SLO City Council considers changes to noise ordinance

Strategies to reduce noise presented at today's meeting

Lack of class availability frustrates Poly students and administration

Local physician bolsters student awareness of health effects of alcohol
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Cal Poly’s administration continues to search for ways to get students their necessary classes so they can graduate from the university in a timely manner.

Cal Poly Provost Richard Koob said at an ASI Board of Directors workshop, that block scheduling will continue next year for freshmen students. He said that starting students out on the right path is beneficial so they do not encounter difficulties in registration later on, and fall behind their expected graduation time.

Rice said that she has not had any trouble registering for classes and feels fortunate that her major allows her some flexibility in her class schedule.

"I guess I’m one of the lucky ones," she said.

Koob added that fall registration will take place in May again for continuing students. Despite fewer available courses offered in the fall, the average student course load went up by 2 percent.

In the future, Koob said that priority registration might be cut since he considers it a "Band-Aid," and students should be able to stay on track to graduate through normal registration. He said that students should take at least 12 units, and the administration encourages students to take 15 or 16 units in order to graduate on time.

Associated Student Inc. has been working on the issues of class availability and timely graduation since the beginning of the year. Kelsey Rice, an agricultural business senior who serves on the ASI Board of Directors, said that the transition to block scheduling for freshmen students should help to decongest the classes in high demand. Also, she said that starting students out on the right path is beneficial so they do not encounter difficulties in registration later on, and fall behind their expected graduation time.

It seems like they don’t take the effects too seriously until something happens to someone they know.

—Erin Osberg

Director of Education and co-director of “The Sobering Truth.”

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“My whole impression I guess is...
Grant money could speed stem cell cures

Karen Kaplan

LOS ANGELES — Dr. Karen Abdoxy estimates that she has cured several hundred mice of a cancer of the colon using a new system called nonobdobysts.

First she injected them with spe-
cialized cancer cells that naturally zero in on the tumors and surround them. Then she administered an antitumor agent that the cells converted into a highly toxic drug.

In her test, 90 percent of the ani-
mals were rid of their tumors while healthy brain tissue remained undam-
aged.

To hear Abdoxy tell it, that was the easy part.

"People are curing mice right and left," said the City of Hope neurosci-
entist. "The real challenge is convinc-
ing the Food and Drug Administra-
tion to let her try this on people with brain tumors.

Reams of safety data must be amassed to satisfy the FDA. Scientists must navigate all that red tape. Many don't even try.

Now the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine has stepped in — with an $18 million grant fin-
danced by state taxpayers, courtesy of 2004's Proposition 71, which created the state agency.

Abdoxy's wonderland is just one man-
festation of the agency's changing mission, galvanized by the 2008 hire of a place with a track record of moving discoveries from lab to clinic.

For 3 years, the agency focused on the basic groundwork needed to someday use human embryonic stem cells to replace body parts damaged by injury or disease. Such cures are still far in the future.

Now the institute has a more im-
mediate goal: entice private investors. It is con-
centrating its vast financial resources on projects that could cure conditions such as age-related macular degener-
ation, AIDS, sickle cell disease and several hundred mice of a cancer of the brain.

"This is how the agency — with its constitutional mandate to invest $3 billion in stem cell research over 10 years — plans to stay afloat as the state's only agency for basic and applied science," said the institute's director, Alan Trounson, a stem cell pioneer from Australia. "We need to demonstrate our ability to fill a void known as the "valley of death" — a point at which projects are typically too commercial to vie for federal funds, yet too risky to entice private investors.

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gap budget.

"If we went 10 years and had no clinical treatments, it would be a fail-
sure," said the institute's director, Alan Trounson, a stem cell pioneer from Australia. "This is how we demonstrate that we are starting a whole new medical revolution."

Other changes helped spur this new direction. In March, President Barack Obama could expand federal funding for research on em-
byonic stem cells beyond the nar-
row limits set in 2001 by President George W. Bush, making state fund-
ing less crucial.

And since, Proposition 71 was pass-
ed, scientists have created new kinds of stem cells — known as in-
duced pluripotent stem cells — that can be coaxed to form many different types of tissues but are made without harming embryos and thus are eli-
gible for federal funding.

When the institute hand handed out nearly $200 million in October to 14 research teams, including Abdoxy's at the City of Hope, it was in largest sci-
cific investment by far. But it came with strings attached: In four years, proposals should have a clinical trial ready to file with the FDA. Only one of the projects involves em-
byonic stem cells.

It is a significant change in direc-
tion for an effort originally designed to bolster research on human embry-
onic stem cells.

Proposition 71 was set in motion in August 2001, when Bush an-
ounced that federal funds could be used to study stem cell lines derived from human embryos. It marked the first time money from the National Institutes of Health and other gov-
ernment agencies was made available to the growing cadre of biologists who believed the cells could be trans-
formed into replacement tissues that would cure a range of diseases.

But there was a catch. Like many Americans, Bush was opposed to the use of destroying human embryos for any reason, including medical re-
search. So he restricted federal fund-
ing to about 20 embryonic stem cell lines that had already been created.

Scientists were soon complaining that the Bush policy was unworkable. Many of the lines had chromosomal abnormalities or were contaminated with animal products, rendering them unusable for use in humans. Newer lines developed with private money could only be used in separate labs built without federal money.

The situation was also frustrating to patients who sought to benefit from the research. Bay Area real estate de-
veloper Robert Klein, whose son has type 1 diabetes, proposed a radical solution: raise $3 billion through the sale of state bonds to fund stem cell research in California.

Backers of the California Stem Cell Research and Cures Initiative, better known as Proposition 71, em-
phasized the potential for these flex-
tible cells to reverse paralysis from spinal cord injuries and cure in-
tractable diseases such as Parkinson's, dia-
betes and Alzheimer's. Scientists, not normally known for grandstanding, railed voters across the state.

Californians approved Proposition 71 in November 2004 with 59 percent of the vote.

The first grants went out in April 2006, after fighting off legal challenge-
res. Hundreds of millions of additional dollars followed.

USC, for example, used a grant to build in Center for Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell Research essen-
tially from scratch.

The university hired Martin Pera, a colleague of Trounson's, to lead the effort. It was quite a coup. In Austra-
ilia, Trounson and Pera's team was the first to show that human embryonic stem cells could grow into mature cells in laboratory dishes.

Within months of his arrival, USC received a $600,000 grant to support graduate students and post-
docs working on stem cell projects. The following year, the university tallied up nearly $4 million in state funding for scientists to study basic properties of human embryonic stem cells.

An additional $22 million from the agency allowed USC to set up its Stem Cell Core Facility, where scientists can derive, grow and maintain stem cell lines. Another $27 million helped finance a new stem cell research building. By the time construction wraps up this summer, Pera said he hopes to recruit two additional research groups using more state grants.

It may seem extravagant, especially in light of California's broken budget. But Pera sees stem cell science as a sound long-term investment.

"This is going to be a key area of scientific research," he said. "What's wrong with making this state a na-
tional and worldwide leader in this technology?"

Until a few months ago, these types of grants were the institute's bread and butter. The agency has fi-
nanced 29 new labs and more than 380 researchers at 51 California insti-
utes, from UC-San Diego to Hum-
boldt State. Scientists funded by the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine have produced 420 publications describing heart muscle cells, liver cells, retinal cells and others grown from human embryonic stem cells, among other experiments.

But those academic achievements don't matter much to average taxpay-
ers. Trounson said. People who voted for Proposition 71 "want to see some clinical treatments happen."

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Dr. Karen Abdoxy saw her sister-in-law suffer from breast cancer that had spread to her brain. She's convinced that stem cell therapy can be more effective and less debilitating.
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Haitian rescue efforts continue as window narrows for survivors

Jacqueline Charles, Trenton Daniel and Lesley Clark

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — More U.S. troops, international relief supplies, and former president and now United Nations special envoy to Haiti Bill Clinton were due to arrive Monday, as rescue teams and residents continue to search for survivors and salvage what they can from the ruins.

"Amid a rising death toll and a cataclysmic humanitarian crisis, small miracles unfolded — even as the window narrowed for survivors."

Five people were rescued Monday morning from the wreckage of the Caribbean Market and the downtown business district.

A South Florida rescue team pulled a man and a girl from the market, and declared them to be in "remarkably good shape."

The two had been trapped in the supermarket aisle that stocked peanut butter and jelly, said Frank Mainade, team leader for the Alpha Division of the South Florida Urban Search and Rescue Team.

After being pulled from the rubble, the first thing the man said was, "I ate a lot of peanut butter."

Mainade said.

Team member Joseph Fernandez said Monday morning's rescue — the second reported mission where survivors were found after subsisting on supermarket staples — has given rescue workers hope at the site.

"Food has changed the entire dynamic here," Fernandez said. "We're pulling out not just viable, but healthy, if dusty people."

"We can't let this site go," he said.

In Port-au-Prince's business district, three women were res-
The women — an 18-year-old, her 20-year-old sister and a 31-year-old woman — had been trapped in the rubble since the 7.0-magnitude earthquake struck Jan. 12. They were saved by a team Tuesday, January 19, 2010, business corridor, particularly from Los Angeles.

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Obama gets an ‘incomplete’ in foreign policy for first year, analysts say

WASHINGTON — A year after he took office to global acclaim, President Barack Obama has so far translated his mantra of “change” into foreign policy success or to define how he’ll use America’s clout to advance its security, economic and political interests.

Both Democratic and Republican foreign policy veterans give Obama high marks for deepening the brief thaw of anti-Americanism that gathered during the Bush years, particularly in the Muslim world. However, they say it remains to be seen whether and how he’ll employ the diplomatic levers that are needed to defeat Islamic extremism, advance Middle East peace, back Iran of its nuclear program, handle a rising China and navigate the inevitable unforeseen crises.

Obama “has not yet made the transition from inspiring orator to compelling statesman. Advocating that something happen is not the same as making it happen,” Zbigniew Brzezinski, who was President Jimmy Carter’s national security adviser, wrote in the current issue of Foreign Affairs magazine.

A former senior official who served in top posts in several Republican administrations offered a similar critique. He said that Obama took office having three tomes to change the global mood toward America: to renew foreign policy strategy; and then to execute it.

On the first, “Obama done well, although it’s started to say a little,” said the former official, who didn’t want to be quoted by name, concerning a sitting president. However, he said, Obama is “having trouble putting meat on the bones of his rhetoric. Is this endemic, or will it take more time?”

Even Obama’s admirers say they’re unsure what his foreign policy ledger is, where he stands on the continuum from hard-headed realism to soft-power multilateralism or what his foreign policy priorities are.

“Statecraft is about choice, and choice is about national character and power. It’s about grasping the nettle and showing one’s mettle,” Josef Joffe, the publisher of Germany’s Die Zeit newspaper and a supporter of a muscular U.S. global role, wrote in The American Interest magazine.

The president and his foreign policy team are likely to be tested aplenty in the year ahead.

There’s trying to revive an Israeli-Palestinian peace initiative that floundered last year after Washington demanded that Israel freeze Jewish settlements in territory claimed by the Palestinians. Critics call that approach one of Obama’s biggest tactical blunders to date, and White House aides say the issue is one of their biggest disappointments.

Obama will attempt to capsize the United Nations Security Council, including a deeply reluctant China, to impose new sanctions on Iran over its nuclear program. He wants to do this, however, without alienating Iran’s “green movement” opposition or forcing the door to negotiations with the Iranian regime.

White House aides say the president reserved the downed trend in his first year. Obama, they said, overhauled U.S. policies on climate change; the Guantanamo Bay prison and nuclear proliferation; and reached out to allies in Europe, eradicating partners such as Russia and adversaries such as Iran to set the stage for later achievements.

Obama’s outreach “was not simply an exercise in good will. It was essential to lay the groundwork for things we want to achieve” in the coming months, said White House deputy national security adviser Ben Rhodes.

“On some of these long-term initiatives — we have only begun to move in the direction that we’re going,” Rhodes said in an interview. “We did a lot of legwork to position ourselves to start hiring a bunch of targets.”

A State Department official put it more urgently. “We need to get some deals done — on these headline issues” in Obama’s second year, said the official, who wasn’t authorized to speak for the record.

President Barack Obama makes a statement regarding U.S. efforts to aid the victims of the earthquake in Haiti, in the Diplomatic Reception Room of the White House in Washington, D.C.

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A: I have been at Cal Poly for 6 years. Before becoming a professor, I taught at a high school in Las Vegas.

Religious studies assistant professor Stephen Lloyd-Moffett.

What is your favorite thing about Cal Poly?
A: The student body is incredibly diverse and engaged.

Where are you when you aren't teaching?
A: I am usually at my desk, grading papers.

What is the funniest thing you have experienced?
A: Last year, I witnessed a student prank where they filled the campus with sticky notes.

If you could meet anyone alive or dead who would it be?
A: I would love to meet Albert Einstein.

Where is your favorite place in San Luis Obispo?
A: My favorite place is the Central Coast Zoo.

What is the most interesting place you have ever visited?
A: I have visited Iceland.

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With Senate seat in danger, Democrats scramble for Plan B on health reform

Noam N. Levey

WASHINGTON — With Republicans threatening to win the law that Edward M. Kennedy's Massachusetts Senate seat and deny Democrats a filibuster-proof majority, White House officials and Democratic congressional leaders are contemplating a major strategy shift to finish health care overhaul without further Senate action.

Under this strategy, House Democrats, who passed a health care bill in November, would be called on to approve the version that cleared the Senate just before Christmas, rather than continue to negotiate compromises across provisions on which the two houses differ.

House passage of the Senate version would allow President Barack Obama to sign the overhaul quickly, without requiring another vote in the Senate. If Republican Scott Brown wins Tuesday's special election in Massachusetts, Senate Democrats would no longer have the 60 votes needed to prevent a GOP filibuster.

To placate House liberals, many of whom are fighting legislation with a conservative Senate, the Democrats would then move to reconcile the bills to satisfy some of the liberals' demands, including scaling back a new tax on high-end "Cadillac" health plans. These Senate votes could be held under "closed"两会 procedural rules that would prevent filibusters.

But this strategy remains highly controversial and carries major political risks. It could further irritate House liberals, discourage the party's progressive base going into the November elections, and open Obama and congressional Democrats to charges that they rammed through health care despite a re­buff by voters in one of the party's most impermissible bastions.

"Both progressives and conservatives in the House caucus won't go for it," one senior Democratic aide warned Monday, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the explosive nature of the issue.

"None of this is ideal," Larry C. McDonald, H. Health Care Ad­ vocate for the U.S. Public Interest Research Group, a leading con­sumer group, acknowledged.

As strategy discussions intensi­fied, Republicans stepped up their attacks. "They are going to try every­way, shape and form to show this bill down the throats of the American people," House Minor­ity Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, said Monday in a radio interview with The Scott Hennen Show.

White House and congressio­nal officials would not discuss any contingency plans on the record Monday, as party leaders mount­ed a last-minute effort to salvage Coakley's campaign.

"We think Martha Coakley is going to win this race," Gibbs said. A GOP victory in Massachusetts would leave the Senate Democratic caucus with just 59 members, easily of the 60-vote supermajority necessary to overcome a GOP-led filibuster. (The caucus includes two independents).

Every Republican voted against the Senate health care bill last month. And few Democratic strategists believe it would be possible to persuade a GOP senator to cross the aisle at the 11th hour.

Maine Sen. Olympia Snowe, a central Republican who backed a health care bill in the Senate Finance Committee last fall and would be considered the most likely candidate, was highly criti­cal of the Senate legislation last month.

She has not been involved in discussions to develop a compro­mise between the House and Sen­ate bills.

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SLO’s Chinatown welcomes new addition Chow

At first glance, the simplified, bright blue façade of the restaurant lends its appeal to something other than traditional Chinese, Vietnamese or Southeast Asian eatery. Chow, San Luis Obispo’s newest addition in Asian dining, is a combination of cuisines, blending traditional regional ingredients, served in an upscale presentation with a twist of imagination.

Chow, which opened in November, was created by Robin and Shanny Covey. In 1985, Robin opened Robin’s in Cambria, and later introduced Novo, with an international blend concept.

In 2006, Novo closed its doors while being retrofitted, and “Little Chow” as Robin calls it, opened next to the Palm Theatre in what remains of San Luis Obispo’s Chinatown. Popular and celebrated, Little Chow was the first phase of the restaurant that has now been expanded on Monterey Street. Once Novo reopened, Little Chow closed and efforts were redirected again to the San Luis Obispo lounge and restaurant.

“I thought Chow was going to be another run-of-the-mill, average take on Chinese or Vietnamese food,” journalism sophomore Evan Stoecker said. “After I had the crab and the duck, I noticed the flavors had a quality that you knew required substantial time and effort.”

What sets this restaurant apart from others is the unique attention to detail and noticeable artistry on and off the plate.

As you enter Chow, an open interior with a bamboo rock garden lit by skylights separates the restaurant and bar space.

Slightly out of the ordinary is the restaurant’s Tatami room, a traditionally Japanese enclosed setting, in which guests are welcome to sit on the floor while they eat.

Novo chef Justin Gabbert heads the kitchen at Chow. Covey described his experiments with menus as a “shoot-from-the-hip” tactic.

“I never quite know what I want to do until I’ve tried it,” he said. “Chow is really proud to source many ingredients from local farms and producers. I often walk the farmers’ markets and pick a variety of produce to use in our kitchen. The great part is that we special order much of our spices and harder to locate items through local distributors and we are able to trade between restaurants.”

Covey said he is proud to prepare house-made noodles for his dishes, despite the grueling, laborious task of doing so each day. To him, the difference is the definition of his restaurant: preparing quality ethnic foods while reinventing the experience.

Chow’s stir-fried marinated beef (more of a chow mein) is among the most frequently ordered dishes. Even more decadent are the Kabi short ribs with kimchi, Jasmine white rice, and juliened carrots and onions with stir-fried sugar snap peas.

To start, savor the spring rolls filled with rice noodles, lettuce, fresh herbs, daikon, cucumber, c...
We face judgment every day, especially from people we don’t actually know. Your professor could judge you based on your lack of understanding of “Crime and Punishment,” someone on the bus could disapprove of your choice of clothes, hairstyle or music, or the cashier at the drugstore could judge your purchase of lube and candy. Usually, these people are fairly polite human beings who will respectfully keep their criticism to themselves.

However, on beautifulpeople.com, the rules are different. This controversial dating Web site has an application that consists of posting a photo of yourself and letting everyone who is already a member vote for your approval or rejection. Why? Because of who they let in? The site argues that “people want to be with someone they are attracted to.”

Well, they’re pretty damn right about that. It’s almost universal to want to find the person you are looking for without “filtering through unattractive people.” But who is unattractive?

Since dating Web sites originated, smaller sites have decided to be more selective with their future members. If you absolutely must date a Jew, there’s more than one site to find one, as well as sites that center exclusively on clothes, hairstyle or music, or the cashier at the drugstore could judge your purchase of lube and candy. Usually, these people are fairly polite human beings who will respectfully keep their criticism to themselves.

As some of you may have read in the Mustang Daily last week, BeautifulPeople made the news when it revoked the membership of more than 5,000 people who had gained weight over the holiday season. These members responded in outrage as they were once again subjected to a test they had already passed, but now seemed destined to fail with the help of their holiday stuffing. The world audience was torn between tittering at the woes of the newly chunky, lamenting about how much focus is put on appearances and dashing to their computer to try to get into the site themselves.

I applied and became one of the 20 percent of applicants who are accepted. Good for me, I suppose. I signed up for the hell of it, and the site is little more than amusement to me. I’m definitely not interested in dating Brian, who is apparently the only other beautiful person in San Luis Obispo. Also, I could only find about 20 gay people on the site, which gives me even lower odds than just wandering downtown.

Pretty much the only entertainment I get out of it is rating the potential members, and what better way to evaluate them than by democracy? Several people have already signed up for the site, which gives me even lower odds than just wandering downtown.

There has been some controversy as to whether such restrictions are fair, especially when the restrictions are hard to define, such as attractiveness or beauty. How can a simple questionnaire determine if you are fit to belong to “an exclusively beautiful community”?

The rating system that BeautifulPeople uses is supposed to allow members to “define their ideal of beauty in a democratic way,” by rating new members on a scale of zero to three. This concept seems incredibly counter-intuitive. Everyone has differences in taste, so it makes no sense that a vote, democratic or otherwise, would be able to come up with a group of people that absolutely everyone is attracted to. True, most of us have the same general ideas of what is attractive, but what if you miss out on meeting the love of your life because a couple hundred people thought his teeth were too uneven? Why risk the Web site filtering out the wrong people?

Of course, there is a simple fix for this problem. They need only everyone joins and then let each individual person evaluate people as they browse. Oh, wait, that’s a regular dating site.
Golden Globes has lost its sense of humor

Tom Mairstad
The Daily Morning News

The Golden Globes award show was hilarious fun, full of not-ready-for-prime-time silliness and open-bar-primped celebrities. At least it used to be, back before the Oscars-industrial complex turned it into the official warm-up event of Hollywood’s big night.

Now that it’s treated as a Serious Event, the thrill, not to mention the fun, is gone.

So Sunday night’s 67th Annual Golden Globes was an almost entirely fun-free event. There were no rambling speeches given by obviously inebriated stars, no winners caught heading to the bathroom when their names were called, as in the glory days of shows gone by.

The closest we came to the former was Kevin Bacon, who may have just been flustered at winning, offering a few waddling elliptical remarks. And the closest we got to the latter was James Cameron, complimenting during his speech that he needed to go to the bathroom.

The big hope for fun was the selection of Ricky Gervais as host. The man has built his brand on being a say-anything lampooner of Hollywood, show business, famous people and people in general. He’s a man with nothing to lose; surely, he was going to make with the fun and maybe.

Alas, no. He opened the show with a funny enough monologue, taking a shot at host network NBC (following up on his blistering appearance on Conan O’Brien’s “Tonight Show” last Thursday). Then he made a couple of body-joke, backpocket jokes, poked fun at actors and closed with another shot at NBC.

But after that, he was little seen, just doing an occasional bit in which he mustered half-hearted smirkiness.

His one breakthrough moment came when he appeared with a glass of beer and went into a routine about drinking. What seemed like just some fun about the open-bar party atmosphere turned suddenly sharp and spot-on when he concluded: “I like a drink as much as the next guy, unless the next guy is Mel Gibson.” Zing. With that, he introduced Gibson to present the best director award.

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Meryl Streep won the award for Best Actress in a Comedy or Musical for “Julie and Julia,” a film in which she plays the late chef Julia Child.

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Cal Poly vs. UC Santa Barbara
Thursday, Jan. 21st at 7 p.m.

Wrestling

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Friday, Jan. 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

Swimming and Diving

Cal Poly vs. UC

Saturday, Jan. 23rd at 12 p.m.

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“Free Giveaways”
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rots and sweet chili sauces, served with peanuts and a ginger-soy syrup. The amount of flavor that is packed into those rice paper-wrapped rolls is surprising.

Next, order the spicy Chinese chili crab. This dish is spicy, but not overpowering, and will be the subject of the night’s conversation. Don’t forget to order a foreign beer or glass of wine to accompany the flavors—the list of beverages is extensive.

“I never had crab before. I wasn’t sure if this would be too fishy, meaty, lean. I was pleasantly surprised and would definitely consider ordering crab in the future,” Stoecker said.

A hearty dish to share (most of the entrees are family style so sharing is ideal) is the duck. Sweet and tender, this dish is served with delicate crepes to go along with the hoisin sauce instead of the ordinary plum sauce. Wrap the crepe around pieces of the meat, and it’s like eating Asian tapas.

Chow’s price points are lower than Novo (about $13 per entrée, the highest being $22). For an even better deal, grab lunch specials Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Chow is located at 1009 Monterey St. in downtown San Luis Obispo.

The job market is global. Are you?

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part of the evening’s entertainment. Wax onto the lesser luminary who dared offer more than a few words Sunday night. When the music started to swell as “Mad Men” creator Matthew Weiner was just beginning, it was a heavy-handed offense. Especially when Drew Barrymore got to burble and gape and flutter on and on.

Best speech honors go to Robert Downey Jr., who started by declaring: “If you play violin, I will tear this joint apart,” and went on to say he wasn’t going to thank anyone — “They needed me.” Of course, he then went on to graciously not thank all the important people in his life.

Classiest speech honors are a tie. Jeff Bridges was genuine and touching in his unscripted reflections. And Michael C. Hall, wearing a black knit cap, a reminder to viewers of his recent bout with cancer, said not a word about it in his acceptance speech, a nice touch of class and restraint at an awards show.

Gervais ended the show with the joke of turning a wish for peace on Earth into a shameless pitch for his new TV show. But it was too little, too late. In the end, the best thing about this year Golden Globes’ telecast was that it ended on time.
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I'm not sure people realize how huge of an impact government can have on our lives. The government has the power to do just about anything, from taxing you a few percentage points here and there on your purchases with a sales tax, to taking thousands of dollars with income or property taxes, to imprisoning you and even in some cases, taking your life. Despite all that, it can often be quite easy to turn a blind eye to government activities. We pay our taxes to go along with the rules. We get officials appropriate that money as they see fit, whether or not we agree. We let government regulate business, which might not seem to affect us at all. It's big topics like health care or immigration that tend to get a lot of people interested, and yet all too often, we feel powerless over the direction the government is moving. This cycle must be broken. We must cease letting the legislature pass laws we disagree with and then moving on and never coming back to get rid of them. We need legislators who will write laws that make sense for the American people and who will also repeal all the horrible laws on the books. The key here is remembering how these politicians got into office in the first place.

Sometimes all the candidates on a ballot seem the same. Whether they're Democrat or Republican, they all seem to pass more laws, spend more money and continue down the same path we've been on for quite some time now. It really is a shame that there aren't better people out there, who are trustworthy and stand for real values and principles, rather than doing whatever it takes to get them elected and re-elected.

I think there are, and have been, some genuinely good candidates out there such as Ron Paul, Rand Paul, Peter Schiff and Debra Medina, but they are generally few and far between. It would be nice to see more people running for office, even if just for local positions and try to make a difference in our government. Americans voted for change in 2008, and yet judging by the president's recent poll numbers, it would seem people are disappointed with the candidate running under that banner. It's about time we see some candidates stand for real change and actually be that change we want once they are sworn into office.

The state primary election is coming up in June and the application deadline has not yet passed. Maybe you personally aren't willing to run for office, but perhaps you know somebody who you think would be good at it. Maybe you know somebody who can't seem to stop yelling at their television and regularly starts debates about policy. Perhaps they aren't politically connected, have never held a position in government before, and wouldn't be a typical candidate; I think this is a huge advantage at this point in time as this is what I believe the American public is starved for. We want to see real, down to earth people in office.

After George Washington had served his second term as president, he decided to step down from power. What a remarkable move for a man who could have held onto his power. Today we see some politicians grasping for more and more power all the time by violating the Constitution and the rule of law left and right, and in some cases (Michael Bloomberg) even campaigning for the law to be changed so that they might have more power.

America needs representatives of and for the people. We need representatives who respect the Constitution and the rule of law. We need leaders who will stand for freedom above all else. The future well-being of our country demands it.

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Jets secondary.

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range. missed both of his attempts in that event. Eventually cost coach Marty Schottenheimer.

Kickers were embarrassed last January

hurts." Kaeding said. "It's going to be a tough few

months," Kaeding said. "This is the kind of loss that eventually cost coach Marty Schottenheimer
his job after the 2006 season, when the Chargers blew a 14-2 regular-season record by losing to the visiting New England Patriots in a similar divisional play-off game.

Norte Turner, you're up.

The colorless Chargers coach, whose approach seems in direct contradiction to his team's sparkling talent, was the boss when the Chargers
were embarrassed last January in Pittsburgh.

He suffers a more direct hit here, maybe even eventually a job-ending one! Because the loss cut right to the heart of what Turner does best.

He calls the plays. And the playing

smirk.

From Antonio Gates across the middle to Vincent Jackson everywhere, to the running game led by LaDainian Tomlinson, and to the defense led by Shawne Merriman, the Chargers far worse than the Jets. Turner kept grinding.

Stuck with the running game too

long. Turner kept grinding.

"What I remember is him getting the rebound and going coast to coast to every single time," Dershaw said. "And I just remember myself being on the sidelines and telling him to 'Dunk it, dunk it!' He was having a blast."

Off the field, Odister is the
teammate and friend not afraid to make jokes, do "little dances" or play tricks on family mem-

bers, something Karen said he was notorious for when he was younger. He enjoys watching "Law and Order: SVU" with his teammate and roommate, Ryan Penbleton.

"Odister is a self-proclaimed "shoe fanatic," and is quietly ex-

ci-ted about the prospect of mak-

ing the All-Freshman Conference team this year. Like many stu-
dents though, he is living the col-

lege freshman lifestyle. He can dinner quickly when his parents come to visit so he can leave to hang out with friends, call his mom once a week so she knows he's doing OK, and has a family that is proud of him for his work ethic and deter-

mination to achieve his goals.

"I'm proud of him and I think that with his hard work and deter-

mination that he's showing right now in his first year, the sky's the limit for him if he just keeps with that work ethic and listening to the coaching staff," Dershaw said.

He's a Cal Poly Mustang ath-

lete, a freshman student navigating the ways of dorm life and a "posi-

tive addition" to the men's basket-

ball family.

"He's stepped up and hit lots of

end-of-the-shot-clock shots that are hard to hit there, and I don't think whether a freshman or whether a senior, will take a great amount of focus," Dershaw said. "You need to develop that leadership with the confidence that he plays with." But if you ask Odister, he's just a guy who's working to achieve his goals.
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Freshman guard forces his way into a starting role

Leticia Rodríguez
MUSTANG DAILY

To the people who don't know Kyle Odister, he is a soft-spoken, shy college freshman, excited about playing college basketball. To the family, friends and teammates who know him, however, he is a good-natured, "fun-loving guy," who idolizes his brother and listens to "Parts in the USA" by Miley Cyrus before games.

"We hear it in the locker room, we hear it on the bus. He loves that song," freshman center Ryan Darling said. "It just gets him pumped up or something. Whenever he has his headphones on we're always like, 'Hey, you listening to Miley right now?'

"No, it's his head like Yeah! and moving his hips like Yeah!" Odister is fitting right into the land of collegiate sports. The freshman point guard has worked his way to a starting position for the Cal Poly men's basketball team this season, by stepping up to the expectations of a coach not afraid to push his athletes.

"One of the most difficult positions in basketball, in college basketball, is to be away from home, be a freshman, be a starting point guard for a coach that's very demanding," head coach Joe Callero said. "I think he's handling it well right now."

As a starting freshman on a team of juniors and seniors, Odister has become a "verbal leader" on the court when it comes to calling out plays for the Mustang defense.

Callero said, before adding that one thing the coaching staff tries not to do is evaluate a player based on how well he is shooting.

"Your defense can hold them all night long if you keep your defense going. You have to hold them to what you know your defense can do," Callero said.

"I've been here seven seasons. Filtering into his senior year of high school, he was ranked as the No. 114 point guard in the nation by ESPN. At the time, the network praised Odister's jump shot as "textbook," and his landing as "extremely smooth."

In his last high school basketball season, Odister transferred to New Hampton School in New Hampton, New Hampshire, where he competed against athletes already signed to top basketball schools.

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Call them the stupor chargers, San Diego disappoints again

Bill Plaschke
LOS ANGELES TIMES

SAN DIEGO — Another great regular season, another January, another playoff game, and San Diego again finds a way to lose. This time the Chargers fall to the underdog Jets 14-14.

For the final four months of every year, they are the finest attraction in America's Finest City, sunny and blue and positively electric.

Then, for four hours every January, they become the San Diego Boo.

It happened here again Sunday, 70,000 screaming fans falling headfirst into football's biggest tourist trap, the San Diego Chargers succumbing everyone into finally believing that they could hang with postseason pressure.

Well, once again, the Bolts bolted. They ran from an 11-game win streak. They ran from the league's most talented offense. They ran from everything that made them one of the Super Bowl favorites until they bloody bungled into the hard wall of their history.

Welcome to Seasick World.

The team with the home advantage and rest advantage and manpower scored 14 points.

The New York Jets upset the Chargers in the divisional playoffs at Qualcomm Stadium on a wonderfully cool afternoon that ended in the chilling black of night.

Just like last January. And the January before that. And the January before that.

"I've been here seven seasons and the same thing happens every year," said Chargers linebacker Stephen Cooper, shaking his head in a locker room filled with the team's annual blank stares.

After some consideration, he did allow as to how this loss was different.

"This," he said, "was the worst."

He will probably get no argument from Jets who celebrated by parading giddily around the field as if they were Times Square, or Chargers fans who shouted angrily at departing players, or L.A. Native Tomlinson as he sought to keep his compose.

"To lose this game, I'm at a loss for words," said the San Diego running back. Check out the Gaglamp District.

A Chargers team that had scored at least 20 points in 22 consecutive games, the league's longest streak, barely scored twice with a cutter-