Poly Supermilage team does more with less

Verent Chan, the team manager and a mechanical engineering senior, works on the futuristic prototype vehicle.

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Cal Poly’s Supermilage Vehicle Team is entering two cars in this year’s Shell Eco-Marathon Americas. Each of the 15 team members is under pressure to finish the cars by March, when they hope to reclaim the grand prize in the competition. More than 500 students from North and South America will compete to see whose car is the most fuel-efficient and produces the fewest emissions.

The difference between the Supermilage Vehicle Team and other car clubs on campus is their focus, said Verent Chan, team manager and mechanical engineering senior.

“Our goal is fuel economy whereas other teams are purely about speed,” he said.

Chan added that they use regular gasoline in the competition, which shows the potential for using fuel more efficiently instead of turning to alternative energy.

“I think a lot of people assume we use solar energy, but we use a combustion engine and normal unleaded gasoline you can buy at a Shell,” he said.

The team is racing one vehicle in the “futuristic prototype” category and another in the “urban concept” category. This is in its first time racing in an “urban concept” vehicle, which will be nearly street-legal. The concept for the urban concept vehicle came last December; so far they’ve finished the frame and engine. The car has four wheels and will weigh under 200 pounds.

Gabe Mountjoy, a mechanical engineering sophomore, is working on attaching the rear wheels to the car’s carbon fiber chassis. Him and other team members projects will contribute to the complete car — but getting all the pieces to work together is the hardest part, Mountjoy said.

“It’s like a large puzzle with many pieces,” he explained.

The Supermilage Vehicle Team is also competing in the “futuristic prototype” category using the same car they raced last year, but internal modifications. It has three wheels and weighs about 95 pounds.

The Shell Eco-Marathon began in 1939 when Shell Oil Company’s laboratory employees argued about whose car was more fuel-efficient; the winner of that race achieved 30 mpg. Canada’s Laval University team holds the futuristic prototype record with 2,757.1 mpg and a team from Mater Dei High School, Indiana, won the first urban concept race last year with 433.3 mpg.

Cal Poly Beach finds a beautiful home for trash.

NASA launches shuttle Atlantis among economic worries.

The Silvey Lining: The Supreme Court restores Calif. man’s death sentence

David G. Savage

WASHINGTON — For the third time, the Supreme Court on Monday reversed a U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals decision and restored a death sentence for a California murderer who bludgeoned a young woman in 1981 to steal a stereo from her house.

The justices, in an unanimous, unsigned opinion, rejected the notion that Fernando Belmontes should be spared because his lawyer had failed him by not presenting mitigating evidence about Belmontes’ childhood.

“It is hard to imagine ... additional facts about Belmontes’ difficult childhood outweighing the facts of (Steacy) McConnell’s murder,” the justices said.

“We agree with the state court’s characterization of the murder (as one of ‘extraordinary brutality’) and simply cannot comprehend the assertion by the Court of Appeals that this case did not involve ‘needless suffering.’”

Belmontes broke into McConnell’s home in the small central California town of Victor, near Stockton, and struck her in the head 15 or 20 times with a steel bar bell, crushing her skull. She put up “a desperate struggle for (her) life,” the court said, but died a few hours after the beating. Belmontes and two accomplices sold her stereo for $100 and used the money to buy beer and drugs.

A jury convicted Belmontes and condemned him to die in 1982, and the California Supreme Court affirmed his sentence in 1988. Since then, the case has been on appeal in the federal courts.

“Under the Habeas Corpus Act, There are no facts that suggest that we might not proceed to trial,” said Daniel C. Shaw, sails’ attorney.

The case is In re McConnell.

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picture of the day

“The Lone Rider” by Daniel France
in 2007 at the inaugural Marathon in the Americas with 1,962.7 mpg, but they set a new team record for fuel efficiency in 2008 with 2,752.3 mpg.

The two drivers this year, Timothy Liu and Michelle Fong, were chosen for their small size and low weight, due to the cars' compact size.

Lui, a mechanical engineering sophomore, said most of the stress of being a driver comes from managing speed and time. He'll start the engine and get up to 3 mph, then turn it off and coast until the car is moving at 7 or 8 mph, then begin the process again; he said. This helps the car get the most mileage out of its gas.

Each driver will drive for about 40 minutes at a time, stopping to check the car and fix minor damage.

When Lui joined the team as a freshman he had to learn quickly, he said. "I didn't know much of anything through the year but I kept listening and tinkering and eventually it soaked in," Liu said.

Although he may not end up working in the industry, Liu said being a driver comes from man­aging stress and how to go about working in the industry, Lui the sophomore, said most of the stress it soaked in," Liu said.

Chan said the event is competitive without being cutthroat and the teams are actually friendly, even trading or loaning supplies when needed. The Supermileage Vehicle Team borrowed an electric starter motor from the University of Colorado team when it broke at the marathon last year.

The event has been held in California since its launch in the Americas in 2007, but this year, it will be in Houston, Texas, from March 26-28, 2010. It is the first time the race will occur on a street course. There are Shell Eco-Marathons in Asia and Europe as well.

The team meets Thursdays during UU House and Saturdays at 10 a.m. in the Research Development building. Car enthusiasts and others interested can view the team's progress on their blog at cpsiw. blogspot.com.

Death

Act, state defendants can sue in a federal court and argue they are being punished in violation of the U.S. Constitution. Three times in this decade, the 9th Circuit Court ruled in favor of Belm ontes and set aside his death sentence.

In the first two decisions, the appeals court said jurors may have thought they could not weigh evidence about Belm ontes's conversion to Christianity as a reason for sparing his life.

State prosecutors sent appeals to Washington after each of these rulings. In the first case, the high court set aside the 9th Circuit, judges Stephen Reinhardt and Richard Paz, both of Los Angeles, wrote a new opinion and said the lawyer for Belm ontes failed to "humanize" him and give jurors a basis for sparing his life.

On Monday, the justices disagreed again. In a 14-page opinion, they concluded it was "far­ciful" to believe jurors would have spared Belm ontes had they heard more about his child­hood.

The case illustrates the continuing dispute over the death penalty between state prosecu­tors and federal judges in California. The state has 685 inmates on Death Row, by far the most in the nation. But executions are rare. The state has carried out 13 executions since 1977, when capital punishment was restored. Many of the cases have remained tied up in federal litigation for decades.

Mark A. Johnson, a deputy attorney general in Sacramento, Calif., said the Belm ontes lit­igation may be nearing an end. "This decision finally resolves all the outstanding issues," he said. "But then again, you can never say 'never' with these capital cases."
GM posts $1.2 billion loss but points to signs of progress

Tim Higgins

DETROIT — In a positive sign that General Motors Co.'s restructuring is off to a good start, the company Monday said it would begin repaying U.S. government loans later this year, ahead of what is required, and that it generated $3.3 billion in cash during the third quarter after emerging from bankruptcy.

Nevertheless, GM still lost money.

The Detroit automaker posted a $1.2 billion loss between emerging from bankruptcy on July 10 and Sept. 30.

"Some signs of progress, some signs of stabilizing," GM CEO Fritz Henderson said of the results. But, he added, the company is not satisfied with its performance, noting the losses.

"It's a loss, and we cannot be satisfied with it," said Henderson, who maintained the results "provide evidence of the solid foundation we're building for the new GM."

In its first financial update since emerging from bankruptcy as a new company largely owned by the U.S. government, GM also said its cash flow was a positive $3.3 billion for the July 10-Sept. 30 period.

The company earned $1.5 billion before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization and special items.

Henderson announced plans to repay the government's $6.7 billion loans within about two years but said that if things are going well the money could get paid back next summer.

"We feel confident that we can begin repayment of this loan," Henderson said. "We think it's important to show our commitment to the taxpayers that — yes, in fact — we will begin paying back this investment."

GM's results drew criticism from Republicans.

Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Steele issued a statement that said: "Today's release of General Motors' financial results is further proof that President Obama's economic experiments are wrong for America. Sadly, GM has not only failed to turn a profit since the president poured $50 billion of the taxpayers' dollars into GM's bankruptcy restructuring, but it has actually lost $1.2 billion. As the 'Cash for Clunkers' program clearly demonstrated, government interference in private industry doesn't help the companies involved and ends up greatly costing the American taxpayer."

Despite the continued losses, today provides a moment of hope for GM and Detroit.

A year ago, GM announced a third quarter net loss of $2.5 billion that precipitated the automaker's need for a government bailout.

GM ended 2008 with losses totaling $30.9 billion, its second biggest annual loss behind 2007, when it lost $38.7 billion.

Eventually, the U.S. Treasury would spend about $50 billion to keep GM alive and restructure the company through a government-backed bankruptcy.

GM's cash situation during the July 10 to Sept. 30 was better than during the third quarter of 2008 when GM plowed through $6.9 billion in cash.

The results given Monday are unaudited managerial results and are not directly comparable to previous year's results, company officials have cautioned. GM is no longer a publicly traded company yet is still making public its finances.

During the third quarter of this year, GM generated $2.8 billion in revenues up $4.9 billion to the revenues recognized by old GM in the second quarter of this year, the company said.

Overall, GM posted a loss of $261 million before interest, taxes and special items during the third quarter. While GM's international operations posted a profit of $228 million, that was offset by a loss of $631 million in North America.

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GM said it expects to have a negative cash flow during the final three months of this year for a number of reasons, including continued restructuring costs and loan payments.

Because of this, GM expects its cash balance to be materially lower than $42.6 billion.

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"I do homework at Starbucks sometimes because I can't get on the Internet so there are no distractions."

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Atlantis launches 11-day mission

Robert Block and Mark K. Matthews

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The space shuttle Atlantis roared into orbit at 2:28 p.m. EST Monday, arching through light clouds to begin an 11-day mission to the International Space Station and bringing the 28-year-old shuttle program one step closer to retirement.

The successful lift-off — one of the most trouble-free in the history of the program — reduces the number of remaining launches to five and marks the first NASA mission completely devoted to stocking the station with spare parts — such as pumps and gyroscopes — so that the floating observatory can continue long past the orbiter's 2010 retirement.

But the launch came amid major worries about NASA's future, as the agency has been told by the White House to consider cutting its 2011 budget by as much as 10 percent. Based on the agency's proposed 2009-2010 budget of $18.7 billion, that would equal roughly $1.87 billion, which would end human spaceflight for at least the next decade — and likely longer — according to a presidential space panel that recommended last month a $3 billion-a-year spending increase so that NASA could run a "meaningful" manned-space program.

"If that's the case, we as a nation need to face the fact that we're not committed to exploration," said former astronaut Leroy Chiao, who served in the five-member committee led by retired Lockheed Martin CEO Norm Augustine.

But a senior administration official, who is not authorized to speak on the record, cautioned not to read too much into the proposed reductions. The official said agencies were given "global" instructions to cut their budgets by 5 to 10 percent to help reduce the record $1.4 trillion deficit.

"When the president makes a decision on human spaceflight, he can ignore that," said the official.

President Barack Obama convened the Augustine committee this summer to evaluate NASA's Constellation program, which aims to build new Ares rockets and Orion capsules that could be ready to reach the station by 2015 and return astronauts to the moon by 2020. The committee found that NASA needs up to $3 billion more a year just to return astronauts to the space station by 2017, with a moon mission farther in the future.

With that bleak estimation, any talk of budget cuts sends chills through NASA and Kennedy Space Center, which is set to lose as many as 7,000 jobs when the shuttle is retired. Any further delay in launching a replacement could make the space center more of a ghost town than already expected.
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State

SACRAMENTO (MCT) — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger visited troops in Iraq today for the first time as governor at Camp Victory, just outside of Baghdad, according to spokesman Aaron McEar and video from the Multi-National Corps Iraq Public Affairs.

Schwarzenegger gave a six-minute speech designed to motivate the troops. He held up a picture of his autographed and told them he'd return Tuesday morning to work out with some of them before breakfast.

"I just wanted to let you know how much we in the United States appreciate the work you are doing," Schwarzenegger said in his speech. "Now I know you are thinking many times, why am I here, what am I doing? Maybe you're not making the kind of progress sometimes that you wish you would make here. But don't ever get discouraged. There's no one I know that doesn't sometimes ask themselves that question, why am I doing this, is it worth it?"

SACRAMENTO (MCT) — Lawyers representing unions and a few government agencies pounded out their objections to Schwarzenegger's furlough policy for nearly five hours in Alameda Superior Court on Monday.

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"Furloughs and furlough fund. The policy reduces doesn't directly help the workers — even those whose pay might not be affected because it applies to nearly all state executive overreach, a violation of executive privilege," said Labor Law Group managing partner Harvey Liebman.

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"The Terminator can sweep the ground, but when you hit it with a credit card, it can't."

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"We welcome China as a strong and prosperous and successful member of the community of nations," Obama said at the start of a town hall-style meeting in Shanghai as he began the China leg of his tour of Asia.

Obama acknowledged that the United States has struggled with race relations over the course of its history, but he said America would "always speak out" in favor of free expression, worship, political participation and access to information — which he termed "universal rights." "They should be available to all people, including ethnic and religious minorities, whether they are in the United States, China or anywhere," he said.

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Shell Beach garbage gets a makeover

Erin Hurley
Our Arts Columnist

Shell Beach has a few new additions to its main street that are both ornamental and functional. On Friday night, community members revealed their "ARTeans," a set of 12 painted trash and recycling cans along Shell Beach Road.

Before the inauguration on Nov. 13, there were no trash or recycling cans in the city. The Shell Beach Improvement Group (SBIG) had been trying for a few years to bring cans like these to the city and have local artists paint them, but they had faced some difficulty finding willing artists. Then Colleen Gnos, a Shell Beach resident and artist who recently heard about the project, organized a group of 12 artists whom she knew would be enthusiastic.

"This event is a big step for Shell Beach — we really are a community of artists, but it's hard to see it most of the time," Gnos said. "I really want this to be a chance for Shell Beach artists to meet and feel supported."

Gnos helped the SBIG move the cans, find sponsors for the project and garner public attention for the show, in addition to painting a can herself.

"There is little support for recycling in Shell Beach, and creating these cans not only helps make the city more beautiful but also promotes environmentalism," Gnos said.

Each artist painted a trash or recycling can under the theme "Sand, Waves and Caves" and created 12 unique and beautiful works of art with images of mermaids, beaches and similar scenes. The fourth-grade students at the Shell Beach Elementary School painted a can together as well.

The businesses on the main street of Shell Beach held an open house for the event, offering free refreshments and a place for visitors and artists to mingle. Local musicians wandered up and down the street, adding a friendly and fun atmosphere to the event. The artists who painted cans, as well as other local artists and photographers, displayed their work in various shops and restaurants.

Tyler Aldrich, wife and representative of Dominican-born artist Robert Maja, another Shell Beach artist who painted a can, said that Robert "is really proud to live here in California, and it is so great for him to be able to part of the Shell Beach community and share his culture. This event is a wonderful way for Robert and other Shell Beach artists like him to be able to express themselves through their artwork."

The community of Shell Beach supported their local artists in several ways. Not only did local businesses offer the artists a welcoming place to display their work to the public, but the financial support for the creation and unveiling of the cans came solely from local residents and businesses. The Old Vienna Restaurant was one Shell Beach business that sponsored a can.

"The SBIG has been working on this for three years," restaurant owner and SBIG member Zsoa Musick said. "When it was finally decided that the cans would be painted, I wanted to be involved, so I volunteered right away to sponsor a can."

The event drew a large attendance of both Shell Beach locals and visitors. Most came to support family or friends and help out a good cause. "It's a community event, and it's a really great idea," Shell Beach resident Kate Prynt said. "I know some of the artists personally, and so I was able to see these cool evolutions from the beginning — I watched the artists paint them in their driveway!"

The event also attracted Cal Poly students like biology freshman Jenzi Epper.

"I find this type of event to be a great way to get to know people as well as a great way for a city to show their ideals about saving our planet one recyclable at a time," Epper said. "The intricately painted recycling cans were unique and beautiful; they stand out and depict trash-free environments that everyone can recognize and relate to. My personal favorite was the jellyfish can."

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To shave or not to shave?
Going bare down there may not be the wisest decision

Somehow, I got it in my mind that bareless was hot. Three million porn stars couldn't be wrong when it comes to sexy. Sexy is, after all, their job. Also, I heard that "shaving makes it look bigger." So when my boyfriend was returning after the long absence of summer break, and my budget didn't allow for edible body chocolate, I decided to shave it off.

The decision wasn't exactly sudden, as I had been toying with the idea for weeks. I had wondered what it would be like if I read everything I could find online on the topic, and to this day, Google still helpfully suggests "shaved pubic area pictures" and "shave pubic hair" when I type in "shave." This is why you don't allow your family to use your laptop on vacation.

On the day I finally decided to act, I had just removed the week's wispy stubble, and was reflecting on how uninteresting my life had been recently. Luckily for my razor, I used my handy scissors to do some preliminary trimming before wholeheartedly making my life much less boring. Following the online advice, I was using a manual razor, so it was necessary to wash the hair out every quarter-sized patch or so. In addition, I had no elaborate mirror system, so I decided against shaving some of my more inaccessible (and tender) parts.

To cut a long story short, I was eventually able to see skin I hadn't seen clearly since junior high. It was, I confess, extremely soft and smooth, reminiscent of shaved legs (it was for a swim meet, if you were wondering). With every step I took, my undergarments rubbed my bare genitalia pleasantly. I wasn't spontaneously orgamiing in class, but it wasn't a bad feeling at all.

They say that when you throw yourself off the top floor of the library, it's not the fall that kills you, it's the landing. Similarly, shaving was not painful at all (I was sure to use extra care in the scrotal area and miraculously did not sustain any cuts). However, a few days later, hair began to do what it does best — grow back. For those of you who never had a stubble uncle who gives awkwardly intimate hugs, unlike the soft, silky locks on your head, stubble sticks out of the skin like tiny needles. Imagine applying these needles straight to your now-vulnerable tender bits and rubbing vigorously. For people who re-growing their pubes, this can be accomplished by walking, making the purchase of any sort of torture device unnecessary. One is grown-out of your skin.

It was of course at this point, after the honeymoon period that I realized that fate was adding insult to my injury. While before, I had associated shaved pubes with porn stars, looking upon myself now, I was reminded instead of the two other sorts of habitually bareless people: the pre-pubescent and chemotherapy patients. Neither of these are people I enjoy being mistaken for, and I personally found it a huge turnoff. I was not able to get a straight opinion out of my boyfriend, as he is not only naturally indecisive but smart, as everyone knows that you do not criticize something unchangeable, like your friend's new pixie cut or your mum's food job. However, he did admit that the stubble was not exactly starlight against his skin either.

A few weeks of pain later, I found that life had improved. I had learned that I never wanted to shave again, unless I was going to commit to being permanently bald. I would imagine that this situation would be reasonable, assuming you enjoyed your genitals in that state. I did learn that it is true that shorter hair does in fact "make it look bigger," possibly even more so than the absence of hair at all.

So, with the benefit of hindsight, I would not recommend clearing out your jungle, but trimming the bushes never hurt (and I mean that word literally) anyone.

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Right to bear arms can provide protection when needed most

With the recent mass shooting at Fort Hood, Texas on November 5th (14 dead, 30 injured), and another shooting two days later in Florida (1 dead, 5 injured). I'd like to think there's something we can do to change so that less lives will be lost in the future. Sure there is a lot to do in the form of prevention, but that's where all the focus is, and not much time is spent trying to improve how things go once a shooting has started.

People need to be willing to accept the fact that from time to time, despite all our best efforts, mass shootings will occur. It is a very sad fact, but that's the way it is. In the Fort Hood shooting for example, the alleged killer was a major in the army and a psychiatrist. Sometimes even the people we trust the most can turn against us.

Once we accept the fact that mass shootings will occur, we should focus on the question of how to end the shootings as quickly as possible. In the Fort Hood shooting, the shooter was able to fire more than one hundred rounds from a semi-automatic handgun before he was brought to a stop by deadly force. He was on the largest U.S. military base in the world and yet it was two civilian police officers who stopped him. Sgt. Kimberly Munley and Sgt. Mark Todd (both heroes in my book).

When I read that it was two civilian police officers that ended the carnage on a huge military base, something seemed odd to me. I imagined military bases as having lots of soldiers with most of them armed and able to defend themselves. It is the case. It turns out that the only typically armed people on our military bases are the military members. Soldiers are allowed to check firearms out of the armory for use on the range, but that's about it. It's absurd to me that our soldiers who fight and defend our freedom and who are generally proficient in the use of firearms are not allowed to carry on the military bases where they work, train and in some cases live. Even concealed carry permit holders who are generally allowed to carry in public aren't allowed to carry on bases. When the shooter opened fire at Fort Hood, the soldiers were left defenseless and waiting for the police to arrive so they could end the shooting.

When a mass shooting is in progress, every second is a potentially lethal second and the police are minutes away.

Time and time again we see that it takes deadly force in the form of a firearm to end a mass shooting. All too often these mass shootings occur in so-called "gun-free zones" where only the police are allowed to have firearms. In other words, people are dependent upon the police to show up to end the shooting. In the case of the Fort Hood shooting, even the military base was a "gun-free zone" (with the exception of the firing range) just like Virginia Tech was, and as are most college campuses. Does making "gun-free zones" stop violent criminals from committing their crimes? Or do they just keep law-abiding citizens from carrying and being able to defend themselves? I know the idea of a "gun-free zone" seems like a good idea, but in reality, don't they just help the criminals?

Concealed carry is the concept of carrying a firearm on your person and in a manner so that somebody looking at you wouldn't know you're carrying. While the laws on concealed carry vary throughout the states, (from Wisconsin and Illinois which prohibit concealed carry, to Alaska and Vermont where concealed carry is legal without any permit) most states allow for concealed carry with some sort of permit. Concealed carry is not for everyone, but it allows law-abiding citizens to be able to protect themselves and not rely solely on the police in certain situations. Legalized concealed carry allows ordinary citizens to be able to protect themselves and end shootings. If concealed carry was allowed on Fort Hood, there would be no guarantee that somebody would have been armed in the vicinity of the shooter or that they would have decided to use their firearm against the shooter, but there would at least have been that possibility, currently it's not allowed under the law.

Shouldn't law-abiding citizens be able to legally carry concealed weapons so that they might be able to protect themselves in times of intense violence and perhaps save the lives of many others in the process? Or are "gun-free zones" where criminals are armed, law-abiding citizens are unarmed, and people are dependent on police to come to rescue, a good idea?
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up in a game.

The ultimate game manager, Orton even made some impressive deep throws that didn't seem possible when he was with Chicago. It wasn't like the Redskins were actually covering Brandon Marshall, so he didn't really need to work it into a seam, but still.

Orton left with an ankle injury and that's when the Chris Simms express rolled into the station. Unfortunately for Broncos fans, it never quite made it out of the station after the second half started.

Simms was 3 of 13 for 23 yards and an interception. Some of those throws were incomplete to wide-open receivers, including a fourth-and-10 play at the end of the game to keep the team alive.

But let's give credit to the Redskins. They called a fake field goal two plays in a row on 4th and 20 no less. After they lined up for it initially, they realized they had just 10 men on the field and had to call a time out. So they came out again with a full compliment of players, faked it again and punter Hunter Smith threw a bomb across the field for a touchdown.

You have to wonder, did Jim Zorn call that play with the mindset that he's going to be fired at the end of the season anyway, or did Sherman Lewis come up with that play while sitting in his Bingo parlor with a bunch of his friends? Either way, it was just crazy enough to work.

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very well. He excels in transition where he can attack and slash his way to the basket," according to Scouts Inc.

The combo guard was named player of the year for the Coastal South League when his team posted a 23-3 record and advanced to win the CIF-San Diego Section Division IV title.

Love averaged 20.8 points per game to go along with 9.9 rebounds. He also added 3.7 assists and 3.1 steals per game.

"Malik is a great student-athlete who has the mature body of a 25-year-old, but has just turned 17," said Callero. "He has great character and is a great competitor, he is a strong physical defender with lateral quickness to guard quick physical players. He has a real tough side and has real competitive size to him."

The two recruits look to help aid a Cal Poly men's basketball program that hasn't posted a winning season since an 18-10 campaign in 2006-07.

This Week in Cal Poly Athletics

Women's Basketball vs. Pepperdine  
Saturday - 2 p.m.  
Mott Gym

Senior Night  
Cal Poly vs. Cal State Northridge  
Friday - 7 p.m.  
Mott Gym

vs. UCSB  
Saturday - 11 a.m.  
Anderson Aquatic Center

Cal Poly Women's Tennis Invitational  
Friday, Sat. and Sunday - All Day  
Mustang Courts

Admission is free for all Cal Poly students
After seven or eight weeks, an online reader was kind enough to point out that there is already a column named "Tuesday Morning Quarterback" and it's on ESPN.com no less. So it is with a sad heart that I must change my column name back to "The Silvey Lining" which is what it originally was when I was the sports editor here.

Just when you think you're the only one in the world creative enough to have a football column come out on Tuesday, they rip your heart out and stomp on it.

OK, so I wasn't that hurt, but I did want to avoid all the inevitable plagiarism concerns.

Speaking of changing names, one player who might want to change his name to Roger Craig is Tennessee running back Chris Johnson.

Craig, a former 49ers running back was the first player in league history to have more than 1,000 yards rushing and receiving in a season.

On Sunday, Johnson had 132 yards rushing and 100 yards receiving in a rout of the Buffalo Bills.

In just nine games, Johnson already has more receiving yards than he did all of last season.

Well past the halfway mark of the season, Johnson has got to be the only one in the world creative enough to have a football column come out on Tuesday, they rip your heart out and stomp on it.

If it is Vince Young who is the visible difference, that Johnson should be considered as an MVP candidate even on a losing team.

He's already over 1,000 yards rushing this year and he's averaging more than six yards per carry on a team that until a few weeks ago had a very minimal passing threat. He's running against eight or sometimes even nine men in the box, and he is still the best running back in the league.

Spotlight too bright on Cutler?

Jay Cutler should be used to the spotlight by now. After all, he thrust himself into the limelight faster than "Paulson boy" after demanding to be the only one in the world creative enough to have a football column come out on Tuesday, they rip your heart out and stomp on it.

But when it comes to play- during primetime, he certainly doesn't seem like he's accustomed to the bright lights.

In the three games Chicago has played on either Sunday night or Thursday night football, Cutler is a combined 73 of 131 for 884 yards, three touchdowns and 11 interceptions (including a career-high five on Thursday in San Francisco) and the Bears are 0-3 in those games.

Two of those interceptions on Thursday were Devin Hester's fault. The speedy defensive back turned wide receiver didn't make it appear that Cutler had thrown a nice pass straight to a 49ers defender. On another play, he refused to bowl over another player, but Cutler threw it too far in Hester's path while he was running the route. Instead, Hester slowed and tried to go around the referee, but Cutler threw it too far in front for the pick.

I guess when your number-one receiver was a cornerback two years ago; you probably shouldn't expect great things, regardless of who you have playing quarterback.

Cutler and the Bears will get another chance to redeem themselves this Sunday night when they host the Eagles in a primetime affair.

Orton the key to success

Since we're talking about Jay Cutler, we might as well talk about the person he will forever be linked to — Kyle Orton.

These guys are going to be compared forever, and while Cutler is putting up more yardage than any Bears quarterback in recent history, it's starting to look like another Herschel Walker deal.

Who knew Orton could dominate with some talented receivers and an amazing offensive line?

I was convinced that anyone could come in and play quarterback for the Denver Broncos — even you or I — that is, until I saw Chris Simms yesterday.

Gave the Redskins defense some credit. They have one of the better pass defenses in the NFL this year, but Orton was lighting them up in the first half. By halftime, Orton had two touchdown passes and had thrown for more yardage than the Redskins give up in a regular season affair.

The No. 1 quality that we are looking for is winners," said Callero in a release. "And I think we got two.

Johnson is a 6-foot-6 point guard from Madison High School in San Antonio, TX. He led his team to a 132-19 record over his four-year stint at Madison HS. Madison reached a No. 5 national ranking by ESPN and advanced to the playoffs S-A final four and finished with a 34-6 record.

On ESPN.com, Johnson is rated as an 87 points guard.

Johnson averaged 19 points, 5.2 assists and four rebounds as a junior and is ranked by ESPN as the No. 62 point guard in the nation coming out of high school.

"This lefty point guard is a tough-minded leader who was fearless against some very good competition in head-to-head battles at his position. He is a coach-type on the floor who is very in sync with what his head coach wants," according to Scouts Inc.

He is a high-percentage point guard who is proven to have poise against tough opponents.

"Johnson" should become one of the top point guards in the 2010 class," according to Scouts Inc.

As a sophomore Johnson was tabbed as a Blue Chip recruit when he was named tournament MVP of the prestigious 64 team McDonald's Invitational held in Pasadena, TX.

He is the seventh player from Madison HS to be recruited to play Division I basketball in the past four years.

"To get Jamil, a point guard, ranked No. 62 in the nation is unbelievable," Callero said. "He is a student athlete who is quick, clever and a winner. We are fortunate to find a young man with all the ingredients that we need and he can shoot the ball.

Along with Johnson, Malik Love heads to Cal Poly from The Bishop's School in La Jolla, CA.

The 6-foot-4 shooting guard is dubbed a 75 scouts grade by ESPN and chose the Mustangs over playing at the Air Force Academy, Love also showed interest in San Diego, San Diego State, Long Beach State and UC Riverside.

"(Love) is more adept at attacking the rim and making plays on the defensive end-play the passing lanes see Recruits, page 11