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Cal Poly plays the Gauchos to a scoreless tie

9,824 packed Alex G. Spanos Stadium to watch the Mustangs battle the Gauchos for 110 minutes Wednesday night

Will Taylor

The "Blue-Green Rivalry" between the men's soccer teams of UC Santa Barbara and Cal Poly came out in an aggressive yet scoreless, double overtime draw in front of 9,824 fans, the largest crowd of the season between two Big West teams and the second largest attendance for a soccer game in Cal Poly history. With the tie, the Gauchos clinched the number one spot in the Big West Conference.

Each team tried to attack right out of the gates with the only three-offsides in the first half coming within the first five minutes, two going to the Gauchos and one to Cal Poly. The Mustangs assoiled the Gauchos goal more frequently however, with four shots to the Gauchos' two in the first half. In that time each team received one yellow card. Throughout the game the play on the field was rough. There were 38 total fouls in the game with 22 from the Gauchos.

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Due to expiration dates, health codes and over purchasing, some food from campus dining facilities must be disposed or donated to local food donation centers.

At the end of each weekday, employees at the campus dining facilities must sort the food that was not sold that day, saving what can be reused the next day, donating what can be transported to the Food Bank Coalition of San Luis Obispo County and disposing of the rest.

Margie Braden, the assistant manager of the Vista Grande Complex, said campus dining facilities don't dispose of much food. Braden works for Sage Restaurant as well.

She attributes this to the amount of sales roughly doubling this year because the number of student meals for meal plans serves from a minimum of five to eight a week, which has caused the amount of food remaining to be scarce.

"We do get daily deliveries of fresh produce and baked goods, but we really haven't had much left over. We all share the produce which helps us to not throw so much away," Braden said. "For example, if VG's needs extra asparagus, then Sage can give them some and they can use it on the line that night."

Cal Poly dining services plans how much food to order according to how many customers they anticipate daily, Braden said.

"The most ideal situation is to be able to use up all the food," Braden said. "Personally, I feel that if you are ordering too much and wasting food, that's not a good business move."

William LaForge, a BackStage Pizza employee, said that they also make as much as pizza as they feel will be sold that day by monitoring the business flow. This helps in reducing the left overs at the end of the day.

"If it gets slower, we don't make as much pizza. It works out so that on most days we only have to throw away two pizzas at the end of the day," LaForge said.

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Food

greater than the amount disposed from BackStage Pizza simply because the amount of people they serve is greater and consequently the amount of food provided and prepared is greater.

The Avenue disposes of between five to 20 pounds of food daily, depending on the day, according to estimates from an anonymous employee.

BackStage Pizza, on the other hand, disposes of about two pizzas a day. BackStage Pizza has less food options, which makes it easier to make food upon receiving orders. It also has a smaller seating area, creating a smaller customer base at any given time.

As for actual disposal methods, Cal Poly dining facilities give produce scraps to the Cal Poly Organic Farm for composting, generally when they have a lot of extra food. Otherwise, small amounts of food are disposed of in dumpsters.

While some food must be thrown away due to state health laws, some of the food not sold at the end of a day can be donated to the Food Bank Coalition of San Luis Obispo County. Brent Mooney, the manager of the food services warehouse, calls the food bank when they have donations, which is once to two times a week.

"I like to see the stuff stay out of landfill," Mooney said. "As long as it's going to a good use, that's all that matters."

Cal Hansen, the executive director of the Paso Robles Food Bank warehouse, said that generally the kinds of food that campus dining uses on a daily basis cannot be donated because of packaging restrictions.

"We generally can't accept foods that have been prepared for serving," Hansen said. "We're not equipped for breaking it down into individual servings. For example, if they had a rot of lasagna left over, that would not be the best for donating because someone would have to repack it to be distributed."

While food items, which are cooked and served, are not optimal for donation, foods such as breads, packaged and canned foods are easier to deal with.

Jim Lewis, the manager of the Oceano Food Bank warehouse, who handles most of the donations from Cal Poly said that the donations can be as frequent as several times a week to as infrequent as once a month. Typical donation times are at the end of quarters or before holiday breaks.

Any food donated to the food bank goes toward halfway houses, homeless shelters, women's shelters, some of which include the Pride Day Center, the Marine Lewis Memorial Shelter and the Women's Shelter.

As of today, Cal Poly has donated 15,941 pounds of food to the food bank and Lewis hopes that Cal Poly dining facilities will continue donate what food they can.

"I don't turn down food. I can find a home for almost anything," Lewis said. "I hate to see food go to waste more than anyone, so I hope that they come to us before they throw it out."

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—Jim Lewis
Manager, Oceano Food Bank

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Soccer

overtime saw four shots on goal with only one by the Gauchos. The overtimes are played in sudden death.

The second overtime saw three shots by the Gauchos but they were unable to produce the winning goal.

Cal Poly had not trailed an opponent for 540 minutes at home since their first game against UCSB. Nobody has led the Mustangs since then. Their record up to the game was 6-1-1 at home.

To take the first place spot, Cal Poly had to beat UCSB by at least two goals and the Gauchos must lose their Saturday match against UC Davis whom Cal Poly lost to last weekend 2-0. The tie does not allow the Mustangs to host a conference playoff game.

Senior forward David Zamora said he would have preferred a win but was happy with his team's effort for his last game as a senior.

"Who doesn't want to play with 9,000 people cheering for you? So you come out hard you come out strong and try to do your best," he said.

SOMETHING FISHY

Tell the Mustang daily
Soup and substance serves a sobering presentation

Nikol Schiller

A presentation on violence against women in the Democratic Republic of Congo drew 34 people at the third Soup and Substance-gathering on Wednesday. Students stopped in during lunch hour to eat a bowl of soup and pasta and listen to the brutality and deplorable problems with their reproductive rights by rape victims. The Powerpoint presentation showed a picture of a room that had just been entered by rape victims after a meeting. Pools of urine covered the floors of the room, because the rape victims were unable to control their damaged digestive systems. Women wait days to be checked or have vaginal reconstructive surgery after their traumatic rape experiences.

In the YouTube video, a 22-year-old rape victim said that women's lives are destroyed after they are raped because not only are they physically assaulted, they are humiliated and unable to find husbands. Other problems occurring in the Congo were also presented during this presentation. Trage measured that there is an extreme amount of conflict over minerals used to make electronic devices sold worldwide. More than one million people have been displaced, breaking up families and causing more exploitation and violence against women.

Near the end of the presentation, a YouTube video of a few courses of action that could potentially help the women in the Congo fight rape. The video showed that a YouTube video that featured the group to write letters to the president of the Congolese president, Joseph Kabila, urging him to protect the thousands of women and young girls being raped by soldiers. Other ideas included buying gifts from organizations that aid women in the fight against brutality and donating cellphones to minimize the minimal exploitation occurring in mines.

Biologist, video David Hansen, who regularly attends the gatherings, was unsure of how effective the plans of action would be in these cases of extreme brutality. "I really don't think that writing a letter to their president would make much of a difference," he said.

Environmental management junior Lauren L. thought that the solution was step in the right direction. L. said that this meeting was a lack of discussion, which usually happens during the gatherings. When the Soup and Substance committee met to brainstorm discussion topics, they knew they wanted to bring awareness to violence in the Congo, said leslie Lopez junior and director coordinator of Student Community Services, Michelle Fox.

"A lot of people don't know about it," Fox said. She noted that attendance was higher than normal for their Soup and Substance gatherings.

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---David Hansen
Biology Senior

Scientists track swine flu virus for tiny changes that would cause big problems

Lisa M. Krieger

SAN FRANCISCO — At the H1N1 flu virus speeded at breakneck speed, a team of scientists are close behind. They are watching its evolution through a cutting-edge technology in hopes of answering the question: Where did it come from — where is it going?

Their lab at the University of California-San Francisco holds a growing international collection of viral samples, including some from San Jose stabbed from the noses of sick people, since the first days of the swine flu epidemic. Genetic analysis of each sample will alert researchers to any tiny change that would create a giant problem. So far, the swine flu virus seems to be changing very slowly. But a small mutation could create resistance to drugs.

"All of the scientific sleuths are most worried about a big genetic leap — such as in 1918, when a mild variant of the 1918 H1N1 virus from California, Canada and Mexico is a virus from the same cold people that were caused merely an annoying cough.

"So far, we have no evidence that this virus is any more virulent than seasonal flu," said Dr. Charles Chiu, director of the Viral Detection and Discovery Center.

Instead, what seems to matter is the immune response of the infect ed person; while people thing it off, others get into lethal overdrive. There is also new evidence suggesting that co-infection with another virus, such as the common cold, may worsen illness.

"What we're worried about is the possibility, because it is a fundamentally new virus, that it may mutate into a form that is more virulent," Chiu said.

The ambition of the new center is to hunt down viruses whose identities and origins baffles doctors. And in time want to understand these mystery viruses at the most essential level: the sequence of its genetic code.

Upon opening in January, one of the center's first projects was to study H1N1. Its first specimen, from a young girl in Mexico, is now known to be one of the first cases of swine flu. Since then, the virus has spread to 190 countries.

But its researchers have also detected a new virus linked to a rare type of prostate cancer and another virus that causes diarrhea disease in children. In yet another project, they are collecting unusual strains of HIV from Cameroon, Africa.

While at least 20 other labs are studying the genetic structure of the flu virus through conventional sequencing, the UCSF lab is one of two in the entire nation engaged in viral discovery and "deep sequencing," seeking mutations that occur at very low frequencies.
Election results chill moderate Democrats in Congress

WASHINGTON — Already skittish moderate Democrats in Congress got fresh reasons Wednesday to worry about their votes on economic and health care legislation from the election results in Virginia and New Jersey.

Democrats from the left, right and center saw a warning in Tuesday’s results, which saw independent — who had backed Democrats in the 2006 congressional elections and President Barack Obama last year — switch their votes to help elect Republican governors in both states.

Democrats from swing states feel new pressure not to be perceived as too liberal. That may impede Democratic leaders’ efforts to pass a sweeping health care overhaul, especially one that includes a new government-run insurance plan, or climate change emissions-control legislation.

“The House leadership needs to pay attention to what happened in Virginia,” said Rep. Gene Taylor, D-Miss., one of 32 conservative Democrats, or Blue Dogs, in the House of Representatives.

Last year, swing voters helped Democrats to their biggest congressional victories since the mid-1990s. Once Tuesday’s two House winners are sworn in, Democrats will have 258 House members and control 60 of the 100 Senate seats.

Next year, all 435 House seats will be contested, as well as 36 Senate seats, 18 now held by each party.

Tuesday’s elections “will probably cause panic for some people,” said Rep. Michael Michaud, D-Maine, a Blue Dog. Some moderate Democrats, senators voiced similar thoughts, saying that the public’s perception is often that Washington is too responsive to voters and too eager to increase the size and cost of government.

“The American people get it. They know we’re on an unastable

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Chrysler unveils revival plan

Shawn Langlois

DEPTOIT — Chrysler lifted the hood Wednesday on a five-year plan to revive its flagging fortunes, pledging through its alliance with Italy’s Fiat to boost sales and return to profitability with a “new” lineup.

The new models will include three new Dodge sedans, with the first hitting showrooms in 2012, and perhaps a midsize truck even sooner.

Chrysler Chairman Robert Kidder kicked off a day-long presentation to hundreds of journalists and industry analysts gathered at the Chrysler Tech Center in Auburn Hills, Mich., by saying the company’s top priority is to invest to create a compelling brand and product offerings.

“It’s short, there is no ‘business as usual’ at Chrysler. There is incredible commitment to and energy for change.”

Chrysler’s new chief, Sergio Marchionne, followed up by saying Chrysler has managed to grow its cash pile to $5.7 billion, up from $4 billion in June.

He also said Chrysler had been able to stem losses on its operating arm in September.

“It’s among the first glimpses of Chrysler’s financial condition since it emerged from bankruptcy nearly five months ago.”

The new Chrysler is being incredibly parsimonious ... cheap,” Marchionne said, adding that he would return later in the day to provide details of his five-year plan for the company.

Fiat, of which Marchionne is also CEO, took a 20 percent stake in Chrysler in exchange for technology transfers and management expertise as part of Chrysler’s trip through bankruptcy. That stake could rise to 35 percent if and when certain milestones are met, such as the production of a small, fuel-efficient car in the U.S.

A Chrysler union source told this expanded plan at 35 percent stake in the company, while the rest is held by the U.S. and Canadian governments.

Chrysler, with a depth of fresh product, has been struggling to draw buyers to its showrooms even as crossover rivals are starting to show new signs of life.

While General Motors and Ford posted U.S. sales gains in October, Chrysler saw the numbers of vehicles sold drop nearly a third from where they were a year ago.

“We just aren’t seeing much in the way of positive news coming out of Chrysler these days,” Edmunds.com analyst Jessica Caldwell said. “They have just been stuck in a holding pattern over there until these Fiat plans start taking shape.”

In an effort to spur demand, Chrysler said it will roll out three new Dodge vehicles in 2012 and 2013, including a compact, a subcompact hatchback and a midsize sedan. A midsize truck is also being mulled for production in 2011.

Ralph Gilles, head of the Dodge brand, said risk-taking will be in
Obama focuses on back-to-basics education

Bill Glauber
White House Correspondent

MADISON, Wis. — On the first anniversary of his historic election victory, President Barack Obama went back to school Wednesday, quickly reviewed the last 12 months and then made a pitch for the future with a $4 billion education reform proposal.

In appearance at James C. Wright Middle School was rich in political symbolism. In many ways, he faced a new political landscape after Republican wins in governorships in Virginia and New Jersey on Tuesday night.

And he came to a state where the Democrats are still searching for someone to run against a governor's run next year. Barrett re-

barred to run again in Virginia and New Jersey overnight.

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eral election initiative called "Race to the Top."

"We're putting over $4 billion on the table — 4% billion with a 'B' — one of the largest investments that the federal government has ever made in education reform," he said. "But we're not just handing it out to the states because they want it. We're not just handing it out based on population. It's not just going through the usual political formulas. We're challenging states to compete for it."

"We're saying to states, if you are committed to real change in the way you educate your children; if you're willing to hold yourselves more accountable and if you develop a strong plan to improve the quality of education in your state, then we'll offer you a big grant to help make that plan a reality.

States will compete for the cash.

The program's goals are designed to toughen academic standards, retain good teachers and transform poorly performing schools.

In order to be eligible for the money, states must remove firewalls between student achievement data and teacher evaluations. Obama said.

Obama also said the program will "encourage states to take a better approach when it comes to charter schools and other innova-

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WORD ON THE STREET

"How can the campus be greener and waste less food?"

"Perhaps, they could give (leftovers) to homeless but consider health safety. Giving it would be a cool way to not waste." - Josh Gitel, mechanical engineering senior

"I think the campus should hand out them to the leftovers so that they can be donated to food pantries and homeless shelters that need it." - Ashley Lewis, nutrition senior

"I think you can donate to homeless downtown because I feel really sorry for them." - Marcelo Punches, environmental horticulture sciences senior

"I definitely think we need to be composting food and get more electric vehicles, bike and more people taking alternative transportation like the bus and bikes." - Karl Gurney, environmental management and protection junior

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SACRAMENTO (MCT) — On Saturday, 10 days after Scott Hawkins was beaten to death inside his dormitory at California State University, Sacramento, his parents got a letter in the mail. It contained a bill from the University of California Davis Medical Center for $2,086.30 along with a letter form addressed "Dear Patient" that implied they were indigent and stated that the hospital no longer could provide them services.

"UC Davis can no longer provide follow-up care or any other non-emergency care to you," it read. "Please go to a County clinic for all non-emergency care or go to a referral to another doctor.

For Gerald and Elizabeth Hawkins, it was just too much to bear. "It was just devastating and insulating," Gerald Hawkins said. "It's just too hard to grasp for words. My wife and I were near collapse."

The couple said the mailing tone at the wounds opened by the loss of their 23-year-old son.

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evidence in its new crop of cars and trucks, "Every car that we have will have a soul," he said.

Overall, 21 new vehicles, co-developed with Fiat, will be launched between 2010 and 2014, the company said.

With regards to Chrysler's woeful quality reputation, Doug Betts, the executive in charge of fixing it, said the company has overhauled how it goes about addressing the problems.

"We are not in denial," he said. "We've got an issue to deal with both in terms of what people think of our quality and the reasons behind what they think."

Democrats

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Any legislation that's seen as too expensive and expansive could cause trouble back home, moderates said, particularly if the economy continues to lag.

"Remember, said another Blue Dog, Rep. Allen Boyd of Florida, "the party in control always gets blamed."

Democratic leaders point to the economic stimulus as their key achievement. Unemployment remains high at almost 30 percent, however, and a lot of lawmakers are growing increasingly concerned that their constituents don't see the stimulus helping and view the health care bill as a government boondoggle.

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International

CARACAS,Venezuela (MCT) — A U.S.-mediated pact reached last week that aims to return deposed Honduran President Manuel Zelaya to office and end the country's destabilizing political crisis is in danger of unraveling as Honduras' Congress takes time to consider the deal.

Zelaya's supporters say that failure to approve it in the next few days would kill the final opportunity to legitimize this month's presidential elections by keeping a government in power that no foreign leader has recognized.

KARACHI, Pakistan (MCT) — With paramilitary Rangers deployed to prevent terrorist attacks on the hotel, Pakistani designers and models challenged firebrand militants and Taliban insurgents Wednesday by staging the country's first "Fashion Week" in Karachi.

Models strode down the catwalk in couture fashion that was elegant, racy and indefensibly Pakistani, a riot of colorful style and a show of women's flesh that's considered scandalous in this conservative Muslim country.

The 2009 Fiat 500 was on display at the Chrysler Group LLC 2010-2014 Business Plan presentation on Wednesday, at Chrysler Group LLC headquarters in Auburn Hills, Michigan.

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performing poorly, they’ll be shut down. But when innovative public schools are succeeding, they shouldn’t be stilled — they should be supported,” Obama said. He challenged states “to align their assessments with high standards — because we shouldn’t just raise the bar, we should prepare our kids to meet it.”

Obama said: “What we want to do is finally get testing right.”

In the most personal part of his speech, Obama told a story about the role of education in the life of his daughter Malia, a sixth-grader.

She once came home with a score of “80 something” on a test and said she did “pretty well.”

“I said, ‘No, no, no. Our goal is 100 percent and up,’ Obama said.

Recently, Malia became depressed because she got a 73 on a science test, Obama said. But she then started to talk of changing her study habits and reading “the whole chapter.”

Malia came home Tuesday and said she had gotten a 95.

“She said, ‘I just like having knowledge,’” Obama said. “That’s what she said. What was happening was she had started wanting it more than us. Now once you get to that point, our kids are on their own.”

School principal Nancy Evans told the students that they were experiencing what would become “an amazing memory.”

“The president of the United States of America is here in the same place where you walk the halls, where you learn, where you accept the absolute challenge to do your best,” she said.

The president’s speech capped an exciting day at the middle school.

Before the speech, Tara Stamps, a 13-year-old eighth-grader, was having trouble accepting the fact that she was about to see Obama in person.

“I just don’t believe this,” Stamps said. “I thought it was all fake. I’ve stacked my head a couple of times to see if it was dreaming.”

Stamps and her classmates settled into the gym’s bleachers more than 90 minutes before Obama’s arrival.

The gym also doubles as the school’s lunch room, but on Wednesday it was transformed into an area to meet the president. Obama spoke from a podium beneath a basketball hoop, in front of a backdrop featuring the title of his education initiative, “Race To the Top.”

Barbara Pietz, an eighth-grade math teacher, said she arrived at school at her regular time of 7:45 a.m. She spoke with the students and prepared for what was a special day.

“We had our first and second hours like normal, but in our third hour, we had lunch in our classroom,” she said. “We’ve been doing a lot of talking about how excited everyone is and what a wonderful opportunity this is.”

Many of the students wore T-shirts with a silk screen of Obama’s portrait and the slogan “Obama — Doing Things the Wright Way.”

President Barack Obama spoke to students, teachers and parents at James C. Wright Middle School in Madison, Wisconsin.

Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett is introduced by President Barack Obama at James C. Wright Middle School in Madison, Wisconsin.

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"The Fourth Kind" is a waste of time

Director Olatunde Osansanmi's debut feature "The Fourth Kind" is billed as an abduction movie based on factual evidence and events. It uses "archival footage" accompanied with reenactments performed by actors to try and explain mysterious disappearances and deaths occurring in a small Alaskan town.

Prior to walking into the advanced screening of the film last night at the Palm Theatre, my television had already been barraged with ads for the film, marketing it as one of "the most innovative adaptations of true accounts you will ever see." What it actually turns out to be is an overdone alien thriller that tries so hard to be real that it ironically emits a sense of... to put it bluntly: bullsh*t.

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Controversial movie marketed in new ways

Will Taylor
Arts editor

The Palm Theatre had only a few empty seats as the opening credits of the paranormal thriller "The Fourth Kind" rolled to claps and multiple cheers of "I love free stuff" by Cal Poly students, who were treated to the movie free of charge four days earlier than national audiences. The free screening for Cal Poly students is one part of NBC Universal's two-pronged marketing campaign, the other being viral, or word of mouth, marketing.

NBC Universal approached the Palm Theatre and Associated Students Incorporated (ASI) about a possible pre-screening of the film to help promote it. ASI pays nothing for the movie and gets free handbills and posters to help advertise. The Palm is rented out for the evening and the income from that is comparable to a normal night of movies, Cameron Bowman, general manager of the Palm said.

The idea behind the free showing is that it will create a conversation about the film in a key demographic group, Miss Bullock, ASI programs director said.

"It's something special and exciting," Bullock said. "It is only for Cal Poly students before the movie is ever released. (NBC Universal) wants to generate this kind of buzz about their new movies."

There is quite a buzz already surrounding the movie on the Internet. The claim that the film is based on actual events has gotten people talking.

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An episode of a cheesy show on the Sci-fi channel then it does a major motion picture.

That being said, the "real" footage is often pretty eerie and without a doubt the most convincing aspect of the film. Partly because some actors do a better job of causing suspense then their more famous counterparts in the reenactments. These scenes are also aided by a 8mm-amconder and some shot special effects.

In the end, the film's biggest problem will be the inevitable comparisons to the recent mega hits, "Paranormal Activity," "Para­normal Activity" is still finding success at the box office, and audiences have already been treated with an innum­erable use of handheld camera in order to create a more frightening experience. "The Fourth Kind" is a perfect example of a possibly smart idea released at the wrong time that unfortunately relies on too many clichés and foreseeable Hollywood scenarios.

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Eco art to be displayed at FrameWorks gallery

Kara Dimitriou

Artwork made from reclaimed or reused materials including eggshells and obsolete Polaroid cameras will be on display today at the 4th annual ECO Art Reception and Benefit at FrameWorks Gallery, where 15 per­cent of the proceeds will be donated to The Land Conservancy of San Luis Obispo County to protect the Black Lake Preserve.

This is a great event to attend because it's a bit off the beaten path,” gallery director Sara Eggert said. "It is edgy and shows a different and fun way of using art."

Art ECO was created by Eggert as an outgrowth of passion for con­structing art from reclaimed mate­rials. This venue allows her and other artists to exhibit their unique creations while participating in an event that assists the community.

There are 13 local artists par­ticipating, who have created func­tion­al pieces as well as art for this green design event. Eggert constructed two of the pieces that will be at the event—a cross titled “Mixed Blessing” and a piece called “Killing Time” named after a quite okay movie.

"I'm drawn to explore and combine found materials and fused glass in abstract and visually appealing ways," Eggert said of her art.

Another artist, Maggie Ragatz, created "Eva on the Half-Shelf" and "Shell Shindig." Both these works are made of egg shells assembled in an imaginative approach. She came about the design after collecting blue Araucia egg shells from a food shelf box.

"My strategy is boarding mate­rials until an idea comes," Ragatz said.

This will be the first time this one-of-a-kind artwork has been seen in the country. The art was chosen through a submission process whereby each artist had to present their work along with a description, title, pricing and materials used. Art ECO will be held at Frame­Works at 309 Market Street from 6 to 9 p.m.
National debt, worry on the rise as economic woes continue

I heard some scary things this week. I overheard a masked man with chummers chasing down folks in the Cal Poly campus and CNN's report that the hate crimes legislation hidden in the defense spending bill has been signed into law by Obama. However, the spokesperson thing I heard was the report from the Bureau of Public Debt as of Monday, America is $11,868,457,477,911.34 in the red. Obviously, $11.9 trillion will not pay itself back. This debt must be repaid by the borrower. The U.S. government. The primary source of revenue for the U.S. government is taxation; this means we pay down this debt; the government will have to decrease spending or increase taxes. Judging from history, the chance of a significant decrease in government size and spending is unlikely until a total government overhaul occurs. Therefore, that $11.9 trillion will be paid by you and me, the taxpayers.

Consider this the U.S. Census Bureau's report that as of July 2008 the U.S. population is 304,995,724. This means that if the national debt were split evenly over all Americans, each of us would have to pay $39,688.47.

Pops in overall popularity in the US in their categories (cola, diet cola, lemon lime, and orange). And the fact that the vending machines and fountain works and you can see the buttons now helps a lot since Pepsi just let everything degrade.

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May be instead of spending thousands on new televisions for VGS, they could have at least bought new chairs instead of spraying paint on the old ones which now rub black flakes all over your clothes. And those coaches are like sitting on bones. Also, Baja Surf had a line out the door last year, but I think the big turnaround was the half hour you would have to wait for the food (location was also hidden too). I do really like the switch to Coke and think it was the better choice regardless of price. Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite, and Fanta lead

national debt was split evenly over all the people, each of us would have to pay $39,933. Ignoring the fact of ever compounding interest and growing government spending, to pay back the federal deficit right now, the federal government would need to take $39 thousand out of your bank account. I understand this is a simplistic view of national debt; however, increased taxation is one of the few options that would allow government to maintain its current size of spending habits. If taxes were used to pay down government debt, taxation would have to grow with the federal spending. This would mean more and more of our hard earned dollars would be taken away. Money we could use to buy groceries, textbooks, and fuel would be given to the government to pay down a debt we are already paying.

The Government Accountability Office's Citizen's Guide to the 2008 Financial Report of the United States Government reports, "The Government Accountability Office identifies the following categories within these entitlement programs as currently structured are not sustainable: Without changes, spending for Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid would permanently and dramatically increase the government's budget deficit and debt, leading eventually to reduced federal spending. The Government Accountability Office estimates that growing obligations in entitlement spending will cause these programs' mandatory spending to exceed government revenue around 2030. The Government Accountability Office reports that the primary risk category within these entitlement programs is health care costs. Government spending, primarily on social programs such as health care, has pushed the United States to the brink of bankruptcy. Most politicians ludicrously believe economic failure can be avoided by expanding already bloated government programs. They think that increasing government spending will somehow make our problems disappear. The health care legislation currently under debate clearly shows this. However, no one can spend their way out of debt, not even the U.S. government.

The three available options to address the national debt are no spending, and remain on the current course to economic failure, increase taxes or decrease government spending. Neither a decrease in spending failure or increased taxation is desirable. Therefore, decreasing government debt through spending reduction is the only safe and effective way to assure financial stability and sustainability.

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Melissa
In response to "Swine flu vaccine is here"
One of the things that is need-ed at this moment is a centralized place where less redundant/creative design ideas can be nurtured. A place where this power can be harnessed, released and spread through the campus (and beyond).

Jorge
In response to "Utilizing Power-house as sustainability center at Cal Poly"
NOTE: The Mustang Daily features select comments that are written in response to articles posted online. Though not all the responses are printed, the Mustang Daily prints comments that are coherent and foster in-telligent discussion on a given subject.
I'm sure that a portion of Republicans on campus are under the impression that if the Republicans win in Tuesday's election and probably even believe that they are evidence of a comeback from the party's embarrassing losses in the 2008 election and that the president and House and Senate Democrats are losing credibility with the American public. However, winning two gubernatorial races in Virginia and New Jersey and one senatorial in New York is a mandate from the American people for the Republican ideology, nor is it a sign that the American people oppose the Democratic House and Senate proposals or President Obama. Winning three positions in those states is merely a sign that these states, the Republican Party had stronger candidates in their particular local areas.

And I give them full credit for having stronger candidates. The Democratic losses, which were the result of a non-credible or insignificant campaign tactics, I so dislike from the Republican Party — particularly in the New Jersey governor's race, in which incumbent Governor Corzine railed Republican Chris Christie (the eventual winner) for his weight. No one ever expected Virginias gubernatorial candidate Creigh Deeds, a Democrat, who has campaigned was lackluster from the beginning. Not to mention the fact that for the past 32 years, the winner of the Virginia gubernatorial race has always been from the opposite party as the President of the United States. It simply fits the trend that a Republican would win this election because a Democrat won the White House.

But the really important story to emerge from this election is the interesting turn of events in New York's 23rd District contest for a one-year seat in the House of Representatives. If any contest Tuesday has national implications, it's this one. And before vitriolic Republican attacks start typing an angry smear response, it's not just because Bill Owens, the Democrat, ended up winning.

No, this story is here is a Republican. She's not a hero because she upholds my values (she doesn't) or because she helped a Democrat win, but because she took a stand for principles and reason in an ideological environment that favors neither.

The 23rd District contest started out with three candidates, Bill Owens ran as a Republican, Dede Sczazafava ran as a Republican, and Doug Hoffman ran as a Conservative. Since the 23rd District has been a conservative district for the past century, it makes sense that two conservative candidates would run. At first, Dede Sczazafava was ahead in the polls. But then Sarah Palin, Rush Limbaugh, Glenn Beck and the tea baggers started getting involved. They said that because of her support for the stimulus package, abortion rights, and gay rights, she was too liberal for the Republican Party. And then they threw their weight behind Hoffman.

The weekend before the election, struggling in the polls, Sczazafava shocked everyone when she dropped out of the race and shifted her support to Democrat Bill Owens. Explaining her decision to Syracuse newspaper The Post-Standard, Sczazafava lamented, "The amount of hate and lies and the deceitfulness," don't believe that Republicans are men of narrow vision, who are afraid of the future.

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Matsui leads Yankees to 27th World Series title

After starting the year with a tough schedule, the Yankees battled their way to a highest ranking of 16, despite a 1-2 start. Following a low last week to the unranked Fighting Sioux, Cal Poly has lost national attention and a top-25 ranking.

North Dakota ended Cal Poly's longest win streak this season — two wins.

Cal Poly struggled offensively last week in its second conference game of the season. With one of the most dominant rushing attacks in the Pac-12, the Mustangs hit a roadblock against the Fighting Sioux, a 62-yard showing — more than 100 yards lower than their season average heading into the contest.

Wide-out Dominique Johnson caught 12 passes for 131 yards, the highest receiver production since Kames Baker last year.

The Mustangs have enjoyed success on the gridiron in recent years. Cal Poly boasts six consecutive winning seasons and three Great West Conference titles in the last five years, including NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision playoff berths in both 2005 and 2008.

Cal Poly has won 68 percent of its games during back-to-back seasons in each of the last six seasons. In each of the last two seasons, the Mustangs have won seven or more games — the longest streak in school history.

With three games left this season, that streak is in jeopardy.

UC Davis, which went 5-7 last season, and has gone 12-6-1 in seven seasons under coach Bob Briggs.

The Aggies returned 31 lettermen, including 12 starters, from its second-straight losing campaign after posting 37 consecutive winning seasons.

The Aggies have three of their first four games against the likes of Fresno State, Montana and Boise State, then won three-straight against South Dakota, Winston-Salem State and Portland State before having the streak snapped at Southern Utah last week, 56-15, surrendering 42 first-half points.

Quarterback Greg Dedman has completed 198 of 330 passes (60 percent) for 2,063 yards and 15 TDs.

Chris Carter is his most productive target, boasting 64 receptions for 685 yards while Bakari Grant has 34 catches and Sean Orozco has 32. Joe Trumbo has rushed for 309 yards and four scores while John Reese has 252 rushing yards. The Aggies average just 94.4 yards on the ground but 268.9 through the air.

Cal Poly and UC Davis are just two of four teams that hold 4-4 overall records in the Great West. But Poly and Davis are at the bottom of the conference. Southern Utah and North Dakota are tied atop the conference with 2-1 Great West Conference records.

After 34 meetings between the Mustangs and Aggies, starting in 1939, the series is all tied at 16-16-2. Cal Poly has won the last three games, including 63-28 in 2007 at Davis and 51-28 last year in San Luis Obispo. Against the Mustangs, the Aggies are 10-7 at home and 5-9-2 in Davis.

Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. at Aggie Stadium.
Fullback Jordan Yocum (30) leads the Mustangs in rushing with 381 yards with one touchdown, despite losing some playing time to fullback Jake Romanelli. Even with the 62-yard performance last week against North Dakota, the Mustangs rank 25th in the FCS in rushing yards per game.

Cal Poly, which earned the No. 1 seed in the Big West Conference Women's Soccer Tournament, will host UC Irvine at 7 p.m. Thursday.

The Mustangs enter the game on a seven-game win streak and have won 11 of the last 12 contests. After defeating UCSD 1-0 on Sunday, Cal Poly is 13-5-0 overall while UC Irvine earned the No. 4 seed by tiebreaker and posts a 12-6-2 record.

UC Irvine got the bid based on goal differential after ending the regular season tied with Cal State Fullerton and Pacific.

Tanya Taylor and Dana Sandelin each have scored six goals and have four assists to lead the team. UC Irvine has held opponents scoreless in 16 of its 20 games, while Cal Poly opponents have scored 26 goals, allowing 0.93 goals per game with a save percentage of 77.9.

The team enters the match having won its last two games, shutting out both Long Beach State and Gonzaga.

Coral Hoover moved up to fourth in the national rankings with a .917 save percentage and currently ranks 26th in goals against average with 0.99. As a team, Cal Poly is seventh in the nation with a 0.84 save percentage.

Cal Poly’s 13 wins this season is the most the team has had since 2003 when the team was 18-2-2, earning a bid in the NCAA Tournament but losing in the first round to Arizona State. That team was also the last team to record six consecutive shutouts.

Cal Poly has scored 26 goals this season coming from 12 different players. Gummos leads the team with five goals while Carl Kobinski has four, Morgan Miller, and Julianne Grinstead each have three and five players hold one.

For the second time this season the Mustangs are receiving votes in the NSCAA Poll. Stanford, Cal Poly’s first opponent of the season has swept all 12 first place votes while other Cal Poly opponents who have appeared in the top-25 have dropped out. Also receiving votes early in the year was Long Beach State.

Women’s soccer hosts Big West tourney game