Iraqi government now has strict oversight of American forces to a new 2009 security pact.

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TOMORROW:

Sunny
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Float wins top parade award

Cal Poly's entry into the Rose Parade won the Viewer's Choice award after garnering more than a third of the votes.

Alisha Axsom

The votes poured in and Cal Poly emerged the winner at the 120th Annual Tournament of Roses Parade. Capturing 3,219 out of 10,618 votes, the “Seaside Amusement” float created by the Cal Poly universities of San Luis Obispo and Pomona won the inaugural Viewer’s Choice Award.

The Tournament of Roses organization gave out the Viewers’ Choice Award for the Rose Parade float which received the most votes in an online poll at ktla.com/roseparade. Viewers were allowed to vote from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Jan. 1, the day of the parade, and could watch the entire parade on the Web site.

“The tournament is the first time that the Tournament of Roses has ever given an award that was not chosen by them,” said rose float coordinator Josh D’Acquisto. “It’s a big deal to be the viewers’ favorite, the people’s choice, if you will, as opposed to something that was just chosen by a few select judges.”

Cal Poly was presented with the Viewers’ Choice Award on Jan. 2 on KTLA’s morning news program at the Post Parade: Showcase of Floats event. D’Acquisto was notified around 9 p.m. Jan. 1 that Cal Poly had won the honor.

“Virtually a year of work goes into the life of a float,” D’Acquisto said. “For that kind of effort and that kind of work, I just thought it was fantastic to see the students get recognized and presented with a trophy and get all the media (attention). For me it’s just a great feeling to see them reap those rewards for their hard work.”

When the announcement came that Cal Poly had won, student relations Chair Jane Theobald said there was a “flood of excitement” in the hotel room where many of the students were staying.

“It was really cool because we didn’t win a normal award that’s traditionally given every year,” she said.

“The Viewers’ Choice Award tells the Tournament of Roses what people really like to see at.”

“I feel like our float has more interest (compared to other floats) because we rebuild our float every year and a lot of professionals don’t.”

Assistant float program leader Katie Ford said that the other awards are given out before the parade because each winner receives a banner to be held along the route and everyone was disappointed that Cal Poly hadn’t received one.

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A couple weeks before the parade, the Tournament of Roses notified the builders of each float that there would be a new award this year and told them to promote their float as much as possible. D’Acquisto said the Cal Poly float builders notified the local media and two external bumper cars were all driven by students.

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David Espo

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Capitol rang loud with vows to fix the crisis-ridden economy Tuesday as Congress opened for business at the dawn of a new Democratic era. "We need action and we need action now," said Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Republicans agreed, and pledged cooperation in Congress as well as with President-elect Barack Obama — to a point.

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"We are ready to answer the call of the American people by putting the past eight years behind us and delivering the change that our country desperately needs," he said on the Senate floor. We are grateful to begin anew with a far more robust Democratic majority."
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At the same time, in common directed at
Republican, he said, "we are in this together"
when it comes to the economy, the wars in Iraq
and Afghanistan, health care and the country's
current needs.
Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, the
Republican leader, replied in a speech of his
own, saying, "The opportunities for cooperation
are numerous." He said Democrats should
avoid a "reckless rush to meet an arbitrary
deadline" to pass an economic stimulus bill
that could reach $1 trillion, and he outlined
possible changes in the approach Obama and
Democrat's health care and the country's
been considering.

Among them was a proposal to cut taxes
by 10 percent. Another was to lend money to
hard-pressed state governments rather than
give it to them. "States will be far less likely to
spend it frivolously" in that case, he said.

As the new political calculus, McConnell
will soon be the most powerful Republican
in government and elections that handed Dem-
ocrats the White House and left them with
majority status. Over former Sen. Norm C'olen
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threatening to protest, Democrats made no at-
tempt to seat him.

Inevitably, it was a day for personal transi-
sion. Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware took the
oath of office for a seventh time for a seat he
has held for more than 30 years and will soon
relinquish to become Obama's vice president.

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Ford was on the actual float and said she couldn't move her arms af-
ther waving at the crowd for over two
hours.

"It was wild," she said. "It's pretty intense. It's a lot of fun and there's a
lot of energy on the parade route."

This was Ford's first year not watching the parade and she said it
was a little weird because she felt like she missed the parade. It is also her
last year at Cal Poly which she said makes her sad because she won't be
able to participate in the float pro-
gram anymore.

"I'm going to miss it," she said. "I'm graduating in June, but I think I'll
come back and help (with the float) in years to come because it's
been such a great program. I'd be re-
ally sad to ever see Cal Poly not have a Rose Parade float."
LA water cops go after wasteful faucets, sprinklers

DAMIAN DOWNSCARES ASSOCIATED PRESS

Run-off water drains into a street gutter from a Los Angeles home, in violation of city regulations governing water use for landscaping and gardens.

Noaki Schwartz ASSOCIATED PRESS

The green thumbs who keep lawns lush and flora flourishing in the city have found a new foe among the aphids, white flies and other yard pests — the water police.

Just as some scofflaws keep an eye out for blow-and-white panel cars, gardeners have learned to spot the white Toyota Priuses driven by Los Angeles water cops out to fight waste.

A California struggle with an ex­ tended drought.

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State

MARTINEZ, Calif. (AP) — Two men and a teen were charged in the alleged gang rape of a San Francisco Bay Area lesbian, an incident that has sparked protests and an outpouring of support for the 28-year-old woman.

Prosecutors on Tuesday charged 35-year-old Humberto Hernandez, 35-year-old Jose Gonzalez, who has Richmond and San Rafael addresses, with kidnapping, carjacking and gang rape in last month’s attack.

The pair did not enter pleas when they appeared in Contra Costa County Superior Court but asked the court to appoint attorneys to represent them.

U.S., Iraqi troops get the picture

Chelsea J. Carter ASSOCIATED PRESS

Army Capt. Christopher Lof­ tis took in the scene: Iraqi soldiers raiding the home of a suspected insur­ gent wanted for participating in deadly attacks against U.S. and Iraqi troops.

An Iraqi lieutenant questioned three men found in the house about their brother. Was he home? No. Where was he? Syria. When did he leave? A year ago.

There were questions Lof­ tis wanted asked, facts that needed to be clarified to determine whether they were lying. But under a U.S.-Iraqi security agreement that took effect earlier on New Year’s Day, Lof­ tis could only make suggestions and recommendations to Iraqi troops.

“I would recommend they try to find a picture of the guy,” Lof­ tis, an American liaison to the Iraqi forces, told the Iraqi lieutenant, who declined to be identified because of concern for his safety.

Here, under the cover of darkness in an area known as the Sunni Tri­ angle, it was a clear sign it was a new year.

That changed New Year’s Day, when an expiring U.N. mandate was replaced with a security agreement that gave the Iraqi government strict oversight of American forces.

Among other things, the U.S. now has to obtain Iraqi warrants for any search or detention other than when they are in direct combat.

U.S. military commanders across Iraq say they have been trying for months to put the security agree­ ment into effect, working side-by­ side with Iraqis on patrols, searches and interrogations. But, last week, though, it became legally binding.

For weeks, in some cases months, military commanders have been say­ ing all operations with Iraqi security forces have been joint operations led by Iraqi troops and police.

Events & Workshops

Career Services

Winter 2009

January

How to Make the Most of an Ag Showcase Learn how to network with employers Wednesday, January 7 3:10 - 4 pm, 10/100

Ag Showcase Resume Review Drop-in Hours Bring your resume and receive feedback from the CARES Career Counselor Tuesday, January 8 9:30 - 11:30 am & 1 - 3 pm, MAP Center, 10/134

Green Careers in Agriculture A panel of industry representatives will share information about careers in sustainable agriculture Tuesday, January 13 4 - 5 pm, 10/206

Interview Skills Workshop Tuesday, January 20 11 am - noon Career Services, 124/224

Working Lunch “Network Your Way Into or Out of a Job” Wednesday, January 21 (lunch provided) Noon - 1 pm, Career Services, 124/117

Resume Clinic Bring your resume and have it reviewed by a Career Consultant before the Winter Job Fair! Thursday, January 22 11 am - noon, Career Services, 124/117

Engineering Careers in the Biomedical Industry Wednesday, January 28 Panel: 3 - 4 pm, Network: 4 - 5 pm, 007/ATL

Inclusive Excellence: The Power of Workplace Diversity Recognizing selected employers for their commitment to diversity - to attend, RSVP to careerservices@calpoly.edu Wednesday, January 28 5:30 - 7 pm, Embassy Suites, 333 Madonna Rd.

Winter Job Fair Wednesday & Thursday, January 28 & 29 in Chumash Auditorium Network: 9:30 am - 2 pm, Interview: 2 - 5:30 pm For all majors!

Careers in Sales Panelists will speak about sales careers in various industries Thursday, January 29 4 - 5 pm, UU 220

February

Green Job Fair Tuesday, February 3 Network: 10 am - 2 pm, Interview: 2 - 5 pm, Chumash

Working Lunch: “Yikes, What Do I Do Now in This Economy?” Wednesday, February 11 (lunch provided) Noon - 1 pm, Career Services, 124/117

Biotech Industry Career Day Thursday, February 12 1 - 3:30 pm, Performing Arts Center

Architecture & Environmental Design Job Fair Wednesday, February 25 Network: 10 am - 1 pm, Interview: 1:30 - 4:30 pm Chumash & UU 220

March

Working Lunch: “Employee Benefits 101: Understanding HMOs, PPOs, 401ks & More” Wednesday, March 4 (lunch provided) Noon - 1 pm, Career Services, 124/117

College of Liberal Arts: Preparing for the Education, Government & Non-Profit Job Fair Thursday, March 12 5 - 7 pm, 26/104

All Quarter

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WORD ON THE STREET

"Where do you get most of your music?"

"From friends mostly. I don't really buy anything."
- Griffin Taylor, physics freshman

"I download it from various Internet sites."
- Eriq Augustine, computer science junior

"I have to say that I steal it from my friends. I don't buy music very often."
- Michelle Graham, biological sciences freshman

"I actually do buy most of my music... CDs because I collect them."
- Rob Magorian, civil engineering sophomore

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For many of you who pledge allegiance to your bikes or those looking to spruce up an old 1960 Schwinn Lady cruiser, there is a bike maintenance class available. There you can learn how to keep your bike in tip-top shape. Bike repair services are also available to students.

The Bike Area of the ASI Craft Center offers bicyclists a place to repair their bikes and buy supplies. Students can pay a one-time fee at the beginning of each quarter or pay for each use. Services include tool use and bike stations.

If you’ve never thrown clay and enjoy getting your hands dirty, pull up a seat next to a kick wheel and try a ceramics class. Classes range from beginning to intermediate. "You don’t need experience to take the classes at the center. A lot of amateurs come in and we teach them the basics,” Burch said.

"It’s a different area of your college experience. Here you can get away from school and expand yourself,” said industrial engineering senior and OafT Center skateboard shaping and ceramics instructor Matt Burch.

Bike Maintenance

The Woodworking Area provides space to work on projects as well as classes throughout the quarter. A free wood safety class is also offered every quarter.
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Flameworking

If you’re a borderline pyro or really wondered what it’s like to create beads, pendants and other interesting pieces of art out of glass and fire, then don’t stop yourself from trying it out. You may just make a friend in the process too.

“Taking classes at the Craft Center is a great way to release stress and work the other side of the brain. It’s also a great way to meet other people,” said civil engineering senior and Craft Center student manager Natalie Barthell.

Jewelry Smithing/Casting

For those fashionistas who get tired of seeing the same old jewelry trends, create your own. You will learn how to cast jewelry and set your own stones. Think of how cool you’ll feel when your friend asks you where you got your one-of-a-kind rhinestone pave hoop earrings?

Surfboard Shaping

Similar to the skateboard shaping class, there are several surfboard shaping classes available for those who set surfin.com as their homepage. For those surfers who own seven different boards and still haven’t found that perfect one, now is the time to make that happen.

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Skateboard Deck Shaping

If skating is a part of your lifestyle or if you know someone who lives and breathes the skating culture, then you might want to try a skateboard deck shaping class.

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Prosecutors to Polanski: All’s not forgiven

Linda Deutsch
ASSOCIATE PRESS

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Fugitive director Roman Polanski received a message from prosecutors in a sexually explicit court motion Tuesday that all is not forgiven and they will fight dismissal of a three-decade-old conviction for raping a 13-year-old.

In a footnote, the document said: “Jack Nicholson was not home at the time of the events and had no knowledge of the activities of Roman Polanski.”

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That decision was explained in Tuesday's motion, which said it was based on the teenager's concerns. The document said ... meaning that at the time of the plea, there did not exist any agreement as to what sentence may or may not be imposed.

While in exile, he won the 2002 Oscar for directing "The Pianist," an Holocaust drama.

In this Monday, Sept. 29, 2008 photo Polish director Roman Polanski is seen in Oberhausen, western Germany.

The issue of his rape case drew renewed interest in 2008 with the broadcast of an HBO documentary, "Roman Polanski: Wanted and Desired" which suggested a pattern of judicial and prosecutorial misconduct in the handling of his case.

Roberto Piel, associated press

On a more personal note, for those of you who might be wondering: my favorite superhero is Green Lantern (Hal Jordan, though, of course — has been since I was a kid); my favorite comic book artist is probably Mike Mignola (love his work, but it is rather specific to the whole horror/pulp genre) and my guilty pleasure is definitely old Aquaman comics from the '50s/60s (so good!). I also love drinking coffee, watching "The Office," and in case any of you ladies out there were wondering, I don't currently have a girlfriend.

Sure to check in next week for my review of Hellboy — everyone's favorite half-demon creature... thing.
Global warming storm drowns out dissenting thought

Don't Tread on Me

by Jeremy Hicks

In the battle to prove or disprove the existence of anthropogenic, or man-made, global warming (AGW), a battle which often orients along the cultural left and right, I must confess that I have little vested in furthering either side's campaign. I contentedly join the ranks of elite weathermen everywhere in my unequivocal conviction that tomorrow's weather will be the same or different.

But I must confide that I am unabashedly critical of many of the global warming theorists and their lesser, non-scientific apologists.

For starters, I am routinely dis-appointed by the stories that are uncheked when some plucky soul dares to opinonate a cautious, hesitant, regarding the veracity and assuredness of man-made global warming (recent historically cold decade notwithstanding). Without fail, such opinion pieces prompt small armies of those who consider themselves (accurately or not) the dutiful vanguard of the scientific community to rise in concerted opposition to such "un-scientific" thoughts. Now, I have no problem with dissenting opinion, but it is the way in which many of the ostensibly "scientific" community express their differences which is muddying.

It seems an uncharacteristically ignoble approach for anyone within the scientific community to take. Isn't the hallmark of the scientific method a critical and undying skepticism, a willingness to not only test, but also refute hypotheses? Is it not this unbiased and unselfish approach to the pursuit of truth, at whatever costs, the very thing that makes the scientific method, and scientific results, so unassailable? This failure, without fail, invites small armies of those who consider themselves (accurately or not) the dutiful vanguard of the scientific community to rise in concerted opposition to such "un-scientific" thoughts. Now, I have no problem with dissenting opinion, but it is the way in which many of the ostensibly "scientific" community express their differences which is muddying.

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Ser. Pell's death symbolizes decay of college aid

Brian Solomon

We must make human capital a priority if we are to recover and grow as a nation.

I hope that if this truly was a fraternity event, SAE fully takes the blame, and doesn't use excuses to get out of this without proper punishment. This is truly sad to see this happen and my thoughts go out to Carson's friends and family.

— Anonymous

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I truly hope this becomes an eye opener for everyone at Cal Poly.

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A's closing in on deal with Giambi

Janie McCauley
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Jason Giambi might just finish his career where it began more than a decade ago.

The free-agent first baseman was nearing a deal Tuesday to return to the Oakland Athletics nearly 14 years after making his debut with the club, according to a person familiar with the negotiations.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity to The Associated Press because the contract hasn't been completed. The addition of Giambi would be the second big offseason acquisition by general manager Billy Beane, who made a trade with Colorado for star outfielder Matt Holliday back in November.

Giambi, who turns 38 on Thursday, spent the past seven seasons with the Yankees. New York declined its 2009 $22 million option for him after last season.

Giambi, a second-round draft pick by the A's in 1992, is a career .286 hitter in 14 big league seasons. He made his major league debut for Oakland on May 8, 1995.

Giambi batted .247 with 32 home runs and 96 RBIs in 2008 for the Yankees, who missed the playoffs despite their $200 million payroll after a run of 13 consecutive postseason appearances. That's just one shy of the record set by the Atlanta Braves from 1991-05.

Giambi won the AL MVP for Oakland in 2000, then left for New York following the 2001 campaign. He enjoyed each return visit to the Bay Area, seeing old friends and making trips to the popular California chain of In-N-Out Burger. He said he tried to open an In-N-Out in New York to no avail.

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Mustangs face first conference road test

Scott Silvey
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly women's basketball coach Faith Mimnaugh knew it wouldn't take long for Kristina Santiago to reach her potential.

"When we were recruiting her we knew it was just a matter of time," Mimnaugh recalled. "She has tremendous potential." Santiago is just one of the reasons that Cal Poly (8-5, 1-1 Big West Conference) believes the team itself can reach its full potential this season.

"They really want a championship," Mimnaugh said of the team's ultimate goal. "We want to get better each day."

The next step towards a Big West championship comes against Cal State Fullerton (4-7, 1-0) at 7 p.m. tomorrow in Titan Gym.

The Mustangs split the season series with the Titans last year, including a 70-55 loss in Fullerton last year.

This year's Mustangs have improved their record by four games after 13 games last season's 9-4 start. A big reason for the turn-around has been the team's ability to share the ball.

The Mustangs are sixth in the conference in assists (15.8 per game) and 17th in assist-turnover ratio (1.04).

"I think she's an all-conference performer," Mimnaugh said of Santiago. "They're unselfish, sometimes a little too unselfish."

Cal Poly's defense is allowing the fewest assists per game, led by junior guard Ashley Stewart's 2.8 average.

With so many able passers, the Mustangs can move the ball around despite pressure defenses.

"We punish teams when they do double-teams because it's not just (four guards) who can pass," Mimnaugh said. "We really do a good job of finding the best score on the court."

Santiago has been a main beneficiary of the quality passing, shooting 55.1 percent from the field, 36.3% best in the nation. She is also in the top 100 in free throws percentage shooting 81 percent.

"She is one of the most athletic players in the league right now," Mimnaugh said. "She's playing well offensively and defensively. I think she's an all-conference performer.

While Santiago leads the team in scoring (14.7 points per game), her starting frontcourt teammates, seniors guard Lisa McBride (10.8) and guard Lindsay Davis (9.7) are also averaging double figures.

The Mustangs big front line will have its hands full with Cal State Fullerton senior forward Tori Thomas who is averaging 13.3 points in just 26.5 minutes per game this year.

Mimnaugh defined two specific areas that Cal Poly needs to improve on defensively.

"We need to work on our ability to defend penetration and we need to work on our help side," she said. "We are there sometimes and not at other times. We're improving, but we're not always where we need to be.

Thomas will provide a test for the Mustangs defense as she has the ability to work inside and outside. Not only is the Cal State Fullerton senior's leading rebounder in school history, but Thomas also shoots 46.7 percent from 3-point range.

The Mustangs have agreed to trade senior forward Megan Harrision due to a letter in the Mustangs 77-60 win against Idaho on Nov. 29 in Mott Gym.

Four Mustangs among Sports Network All-Americans

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Wide receiver Ramese Barden added one more award to his overshadowed mantle after he was among four Cal Poly players named to the 2008 Sports Network All-American First Team on Tuesday.

Barden joined punt returner Jeremy Gilchrist of Hampton and
goal percentage shooting 100 percent.

"Obviously we're disappointed," Smith said. "We take these issues very seriously. Moving forward, we will monitor the situation and have no further comment."

Jackson just had the first 1,000- yard season of his career, for a team- high 1,098 yards and seven touchdowns. He became the first Chargers wide receiver to have 1,000 yards in a season, breaking Antonio Gates, but didn't catch any in Saturday's 23-17 overtime playoff win over Indianapolis. San Diego visits Pittsburgh for a playoff game Sunday.

The Chargers have had their share of off-field problems. In 2006, there were six run-ins with the law by Chargers players, including linebacker Steve Foley's shooting by an off-duty Coronado police officer, who suspected him of drunken driving, and another player who was arrested for investigation of DUl.

Besides the arrests, linebacker Shawne Merriman was suspended for five games earlier this season for hitting Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger with a helmet.

Jackson failed sobriety tests shortly after 2 a.m. on state Route 52 in San Diego, said California Highway Patrol Officer Ray Schendeh. He said the he didn't know Jackson's blood alcohol level.

Jackson was on probation for a previous DUI arrest, Highway Patrol Officer Brad Barke said. The player was taken to the San Diego County jail and released.

Chargers general manager A.J. Smith said he was aware of Jackson's "off-field issue.

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