Sorority members compete for charity

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Proceeds from the 2nd annual Greek Goddess philanthropy event benefit two local sexual assault resource centers. It’s sponsored by the fraternity Delta Sigma Phi.

"We think we are doing more than what is expected of us," said Joe Ciesinski, DSP’s engineered leadership chair. "Sororities are often more interested in (sexual assault prevention). We want to show that we aren’t just guys that are out there to party...we are typically stereotyped as."

Along with the 1960s, the peace sign no longer solely represents crestfallen youths. In fact, people of all ages have adapted the symbol. The name of the anti-Iraq War group CODEPINK, started by a group of disgruntled American women, is a play on the "Bush Administration’s color-coded homeland security alerts — yellow, orange, red — that signal terrorist threats. While Bush’s color-coded alerts are based on fear and are used to justify violence, the CODEPINK alert is a feisty call for women and men to “wage peace,” the group wrote on its peace symbol-infiltrated Web site.

Through commonly an icon for activist groups, the peace sign now encompasses a larger population than just activists. While Clark perceives the peace symbol of the past as a representation of community and counterculture, today, peace seems to have expanded its underground roots into the mainstream. Sororities, carpool groups and multiple boutiques in downtown San Luis Obispo sport the peace sign, a symbol Holtom purposely did not copyright.

"Peace and Love: Have a Hippie Holiday." Along with garishly expensive peace symbol jewelry and clothing, famous designers will make dresses honoring the 50th anniversary of the symbol for the New York store. Tiffany and Co. offers peace sign pendants in the thousand-dollar range and Target has a more affordable peace line.

"Joe came out dressed in his boxers and I got to pick out a pile of really interesting clothes from Good Will, dress him up," Beaupre said.

"It’s probably the only philanthropy event that gives girls a chance to participate in something that is really exciting," Ciesinski said.

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market shows it appeals and sells to all ages.

Grimes, who lived through the original peace sign in the 1960s and 70s, and some a pendant herself, said the design was originally a peace, anti-machination. Now, the sell-pendants of many varieties like her spring-inspired peace symbol as a teak to the blend of cathartic, lesson, and love.

While some promote peace through political groups and others wear the peace symbol for its soffitite, Nicole and Craig Stone of Loo Bow-up to sponsor a peace foundation. Nicole Stone came up with and trademarked a logo inspired by her life mantra, "live in peace." To begin the celebration of the late stone's message, this summer again, and her husband handed out 3,000 complimentary "Live In Peace" stickers at the Leo Oak Main Festival in Santa Block.

"People just up right in front of us," Craig Stone said. He wore his first handmade peace pendant at the age of five.

Today, the Stones have altered about 35,000 stickers throughout the Central Coast, the country, and soon to some far corners of the globe. They have extended their "Live In Peace" message beyond stickers to organic, sustainable, and Fair Trade, certified clothing and accessories, but what the message means to people is open-ended, the Stones say, but they guarantee a positive reaction.

Whatever the reason for the recent influx of the peace sign, the Stones declare there is something happening here.

Although they just missed the original peace sign inaugural of the 1960s, their efforts today mirror those of Buffalo Springfield as they witness what can happen when everyday people, kids and adults ask about what is going down with the peace symbol and its endless positive connotations.

While looking off the blue pier in Avila Beach Park near Loo Bow, as his dog Sol and Bear jumped around him, Craig Stone detailed an anecdote his neighbor related to him earlier that afternoon. She was driving in the bank parking lot with a large poster saying "Live In Peace," looked on her window when, "this woman stopped her car, leaped out in her bikini and raced over and stopped her and asked her where she got the sticker." He said the woman gave her neighbor some spare change, her name, and her number as a piece of paper and said, "Here, take this so whatever is responsible, I have to have one."

"It's that positive shift," Nicole Stone said.

A positive outlook on the new peace symbol is not universal but a completely negative reaction to the message of peace is a rarity. Clark, who often sees the 1960s culture as a "little silly" and "kind of disappointing," and a fashion trend is "a little silly" and "kind of disappointing."

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Even as winds calm, more Californians flee fires

Residents look on as a wind-driven Santa Ana fire threatens homes, in Yorba Linda, Calif., Saturday. Southern Californians endured a third day of destruction Saturday as wind-blasted wildfires torched hundreds of mobile homes and mansions, forced tens of thousands of people to flee and shut down major freeways.

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More residents of Southern California were urged to leave their homes Sunday despite calming winds that allowed a major aerial attack on wildfires that have destroyed hundreds of homes andblanketed the region in smoke.

Fires burned in Los Angeles County, to the east in Riverside and Orange counties, and to the northwest in Santa Barbara County. More than 300 homes, mobile homes and apartments were de­stroyed by fires that have burned areas more than 34 square miles sincebreakout Thursday.

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Shuttle links with space station

At least two Republican senators support an automaker bailout. George Voinovich of Ohio and Kit Bond of Missouri. But if the Republicans are seen as neglecting an industry that inevitably collapses, they risk losing political problems in Midwestern industrial states that can swing for either political party. Obama won most of the manufacturing states in the presidential race, including Ohio, a potential battleground, and Indiana, which had not voted for a Democrat for president since 1964. Obama easily won Michigan after Republican John McCain publicly pulled out weeks before Election Day.

Former GOP House Speaker Newt Gingrich said young voters, who overwhelmingly supported Obama over Republican John McCain in the presidential election, could get turned off by expensive corporate bailouts that they will eventually have to pay for. If "those 20-year-olds and 30-year-olds start to figure out they're going to have to pay the taxes, they're not going to like it." Gingrich said.

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The companies are lobbying lawmakers furiously for an emergency infusion of cash. GM has warned it might not survive through year's end without a government lifeline.

"It's not the General Motors we grew up with. It's a General Motors that is headed down this road to oblivion," Shelby said. "Should we intervene to slow it down, knowing it's going to happen? I say no, not for the American taxpayer.

United Auto Workers President Ron Gettelfinger would not flat-out reject further concessions by members on top of the two-tiered wage system and other concessions the union gave the automakers last year, but he bristled at calls for further sacrifices by his members. "Let's go to AIG, Bear Stearns, active and retired workers. Did anybody go in and ask them to give back wages and benefit levels?" Gettelfinger said on WJR-AM in Detroit. "What about the bond traders? Did anybody ask them? What about the cleaners in the building? Why would the UAW be any different?"

"We made an agreement, and we made major concessions," he said. "So how can you blame the auto-workers?"

Obama said he believes aid is needed but that it should be provided as part of a long-term plan for a "sustainable U.S. auto industry" — not simply as a blank check.

Marcia Dunn

Space shuttle Endeavour linked with the international space station on Sunday, kicking off a huge home makeover that will allow twice as many astronauts to live up there beginning next year.

Commander Christopher Ferguson guided the shuttle to a smooth docking as the 2 spacecraft soared 212 miles above India. His ship's radar worked just fine, despite earlier trouble with the antenna.

"Can't wait to open the hatch, guys, and welcome you aboard," said the space station's skipper, Mike Fincke. His crewmate, Cal Poly alumnus Gregory Chamitoff, was especially excited to see Endeavour. He's been living on the space station for almost six months, and the shuttle is his ride home.

"Wow," Chamitoff exclaimed. "You look beautiful.... I am smiling from ear to ear."

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Winfrey, Lowe commiserate as SoCal paradise burns

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Federal Fire Fighters from Point Mugu, Calif., Mark Scantlin, left, and Glenn Drexel, right, confer as to the next plan of action at in Santa Barbara, Calif., on Thursday. An explosive wildfire destroyed about 70 homes in the ritzy community of Montecito, injured four people and forced thousands to flee wind-whipped flames in the long time hideaway for celebrities such as Oprah Winfrey and Rob Lowe.

Montecito is home to the rich and famous, but it's not flashy. It's exclusive, but not haughty. And it's far enough from the sprawl of Los Angeles for comfort — while still close enough for convenience.

People who live in this enclave tucked between the Pacific Ocean and the mountains call it a paradise, one that has long drawn old money and, in recent years, flush celebrities.

Among them are Oprah Winfrey and Rob Lowe, Montecito neighbors who commiserated by phone Friday during the taping of "The Oprah Winfrey Show." While the homes of each had apparently escaped damage as of Friday evening, they talked at length about their friends and neighbors who weren't so lucky.

"It started last night and so far it's been reported that as many as 100 homes have been destroyed," Winfrey said. "A lot of them are friends and neighbors of mine so it's not a good morning for us. ... Some of my friends left their homes with only their dogs last night as I was calling, 'Are you all right? Are you all right?' They said, 'We have the dogs and the kids aren't here so we're OK.'"

At least part of Christopher Lloyd's property was damaged in the fire, the Los Angeles Times reported on its real estate blog. It said a Times reporter witnessed much of the "Back to the Future" actor's eight-acre grounds in ruins, and that he was filming on location in Vancouver but a caretaker had fled the property. Lloyd's agent had no comment Friday when contacted by The Associated Press, and messages left with his manager were not returned.

"I'm very lucky," he said. "My house is fine. ... I believe both of my friends' homes survived."

Residents extolled Montecito's charms Friday, even as the Santa Barbara County community surrendered a swath of its multimillion-dollar homes to a brutal wildfire.

"It's very expensive, very dramatic. It's like the coast of Monte Carlo," with a perfect Mediterranean climate, said longtime real estate agent Bill Vaughan, who pegged the median value of homes — despite the ongoing slump in housing prices — at $2 million.

Lush stands of oak and eucalyptus trees give a wooded accent to Montecito, Vaughan noted, as well as increase the fire danger. About 10,000 people live in the community, he said.

Families from the East Coast with industrial fortunes long ago discovered the area's allure, to be joined later by stars who found a pocket of luxury and seclusion not far from the Los Angeles-based entertainment industry.

Jeff Bridges, Ellen DeGeneres, John Cleese and Michael Douglas are among those who live in the area or once owned homes there. Heather Locklear was driving in the area in September when she was pulled over for driving erratically and arrested. And Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and wife Maria Shriver have purchased a 25-acre tract for $4.7 million.

"If I were an autograph hound I'd have a nice thick book," said Debbie Ousby, owner of Tom's Montecito Coffee Shop. But when Lowe or comedian Jonathan Winters or other famous folk stop in, they can be sure they won't be pestered by fans, she said.

Montecito also has a sense of camaraderie to be joined later by stars who found a pocket of luxury and seclusion not far from the Los Angeles-based entertainment industry.
"There is something horribly efficient about you," Camille (Olga Kurylenko) says to a certain British spy about vengeance, he says with false detachment. It's dirty, blutty work. Though the story begins with the death of Vesper, Dominic (Mathieu Amalric), to get closer to the Bolshevik general who killed her family, feast to watch. Screening through its 106-minute runtime (the shortest ever for a Bond film), "Quantum of Solace" isn't weighed down by politics or needless action sequences. (There's nothing as cool as the parkour chase from "Casino Royale," but the pacing and variety have never been better.) Still, he passes now and then for admonishment from M (Judi Dench) and to communicate with Camille — his partner in espionage but never in bed. She and M ask Bond what Vesper would think about his vendetta. "I don't think the dead care about vengeance," he says with false detachment. Vesper, though, would be jealous of Camille, a woman of unforeseeable complexity — one whose flaws and idiosyncrasies are taken for granted, not announced in a Ruby Ferguson face-off like the one that introduces Vesper. Camille too seeks revenge, and admits to Bond with very satisfaction that she slept with the film's villain, Dominic. (I'm wondering how Mathieu Amalric is to get out of their gate. Their daughter was lost on the property and so I had another gentleman and I tried the gate open... We tried to contact the Simmons, and hinders were raising down. They were in our hair, they were in our hands. The wind was easily 70 miles an hour and it was absolutely Armageddon." Winfrey said had she been at her sprawling estate, she already knew what her priority would've been.

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Vote for your favorite in each category. The results will be published in our Best For Cal Poly Edition in February.
As I finished casting my vote this last election day in San Luis Obispo County, I was surprised to see a number of stray black marks on my ballot. Turns out, I made these marks. After carefully filling each desired bubble on my ballot, the ink from the felt-tip pens provided at my precinct actually went through to the other side of the ballot. The marks went through the ballots so they easily could have been seen as viable vote markings, if they aligned with bubbles on the other side of the ballot. On my ballot, two such marks were within half a centimeter inch away from a bubble. Given the importance of this particular election and the many devastating local problems experienced in past elections, I assumed such a problem could be happening again, albeit in a different way. Making matters worse, this problem, I was advised, is even outside the precinct where I voted, and outside the county where I reside. But this problem had a quick fix: Replace all felt-tip pens with ball-point pens or their equivalent. I implored the election officials present to do so, but their protocol would not allow for immediate action. I then called our County Clerk’s Office in San Luis Obispo and after some relatively minimal effort, I was put in touch with the County Clerk herself. She informed me that she was aware of the problem, that her previous review indicated that the bubbles on one side did not align with the bubbles on the other thereby reducing the possibility of an erroneous count, and that all ballots with stray marks would be counted by hand to ensure accuracy. The County Clerk did not agree with my recommendation to remove the felt-tip pens, asserting that the problem would be addressed in the way described above. As for my particular ballot, the election officials spoiled my initial ballot, and I was permitted to use my regular pen to effectively cast a second complete ballot if any marked ballot was deemed void. Hindsight is 20-20, and this insight is very important in elections as the lessons learned in one election can be applied to those that follow. Let’s look at what went right. A voter found a problem, the complaint was accepted and reported upstream at the local level, the County Clerk’s Office agreed to report the problem to the local law enforcement, and the County Clerk responded to the voter within minutes, and most importantly, she was aware of the problem, had done a previous thorough investigation of possible effect at the election, concluded no problem should occur, and implemented measures to ensure an accurate result at the death of the line. In short, our County Clerk owned the problem and was not above providing this information to the inquiring public.

As government responsibilities go, this is one of the best examples I have seen. Indeed, a simple visit to the SLO County Clerk’s Office will reveal one of the most efficient, collegial and public-friendly offices you will ever see, public or private — a role model in my mind for all government to follow.

Yet, we could have done better here. How? By eliminating the problem in the first place. While providing a leaking boat with bigger buckets to dump out encroaching water may keep it afloat, wouldn’t it be better to seal the leaks in the first place? In this election, using a different kind of pen that marks photos so that they have been so difficult. Not only would it have resulted in unblemished ballots, but it would have also saved time and money in reducing the need for recounting of votes later.

Why were different pens not used? In addition to our County Clerk, we should also look to the California Secretary of State for an answer. And while we’re asking about this, we should also ask why California utilizes different election protocols across county lines, with some counties opting for filling a bubble to vote while others require the connection of two arrows. Shouldn’t these be standardized throughout California to avoid confusion? Of course Voting occurs on issues and districts that span multiple counties. Any survey expert can discuss the potential for biases that may prevent a number of electorate members of one county to have to do something different to vote than members of another county.

Finally, we should also ask why the California Secretary of State allowed at least two counties (Santa Clara and Santa Cruz) to drop the write-in line and write-in designation for write-in candidates in the primary election ballots. I have asked her this last question some months ago on a previous concern, but have yet to receive a response.

In the long and short of it, California should have consistent, clear ballots that require voters to make only one type of mark to vote, with lines and designations provided where lines and designations are called for, and ballot procedures that avoid any possible unintentional, stray marks be made on the ballot sheet whether or not they are accounted for later. Is that too much to ask?

Dennis Morris is a Pismo Beach resident and Mustang Daily guest columnist.
Round-up

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Does Cal Poly Southem California hold the secret to two wins over the Aggies this season, or is that just wishful thinking for the Aggies' fans? Once again, the Aggies fell behind, this time by three touchdowns. The Mustangs' defense took over as Oarden made his second interception of the game, this time against Cal Poly's Matt Forget, his second interception of the game. Chase Parnell won both of his matches. The 17th-ranked 137-pounder defeated Safar Cruz of Mendocino 14-3 by majority decision and then recorded a technical fall over SF State's Mark Berton in five minutes.

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"When we got it right, it was open right to the end zone." Fullerston acknowledged that once the Mustangs fell behind, it allowed his defense to change its play-calling.

"Defensively, when they got a little behind, you pin your ears back a little bit," Ellisman said. "You're going to call it a little more aggressively.

Cal Poly will face its toughest test of the season at Wisconsin (6-5, 5-3 Big Ten Conference) on Saturday at Camp Randall Stadium, which averaged attendances of more than 80,000 last season.

"It's kind of a once-in-a-lifetime experience for us to go into an environment like Camp Randall," Ellisman said. "It's a chance to test yourself as an athlete. It's an uphill fight, obviously, but we do some stuff that's goofy enough, maybe we'll give 'em some problems.

THE MUSTANGS ROLL CAL POLY Southem California held Cal Poly to a seventh-place finish, Cal Poly's Daniel Ciofini ran to a ninth-place finish at the 25-team race Saturday in Palo Alto. Gonsa finished in a time of 29 minutes, 12 seconds on the 10K course to lead the Mustangs to a seventh-place overall finish. Oregon won as a team.

BRAND REESE MUSTANG DAILY Cal Poly's Eric Maldonado (left) won twice Saturday at 149 pounds against Menlo and San Francisco State.

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Line. Four plays later, the Mustangs capitalized on the turnover as Burden made his second touchdown catch of the game, a 2-yarder in the left corner of the end zone.

Cal Poly Poly head coach Rich Ellerson said that the team's halftime speech centered more on mental adjustments than specific game-planning.

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The defense was aided by a rejuvenated pass rush that recorded two sacks and multiple pressures in the second half.

"They did a lot better of getting pressure on the quarterback," Fullerston said. "(Denham) made some bad throws and that did a lot for us.

Cal Poly Poly put the game out of reach midway through the third quarter as sophomore fullback Jordan Yocum ran straight up the middle for 43 yards. After a 29-yard field goal was taken off the board due to a UC Davis personal foul, Yocum finished the drive with a 6-yard touchdown run to give the Mustangs a commanding 41-21 lead.

The Aggies tried to claw their way back into the game on a 29-yard touchdown pass to Rice, his third of the night, to cut the lead to 41-28.

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Mustangs stampede into playoffs

Scott Silvey
MUSTANG DAILY

UC Davis knew that Jonathan Dally could beat teams with his arm. Cal Poly’s senior quarterback has been doing it all year. The Aggies may not have anticipated he could also beat them with his feet.

Dally, the highest-rated passer in the Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division I-AA), rushed for a season-high 173 yards and a touchdown on 22 carries in the No. 3 Mustangs’ 51-28 win over UC Davis in the Golden Horseshoe Classic on Saturday night at Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

“The ball is in my hands every play,” Dally said. “I knew I had to step it up.”

With the win, Cal Poly (8-1, 3-0) won not only the Golden Horseshoe but also captured the Great West Conference title and a likely at-large playoff berth.

The Mustangs shot just 25.9 percent from the floor. To find a complete recap of the game, go online to mustangdaily.net.

“T he record will mean a lot more a few years from now,” said receiver Ramses Harden caught him a touchdown reception in 18 consecutive games, breaking Jerry Rice’s all-time FCS record of 17. The record will mean a lot more a few years from now,” said Dally, who threw all of the touchdowns.

Just moments after a 29-yard run, on third-and-seven, Dally deftly evaded pass rushers and scrambled for a first down to keep the drive alive inside the red zone.

Two plays later, junior running back Jono Grayson capped the 12-play, 80-yard drive with a 7-yard touchdown run knotting the game 14-14.

The Mustangs began asserting themselves in the second quarter after forcing a three-and-out on the next UC Davis drive. Senior running back Brandon Rice put the Aggies in scoring position. On the next play the combination hooked up again on a 16-yard strike to tie the game with just 12 seconds left in the first half.

Rice gained the opening half with a 45-yard touchdown run. The extra point was blocked.

Dally again showed off his own running prowess on the ensuing possession.

Cal Poly football players hoist the Golden Horseshoe Trophy after defeating rival UC Davis 51-28 Saturday night at Alex G. Spanos Stadium. The victory also gave the Mustangs the Great West Conference title.

“T he ride’s been great, but it’s not over,” Dally said. “I know it’s not over yet; but it’s starting to pay off. The next U C  Davis drive. Senior running back Brandon Rice.

For a Cal Poly three-and-out, safety Greg Francis recovered a fumble by Aggies receiver Chris Miller and returned it to the UC Davis 26-yard line. Three plays later, Dally called his own number on an option run busting straight up the middle for a 14-yard touchdown to tie the game.

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