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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

Ken Kaye

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 national­ ity, 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 sus­ picious passenger might be given a secondary security screening or re­ referred to police; detection officers don’t have powers of arrest.

Last year, officers nationwide required 98,805 passengers to un­ dergo additional screenings. Police questioned 9,854 of them and ar­ rested 813.

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

In one case, in March 2008, detection officers noticed a pas­ senger about to board a flight from Fort Lauderdale to Charlotte, N.C. During a secondary screening, of­ ficers 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 of­ ficers at Miami International Air­ port 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 sev­ eral 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 screening chores at the security checkpoint.

While they don’t require any previous background in behavior analysis, the officers are chosen based on their intelligence, maturi­ ty 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 on­ the-job training.

On a recent Monday, detection officers Juan Humberto and Humberto (the Sun Sentinel is not revealing their last names to protect their covert status) eyeballed hundreds of pas­ sengers 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 con­ tained a musical amplifier and the man was simply a musician.

“He was pretty calm,” Juan said.

Humberto said he has assessed people as diverse as business­ men 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 es­ tablished 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 se­ curety 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 pas­ sengers and work covertly to spot suspicious behavior, said Nelson Minnity, 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 noms, and somewhere in the middle hundreds of student sushi rollers set a new world record.

The world’s longest California roll was made on the University of California, Berkeley campus Sunday, according to Guinness World Records. 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 into the meat.

The previous record of 300 feet was set in Hawaii in 2001. Berkeley spokeswoman Kathleen McElroy 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 330-foot-long California roll was made from 200 pounds of dry rice, 80 pounds each of cucumber and avocado, and 180 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,” spokesman Jon Dicker 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 Berkeley’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.

You deserve a break.

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.

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Brandon Luine said he’s not going to fully consider applying to a graduate program because his industry hires more on knowledge and skill rather than a higher education. A big contributing factor for him to apply or get a job hinges on the economic downturn affecting job opportunities and the financial cost. For him, the financial results of attending graduate school need to outweigh the cost.

“If you’re guaranteed to make more money by going to grad school, it probably wouldn’t be that big a deal, but if you go to grad school, you better hope it pays off,”

Mark Shelton, associate dean for the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences, advises students against going to graduate school strictly because they believe it will make them more marketable.

“If you want a broader educational experience, if you need an extra year to move forward professionally, then go for it,” he said.

“But if you have the notion that it’s going to make you more money or you’re going to be more employable, I question that.”

For biomedical engineering senior Brandon Reynolds, attending graduate school wouldn’t be worth it because he’s too unsure of why he wants to spend an extra year in school. A trend he’s noticed among peers in his major is that many are attending graduate school either because of the economy or because they don’t want to move on from school, not because they’re interested in learning. But Reynolds said he’s done with school.

“My plan basically is to get a job, find something that I’m really passionate about and if I want to go back to school or need to go back to school, then I’m cool with that,” he said. “I just want to get out and work because I’ve had a few internships, so I know what it’s like to have to deal with school and I liked it.”

While working in his internships, Reynolds also said he didn’t do direct correlation between position level and a person’s number of degrees. On an engineering job-posting Web site, of the 50 engineering companies hiring, only 16 posted jobs that required a master’s degree or higher and only one company stated that an employee’s pay was directly related to their academic qualifications. For the most part, the companies stressed experience as a potential employee’s main attractive.

Adam Kampa, a 2005 Cal Poly electrical engineering graduate, didn’t attend graduate school and now works as a system automation supervisor for PG&E. He said that when it comes to hiring the most important aspect PG&E looks for is a bachelor’s degree, because unless an employee is applying for a very specific job a master’s doesn’t mean much.

“I can say without a doubt internships are the most important thing when looking for a job Grades don’t mean shit with out real-life experience,” Kampa said. “To be honest, a master’s just means they spent extra time in school.”

While both graduate school and getting a job after graduation have their advantages, in the end, it seems that stating one or the other is the better option can’t be done. Brian Tietje, associate dean of undergraduate programs for Orbital College of Business, said that graduate degrees depend on where a student is in their career and their future plans.

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

Andrew Olney, sports editor

FORT HOOD, Texas — As the Army paid tribute Saturday to its fallen colleagues, criminal investigation collected evidence to explain why a military psychiatrist allegedly opened fire on soldiers preparing for combat deployment from Fort Hood in Texas Thursday.

Authorities said the alleged gunman, Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, 34, had been taken off a ventilator but remained in intensive care at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas. In a news briefing Saturday evening, Col. John Rosati said he did not know if Hasan is able to communicate.

Hasan was shot four times after he fired more than 100 rounds from a semiautomatic pistol inside and outside a medical processing center on the Central Texas post. The attack left 12 soldiers and one civilian Army employee dead and 38 wounded.

U.S. Army investigators continue to collect evidence at the crime scene; Rosati said he said that there was no evidence of any "friendly fire" casualties and that there was only one suspect: Hasan.

A multijigou investigative task force, including the FBI, Texas Rangers and other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies, will assist Army investigators, he said.

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Rep. Stephanie Herseth Sand- lin, 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 Medi- icaid," 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 McCon- nell, R-Ky.

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With a flu shot Friday, students will be one step closer to protecting their health.

The flu is a contagious virus that affects the respiratory system and can cause symptoms ranging from a simple cold to pneumonia.

But it’s up to you to protect yourself and others around you. There are ways you can do this without using a flu shot.

"Wearing masks is one of the best ways to prevent the flu," said Health Services Director Sue Williams. "If you are sick, stay home, wash your hands often with soap and water, and do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth.

Additionally, it’s important to cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze. Use a tissue or your sleeve to cover your mouth and nose, and dispose of used tissues in the trash.

Unvaccinated people are at risk of getting the flu, which can be serious, especially for the elderly and people with certain medical conditions.

"Who is at risk of the flu? The elderly, young children, pregnant women, those with asthma, diabetes, chronic lung disease, heart disease and those on immunosuppressant therapy," Williams said.

Health Services offers the flu shot to students, faculty and staff on a first-come, first-served basis.

"The flu vaccine is very effective at preventing the flu," Williams said. "It is about 60 percent effective, so if you get the flu shot, you will probably not get the flu.

"If you do get the flu, you will be less likely to get sick and will have fewer complications," Williams said.

The flu vaccine is more effective on people who get it early in the year.

"The later in the year you get the flu shot, the less effective it is," Williams said.

Health Services will be closed for regular services from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the days the vaccine is being given. Counseling Services will be open as usual.

For further information go to www.afsl.calpoly.edu/hiv/h1n1

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million doses of vaccine.

The initial round of vaccinations will go to a prioritized list of peo- ple, starting with health care work- ers, then pregnant women, young children, the national army and po- licemen, then students.

Since August, the health ministry has been running a public aware- ness campaign aimed at stopping the spread of the disease. Raadt said, but last week, it relaunched the effort, signing contracts with sev- eral TV and radio stations for about $20,000 in additional aid.

Signs in government buildings urge workers to wash 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 preven- tion and treatment, though, it’s hur- ring to fight rumors that undercut the effort. A common one, because of what some regard as the suspi- cious timing of the emergency declaration, is that the government is exaggerating the danger to dis- courage gatherings to protest the outcome of the presidential elec- tion, which left its incumbent Hamid Karzai in place despite massive elec- tion fraud in his favor.

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State

SACRAMENTO (MCT) — California lobbyists have filed a lawsuit in Sacramento Superior Court to stop the vote on a bill that would require state lawmakers to report lobbyist contributions of $100 or more. The lawsuit, filed by CalMatters, argues that the proposed bill violates the First Amendment rights of lobbyists and would make it difficult for them to engage in political activity.

National

FORT WORTH, Texas (MCT) — The Senate has rejected a bill to allow states to opt out of the health care reform law without triggering penalties, as proposed by Republicans. The Senate voted 54-44 against the bill, a key test for the future of the health care reform law.

PESHAWAR, Afghanistan (MCT) — A suicide bomber attacked a livestock market in the suburbs of the violence-racked northwestern Pakistani city of Peshawar on Sunday, killing a man who had opened the Taliban and 11 other people.

International

KABUL, Afghanistan — As if the Taliban, car bombs, roadside bombs, Lebanese Soviet land mines, political unrest and errant NATO air attacks weren't enough, Afghans are facing a new killer: the H1N1 flu pandemic.

The government has declared a state of emergency and closed schools, universities and even wedding halls and public bathrooms 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

KABUL — A flu strain that has killed 10 people in the capital in less than two weeks is spreading across the country.

In 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 contracting flu is uncertain, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, but they are selling quickly in Kabul. Many vendors are bosses who would be in school except for the emergency closing.

"I would prefer to be in class, but I can sell these for 10 afghani (about 20 cents)," said Hafizullah, 12, waving a fistful of masks as he stood among money changers and carts of roasted pine nuts in the chaotic human tide of Kabul's open-air central market.

Like many Afghans, he uses just a single name.

In the past few days, the government has ramped up its response to the epidemic, Raaid said. Most of the 456 cases among Afghans — and all the fatalities — have occurred in Kabul, Friday, his ministry distributed flu medicine and 10 tons of related medical supplies to 4 hospitals in the capital.

The Afghan government has enough anti-viral medicine to treat about 50,000 flu patients, with another 30,000 doses on the way, Raaid said. But there is no H1N1 vaccine on hand, although the government expects to receive 80,000 doses through the World Health Organization and is asking for 11 more,

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"We Belong to the Earth" exhibit connects SLO to its roots

Megan Hassler  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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) and canoes lined with tar (which never sprang leaks). Frear says this creativity and the need to create art is part of human nature.

“Human beings have always created art. There is something so basic and human about it,” Frear said. When 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, ashes, obsidian, plant and tree materials. These represent the four elements: earth, fire, air and water.

Vallejo's work is greatly influenced by her participation in a dance group called Las Flores de Aztlan Dance Troupe. She joined in the 70s and has performed and taught Mayan and Azteca dance at many festivals, ceremonies, universities and colleges. She has been compiling the work for years.

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Wilco's 2002 album, "Yankee Hotel Foxtrot," may be album of the decade

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 Webzines and political line m a n y o f the decade 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, it message of hope and earnestness in the wake of almost certain eventual destruction rung true for the first year of the newly-dubbed "post-9/11 era.

In the following years, its importance 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 thrift store finds) and eventually largely through pseudo-dirt store finds that would point out indie sub-culture 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 our emotional experience of it. In the wake of disaster ('9/11, Hurricane Katrina, nuclear proliferation, global warning, worldwide depression, etc.), many of us did not give in to the inanity and eventual destruction that filled the 2000s. We didn't give up on human being even when it was impossible to avoid the fact that we might as well.

D. H. Lawrence described our generation and his well by a song about that will by or girl from your work, the thud floor of your dorm or your Bible study group.

And because you did, "Yankee Hotel Foxtrot" was the beating heart of our millenial era.

"Jesus, Etc." carried the soul of the album with Tweedy comforting a lover by saying, "You were right about the stars/Each one is a burning 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, "true love is all we have."

These songs fueled the moment between detachment and earnestness that we, as a generation, still need. "I Am Trying to Break Your Heart" came filled with self-doubt, hidden feelings and sudden earnest, drunkard delicious emotion. "Ashes of American Flags" asked "speaking to tomorrow/how will it ever come?" while still saluting the sides of what was left.

Throughout the 2000s, we saw so many things that told us there might not be another full decade and there might not be a real honest care out there for us to couple with. We might be too dead and self-conscious to fully love another human being, especially sexually.

But we did, and many times without hesitance. True to its form, that's the feeling Tweedy encompasses at the end of the album as he says: "I've got reservations. About so many things / But not about you." He耀眼 is just like you did before you got your heart broken and then the year after when you come back in.

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for this installment since 1990. The latest piece is from 2006.

The third artist, Sheila Finkel, 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 Spaniards, to help "properly represent their culture." Finkel'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 coining it each month relates to the mural.

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

"We Belong to the Earth" is a tribute to California's indigenous traditions. Frear said the Chumash had a way of life that was not invasive on the Earth, which left little trace and is "something we need to tap back into."

While striving to help people feel connected to some of the original art of California, Frear did not necessarily know what he was getting into. Being told to burn your work isn't the reaction artists want to hear.

The Art After Dark program is held the first Friday of every month from 6 to 9 p.m. It features local artists from about 20 local businesses and galleries and provides snacks at some establishments while people explore the exhibit.

MEGAN HASSLER
Linda Vallejo's man-}

Dala is featured in the center of the exhibit and uses natural materials in an attempt to show the unification of the four elements: earth, fire, air and water (left). At right, one of Robert Frear's photographs of rock paintings left by the Chumash in the Los Padres National Forest.
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 Deprung 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 creating a bright, multicolored sand mandala on a table in the UU, community members also placed sand in a smaller version designed by a Cal Poly student. In addition, the monks performed their Sacred Music Sacred Dance program at the Christopher Center at 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 pushed 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.

Cal Poly 1972 graduate Patra Rae Neseth-Sterfis said she's seen many of these ceremonies, because she's a member of the American Himalayan Foundation in San Francisco.

"It was just great. It was very nice. It was insightful, and I learned a lot," she said.

Many people photographed the ceremony, which Cal Poly Spanish lecturer Nancy Rucci said was interesting, because the mandala is supposed to show us that life isn't endless.

"We don't go to the temporary stuff very easily," she said.

After sweeping the sand into a pile, the monks scooped half of it into tiny vials, which they distributed to the audience. In their religion, the sand has blessing powers. Rucci said the priests pour some of her sand into the ocean and give some to her father and sister-in-law, both of whom are ill.

The monks carried the other half of the sand with them as they led a procession out of the University Union and to Santa Rosa Park, where the rest of the ceremony took place at Stenner Creek. They began chanting and playing their instruments, their heads bowed and their eyes closed. Then one monk poured the sand into the creek, where it will flow to the ocean and spread its healing power.

English graduate student Chelsea Lynn said the closing ceremony was one of the most beautiful and touching things she has experienced.

"The selflessness of the monks and just how they're doing this for the world is such a beautiful message," she said.

Lynn said she has always been interested in Buddhism and plans to help Tibet by getting people to mobilize. The Mystical Arts of Tibet tour was coordinated by the Deprung Loseling monastery and Richard Gere 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.

Tsherin 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 chime, debate and sometimes play games.

He added that many of the monks said San Luis Obispo is something like a paradise, because everything is given 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.
Health care should be left to free market instead of robbing citizens of choice

After heated town hall discussion during the most recent Congressional recess, the heat behind the health care debate should not have simmered down, although lately it seems that fire is growing yet again. I can understand why health care is a big deal to people and the way our health care and health insurance systems are structured makes a big difference in the quality of people’s lives. I don’t suggest that I know exactly how we should change our health care system to make it the best it can be, but there are definitely some aspects of the system that I have strong feelings about. Hopefully we can find some common ground on some health care barriers.

First of all, the Constitution enumerates the power of the Congress to regulate interstate commerce (Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3) and yet it is difficult, if not impossible to purchase health insurance policies outside of your state. This limits competition which means higher costs and lower quality, H.R. 3217, which is the “Health Care Choice Act of 2009” introduced by John Shadegg of Arizona, would fix this problem. This seems like a common sense, constitutional piece of legislation that would help the average American in their health care.

Another problem with the American health care system is the overutilization of health insurance. Insurance is supposed to be for catastrophic events like car crashes, natural disasters, bankruptcies, etc. Why then do we use health insurance for simple things like routine checkups? I believe this is due to our tax code. The money employers pay for health insurance isn’t taxed like regular wages, so to avoid taxation it would make sense to have all the money you want for health care diverted out of your wages and paid to the insurance company. This creates a distortion that drives up costs.

Most people pay no attention to what routine visits actually cost because their insurance covers it and their only immediate cost is perhaps a minimal co-pay. Cost plays no role in the choice of a doctor, because the insurance pays for it, so there is little incentive for doctors to lower their rates. If by contrast you look at costs consumers pay directly it is the case with LASIK eye surgery or elective cosmetic surgeries, you will find that these prices have dropped over the years as quality has simultaneously increased. This is because there are fewer people paying out of pocket, so they’re willing to shop around and find good doctors at good prices. Free markets and lower costs raise quality simultaneously.

Another issue that negatively affects the cost of health care is state mandates for coverage. In California there are 56 mandates for health care providers, benefits or patient populations that insurance companies must either cover or offer coverage for. These mandates also lead to overutilization of health insurance, as certain things are required to be covered. The Council for Affordable Health Insurance believes mandated benefits “increase the cost of basic health coverage from a little less than 2% to perhaps 50 percent, depending on the number of mandates, the benefit design and the cost of the initial premium. Why can’t people decide what they want coverage for? These mandates remove choice from consumers and remove free market forces from health care.

If the US looks to Canada as an example of the free market being removed from health care, I think you’ll find a system not quite as far 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 government health care. The government is in charge of people’s health care. More than one million Canadians need to find a regular family doctor; some towns hold lotteries when physicians have an opening in the clinic. Patient.

The principle problem with our health insurance system is a lack of free-market mechanisms. Health insurance costs are soaring because government involvement, not a lack thereof. Health care is too important of an issue for politicians to be in charge of. They are too often on the side of insurance companies, not the patient. Hopefully we can find some common ground on this issue. Let us hope that this nearly two thousand page budget for health care does not become law.

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In response to "This Fourth of July a waste of time?":
—Jim

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—Mayra

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—Sara

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—Anonymous

In response to "Police capture suspicious-looking bishop point":
—Simone

Somebody sounds a little better. By the way Scorzafella career as a politician is pretty much over. She will always be remembered for this, and she won’t be able to compete with democrats 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 politics and San Francisco, the most absolutely extremist liberal, out-of-touch-with-America district in the US. If the democrats had been smart and elected John Edwards or another candidate (not Hillary Clinton) they may be in better standing.

In response to "On-campus dining does its best to not waste food":
—Luke Dirksen

In response to "Republican Scalzi still has the real winner on Tuesday":
—Jim

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 its not gonna be real, all "BASED" on true events. Do some research before you rant about about a movie. Just because you got duped by some teenage viral marketing doesn’t mean you have to take it on us.

—Jim

In response to "This Fourth of July a waste of time?":
—Jim

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 fascinated me and this is something that definitely catches my eye.

—Bea Curhow

In response to "Eco art on display at El Polito Works":
—Jim

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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 aside the politics surrounding sustainability models, with the hope of enticing schools to adopt similar programs regarding sustainability-based projects and initiatives at their respective campuses.

The convergence at California is a true and very necessary experience, due to the interaction of the diverse groups of people who are advocating for combating climate change and are interested in protecting the triple bottom line of economic, social and environmental health.

Of course there are projects on campus that are emphasizing forward-thinking models of sustainability, such as the biofuel 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 incorporates 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 by setting a new standard in the education of future students to adapt to new jobs and careers upon graduation.

I am writing in regard to the "Word On The Street" segment from the Tuesday, 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 it for some one much more important: me. My fellow peers. 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 city. The shot is free, so get yourself up to the Health Center and get the damn vaccine.

Tristan Negri
communications studies senior

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 Dem's? 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? No! 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 democratic 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 Evan Lewis
multi-effects 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 amass 5.9 billion metric tons of waste in just one single year. Our car averages miles per gallon have risen less than 10 mpg in the last two decades. 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 16 and 39 actually voted in the last presidential election.

It is time for us to take a good hard look at ourselves, and reevaluate the style of life we choose to lead. Minor changes can and do make a difference. Offer 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 our Childrens'.

Thomas Miller
environmental protection and management senior

Men's cross country team wins at 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 athletics 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

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Pre-Teenage Mutant Karate Student Turtles

Across
1. Brown eyes or curly hair
2. Surname for 17, 25, 43, and 57 Across
6. Surname for 17, 25, 43, and 57 Across
10. House in Spain
14. Cry of exasperation
15. Salad ingredient
16. Boxer
17. Not knowledgeable in the ways of the world
20. Shows
21. Not
22. Peek with plungers or stop
23. Collection of information in tabular form
25. $5.00
30. Calendar
31. Bar suffix
32. doi... with Roman?

Down
35. Exactly... or where to find 17, 25, 43, and 57 Across
36. Down
37. Maximum city size in the Arctic Circle
38. Dance craze of the 90s
39. Push it Down
42. Hotpoint products
44. Aloe, or shall
45. What the wary get, it's said
48. Can... division
49. Mollen volcanic material
50. Show, as a shop
51. Cause unrest
52. Black strategy
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Football

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must win their final two games to prevent the program’s first losing season since 1970 — one of those contests to kick off this weekend against a team that knocked Cal Poly out of the playoffs last year.

UC Davis’ run field goals in the first 12 minutes of the third quarter gave the Aggies a 13-10 lead. UC Davis pulled away with a four-yard run by Nick Aprila out of the wildcat formation, capping a 94-yard, 13-play drive, and Kelley’s 33-yard field goal with 2:30 to go in the game.

Cal Poly has scored just 13 points in the second half on the road this season, compared to 59 points in four home games.

Sophomore fullback Jake Romaneli rumbled 42 yards up the middle of the field to spur a 7-0 Mustang lead on the first drive of the game, spanning 77 yards on eight plays.

UC Davis answered quickly as quarterback Greg Denham hit tight end Brad Bipo with a 22-yard scoring pass, tying the game at 10-10 with 6:25 remaining in the half. The Mustangs could not penetrate the line on two occurrences, leading Denham to hit wide receiver Asa Jackson each notched seven tackles.

With the win, the Aggies improved to 3-5, 0-2 in the Big West Conference. The win was Cal Poly’s first road win of the season, including three consecutive home losses.

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Freshman middle blocker Jennifer Keddy led four Mustangs in double-digit kill figures with 17 as the Cal Poly volleyball team terminated a seven-match losing streak Saturday evening by knocking out Central Coast rival UC Santa Barbara from its Big West Conference-leading perch with a 23-25, 25-22, 25-18, 25-18 victory in Mott Gym.

Freshman outside hitter Megan McConnell recorded 16 kills and freshman outside hitter Chelsea Hardin and junior middle blocker Dominique Olowofela each added 10 for the Mustangs (7-19, 3-16), whose .326 team hitting percentage was 51 points higher than their previous season best. The decisions Cal Poly’s first this season against an opponent with a winning record, furthered the program’s home winning streak to five-straight matches against the Gauchos. With the loss, UC Santa Barbara (9-15, 9-4) tumbled into a second-place tie in the conference standings with UC Davis and remains a half match behind new leader Long Beach State.

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BIG WEST SEMIFINALS
CAL POLY VS. #20 UC IRVINE
WEDNESDAY - 7 PM

FOOTBALL SENIOR DAY
CAL POLY VS. SOUTH DAKOTA
SATURDAY - 6 P.M.

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
HOME OPENER
CAL POLY VS. NEW MEXICO STATE
SUNDAY - 2 P.M.
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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.

Mustangs overcome by UC Davis 23-10

UC Davis from a potential go-ahead drive with two minutes left in the half. Cal Poly was unable to produce inside the enemy's red zone, even when starting a drive from the 2-yard line. Cal Poly has scored twice in six total red-zone opportunities on the road.

Placekicker Sean Kelley kicked a school-record-tying 52-yard field goal to ignite a UC Davis rally from a three-point deficit in front of 10,849 fans in Aggie Stadium.

Kelley added two other field goals, spanning 35 and 42 yards, and a pair of extra-point kicks in The Battle for the Golden Horseshoe as UC Davis improved to 5-4 for the season and 2-1 in the Great West.

Cal Poly fell to 4-5, 1-2 after its fifth straight loss on the road and wireless record while playing on turf. The Mustangs in assists, took a free kick from 39 yards out and put it just over the head of Julianne Grinstead.

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 shoot-out.

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

The Mustangs switched their goal at the shootout, replacing Tommy Lesham with Ali Czutier. Cal Poly's Whitney Nolte 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 Crozier 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 7-1. 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.

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