Online degree report helps minimize graduation hassles

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Graduation check list

- Check degree progress report on My Cal Poly Portal
- Meet with adviser
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Cal Poly released a computerized degree progress report (DPR) this quarter, providing an easy way for students to check their current credit and graduation status through the My Cal Poly Portal.

Maureen Muller, associate registrar at evaluation and articulation, said she hopes students use the report as a tool to help them graduate.

"It's a way for students to track their progress on a daily and quarterly basis," Muller said. "We hope it will help with students getting out on time."

The degree progress report uses live data, which automatically updates each quarter as students add and drop classes, make substitutions, transfer coursework and update any information on file with the evaluations office.

Kimi M. Ikeda, assistant vice provost of systems and resource management, said the report reflects the complicated curriculum and degree requirements at Cal Poly.

The computerized report classifies courses into necessary requirements. Since a particular course might meet a few different requirements, the system will determine which courses fit best at that time.

The degree progress report is available to all students. According to Muller, those admitted fall 2007 and later will have a more complete picture of the system. The report is not yet complete for transfer student work, but all of the courses taken at Cal Poly will be where they need to be.

"If we can't provide the complete picture on the electronic report, we will update students with another graduation evaluation," Muller said.

Muller said the intention of the report is not to replace academic advising but to be used in conjunction with other helpful resources in the graduating process.

Finishing on time needs to be a priority for students, Ikeda said, which means taking at least 15 units a quarter for those in degree programs that require 180 units and taking courses at the times they are offered rather than when preferred.

Ikeda said that all students should meet with advisors if they have questions, review the flow charts posted by the departments to review course and sequencing requirements and review the Cal Poly catalog to understand their non-course degree requirements.

There are two graduating ceremonies: the fall ceremony for those graduating in the fall and spring ceremony for those graduating in the spring, winter or summer quarters. Graduating is different than walking in the ceremony as it means all requirements have been fulfilled for a degree.

Students are asked to file for a graduation evaluation four quarters in advance of the term they predict they will graduate in order to give the university an appropriate amount of time to process and update the information. The evaluations office sends out an evaluation, which lists completed coursework as well as remaining requirements two quarters before graduation. Ideally, Muller said, any students filing to graduate see Graduation, page 2

Genevieve Loggins
ASSOCIATE P/15

Students who seek a more competitive atmosphere than the typical bowling class may find Cal Poly's new bowling league to their liking.

The college's first bowling league opened for students to work on perfecting their bowling skills, meet new people and just have fun.

Steve Goldie, the owner of the Paso Bowl, Pismo Bowl and Mustang Lanes, is offering students and community members the chance to participate in a league that meets once a week depending on each location.

The league, organized by physics junior Kevin Coulombre, was something he wanted to do to "stay busy and responsible."

"Organizing this league gave me something to take charge of and participate in and we've had a lot of participants this year," Coulombre said.

The league was originally aimed at students living in the dorms, but Coulombre starting advertising the league for everyone to increase interest.

"(Goldie) wanted to find a fun way to get the students involved and compete against each other and have fun at the same time," Coulombre said.

At the end of the season, the championship team will have its name engraved on a plaque in the bowling alley and will receive gift certificates to several restaurants downtown.

"If you really want to leave your mark here at Cal Poly, that's a good way because it will be up there for the next 20 or 30 years," Coulombre said.

Mustang Lanes recently finished the lanes and upgraded the computer system, bringing everything up to par for having a league, Coulombre said.

The league currently has six teams with five people on each team, and room for ten teams. The league didn't want to be delayed any longer from Week of see League, page 2

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U.S. Army journalist after being held for four months.

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Anne Gearan
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Barack Obama fired the top U.S. general in Afghanistan on Monday, replacing him with a former special forces commander in a quest for a more agile, unconventional approach in a war that has gone quickly downhill.

With the Taliban resurgence, Obama's switch fixed a problem that has repeatedly pressed for more forces. Although Obama has approved more than 21,000 additional troops this year, he has warned that the war will not be won by military means.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates echoed that view at a grim Pentagon news conference announcing the leadership overhaul. "As I have said many times before, very few of these problems can be solved by military means alone," he said. "And yet, from the military perspective, we can and must do better."

"It's time for new leadership and fresh eyes," he said.

A new team of commanders will now be charged with applying Obama's revamped strategy for challenging an increasingly brutal and resourceful insurgency. The strategy, still a work in progress, relies on the kind of special forces and counterinsurgency tactics McChrystal knows well, as well as nonmilitary approaches to confronting the Taliban. It would hinge success in the seven-year-old war to political and other conditions across the border in Pakistan.

McChrystal, named to his post by former President George W. Bush, had expected to serve into next year but was told he was out during Gates' see Afghanistan, page 2
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next spring would file now.

Muller added that the evaluations
office sends out e-mails periodically to
students who have 100 credits to in-
terim that if they haven't filed for
graduation, it's a good time to do so.

Transfer students have a curriculum
sheet from the evaluations office that
shows how courses were transferred and
what requirements they fulfill.

"What happens right now is that
before you get your evaluation, you have
two quarters where you're taking
course work and you don't really think
where you stand," Muller said. "When
you get the evaluation, you have to be
diligent to update it all of the time.
When you file for graduation you're
still kind of in the dark."

El Centro Bookstore receives a list of
students eligible for the graduating
term and sends out information reg-
arding commencement.

Muller said there is a lot more infor-
mation this report can provide regard-
ing classes that students need to take,
which will allow the university to plan
better with course offerings.

"We've received some comments
back from students and they seem
genuinely pleased with the report be-
cause it helps them up front with what
does and what they still need," Muller
said.

The degree progress report can be
seen through the Student Portal page
on the Student Center (CPR) page.
Directly under the link for
grades is a link for the degree progress.

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Welcome and wanted to start
bowling right away, Coulonbie
said.

Students often hear about
the league from taking a bowling
class to receive an extra
unit, and there was plenty
of feedback that created a suc-
cessful start to the league this
quarter, Coulonbie said.

"I decided to take a bowling-
class because I needed an extra
unit, and bowling is al-
ways fun," art and design soph-
omore Danielle D'Mercerio
said. "I think me and some
friends are definitely going to
join the league next year."

Call Poly ofrecerfully bowling-
classes Monday through

Friday starting at 9 a.m. Ofen
times these classes are so com-
pacted up to 40 students could
be on one waiting list.

"There is definitely a strong
interest in bowling on this
campus and you don't usually
find that on just any college
 campus and it's fun," D'M-
mercierio said. "I like to get away
from the pressure of some of
my harder classes."

The bowling league meets
at 6:15 p.m. every Tuesday at
Mustang Lanes for $5 includ-
ing the shoe rentals.

"We're going to have a
league every single quarter and
I'm hoping that next year we
will have even more people,"
Coulonbie said. "Everyone
participating this year is hav-
ing a really great time and it's
going well so far."

In this April 2, 2003 file photo, then-Maj. Gen. Stanley McChystal
takes part in a briefing at the Pentagon. McChystal will replace Gen.
David McKiernan as the top general in Afghanistan as President Barack
Obama tries to turn around a stalemated war, defense officials said.

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A bowling league was this quarter formed at Mustang Lanes to
allow students to compete against each other in the game.

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visit to Afghanistan last week.

Gates said he asked for McKie-
nan's resignation "with the approval
of the president." The chairman of
the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Mike Mul-
len, and McKiernan's military boss,
Gen. David Petraeus, both said they
supported the switch.

The White House said the recom-
ended change came from the Pen-
tagon.

"The president agreed with the
recommendation of the secretary of
defense and chairman of the Joint
Chiefs of Staff that the implementa-
tion of a new strategy in Afghanistan
called for new military leadership," a
White House spokesman Robert
Gibbs said in a statement.

McChystal is a former special
forces chief credited with nailing
one of the most wanted fugitives
in Iraq. Taking a newly created No. 2
slot under his command will be Lt.
Gen. David Rodriguez, a veteran of
the Afghanistan fight who has been
Gates' military shadow, the top uni-
formed aide who tracks with him
everywhere.

By year's end, the United States
will have more than 60,000 troops
in the sprawling country — about
double the total at the end of Bush's
presidency, but still far fewer than the
130,000 still in Iraq.

McKerrian and other U.S. com-
manders have said resources they need
in Afghanistan are tied up in Iraq.

Although Obama had pledged
to send forces in Afghanistan while shari-
ting down the Iraq war, his new ad-
ministration has sought firmer con-
trol over the pace and scope of any
new deployment. Gates and McCain
have both warned Obama that it is a
crunch issue, if U.S. troops are "to
be stabilizing."

Asked if McKiernan's resigna-
tion was "expected," Gates said, "Prob-
able," but he praised the general's long
and dedicated service and praised to serve anything McKiernan
had failed to do. Gates demurred.

"Nothing went wrong and there
was nothing specific," he said.

Gates, too, was appointed to his
position by former President George
W. Bush. He noted that the Afghan
campaign has long lacked people
and money as fewer Bush adminis-
tration's focus since 2003 on the Iraq
war.

"But I believe, resources or no,
that our mission there requires new
thinking and new approaches from our
military leaders," he said. "Today
we have a new policy set by our new
president. We have a new strategy, a
new mission and a new ambassador.
I believe that new military leadership
also is needed."

McKerrian issued a short state-
ment in Kabul.

"All of us, in any future capacity,
will continue to support the great
people of Afghanistan," McKiernan
said. "They deserve security, govern-
ment that is transparent and a bet-
ter future than the last 30 years of conflict have witnessed."
American killed 5 fellow soldiers at clinic in Iraq

U.S. army soldiers board a Blackhawk helicopter after they participated in a training mission in Latifiyah, 20 miles south of Baghdad, Iraq, Monday.

Robert H. Reid
Associated Press

An American shot and killed five fellow soldiers at a counseling center on a military base Monday in an attack that drew attention to the issues of combat stress and morale among soldiers serving multiple combat tours over six years of war.

WORD ON THE STREET

"What is your reaction to the failed drug test by Manny Ramirez?"

"I was kind of happy actually. I never really liked him for his ability."

- Vince Ranzer
agricultural systems management freshman

"That's not surprising at all, but all the better. Go Giants."

- Kyle Giacomin
forestry and natural resources junior

"People getting nailed in baseball is old news. It seems like it's a constant battle between players trying to find a way to use it and not get caught."

- Fallon Frye
biology senior

"Players that do it lose the confidence of all their fans. So, it's disappointing when something like that happens to the sport."

- Melissa Moore
business administration junior

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U.S. journalist freed by Iran, reunited with parents

Abdolsamad Khorramshahi, defence lawyer of Iranian-American journalist Roxana Saberi, answers media outside Evin prison in Tehran, Iran on Monday.

Ali Akbar Davarini
ASSOCIATED PRESS

An American journalist imprisoned on espionage charges in Iran for four months was freed Monday and reunited with her smiling, tearful parents — a move that clears a major obstacle to President Barack Obama's attempts at dialogue with the top U.S. adversary in the Middle East.

The United States had said the charges against Roxana Saberi, a 32-year-old dual Iranian-American citizen, were baseless and repeatedly demanded her release.

Hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad could also win some domestic political points a month before he faces a re-election challenge from reformers who seek to ease Iran's bitter rivalry with the United States.

Saberi's Iranian-born father, Reza Saberi, wiped away tears, then flashed a broad smile as he and his wife, Akiko, arrived at Tehran's Evin prison — no sooner than 20 minutes after the state radio reported the news.

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PALM DESERT, Calif.—AP — A 13-year-old boy brandishing a replica handgun was shot and wounded by a sheriff's deputy who mistook it for the real thing, authorities said Monday.

The boy, whose identity was not immediately released, was hospitalized in stable condition, said Steve Whitmore, spokesman for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Deputies responding to reports of someone riding a bicycle and brandishing a handgun went to 21st Street shortly before 8 p.m. Sunday and spotted the rider, Whitmore said.

Associated Press Writer Nancy Kricorian in Tehran, James MacPherson in Birmingham, N.D., and Jeff Barnum in Minneapolis contributed to this report.

State

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Briefs

National

CLEVELAND (AP) — An airplane carrying suspected Nazi death camp guard John Demjanjuk, born YAHN-yook, has taken off from a Cleveland airport as U.S. officials депart for Germany.

The 91-year-old was convicted of being an accessory to the murder of 28,000 people at a Nazi death camp and sentenced to life in prison. He has always denied those charges.

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The Nuclear Regulatory Commission says eight petitioners and 297 challenges will be heard during upcoming hearings on the Energy Department's application to open and operate a national nuclear waste dump in Nevada.

The NRC's Atomic Safety and Licensing Boards issued an order Monday designating Nevada and California, the Nuclear Energy Institute, Nevada's Clark, Nye and White Pine counties individually, California's Inyo County and Churchill, Esmeralda, Lander and Mineral counties as a group as parties in the hearings. Eureka and Lincoln counties in Nevada were named interested governmental participants.

The NRC turned away the Caliente Hot Springs Resort, and the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe, the tribe, Yuca Mountain Oversight Program and the Native Community Action Council — at least for now.

International

ISLAMABAD (AP) — A motorcyclist, police officer in the northwest has killed up to 790 militants in the past four days. The operation will proceed until the last Taliban fighter in the area is ousted.

The offensive in Swat and surrounding areas has driven thousands from the U.S., which wants al-Qa­eda and Taliban militants rooted out from Pakistani havens where they can plan attacks on American and NATO forces in Afghanistan. But the fighting has unleashed an exodus of refugees, and raised concerns over the future of nuclear-armed Pakistan.

KABUL (AP) — The U.S. accused Afghan militants Monday of using white phosphorus as a weapon in "reprehensible" attacks on U.S. forces and in civilian areas.

The accusation comes two months after an 8-year-old Afghan girl named Razia was wounded by white phosphorus in a battle between militants and NATO troops. Razia has received 10 skin grafts at the U.S. military hospital at Bagram. A U.S. military spokesman said her injuries could have been caused by either side.

U.S. and NATO troops frequently use white phosphorus to illuminate targets and create smoke screens.
The down and dirty on some under-discussed sex-related hazards

Like famous American critic Alexander Woollcott said, all the things I really like to do are either immoral, illegal or fattening. And sometimes they cause painful infections.

So in honor of STI Awareness Month (yes, I know it was technically in April, but I was busy coming out in honor of Pride Week last week), today's column will look at three fairly common hazards of sex that didn't get as much attention in your high school sex-ed class as do HIV, gonorrhea, chlamydia and herpes. The following information comes from the Mayo Clinic, WebMD and my own personal encounters with two of these three bitches (but since a lady doesn't know and tell, I'll just let you guess which two).

**Yeast Infections**

Ew: Your genitals itch — constantly — even when there is no fluid left in your body. It hurts, and there might even be some blood in your pee.

What you did wrong: There are bacteria in your urethra. Given all the bodily fluids involved in sex, this is a fairly obvious risk. The bacteria can also come from feces, meaning you wiped from back to front. About half of all women will get a UTI in their lifetimes, the infection occurring more often than with men due to our smaller urethras.

Make it go away: Yeast infections can be treated with over-the-counter medications. Suppositories come in one, three and seven day treatments and often come with an external cream to ease symptoms. Men can treat their infections with an antifungal cream. In the meantime, avoid tight-fitting clothes or go commando if you like.

Do it right next time: Don't have sex if your partner has a yeast infection and don't be afraid to use some K-Y Jelly or Astroglide.

**Urinary Tract Infections (UTIs)**

Ew: You have to pee — constantly — even when there is no fluid left in your body. It hurts, and there might even be some blood in your pee.

What you did wrong: Your anus itches, it hurts, and there might even be some blood in your pee.

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Make it go away: The only way to get rid of a UTI right now is with antibiotics. Your doctor (and the doctors at the Health Center) can prescribe antibiotics that will get rid of your symptoms in a matter of days. They'll also sometimes give you pain medication that makes your bladder feel all warm and fuzzy, and your pee turn orange. In the meantime, drink lots of water or cranberry juice and use a heating pad to ease the pain.

Do it right next time: Always wipe from front to back, and try to pee right after you have sex.

**Anal Fissures**

Ew: You have a small tear in the lining of your anal canal. This can be caused by rough sex, but it's actually more commonly caused by constipation and large bowel movements. If fecal bacteria get inside these cuts, it can cause an infection.

Make it go away: Unfortunately, fissures only really heal with time. In about six to eight weeks you'll be okay, provided no complications occur. In the meantime, your doctor can prescribe a medicated cream or suppository to reduce inflammation, and you might need to take a stool softener. Try to add some fiber to your diet.

Do it right next time: Always use condoms and plenty of lube during anal sex. Also, avoid constipation by including lots of fiber and water in your diet and exercising regularly. Don't strain when you poop.

Of course with all of these, make sure you take all of the medication prescribed to you, even after symptoms have disappeared. If they persist, see your doctor to make sure it's not something more serious Happy sexings.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — What happens after dark in the halls of a museum? A few lucky kids will get to find out in the months ahead, thanks to some big promotions and travel deals drawing on the buzz of Hollywood's new museum flick, "Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian."

The world's largest museum complex, the Smithsonian Institution, is in the spotlight and hoping the movie, starring Ben Stiller, Robin Williams and Amy Adams, will draw millions of young new visitors to see the real airplanes and artifacts housed in Washington that are featured in the movie. Kid-friendly product promotions already are offering chances to win free trips for a sleepover at the real Smithsonian.

Much of the movie is set at the National Air and Space Museum, though it also features artworks and treasures from other sites on the National Mall. It's set for release in theaters May 22.

"Hopefully they can make history come to life," said aeronautics curator Robert van der Linden, who reviewed the script and made sure film crews didn't break anything while they shot scenes at the museum last year.

The show is "a complete fantasy," he said, noting the Wright brothers came alive with their famous flyer zooming out of the museum (the real plane barely got off the ground). Adams portrays the famed pilot Amelia Earhart with her bright red Lockheed Vega airplane. "It reminds people of what's here," the curator said.

In the sequel to the 2006 film "Night at the Museum, "which was set at New York's American Museum of Natural History, Stiller's character, security guard Larry Daley, comes to Washington to find his museum friends who are stone-cold exhibits by day but spring to life when the sun goes down. They had been shipped from New York to a mythical vault under the National Mall.

The film trailer gives a few more hints about the characters he'll encounter in D.C. There are roles for Darth Vader, Oscar the Grouch and even Abraham Lincoln, who rises from his seat at the Lincoln Memorial.

It's even more magical than the first film, said Claire Brown, a spokeswoman for the Air and Space museum, who has seen the new film.

"Paintings come to life. Photographs come to life. Statues come to life," she said. "Nothing's off limits."

The Smithsonian is capitalizing on this moment in its first time to be so prominently featured in theaters across the country. Beyond an agreement with 20th Century Fox for the movie's creation, museum officials and the movie studio have struck deals with McDonald's, Kraft, Hershey's and Post cereals to make it hard for any-one to miss this movie and offer the chance to visit the real museums.

Sweepstakes offers on millions of boxes of macaroni and cheese, candies and cereals will give away free trips for kids to have a sleepover with their families at the real Smithsonian. Another publicity campaign will help visitors find the real artifacts that they see in the movie.

The strategy is driven, in part, by the last "Museum" movie. It brought in more than $250 million at the U.S. box office and helped drive a 20 percent increase in attendance at the New York museum. And the last big movie that focused on Washington's cultural scene, "National Treasure," helped drive up attendance at the National Archives by 200,000 visitors in 2004, drawing special interest among boys.

The Smithsonian already draws 10 million visitors over the summer months but would like to see even more.

"It's reaching a demographic that is so important to our future," Brown said. "We want kids to know they can have fun in museums."

The Smithsonian also stands to gain more than $1 million if the film does well, and tens of thousands of dollars in additional revenue from special events. Spokeswoman Linda St. Thomas said they could not reveal specific figures from the movie deal with Fox.

Washington tourism officials are planning special "Night at the Museum" packages with city hotels and will advertise for the first time in movie theaters in cities such as New York, Philadelphia and Raleigh, N.C.

The nation's capital already is drawing attention from kids, they said, because there are two young girls living in the White House. (No word yet on whether the Obama daughters have been invited to the movie's world premiere at the Smithsonian's IMAX theaters on May 14.)

"Often times we hear that parents have a civic duty to bring their families to D.C. for a vacation," said Victoria Isley of the tourism bureau Destination DC. "But we believe 'Night at the Museum' will really help kids inspire visits themselves."

Other Washington-area museums also are getting in on the action with plans to have their exhibits "come alive" at night, regardless of whether they're featured in the movie.

During the last two weekends in May, George Washington's Mount Vernon estate is opening its grounds for lantern-lit evening tours with plans for historical characters to pop out of their exhibits. The site offered similar themed tours tied to the "National Treasure" movie that have been popular even after the show closed in theaters.

"It just proves that marrying pop culture with museums or cultural attractions really works," said spokeswoman Emily Coleman-Dorre. "It gets people excited again about going to museums."
Nutrition Club tackles obesity

Clinton McGue

MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly Nutrition Club is addressing rising concerns about obesity in America by developing programs such as Pink and Dude Chefs, which promote a healthy lifestyle. The Pink and Dude Chefs program is a cooking intervention that teaches 12 to 14-year-old children about nutrition through practical application and basic cooking skills. It aims to change the way children approach eating, program coordinator Julie Chesnai said.

"The program was founded on the realization of the extreme importance for teaching basic cooking skills as a support system in combating childhood obesity," Chesnai said.

About one in every three adults in the United States is considered to be obese, according to the Department of Health and Human Services, as well as 16 percent of children and adolescents.

Nutrition Club president Brooke Falvey says that the key to preventing obesity is to promote a nutritious diet.

"I suggest educating yourself on a variety of recipes that include healthy foods and don't eat the same foods over and over," Falvey said of maintaining a good diet. "A lot of the problem is just people getting bored with healthy foods, but all they need to do is change it up."

Besides the Pink and Dude Chefs program, the club has also been known to put on socials, cater events and host discuss for guest speakers. Among the guest speakers, former Cal Poly students return to tell their stories about where they are now, how they got there and what it's like, sophomore nutrition student and club member Kayceny Williams said.

"The club has broadened my scope of the possibilities available to me within the growing field," Williams said. "It has definitely made me really excited about the types of jobs that are available within the industry."

During their meetings, students also have the opportunity to sign up for volunteer opportunities, something the club needs to do more of, according to Falvey.

"We need to be more involved in places around San Luis Obispo," she said.

The goal of the Nutrition Club is to provide a place for nutrition students to network with other students and professionals. To get a feel for what the industry is like outside of the classroom and provide a platform for students to decide whether they would like to work in hospitals, schools, culinary or the food industry, Falvey said.

"(The club) has provided me a place to mingle with others who are interested in studying the same things as me," Williams said. "I have also learned information about jobs within the nutrition field that I never considered or forgot about."

Approximately 10 to 15 people attend every club meeting, but an estimated 30 people are considered to be part of the group that meets in room 113 of the Food Processing Building at 11 a.m. every other Thursday. The next meeting is scheduled for May 21.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Maria Shriver said her role in a major HBO documentary series on Alzheimer's stems from the professional and the intensely personal.

"I approached this project as a child of Alzheimer's," she said, a reference to her father, Sargent Shriver, who was diagnosed in 2003 with the fearsome disease that causes deepening, irreversible dementia.

Her work on the four-part "The Alzheimer's Project," which launches on Sunday, is an intimate look at seven people living with Alzheimer's, the two-part "Momentum in Science," airing Monday and Tuesday, explores research advances with the scientists and physicians leading the way.

Also airing Monday is "Grandpa, Do You Know Who I Am?" with Shriver, who gives voice to the children and grandchildren of Alzheimer's patients. Tuesday's "Caregivers" details the hard work and rewards of those in the disease's inner circle.

Besides being featured on all HBO channels and HBO On Demand, the series will stream free on hbo.com. There's also a companion book, "The Alzheimer's Project: Momentum in Science," and a Web site.

Executive producer Sheila Nevins recognizes that some viewers might be more interested in the science while others are drawn to the personal accounts.

"We don't want people to see one part and think that's the whole story. Every part in contingent on the other," Nevins said. "The hope is that each show answers questions and raises others answered in the multiple programs."

Shriver, formerly with NBC News, is a member of the Kennedy political dynasty and wife of California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who called the call to action must include but go beyond government support for Alzheimer's research and caregivers.

"It's up to our generation to help find a cure," Shriver said. "A cure is not just going to happen unless we stand up and say, 'There are millions and millions of us, and we're dying in a different way alongside the person who has Alzheimer's.'"

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"The Alzheimer's Project" was a result of the program being made toward treating and possibly preventing the brain disorder, said series producer John Hoffman.

After HBO's similarly ambitious project "Addiction," produced in cooperation with the National Institutes of Health, the cable channel wanted to continue its relationship with the agency, Hoffman said.

The search for the next topic focused on "where science has advanced and the public is unaware of these gains in knowledge," said Hoffman.

Alzheimer's fits that profile, he said. The disease also is among the most-feared in the nation, affecting at least five million Americans and expected to hit millions more as the population ages, Hoffman said.

But scientists are beginning to crack the disease's code, according to the HBO project, which carefully and, without hype, documents advances against the disease.

The series, beginning Sunday and airing over three nights, also focuses on the emotional toll Alzheimer's takes on its sufferers and those close to them.

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is green suburbia really possible?

Forty miles north of San Francisco, on the site of the former industrial park of Agilent Technologies, work is underway on the ambitious new Sonoma Mountain Village, a 200-acre development that aims to be truly sustainable. Slated for final completion in 2020, the development is America’s first to be certified as a “One Planet Community” by BioRegional, a United Kingdom-based nonprofit that helps developers and cities reduce their residents’ ecological footprints. Touted by developer Codding Enterprises, the community is based on the premise that an ordinary resident will be able to live there sustainably with little extra effort. BioRegional asserts that “every resident is no more than a five-minute walk to groceries, restaurants, day care and other amenities offering local, sustainable, and responsible products and services.” Construction of the first homes will begin this year, in the face of a waiting list that is already people long.

As I show up to attend the Sustainable Enterprise Conference being held on the campus, I wondered if it will really be possible for one new development to provide an effortlessly sustainable lifestyle.

The main hurdles:

- The site is located in Rollett Park, a sort of small-but-growing suburb where driving is the normal norm.
- The village center, which was designed around the reuse of existing buildings, will include a 1,600-square-foot farmers’ market, grocery store, entertainment options, small office space, and a telecommuting desk.
- Alternative transportation services will be plentiful: free bikes, electric scooters that connect to the smart grid, a shared-filling station, plug-in hybrid carshare, carpool concierge service, and a nearby Smart Rail station. The commuter rail line will be tracking the suburb to nearby cities, including San Francisco, will be a 10-minute walk from the community.

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National political news from both liberal and conservative sources these days is dominated by coverage of the implosion of the Republican Party. To the delight of 'told you so' Democrats and the doleful of bewildered conservatives, the GOP seems bent on self-destruction. I would think there is plenty of political fodder for the camera. The problem is that the party has no cohesive message, no figure with any credibility to voice effectively the party's concerns. The newly-elected Demo­

cratic president and his federal stimulus package and massive bank and auto industry bailouts. According to a March Pew Research Center poll, less than half of Americans (48 percent) think that pouring billions of dollars into failing banks is the right thing to do and 63 percent are against doing the same for the auto industry. Isn't it the C O P 's job to hammer the Democrats on this point? Instead, it seems the Republicans have given up and are setting their sights on 2012 with shaky public relations campaigns aimed at rebranding the party and make it once again appealing to moder­

ates. Apparently not everybody is on board. One of many important lessons of the cata­

strophic race of Bush 43, is the need for a strong two-party system. One such-oriented political dona­

tions by any party is reason for concern. Look no further than the first four years of the Bush Ad­

ministration in comparison to the first half of the Clinton Administration and what I mean. Though it deserved its loss in the last election, it is disturbing to see the Republican Party repeatedly shoot itself in the foot every passing day. Last week's formation of the National Council for a New America (NCNA), by House Minority Whip Eric Cantor (R-Va.) and Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) to hold public forums across the nation is the latest attempt by Republicans to rejoin interest in the party and regain moderates who jumped ship over the last eight years. The group held their first "town hall" on May 2 at a pizzeria in northern Virginia, capriciously fielding ques­

tions from the owner, another Joe the Plumber type, about how the party can represent the needs of small business. An interesting characteristic of the forum was the omission of certain divisive topics, namely those which social conservatives see as important: abortion rights, immigration and same-sex mar­

riage. The so-called party "base" of the GOP im­

mediately blasted the NCNA, calling the efforts to rebrand the party misguided and out of touch with the Republican rank and file. It seems the party is so divided that any attempt to reign in centrist, which the party so desperately needs, is met with internal resistance. One of the critics, former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee, said "But here's a question when Rep­

ublicans think "it is necessary to form a 'listening' group to find out what Americans think we should be fighting for. Not to be outdone, radio commentator Rush Limbaugh likened "listening" to conceding to the center, declaring instead the party needs a "teaching tour." Another problem with the council is its inclu­

sion of such figures as former Florida governor Jeb Bush, who like his brother subscribed to the failed expansion that killed his party. The group reeks of the Project for the New American Cen­

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sponsible for so much of the ill-conceived invasion in Iraq and whose Statement of Principles was co-signed by the former governor. NCNA was supported by other shining stars such as Dick Cheney, Donald Rums­

feld, "Scooter" Libby and Paul Wolfowitz, the very peo­

dle and policies the "new GOP" would like to distance itself from.

Despite denials by Cantor, this whole deba­

cle is just the latest shallow effort to make over a party that has become, as the Democrats call it, "the party of No." Public perception of the Republican Party as incom­

petent (Iraq, Ku­

trbal), corrupt (Cunninghams, Abramoff) and lacking cred­

ibility regarding traditional conserva­tion is not a platform that will win any elections in the near future. So what are the Republicans to do? I can think of a few things that would be helpful. First, I think the formation of a group like the NCNA was a good idea in trying to move the GOP message back to the center. However, the efforts need to be genuine and the message not just surface-deep. The conversation must not simply ignore topics that divide the party and any efforts at rebrand­

ing must not include hardliners like Jeb Bush and Sarah Palin. Look no further than Palin's inclu­

sion in the moderates McCain's presidential bid for proof that the far-right voice no longer resonates as strongly with the voting public.

Also, the party needs to look to the future. Re­

gublicans ignore the concerns of millennials and minorities at their own peril. According to an April Pew Center study, the 2008 election was the first one for the group to vote in American history, both ethnically and age-wise. The 76.3 percent of the 131 mil­

ion people who cast ballots is the lowest share of the white voting population ever. The implications this holds for a party that is seen as the one for blacks and well-off white people is disas­

trous. They must not assume that the national gap in the GOP message is another area they need improvement. When you have young Briton Palin reframing the effectiveness of abstinence-only education and Meghan Mc­

Cain admitting that "old-school" Republicans are "scared stupid," you've got a major problem with the future of your party.

Though one could argue his decision was driven by political survival, the recent ship jump­

ing by Sen. Arlen Specter (D-Pa.) has highlighted the fact that there seems to be no room in the party for moderates. Former Secretary of State Colin Powell has been all but shunned from the party he served because he didn't toe the line with the Bush administration at every step. And the fact that he endorsed the Democratic presidential candidate may have something to do with it. Be­

cause he has integrity, former Vice President Dick Cheney recently said he didn't think Powell was a Republican and would choose Limbaugh over Powell any day of the week. According to Richard Viguerie, author of "Conservatives Betrayed: How George W. Bush and Other Big Government Republicans Hijacked the Conservative Cause," the current GOP leadership has no message — or gain — that appeal to the main­

stream conservative and there are no shakers in the party Leaders, emu­

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ing in action.

"The ascendency of conservatives to power was done by boat-rockers, not establishment politi­

cians," Viguerie said in a May 10 Los Angeles Times op-ed. "Barry Goldwater laid the founda­

tion of reducing government to conform to the Constitution. Ronald Reagan demonstrated that the conservative vision of smaller government is one of prosperity. The Gingrich revolution started making congressional leaders the servants of the people, not vice versa."

"Republicans need the political equivalent of Alcoholics Anonymous," he added. "First, they must admit their problem (many are in denial), Next, they must promise never to do it again. Then they must recognize what caused the prob­

el "Washingtonism, abandoning the principles of the party and allowing people who didn't believe in the principles of the party to assume leadership positions. Last, when in a hole, stop digging." While I sincerely disagree with most of what the Republican Party of the last eight years stood for, the idea of giving the Democrats unopposed reign of the country is not characteristic of a healthy democracy. I would like to see the Re­

publican Party dust itself off and stop letting beans like Limbaugh and Cheney speak for them. Weak attempts at PR will not bring moderates back to the party — substance and honesty will. Last I checked, the moderate conservative voice is still a part of the national political conversation. They deserve better.

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that everyone takes is a free shot. If it goes in, great. If not, we tried. We have nothing to lose. No one expected much out of us. We expect an effort out of us, but we’re going to take our shots, play hard and take our chances.

The Rockets are in the second round of the playoffs for the first time since 1997. The Lakers are trying to get back to the NBA fi-

als a year after losing to Boston in six games.

Bryant said the Lakers’ mood Monday was “grumpy, a little quiet,” but that they will just have to deal with the disappointment of the wire-to-wire rout, when the smaller Rockets’ lineup took advantage of Los Angeles’ defensive lapses.

“You can’t get it back. You’ve just got to move forward and get ready for the next one,” he said.

The Rockets stunned the Lakers — and most everyone else — by racing to a 25-point lead in the first quarter. They never trailed and led by as many as 29 points before the Lakers at least made it look respectable toward the end.

“We didn’t understand the type of energy Houston was going to come with,” Bryant said. “We didn’t have that type of energy.”

It wasn’t a case of the Lakers taking the Rockets lightly without Yao, Bryant said.

“Now, man they just kicked our (rear),” he said. The Lakers say they need to have the kind of energy the Rockets had Sunday.

“If we want to be a champi-
onship team we have to go after it every single game,” Gasol said. “We can’t take for granted that because we’re better individually or maybe collectively that we can play 70, 80 percent. We have to play 100 percent from the get-go.

Gasol said the Lakers were “outhandled and outplayed and we could have won if we really wanted to.”

They didn’t, but the Rockets know what the Lakers are capable of.

The Lakers seemed to be in control of the series after Bryant scored 33 in a 108-94 victory on Friday night.

Outscoring Bryant 23-15 on Sunday is going to be a nice little memory for Battier.

“It’s not going to happen too often. So this box score may be framed in my house somewhere,” he said. “He’s going to come back with a vengeance in Game 5.”

Guard Aaron Brooks scored a career-high 34 points in Game 4, and the Rockets were still talk-
ing about their point guard on Monday.

“Maybe it’s a bowlegged thing, a knock-kneed, pigeon-toed thing, but boy, they can’t keep up with him,” said bulky 6-foot forward Chuck Hayes, who started for Yao on Sunday. “He uses his speed to his advantage to get to the paint. For such a little guy, he finishes pretty well.”

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Peake news next Saturday at Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore. Allen because he didn’t want to lose jock-
ey Calvin Borel, who rode the filly in the Oaks and Mine That Bird in the Derby and left no doubt which saddle he’d choose if they wound up in the same race; Zayat because he wants to avenge his colt’s loss to Mine That Bird and believed the filly would only get in the way.

Both explanations were fine — if the owners had only stopped there. Horsemen, after all, will do almost anything for a competitive edge, and always have.

But both men said another rea-
sion they planned to enter additional horses in the Preakness, and urge other owners to consider doing the same, was to fill up the 14-horse field without Rachel Alexandra, and thus protect the filly from herself. Few people needed reminding of the tragic death of the filly Eight Belles in the 2008 Derby, and the debate it occasioned, but both Allen and Zayat went there, anyway.

“People are concerned that it would not be for the good of the sport,” Zayat said. “Nobody wants a situation like we had last year with Eight Belles.”

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**Mustangs look to avenge early season loss**

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History is against the Cal Poly baseball team.

The Mustangs have never been to the postseason at the Division I level and have been left in the dark on multiple occasions despite building quality resumes.

Cal Poly head coach Larry Lee's team has once again compiled a number of quality wins and this year he wants to ensure that his club isn't left out again.

"Wins are wins from this point on," Lee said. "We're not really concerned whether we get the wins in conference or non-conference. I just think that wins are important and our team needs to come to play every day."

The Mustangs (33-14) will have the chance to not only pick up another win, but to erase an earlierlop-sided loss when they host Pepperdine on Tuesday at 6 p.m. in Baggett Stadium.

The Waves (27-22) pounded Cal Poly 16-6 when the team's met on March 10. Pepperdine entered that contest ranked 10th in the nation but have since fallen on hard times, dropping seven-consecutive games at one point to fall out of the Top 25 standings.

Still, Lee is being cautious with the Waves and will send a traditional weekend starter, senior Jared Eskek to the mound on Tuesday.

"It's the best available arm," Lee said. "It gives us the best chance of being successful in a midweek game. A lot of times we get down pretty early in the game and really those midweek games you're just trying to piece together nine innings."

The Mustangs had dropped three of four midweek games dating back to early April seeing freshman midweek starters Jeff Johnson and Kyle Anderson struggle to get to the fifth inning.

With Eskek on the mound, the Mustangs will have a starter that has thrown 66 innings to the combined 39 innings of Johnson and Anderson.

The starting rotation isn't the only thing that Lee has had to adjust in recent weeks. A rash of injuries and illness has presented many lineup challenges, including the loss of freshman second baseman Matt Jensen to a broken clavicle.

The Mustangs have been so banged up that only senior outfielder Ryan Lee and junior shortstop Kyle Smith start every game this year.

"It's a little bit of luck," Smith said of his avoiding the injury bug. "You never know what's going to happen in each game. We've had some unfortunate illnesses and some important guys going down — it's been rough."

Coming off the weekend series loss to Cal State Fullerton, Cal Poly struggled to a 1-3 record last week and dropped six spots to No. 18 in the polls.

Los Angeles Lakers players sit in the bench during the four quarter of Sunday's 99-87 loss to Houston.

Bernie Wilson  
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**Grumpy Lakers, loose Rockets ready for Game 5**

Come Tuesday night, one of them is going to have a 3-2 lead in their Western Conference semifinal series.

The top-seeded Lakers no doubt figured that they would have a chance to close out the Rockets in Game 5 at Staples Center. But that was before the Rockets embarrased Los Angeles 96-87 on Sunday, tying the series and picking up their pace a day after finding out that the 7-foot-6 Yao had a stress fracture in his left foot.

"Weah, we had a great oppo­

tunity," Los Angeles' Kobe Bry­

ant said. "We've been on teams who have made this dumb mistake be­

fore. It's important for my guys to stay up and get ready to play and understand that come Tuesday we're going to face a really hungry Rockets team that believes they can win this series."

The series is poised to go back to Houston for Game 6 on Thursday night.

"We couldn't have a huge ad­

vantage, put ourselves in a great position to finish the series off tomorrow, but we didn't and we own up to it," center Pau Gasol said. "That's why we're going to come out tomorrow and show what we're made of."

The Lakers could be without forward Lamar Odom. He was listed as questionable for Tuesday night's game after an MRI and CT scan showed he has a bruised lower back. He was hurt Sunday when he drove into the lane and collided with Shane Battier, land­

ing hard on the court.

The Rockets would love to be the ones going back to Houston for Game 6 on Tuesday night.

"We have a free mentality," said Battier, who outplayed Bryant in Sunday's wipeout. "Every shot we've taken has been a good look."

**Latest battle of the sexes set for the Preakness**

Jim Litke  
**ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Everybody has an opinion on whether a filly should run against the boys.

The one that mattered most was voiced Sunday by the man heading up a group that last week paid between $3-4 million for Kentucky Oaks winner Rachel Alexandra.

After watching the filly work out over the same Churchill Downs track where she devastated the top 3-year-old females the day before, the Kentucky Derby, owner Jess Jackson pronounced her ready for the Preakness and the top 3-year­

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