME) Scholarship for 2008.

Horizon Organic is one of the nation's largest producers of organic milk and was the first certified organic brand in the U.S.

The certification states that they make all of their dairy products including milk, cheese and yogurt to meet the strict organic standards set forth by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

"She died peacefully in her sleep with my sister and I at her side," he said of the woman who had played a large role in his upbringing. "And so there is great joy as well as tears. I'm not going to talk about it too long because it is hard for me to talk about."
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Eight of the 12 propositions on the statewide ballot ask voters to invest millions or billions of dollars in state money on everything from a high-speed rail system to a bond to help build children's hospitals. All could be a gamble for voters, who have been battered with bad news about the economy and are fed up after months of partisan bickering over California's budget deficit, said Mark Baldassare, president of the Public Policy Institute of California. "I think that all of this will factor into not only the way people are weighing their own money, but how they're approaching spending in a more general sense," he said. "The case will have to be made by the 'win' side that spending is not only prudent and necessary but that somehow it's going to go to an economic stimulus, somehow going to lead to a greater economy."

In addition to their division over same-sex marriage, voters appeared split on another attempt to require parental notification for minors seeking abortions, two initiatives to boost the state's use of alternative energy and three to address crime and punishment.

A measure sponsored by the Human Society of the United States to give farm animals more space had a lead in pre-election polls. Opponents said it would force major egg producers to move out of state if approved. Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, his own image slipping in public opinion polls, was appealing to voters to help make California's highly gerrymandered political districts more competitive.

Proposition 11 would take away lawmakers' power to draw the boundaries of state legislative districts, giving that authority to a bipartisan panel. Congressional districts would not be affected.

The governor has sought such reforms since his office in 2003. He has been criticized for failing to implement the effort, and since Schwarzenegger spent most of the final week before Election Day campaigning for it.

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States Department of Agriculture

The company uses small organic farms around the country to produce in high-grade products. "The company visits approximately 500 organic farms, over 400 of which have herds of fewer than 100 cows to produce our products," said. "It's been the family since before I was born. But the transition to organic was easy on."

Horizon Organic is hoping that the transition is one that more families are willing to take when pasteurizing milk.

"We want to ensure that smaller family farms continue to thrive and supply the best milk possible," Shea said. "If the reason behind the $2,500 scholarship award is "We want to" do everything possible to help farmers along the way."

Brock speculated that the healthier lifestyle aspect has caused the organic food movement to take off. "People think it is healthier — a better health choice so it has become more popular over the years," Brock said.

While he is glad that organic farming promotes a healthier lifestyle, it has other positive effects on the environment.

"Our company's farming efforts have kept more than 17 million pounds of antibiotics from entering the water and three out of the environment," Shea said.

"In rough economic times, a more robust and diversified future organic dairy farmers like Brock. The transition makes it really easy for us to grow our money in milk," Brock said.
WORD ON THE STREET

“What is the most important issue for you this election?”

“Healthcare because we've got one of the costliest healthcare systems.”
-Grace Wetmore, cleaner energy.

“I think the energy crisis because I think it's important to stop polluting and start using cleaner energy.”
-Robin Connick, music junior

“Energy because (we) need a way to get cheaper, more efficient energy.”
-Zack Newman, music junior

“How the president is going to be rebuilding the economy.”
-Danielle Cain, communications sophomore

State

MADERA, Calif. (AP) — Authorities said Monday they have positively identified some of Steve Fossett's remains: two large bones found a half-mile from where the adventurer's plane crashed in California's Sierra Nevada.

Madera County Sheriff John Anderson said DNA tests conducted by the state Department of Justice positively identified the bones as the remains of the millionaire aviator who disappeared last year.

Anderson has declined to say what bones were found, saying he didn't want to cause the family further anguish.

SACRAMENTO (AP) — One day before Election Day, state highway authorities are removing political signs from freeway overpasses and pedestrian bridges.

They want voters to focus on the road, not politics.

While it's legal to stake political signs and banners in most places, they are considered a public nuisance on overpasses. The California Highway Patrol says the signs could distract motorists.

In Sacramento, officials pulled political signs from pedestrian overpasses on Interstate 80 and Highway 50 Monday morning. State law allows the Department of Transportation, the CHP and local authorities to take down the signs without notice.

Briefs

National

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government, raising cash to pay for the array of financial rescue packages, said Monday it plans to borrow $368 billion more in the first three months of 2009, meaning the next president will confront an ocean of red ink.

Treasury Department officials also projected the government would need to borrow $550 billion in the last three months of this year — and that's just a down payment.

The nonpartisan Committee for a Responsible Budget estimates all the government economic and rescue initiatives, starting with the $168 billion in stimulus checks issued earlier this year, total even more — an eye-popping $2.6 trillion.

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's no coincidence President Bush has been out of the public's eye in recent days — that's the way the Republican Party wants it.

White House press secretary Dana Perino said Monday the incumbent's invisibility is by design — because the Republican Party wanted to make this election about John McCain.

The president knows there are people in this country who want change and are looking for something new, Perino said.

"We're realistic about the political environment that we are in," she said. "What keeps him going is knowing that he's done the right thing."

International

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Pakistan on Monday urged the American general taking charge of the war in Afghanistan to halt missile attacks on militant targets when U.N. workers dumped soap and jerry cans instead of food and spent on past rebel lines.

U.N. officials, fearing hunger at the Kibati camp, where tens of thousands of refugees have sought safety, is due but say their first priority is resupplying clinics hooked by retreating government troops.

"Are we supposed to eat this?" asked Bonsface Ndayumujinya, an elderly man who waved a bundle of spring onions delivered by a friend. He said he was with eight family members who had had nothing to eat in five days.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Refugees who haven't eaten for days cheered when the first humanitarian convoy in a week arrived Monday at their camp, but the jubilation turned into anger when U.N. workers dumped soap and jerry cans instead of food and spent on past rebel lines.

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Man with gun and flag shuts US 101, then gives up

Erica Werner
ASSOCIATED PRESS

A masked man waving an American flag and a revolver on a Highway 101 overpass near Santa Barbara brought traffic to a halt for more than three hours Monday before he surrendered peacefully to police.

Crisis negotiators coaxed Edward Van Tassel, 28, to give up. After dropping the weapon, Van Tassel asked for a Barack Obama campaign sign, which authorities provided and he attached it to the overpass along with the flag, police said. The gun was found to be unloaded.

Van Tassel, an Iraq veteran from Santa Barbara, was taken into custody without incident, said police Sgt. Lorenzo Duarte. The sergeant said Van Tassel had been in the Army, but he did not have any details of his Iraq service.

As for the man’s motive, Duarte said, “The reason appears to be anti-war, but I don’t know the specifics.”

The freeway, which was shut down in both directions during the morning rush hour, was reopened after the arrest.

Police continued to investigate a duffel bag and the man’s car at the scene but “we have no credible threats or any threats of explosives,” Sgt. Jim Prieging said.

Prieging said Van Tassel would receive a mental health evaluation.

Van Tassel was booked for investigation of possession of a concealed firearm, possession of an illegal weapon, conspiracy, resisting arrest, brandishing a weapon, disturbing the peace, wearing a mask for the purpose of committing a crime and allowing an unlicensed driver to drive.

Police investigating the standoff also alleged that Van Tassel carried a weapon into a local radio station last week. He was booked for investigation of burglary, brandishing a weapon and possession of a concealed weapon in connection with that incident.

Levy was booked for investigation of conspiracy, possession of a dangerous weapon and driving on a suspended license.

Van Tassel, wearing a ski mask and brown fatigues, held the flag in one hand and the gun in the other when officers arrived on the La Cumbre Avenue overpass shortly after 7 a.m. in Santa Barbara, 90 miles northwest of Los Angeles.

During the hours-long negotiation, a police special weapons and tactics team and a crisis negotiation team used a bullhorn to communicate with Van Tassel.

Nearly three hours into the siege, Van Tassel put the revolver down, asked for an Obama sign, which was delivered by a bomb squad robot. Van Tassel later walked backward to officers, who took him into custody shortly after 10:30 a.m. No shots were fired during the incident.

Telephone directory assistance had no listing for Van Tassel.

The freeway, a major route along the California coast, was completely shut down west of downtown Santa Barbara during the incident and the Highway Patrol reported at 10 a.m. that traffic was backed up at least three miles in each direction.

Motorists stuck on the freeway got out of their vehicles and chatted or waved at media helicopters.

The La Cumbre overpass links the exclusive Hope Ranch and La Cumbre Golf & Country Club on the south to the La Cumbre Plaza shopping mall and State Street to the northeast.
Instant "Karma": Reddi's beautiful story collection a quick read

This past week I had the pleasure to read a truly beautiful collection of short stories, "Karma and Other Stories," by Rishi Reddi. It is a delicately-written look into the Indian culture and the struggles and triumphs one community faces in their American lives. Set mostly in Boston, with the exceptions of Kansas and Hyderabad, India, the native land of the characters, the seven stories have the common theme of balancing traditional ways and values with the demands of a sometimes-wrenching America. The collection is comparable to Jhumpa Lahiri's Pulitzer Prize-winning collection, "Interpreter of Maladies," mostly because of the indirect, witty prose of the pieces and the ability to connect the richness of a novel in the presence of a short story.

By far, my favorite story of the collection was the first, "Justice Sheva Ram Murthy," which also appeared in "The Best American Short Stories 2005." It begins the book with the tale of a man who have been friends, "since we were small boys growing up in Mozamgah Market." Justice Murthy repeats several tunes when he speaks of his friend Manu. Both men have moved to America to live with their grown children, which in modern times, can mean moving out of one's comfort zone. Murthy and Manu have a routine of walking to a meeting spot, and then sitting next to each other, and through the eyes of Murthy, we see a situation unfold that causes both men to access their relationship. Full of vivid imagery, the old men lead us through a story, sad at times, of love, loyalty and the upkeep of tradition.

Reddi has a mysteriousness to her writing that makes each thumbnail sketch of these interconnected lives seem so real. The stories themselves are not full of action, in fact many times nothing truly significant comes from the tales. However, I loved when stories read like this, with their seductive veils intact. Sometimes less is certainly more, and this grouping of stories is an excellent testament to that idea. At the end of many of the stories, I found myself longing for more information. In "Karma," I wanted to know what was going on to the main character, far beyond the confines of the last line. Usually I am content to forgo my own ending, but on this one I really felt like I was robbed. It was undoubtedly an intricate tale of class discrimination within a family, which I had never read about before in this collection or in any other like it. The brothers find that their difference in merits and jobs wedged an irreparable void in their relationship, ultimately ending in a separate existence in the same foreign town. It was heartbreaking and oddly inspirational all at once. But, as I said, I wanted more from it. Perhaps it was because it is easy to become immersed in the beauty in Reddi's writing, and a sudden ending is like someone ripping a lollipop from your mouth after you are halfway finished. In any case, it was still a gorgeous story and worth reading.

In "The Validity of Love," I found the traditional struggle of a modern Indian American woman vying for her own ideas of true love, while struggling against the confines of her family's expectations of an arranged marriage. This story was a standout in the collection, namely because I believe it to be the most in-depth look at the inner workings of a character's thoughts and feelings. It was not a happy story, but rather a story of a lesson learned the hard way. It was at times frustrating, paralleling with the acquirement of knowledge of a culture. It is so interesting to see what goes on in the mind of a quiet woman trying to respect her family. Ultimately, her respect becomes her worst enemy. Reddi's stories work so many themes into each story that they come out as a patchwork of intricate issues and the fight for independence. The difficulties of adjusting to America are so clear in these stories, that after reading this book, I have a new view of my own ways and traditions.

There wasn't one story that I disliked in this collection. At times I wanted more evidence connections between the characters, and I thought much of the connection was no more than a reorganization of names from story to story. Still, the book was honest and offered no reserve. I would recommend, "Karma and Other Stories," to anyone, of any age. With each story capturing a segment of a different age and stage of life, there is, for lack of a better phrase, something for everyone.

Palin takes prank call from fake French president

Charmaine Notonha
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TORONTO — Sarah Palin unwittingly took a prank call Saturday from a Canadian comedian posing as French President Nicolas Sarkozy, and reported her she would make a good president someday.

"Maybe in eight years," replies a laughing Palin.

The Republican vice presidential nominee discusses politics, the perils of hunting with Vice President Dick Cheney, and Sarkozy's "beautiful wife," in a recording of the six-minute call released Saturday and set to air Monday on a Quebec radio station.

Palin campaign spokeswoman Tracy Schmitt confirmed she had received the prank call.

"Governor Palin was mildly amused to learn that she had joined the ranks of heads of state, including President Sarkozy and other celebrities, in being targeted by these pranksters. C'est la vie," she said.

The call was made by a well-known Montreal comedy duo, Marie-Anne Audette and Sebastien Trudeau. Known as the Masked Avengers, the two are notorious for prank calls to celebrities and heads of state.

Audette, posing as Sarkozy, speaks in an exaggerated French accent and drops ample hints that the conversation is a joke. But Palin seemingly does not pick up on them.

He tells Palin one of his favorite pastimes is hunting, also a passion of the 44-year-old Alaska governor.

"I just love killing those animals. Mmm, mmm, take away life, that is so fun," the fake Sarkozy says.

He proposes they go hunting together by helicopter, something he says he has never done.

"Well, I think we could have a lot of fun together while we're getting work done," Palin counters. "We can kill two birds with one stone that way."

The comedian jokes that they shouldn't bring Cheney along on the hunt, referring to the 2006 incident in which the vice-president shot and injured a friend.

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Native American Cultural Month Calendar of Events

**Soup and Substance**
University Union 220
Tues., Nov. 4, 12 p.m.

**Storyteller**
Allan Salazar
University Union 221
Wed., Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m.

**Native American Literature discussion with Dr. Inez Talamantez**
Building 8, Room 123
Tues., Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m.

**Film Screening of "Imprint"**
Building 52, Room E27
Thurs., Nov. 20, 7 p.m.

**Native American Cultural Month**

"A lot of the time, people think cowboys and Indians and folklore," Campbell said. "We're trying to bring a contemporary spin to it."

"I think it's important and relevant because we live in Native American territory right here on the Central Coast and it is a particular culture that a lot of people don't know about," Campbell added. "Unfortunately, there are a lot of negative images regarding to Native Americans and we want to make sure that there are also positive images throughout the campus and throughout the community."

Native American Heritage Month will feature several events designed to include all students on campus.

The first event, Soup and Substance, will take place on Nov. 4. Soup and Substance is a monthly campus event designed to give the community an opportunity to discuss current world and local topics. This month's event will feature Michael Lucas, a professor from the College of Architecture and Environmental Design, who will discuss Native American architecture, including reservations.

Soup and bread will be provided to valued community listeners and participants in the discussion. It will take place at University Union Room 220 at 12 p.m.

On Nov. 12, Allan Salazar, a traditional Chumash storyteller, will lead a discussion about world history and storytelling in today's world. The discussion will take place in UU Room 221 at 7:30 p.m.

On Nov. 18, Native American literature professor at the University of California Santa Barbara will speak about Native American religion. The lecture will take place in room 123 in the Bioresource and Agricultural Engineering Building beginning at 7:30 p.m.

On Nov. 20, a screening of the film "Imprint" will bring an end to the Native American celebrated events. "Imprint" is a feature-full-length thriller that won best picture, best actress and best supporting actress at the American Indian Film Festival. The film brings contemporary Native American issues to light. "Imprint" will be shown in the Science Building Room E27 at 7 p.m.

"It's really true! Where dreams really do come true..."
Local gardens serve as community’s backyard

Emilie Egger

Two streets from downtown, in between a church, a park and two rows of houses, lies the Emerson, Community Garden. With its various wind chimes, bird baths and tool benches, and an occasional scarecrow and pumpkin thrown in for fall, the gardens function as a sort of backyard for a city whose narrow streets leave much to be desired in terms of growing space.

The San Luis Obispo Community Garden, which operate under the city’s parks and recreation department, provide planting plots for local residents who don’t have enough space at home to grow their flowers or produce. Located on the corner of Nipomo and Pismo streets, on Laurel Lane and North Broad Street, the gardens are a convenient option for downtown residents, as well as those who have to come from farther away.

The gardens began as an Eagle Scout project over a decade ago and were designed to provide available growing space for the community. The annual $24 rent covers all the water required throughout the growing season. While gardeners are expected to maintain their plots, there are no rules as to what can or cannot be grown. “As long as it doesn’t cast shade over our plots, we allow people to grow whatever they want,” said Amy Voorhies, of the San Luis Obispo Parks and Recreation Department.

While the plots average 10-by-10 feet in size, each area is unique in terms of shape and harvest. Some are rectangular slices of earth featuring neat rows of vegetables, while others are horseshoe-shaped areas overflowing with seasonal wildflowers.

The demographics of the approximately 70 gardeners who have plots at the three locations vary. “I have college students who have plots, I have families, I have seniors,” added Voorhies.

For many, the gardens serve as a main source of produce. Christine Wallace, who works for the parks and recreation department and oversees the operations at the gardens, said that the majority of the gardeners she sees use their plots to grow food. “In my opinion, it’s primarily vegetables to supplement their table.”

Speaking of the garden’s benefit to those with smaller incomes, Wallace added, “Some folks that come are low income or fixed income. They’re eating what they grow.”

San Luis Obispo resident Janet Santacqua has had a plot in the Community Gardens for three years. She and her husband who live nearby don’t have room at their residence to grow produce.

Santacqua’s extensive plot contains mostly vegetables, although she also has a few flowers. “I’m growing kale now, I have broccoli planted and cabbage and strawberries,” she said, pointing to her plot at the Emerson Garden. For Santacqua, the sense of community among the gardeners is another valuable aspect of using the gardens. While acknowledging that some gardeners are “more involved than others,” she said that, over time, she and her husband have gotten to know many of the people who grow in the neighboring plots. “We have potlucks in the summertime,” she said. “You learn about other people.”

The locations are frequented by many members of the community, even non-gardeners. Cayucos resident Gail Martin says she visits the Emerson Garden when she comes to San Luis Obispo to do errands. “I just meditate and look at all the beautiful things,” she said. “I like all of it, the arches, sitting here with the water; the little birds.”

The gardens have become impacted as more people become aware of them, causing many would-be gardeners to put their plans on hold. “We have ridiculously long waiting lists,” Wallace said, citing the garden’s popularity among downtown residents, the majority of whom have small yards. Voorhies added that the average waiting time is about a year.

Although there are no specific plans to expand at this time, Wallace says that the parks and recreation department is always looking for new sites. “We’re in the process of identifying and investigating some additional locations,” she said.
Don’t be blue because the economy’s in the red
We hold the key to a green future

"Trick or treat?" I asked myself on Halloween night. I could trick out to the holiday festivities, or treat myself to a little civic participation four days before the election. Fully equipped with door hangers informing voters to choose a candidate that supports green jobs, climate justice, and clean energy, I embarked on a late night door-to-door mission. The goal was to simply remind on-campus residents to vote. Four or five buildings later, I realized that almost every student I encountered told me they had already cast their ballot. "This must be a holiday gag," I thought, because students don’t have to vote to "do their civic duty." This election has certainly defied all notions of the expected. An elaborate electoral system is now able to get involved with using two-way media and online networks. Perhaps the Facebook generation has put their technology to good use. Whichever way the elections swing, civic engagement has ultimately proven the greatest lesson in this race.

So what’s next? America will decide its new leader, and now is the chance to push issues forward that have remained dormant in the national level for far too long. At Cal Poly, we learn our respective trades well enough to join the workforce out of college, but we are entering a world where the pressure to distinguish between various sectors. Concurrently, we have the international science community warning us of impending doom from climate change. Are these two competing issues or do they complement each other? The best solutions can be found in mutually benefiting economic growth that helps the environment, head-of-household jobs that promote fair and just causes, and renewable energy that gives our nation clean, affordable and secure supplies. These aren’t just pipe dreams. Hundreds of thousands of students across the nation have pledged to hold their elected officials accountable to make a clean and just future for America. We have the ears of politicians more than ever before. This election is an historic moment for young voters, where politicians realize that they must listen to the demands of the rising generation. And it is our job to continue this level of engagement to take knowledge into action.

We are the future workforce of the green economy. We are the future engineers of our renewable energy infrastructure. We are the young people renovating our inefficient buildings. We are the future planners building our innovative public transit networks. We are the future farmers providing local goods. We are the future social scientists identifying true costs of our goods and services. We are the future social scientists finding what makes great places for us to live and work. We are the future stakeholders that have to reckon with our changing world.

Whether we like it or not, America is going to change. We asked for it and we will get it. As graduating students entering the workforce, we will make sure that will promote the upsurge of green economy. So, the message is: this is work for jobs that are fully engaged in sustainability — not a portion, sector, department or person. It means proactively making decisions that align with environmental constraints and social concerns.

Nancy Cole is a city and regional planning senior and the former vice-president of the Empower Poly Coalition.

What does "marriage" actually mean?

I must take issue with Angela Kramer's column (Oct. 7) "The (un)constitutionality of Prop 8." By expressing a distrust in discussing the definition of marriage and focusing on "the threat to equal protection," Angela effectively refuses to take an overt position on the central issue of the debate but then proceeds on the assumption that her implicit position is an established fact. While refusing to state a position undoubtedly reduces the effectiveness of counterarguments ("You can't challenge my claim, because I didn't claim anything"). it is not rational to refuse to state a premise and then base the rest of the argument upon that premise. The definition of marriage is undoubtedly at the center of this debate.

Roughly, marriage is either between a man and a woman, or it is between two people, gender irrelevant. If it is simply between two people, then gays have been denied civil and equal protection — along with straight, who were also prevented from marrying someone of the same sex. If marriage is between a man and a woman, then the term "gay marriage" servers rather to deceive than to enlighten, for it is not marriage at all. And if it is not marriage, then its proponents cannot claim about it being treated unequally, because it is simply not equal. So, if marriage is between a man and a woman, then why not simply redefine it? Perhaps we can, perhaps we can't. It depends on whether "marriage" is something that truly exists, like love, justice, and the Rock of Gibraltar, or whether it is some thing we just made up and can alter as the mood strikes us, like healthcare and my backyard garden. But again, this comes down to truth, and not our inclinations or preferences. It has been said that Prop 8 forces the belief on one group onto another. Indeed it does. But does the legalization of gay marriage. There is no neutrality here; either the one group prevails, or the other. What does it matter that Prop 8 would dissolve thousands of same-sex unions? If it is not marriage, then it is not marriage, and in particular, is not a compelling argument against reality. It may be argued that Prop 8 is an outlet for homophobia. In some cases, I think that’s true — but it is irrelevant. The truth of a statement does not hinge upon the motives for making that statement. Some people may support Prop 8 for the wrong reasons, but that does not affect whether or not Prop 8 is right. What matters here is not motive, wish or preference. What matters is truth. If marriage is truly between a man and a woman, as it has been understood since the days of humans, then that is the way it is. If not, then that is the crux, the heart of the matter, and it is the topic that deserves our focus.

Eric Baldwin is an electrical engineering senior and a Mustang Daily guest columnist.
Those offended by intolerant acts should stand up for their values

Sarah Palin will rock D.C.

As a 77-year-old re-energized foot soldier I can only say that Sarah Palin is a breath of fresh air to the country. She has electrified the United States and the electorate and her nomination as vice president has done more than we had built ten new power plants.

This accomplished and beautiful woman caused the British to say "I send her over here!" We need another Margaret Thatcher. Sarah Palin's wit, intelligence and humor, as evident by her acceptance speech and her family and daughter, is another Ronald Reagan, I never thought I would live to see another unifying force enter the political arena and challenge the United States and the electorate to the country. She has electrified the United States and the electorate and her nomination as vice president has done more than we had built ten new power plants.

We, as the on-campus affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), acknowledge the First Amendment rights of all American citizens. It is unconstitutional to punish for the use of protected pieces of free speech. However, hanging a noose, at all, demonstrates the intent to intimidate. Louisiana state law users that a noose, "historically used in execution by hanging, symbolizes racism and intimidation." Louisiana is the third state, after Connecticut and New York, to ban the noose.

This brings into question the display of the noose in context with the alleged sign and Confederate flag witnessed on campus. Does this incident qualify as a misdeemeanor federal hate crime (U.S. v. Munsen, 2007)?

We, like many of you, are both dismayed and appalled by the recent actions of certain members of our campus. The words and imagery that were posted are beyond acceptable. They are a horrid, shameful reminder of our nation's history of prejudice.

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The Civil Liberties Alliance

The Civil Liberties Alliance is the affiliate club at Cal Poly for the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California.

The faiths we each represent are separate and distinct. The only thing they can do is attack her in a shark-like feeding frenzy as is customary when the most elite liberal media and elite liberals attack her family and daughter when they have no substance and can not respond to Sarah Palin by being vitriolic in their newspaper and television diatribes.

God bless the hand that rocks the cradle! I hope she does a lot of rocking when she gets to Washington.

Alan Martyn
Los Osos resident

Everyone should get to marry who they love

I've begun to wonder if humani­ ty will ever change. Will we contin­ ue to argue over civil rights every time the world changes a little bit?

In the 20th century we argued over women's rights and racial rights. In the 21st we're arguing about homosexual's rights. I predict that in the later part of the 21st, we'll argue about genetic modified human's rights, in the 22nd we will argue about robot rights and in the 23rd, alien rights.

Now you're thinking I'm a crazy person who just wants hot alien robots.

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Alton White
Application Management/ITS

Vote no on Prop 8 to take next step in civil rights

In 1967, laws against interracial marriage were declared illegal. This was less than 20 years before many Cal Poly students were born. This is recent history. We hope no one at Cal Poly is against interracial marriage, but 20 years ago, it would not have been odd.

We ask all the people against Proposition 8 to think about the issue. Marriage rights have, historically, been regarded by courts as being inalienable. They ask what prevents someone from marrying their sister or a horse? Well, the first is actually genetically damaging. But if you weren't to love children, one could argue for it, though it seems psy­ chologically disturbing to me. The second (the horse) isn't sentient or able to communicate at the level necessary for meaningful love or marriage.

So, if the requirements for mar­ riage are sentence and the ability to communicate then there's no reason people won't be marrying robots and aliens in the future. And there's no reason homosexuals shouldn't be able to marry now.

We, like many of you, are both dismayed and appalled by the recent actions of certain members of our campus. The words and imagery that were posted are beyond acceptable. They are a horrid, shameful reminder of our nation's history of prejudice.

The Civil Liberties Alliance is the affiliate club at Cal Poly for the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California.

We write this letter not to those who posted the sign, Confederate flag and noose but to the majority of our community who are infuriated by the intent to intimidate. We must not sit silent in our anger. We must live by ex­ ample. Each and every time we are con­fronted by bigotry, racism and hatred, we must stand tall by but denounce it.

We must embody our values. Too of­ten the opinions and comments of bigots are left unchallenged. Let the actions of these individuals not be a blenheim on our campus but let this be a rallying point for our community.

These events will be best remembered by a positive and overwhelming response from the majority of Cal Poly rather than the vile acts of a few. In order to end rac­ ism, we must teach the truth of accep­ tance. We must come together and make the world that we desire to live in a reality.

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Maryland duo stands on opposing sides of election

Maryland quarterback Chris Turner (10) throws a pass during a 27-24 win over North Carolina State on Oct. 25 in College Park, Md.

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Sports designer - Kate Nickerson
Money from Wisconsin game could fund locker room, field upgrades

Jennifer Titcomb
MUSTANG DAILY

Wisconsin's offensive linemen outweigh Cal Poly's defensive counterparts by about 60 pounds each, and the threethree Rose Bowl champion Badgers lured 81,746 fans per home game last season compared to Cal Poly's 9,644.

Many have inquired why Cal Poly will face Wisconsin on Nov. 22 at Camp Randall Stadium in Madison, Wis. Aside from competitive spirit, it's all about the money.

Wisconsin paid an appearance fee of $500,000 to Cal Poly.

It was the highest amount ever paid by a Football Bowl Subdivision (formerly Division I-A) school to Cal Poly, a Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) program.

"They do that because they have upwards of 80,000 seats and the revenue they would generate from that home game far exceeds what they are paying us," Cal Poly athletic director Alison Cone said. "They don't want to go on the road and want to be at home and it's hard to get home games."

Not only are the Badgers looking to gain revenue, but they are "looking to buy a win," Cone continued. "We take great pride in upsetting that." Cal Poly, which experienced difficulty trying to fill out its schedule with FCS teams because of the program's recent success and the lack of fellow FCS teams in the West, used the money to fund two of its "guaranteed games," Cone said.

Cal Poly paid Idaho State and North Carolina Central a total of $205,000 to venture to Alex G. Spanos Stadium, she said, and traveling to Wisconsin will amount to approximately $130,000.

About $50,000 from Wisconsin, Cone said, went to upgrading technology, helmets, shoulder pads, gloves, cleats and sideline communication with improved headsets.

The remainder will be used to fund improvements to either the team's locker room or practice fields.

"We are hoping to roll some of the money to the locker rooms in the gym," Cone said.

The Mott Gym locker room facility is in the transition of going to Crandall Gym, Cal Poly Athletics media relations director Brian Thurmoad said.

"They split locker rooms between Mott and Crandall Gym," he said. "Without question, (improvements will help) because when you have a better locker room facility, it will boost team morale and help recruiting."

Although Cone said the team's practice fields haven't caused any injuries, they're also in need of a makeover, and she stressed that players' safety is the highest priority.

Yet there is not enough money to renovate both the locker rooms and practice fields adequately, so she'll negotiate with the program to determine "how good we can get the field if we don't put money into it." Depending on a matique match-up can be a risky strategy, she warned.

With the state's recent budget cuts, money is scarce throughout the university, and Cal Poly's athletic department is no exception.

"Athletics has the same list of needs that academics does," Cone said. "We all have our laundry list of needs, and ours is really lengthy."

New pool a watershed for Cal Poly

Jennifer Titcomb
MUSTANG DAILY

The day when the Cal Poly swimming and diving team can compete on campus in an Olympic-size pool is finally becoming a reality.

Anderson Pool, located behind Mott Gym, is being replaced with a new pool that will meet Division I regulations.

Construction on the new pool was originallly planned for January 2008, but the entire process took longer than expected, head coach Tom Milich said.

Now, with construction under way, the pool is planned to open in May 2009, although Milich said the contractors believe they are ahead of schedule and could actually finish in April.

The total cost of the project is expected to be $2.39 million. The money was allotted to Cal Poly from the state for the replacement of the natatorium at Crandall Gym.

Nothing will be torn down to make room for the pool, which will double in size.

It basically fits in the same footprint of the existing pool area," Milich said. "It's just that the pool will take up pretty much the entire pool area."

The new pool will be 80 feet by 75 feet, or 600 square yards, and will be the same depth throughout, allowing diving and swimming to take place at the same time at opposite ends.

Team workouts have been altered due to construction.

This season's home meets will be at Simshome Park.

The team practices at the Rec Center's pool in the afternoons and takes to the weight room in the mornings. A group of distance swimmers have a morning practice once a week at Simshome Park as well.

Milich said one reason the old pool didn't meet Division I standards was that it had only six lanes instead of eight, and they were less than 7 feet wide instead of 8-foot-2.

More lanes will help practices become more efficient, allowing the team to split up for different stroke work with fewer people in each lane.

"It was very difficult to get the work in that you needed to do because there were so many people in one lane," senior swimmer Amy Speer said.

"There was so much wake from everyone else."

Fellow senior Brent Summers agreed.

"You had to make sure you weren't going to get run over or ran someone over," he said.

As if that wasn't enough, the pool had no rails or cross on the bottom to let the swimmers know where they were. The markings are critical to swimmers going into their flip turns in order to know their distance to the wall.

"I am excited to see what it is going to do for this program," Summers said. "We are finally going to be able to bring in recruits and it will be a nice facility, and we will be able to compete with some of the other schools that have nice facilities."