Quick meals cheap

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Students with erratic schedules and long days of class can find themselves stuck on campus with a tight wallet and a growling stomach. In this economy, campus food seems to be getting more and more expensive for students who don't have a meal plan or extra dollars. However, there are some meal deals to be found if you look in the right places.

THE BREAKFAST WRAP
If you wake up late for that 8 a.m. class and have no time to eat breakfast, Tacos To-Go offers some tasty breakfast wraps, including a breakfast burrito for $1.99, and it's a filling meal. At the Chicken-Fil-A stand, one can either get crosscut fries for $1.49 or eight pieces of chicken for $2.99.

THE TACOS
Even at under four dollars, tacos are a convenient and quick meal option. Tacos To-Go offers street tacos for $1.29, as well as bean and cheese burritos or a bean and rice bowl for 99 cents each. The Avenue offers the most variety of meals and deals, while Backstage Pizza has special happy hour savings.

THE VEGETABLE WRAP
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Cal Poly alumnus comes back to earth

Cal Poly alumnus Greg Chamitoff, recently returned from a stay on the International Space station, spoke on campus about his experience Friday. The 1984 Cal Poly graduate served a six month tour on the station with two Russian cosmonauts, conducting experiments to study the effects of long term space travel on the human body.

Caution advised as Calif. fire evacuations lifted

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — Thanks to a dramatic change in the weather, residents have begun returning home to areas that had been threatened by a devastating wildfire — but they've been told to remain alert in case conditions worsen again.

The blaze that charred an area of more than 13 square miles was 40 percent contained late Saturday after a blanket of cool, moist air flowed in from the Pacific Ocean, keeping a dry wind from the interior from stoking the flames again.

Fire officials said the blaze destroyed 61 homes and two detached garages, and damaged 47 other homes, saving an earlier estimate that 80 buildings were destroyed was incorrect.

Cheers erupted at an evacuation center when Santa Barbara County Sheriff Bill Brown announced Saturday that mandatory evacuation orders for most areas were being downgraded to evacuation warnings, meaning residents could return but would have to remain alert.

"It's easy on a day like today to look around and go "Wow, you know, we've got this thing beat,"" Joe Waterman, the overall fire commander from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, said Saturday evening. "We don't have this thing beat yet."

Water-dropping helicopters continued to shuttle between reservoirs and hot spots but flames were not apparent and the huge plumes of smoke that loomed over the city for days had vanished.

The blaze isn't expected to be fully contained until Wednesday. Among the first to return were Jonathan Kenny, 44, and his wife, Su san Kim, 42, who found their home gutted and cars were burned-out wrecks.

More than 30,000 people had been under mandatory evacuation orders since the fire erupted Tuesday.

Jesusita wildfire evacuee Nick Nichols, right, of Santa Barbara, rolls up bedding at the evacuation center at University of California, Santa Barbara in Goleta, Calif. Saturday.
Catholic political divide over Obama at Notre Dame

Beth Foulk

NEW YORK (AP) — A campaign by outraged Roman Catholics to keep President Barack Obama from delivering the commencement address at Notre Dame shows that the gulf between the church and backers of abortion rights remains deep.

Yet the effort to get the school to rescind its invitation to Obama also highlights a political disconnect between the conservative Catholic hierarchy and millions of U.S. Catholic voters.

Since the White House announced in March that Obama had accepted Notre Dame's invitation to speak May 17, more than 350,000 people have signed an online petition demanding that the university take back the offer. The Cardinal Newman Society, an advocacy group for Catholic colleges that circulated the petition, said the invitation violated a 2004 bishops' mandate that stated, "The Church community and Catholic institutions should not honor those who act in defiance of our fundamental moral principles."

One Catholic leader, Archbishop Raymond Burke, accused Obama of pushing an anti-life, anti-family agenda. Burke, the first American to lead the Vatican's supreme court, said Friday it was "a scandal" that Notre Dame had invited Obama to speak.

Catholic activists and bishops have been outspoken in their criticism of Obama. By comparison, they had only occasional disagreements with President George W. Bush, primarily over the U.S. invasion of Iraq, which the Vatican condemned but many conservative Catholics supported.

They cited his support for abortion rights and embryonic stem cell research, and his repeal of a policy that denied federal dollars to international relief organizations that provide abortions or abortion-related information. They remain angry with Obama's support for legislation that would prohibit state and local governments from interfering with a woman's right to obtain an abortion.

Obama also has been criticized by Catholics and other opponents of legal abortion for telling Pastor Rick Warren at a campaign forum last summer that the question of when life begins was "above my pay grade."

Yet polling and other evidence shows that Catholic voters have a largely positive view of the president, right up to the bishops and other conservative leaders risked driving Catholics away from the church rather than cool their support for the president.

"There are unintended consequences to this kind of angry, vituperative language about their opponents," Whelan said. "By making themselves pawns of the conservative winners in the campaign, they're playing a cycle of decline for our church."

Notre Dame students are generally enthusiastic about Obama's upcoming visit to their northern Indiana campus. He won about 57 percent of Catholic precincts in the state in October, compared with 41 percent for Republican John McCain, an abortion rights opponent.

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selection," said English sophomore Mackenzie Qualey of The Avenue.

THE CHILLI-CHEESE FRIES

If it's early in the morning you can get two eggs cooked any way you like for $1.75 at Slicker's. The best-kept secret on the Slicker's menu are the chilli-cheese fries. For $3.25 you get a meal that will keep you more satisfied until the next mealtime.

THE ICE CREAM

For students who have long breaks but can't go home on those hot days, the soft serve ice cream from The Avenue is a great way to cool down. Add any of the array of toppings on a decent serving size of ice cream that costs about $3.

THE HAPPY HOUR

The best deal on campus in terms of a full meal occurs during the 3-5 p.m. Happy Hour at Backstage Pizza. This means that two slices of pizza and any drink costs only $5.

One item on the Backstage menu that is relatively unknown yet delicious is the chili-cheese fries. For $3.25 you can enjoy tasty long strips of baked dough covered in sugar and cinnamon.

"I usually eat at Backstage... because I don't really eat that much when I eat on campus," said business administration sophomore Nate Cook. "It's just like I need to sustan (myself) until I get home, and it's cheap."

Fire

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just above Santa Barbara on the face of the steep Santa Ynez Mountains. An additional 23,000 had been an evacuation standby.

By Saturday evening, well over half of the 5,300 homes then left had been evacuated by the notorious local wind known as the "sundowner," which sweeps from inland and down the face of the mountains late in the day.

The wind returned and fame them flames again late Thursday and into early Friday.

After that gusty onslaught, the fire was active along a five-mile-long front Friday just above Santa Barbara, west toward neighboring Goleta and east toward the community of Montecito.

However, the windfall did not materialize Friday night, and instead the normal flow of air from the Pacific Ocean delivered a dense, moist marine layer that didn't let the fire run uncheck until nearly midnight. On Saturday, the National Weather Service dropped fire weather warnings and predicted that over-night clouds and fog would continue through Monday morning, before a return of a weak-to-moderate downslopers in the Santa Ynez range Monday night and into midweek.
Chemo patients forced to travel or pay more for care

Justin Pope

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Erica Schneider lives about 15 minutes from a Reno hospital where her doctors visit regularly from a Keno hospital where she makes the trip to receive treatment for an extra $5 million that black institutions have about 132,000 students, in contrast to an Associated Press analysis of federal figures collected by the nonprofit National Council on Education, said HBCUs — historically black colleges and universities — have about 132,000 students. Overall, black students at four-year colleges but account for nearly 10 percent of all graduates. However, the doctors and officials at both hospitals say that in most cases like this, other insurance companies grant temporary waivers to provide the treatment at Renown because Saint Mary's doesn't have an intensive care unit for pediatric cancer patients. GEHA, on the other hand, continues to demand that in order for the Schneiders to receive in-network coverage capped at $5,000 a year, they must travel to an in-network facility such as the one in Oakland. Jane Overton, GEHA's vice president for claims, said the doctor believed the company is being unreasonable because the Schneiders are welcome to choose any hospital they want if they pay the out-of-network rate capped at $7,000 annually. "We are fortunate she has our coverage," Overton said on Friday from the company's headquarters in Independence, Mo. "Her costs (for treatment) will be hundreds of thousands of dollars," she told AP. "Proportionately, to pay that extra amount may or may not be reasonable" depending on one's point of view. Yvette Schneider, whose husband Paul lives in Reno for the Federal Highway Administration in Carson City, said the family can't afford to pay any more and will have no choice but to continue to make the weekly trips to Oakland. And, she said, there's no guarantee the treatment will end in two years. She said the company's stonewalling is adding to the "physical, emotional and financial stress" of dealing with the illness of their young child. "It's crazy," Schneider said after 12 hours of traveling and treatment earlier this week. "The money we already have to pay out of pocket is already more than we can afford. Saying that it is only $2,000 a year more — it might be as much as $20,000 a year more. It's already more than we have." Rafai said he is "furious about the whole situation." Torkildson said it's the first time they've met such resistance to securing authorization to treat a patient who lives in Reno. "To force a family to drive four hours a week to Oakland for therapy that she could get just down the road from their home seems absolutely unjust," he said. Connie Gois, a nurse practitioner who works with the two doctors in Oakland and makes the trip to Reno once a week, said it is the first time she's seen such a case.

Black colleges will fight cut to federal program

Justin Pope

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Leaders of historically black colleges say they'll fight a reduction in a federal program they call a financial lifeline at a time of economic distress for the schools and their students. President Barack Obama's education budget, unveiled Thursday, included major spending increases in many areas — but didn't include an extra $85 million that black institutions have received annually for the past two years thanks to a 2007 change to the student loan laws. That two-year-old program provided direct funds to federally recognized HBCUs — historically black colleges and universities. Other direct federal support to the schools would increase from $238 million to $250 million, but with the expiration of the HBCCF fund the schools effectively would see a $73 million cut. A program supporting Native American tribal colleges would also see decreased funding, while one for institutions serving large numbers of Hispanic students would see an increase from $93 million to $98 million. Education Department officials emphasized that all such institutions stand to gain from other parts of the budget, notably the proposed increase in the maximum Pell Grant for low-income students to $2,300 — to $5,350. But the Schneiders are comfortable treatments that could be administered by the very same doctors at Children's Hospital at Renown, the hospital in Reno where she makes the trip to receive treatment at the other major hospital in Reno, Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center. And, she said, there's no guarantee the treatment will end in two years. She said the company's stonewalling is adding to the "physical, emotional and financial stress" of dealing with the illness of their young child. "It's crazy," Schneider said after 12 hours of traveling and treatment earlier this week. "The money we already have to pay out of pocket is already more than we can afford. Saying that it is only $2,000 a year more — it might be as much as $20,000 a year more. It's already more than we have." Rafai said he is "furious about the whole situation." Torkildson said it's the first time they've met such resistance to securing authorization to treat a patient who lives in Reno. "To force a family to drive four hours a week to Oakland for therapy that she could get just down the road from their home seems absolutely unjust," he said. Connie Gois, a nurse practitioner who works with the two doctors in Oakland and makes the trip to Reno once a week, said it is the first time see Chemo, page 5

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There's a ringing in her ears
Sri Lanka artillery barrage kills at least 378, doctor says

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"We are doing the first aid and some surgeries as quickly as we can. We are doing what is possible. The situation is overwhelming; nothing is within our control," he said.

More than half the hospital staff did not turn up for work because their homes were attacked and many of the wounded went untreated for more than 24 hours, said another health official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

The shelling had subsided early Sunday, but a new barrage began about 6 p.m., the official said.

No injuries have been reported and seven miners trapped underground because of high water were able to walk out of the Mountaineer Alma mine near Wharton by Sunday morning, Jelacic said.

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GILBERT, W.Va. (AP) — The National Guard is helping residents in West Virginia's southern coalfields recover from weekend flooding that knocked out power and caused mudslides.

"It was flooding down the street like someone was driving it," said her husband, Milton Johnson, who was laid off last week from Massey Energy's surface mines.

Now, this.

Johnson, 56, said he was awakened about 2:30 a.m. on Saturday within an hour of his 79-year-old mother, whose trailer door was uprooted by rushing floodwaters. They were among at least 1,200 civilians killed in the attack. Among the dead, was the rebel's military spokesman Raashan Raisi.

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**State Briefs**

**SACRAMENTO** (AP) — The last captured member of the Symbionese Liberation Army, the radical 1970s-era group notorious for bank robberies, killings and the kidnapping of Patricia Hearst, was released from a California prison Sunday morning.

James William Kilgore was paroled from High Desert State Prison in northeastern California after serving a six-year sentence for the murder of suburban Sacramento housewife Myrna Opsahl during an April 1975 bank robbery.

State Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation spokesman Oscar Heldago said Kilgore was met by his wife after parole agents picked him up at the Susanville prison and processed him there.

That allowed the couple to travel directly to their home in Illinois, rather than have Kilgore wait to check in Monday with a parole agent in Sacramento before leaving the state. He now has two weeks to report to Illinois parole officials.

**GREENFIELD, Calif.** (AP) — A man who police say gave his 14-year-old daughter for marriage in exchange for cash, alcohol and food has been sentenced to a year in jail.

Marcheline Martinez had faced multiple charges, including procuring a child for sex, asking and accepting statutory rape. She sentencing Thursday followed a plea deal that reduced the charges to just child endangerment.

Prosecutors say Martinez asked the 15-year-old girl to pay a $400 cash, drink-and-sex fee for the wedding party. Martinez denies she ever agreed to the marriage.

**OAKLAND, Calif.** (AP) — Thousands attended a fundraiser expected to raise more than $200,000 for the families of four Oakland police officers slain in the line of duty.

Oakland police Sgt. Dori Anteziana says the OPD Fallen Heroes fundraiser on Saturday was also meant to lift the department’s morale by showing that people have them in their minds and in their hearts.

About 3,000 people — including some who came from as far away as Baltimore and Philadelphia — ate barbecue and listened to live music as they honored the fallen officers.

**Chemo**

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they have been unable to reach an agreement with any insurance company who is contracted with San Mateo.

"The bottom line is this is a little child with leukemia and there is not a pediatric oncology program in northern California before what we travel to Reno to provide," Goes said.

"But this company (GEHA) for whatever reason, doesn't seem to want to open that dialogue," he said.

"We then offered GEHA contracts with the Reno market — the Universal Health Network — has been unable to come to an agreement with Renown that would bring it into GEHA's network."

"It appears that the hospital isn't quite in the quality quadrant that UHN would like to contract with," Reynolds said Friday. "Not to say Renown is not quality — but we believe there is very high quality at the hospital in Oakland."

Overtone also acknowledged there's been some confusion over the Schneider's coverage because a customer service representative mistakenly gave one of their doctors the impression there wouldn't be any coverage if they went out of network.

"That was inaccurate. We regret any misunderstanding," she said.

The Schneider's have asked for help in letters to Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., and the Nevada Division of Insurance, among others.

Reid spokesman Jon Summers confirmed the Senate majority leader's office is looking into the matter but said he couldn't discuss it further publicly.

Van Mootruth, chief insurance examiner for the Nevada Division of Insurance's Life and Health Section, said the state doesn't have any legal jurisdiction over the federal employer's program.

But he said in an e-mail to AP that the company is in the process of reviewing its procedures so Enrica can be treated at Renown. He said a representative of Ges. Jim Gibbons' office has made a similar request.

"The company is in the process of reviewing the situation on a priority basis and will let us know as soon as they make a determination," Mootruth said.

**Police Log & Map**

"Bring part of your meal with you and buy something else to drink or any perishables you need (on-campus)."

Sergio Ramirez
construction management freshman

"I don't have any. It's too expensive. I would (but) it's just too high of prices. That's it."

Jesus Diaz
mechanical engineering senior

"I live at home so I save money that way. I usually just buy tea by the box to save money."

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Children’s novel comes to life on stage

Jennifer Titcomb
MUSTANG DAILY

What happens when the King Mathematician and King Azaz go head-to-head and banish Princess Rhyme and Princess Reason from the Land of Wisdom? A topsy turvy imaginary world is created full of puns and quirky characters like Whethermann, Dodgedodlehem and Drichelles in Cal Poly’s theatre and dance department production of “The Phantom Tollbooth.”

The musical, opening this week, is brought to the stage as an adaption of Norton Juster’s popular children’s adventure book “The Phantom Tollbooth.”

The story begins with a bored and unmotivated boy named Milo who gets a surprise visit from a magical cat and tollbooth that transports him to another world where he must rescue Princess Rhyme and Princess Reason and bring them back to the Land of Wisdom.

“It’s centered around language and science and math and how they work together,” said graphic communications sophomore Aubrea Felch. “I kind of see it as the battle of the two colleges: Science and math and liberal arts.”

Felch plays a watchdog named Tock who not so coincidentally wears a clock.

The script is sprinkled with many play on words. “The puns in the story are just hilarious,” theatre junior Rocky Jarman said.

The double meanings are apparent with characters like the Giant Midget and fictional cities named Dictionopolis and Digitopolis.

The cast consists of five men and five women who play 90 characters total. While only two actors play the same role throughout the entire musical the eight others are constantly making quick transformations.

“The hardest part of playing several different characters is making sure they each are very specific and different from one another and believable,” Jarman said.

Distinguishing between the characters takes practice, she said, but gets easier with more experience and training.

“A lot of the theatre classes here help to find each of those parts of the performance and make it easier,” Jarman said. Some of the classes include focus on movement, voice and diction and different aspects of acting.

Because the musical is staged in the three quarter round, audience members are seated in chairs and risers on the stage, and actors must be aware of their entire body’s movements.

“In life you don’t always see people being presentation in everything they do. You see a conversation, you may see the back of someone and the face of someone and I think that is interesting,” said director and communication studies Jarman said.

“One of my thoughts in doing it on stage in the three quarter round is that there wasn’t such a strict division in actors and audience that the whole area is play space,” she said. “I think it makes you feel more included in it.”

The musical is one of the first large productions in years for Cal Poly. Stauffer explained that musicals are rarer because they are more expensive, take more time to rehearse and require collaboration with a music director.

However, Stauffer felt a musical was necessary to give the students experience because for theatre graduates most of the jobs in the real world are in musicals. She also thought it was time for a pick-me-up performance.

“We are in a difficult time in this country and in the world with the economic crisis with sort of some uncertainty,” she said. “In some ways this show is a great antidote to not feeling super happy about things because it is really upbeat, it is great fun, simple adventure!”

Performances will be held at 7 p.m. May 14 to 16 and May 20 to 22 in Spanos Theatre. Special matinee performances start at 2 p.m. May 16 to 17 in Spanos Theatre. Because of the stage design there is limited seating. Tickets can be purchased at the Performing Arts Center box office for $14.

Poly favorite Tyrone Wells comes back to SLO

Emilie Egger
MUSTANG DAILY

After building a strong following at Cal Poly through several campus concerts, campus favorite and pop-rock artist Tyrone Wells hopes for his dedicated fans to turn out Monday night when he returns to San Luis Obispo to play tracks off his new album “Re:main.”

Wells’ first trip to the area was to play a Cal Poly University Union hour concert three years ago. Ever since then, his campus fan base has grown enough to perform at a larger venue.

“I think we were just surprised to see the kind of turn out that we had,” Wells said, of his first few shows. “We just decided we definitely have people that know the music so we decided to come out and play a real show.”

Wells, who has appeared on television shows like “One Tree Hill” and “Wildfire” and played for several movie soundtracks, counts college students as one of his most popular demographics as well as one of his favorite groups to play for. The majority of his shows are played at university and college campuses around the country.

“It’s one of my favorite gigs to pull up to a new college and play,” he said. “I think your college years are when you really start exploring different types of music fall in love. We meet a lot of people that become fans and end up passing our music around and that’s good for us.”

Wells’ Downtown Brew appearance will be his first time playing in San Luis Obispo at a venue other than Cal Poly. He hopes that his Cal Poly fans will be among the audience.

“We’re excited to play in San Luis Obispo because we know we have fans there but because maybe we’ll run into some new people that haven’t heard the music, too.”

Wells was born and raised in Spokane, Wash., before moving to California for college. He says that many of his influences come from church, where he grew up with his father as a preacher. However, he says that lately his influences come from just about everywhere.

“I grew up listening to gospel, and stuff that’s kind of R&B influenced, soulful gospel stuff is kind of what I was gravitating toward... as long as it has soul and vulnerability, I typically like it,” Wells said.

Wells said that his everyday experiences are the ones usually documented in his work.

“I just write whatever I’m feeling at the time or thinking about or considering, those things find their way into the songs,” he added.

Wells’ broad range of influences shows up in his music, which includes elements of pop, rock, R&B and folk. His fans say that this is what makes him accessible to so many types of fans.

“(Wells) has a broad appeal,” said music senior and Associated Students Incorporated events student manager Mike Annuzzi, who has built a friendship with Wells and his band over the course of their performances at Cal Poly. Wells has made him score among the highest on surveys asking who students want to return to campus.

“Appeals to a large demographic both age and musical influence or taste, interest, that kind of thing too,” he said.

Annuzzi, who has built a friendship with Wells and his band over the course of their performances at Cal Poly, plans to release his first album this summer. Wells says he’s excited to play with the band, most of whom are students at Cal Poly.

“I just hope that we have a good turn out from both the college and community and I’m just excited to share the music with whoever shows up.”

The Tyrone Wells and Avanti Tyrone Wells show is May 12 at 7:30 p.m. at Downtown Brew. Tickets for the all-ages show are $8 in advance and $10 at the door. They are available at ticketweb.com and Boo Boo Records.

Ashley Cialle contributed to this report.

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Hurray for Foret

You're probably asking yourself, "How did this guy become a Mustang Daily beer critic?"

It's not because I drink more beer than you. While I have quite a healthy beer belly, I tend not to binge drink because frankly, it's too expensive with the kind of beers I enjoy.

So in fact, if you're reading this and you think you know more about beer than me, you probably do.

I'm not a sophisticated drinker either, at least not in the terms that you might read from old school beer critics. I won't tell you that a beer has a "hazy oakwood texture to it" because really, what the hell is that?

So the bottom line is, I guess I'm just lucky. So lucky in fact that last week-end I got my hands on a bottle of Foret saison ale from Brasserie Dupont in Belgium.

Saison also originated in France where they were created as refreshment for farmers working in the warm summer months. Traditionally, a saison, or farmhouse ale, would have very low alcohol percentages. It was the Coca-Cola of the day. People didn't drink a saison ale to get plastered, they drank it to cool down in the heat.

Saison translated from French to English means 'season.' It was seasonal in the strictest sense because there was no modern refrigeration. It was brewed in the autumn or winter for consumption in the summer. If it wasn't all gone by the end of summer, it was bad. Because of saison's short life span, many farmers were allowed up to five liters a day. Could you imagine drinking five liters of beer a day?

Me neither.

Luckily for us, saisons and Foret specifically have a higher concentration of alcohol than they used to. Foret is 7.5 percent, roughly a 20 percent increase from most standard beers. There's no need to drink five liters of this delicious brew.

Like many farmhouse ales, it poses a distinct straw color. I heard that saison is a big head but the glasses I poured were very minimal. It had a slight citrus scent with a tinge of spiciness — the Belgians know how to spice their beers. There wasn't a lot of sediment like I normally see in Belgian beer, but there aren't many saison brews readily available here so I wasn't sure what to expect.

It had a very light and crisp citrus flavor to me. It was very enjoyable on a warm weekend afternoon. My roommate who also had a glass remarked that it went down smooth and didn't have the harsh aftertaste of most beers.

Foret claims to be a wholly organic beer, one of the few in the world to make that claim, and nature is what it reminds me of.

It's the kind of beer that should be enjoyed after a long day of arduous work, or after a nice hike. It's the reward for a job well done.

With the warm days of summer approaching, Foret is the kind of beer to come home from work and relax to.

Saisons are probably not for everyone. It's more of a refreshing drink than a 'Let's get drunk' kind of drink. It also has more of a citrus taste than people might expect from a beer. But trust me, it's not Smirnoff Ice. It's a beer, with a citrus feel, and it's very good.

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Many Americans have a country of entre­
preneurs, at least in theory. In fact, all across the land, people are starting new businesses and creating jobs. Some are doing it to make money, others are doing it to pursue their passion. The fact is, entrepreneurship is a way of life here in the United States. And we should be proud of it.

Buying a home, starting a business, or even just starting a new job, are all examples of entrepreneurship. But what does it mean to be an entrepreneur? For me, it means having the vision to see an opportunity where others see only problems. It means taking calculated risks to pursue a dream. And it means being willing to work hard, even when the going gets tough.

Many people think that entrepreneurship is only for the young and the bold. But that's simply not true. Entrepreneurs come in all shapes and sizes, and they can be found at any age and in any industry. In fact, more and more people are starting businesses later in life, when they have more experience and resources available.

But entrepreneurship is not just about starting a business. It's also about creating opportunities for others. Many entrepreneurs use their success to give back to their communities, whether through donations, volunteering, or just by providing jobs and services. And that's something to be proud of.

In conclusion, entrepreneurship is a vital part of our economy and culture. It helps drive innovation, create jobs, and inspire others to pursue their dreams. So let's all support and celebrate entrepreneurship wherever we find it. For it is, in many ways, the backbone of our country.
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The operators made the score respectable to- 3-pointers and added 23, and the Rockers let the Lakers 99-87 on Sunday, even their Western Con- continued from page 12ference semifinal at two games apiece.

“I think everyone but we got the memo that we weren’t supposed to show up today without Yev,” Batter said.

Luis Scola had 11 points and 14 rebounds as the Rockers got exactly the team effort they needed after Yeo broke his left foot in the Lakers’ win with 3.

Game 5 is Tuesday in Los Angeles, and anyone who thought the Lakers were finished with- out their best player only needed to watch the first quarter on Sunday, when Houston built a 29-16 lead.

The Rockers never trailed and led by as many as 29 before the Lakers got more from their other starters.

I’m not surprised,” said Batter. “It’s a long season, but we’re a really good group. We talk about coming back through adversity, through injuries, through trades, through injuries, we’re never quit and we’ve never stopped be- lieving.”

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has somehow managed to get the Ludlow the Lakers were too strong for them, and it’s hard to blame him. Here’s a guy who has a family to support and every- thing he’s gotten, yet still destined for a season on the bench while a chemistry student. Just like a lot of trades, through injuries, we’re never quit and we’ve never stopped be- lieving.

There’s a lot of guys like that in baseball. Like Pierre, though, they have all stayed strangely quiet even as players around them kept getting bigger and bigger hitting the ball farther than ever. They’re the ones who have to compete on an uneven playing field, yet somehow the un- written code of the clubhouse for- bids them from speaking out against them.

Scouts have ensured some of the best names in baseball, yet the silence is still deafening. There’s more than 100 more names that might never be released, but if the fans can point to some likely sus- pects, they can bet the players know even more. They’ve seen how oth- ers can get better through chemicals, and with so many players began struggling about the same time baseball got serious about test- ing.

Yet they say nothing.

A-Rod came back Friday night for the first time, but admitted using handled drugs and not only was the welcome mat out in the Yankee clubhouse, but on the op- posing mound, too.

“What a hitter. What a player.”

Brooks, in his second NBA sea- son, became Houston’s starting point guard when the team dealt Ageron生意 Orlando to the Miami Heat.

He faced countless questions about his inexperience before the postseason began, but keeps show- ing skeptics that he can handle the job. He scored 27 points in Houston’s Game 1 win in Portland and had 14 points in the second half of the Rockers’ 103-95 victory in the opener of this series.

Brooks deflected credit to his teammates after this one.

“I’m lucky to have these guys,” he said. “It makes it a lot easier on me.”

Pau Gasol scored 30 points and Kobe Bryant had a quiet 15 for Los Angeles.

Lakers coach Phil Jackson warned his team about taking the Rockers too lightly after hearing about Yeo’s injury. But the Rockers looked lethargic from the start, giving away careless turnovers and playing lax defense.

“They didn’t anticipate the energy that they were going to come with,” Jackson said. “But you say as much as you can as a coach and then the players have to execute and do it to- the floor.”

The Rockers opened the game 22-22, starting 3-3 point range. Bryant scored the Lakers’ first three baskets, but the rest of the team missed its first seven shots.

Houston led 54-36 at the break.

The Lakers grabbed only two offensive rebounds and generated only four fast-break points in their low-est-scoring half of the season. Bat- ter had 15 points, one half of his season-high, two more than Bryant.

“I just don’t think we started the game with the right energy or the right focus or sense of urgency,” Bryant said.

The Rockers didn’t start the sec- ond half too well, either.

The Lakers outscored Los An- gelos 28-16 in the fourth quarter, led by Brooks’ 17 points. The speedy, 6-foot guard finished the quarter by catching a midcourt pass by Ron Artest and putting in a layup just before the buzzer.

Yao, dressed in a dark suit, wore a broad grin and applauded when Brooks sprouted off the floor after the injury.

The 7-6-6-Yao is out for the rest of the playoffs, but the Rockers never doubted that they could beat the Lakers without him.

“I was concerned if the effort we expected,” said Batter. “I don’t know about the result, but it was the effort that we expected. There was a different look to our team today.”

Lamar Odom, who scored 16 in Game 4, had 14 points and 11 assists.

He was juiced and when he wasn’t.

“Rather not talk about the past,” he said. “I just don’t think we started the game with the right energy or the right focus or sense of urgency.”

The Titans got off to a quick start at the top of the first inning to jump out to a 4-0 lead from sophomore shortstop Chris- tian Colon. After stealing third base, Colon scored on a ground- out to second base, which was hit by junior center fielder Josh Fellhauer.

The Mustangs, who faced freshman starting pitcher Tyler Pill, tied up the game in their first appearance at the plate. Junior right fielder Adam Melker hit a lead-off double to the right-center.

Melker subsequently stole second, tagged up to third on a Ryan Lee sacrifice fly and advanced home on a passed ball.

The Mustangs increased their lead to 4-1 in the fourth in- ning. Junior shortstop Kyle Smith drove in junior left fielder Luke Yoder and sophomore designated hitter D.J. Gentile with a double down the left field line. Smith scored on a ground out by fresh- man outfielder Bobby Crocker, who was pinch hitting for fresh- man catcher Jordan Hadlock.

Junior first-baseman Wes Dorrell had a big game for the Mustangs. In the bottom of the third inning, Dorrell hit a triple to right-center. He attempted to turn it into an inside-the-park home run, but was barely thrown out at home plate. In the bottom of the fifth inning, Dorrell hit a solo bomb to right field, increas- ing the Mustangs’ lead to 5-2.

Dorrell hit a crucial double to left center in the bottom of a sev- enth inning that added two more runs to the Mustangs’ lead. Dor- rell ended up going 3-4 on the day and was a single shy of bat- ting for the cycle. He improved his batting average to .340 this year.

“The day was a little bit off for us,” Dorrell said af- ter the game. “We had pitching, defense. We hit well today and that’s huge especially this late in the season.”

Junior shortstop Kyle Smith added three hits and drove in three for Cal Poly.

The Mustangs are now in third place in the Big West behind the Titans and UC Irvine, with a re- cord of 33-15, and 11-7 in the Big West. They will host Pepper- dine on Tuesday night. The Wave beat Cal Poly 16-6- earlier this season.

“Too pick up today’s win was real good for us and I think it will really help our self-confidence,” Lee said. “It’s such a grind, playing 36 games, and with so many games you don’t want to get too high or too low, you just want to stay even keel.”

Battier returned from a long test with 5:41 left in the game and the Lakers cut the deficit to 10. But it was too late by then and Brooks fittingly scored Houston’s last two points on free throws in the final minute.
Cal Poly senior James Nunno rallied from fourth place at the end of Friday’s season to win the decathlon at the Big West Conference Multi-Event Championships hosted by UC Irvine on Saturday. Setting in fourth place and trailing Cal State Northridge’s Robert Robinson by 183 points, Nunno capitalized with a 16-foot, 4 3/4-inch clearance in the pole vault to get within striking distance.

Nunno won with a new personal-best, 7,289 points. Cal Poly sophomore Corbin Duer finished second with 7,135, also a personal best. Nunno’s comeback was almost halted by a groin injury that forced him to take just one throw at the javelin.

Duer led by 53 points heading into the 1,500. Nunno needed to finish ahead of Duer by 7 seconds or more to take the title.

As the race began, Nunno came out fast. “I was yelling from across the lap, ’Slow down!’” Cal Poly’s track event coach Jack Hoyt said in a release. “I think once he came around the first lap and heard the announcer he realized and slowed up a bit.” Nunno would slow down, but not until notching a new personal-best 4:32.57, over 20 seconds ahead of Duer. During the race, Nunno had splits of 28 seconds at the first 200 and 62 seconds for the first lap. “I knew I could take the pace out pretty hard,” Nunno said. “I actually got boxed in out of the start for the first 100 and then just tried to separate myself. After that, I just tried to hold on and dug deep in the final 300 meters to find that other gear.”

Saturday’s victory is the second championship for Nunno. He won the title in 2007 and had aspirations for another in 2008 before a pole vaulting accident left him with a ruptured spleen. Nunno had his spleen removed and lost three pints of blood after his pole snapped during practice and struck him in the abdomen.

“When I crossed the line in the 1,500, it was just unexplainable. I’ve never had an emotional reaction to an athletic competition like that,” Nunno said. “There were so many times when I felt I could be out of reach, but I knew I had to keep striving for it. I just knew I couldn’t give up.”

Nunno is the second Mustang to win the decathlon.

**Mustangs win Big West, ready for Stanford regional**

Cal Poly got good on Sunday evening that they would be playing in the Stanford Regional. It’s first game will be against Nevada at 3 p.m. Friday. The Mustangs defeated the Wolfpack 1-0 on March 1. In the regions other matchups, Stanford will host Portland State. The Mustangs and Cardinal have competed twice this season with Stanford winning two one-run ballgames. The regional will be contested in a double elimination format making it likely that the two teams will meet again.

This year marks the second post-season appearance for Cal Poly, who dropped games to BYUU and Southern Utah after winning the Big West Championship in 2007.

**Mustangs rebound to beat Titans**

Cal Poly junior outfielder Adam Mclker slides safely into home during the Mustangs’ 7-4 victory over Cal State Fullerton on Sunday.

Chris Jagger

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Cal Poly avoided being swept by Cal State Fullerton with a decisive 7-4 victory Sunday afternoon. This series was immensely important for both the Mustangs and the Titans, who are battling for the top spot in the Big West Conference as well as playoff berths. As of last Tuesday the teams were tied for second in the Big West Conference with records of 32-12. The Titans clinched the pivotal series with 8-4 and 7-3 victories over the Mustangs on Friday and Saturday nights. However, the Mustangs were focused and energized on Sunday, playing in front of a crowd of 1,778 at Baggett Stadium.

“It’s easy to lose your confidence when you’re playing great teams,” head coach Larry Lee said. “Fullerton doesn’t lose many ballgames during the course of their year. They can easily win 16 straight against anyone in the country. Our guys need to know that and be proud of what they accomplished today.”

Picking up the win on the mound for Cal Poly was freshman right-hander Mason Radeke. Radeke (5-1) had a long outing, battling through 130 pitches in eight innings. Lee said that it was the longest he had ever kept the freshman in.

The hard-earned innings brought positive results. The Titans scattered nine hits against Radeke on the day, tallying four runs.

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Cal Poly senior baseman Stephanie Tan slides safely at home against Pacific. The Mustangs clinched the Big West title on Saturday.