Challenging season for Sierra ski resorts ending

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RENO, Nev. (AP) — Sierra Nevada ski resorts are beginning to shut down lifts for the season after what some operators are calling a "very challenging year" because of the economy's downhill run.

The Boreal, Soda Springs and Homewood resorts around Lake Tahoe closed Sunday; a week before the nearby Alpine Meadows, Heavenly, Northstar-at-Tahoe and Diamond Peak ski areas plan to halt operations.

In a message on the resort's Web site, Alpine Meadows executives acknowledged the economy is prompting an earlier-than-usual shutdown of their slopes. Last year, the resort closed May 4.

Art Chapman, president of JMA Ventures, and Jim Kercher, chief operating officer and general manager of Alpine Meadows, said it was "a very challenging year" for the industry as skier counts and revenue were down sharply at all Tahoe resorts.

"Our decision to close April 19 was driven by the unfortunate fact that we are not seeing the number of skiers necessary to cover our operating costs on weekdays or weekends," they wrote.

Alpine Meadows also wants to make sure it has the necessary capital to make upgrades for next season, they added.

Other resorts said skier numbers were down, but for different reasons such as a later start of snow and a snowy Presidents Day weekend that kept crowds away.

"We weren't significantly down because our prices are cheaper than other resorts," Boreal spokesman Jon Slaughter said Sunday.

Vail Resorts Inc. spokeswoman Amy Kemp said total skier visits for the company's Heavenly resort on Tahoe's south shore and four mountain resorts in Colorado were down 5 percent for the season as of March 1. Lift ticket revenue, which includes some season pass revenue, was down 8 percent.

"The ski industry is not immune to the economic climate," Kemp said. At an April 1 conference in Keystone, Colo., Vail Resorts Chief Executive Officer Rob Katz said his company also has faced a dramatic decline in ski school participation and high-end retail spending this season.

"We've seen such huge declines, especially during some of the key weeks," Katz said. "We're seeing a significant decline in economics."
New Calif. homes would have to be energy producers

Steve Lawrence

SACRAMENTO (AP) — If state Assemblywoman Lori Saldaña has her way, buyers of California homes built a little more than a decade from now would not have to worry about paying big electricity bills. The homes would produce power themselves.

The San Diego Democrat has introduced legislation that would require all homes built starting in about 2020 to be so-called zero net energy buildings. That means they would be extremely energy efficient and produce enough power to offset any electricity they draw from the grid.

That homegrown power would probably come from solar panels. But it also could be generated by nearby wind or geothermal plants, said Bernadette Del Chiaro, a clean energy advocate with the group Environment California, which supports the bill.

The measure is on the agenda of the Assembly Natural Resources Committee on Monday. It is one of more than 400 bills scheduled to be considered this week as lawmakers return from an Easter recess.

"What you do is use the grid like a giant battery," Del Chiaro said. "You send surplus energy during the day to the grid and then offset that by drawing energy from the grid at night. That's how you basically get the bill down to nothing."

Saldaña's legislation would require new homes to meet zero net energy requirements by Jan. 1, 2020, or when the California Energy Commission determines that use of solar systems is cost-effective, whichever comes later.

Del Chiaro said she expects that currently available state rebates and federal tax breaks will create enough of a mainstream market for solar systems over the next 10 years to cut their cost in half.

Saldaña said her bill would help cut the emissions blamed for global warming by reducing dependence on fossil fuels.

"About a quarter of greenhouse gas emissions are related to buildings — heating and cooling them," she said. "Looking at ways to build smarter will have significant and beneficial impacts on reducing greenhouse gases and avoiding more impacts of climate change."

Tami Coley, senior vice president of the California Building Industry Association, said new homes being built in California today already are highly energy efficient. He said Saldaña should be looking for ways to reduce electricity use in older housing instead of targeting new construction.

"If the goal is to reduce fossil fuel dependency, why not go where the problem is?" he said.

Now solar-equipped homes are popular with buyers, he said, but including that equipment can add $35,000 to $50,000 to the cost of construction.

"That's a pretty pricey premium to pay on a new home," Coley said.

Saldaña said the additional cost could be recouped by cutting electricity bills over a period of time.

She introduced essentially the same bill last year. It passed the Assembly but died in the Senate. She's hopeful that it will clear both houses this time.

Here are some of the other bills up for consideration this week:

SHOPPING BAG FEES — Bills by Assembly members Julia Brownley, D-Santa Monica, and Mike Davis, D-Los Angeles, would require supermarket, large drug stores and convenience stores to charge customers a 25 cent fee for a single-use plastic or paper bag.

The nearly identical measures are intended to provide funding for inter-state cleanup programs, prevent plastic bags from ending up in the ocean and encourage consumers to use cloth or reusable bags. "By virtue of charging 25 cents, I think people's awareness will become more focused," Brownley said. "The way around not paying the fee is to buy their own bag to the market." Both bills also are on the Natural Resources Committee's agenda Monday.

HEALTH CARE — Sen. Mark Leno, D-San Francisco, is picking up where one of his former colleagues, Sheila Kuehl, left off. For several years, Kuehl, a Santa Monica Democrat who was term-limited out of office in 2008, pushed legislation that would have created a state-managed universal health care system. It was vetoed twice by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, but Leno has reintroduced the bill, hoping for a better outcome this time. It's on the Senate Health Committee's agenda Wednesday.

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Motorcycle pollution — Most motorcycles would have to pass the same smoke inspection tests as cars and trucks under legislation by Sen. Fran Pavley, D-Agoura Hills. The measure would take effect in 2012 and cover about 72 percent of all motorcycles in the state — year 2000 and newer models with large, class-three engines. It's scheduled to be considered Tuesday by the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee.

PERSONAL TRAINERS — A bill by Sen. Ron Calderon, D-Monterey Park, would prohibit someone from claiming to be a personal trainer unless he or she had a degree in exercise science, kinesiology, fitness science or a related field or had been certified by an accredited organization.

The Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee has the bill on its agenda Monday.

SCHOOLS-RELIGION — Students could express religious viewpoints in homework, artwork and other school assignments under legislation by Assemblywoman Andrea Strickland, R-Thousand Oaks. The measure, which is on the Assembly judiciary Committee agenda Tuesday, also would give students the right to form prayer groups or religious clubs.
President Obama’s daughters name their new puppy ‘Bo’

Philip Elliott

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bo!

No jet.

The first family has settled on a first pet — a 6-month-old Portuguese water dog that the Obama girls are naming Bo.

The selection was one of the White House’s most tightly kept secrets.

President Barack Obama’s daughters, 10-year-old Malia and 7-year-old Sasha, picked a black and white pup, a White House official speaking on the condition of anonymity told The Associated Press Saturday night.


“We couldn’t be happier to see the joy that he is bringing to Malia and Sasha,” Kennedy said in a statement. “We love our Portuguese water dogs and know that the girls — and their parents — will love theirs, too.”

The Washington Post reported in its online editions Saturday night that Obama’s daughters chose the name Bo for the pup because first lady Michelle Obama’s father was nicknamed Diddy.

The name for the dog was an apparent reference to the singer “Bo.”

“We knew our Portuguese water dog and Sasha.” Kennedy said in a statement. “We couldn’t be happier to see the dog and not be in pain, be comfortable.”

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The only way to end this “civil war” is to release the prisoners locked up for using or distributing medical marijuana in compliance with California law, Lynch said.

“If Obama is really going to end this civil war then they should... release the marijuana patients in jail and stop taking prisoners such as myself and throwing them into federal prison — that’s how this war is going to end.”

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In this undated photo released by the White House, the Obama family’s new dog, Bo, a 6-month-old Portuguese water dog, is shown at the White House in Washington.

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“Gratifying Lynch was making a profit off of selling marijuana,” Hedges said in an interview with ABC’s John Stossel on 20/20.

“Well you are making an assumption that he was helping people he was primarily helping himself.”

Under federal law, 17-year-old bone cancer patient Owen Beck, who used medical marijuana to treat his bone cancer is considered a minor even when accompanied by his parents. The medical marijuana good phantom pain in his amputated leg while increasing his appetite. Beck said in a interview with Dr. Carey on reason.

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**State**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A Malibu man has pleaded not guilty in Los Angeles to sexually assaulting a Santa Monica College student at the school’s library.

The district attorney’s office says 40-year-old Cdiase Keynolds pleaded not guilty Thursday in Superior Court to felony sexual assaulting a Santa Monica College student in Los Angeles to sexually assaulting her. Prosecutors say he approached a female student late Saturday afternoon at the college’s library and sexually assaulted her, then stole her house keys. Santa Monica police arrested the suspect Tuesday.

Reynolds faces up to 15 years in prison if convicted.

**International**

ALONG THE ISRAELI-LEBANON BORDER, Israel (AP) — Filled with a night-vision camera just before Israeli narcotics officers pounced from nearby bushes, the video shows a Lebanese courier lobbing half-kilo packages of heroin over the border fence into Israel and an Israeli courier throwing back packages of $100 bills.

Israeli soldiers and Hezbollah guerrillas have been battling for years along this frontier. But a quieter war goes on here every night, one between Inspector Gal Ronen’s narcotics teams and the smugglers who have turned this jumpy border into the main conduit for heroin bound for Israeli drug markets.

**DOVER AIR FORCE BASE, Del. (AP) —** The remains of five Army soldiers killed by a suicide bomber in Iraq were expected to arrive Sunday night at a Dover Air Force Base.

The bomber driving a truck detonated a ton of explosives near a police headquarters in the northern city of Mosul on Friday, killing the men in the deadliest attack against U.S. troops in more than a year. The U.S. military said Iraq police were the bomber’s target and that the Americans were caught up as bystanders.

Two Iraqi policemen also were killed in the midmorning blast near the Iraq National Police headquarters. At least 62 people, including one American soldier and 27 civilians, were wounded, officials said.

**ALTON BAY, N.H. (AP) —** A massive fire damaged or destroyed dozens of wood-frame buildings, mostly unoccupied summer homes, at a 146-year-old Christian center on Easter Sunday.

The fire erupted at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, when Christians were celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. But the season hadn’t begun yet at the Alton Bay Christian Conference Center on Lake Winnipesaukee, and state Fire Marshal William Dage said no injuries to civilians had been reported.

**WORD ON THE STREET**

“What breed would you choose for your presidential puppy and what would be the name?”

“I would choose an Argentine Dogo. I would name him Buzz Lightyear.”

—Kevin Gericka, agricultural business junior

“I’d probably go for a Husky and I’d probably name it Hank the Husky or something like that.”

—Eric Vaitello, electrical engineering senior

“I would get a Golden Retriever and name him The General.”

—Keri Scheldt, business junior

“I would get a Hushy and name him Balto.”

—Eileen Escalona, biomedical engineering sophomore

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America's uninsured haven't shied away from collective action

Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar

If the uninsured were a political lobbying group, they'd have more members than AARP. The National Mall couldn't hold them if they decided to march on Washington.

But going without health insurance is still seen as a personal issue, a misfortune for many and a choice for others. But the uninsured, frustrated by years of struggle alone instead of turning their frustration into political action, have grown to an estimated 40 million people. Illegal immigrants rallied in Washington during past immigration debates, but the uninsured lobbied the background as Congress struggles slowly, in stages, to guarantee health coverage for all.

Research by the Kaiser Family Foundation shows that nearly half of uninsured workers say they don't have health insurance because Lyle had to retire early after a heart attack left him unable to do his job as a custodian at Disney World.Vicki, 60, sells real estate. Her income has plunged due to the housing collapse.

"We didn't realize that after he had the heart attack no one would want to insure him," said Vicki. The one bright spot is that Lyle, 64, has qualified for Medicare despite his condition and expects to be getting his card in July.

But for some, the Whites have to pay out of pocket for Lyle's visits to the cardiologist and his medications. The bill came to about $5,000 last year. That put a strain on their limited budget because they are still making payments on their house and car.

"I never thought when we got to this age that we would be in such a mess," said Vicki, who has been married to Lyle for 43 years. "We didn't think we would have a heart attack and it would change our life forever." While her own health is "pretty good," Vicki said she suffers chronic sinus infections and hasn't had a checkup since 2007. "If I have just learned to live with it," she said.

The Whites' example shows how the lack of guaranteed health care access undermines middle-class families and puts them at risk, but that many of the uninsured eventually do find coverage. Lyle White has qualified for Medicare, even if the couple must still find a plan for Vicki.

Research shows that nearly half of those who lose coverage find other health insurance in four months or less. That may be another reason the uninsured have not organized an advocacy group at least until this recession emerged unharmed following a brief firefight that killed three of the four pirates who were holding him off the Somali coast, ending a five-day high-seas hostage drama in the Indian Ocean. Reinhart said Phillips was preparing to return home in the next couple days along with his crew, but was not specific.

Reinhart called it a good moment and a great day for the nation, the industry, the military and for Phillips family.

"Richard exemplifies some of the best traditions and behaviors not just of an American merchant mariner," Reinhart said. "He's a leader of men. He's a brave and courageous man. He persevered through difficult times and he's shown real heroism."

Crew members said as pirates huddled themselves on board the Maersk Alabama, shooting in the air, Phillips told them to lock themselves in a cabin and offered himself in exchange for their safety.

Reinhart said the 19-member crew was challenged with the order to leave the captain behind and head for safe harbor in Mombasa, Kenya, where they arrived Saturday night.

"But as mariners, they took the order to preserve the ship and they knew the Navy would preserve their captain, so they did that tough choice and they took the ship away," he said. "When I look at it, I think Richard has exhibited the true spirit of an American."
Student shoots 3 in Greek college, kills himself

A teenage gunman who wounded three people at a college in Greece and killed himself had warned of the attack hours earlier on an Internet posting that included photographs of him posing with weapons, police said.

The 19-year-old man, armed with two handguns and a knife, opened fire at the vocational training college in western Athens and then shot himself in the head, authorities said. He died in hospital several hours later.

One student was shot in the chest and seriously wounded and two men were shot outside the building and suffered less severe injuries, police and Health Ministry officials said.

The gunman left a note accusing his fellow students of picking on him and posted the message on a social networking site.

"I have no reason to continue living. But, unfortunately for you, I'm too selfish to leave and let you keep living..." he said in the note which was written in Greek.

"For too long we all garbage... Whoever I see on the morning of April 10 will immediately become a target," he wrote, adding that he had been "rejected" by someone he had fallen in love with. "Until now, I have received nothing but rejection and contempt from those around me."

Police confirmed the man seen on the posting on the site was the 19-year-old gunman, whom they identified as Dimitris Pirmianidis, an immigrant from the Georgian breakaway region of Abkhazia. Included in the posting — put up about three hours before the attack — were 12 photographs, several of which show the man pointing a gun at the camera.

Police seized a computer from the youth's home. They also said they were trying to determine where he got the weapons he used.

The youth had apparently planned to take more lives, police said, because he was carrying two guns and because of the language used in the Internet posting. He also had 66 9mm bullets, they said.

According to the police account, the gunman arrived around 5:45 a.m., a quarter of an hour after lessons had started at the OAthens area state unemployment agency's training college in the Athens Voula district.

He shot the student victim on a college staircase leading to the second floor before running out. He then shot two workers at a nearby shop who tried to stop him, one in the leg and the other in the arm. Then he went to a park close to the school and shot himself in the head, police said.

The injured 18-year-old student was shot in the chest, arms and legs, and the other two men had lighter injuries, the Health Ministry said.

The two were identified by police as a 23-year-old Greek and a 47-year-old Albanian.

Fellow students and college staff described the gunman as a loner who favored black clothing and long overcoats.

**THE MUSTANGS**
Mark Sherman
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The GOP's struggle over its future and the party's tariff steps to attract minorities are on full display in the differing responses of Republican governors to a major Supreme Court case on voting rights.

The court will hear arguments April 29 about whether federal oversight of election procedures should continue in 16 states, mainly in the South, with a history of preventing blacks, Hispanics and other minorities from voting.

In 2006, as Republicans sought to improve their standing with minorities in advance of congressional elections, the GOP-controlled Congress extended for 25 years the Voting Rights Act provision that says the Justice Department must approve any changes in how elections are conducted. Republican President George W. Bush signed the extension into law.

But some Republicans said the extension was not merited and that some states were being punished for their racist past. A legal challenge has made its way to the high court.

GOP Govs. Sonny Perdue of Georgia and Bob Riley of Alabama have asserted in court filings that the continued obligation of their states to get advance approval for all changes involving elections is unnecessary and expensive in view of significant progress they have made to overcome blatant and often brutal discrimination against blacks.

Riley pointed out that President Barack Obama did better in Georgia than did Democratic nominee John Kerry in 2004 and Al Gore in 2000. "Congress' insistence that Georgia has a continuing legacy of racism... is nonsensical when an African-American candidate for president receives a greater percentage of the vote than his white predecessor candidates," Perdue said.

Riley said blacks in Alabama cast ballots in proportions similar to whites and that black lawmakers make up about one-quarter of the Legislature, reflecting the state's black population. In November's election, however, Obama attracted the votes of only about 10 percent of white Alabamans; that was his worst showing among white voters anywhere.

Both Perdue and Riley face term limits that prevent them from running for re-election in 2010.

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sired, you are at risk," said Schoen. "People don't plan very well when they are going to get sick or injured." Indeed, the Institute of Medicine, which provides scientific advice to the government, has found that a lack of health insurance increases the chances of bad outcomes for people with a range of common ailments, from diabetes and high blood pressure to cancer and stroke. Uninsured patients don't get needed follow-up care, skip taking prescription medicines and put off seeking help when they develop new symptoms.

Such evidence strengthens the case for getting everybody covered right away, Schoen said. But she acknowledges the politics may get tough.

Graphic shows number of uninsured Americans and periods of recession

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Other Republican governors in states covered by the advance approval provision of the Voting Rights Act — including Haley Barbour of Mississippi and Bobby Jindal of Louisiana — are taking a different approach. They essentially are saying nothing about the case even as Democratic attorneys general in those states have said elimination of the provision "would undermine the progress that has been made under the Voting Rights Act."

About one-third of Mississippi's residents are black. Barbour said he is not seeking to change his state's status under the Voting Rights Act.

Obama captured about 11 percent of the white vote there last year, according to exit polls.

"I've said for 25 years, I've testified in front of Congress, that the Voting Rights Act ought to apply to every state. Every jurisdic­tion ought to be covered," Barbour said. Barbour also is term-limited, but has not foreclosed running for another office.

Jindal, widely considered a potential 2012 GOP presidential candidate, issued a brief statement through a spokeswoman: "The governor has not reviewed this case or the briefs, but he has confidence in the attorney general to do the right thing for the people of Louisiana," spokesman Kiley Hopkins said.

Emily University political science professor Merle Black said southern Republican politicians have every incentive to say nothing. "If they come out against it, then their hope of getting any African-American votes in the future is even worse than it is now," Black said. "If you don't mention it, it's the status quo, and they've been able to win with the status quo."

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Brewer was the state's top elections official as the elected Ariz­ona secretary of state before she became governor Jan. 20 when Democrat Janet Napolitano resigned after the Senate confirmed her to be Obama's homeland security secretary.

Eight states are covered in their entirety under the provision: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina and Texas. In Virginia, all but 15 cities and counties must comply with the measure.

Parts of California, Florida, Michigan, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina and South Dakota also need permission to make voting changes.

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Brewer was the state's top elections official as the elected Ariz­ona secretary of state before she became governor Jan. 20 when Democrat Janet Napolitano resigned after the Senate confirmed her to be Obama's homeland security secretary.

Eight states are covered in their entirety under the provision: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, South Carolina and Texas. In Virginia, all but 15 cities and counties must comply with the measure.

Parts of California, Florida, Michigan, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina and South Dakota also need permission to make voting changes.
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Muralist Kent Twitchell shows L.A.'s many sides

John Rogers

Los Angeles muralist Kent Twitchell poses in his studio with a portion of his mural showing music icon Michael Jackson, at his new studio downtown Los Angeles on March 24.

"I dreamed of painting on every wall. I wanted to paint the downtown skyline from the side of a two-story home next door," Twitchell says.

Although he may have been "one of many" in a city where anyone with a can of paint can fancy himself a street artist, there was something different about Twitchell's works from the beginning. Highly detailed and vivid in color, they more closely resembled those of the great Renaissance painters he admired.

"Both the scale and the detail were extraordinary," says Peter Frank, editor of the arts publication THE Magazine Los Angeles and cura- tor of the Twitchell retrospective at Los Angeles' Look Gallery.

"What happens is when you see one on a wall, at first you see it from a distance and it's almost like seeing a figure on TV," says Frank. "But as you get closer the scale changes. Not the person but the scale. These are real people and he keeps them real despite the fact that they have assumed monumental size."

The exhibition, "The King of Pop Meets the King of Cool: Exploring the Lost Works of Kent Twitchell," opened Thursday and continues through April 24. Its centerpieces are two of the best-known works he has fought his share of battles to keep on view.

Ruscha work was erased deliberately by graffiti that it is almost unrecognizable, a fate common to many Los Angeles murals. But seemingly driven to create, the muralist has kept cranking out new works, cleaning up the old ones when he can and then moving on to the next project.

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mary focus on jazz, lecturer says

Matt Fountain

Monday, April 13, 2009

While women have managed to make significant gains in the world of jazz music, it remains a realm often characterized by major gender hurdles for female performers, according to a noted music scholar.

Dr. Benjamin Pickut, music professor at the University of Southampton in England, who specializes in modern jazz and race and gender issues, presented "Gender and the New Thing: The Case of the Jazz Composers Guild" Thursday morning in a giant lecture on campus.

The lecture focused, using the short-lived Jazz Composers Guild as an example, on how jazz artists were advocates for equality through experimentations, often in the face of often repressed traditional gender and race biases.

"The Jazz Composers Guild was founded by trumpeter Bill Dixon in 1964 as a cooperative organization that meant to organize events and promote New York's avant-garde jazz music," Pickut said.

"Pickut argued, was itself split along ethnic and racial lines and disintegrated after only six months."

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In researching the topic, Pickut interviewed several members of the Guild, including Dixon himself, something he said he was rewarded for.

"It was a great experience," Pickut said after the lecture. "He is an important figure—a fundamental one."

While Pickut said race was a factor in the Guild's downfall, he explained that in inclusion of pianist Carla Bley also proved extremely problematic and highlighted the bias against women among jazz musicians, a problem he said still exists today.

"I think one would have to be completely blind to not realize significant, incremental change," Pickut said. "There are a lot of women in jazz. However, a lot of these kinds of stories continue and there are plenty of people a lot smarter than me writing and commenting about it. It's still incredibly difficult for women."
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Cal Poly alumnus Christa Riveras, owner of the original Honeymoon location and Russell Thomas, owner of Two Good Cow Catering, met at Cuesta College years ago, and since opening the San Luis Obispo location together are not only friends, but business partners.

"You can't just partner up with just anyone for something like this," Thomas said.

For lovers that have difficulty tearing themselves away from the sheets and the loungers that just got a late start, Honeymoon Cafe serves breakfast all day long.

The bright but soothing interior, painted in plum, olive green and yellow will enhance the mood of those who are aching to go at 7 a.m. while gently soothing those whose eyes are still heavy. Though the breakfast menu is not very intricate, it offers up basics like fruit, quiche, danishes, bagels, oatmeal, eggs and breakfast burritos. It has some specialties like banana pancakes with cream cheese, the mahi mahi casserole with fork tender meat and served with black beans. The cafe also put in one special spin on the bagel sandwich; the Honeymoon version comes with avocado, cream cheese, lemon pepper, herbed tomato, red onion and sprouts. This casserole-style cafe is a conscious one serving up quality ingredients while making a substantial effort to support local businesses.

"We are locavores," Thomas said.

"I'm not a corporate-minded person," Rivers added. "We've got to keep it in the community.

And while most of the food they serve is organic, they don't do it for the bragging rights.

"Being organic is such a trend now," Rivers said. "We don't advertise because we just believe in good food."

While currently closed on weekends, Honeymoon Cafe is serving up something for just about everyone. They have the usual Caesar and Cobb salads which are available with chicken or steak for an additional charge. But two of their side salads are the ones that shine. The strawberry fields salad comes with spinach, strawberries, goat cheese, prosciutto, sugared bacon and red onions tossed in blueberry, porcini-grated balsamic vinaigrette. The tortellini salad includes cheese tortellini, black olives, arugula hearts, sun dried tomato and dry salami in Italian dressing.

The cafe also offers daily soup specials that are served with pita and a half sandwich or salad option. The butternut squash soup is good enough to make a daily trek downtown to see if they have it.

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So get away from it all and head for a honeymoon a little closer to home: if you've eaten at the original it will make you feel in love all over again.

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his work, then paints them in sections on what he calls parachute paper, a thin but durable substance. From there he applies them directly to a wall, a method that allowed him to mount a three-story portrait of basketball great Julius Erving, decked out in a chic, double-breasted suit, on a wall in Philadelphia as just one day. It also allows him to cover his murals with protective coating and to remove them from a wall if necessary, as he did with the "Freeway Lulu".

The giant portrait of a wise-looking, white-haired woman greeted travelers along the Hollywood Freeway for years until it became scarred by graf-fiti. Twitchell removed it, and after the show he plans to install it on the wall of a Los Angeles art gallery.

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April 15 is the new July 4

Marlize van Romburgh

With all the abuses of illegal immigrants in the United States, the last thing these crin¬
nelers want to do is give any im¬
tage more folks to illegally cross the border. That's just what the Dream Act wants to do.

— Anonymous

Response to "Students lobby 'Chavez's life, asthma"

I changed my name when I got married for two reasons. Nei¬
ter had to do with tradition or expectations. First, I want to be easily recognized as being a du¬
and having the same last name makes that very easy in kind. Second, I want your year message that we are united. Second, I want my husband, my last name to be part of our name. No hyphenated kids name or kids take mom's or dad's and someone in left out. My given name was awesome, beautiful even, but I changed it because the symbol of unity was worth it, weather I take his or he takes mine or we make up a new one. I am not into following tradition for tradition's sake, but there is something to a marriage sharing the same family name. I have a brother and tons of male cousins to carry on the name for my grandma, the one who really cares about this stuff. If I didn’t, perhaps I would feel differently. Plenty of women continue to use their original last names sharing the same family. The name makes that very easy in kind. Whatever the person's choice, they have to be happy with it. — Nadia

Response to "Hypothetical hus¬
band, I'm not giving up my name"

Who cares? Did someone make this an issue, or are you just letting us know in case we had you on our list of potential

— Scott

Response to "Hypothetical hus¬
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I think this is a great stance to take. My mother never official¬
ly changed her name because, to her, what can she do? She closely tied to her work. My broth¬
er and I took our father's last name, but at no point in time did our mother have a different last name confuse us, hurt us, or make us feel left out. As for my parents being a strong couple, they have been happily married for 23 years as of September. But Nadia brings up one good point: I can't say for sure how happy, does it really matter?

— Nat Welch

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band, I'm not giving up my name"
Korea’s missile launch: ignoring rules may give green light to other nations

It's a well-known adage that rules are made to be broken. Although there is some truth to that statement, it stops well short of its inevitable ending: the consequence.

In some cases, however, rules truly are made to be broken. It all depends on who is making the laws and how serious they are about carrying them out. For example, I have never been pulled over for not wearing my seatbelt. That’s against the law. Point being that a rule is only as strong as its enforcer.

Last Sunday, North Korea put that saying to the test as they launched a rocket from Pyongyang that sailed over Japan until it finally crashed in the Pacific Ocean. In doing so, they disregarded two UN resolutions.

The launch is seen by South Korea, the United States and Japan as a threat, a disguised test of a long-range missile designed to carry warheads to the U.S. However, North Korea claims a satellite was launched in the process. Reports from Japan claim that no satellite was released during the flight.

Immediately following the launch, North Korea warned that they would take "strong steps" if any action was taken against them in response to the launch. They threatened to boycott six-party disarmament talks and restart a plant that makes bomb-grade plutonium. They also warned of military actions if anyone tried to remove debris from the rocket.

Now, the UN’s five permanent members — the United States, Russia, China, France and Britain — and Japan have a critical decision to make. Are they going to punish North Korea? Or give them another warning?

Are they going to stand behind the rules they made? Or, downplay the event and let them off easy?

The UN is split about the decision, but is currently working on compromise that would make a statement (a step less than a resolution) tightening existing sanctions by singling out North Korea.

Japan, the U.S. and South Korea were actively pursuing a more serious reprimand of North Korea. However, China and Russia were holding back, saying that any punishment would be "counterproductive."

Clearly, getting involved in a military showdown would not be a good decision. The UN just doesn’t have the military stamina to get involved in a potential war. The world is exhausted by the Iraq war, even outside parties.

However, a legitimate response to the North Korea’s provocative act would be to issue economic sanctions. China supplies North Korea with 80-90 percent of its energy, as well as food and other humanitarian needs. The problem with this solution is that China did not want to do anything. I guess when they drafted the original resolution they never actually thought they would have to stand by it.

An outside aspect of this dilemma is that whatever the UN chooses to do, Iran is watching closely and making decisions based on the precedent.

"The response of the UN to date has simply indicated to Iran that it’s got a green light," senior fellow at the Hudson Institute and UN critic Anne伴有 said. "They’re not serious about sanctions."

It turns out that rules are made to be broken, or at least that’s the message the UN is sending to the rest of the world.

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to follow recruiting guidelines could face penalties such as being denied tickets or even being formally "dis­associated" from the athletic program.

Adam Kissel, director of the Indi­vidual Rights Defense Program at the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, said the NCAA can impose rules on its member colleges. But universities — especially public ones — can't enforce them if it means punishing students in any way for ex­pressing an opinion.

"A student doesn't lose First Amendment rights because of a con­tract or a group's rules," he said.

Moosley, the student, didn't re­spond to a request for comment, but the group has been renamed "Bring a National Title back to NC. STATE!" and features a photo of her.

Though Lee sent Moosley the "I won't do anymore," even she finds the rule "outrageous." The NCAA, she says, simply isn't keeping up with the technology reality.

"I think nationally the NCAA needs to address further Facebook and how these groups play a part in recruiting," she said. "Is it realistic for us to be able to control that? What harm is a group like this causing? But as the legislation stands right now, this is the position we have to take."

NCAA spokesman Erik Christi­anson said the group considers its rules "technology neutral." A Facebook page is simply a high-tech way to try to influence recruits.

The NCAA's concern is "nuisances into a student's school's life when they're trying to decide where to go to college," he said. He said the NCAA is keeping up with technology, noting new rules on text-messaging from coaches.

Christianson said the NCAA ex­pects institutions to act as N.C. State did, reaching out to the creators of such groups to "educate" them about the rules. He added he was not aware the NCAA had ever initiated any ac­tion related to a Facebook group or notified an institution about one.

But dooms of Facebook groups are still up in plain site for current players, including Wall, and other top undeclared basketball players such as Xavier Henry and Lance Stephenson. Wall, a 6-4 playmaker, averaged 21 points, seven rebounds and nine assists for Raleigh Wood of God this past season. He's the No. 1-ranked recruit in the country by both Rivals.com and Scout.com, and among the last top players yet to commit. A Face­book search reveals groups including "Bring John Wall to Baylor," "John Wall Begs Wall to Attend," and "John Wall come to DUKE!!"

There are at least four groups encouraging Wall to pick Kentucky. Through an athletic department spokesman, UK head of compliance Sandy Bell declined to comment on whether the department has taken any action in response to such groups.

Facebook did not respond to an e­mailed request for comment.

Kissel, of the education rights group, and ADEN Fine of the Ameri­can Civil Liberties Union, said that while the NCAA — a private entity could punish sanctions against a student like Moosley (such as denying him access to an entirely NCAA-run event), it was troubling that the letter and threatened sanction came from the university.

"The school is potentially finding itself in a tricky situation, be­cause of the NCAA rules, but that doesn't mean public universities cannot enforce laws," Fine said.

Christianson dismissed the free speech argument, saying courts have upheld the NCAA's right to set re­cruiting rules for members.

"We don't see it as a free speech is­sue. We see it as a recruiting issue," he said. "We want to be sure that we limit the level of intru­sion that comes into their lives."

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less to say the time they spent at the ballpark was probably the most en­joyed.

Pacific apparently got enough kids to come and try out this year and were able to put together a fresh­man all American. Is it to­day's luck of the draw? Or could it be that the Mustangs are actually starting to get out there and do­ing damage; that the kid give up the baseball..."

As for the games this week; Santa Clara is going to lose some sleep followed up by a long weekend for the Aggies as UC Davis comes to town for a three-game series. The games might be a bit one sided this week, but hey that's good for our kids isn't it? Keep winning games regardless of how the competition plays; sure it may not be an action packed edge of your seat nine in­nings, but there is so much more that the ballpark has to offer.

Take for example the second biggest rivalry on the Central Coast; 6-year-olds vs. the event staff. It's amazing, every time a foul ball is hit the scene is reminiscent of the beaches of Normandy in '44. You've got a herd of roughly 30 "knee high to a grasshopper" kids doing about 120 mph toward their prize. As the dust clears you can begin to make out a yellow net which in disbelief appears to be demand­ing the kid give up the baseball... right, great idea Jim, might as well jump into pool of ravenous perch with squid tied to your supplies.

If that doesn't catch your fancy, then there's always Krokow corner, all you can eat, drink and heckle for an incredibly fair price. Ulti­mately I can say with confidence that there's something for everyone at the ballpark, be it baseball, food or sundresses in the warm spring air, irony or the foul ball crew. Reg­ardless of your preferences, how bad could it be? It's baseball on the Central Coast in the spring. Until next week.

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WEEKEND

Cal Poly’s Stephanie Tam, shown (0-4) who struck out six 49ers in complete game effort, she also drove herself in for a run and scored the only run of the game. The Mustangs started strong against conference-leading Long Beach State on Friday and Saturday as senior Jared Eweke (5-1) would get the win in relief. Sophomore designated hitter DJ Gentile, junior leftfielder Luke Yoder and junior shortstop Kyle Smith each collected three hits.

Cal Poly will host the Big West Conference Championship on April 20 – 21 at the San Luis Obispo Country Club.

Beating up on inferior competition?

Jacob Ewing

If checking the box score during a morning cup of coffee is your idea of “following baseball,” then indulge your interest and hopefully I can add a bit of perspective to a set of numbers. Let’s hope a bit more competition can make it to San Luis Obispo this coming week or we might be in for some doldrums. I’m sure our boys on the field would enjoy some competition as well.

Saint Mary’s, which some said would be a tough task, did little for the sport of baseball Tuesday night. If you saw their performances at the plate, I’m sure you would have enjoyed it too. I believe it was the sixth inning when the Gaich coach told on deck hitter to get a tennis racket before he got in the batters box.

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ROUND-UP

Cal Poly’s Stephanie Tam, shown above, scored one of two sixth inning runs to propel the Mustangs past Long Beach State on Sunday.

Cal Poly (28-9, 7-2 Big West Conference) came away with a sweep in a critical three-game set against conference-leading Long Beach State on Friday and Saturday. The Mustangs rode three sensational pitching performances, allowing just two runs in the three game series.

Cal Poly entered the series trailing the 49ers by a game in the Big West but with the sweep is now tied with Cal State Fullerton (19-17, 7-2) for the conference lead.

The Mustangs lost two of three to the Titans earlier this year meaning the 49ers by a game in the Big West Conference.

Nick Camacho

WRESTLING

Cal Poly sophomore Boris Novachkov won five matches on his way to the FILA Junior National Championship on Saturday in Las Vegas.

Novachkov, who redshirted last year at Cal Poly, beat Missouri freshman Nicholas Hackett in the final match. Novachkov executed a two-point maneuver during the final period which broke a 2-2 tie.

Novachkov will continue to train while looking for a spot on the U.S. Junior World Freestyle team in May.

Cal Poly will compete in the Big West Conference Championship beginning Friday when they take on UC Riverside.

NICK CAMACHO MUSTANG DAILY

Student worked over Facebook site rooting prospect

Justin Pope

RALEIGH, N.C. — College sports fans, be careful of the company you keep on Facebook. You might get yourself—and the program you support—in trouble. That was the lesson this week for Taylor Moseley, a North Carolina State freshman who expressed a common-enough opinion on campus when he started the Facebook group called “John Wall PLEASE come to NC STATE!!!”

But the NCAA says such sites, and dozens more like them wooing Wall and other top recruits, violate its rules. More than just chestbeating boards, the NCAA says the sites are an attempt to influence the college choice of a recruit.

Moseley got a cease and desist letter from N.C. State’s compliance director, Michelle Lee, warning of “further action” if he failed to comply. In an interview Friday, Lee said that people who act as boosters but fail to hide their identities might get in trouble.

The final score was 5 to 4, but in all seriousness, watching the game made you appreciate the fact that it wasn’t a three-game series. Just ask the strong contingent of 10 St. Mary’s fans that made the arduous trip down to Baggett Stadium. They were happy it was only a day trip. Why? For the simple fact that Saint Mary’s, which some said would be a tough task, did little for the sport of baseball Tuesday night. If you saw their performances at the plate, I’m sure you would have enjoyed it too. I believe it was the sixth inning when the Gaich coach told on deck hitter to get a tennis racket before he got in the batters box.

You felt a bit embarrassed for them at first, but ultimately what do you expect? They came to our field to play a team that already beat the No. 3 team in the nation; they did well to keep it close.

As for the past weekend, Poly has been enjoying the many wonders that the town of Stockton has to offer, like the Delta Casino; it even has its own MySpace page. Need-