Obama sweeps to victory as first black president

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Students flood polls to vote for Obama, against Prop 8

Rachel Glas

Cal Poly students turned out in record numbers to help swing California's 55 electoral votes and the presidential election towards Sen. Barack Obama (D-IL) Tuesday. There was a "fantastic turnout of young people," poll worker Barbara Adams said. "It was the most ever at Cal Poly." A long line snaked around the University Union as some students waited over an hour to cast their ballots. In all, 838 regular ballots were cast, 607 provisional, and 316 people handed in vote by mail ballot. Though the line was long, the process went smoothly, said Adams.

Students voting on campus had strong opinions on a variety of different issues. Mathematics freshman Therese Redlinger voted for McCain. "I'd say the main reason is because I'm Catholic and I'm really big on being pro-life."

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Controversial propositions come in close

Confinement of farm animals ballot measure

Prop 2

Yes

Reversal of same-sex marriage

Prop 8

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The popular vote was close — 53.1 percent to 47.5 percent, with 73 percent of all U.S. precincts tallied — but not the count in the Electoral College, where matters most.

Thus, Obama’s audacious decision to contest McCain in states that didn’t go Democratic in years paid rich dividends. Shortly after midnight in the East, The Associated Press count showed Obama with 359 electoral votes, well over the 270 needed for victory. McCain had 141 after winning states that counted the normal Republican base, including Texas and most of the South.

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### A look at who was elected

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- **Abel Maldonado**
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- **Sam Blakeslee**
  - State Assembly
  - Republican

- **Dave Romero**
  - SLO Mayor
  - Incumbent
Briefs

National

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Federal Communications Commission has opened an investigation into the pricing policies of major cable operators and Verizon Communications Inc.

Cable companies, the agency plans to look into Comcast Corp., Time Warner Cable Inc., Cox Communications Inc., Charter Communications Inc., Cablevision Systems Corp., Bright House Networks, St. Louis Communications, Bend Cable Communications, GCI Company, Harvon Entertainment and RCN Corp., according to a letter the agency sent pay TV operators Oct. 30.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — For nearly a year, six Chinese crew members of a ship that crashed into the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge — creating the bay's worst oil spill in nearly 20 years — have been detained by federal authorities.

The charges are being held as material witnesses in the crash of the Cosco Busan. The men, including four who are not accused of wrongdoing, are fighting for the right to return to their families in China.

"This is a lengthy detention," said University of Georgia law professor Ronald Carlson, an expert on the material witness law. "These witnesses are being detained humanely. Still, there is that undeniable desire to return home."

It was believed to be the biggest San Francisco Bay oil spill since 1989.

International

BERLIN (AP) — A German official says 20 people were killed and another dozen injured in a tour-bus accident Tuesday night near the city of Hanover in northern Germany.

A spokesman from Lower Sax­ony's Interior Ministry says the bus caught fire after the accident on the A2 Autobahn. He says it was not immediately clear why the bus caught fire.

The spokesman spoke on con­dition of anonymity according to ministry policy.

KOGEL0, Kenya (AP) — Barack Obama's Kenyan family erupted in cheers Wednesday, sing­ ing "we are going to the White House?" as Obama became the first African-American elected pres­ident.

In the western village of Kogelo where the Democratic candidate's late father was born, police had tightened security to prevent hoards of media and onlookers from enter­ing the rural homestead of Obama's step-grandmother, Sarah.

But the elderly woman and sev­eral other relatives came outside Wednesday to cheer for Obama in a country where the Democrat is seen as a "son of the soil."

Across Africa — where the U.S. is widely popular — people celebrated well beyond American borders.

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Kenyan living Kibera, one of Africa largest slum areas in Nairobi, Kenya, on Tuesday Nov. 4, 2008, dance to music in praise of U.S. presidential candidate Barack Obama during a night vigil on the occasion of the U.S. presidential election. U.S. Democrat candidate Obama is very popular here and believed would win the election.

Materials and TIPS are being released to help students and teachers prepare for the election.

Matt Moore
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Throughout packed plazas and pubs around the world to await U.S. election results Tuesday, many inspired by Barack Obama's promise of change amid a sense of re­ lief that — no matter who wins — the White House is changing hands.

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**WORD ON THE STREET**

"Where were you election night?"

"My roommates and I (had) a party at our house. We're supporting John McCain."

Justin Rucker, electrical engineering senior

"In my room with friends and roommates."

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"I actually (had) an intramural soccer game. (I'd) check on the Internet because I don't have cable."

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"I actually (had) an intramural soccer game. I (was) off at six so I (went) home to watch the election. All my roommates and I went to vote (yesterday) morning in our pajamas so we're really excited."

-Jessica Wynne, journalism senior

**U.S. troops on front lines of war track election**

U.S. soldiers from Lightning Troop, 3rd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment gather before a mission to observe an Iraqi police recruiting drive in Mosul, 360 kilometers (224 miles) northwest of Baghdad, Iraq, Tuesday.

Denis D. Gray

Associated Press

U.S. soldiers on the front lines tuned in to CNN and the Internet to track the presidential election that will decide the future of their mission. But for many, the day was spent like so many others on patrols, repairing equipment and other mundane tasks of war.

Troops in the war zones of Iraq and Afghanistan mailed in absentee ballots long ago — if they voted. So by the time election day arrived back home, there was nothing for them to do but await the results.

"We can't stop doing what we have to do. We got to keep running," said Maj. Gary Dangerfield of Chicago, spokesman for the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment based in the northern city of Mosul.

Before heading out on missions, some soldiers here at Camp Marez watched a giant television screen airing CNN's election reporting. Others followed the voting on the Web if they were on bases with Internet service.

Sgt. James Fowler, 27, of Fresno, Calif., said he voted for Barack Obama but "I am outnumbered 10-to-one, especially among officers" and senior noncommissioned officers who support John McCain.

"Everyone is looking forward to McCain," said Fowler, from the 94th Engineer Battalion. "But I believe it's time for change and Obama has promised that. At least he has given us a timeline" for withdrawing from Iraq.

Obama has called for bringing all combat soldiers home from Iraq within 16 months. McCain, a veteran and former Vietnam War prisoner, says the current U.S. strategy in Iraq is working and has promised to pursue the war until victory.

In the remote Afghan province of Kunar, meanwhile, Spc. Joshua Frank said it was "about time" the U.S. had a new president although he would not state his preference.

"We need, definitely need some change," Frank said. "So a fresh face, fresh start would be good." Both Obama and McCain support sending more troops to Afghanistan, where insurgent violence is on the rise even as it is declining in Iraq.

While Americans were voting back home, Lightning Troop, 3rd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry went to Badoush, a town on the northern outskirts of Mosul, to observe and help Iraqis recruit 200 new members of the National Police.

"Some soldiers are concerned about the election, but we really don't talk politics very much," said platoon leader 1st Lt. Conrad Brown, a West Point graduate from Bangor, Maine, speaking at the site where recruits were stripped, searched, given health checks and tested for literacy.

Troop commander Capt. Hunter Bowers of Hendersonville, Tenn., said he didn't get to vote because his absentee ballot was sent to the wrong address.

"Things won't change here between now and the time we go home. We'll be getting back about the time the new president is inaugurated," Bowers said.

Another officer, Capt. Jared Just, said he believed no matter who wins, "it won't really change the course of things in Iraq that much."

Minutes before the unit's Humvees reached a checkpoint on a highway en route back to base, a suicide bomber rammed his car into an Iraqi army truck. Flames still flared from the wrecked truck, and trails of blood marked its left front door. Iraqi police said four policemen were wounded in the blast, but the bomber was the only fatality.

Sgt. Anthony Vess, of Bethlehem, Pa., said he thought a lot of younger soldiers supported Obama's Iraq policy.

"This war has taken up a chunk of my life," said Vess, 27, also with the 94th Engineers. "I consider myself a peacekeeper, not a war fighter."
Young voters help put Obama over the top

Martha Irvine
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Rafi Zelikowsky skipped class on Tuesday to camp out in downtown Chicago and wait for Barack Obama, the man who captured the hearts of so many young voters.

"We're feeding off the energy," said Zelikowsky, a 19-year-old Northwestern University student from Los Angeles who arrived at 7:30 a.m. to stand in a long line outside the park where supporters awaited Obama's victory address more than 15 hours later. Zelikowsky, who voted for Obama by absentee ballot in California, also spent her previous weekend canvassing for the Illinois senator in rural Iowa.

That kind of loyalty — and the Obama campaign's early efforts to harness young voters — paid off at the ballot box.

Exit polls showed that young voters were supporting him by a more than 2-1 margin, with his greatest support coming from black and Hispanic young people. The preliminary bracket said they voted for Obama. Many young voters said this election was two of her top issues.

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The exit polls showed support for Obama steadily decreasing as the age of the voters who were questioned increased. For instance, a little over half of voters older than 65 supported McCain. But this time, it was the younger generations who had the final say.

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Meanwhile, more than half of white youth cast a vote for the senator from Illinois, while more than two out of five supported John McCain, the senator from Arizona.

Many young voters, black youth included, saw this election as their chance to help make history. And they did.

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"I think they had a large impact," said Lopez, who was formerly the research director of the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement, which tracks young voters.

There had been some speculation that Obama's race may have been a factor in the election. Many young voters, however, said Obama's race wasn't relevant. Lopez noted that his own organization's surveys of young Hispanic voters had found that about half of them thought Obama's race would help him win the support of their age group.

Young voter participation, which has ebbed and flowed over the years, has been on an upswing since the 2000 presidential election, though the impact of young voters was not as strong as it was for the Democrats, who were more evenly split between the major candidates.

In 2004, about 47 percent of 18- to 24-year-olds voted, up from 36 percent in 2000, according to the Census Bureau. No other age group increased in turnout by more than 5 percentage points in 2004.

Overall, voters younger than 30 made up about 17 percent of the electorate. Exit polls numbers cannot, however, be used to compare participation among the age groups.
Inhale, exhale.

Local yoga studio offers more than mat

**Bridget Veltri**

**Pressed Daily**

Owner Lisa Terranova teaches a pregnancy yoga class in a smaller room of Smiling Dog Yoga studio (below). Smiling Dog Yoga cafe serves up local organic, vegan and live treats (bottom right). Attendees need not always bring their own yoga supplies for class, as many are provided for participants. (bottom left).

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"Breathing is a very important element of yoga... synchronizing breath and movement," partial owner and instructor Steve Peltioli said to the five students seated on mats on a smooth pale wood floor in the dim studio room at Smiling Dog Yoga.

There is a place in SLO where the pace is truly slow. Tucked away off the corner of Archer and Higuera Streets is San Luis Obispo's own little yoga paradise, Smiling Dog Yoga. The sound of water trickles from the fountain that lines the fence. Inside the studio itself patrons are enveloped in the damp warmth that could soak up even the most neurotic of journalists.

It's the kind of place that radiates serenity, with its small outdoor café serving up healthy natural food to yogis on small blue mosaic tables.

"We wanted to make the most of the setting," Smiling Dog Yoga owner Lisa Terranova said. "Kind of an extension of downtown."

The studio, which opened in January, has over ten instructors and offers a variety of yoga classes, packages and monthly special events featuring visiting instructors.

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I think that the life of a college student is packed," Terranova said. "It demands a lot of physiological well being, yoga is not only physical exercise but you have tools to help calm and focus your mind."

Bridges senior Nicole Balvanz makes time to visit Smiling Dog to separate some yoga into her schedule.

"I love it, I like the atmosphere of the studio and the teachers," she said. "This studio has really high ceilings and lots of light."

So why name a yoga studio "Smiling Dog?"

"Smiling is something that is very relaxed it represents the childlike mind that is open, aware and relaxed, a state of mind that yoga teaches," Terranova explained. The latter part of the name is a play on words, referencing the Downward Dog yoga pose.

Smiling Dog gives those who are on exercising the body's connective tissues without a lot of muscular effort. Other classes offered include Hatha, Vinyasa flow, integrative flow, core fusion, an introduction to meditation, Nia, Co-poetry and yoga for beginners.

The essence of the studio is that "yoga is for everyone."

"We really seek to be open to all levels of experience and body types and keep it accessible and welcoming," Terranova said. "We want to remove any aura of competition."

For those who don't want to do yoga but still want to look the part, Smiling Dog features the ultimate yoga boutique.

With a variety of American-made clothes, made mainly of natural fiber and organic cotton and jewelry made by local artisans and California companies the boutique features anything a yoga aficionado could possibly need.

Smiling Dog also has a small café with food as unique as the studio's classes.

Run by local chef and live food artist Brandie Michelle, the menu varies daily. However, one thing is constant: all the food served is local, organic and vegan."live" food.

"Live food means full of enzymes and isn't heated over 115 degrees," co-creator Amy Ferguson said. "It maintains the nutritional integrity of the food."

"We also have special health elixirs and teas," Ferguson said. "And there is always some blissful desert treat available."

Prices range from $3 to about $8.50. Some popular menu mainstays are the Superfood smoothie and the Peaceful plate, consisting of local greens, sprouts, heirloom tomatoes, avocado, carrots, kelp noodle hummus, and served with a mix of fresh salad greens and citrus hemp dressing.

For those who prefer to lay back, relax and let someone else do all the work, Smiling Dog Yoga has massage therapist Theresa Blackner, who also offers students discounts.

"Massage can help alleviate the muscular stress and tension (that college students experience) caused by sitting for long periods, riding a bicycle, typing and staring at a computer screen," Blackner said.

In addition to massage, Blackner specializes in Ayurvedic methods. "Ayurveda means the science of life, it's a practice in harmonizing one self to the natural changes throughout the year by eating foods in season and doing activities that support ones dosha or constitution," Blackner explained.

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Smiling Dog gives those who are on exercising the body's connective tissues without a lot of muscular effort. Other classes offered include Hatha, Vinyasa flow, integrative flow, core fusion, an introduction to meditation, Nia, Co-poetry and yoga for beginners.

The essence of the studio is that "yoga is for everyone."

"We really seek to be open to all levels of experience and body types and keep it accessible and welcoming," Terranova said. "We want to remove any aura of competition."

For those who don't want to do yoga but still want to look the part, Smiling Dog features the ultimate yoga boutique.

With a variety of American-made clothes, made mainly of natural fiber and organic cotton and jewelry made by local artisans and California companies the boutique features anything a yoga aficionado could possibly need.

Smiling Dog also has a small café with food as unique as the studio's classes.

Run by local chef and live food artist Brandie Michelle, the menu varies daily. However, one thing is constant: all the food served is local, organic and vegan."live" food.

"Live food means full of enzymes and isn't heated over 115 degrees," co-creator Amy Ferguson said. "It maintains the nutritional integrity of the food."

"We also have special health elixirs and teas," Ferguson said. "And there is always some blissful desert treat available."

Prices range from $3 to about $8.50. Some popular menu mainstays are the Superfood smoothie and the Peaceful plate, consisting of local greens, sprouts, heirloom tomatoes, avocado, carrots, kelp noodle hummus, and served with a mix of fresh salad greens and citrus hemp dressing.

For those who prefer to lay back, relax and let someone else do all the work, Smiling Dog Yoga has massage therapist Theresa Blackner, who also offers students discounts.

"Massage can help alleviate the muscular stress and tension (that college students experience) caused by sitting for long periods, riding a bicycle, typing and staring at a computer screen," Blackner said.

In addition to massage, Blackner specializes in Ayurvedic methods. "Ayurveda means the science of life, it's a practice in harmonizing one self to the natural changes throughout the year by eating foods in season and doing activities that support ones dosha or constitution," Blackner explained.
Sneak away with Poly Escapes

Omar Sanchez Mustang Daily

For many students, weekends revolve around socializing at parties or using the time to catch up on homework, but for some Cal Poly students, the urge to escape the typical school scene and head for the outdoors causes them to forgo mundane activities in exchange for adventure. Cal Poly's Poly Escapes club offers brave students an inexpensive way of doing just that. With weekend trips to various locations around the western United States, Poly Escapes' fees aren't that high when compared with what it usually costs, said mechanical engineering senior and trip leader for Poly Escapes, Grant Sperry, who also serves as the club's front desk assistant.

"The cost varies on the trip. (They) can go from $100 to over $300, but that is still relatively cheap when you consider that they can easily go for $1,000," Sperry said. "A lot of our trips are at cost, or we make very little money on them," Sperry added.

Students can also save money by renting equipment from Poly Escapes with fees for daily, weekend and weekly rates. Poly Escapes also rents out most of the sleeping, eating, hiking, aquatic, rock climbing, and snow equipment essential for enjoying the outdoors for a weekend or more, so that everyone can be included.

Members of the club can choose from an array of trips such as river rafting, rock climbing, kayaking, mountain biking, surfing and many more. For those that wish to plan out their adventure for themselves, the club also rents out books and maps with the information needed for a successful trip.

This quarter Poly Escapes has already led trips to Yosemite for hiking, Joshua Tree National Park for climbing and the San Gabriel Mountains for canyoneering. They have more events planned for the quarter, including trips to Death Valley and Sequoia National Park, which are scheduled later this month.

And it's not just students that can join in on the outdoor fun. "Our love and appreciation for the outdoors is open to everyone, not just students," Sperry added.

Recent rule changes have made their outings more difficult. For example, Sperry said one of Poly Escapes most popular trips, river rafting, has been suffering because of recent changes to the club program. "Before, the trip leaders would all be volunteers, but now A.S. changed it to where they have to be included.

It's that time of year again... the leaves are changing colors, we're counting down the days until the holiday season arrives, stocking up on the Halloween candy that has recently gone on sale, and it's Homecoming week. There will be a day of Poly green and gold at the UU pep-rally on Thursday, an abundance of alumni floating in from many different places, and a football game Saturday afternoon against NC Central.

Since I've been an athlete myself and am currently dating one, the competitive game-faced mentality is not far from my mind, especially at the collegiate level. No one wants to be the reason for athletic failure for whatever reason, whether it be taking the athletes' mind off the game, keeping them out too late, or bothering them with things other than how you're sure they will play a great game. This brings me to the age-old myth: does pre-game sex help or hurt the athletes who partake?

Most athletes have a pre-game ritual, which for some includes eating a certain meal, putting on his or her uniform in a specific order, doing his or her hair in a particular way, or even having sex. When performed, superstitions can contribute to an athlete feeling at the top of his or her game, and should therefore remain intact as long as it is not harmful to the athlete.

However, many people doubt that having sex right before a game is very beneficial. Those of you who have ever seen or been a male after sex, athlete Score, page 10, know why. After climax, the body releases chemicals that contribute to feelings of fatigue and sleepiness; typically, the male will want to fall asleep soon following orgasm, often more quickly than the female.

In my attempt to do research for this article, I was rather disappointed with the lack of research done on the relationship between sports and sex. However, I did find some information that will hopefully enlighten all of you.

On the Fox Sports Network show "Sport Science," heavyweight champion Chris Byrd was watched to find out if sex hindered his athletic performance. Prior to the first round of tests he was told to abstain from sex with his wife for one week. The researchers used several tests to look at all different aspects of why athletes should remain abstinent. They tested his leg strength to combat the word's Rocky Balboa's movie trainer that "Women weaken knees." Cardiopulmonary tests were run on a stationary bike to test the effects of sex on his heart. Measuring the impact of his force-per-pong on a punching bag with special sensors assessed Byrd's arm strength.

Finally, his blood was tested to measure his testosterone levels. Once the initial round of tests were complete he was given four hours with his wife, where he reported experiencing a "12 round brawl," before he was asked to come back in to repeat the same tests.

His results? His leg strength and heart rate stayed almost exactly the same and his arm strength and see Score, page 10...
Kaufman manipulates moods, multiple realities in Synecdoche

Daniel Eisenberg
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

The works of Charlie Kaufman can never be confused with something conventional. Prior to "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind," for which he wrote the screenplay, Kaufman's films were intellectual exercises, constantly engaging the viewer's mind but lacking any emotional impact. The characters in "Adaptation" and "Confessions of a Dangerous Mind" are cold and emotionally distant, leaving the viewer in a similar state. Even "Eternal Sunshine" gets its feeling more from Michel Gondry's direction than from Kaufman's words. "Synecdoche, New York," Kaufman's directorial debut, is theapothesis of the trend to this point. It challenges the viewer in ways normally reserved for David Lynch, yet it is almost completely devoid of emotion.

"Synecdoche" stars Philip Seymour Hoffman as Caden Cotard, a playwright given a MacArthur Fellowship. Cotard decides to make a play about real life, Caden C. Aitard, a playright given a Mac Arthur Fellowship, would cause him to falsely believe that his body is slowly shutting down. Within this possible delusion, Cotard constructs his play so deeply based in reality that he creates a character called Caden Cotard, played by Sammy (played by Toni Noonan). Sammy's Cotard begins to take control of the play, and things only get wilder from there.

For the first time in his career, Kaufman has absolutely no interest in plot. The film has a clear destination, but it lacks a direction. It meanders for the majority of its running time, making the viewer feel the full extent of Cotard's life. This is where the film finds its greatest successes. We see Caden and Sammy compete for the love of Hazel (Samantha Morton), we watch as Caden tries to find his daughter, Olive, in Berlin and we bear witness to a man coming to terms with the ends of his mental ability and his physical decay. In several ways, the audience watches a man die.

Kaufman's isn't the first man to use a deliberately non-linear structure to attempt to talk about "real life." His insistence on an abstract representation of narrative and psychology simultaneously recalls Woody Allen and Lynch, two of the greatest examiners of the human condition working in film. As opposed to attempting at presenting "real life" through a realistic style, represented in its most extreme by the "Dogme '95" films, "Synecdoche" attempts to reach beyond what people normally see.

The stylization engages with the viewer's mind in unusual ways, presenting moods more often than images. An early shot of Cotard entering the warehouse where he will stage his play minimizes him in comparison to the building. The symbolism works on multiple levels, each one showing Cotard's ineffectiveness in the face of his ambition, his future or simply the world around him. As in some of the best art, symbol and abstraction say more about "the truth" or the world in which we live than simple presentation.

"Synecdoche" is not a film for everyone. It daringly challenges the viewer's concept of reality while piling on layers of truth and unreality. Its scope remains epic, though that is true for its ideas more than its technical qualities. It refuses to give the viewer the easy way out, and that is sure to frustrate most people who go in.

With the right set of expectations, however, the film blooms like few others. A careful eye will notice the repetitions of motifs, such as the use of the time 7:45. "Synecdoche" actively invites the viewer to watch it repeatedly and closely, and to judge it based on one viewing is naive at best. Nevertheless, Kaufman's ambitious manages to put forth a comprehensive view of what life is and can be. "Synecdoche" never satisfies or prevails above to understand what is going on, but it always manages to leave the viewer thinking.

**Yoga**

I offer one request: that these elements into account, creating an opportunity for an individual to experience balance and peace of mind.

You don't even have to take a class or get a massage to feel relaxed here. Just setting foot inside the pleasantly warm inviting studio and milling through the boutique has a calming affect.

Be careful, upon leaving Smilante whose job consists of setting up different routes said he runs into people of all skill levels. A careful eye will notice the repetition of motifs. The stylization engages with the viewer's mind in unusual ways, presenting moods more often than images. An early shot of Cotard entering the warehouse where he will stage his play minimizes him in comparison to the building.

**Escape**

get paid and when trip leaders get paid, it requires that they get permission to take people out on these trips and that means more money people have to pay," Sperry said. So far they are only scheduled to go on one rafting trip this year.

Sperry said rock climbing and canyoneering are very popular. LaPlante also gets a lot of regulars coming by, but we also get a lot of beginners," LaPlante said.

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Cal Poly students and provides an opportunity for more people to participate in club activities. There, students can stop by on their breaks or after they are done with classes to do some bouldering or top-roping said mechanical engineering senior and rock climbing supervisor Drew LaPlante.

"The wall is very popular at noon times when people climb during their breaks, or are preparing for a football game, feel free to take some of the time before to get them ready for the game," Crisp said. "Nevertheless, Kaufman's ambitious manages to put forth a comprehensive view of what life is and can be. "Synecdoche" never satisfies or prevails above to understand what is going on, but it always manages to leave the viewer thinking.

**Score**

resonant levels improved up to 20 percent.

Although the test was only performed on one athlete, it still helps to defeat the myth that sex hurts athletic performance. In the case of Crisp Byrd, it actually improved it.

Now that we've got the scientific research out of the way, the only thing hindering pre-game sex is a psychological belief that the myth is true, as many coaches tell their athletes from the time they hit puberty. However, as long as the act is done safely and without a panic attack from the athlete there should be no reason pre-competition sex should be a bad thing.

So with homecoming and many other athletic contests in mind, help out your fellow Mustang. Even if his or her head's in the game, it would not at all negatively affect their performance to partake in a little one-on-one the night before to get them ready for the main event. Maybe you could even show him or her a little thing or two about tackling. And, if they have a stellar game, feel free to take some of the credit.

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It's time we recall that underlying our democratic Republic is the idea that government is of the people, not a single individual in the government who has the power to govern this country, not a single individual in the White House, and it's high time we resume office and get back on the job.

Jeremy Hicks is a 2008 political science graduate, the founder of the Cal Poly Libertarian Club and a Mustang Daily political columnist.

Elections have simply become a time when we decide who gets what and how much principles should not be endangered. But those who voted for McCain and Obama have alike threatened the concept of government by the people. You see, for some curious reason it seems to be an invariable inevitability that we can only effect change through the government. (This explains the Romney phenomenon of the clever candidate who formed his slogan around this limited, pathetic idea.) And sadly this is a self-fulfilling prophecy. We clamor for the services or the solutions we want through the vehicle of government rather than attempting our own solutions. Elections have simply become a time when we decide who gets what and how much. It seems that we can't solve the environment problems, can't achieve energy independence, can't educate our children, and can't provide affordable healthcare without the government's direction. When did we all become such indolent and formless blobs awaiting the direction of our Father? Regrettably, the government usually contrives only one way of solving problems-taking from some to give to others. Truth be known, you and I voted for McC or Obama or someone who wanted to take from some and give to others. I know that offends McCain supporters because their prized idea is that he's a wonk, but libs are dirty and they don't favor the pure evangelists of either party. Both candidates plan on taking from the taxpayer to pay for the $700 billion Wall Street bailout (at least that's what they voted for last month), both are going to fleece the taxpayer to fund resources (the taxpaisers) to pay for the $700 billion Wall Street bailout, but I have a hunch that liberals are often used just as decisively and just as dishonestly as the bullets they've replaced; only they perform their deeds with greater secrecy and less shame. If your sole puts a man out on the streets or sends him abroad to find an unconstitutional or international war and drear(thirty sands with his blood, no matter. After all, not just you but millions more vote alongside you.

There's safety in numbers, as they say. One vote wouldn't have made much difference either way I suppose. And you can always feign innocence of having voted for such an unsavory proposal anyway.

But if your candidate does something splendid, well then you may delight in all the joy and pride that you vote holds. See, every single vote counts! See, every single vote counts!

In America, the idea that government is of the people, and for the people. Whether a Democrat or a Republican victory, surely these hallowed...
Our generation had a lot at stake in this election. Millions put up signs, wore buttons or traveled to other states to support the candidates and issues they felt strongly about. The issues of this campaign moved people in profound ways; with a presidency and the protection of our rights to marry up in the air, it’s no surprise so many got involved. The issues traveled to other states to support the candidates and issues they felt strongly about. The issues of this campaign moved people in profound ways; with a presidency and the protection of our rights to marry up in the air, it’s no surprise so many got involved.

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Political differences cannot disperse the unity we share. As Obama said last night in his victory speech, “We have come so far, we have seen so much. But there is so much more to do.”

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1. Find a playing partner.
2. Each person takes a turn drawing one line connecting two dots. Only horizontal and vertical lines can be drawn.
3. The first person to close a square, wins that square. To keep track, place winners initials in the box.
4. Once one square is closed, that player gets to go again. They continue until no more squares can be closed.
5. Player with the most squares wins.

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WHERE DOES A GUY LIKE PACMAN 70NES INTO REHAB?

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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 1001

Across

1 Figure in "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe"
20 Territorial area
25 Camarones fish
30 Tense letter opener
31 Sweater type
37 Way to find you way rehab
39 French rejection
40 Kind of cuisine in which onions, bell peppers and celery are the "holy trinity"
45 Big name in kitchen gadgets
50 How some packages arrive
52 Mice can be found around
53 Blue
55 "The Rubaiyat" poet
57 How to link the 12 letters in this puzzle with a single line to make a picture

Down

1 Bank protector, for short
2 Camera setting
3 Agreed
4 Just after birth
5 Internet equipment powerhouse
6 Semiprecious stones
7 Big lump
8 Logan's locale
9 Candidate trailing Bush and Gore
10 Sure thing
11 Banged up
12 A long, long time
13 Florida senator Martinez
14 Hoodwink
15 Jim Croce's " ___ Name"
16 Tremerxlous
17 Hughes poem with the line "They send me to eat in the kitchen"
18 Introductory course, often
20 Kind of puzzle supported by this crossword's theme
23 Cleopatra used it as a beauty lotion
24 King, in Portugal
25 Carnivorous fish
28 Terse letter opener
31 Sweater type
35 Bonkers
37 Way to find your way: Abbr.
39 French rejection
40 Kind of cuisine in which onions, bell peppers and celery are the "holy trinity"
44 Former telecom giant
45 Big name in kitchen gadgets
46 One way to be caught
47 Ed of Roots'
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

1. "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe"
2. "The Rubaiyat"
3. "The 10" in HUSS
4. "song of experience"
5. "Sheepshanks."
6. "John Denver wrote two songs about this fish.
8. "Univ. in Troy, N.Y.
9. "__ Gay"

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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.
Admission is FREE for Cal Poly Students for all home Athletic events.

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vs Cup in September and reached the fourth round at this year’s U.S. Open. “He is far and away the best young male or female tennis player in the United States right now,” Cal Poly women’s tennis head coach Hugh Bream said. “When Andy Roddick and James Blake are finishing their careers, this is the guy that’s going to be the forefront of American tennis.” The 21-year-old Thousand Oaks native’s friendliness should make the event even more worthwhile, Bream said. “Sam is a really normal guy,” he said. “He’s really down-to-earth.” The clinic will be held from noon to 1 p.m., followed by the exhibition from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Cal Poly, UCSB crack down on unruly behavior

The third-largest regular-season college men's soccer crowd ever filed into Alex G. Spanos Stadium to see Cal Poly host UC Santa Barbara.

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Cal Poly has heard a variety of responses to the bottle-throwing incident during its men's soccer match against UC Santa Barbara on Oct. 17, when a crowd of 11,075 — the third-largest in regular-season college men's soccer history — filed into Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

Yet rather than dwell on what could have been done, Cal Poly, which will look to average the 1-0, double-overtime loss at UCSC in Harker Stadium at 7 tonight, used the display to learn from mistakes.

UCSB фигeared a crowd of 12,000 to 14,000 and has requested additional event staff and police officers for tonight, Harel Anda, assistant to UCSC athletic director Mark Masuri said Tuesday.

"They are working on a sportsmanship initiative," Cal Poly athletic director Alison Cone said. "I don't expect (UCSB fans) to retaliating; I expect that they will act like they typically had acted."

Cal Poly political science senior Steve Krenoff agreed with Cone's prediction and described the Cal Poly fan misconduct as unusual.

"It was kind of what you expect to see in a rivalry," he added.

Some UCSB fan antics may involve tortilla throwing, which was endorsed by Gauchos fan Andrew Schmiedke in an Oct. 22 letter to the editor of the Daily Nexus, UCSB's student newspaper.

"Go crazy in the Loco section and throw tortillas when the (Gauchos) score," he wrote.

At a Cal Poly athletics news conference Oct. 20, Cal Poly head coach Paul Holocher called tortilla throwing "stupid" and "not part of being a fan of the game."

When the Gauchos return to San Luis Obispo, fans will be met by professional event staff to supplement Cal Poly's own staff, and outside beverages will be banned, Cone said.

"We will not only have more staff, but more experienced and better trained staff," she said. "We are checking student IDs more carefully to make sure that fans are truly Cal Poly students. We had 30 event staff and four police officers. The presence was not felt enough."

Security will also issue free tickets to students to better monitor them to crack down. I don't think it will happen again."

Historically, Holocher pointed out, soccer fans have been particularly passionate, especially on a global level.

"In different parts of the world, it's like a religion," said Holocher, who voiced adamant disdain for the especially unruly behavior Oct. 17. "There are similar passions here (in the U.S.) for Duke basketball or great football programs, but to see this type of crowd for Cal Poly Mustangs soccer means we are developing a soccer culture here; people are really feeling a part of this program."

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