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Volunteer opportunities abound in Cal Poly and San Luis Obispo

Journalist and physicist to discuss climate change

Zach Lantz

Students will have the chance to hear the senior editor at Physics Today lecture about the science involved in global climate change Tuesday night.

Barbara Levi, a noted physicist and co-editor of the book "Global Warming: Physics and Facts" will be speaking tomorrow at 8 p.m. in Phillips Hall at the Performing Arts Center.

"She has followed a lot of the climate change science," Cal Poly physics professor Pete Schwartz said. "She can tell us what people have said and put it in the context of what's going on in the world."

Levi, a fellow of the American Physical Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, has been an editor at Physics Today for over 30 years. She comes to Cal Poly to talk about her background and the inner workings of some of the science behind climate change.

"It's certainly one of the fundamental issues of our day," Cal Poly professor Randy Knight said. "(It's) a problem that affects every student, not just this year but throughout their lifetime. It's really important for students to understand more about this."

Although her expertise is foremost in journalism, Levi has dedicated herself to the understanding of modern-day physics.

"My expertise is essentially communication, climate change is one of the things I try to communicate about," Levi said.

Her long career of reporting is part of the reason why she was selected to talk.

White House says Republicans should be more constructive

Douglas K. Daniel

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama wants Republicans to return to Congress this week from their spring recess with a more constructive attitude toward health care, energy and other administration initiatives. GOP lawmakers say they have ideas, just not the ones the president may want.

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**Volunteer**

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form. Their monthly beach clean-ups at Avila Beach take place the first Saturday of every month (the next one is May 2). Volunteers who want to bike to the beach must use the Administration parking lot at 9:15 a.m. for a carpool arrival at 11:30 a.m. For more information about the council’s activities, stop by SCS or call (805) 756-5304.

There are also a number of volunteer organizations off-campus which deal with local environmental issues: Pacific Wildlife Care of San Luis Obispo County, for example, seeks volunteers to help rehabilitate and return to the wild injured or orphaned animals as well as raise awareness within the community about respect for wildlife and the environment. The Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County is another nonprofit that has worked for over 25 years to enhance and protect local land with important scenic, ecological and agricultural value for people and wildlife. For those who enjoy the Central Coast, the San Luis Bay chapter of the Surfrider Foundation are always looking for volunteers to assist in beach clean-ups, water-testing and event staffing.

Students who have left a pet at home, and are in need of their animal fix can get involved with animal shelters seeking volunteers, including one on campus. The Cal Poly Cat Shelter offers students the opportunity to care for felines that have been abandoned or are too old to live outside. According to Edie Griffin-Shaw, director of the shelter, volunteer activities can also benefit a student’s academic career.

“It’s a great place to volunteer for people who love animals and maybe miss their pets,” Griffin-Shaw said. “We also have a lot of opportunities for people doing special topics courses and senior projects. At one point, we had a construction management major build our old shelter. We also had our Web site re-done as a project. So there are many ways students can help.”

Call (805) 756-5220 to volunteer.

In addition, the San Luis Obispo Animal Shelter and Woods Humane Society are always in need of volunteers to assist in daily operations. At Woods, volunteers are needed to spend time with, walk and bathe dogs and cats. After a little training, volunteers are able to walk dogs off-site to places like downtown or the beach. Volunteers at Woods also participate in pet visitations, where they take dogs to nursing homes and retirement homes.

There are also plenty of ways for students to have a positive influence in the lives of local youths. One such opportunity is to volunteer at Big Brothers and Sisters of San Luis Obispo County, where participants spend six to eight hours a month with local children in need of positive role models. According to Program Director Sarah Rudd-Lawlor, the organization pairs parents and children with similar interests.

“I originally got involved as a Big Sister,” Rudd-Lawlor said. “I was great because you’re doing things you’re already interested in and sharing that experience with children. It’s a fun way to spend a weekend and you’re doing things with kids in common interest. I found it incredibly rewarding.”

She said that one mentor recently commented that setting aside fun time with his little brother is really setting aside fun time for himself, and that the love being able to act like a kid again without getting funny looks from people.

To get involved with Big Brothers and Sisters of San Luis Obispo, visit http://www.slbbs.org, or call (805) 791-3226.

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UNIVERSITY UNION ADVISORY BOARD (UUAB) Nominations for Chair are being accepted on April 14 & April 21, 2009 at the UUAB Meeting UU216, 3 p.m.

The UUAB Chair is a member of the ASI Officers Team. The position is open to any currently enrolled Cal Poly students who meet UUAB membership requirements. Any currently enrolled Cal Poly student may nominate the name of an eligible student for nomination at the UUAB meeting.

**Speaker**

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“She has a lot of ‘on the ground knowledge,’” Schwartz said. “She has something like 20 years of experience and will be able to convey that in regards to climate change at her talk.”

Levi says that speaking to college-aged students is vital.

“The more someone can understand the science behind climate change the more one can understand the consequences behind it,” she said. “I think it’s a very important issue for (students) today and it’s something that will affect their future.”

The event is being co-sponsored by the by the Cal Poly Department of Physics and the Empower Poly Coalition. It is open to the public including those who are not convinced of the sincerity of climate change.

“There are a number of objections that have been raised by the climate change skeptics,” Levi said. “I feel there are some answers that can be made to these.”

**Obama**

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Emmanuel rejected Republican criticism that Obama’s plan for a cap-and-trade system for carbon emissions amounts to a broad-based tax increase. He predicted that by the end of the first year of the new Congress the president would have an energy bill, though he would not say whether the cap-and-trade proposal would be put at the very top.

“Even those who object to particular ideas that we have to deal with this part of our energy policy and that there’s some challenge now is, rather than to criticize and rather than say no, rather than to say never, is to provide ideas. And that has yet to happen from the other side,” he said.

Obama senior advisor David Axelrod said it remains to be seen whether the president’s budget proposal would gain any GOP support in Congress.

“No, we expect the Republican Party to fully embrace what we’re doing,” Axelrod said. “What they would like is for us to ratify the policies that we’ve had for the last eight years that have gotten us into the mess we’re in. We have two parties for a reason, but there are areas of common interest, and we ought to pursue them.”

Democrats and Republicans also differ on how to crack down on abuses by credit-card companies. Just before the break the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee approved limiting the reasons card issuers could raise interest rates and fees on consumers. Instead of such limits, Republican favor prosecuting predatory lenders and requiring issuers to more fully disclose agreements in language that consumers can easily understand.

White House economic adviser Larry Summers said that putting a stop to the marketing of credit cards in ways that “addicts” people to them will help Americans save more of their money.

Obama is “going to be very focused, in a very near term, on a whole set of issues having to do with credit card abuses, having to do with the way people have been deceived into paying extraordinarily high rates that they wouldn’t have paid if they knew what they were getting themselves into,” Summers said.

Emmanuel and Boehner appeared on ABC’s “This Week” while Axelrod spoke on CNN’s “Face the Nation.” Summers’ interview was with NBC’s “Meet the Press.”

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- Taylor Redmond, business administration junior

*“I do, just to boost my credit. I use it for books and my mom uses it once in a while.”*

- Mike Sabido, business administration junior

*“No, because I think that cash is better.”*

- Anthony Baniaga, biological sciences senior

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**State**

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — A man suspected of pulling a badly injured college student off a car windshield after a deadly hit-and-run accident was arrested while trying to cross back into the United States from Mexico, police said Saturday.

Jose Luna, 32, of Los Angeles, was detained by federal agents at the San Ysidro border crossing Friday after his name prompted a computer alert that he was wanted in Los Angeles, LAPD Officer April Harding said.

Luna was jailed on suspicion of being an accessory to the hit-and-run, she said. He was released Saturday on $50,000 bail.

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — A University of Southern California fraternity has been suspended as police investigate allegations that three students were assaulted at a rowdy party last week.

University officials say three women have reported assaults at Lambda Chi Alpha’s frat house early Wednesday.

Police say they’ve interviewed one victim and hope others will come forward.

LAPD Capt. Denis Cremin says a 19-year-old student reports attending a mixer at the fraternity house Tuesday night, being punched, blacking out and waking up several hours later partly unclothed.

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)** — More than three years after Katrina stirred up the waters and washed out levees along a 75-mile, man-made shipping channel dubbed “hurricane highway,” a judge could soon decide whether the Army Corps of Engineers owes residents and businesses damages because of the massive flooding.

Arguments are set to begin Monday in the trial, which will be heard and decided by a judge, not a jury.

And much is at stake: If the five residents and one business in this initial lawsuit are victorious, more than 120,000 other individuals, businesses and government entities could have a better shot at claiming billions of dollars in damages.

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Police filed intoxication manslaughter charges Sunday against a driver who lost control of his car while using a cell phone, plunging the vehicle into a rain-filled ditch and killing five children inside.

Chantion Jenkins, 32, was in police custody facing four counts of intoxication manslaughter, one charge for each of the children found dead so far, said Houston police spokesman Kese Smith.

Police said a relative told them Jenkins was the father of three of the victims.

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**National**

**JOHANNESBURG (AP)** — A frail, 90-year-old Nelson Mandela struggled to the stage Sunday at the ANC’s last rally before South Africa’s election, making a surprise appearance to the cheers of 180,000 supporters while countrymen watched on national TV.

He wore a T-shirt emblazoned with the face of Jacob Zuma, the party’s popular presidential candidate who drew almost as mighty a cheer from the fans gathered in central Johannesburg days before Wednesday’s parliamentary elections.

Mandela began his visit with a drive around a field in a golf cart with Zuma at his side.

**PORT- AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)** — Clear-plastic ballot boxes were nearly as empty as Port-au-Prince’s unusually deserted streets Sunday as few voters turned out for Senate elections in which candidates from a major populist party were not allowed to run.

The vote had been seen as a key step in the development of Haitian democracy and in President Rene Preval’s bid to retool the constitution and fight poverty.

The international community gave Haiti’s government $12.5 million to coordinate the elections, including $3 million from the U.S.

**International**

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Supreme Court will hear Ariz. teen strip-search case

Savanna Redding talks to media in Safford, Ariz., in this March 2009 photo provided by the ACLU. The 19-year-old hopes a U.S. Supreme Court hearing on Tuesday will ease the pain she feels from an event in eighth grade that's clouded much of her life and set strict guidelines for school administrators.

Arthur H. Rosstein

Savanna Redding was 13 years old when she was told to remove her clothes for a strip search by school officials looking for the equivalent of two Advils. And to remove her clothes for a strip search by school officials who searched her for prescription-strength diphenpropanol pills that a fellow student accused her of having.

"I'm never going to be able to forget about this," says Redding, a college freshman living in her hometown of Safford in rural eastern Arizona. "I'll think about it constantly, but I don't think it'll be as big a burden."

The Supreme Court will hear arguments on whether school officials violated the Fourth Amendment, which prohibits unreasonable searches. Among the questions to be resolved are whether they had reasonable grounds to believe Redding was hiding pills and whether the pills posed a public health threat serious enough to justify a strip search.

If the court finds the search was unconstitutional, it will have to decide whether school officials can be held financially liable for determining whether it should have been clear to them in October 2003 that the search was illegal.

"Strip searches of children produce trauma similar in kind and degree to sexual abuse," said Adam Wolf, an American Civil Liberties Union attorney representing Redding. "For Savanna, she thinks about this event every day, has trust issues with her peers and adults ... The search has radically altered her life."

A federal magistrate had dismissed the lawsuit Redding and a federal appeals panel agreed that the search didn't violate her rights. But last July, a full panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals found the search was "an invasion of constitutional rights."

The court also said vice principal Kerry Wilson could be found personally liable.

In another study, Environmental Protection Agency researchers tested sewage at a municipal wastewater treatment plant in Kalamazoo, Mich., that serves a major Pfizer Inc. factory. Bruce Merchant, Kalamazoo's public services director, provided data that showed unusually high concentrations of the antibiotic lincomycin entering a river from a wastewater treatment plant, a drug the factory was producing around the time samples were collected.

"The product going down the drain," said Merchant.

While nearly all the lincomycin was removed during wastewater treatment, some did survive. According to a separate 2008 study, lincomycin combined in minute concentrations with several other drugs that also have been detected in surface water made human cancer and kidney cells and fish liver cells proliferate.

Biologist Francesco Formati, at the University of New South Wales in Australia, is so concerned with the findings that he and his colleagues warned that chronic exposure to the combination of drugs via drinking water could be "a potential hazard for particular human conditions, such as pregnancy or infancy."

In earlier experiments, lincomycin acted as a mutagen—changing genetic information in bacteria, algae, microscopic aquatic animals and fish.

Pfizer spokesman Rick Chambers said that while the company does test wastewater from the facility for the drugs made on site, "compliance with all environmental, health and safety laws is imperative to our business operations worldwide."

The two domestic studies follow a burst of recent research in Asia and Europe that has started to link factories to the presence in water of drugs including the antibiotic sulfamethoxazole, the pain reliever diclofenac and the anticonvulsant gabapentin, as well as an antithrombine, female sex hormones and aspirin.

Researchers in India, where multinational companies have increasingly turned for the manufacture of raw pharmaceutical ingredients, found that 100 pounds a day of the antibiotic cephalosporin enters a river from a wastewater treatment plant that processes sewage from dozens of pharmaceutical makers. In Switzerland, a study sponsored by drugmaking giant Roche documented that 0.2 percent of active pharmaceutical ingredients escape during its own processing. That kind of loss rate doesn't sound like a lot until you multiply it out over the entire annual production of drugs worldwide. Studies in Taiwan and China also suggest drugmaking plants discharge products.

All of which raises questions about U.S. manufacturing.

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"Studies find medicine released in sewage

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WASHINGTON — Federal scientists testing for pharmaceuticals in water have been finding significantly more medicine residues in sewage downstream from public treatment facilities that handle waste from drugmakers.

Early results from two pivotal federal studies compare wastewater at treatment plants that handle sewage from drugmakers with those that do not. The studies cover just a small fraction of the 1,886 pharmaceutical manufacturing facilities counted in a 2006 U.S. Census report.

In one study, samples taken at two treatment plants down the sewer line from drugmaking factories contained a range of pharmaceuticals — among them opiates, a barbiturate and a tranquilizer at "much higher detection frequencies and concentrations" than samples taken at other plants, according to preliminary research by the U.S. Geological Survey.

One drug, the muscle relaxant metaxalone, was measured in treated sewage at concentrations hundreds of times higher than the level considered safe by federal regulators, which could order a review of a drug's environmental impact.

Based on secrecy agreements with the researchers, the treatment plants were not identified.

USGS researcher Herb Buxton, who co-chairs a White House task force on pharmaceuticals in the environment, said it's important that federal scientists test the pharmaceutical industry's claims that their wastewater is not a meaningful source of pharmaceuticals in water.

"It's critical that those types of assumptions are confirmed through real testing," said Buxton.

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10 years after Columbine, survivors try to move on

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The "boy in the window" — who fell bloodied and paralyzed into the arms of rescuers during the horrifying Columbine High shooting rampage — is doing just fine.

Now 27, Patrick Ireland has regained mobility with few lingering effects from gunshot wounds to his head and leg a decade ago. He is married and works in the financial services industry.

His mantra: "I choose to be a victor rather than a victim."

Like Ireland, many survivors of the April 20, 1999 massacre have moved on to careers in education, medicine, ministry and retail.

But emotional scars still can trigger anxiety, nightmares and deeply etched recollections of gunfire, blood and bodies.

Some have written books; a few travel the world to share their experiences to help victims of violence.

"People have been able to have 10 years to reconcile what happened and see what fits in their life and who they are," said Krista Mehlbacher of Littleton, who fled Columbine as the gunfire erupted. "It's kind of a part of who I am today. I think my priorities might be a little bit different if I hadn't had that experience."

Just after 11 a.m. on that day, Eric Harris, 18, and Dylan Klebold, 17, stormed the suburban school, killing 12 classmates and a teacher and wounding about 25 others. The massacre ended with the gunman's suicides not quite an hour later.

Noah Graves saw the pair loading weapons in a parking lot and thought they were preparing a senior prank with paintball guns.

Graves, Lance Kirklin and Daniel Rohrbough were walking toward them for a better look when the gunmen opened fire, priorities might be a little bit different if I hadn't h.ul that experi­

Anne Mano I  lochhalter, ( iraves and Kirklin, among others.

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Debris fell from the ceiling and a teacher shouted for students to stand up.

Klebold and Harris strode in, shouted for students to stand up, laughing and ridiculing classmates as they sprayed bullets.

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The killers shot out a library window. Graves, lying partially paralyzed on a sidewalk below, worried that they would return.

Harris and Klebold killed 10 students in the library before they left to reload, which gave some survivors a chance to flee.

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Shortly before noon, the gunners returned to the library and committed suicide.

Ireland woke some time later, his vision blurred. With fire alarms sounding and strobe lights flashing, the partially paralyzed teen began to push himself toward the bullet-shattered window.

Over the next three hours, he pulled his body along, lost and regained consciousness, then moved again through tables and chairs and past classmates' bodies. He figures he traveled about 50 feet to the window.

"I thought how much easier it would be just to give up, stay there and let somebody come get you or whatever would happen to you," Ireland said.

"But every time those thoughts came in my mind, I thought about all the people that I would be giving up on. ... It was re­

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Annual show features the best of art student classwork

A myriad of award-winning student paintings, photographs and sculptures are now on display in the University Art Galleries.

Cal Poly's annual Juried Student Exhibition, which will be on display until May 1, features the very best of Cal Poly's student artwork.

The juried show is an annual event in which students submit artwork, created for any art and design class to be judged by notable experts.

"You get to be in a show that's really spectacular," gallery coordinator Jeff Van Kleeck said. "This is really nice work in here and it's really competitive."

The exhibition is titled "State Funded" with each piece of art being judged in four separate categories, including 2-D studio, 3-D studio, graphic design and photography.

The art was judged by Connie Hwang, the assistant professor in the school of art and design at San Jose State University, and Laura Meyer, an assistant professor of modern and contemporary art at Fresno State University. The curator for the exhibit was Cal Poly's Elizabeth Adan.

Wining this year's award for the 2-D studio was Damion Hailey, a studio art senior, for his painting of two mixed martial art fighters titled "Re-fractured." Runner-up was art and design senior Ashley Wertheimer with "Taming the Cods." Damon's work was a stunning portrait of two fighters grappling with each other.

"I wanted to approach violence in such a way...so that it'd be a topic of interest," Bailey said. "So regardless of whether or not you have a distaste for violence, you can at least acknowledge the interest of the piece."

Art and design junior Clayton Beltran won the 3-D studio with his sculpture titled "I firmly resolve..."

Taking second place was fellow junior art and design major John Ducey's "Sunday Morning."

"I got a lot of positive feedback (beforehand) so I was thinking it was going to make the show," Beltran said. "I was pretty surprised when it was."

His piece was essentially a portable confessional that fit over the head of the subject and was inspired by Beltran's Catholic upbringing.

"A lot of times I try and resolve some of my issues through my art," Beltran said. "It's kind of comedic but at the same time it deals with being exposed and vulnerable."

In the graphic design category art and design senior Amanda Wallace's "The Unconventional Oddities of San Luis Obispo" took first while senior art and design senior Chris Hall's "RIT # 1" taking second.

Wallace put together an eccentric travel book which highlighted the lesser known "hot spots" of San Luis Obispo.

"I've been around San Luis Obispo County for most of my life," he said. "The whole point of the travel guide was to point out some of those 'random off things' that maybe you wouldn't really know about unless you were talking to a local."

In the photography category Hall again placed and this time won with his work "Still Gaze-Daze." Finishing second was art and design senior Trevor Ingraham's "Burning."

"It's great, it's my first time in here and I plan on coming back," engineering sophomore Santiago Caceres said.

Van Kleeck also said that visiting the art gallery would be beneficial to students.

"The average student (upon their visit) might find some new ideas, some new visuals and some new ways of thinking," he said. "I always like to say that art is the hotbed for innovation."

Zack Lantz

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Student work is on display in the University Art Gallery. The show allowed students to submit their best assignments from their art classes.
Every Monday, cut out this fridge for the week's happenings:

**MON 4/20**
- Grad Burger on special all day
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- $1 Tacos
- Swing Night Lessons @ 8pm

**TUES 4/21**
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- College Hump Night with 25 cent PBR till 11:00
- Country Stampede Lessons @ 8pm

**WED 4/22**
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- Roasted Half Chicken
- 9 oz. Braised Beef Short Rib
- $1.95 Dinner

**THUR 4/23**
- Country Stampede
- Live Music during Farmers Market

**FRI 4/24**
- Happy Hour 3:00-7:00
- LA Noche Caliente Latin Night
- DJ Payne

**SAT 4/25**
- 2 Steak Dinners for $12.95
- 25 Cent Hot Wings
- $1 Tacos
- Country Stampede
- 50 Cent Ribs

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MIA takes Coachella main stage

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INDIO, Calif. (AP) — M.I.A. gave the main stage at Coachella her best shot. It just didn't work out.

After a strong start, a few hic­cups, and a somewhat lackluster finale, the Grammy-nominated new mom declared it the end of her hour-long set in the desert that "next time I'm back in the tent."

"I want to be in the sweat," she said. M.I.A. had performed twice in smaller tents at the music festival, in its 10th year and one of the nation's most prestigious.

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Though she wasn't embracing Hollywood, some of its regulars certainly wanted to be around for her.

M.I.A. performs during the second day of the Coachella Valley Music & Arts Festival in Indio, Calif. on Saturday.

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Though she wasn't embracing Hollywood, some of its regulars certainly wanted to be around for her.

Zac Efron was seen ducking out of the fest's VIP area in the afternoon Saturday, and Paris Hilton posed for pictures with her new boyfriend during Thieves Corporation's popular main stage set just before M.I.A.

Also performing Saturday were Joss Stone, TV On The Radio, Fleet Foxes — who apologized to fans after suffering repeated technical problems — and Travis Barker and 119 AM, who had the dance tent crowd dancing at their drum-assisted remixes of pop hits.

Exact figures weren't released but crowds at the three-day festival ap­pear to have more than doubled the approximate 75,000 population of this community southeast of Palm Springs. Police reported 17 arrests Saturday and fire officials said two people had been taken to hospitals.

Temperatures, climbing through­out the fest, were expected to hit the high 90s on Sunday, which features the Yeah Yeah Yeahs, Public Enemy, My Bloody Valentine and the Cure.
All Wall Street’s a stage

Leave the free market be and the play unfolds as it should

Capitalism’s received quite a blow to its rep­utation in the past few years. We’ve been told that a strange breed of men, in lustful pursuit of profit, brought the entire world economy down. These men, so unlike ourselves, play the parts of the antagonists. Investment bankers, corporate CEOs, mortgage brokers, oil executives, whoever the hell they were — these people, we’re told, are the villains in the great tragedy that is the financial crisis.

To that end, the government has taken un­precedented measures all aimed at saving the “unruly spirits” of the free market. The argu­ment goes that if we simply regulate enough, we can keep the harmful forces of greed and risk-taking from spiraling out of control.

Now, it would be one thing for us to take such bold regulatory measures and to spend trillions of dollars if our reasons for doing so were based on conclusive factual evidence indi­cating that it was indeed a lack of government oversight that led to financial collapse.

After all, as Obama himself has said, “it is only by understanding how we arrived at this moment that we’ll be able to lift ourselves out of this predicament.” Of course, how else do we learn if not from our mistakes?

Yet much evidence points at the fact that it wasn’t a lack of regulation, but an excess there­of, that caused the financial crisis. And these facts — and facts they are — are being Mut­ually exclusive. The United States moves through arguably the largest economic reform in its history.

Despite the rhetoric, the Obama administra­tion (and the Bush administration previously) seems to have little interest in encouraging a genuine understanding of the roots of the crisis.

In a speech before Congress at the end of February, Obama again blamed deregulation of the financial system: “Regulations were good, they’re taking a check out of the pocket for the expense of a healthy market. People bought homes they knew they couldn’t afford from banks and lenders who pushed those bad loans anyway.”

One is left to wonder if risky investment was one factor in the financial collapse. But blaming everything on something as unquantifiable as greed is the pursuit of “a quick profit” — a moment that we’ll be able to lift ourselves out of the roof.

The facts are as follows. Former Fed Chair­man Alan Greenspan created an excess of easy, “cheap money,” when he lowered interest rates to record lows of 1 and 2 percent in the early 2000s. What fol­lowed was a speculative bubble. People bought homes through go­ing government-sponsored enterprises Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac balanced larger and larger, buying more and more risky securities from other lending institutions and socializing those risks to taxpayers. The Compu­tality Reinvestment Act of 1977, in the interest of further encouraging homeownership, forced banks and other lend­ing institutions to make loans to low-income individuals who wouldn’t normally lend to. (Perhaps Obama should have explained that out­put of this bubble was “pushed three times bad loans,” when doing so only because the government was pushing them to do so.)

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Thus far, Obama has said, “it is only by understanding how we arrived at this moment that we’ll be able to lift ourselves out of this predicament.” Of course, how else do we learn if not from our mistakes?

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I’m no economist, but I do have a pro­found interest in studying the subject; there’s just something about economics and the logi­cal, quantifiable way it looks at the world. And from what I’ve learned, I come to the con­clusion that capitalism is neither good nor bad, but merely the productive outlet of a free and prosperous nation.

Because the truth is, the actors on Wall Street and Main Street can only play our parts according to what we demand, and they don’t like what they see. So I guess if you have dis­sent, you’re entitled to protest. So what do you do when you think something is wrong? Protest! That’s why we have the right to express our opinions in a free and productive nation.

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That’s the beginning of it. And that’s just the beginning of it.”

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— William Shakespeare

“Modern-day tea party shows absurdity is brewing”

I have learned from your opin­ion piece that peaceful dissent through public protest is an activi­ty to mock, as long as you disagree with the cause. When causes you agree with, it’s worth marching down the streets (eg. green movements, gay pride, immigrant rights, etc.), it is a sym­bol of patriotic pride for diversity and an empowered society. When the cause opposes your views it is “absurd.” It is embarrassing that respect­ful discourse is no longer tolerated in this society. Whether you agree with an opinion or not, judge it on its merits, not on the veracity of the names that it is called.

— Anonymous

Stephanie, you totally missed the point of the tea party. It was not protesting the wasteful spending the govern­ment has done with the tax money they collect. That would be a joke; it’s just throwing more money at the problem, not at the problem. While we have already a huge debt. People are starting to see this now and they don’t like it anymore.”

What do so you do when you think something is wrong? Protest! It was peaceful, just like the many Anti-war protests the left have been praising. So if you guess you have dis­agreement, you can’t be against the right, huh? If this was put up by the left, I bet you would be chanting at the bit to tell everyone how great the tea party was.

— William

I was actually interested in your article for the first three paragraphs. It almost looked like you were reaching a conclusion. Sadly, you failed to connect the obvious dots and I felt like banging my head into the wall. If you believe that those people were protesting taxa­tion as a whole, you should proba­bly take a minute and watch some­thing besides Keith Olbermann.

No one is in opposition to paying taxes. While the people who were protesting did in fact have physical representation in congress, many believe it to be disproportionate. This has become a huge issue in light of the stimulus package. Of the citizens who did in fact pay taxes in the last year, a large proportion of them seem to be in opposition of how their money is being spent (as evidenced by recent events, not just the tea parties).

Keep in mind that anyone can vote for government spending, but not everyone can pay for it. The GDP together pays less in taxes than the government does. So I do not illustrate a relevant point. It is not how much is being taken, it is how the government spends it. Your hypothesis of what portion of the 40 percent population did in fact attend the protest is speculative only and in no way gives your argu­ment weight. I am not saying what is right and wrong, this is just my observance.

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— Danny

letter from the Editor

On this stage, prices, acting as signals to both suppliers and demanders, always tend toward equilibrium.

It’s when the stage changes that the story changes, and that is when our economy and the tale takes a tragic turn. Bubbles balloon and pop, markets collapse, credit freezes. If everything is con­sidered — and if our leaders were truly open with us — they would admit that over-regu­lation, not deregula­tion, played a key role in creating the financial crisis. Federal Reserve policies led to interest rate falls that made it appear as though the stage were set for the next wave of prosperity.

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least a hit and and RBI. Six players had a multiple hit showing and three hit for three RBIs.

"Hitting is contagious," Mustan- g head coach Larry Lee said. "We have a solid one through nine lineup that feed off of in- terpersonal contact and that's im- portant.

Our defense indeed.

When one horse went runn- ing, the others followed as was the Mustang scored in bunches. They went for four runs in the second inning, three more in the third, twice in the fourth, and a seven-run gapade in the sev- enth frame killed any hopes for the Aggies (6-28, 1-9).

"I think we learned a lot this weekend on the mental part of preparation on what to do and how to simplify things," Lee said of his team's state of mind.

On Tuesday, right- hander Mason Radeke (3-3) got the win on the season as he pitched six innings, allowing four runs on 10 hits. UC Da- vis had a hit fromBattery leader Jerod McGonelley (1-0) got the loss.

Cal Poly's offense that showed up for the final game of the series wasn't there in the first game that was taken into extra innings before the Mustan- g scored a run in the 10th inning on a dropped fly ball.

"I think that what anybody in the BigWest," Lee said. "We've been lucky this year of riding out the storm at home and find- ing a way to win games.

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board, no fans are allowed to leave their seats while it is being played. If you go, make sure you take your hat off in the dugout and daylight, and know your heart, lest the guy next to you think you're some kind of Red Sox loy- alist.

And if Irish tenor Ronnie Ryman is singing, it's considered appropri- ate to get a little chucked up.

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had here have been pretty na- ties and they had a lot of heart. But it never comes to darkness. We're just learning how to get after it a little more as we go along with younger guys.

'Part of that's my fault. I prob- ably haven't beennaughty with them enough."

Bryan wasn't buying Sloan's ac- count.

"I'm a game commentator, so I know how naivy Sloan was when he was talking about this," Bryan said. "I understand why you'd want to be chained in to ensure they are put to good use."

The Jazz outscored the lakers 38-24 in the first half, including a 16-1 run over the last 4:46.

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The Jazz got to 96-89 on a 3-pointer by Andrei Kirilenko with 3:46 remaining in the game. Bryant scored on four points in a row and Gasol hit two free throws that pushed the lead back to 13 points.

The teams combined to make trips to the free throw line.

"A lot of free throws. Anytime you get to the line it stops the momen- tum," Bryant said. "It doesn't enable us to get out on transition. It was a stop-and-go game, and that's exactly the style of basketball that they play."

That's what Jackson disliked, es- pecially Utah's 20-7 edge on the off- ensive boards.

"Final foul after foul," he said. "Rebounds, offensive rebounds, those are the things we harped on all week about having to watch that particular aspect of our game." Williams stole the ball from Bry- ant to start the game and the Jazz hit three quick shots to take their largest lead of four points. It was all Lakers after that. Bryant dished off to Ariza and Bynum combined to score the Lakers' first 12 points, stretching their lead to 42-29. Twice the Jazz got within 10 in that span, but the Lakers took off on a 20-8 scoring binge the second time.

Cal Poly junior fullback Jon Hall, left, is the only skill position player on offense returning to the Mustangs this fall.

"You can sit the real deal," Walsh said. "We're finding out where we are at fullback."

Senior cornerback Xavier Gardner intercepted a pass for the defense, which also recorded nu- merous sacks.

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Cal Poly sophomore Drew Ja- cobs ended a strong season with a 3-4, 7-5, 6-4 win over UC Irvine freshman Steven Henderson at the top singles position.

The Mustangs were without freshman Andee Dome who typi- cally played at No. 1 but missed the final five duals of the year with an injury.

Cal Poly achieved its first ever win of the year and second of the year when they were ranked No. 1 at the ITA Western Regionals.

"It's our first win," said Tom Daubeng. "We're excited to be in the NCAA as a doubles team. We'll be on the phone on April 29.

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Our defense is definitely get- ting the attitude and effort we want to play," Mustang head coach Tim Walsh said in a statement. "I really love the way we were play- ing on defense today."

"If the spring scrimmage is any indication, the Mustangs will re- turn to their defensive ways when the regular season team returns to the field this fall."

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"Cornerback Jon Hall is the only returning skill player to re- turn from Cal Poly's 8-3 team but his backup scored the only returns for the offense as junior Jordan Yocom scored on a 14-yard run.

"I'm proud of our national anthem," he said. "It is some kind of patriotic activity. Campeau-Lairon says in his lawsuit that he's a proud Ameri- can, but doesn't think he should be compelled to remain in place for what he calls a show tune written by Irving Berlin and later popularized by Kate Smith. He thought that he should be able to go to the bathroom, even as Yankee usher- ers and security guards stretched chains down aisles to make sure no one left.

"He's right. Standing with our hands off for our national anthem is both appropriate and a part of our sporting fabric since World War II, but are we so insecure about our feelings about our country that we need to publicly display them again a couple times a year?" Let's have to be chained in to ensure they are put to good use.

"That's not, 'America the Beautiful' after the third inning? 'God Bless the USA' before the sixth? Does 'American Pie' somehow qualify?"

Maybe we should just scrap "The Star-Spangled Banner" and replace it with the pledge of allegiance."

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"It was a little unfortunate for us that is not to see them. On the fourth-seed after the tiebreaker so we couldn't avoid them in the opening round. I give credit to our team. They really fought hard and came up with a big win."

Junior Brittany Blalock will he looking to defend the NCAA singles championship while junior Ryan Young, Andrew (ierst, Nick Breslin, and James Saffa are hoping for a selection to the NCAA. They have ended their seasons in the same duals with same spring practices culminat- ing in the 2009 Spring Game at 5 p.m. Saturday in Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

"We have a solid one through number two," Lee said. "We're really playing the offense as number one.

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Bryan spent the first quarter get- ting his teammates involved before putting his own mark on the game. His total gave Bryant 3,710 career points, moving him past Kareem Abdul-Jabbar (4,047) and Jerry West (4,457) for most points in the playoffs with the Lakers.

The Jazz outscored the Lakers 33-24 in the third quarter to trail 96- 23 going into the final 12 minutes. They opened the quarter on a 20-run, then a 9-2 burst that got them to 72- 25, their first single-digit deficit late in the opening quarter.

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It was a scorcher Sunday afternoon in the Big West Conference over the weekend in Northridge.

The Mustangs (21-9, 9-2) swept the Aggies and won their 17th straight contest at home.

The game's first pitch was thrown in front of fans holding umbrellas high, trying to protect themselves from the 93 degree weather. As the game reached the fourth inning, Cal Poly (27-9, 8-4 Big West Conference) added to the heat, scoring seven runs on nine hits as the temperature reached 96.

Coming into the game, Cal Poly's senior center fielder Ryan Lee was sitting on a 2.5-game hitting streak that tied him with Brandon Roberts for the longest.