Police capture carjacking suspect

Ryan Soqui had been on the run since late Wednesday evening after incident on Cal Poly campus

Katie Koschalk

Police have captured a kidnapping/carjacking suspect they had been searching for since Wednesday evening. At approximately 6 p.m. Nov. 6, police took Soura Beach resident Ryan Soqui into custody at a rest stop in Gaviota, Calif., near Highway 101.

Earlier on Friday, police received information that Soqui was going to Santa Barbara to visit a friend, Chris Newman. They conducted surveillance on Newman's car, a white Toyota Camry. After some time, police confirmed that Newman had a male passenger in the car. After confirming it was Ryan Soqui, Police found a black and chrome BB gun that matched the description of the gun used in the carjacking.

Police suspect Soqui of being responsible for the kidnapping/carjacking and robbery of Cal Poly student Yi Tak Choi on Wednesday night on Campus Way near the Health Center.

The San Luis Obispo campus was buzzing with people as the men's soccer game was about to begin. Choi was driving a silver 2009 Audi A6, and was allegedly approached by a man from outside her car while she was in stop-and-go traffic near a stop sign. According to police, she asked for directions through a rolled-down car window.

Bill Watton, the Chief of Police at the University Police Department, said that despite rumors people being around, the situation would not have appeared threatening or abnormal to witnesses.

Soqui then entered Choi's car and made her drive away at gunpoint.

"She was very fearful at that point. She pulled out a handgun near the area of Foothill and California and told her to go South on the freeway and exit at Los Osos," Watton said.

After switching to the driver's seat, Soqui ordered the girl to take him to an ATM, where she could withdraw money. Watton said the girl directed him back to an ATM machine on Foothill Blvd.

Police say Soqui waited in the car as the girl walked up to the ATM to withdraw money. Seeing an opportunity for escape, the girl sprinted to Nick's, a restaurant located on Foothill Blvd. and within close proximity to the ATM. When Soqui saw her enter the restaurant, he took off in her car.

Capt. Chris Staley of the San Luis Obispo Police Department said that the victim made the right choices to best ensure her safety.

"My advice to her is that she did the right thing by listening to his instructions and cooperating with him initially. She took the opportunity when she saw it to flee the suspect, which was a good decision," Staley said.

Soqui allegedly drove the car to Greenville, Beach, where a sheriff's deputy recognized the vehicle around 10:15 p.m. A short pursuit ensued. The car Soqui was driving eventually went over an embankment and off the road. When the authorities got to the car, Soqui had already exited. They did, however, find that somewhere along the way, Soqui had picked up a passenger, who allegedly was not involved in the crime. After detaining the passenger, authorities tracked Soqui to an abandoned house that they suspected he was hiding in. Watton said.

November 4th, 6:45pm

Soqui is arrested at a rest stop off Highway 101.

November 6th, 6:00pm

Police receive info that Soqui is in Isla Vista with Chris Newman.

November 5th, 3:30am

SWAT team moves in on abandoned house but fail to find Soqui.

November 8th, 10:16pm

Police stop Soqui in the stolen car and chase him from yard to yard. Police think he is holding out in an abandoned house and call in the SWAT team.

November 4th, 8:45pm

Yi Tak Choi is carjacked of Campus way and Crandall way by Ryan Soqui.

Students torn over post-graduate decisions

Leticia Rodriguez

Social sciences senior Emily Hill is excited about the prospect of attending graduate school for her major in anthropology. She wants to study with new professors and gain more well-rounded intellectual experience.

Even with the option of gradua­
ting school and the bad economy, some students still choose to take a chance in the job market directly after graduation. School can offer advancements later in a career while an immediate job offers experience, something many employers look for in a potential employee.

But what's the better option? If the truth is to be found through statistics, it seems that many students feel graduate school is the wisest choice.

Nationally-wide, graduate school enrollment numbers have steadily increased in all industries. In a study released by the Council of Graduate Schools, a graduate advancement organization, roughly 52,500 more students enrolled in graduate school between fall 2007 and fall 2008, a jump from the 1.6 million students in 2006. Taking the same time, Cal Poly saw the overall number of undergraduate students applying to graduate school increase from approximately 395 to 407 but noted a 1 percent decrease in the total number of graduating students attending graduate school. Even so, in the last 10 years, the number of Cal Poly graduates attending graduate programs has stayed between 18-24 percent.

For Hill, the choice to attend has a lot to do with her need to differ­
etize herself from the competition in her field. In anthropology, you really can't get anywhere without going to grad school," she said. "Soon enough, get­
ing a bachelor's is going to be like getting your high school diploma. People are so stressed these days, so it really steps up the competition."

Daniel Walsh, senior associate dean of the College of Engineer­
ing, calls himself an "unabashed ad­
vocate for graduate programs" and credits many of his life experiences with his decision to get a master's and a Ph.D. A particular goal of his is to encourage the students with 2.5 grade point averages as well as the 3.5 and 4.0 students to pursue further educational options. But his main priority is to make sure that students make an informed choice before applying to graduate school or jobs.

"I don't think enough of our stu­
dents who look at graduate school as an option. I have done things. I have been places that I would never have been, in my opinion. If I have gotten a Ph.D," Walsh said. "Our business at Cal Poly should be the people who want to get that mas­
ter's degree. This is just a logical ex­tension of what we do and do well. And that's for everybody, that's liberal arts, that's science and math."

Debra Valencia-Laver, associ­
dean for the College of Liberal Arts, said all students should enter Cal Poly planning to go to graduate school regardless of their major or their actual plans, because it keeps doors open. Her biggest advice is to speak to a professor before graduat­
ing about writing a reference letter. While Carol Moore, program co­
advisor and career counselor for Career Services, agrees that a gradu­
ate program isn't for everyone, she thinks that in the long run, there is no harm in furthering education.

"I'm an educator, so I think get­
ing an education is always a good thing," she said. "Grad school is never going to hurt you; education is never going to kill you. This is a good time to go."

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nor, said that she is going to take extra precautions, including staying out of dark alleyways, always locking doors and always trying to travel in groups.

I want people to know that this is a safe campus. It still is. Things like this will happen from time to time.

—Bill Watton
University police chief

Airport officers covertly keep an eye out for suspicious behavior

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FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — You might not see them. But they’re studying you.

To identify dangerous people, the Transportation Security Administration has stationed specially trained behavior detection officers at 165 U.S. airports. The officers can be positioned anywhere, from the parking garage to the gate, trying to spot passengers who show an unusual level of nervousness or stress.

They don’t focus on national­ists, race, ethnicity or gender, said Sari Koshetz, spokeswoman for the TSA.

“We’re not looking for a type of person, but at behaviors,” she said.

The program started in Boston in 2003, expanded to Miami in 2006 and then to Fort Lauderdale in 2007.

Under the program, a sus­picious passenger might be given a secondary security screening or re­ferred to police; detection officers don’t have powers of arrest.

Last year, officers nationwide required 98,805 passengers to un­dergo additional screenings. Police questioned 9,854 of them and ar­rested 813.

While the TSA doesn’t break down the numbers for individual airports, each week the officers re­quire dozens of travelers in Miami and Fort Lauderdale to submit to secondary screenings.

In one case, in March 2008, detection officers noticed a pas­senger about to board a flight from Fort Lauderdale to Charlotte, N.C. During a secondary screening, of­ficers found 209 grams of the drug Ecstasy, with a street value of $2.5 million, in a carry-on bag. The traveler was arrested.

In other instances, travelers have been arrested on charges of drug trafficking, possessing fraudulent documents and having outstand­ing warrants, Koshetz said.

In February 2008, detection of­ficers at Miami International Air­port noted that a passenger had suspicious travel documents and was acting oddly. When he was flagged for a secondary screening, he bolted.

Local police and TSA officers chased the man, who ran out of the terminal and jumped off a second-story road onto a sidewalk. He broke an arm and was arrested on charges of resisting arrest, disor­derly conduct and possessing sev­eral IDs.

It’s not easy to spot detection officers. Working in teams of two

and clad in TSA uniforms, they blend in with those performing

crime checks at the security checkpoint.

While they don’t require any previous background in behavior analysis, the officers are chosen based on their intelligence, maturi­ty and ability to work with people, the TSA said.

Officers undergo four days of behavior training, which includes trying to spot suicide terrorists, and then receive 24 hours of on­the-job training.

On a recent Monday, detection officers Juan and Humberto (the Sun Sentinel is not revealing their last names to protect their covert status) eyeballed hundreds of pas­sengers at Fort Lauderdale-Holly­wood International Airport.

After noticing a passenger with red eyes who was holding a large carrying case, Juan started a friendly conversation with the man. Such chats allow an officer to "immediately tell whether a traveler has malicious intentions,” Juan said.

As it turned out, the case con­tained a musical amplifier and the man was simply an audiophile. "He was pretty calm,” Juan said.

Humberto said he has assessed people as diverse as businessmen in suits and mothers with screaming children.

“When somebody’s trying to hide something, it’s going to show,” he said.

Koshetz said the TSA has es­tablished specific criteria for what is considered normal behavior "in an airport environment.” She said officers react only if a passenger strays from those guidelines, which the TSA declines to reveal for se­curity purposes.

The observation of passengers doesn’t end in the airport.

On an undisclosed number of domestic and international flights, federal air marshals pick up where the behavior detection officers leave off.

The marshals blend in with pas­sengers and work covertly to spot suspicious behavior, said Nelson Minnery, spokesman for the Federal Air Marshal Service, which also falls under the TSA.

“If the public can’t find us, the bad guys can’t find us either,” said

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UC Berkeley students make world-record California sushi roll

Sean Maher

BERKELEY, Calif. — It began with ninja and it ended with sushi, and somewhere in the middle hundreds of sushi rolls set a new world record.

The world's longest California roll was made on the University of California, Berkeley campus Sunday, according to Coned-General of Japan's Unisushi Magazine. Organizers lined up dozens of six-foot tables that were manned by volunteer students and campus employees and created 330 feet of California roll, complete with avocado, cucumber and tuna-crab meat.

At the end of the roll, an additional 15 feet of vegetarian California roll substituted for the meat.

The previous record of 300 feet was set in Hawaii in 2001. Berkeley spokeswoman Kathleen McCay said.

The first table to begin rolling all the ingredients together was staffed by members of the Japanese Graduate & Researchers Society, who dressed in ninja costumes largely assembled from thrift stores.

"Ninja mask, a dollar-fifty Plastic ninja sword, a dollar-fifty. Making the world's longest California roll! Priceless," said Ph.D. graduate Eri Takahashi.

The roll was made from 200 pounds of dry rice, 40 pounds of fish, the latter donated by the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute.

"We're trying to raise some awareness for people who eat seafood, that Alaskan fishing is all sustainable," spokeswoman Jann Dickerson said. "Scientists track things like salmon runs to determine how many will be spawned each year, and fisheries are limited in how much they can catch based on that. It's written into the state constitution."

The event was the latest in a series of celebrations for the 50th anniversary of UC's Center for Japanese Studies, professor Dan Williams said.

"A lot of what we're talking about is Japanese hybrids, where Japan meets the world. The California roll is a good example of that," Williams said.

"Food is always dynamic. There is no such thing as a pure cuisine. It's always changing for the people who make it and eat it."

The yearlong celebration ends in December and will include a summit meeting of the heads of Japanese studies departments from across the United States to discuss the future of their field, Williams said.

Grad school

Students Amy Yee, left, and Andrew Wilson at the University of California, Berkeley, wet down seaweed as they work to construct a 330-foot-long California sushi roll on Sunday for Japanese Studies, professor Dan Williams said.

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Police, Rangers join quest for evidence, answers at Fort Hood

David Lightman

WASHINGTON — Any momentum from Saturday’s historic House approval of a sweeping health care overhaul is likely to be short-lived as the focus moves to the Senate, where progress has been stalled for weeks.

Washington lawmakers on Sunday had two views of what the House’s 219 to 216 vote means. One was that the narrowness of the vote, with 39 Democrat opposed, showed the weakness of the bill. President Barack Obama’s top lieutenants lobbied furiously, including a presidential visit to the Capitol 11 hours before the vote. "Most of our constituents agree we have a very serious problem with the health care system, but in terms of how you fix it, the country is very divided," said Rep. Allen Boyd, D-Fla., one of the Democrats who voted no.

The other view was that the House vote was a major victory, the furthest any proposed health care overhaul has gotten since Medicare was created in 1965. No final health care overhaul will be easy. Obama, in a Sunday statement, praised "a courageous vote for many members of Congress."

"For years we’ve been told this couldn’t be done," he said. "After all, neither chamber of Congress has ever been able to pass a comprehensive health insurance reform bill." Last night, the House proved differently.

The bill would create a government-run health care insurance plan to compete with the private sector, bar insurers from denying coverage because of pre-existing conditions and require most people to obtain coverage.

In the Senate, the views of eight to 12 moderates must be accommodated before anything can move. Congressional centrists, as well as many freshmen and sophomores, House members in swing districts, have said for some time their constituents are questioning whether more government will help ease their immediate financial worries. The message was reinforced Tuesday, when Republican candidates won governorships in Virginia and New Jersey with the help of independent voters.

"More people in my district are expressing concern than support" for the House health care bill, said Rep. Rick Boucher, D-Va., who represents the more rural, far western part of the state. "I’ve heard it." Even some who supported the House bill Saturday explained they were doing so largely to keep the legislative process alive.

The reason for moving to is to advance cause of health care reform by forcing the Senate to act," said Rep. Jim Cooper, D-Tenn. "Without passage of this House bill, the Senate could delay reform indefinitely.

Senate moderates have been just as wary. "We don’t see where we can reach any conclusions (about legislation) until we see the whole package," said Sen. Kent Conrad, D-N.D. "Until you’ve seen the whole bill, you just don’t know," added Sen. Ben Nelson, D-Neb.

One of their concerns — similar to those of House swing districts — involves the new system’s finances. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office pegged the House bill’s 10-year price at a net $891 billion and said it would cut the deficit by $109 billion. But skeptical lawmakers said they could hardly go home, where people are out of work and the economy is in a steep recession, and argue a new trillion dollar program is essential.

A couple of Senate leaders tried to counter those fears by issuing a 14-point list of provisions that the bill offers, including a ban on lifetime coverage limits, a requirement that insurance programs allow young people to remain on their parents’ policies until they’re 27 and a reduction of the coverage gap, or donut hole, in the Medicare prescription drug program.

But other key features of the bill, and the ones that will cost the most, don’t take effect until 2013. People will help with their economic problems now, some Democrats argue. "The cost of this bill for the taxpayer is too high," said Rep. Ben Chandler, D-Ky.

And, some members said, while a fix is needed, it should be change that "doesn’t fundamentally change a system with which most Americans are satisfied," said Rep. Bobby Bright, D-Ala.

Many moderates indicated they couldn’t back legislation if they could go home and explain, with ease, how the cost of health care would go down, pre-existing conditions would not be cause for higher premiums or rejections, and no one would face losing their life savings if they got a serious illness.

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Rep. Stephanie Herseth Sandlin, D-S.D., no vote, said she was “optimistic” that something can be worked out. So were others.

“Some on the far left would like to see the federal government run a socialized health care system. None on the far right would get the government completely out of health care, which would mean the elimination of Medicare and Medicaid,” said Rep. Chet Edwards, D-Texas. “I think both extremes are wrong.”

The Senate is where those extremes tend to soften; since it takes 60 votes to overcome procedural hurdles, such as cutting off debate. Republicans signaled Sunday they don’t like what Democrats are offering.

“Americans want lower costs, less government intrusion, a simpler approach and less spending,” said GOP Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.

In the second round of votes, the political center ground was hard to find. In the House, two votes were held, both of which failed by narrow margins.

In the Senate, the first vote was held Sunday afternoon. It failed by a vote of 51-49. In the second, the Senate failed to bring the bill to the floor by a vote of 59-41.

Both votes fell far short of the simple majority needed. The legislation would have expanded Medicare, increased payments to doctors, and called for tough new cost-control measures.

The law would have also provided $87 billion in grants to states to expand health care coverage to millions of uninsured Americans.

“Everything I’ve heard a lot of people critical of his policies. I think he’s doing the best he can. It’s probably the hardest job in the world,”

Bobby Hu, economics freshman

“I think he’s trying, but don’t necessarily agree with him. But I think he’s trying his best.”

Kristen Wilkinson, business sophomore

“I think health care is where the most want lower costs. To me, it’s probably the hardest job in the world.”

Andrew Verderame, international business freshman

“I definitely don’t think he’s doing that great of a job. I know his approval rating is going down.”

Adrienne Leiby, theatre freshman

“I think he’s trying but hasn’t followed through on health care yet.”

Ryan Cole, business freshman

“I think he’s been doing what he needs to do.”

Jason Fuentes, business senior

“I don’t like it. I’m not impressed. It’s been lots of debating about health care but nothing resolved: lots of talk, no walk.”

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millon doses of vaccine.

The initial round of vaccinations will go to a prioritized list of people, starting with health care workers, then pregnant women, young children, the national army and police, then students.

Since August, the health ministry has been running a public awareness campaign aimed at stopping the spread of the disease. Raad said, but last week, it relaunched the effort, signing contracts with several TV and radio stations for about $20,000 in additional ads.

Signs in government buildings urge workers not to shake hands, to wash their hands often with soap and to use masks. Posters bearing similar messages have been placed in public locations around the city.

Even as the health ministry spreads information about prevention and treatment, though, it’s having to fight rumors that undercut the effort. A common one, because of what some regard as the suspicious timing of the emergency declaration, is that the government is exaggerating the danger to discourage gatherings to protest the outcome of the presidential election, which left to incumbent Hamid Karzai in place despite massive election fraud in his favor.

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To Afghanistan's many problems, now add the flu

A man wears a surgical face mask while walking through the central city marketplace in Kabul, Afghanistan. The government has declared a state of emergency and closed schools, universities and even wedding halls and public ballrooms for three weeks to slow the spread of the virus, which has killed 10 people in the capital in less than two weeks.

Jay Price
MCT/ASSOCIATED PRESS

KABUL, Afghanistan — As if the Taliban, car bombs, roadside bombs, leftover Soviet land mines, political unrest and errant NATO air attacks weren’t enough, Afghans now add the flu pandemic.

The government has declared a state of emergency and closed schools, universities and even wedding halls and public ballrooms for three weeks to slow the spread of the virus, which has killed 10 people in the capital in less than two weeks. Cases are popping up in provinces spanning the country, with new outbreaks reported in two more provinces on Saturday.

"There is no doubt that we have an epidemic in our country now, and we are moving into the full season when the conditions make it more likely to spread," said Ahmad Farid Raad, spokesman for the Ministry of Public Health.

The past few days, surgical face masks have bloomed like poppies on the faces of worried pedestrians along crowded streets and markets of the capital as more cases were reported. The effectiveness of such masks in preventing a wearer from catching flu is uncertain, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, but they are selling quickly in Kabul. Many vendors are bowing who would be in school except for the emergency closing.

"I would prefer to be in class, but I can sell these for 3 afghans (about 20 cents)," said Hafzuillah, he uses just a single name.

The Afghan government has distributed 1,300,000 anti-viral medicine and 10 tons of related medical supplies to 44 hospitals and clinics in the capital.

The government has advanced anti-viral medicine to treat about 50,000 flu patients, with another 30,000 doses on the way, said Raad. But there is no H1N1 vaccine on hand, although the government expects to receive 50,000 doses through the World Health Organization and is asking for 11,000 more.

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**Please Enjoy Responsibly**
"We Belong to the Earth" exhibit connects SLO to its roots

Megan Hassler

The life of an artist doesn’t normally become dangerous, but for one artist his work leads to threats.

Robert Frear’s collection of photographs of the rock paintings in the Los Padres National Forest broke friendships and were requested to be burned.

Frear is one artist featured in the “We Belong to the Earth” exhibit at the Art Center in San Luis Obispo. This exhibit was part of the Art After Dark on Friday, Nov. 6, where Frear and Linda Vallejo, another of the featured artists, participated in a presentation. While all of the artists’ work ties into the indigenous cultures of California, they are very different in their creation and subjects.

Local artist Frear spent three years working with the Los Padres National Forest and a group called Partners of Preservation on a government grant. Frear had access to many sites once home to the Chumash people that are not open to the public. He was in charge of taking pictures of the sites.

Frear also took photos of various rock paintings. The shots are featured in the exhibit.

The Chumash saw these rock paintings and carvings as personal expression. They believed that the creator was the only one who was ever supposed to look at the work. Frear’s pictures were called “blasphemous” and some asked him to burn them.

The hardest working Chumash, Native Americans originally from the Channel Islands and Santa Monica Mountains, worked three hours a day. This left them lots of free time to create the rock paintings and carvings, baskets (which could hold water), baskets (which could hold water), and canoes lined with tar (which never sprang leaks). Frear says this creativity and the need to create art is part of human nature.

Describing his work with the Los Padres National Forest he said, “It was like finding this long lost abandoned art gallery.”

The exhibit also features Linda Vallejo’s “A prayer for the Earth,” an installation of paintings, earth-based sculptures and a central mandala. Mandala translates to “circle” and this piece features a circle of pictures.

The outer images are of the pollution of the Earth, which surrounded the rest of the images of people engaged in acts of prayer. In the four corners around the mandala are four offerings with natural objects like stone, shell, rock, coral, feather, dirt, ash, obsidian, plant and tree materials. These represent the four elements: earth, fire, air and water.

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At the end of 2002, Wilco's "Yankee Hotel Foxtrot" pulled in a lion's share of the notable album of the year stampings from press outlets, ranging the spectrum from independent-minded to well, "Entertainment Weekly." Much of the love for the album came from its timing, specifically its online release only seven days after the Sept. 11 attacks.

While "Yankee Hotel Foxtrot" seemed predominantly concerned with the difficulties of a seemingly doomed relationship, its message of hope and earnestness in the wake of almost certain eventual destruction rings true for the first year of the newly-dubbed "post-9/11 era.

In the following years, its impact dimmed in the wake of political outspokenness and indie-ironic sensibility that would come to define most of the media-oriented portion of the 2000s. Earnestness and love took a backseat to detachment from feeling through irony (which was largely through their store finds and eventually largely through pseudo-dirt store finds that would point out indie subculture was really just a rebranding of the jocks you knew in high school) and political lines in the sand.

To be honest, the media image of the 2000s was very different from what we've seen in the decade we've come to know as the "post-00 era." The increasing division between detachment and earnestness that we, as a generation, still hold, "I Am Trying to Break Your Heart" came filled with self-doubt, hidden feelings and sudden earnest, drummers eludes our f

ly being destroyed, yet you still
managed to find time to have a
doomed sexual relationship with
that selfish boy or girl from your work, the third
door of your dorm room or
your Bible study group.

And because you did, "Yankee Hotel Foxtrot" was the beating heart of our mili-
tenial existence.

"Jesus, Etc." carried the soul of the album with Tweedy confounding a lover by saying, "You were right about the stars/Each one is a setting sun," as if he was still try-
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Exhibit
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for this installment since 1990. The
latest piece is from 2006.

The third artist, Sheila Pinkel, is
from Southern California and is a
professor at Pomona College. Her
Sherman Oaks Library mural from 2003 is featured in the exhibit. She
worked for two years with Tongva
Native Americans, who were in the
Los Angeles area before the Span-
ish, to help "properly represent their
culture." Pinkel's description of her
work on her Web site explains the
placement of all the elements and
how the cycle of the moon and
Tongva ritual of coaxing it out each
month relates to the mural.

The San Luis Obispo Art Center
is showcasing the exhibit from Oct.
9 through Nov. 20. When Gordon
Fuglir, the Art Center's adjunct ca-
rator, saw the "Prayer for the Earth"
exhibit he thought it would go well
with a few pieces he had seen previ-
ously. He began assembling the ex-
bhibit and contacted the artists. The
planning began over six months ago.

"We Belong to the Earth" is a setting sun," as if he was still trying to believe it. It was a song about destruction and uncertainty that revealed that for better or worse, "your love is all we have."

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Visiting Tibetan monks destroy sand mandala, lead ceremonial procession to Santa Rosa Park

Kate McIntyre

The Tibetan Buddhist monks visiting Cal Poly ended their four-day stay with a closing ceremony in which they destroyed the sand mandala they created in the University Union.

More than 60 people attended the ceremony, silently watching as the intricate design of millions of grains of colored sand was swept up and then poured into a nearby creek.

The eight monks, members of the Drepung Loseling monastery in South India, visited Cal Poly as part of The Mystical Arts of Tibet tour, which shares Tibetan culture and raises awareness of the tumultuous situation in Tibet.

Throughout the week, the monks spent hours performing their Sacred Music Sacred Dance program in the Christopher Clark Center of the Cal Poly Performing Arts Center Thursday evening.

On Friday, the closing ceremony marked the destruction of the mandala, which symbolizes the impermanence of life, showing how nothing lasts forever.

The monks began the ceremony by chanting and playing instruments, including symbols, a drum and two 12-foot horns. Then the head monk placed a small yellow flower in the middle of the mandala and peeled lines of sand from the outside of the design toward the flower. Another monk stepped in and used a brush to sweep the sand into a pile, covering the flower.

The Mystical Arts of Tibet tour was co-organized by the Drepung Loseling monastery and Richard Gene Productions. Each touring group of monks visits more than 100 cities in the United States, plus other cities worldwide. For most of the monks, this was their first tour, although some have been on multiple trips. This particular group is returning to the monastery in India in December.

Thuppen Tendhar, the monks’ translator, said the monks have enjoyed traveling to the U.S. because of the opportunity to meet people from various cultures and religions.

At first, the constant traveling was tiring, but knowing and realizing how they have contributed to peace and harmony strengthens them to continue, he said.

Tendhar said the monks are fun to travel with. He said in the van they chat, debate and sometimes play games.

He added that many of the monks said San Luis Obispo is something like a paradise, because everything is green and beautiful.

They enjoy being able to share their art and culture and raise awareness about the situation in Tibet, he said.

“As we travel from place to place we get to meet people and share. They ask questions and many people want to get involved because they hear lots about Tibet and the control of the monasteries,” he said.

He recommended that people who want to get involved should check out non-governmental organizations like International Campaign for Tibet or Students for a Free Tibet. There are others that run schools and hospitals in Tibet that also need support.

“We need better education and health care for Tibetans who have been struggling to preserve their tradition and for survival,” he said.

Eight Tibetan Monks spent four days completing a traditional sand mandala in the University Union near the information desk.

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If the U.S. looks to Canada as an example of the free market being removed from health care, I think you'll find a system that is not just getting by to par with ours. In Canada, there's less of a wait time by about two weeks for a pet to get a CT scan than there is for a human to because they let the free market take care of pets' health care; the government is in charge of people's health care. More than one million Canada rejected said it is something find a regular family doctor; some towns hold lotteries when physicians have an opening in the patient list.

The principle problem with our health insurance system is a lack of free-market mechanisms. Health insurance costs are soaring because of government involvement, not a lack thereof. Health care is too important an issue for an politician to be playing in and dictating how things should be done; instead they should be removing regulations and allowing the free market do its work.

H.R. 3962 passed the house last night, which means more regulations, more penalties, more taxes, more bureaucracy, and fewer choices for consumers. This is exactly the wrong direction we should be moving in. Let us hope that this nearly two thousand page monstrosity does not become law.

Aron Berk is a computer engineering junior and Mustang Daily political columnist.

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Mustang Daily is a "tip-top smokeshow." I don't understand why the campus community wasn't informed of this earlier. I received an email from Cal Poly Thursday at 4:28 pm, 19 hours after the abduction. I never received a text message from the Cal Poly Emergency Text Message Alert system.

Sara

In response to "Police search for sexual assault suspect who allegedly stole a car and tried to kidnap a woman" I think it is a very good idea to find ways to not throw away food. I hate throwing away food. There is no need of throwing it away, I think we should get what we are going to eat and just get the food because we can.

Aaron Berk

In response to "One-campus dining does no best to not waste food"

There should be more sidewalk ops up at Poly Canyon Village.

Anonymous

In response to "Campus Dining Spars up menu"

It's unfortunate that this kid is throwing away his life like this. The democrats get some sense knocked into them and actually decide to elect a non-extreme. I mean seriously the two biggest leaders are Obama and Pelosi, Chicago, the most corrupt city in American political. In San Francisco, the most absolutely extremist liberal. out-of-touch-with-America district in the US. If the democracy had been smart and elected John Edwards or another candidate (not Hillary Clinton) they may be in better standing.

—Mayra

In response to "One-campus dining does no best to not waste food"

—Simon

In response to "Police search for sexual assault suspect who allegedly stole a car and tried to kidnap a woman"

Somebody sounds a little bitter. By the way Scorsese career as a politician is pretty much over. She will always be remembered for this, and she won't be able to compete with democracy in primaries. She may get some small spots, but in all likelihood she is done; that is unless the democrats get some sense knocked into them and actually decide to elect a non-extreme. I mean seriously the two biggest leaders are Obama and Pelosi, Chicago, the most corrupt city in American political. In San Francisco, the most absolutely extremist liberal. out-of-touch-with-America district in the US. If the democracy had been smart and elected John Edwards or another candidate (not Hillary Clinton) they may be in better standing.

—Luke Dirks

In response to "Republican Suzzallo was the real winner on Tuesday"

You thought that it was going to be real? You are giving a movie a bad review because your perception of the film before the movie? Come on man obviously it's not gonna be real, it all BASED on true events. Do some research before you rant about about a movie. Just because you get duped by some teenage viral marketing doesn't mean you have to take it on us

—Jim

In response to "The Fourth Knight a waste of time" This article is very fascinating. In fact, in ironic that it mentioned saving the environment by using recyclable and reusable materials to make the art because I believe in go green and protecting the environment. Art has always facili- tated things and art is something that definitely catches my eye.

—Be Curhow

In response to "Tissue on display at PaintWade" The Mustang Daily is 2009.Volume LXVI. No. 36 62009

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Sustainability across California: Is Cal Poly losing its edge?

This past weekend, 25 Cal Poly students embarked on a trip to the semi-annual sustainability convergence, put on by the California Student Sustainability Coalition (CSSC), an organization made up of colleges throughout the University of California, California State University and California Community College Systems. This fall’s convergence was held at the University of California, Santa Cruz, comprised of panel discussions, student and professional-led workshops, a grand dinner and a tremendous amount of networking that took place between the 500+ student-attendees.

The convergence is an event that fosters collaborative and engaging interaction between schools from across California. It is a time to put on paper the promising sustainability models, with the hope of enticing schools to adopt similar programs regarding sustainability-based projects and initiatives at their respective campuses.

Sustaining this convergence makes the sustainability conversation a reality, but only praise people who break from their peers to support your ideals. Then, you take this as an opportunity to leverage the many merits of sustainability.

So how does Cal Poly stack up against other schools in California? Well, the truth is that Cal Poly has historically done a number of things that have propelled it in a direction of creating a more sustainable campus. These include Cal Poly’s strategic plan, student sustainability-focused classes, the designing and building of the Sather Occidental House, the energy efficiency upgrades and a variety of other projects. The reality though, is that Cal Poly has stagnated in the development of sustainability innovation from the perspective of student involvement on campus.

Of course there are projects on campus that are emphasizing forward thinking models of sustainability, such as the bio-tech project which aims to develop algae-based fuel to be used as an alternative source of energy. But where is the linkage between students, faculty and staff in developing a long lasting sustainability program that invests in funding of projects both now and into the future? Where is the commitment from the administration to take a stance on this matter that will enable Cal Poly to be a leader in sustainability. The truth is, that Cal Poly can be doing more. Much, much more.

Over the years, Cal Poly has developed a name for itself based on the poly-technic model it was founded upon. With this said, my attending the CSSC convergence in Santa Cruz this past weekend and learning of the many programs that schools across California are working on, left me apprehensive as to the lack of Cal Poly’s recent efforts to develop a holistic model for campus sustainability. If Cal Poly is to stand as a polytechnic university ahead of other schools across the nation, we must now propel our efforts to adapt towards a sustainable model by promoting the advancement of programs, initiatives and research so that every student understands the fundamentals behind local and global sustainability. It is in this sense that Cal Poly will redefine itself as a university that is spearheading this movement because the educational mission of future students to adapt to new jobs and careers upon graduation.

The bottom line is this: We as students, faculty members and administrators have the ability to set a framework for developing sustainability principles within all educational backgrounds at Cal Poly. We can be the leaders of sustainability within higher education by becoming the frontrunners in creating a healthy and prosperous future at California Polytechnic University. If you are someone who is committed to learning more about sustainability, engage yourself as a proponent of change. Come to an Empower Poly meeting to join the forces of the student sustainability group on campus.

Sure, we could sit back and watch as other schools pass us by, but wouldn’t it be better to become an exceptional model for unique ideas and inspiration?

The future simply cannot wait!

Tyler Harwick is a city and regional planning senior, Empower Poly Coalition vice president and Mustang Daily columnist.

If you’d like to contribute to “The Green Spot,” let us know at mustangdaily@gmail.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Health care bill is unpassable

“The Liberal Lense” doesn’t fail to make me laugh. The article about Scozzafava was hilarious. As for praise for Scozzafava, did you praise Joe Lieberman for branching from the Demi? I know he’s an Independent, but he traditionally backs the democrats and was criticized for opposing the Reid bill. Hurry for people like you who favor people like Lieberman, right? Nope! You only praise people who break from their peers to support your ideals. Then, you take this as an opportunity to say the Republicans are fighting against their own moderates. Why don’t you let everyone here know that a health care bill has yet to be passed due to the lack of democrat support? Democrats have a super majority and can’t get this bill passed! Why? The bill is garbage! If it’s good for America, Congress will concur in the public option, right? Wrong! They know it’s not what’s best (they just want more power) and won’t subject themselves to lesser quality health insurance! As for the real winners, they voted on Tuesday.

David Evans Lewis mechanical engineering senior

Environmental change depends on this generation

We live in a country where soda is cheaper than juice and bottled water costs more than gas. We managed to accummulate 5.9 billion metric tons of waste in one single year. Our cars average miles per gallon have risen less than 10 mpg in the last 25 years. We are the first generation that is not expected to outlive our parents. We only represent 5 percent of the world’s population, but utilize over 20 percent of its energy. And only 52 percent of our youth between the ages of 18-29 actually voted in the last presidential election.

It is time for us to take a good hard look at ourselves, and revitalize the style of life we choose to lead. Minor changes can and do make a difference. Offset your carbon footprint once a year. Volunteer once a month. Sort your recycling once a week. Think about what you consume every day. The next generation commends you: “We do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors, we borrow it from Children.”

Thomas Miller environmental protection and management minor

Men’s cross country team wins Big West Championship

The men’s cross country team won its seventh straight Big West Championship this past Saturday in Riverside. That should be special enough to be printed in the Mustang Daily, I am compelled to say that this school’s coverage of our athletes is absolutely pathetic. There have been articles about the USC—Oregon game, the Philadelphia Eagles and the ultimate frisbee club, and yet none about the best team Cal Poly has now, and has had this past decade.

Andrew Wright industrial engineering senior

Students should take advantage of free H1N1 vaccine

I am writing in regard to the “Word On The Street” segment from the Times, Nov. 3 edition of the paper. The piece asked various students the question: “Now that the Health Center has H1N1 vaccines will you get one?” I would like to encourage any student that isn’t planning on getting the shot to do so, now. If you think you are strong enough or don’t get sick, feel free to do it for other people rather than yourself if you contact H1N1 and then go visit grandma over the weekend, you could kill her. Now, I don’t know your grandma, and I am sure she’s very nice, but more than her, you need to get in for some one much more important: me, your fellow peer. This sickness is real; just recently Sacramento County’s chief public health officer recommended a state of emergency be declared in response to the accelerating spread of the H1N1 flu virus, which has killed at least 15 people in the county since April. The shot is free, so get yourself up to the Health Center and get the damn vaccine.

Tristan Negrotti communications studies senior

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Women's soccer loses in dramatic fashion

The Mustangs lose the championship to UC Santa Barbara in penalty kicks. Cal Poly awaits its fate in NCAA Tournament.

Tim Miller

**Mustang Daily**

The Cal Poly women's soccer team's season came to an end after penalty kicks once again. The Mustangs lost to UC Santa Barbara in the Big West Conference Championship at Alex G. Spanos Stadium Sunday.

The Gauchos will receive an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament. Cal Poly still has a shot to get into the tournament if they receive an at-large bid. The tournament brackets will be decided today at 3 p.m. and can be seen on ESPN News.

UCSB, the No. 3 seed, won two road games to claim the tournament championship, having first heat CSU Northridge 2-1 in Thursday's semifinal.

"I think (Cal Poly is) on the outside looking in," Santa Barbara head coach Paul Stumpf said. "Do I think they are a playoff caliber team? Yes.

The Mustangs were first to get on the board Sunday when Morgan Miller got her second goal of the season in the 40th minute. After a series of passes between Tiffany Gummock and Bianca Barrington, Barrington crossed the ball into the box where it deflected off a UCSB defender to Miller who put the ball past the goalie into the lower-right corner.

"I think the team played with a lot of heart," Miller said. "I think we all really wanted this game."

Stumpf said it would be hard to score points against the Mustangs and told his players that their defense had to be in top form in order to win.

"We're gonna have to keep them under two because they are not gonna give up three," Stumpf said.

The Gauchos evened the score in the 60th minute with a goal from Katly Robly. Robly received the ball in the middle of the field on the Mustang's end and dribbled into the box and fired one past Mustang goalkeeper Cort Olver from around 13 yards out. It was the first goal scored on Hoover and the Cal Poly defense since Oct. 4th. The Mustangs didn't allow a goal in 747 minutes, the longest streak in school history.

Hoover said she knows that she will get scored on every once in a while, and that knowledge helps her to be successful in the goal.

Both teams continued to have chances in the match but were unable to connect. UCSB's Gerrelle Ives could have had a second goal for the Gauchos but was out of position when a cross came across the front of the net and hit her in the back of the leg.

Cal Poly, who scored both goals on set plays against UC Irvine, was unable to take advantage of the 11th corner kicks or the 10 free kicks they were awarded.

"We had our chances, and we just weren't able to put the second goal in," Miller said.

Neither team had a shot on goal in either overtime period, but Cal Poly had a good opportunity in the 116th minute when Kristina Condon-Sherwood, who leads the team in assists, took a free kick from 39 yards out and put it just over the head of Johanne Grinstein.

Stumpf said that while they did want to win the game in overtime, he was confident that his team would be able to win in a shootout.

"I felt coming up here (Cal Poly) had a pretty good shot at it," he said. "I feel like since we get to PKs the chances really kinda change to like 60-40 maybe in our favor."

The Gauchos switched their goalies for the shootout, replacing Tammy Leenham with Ali Cutler. Cal Poly's Whitney Salter took the first penalty kick in the shootout and shot one just outside of the left post. One miss was all the Gauchos needed, scoring on all five of their attempts, while Cal Poly was able to score on the other four shots.

Cal Poly head coach Alex Crouzier said he thought his team played well but felt helpless during the shootout.

"Penalty kicks is just a crap shoot really," he said.

Cal Poly was the No. 1 seed in the tournament after claiming the Big West regular season championship with a conference record of 7-4-1. The Mustangs defeated UC Irvine 2-0 at home Thursday evening to get to the tournament finals.

Hoover said that going to the NCAA Tournament was one of the team goals at the beginning of the season.

"I'm crossing my fingers big, I am praying and hoping, and I think the team deserves it with what we've done this season," Miller said.

The Mustangs finished second in the Big West and will host a semifinal match against UC Irvine Nov. 11. The result came in after No. 20 UCI lost to Cal State Northridge 3-0 Saturday, which dropped them to third.

UC Santa Barbara will entertain Cal State Northridge in the other semifinal match Wednesday night.