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Strategies to reduce noise presented at today's meeting

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San Luis Obispo Police Chief Deb Linden will propose amendments to the city's noise regulations at a special city council meeting at 4:30 p.m. at San Luis Obispo City Hall, 990 Palm St.

The council originally heard a presentation by Linden in September that addressed five strategies to reduce neighborhood and party-related disturbances. As directed by the council, the police staff moved forward with the five strategies and presented their suggestions tonight.

In September, Linden and her staff proposed that violators of the noise ordinance be issued only one Disturbance Advisory Card (DAC) in any 12-month period, as opposed to the six-month period currently in effect. This means that violators would remain on the police department's premises list for one year.

She also suggested that modifications be made to encourage property owners to regulate residents' behavior, including the ability to hold property owners accountable for repeat noise violations and that an early turnover of residents would mean early removal from the premises list.

Police cannot legally enter a residence without permission unless they have information that someone is suffering an imminent risk. Since many people refuse to answer the door, and thus cannot be issued a DAC, Linden proposed that there be consequences if residents refuse to answer the door during a verified noise violation.

The council also suggested in September that first-time offenders be allowed to do community service instead of paying the $350 fine.

Kelly Griggs, Cal Poly's Associated Students Inc. president and chair of the Student Community Liaison Committee, sent an e-mail to all Cal Poly students regarding the city-proposed noise ordinance modifications and encouraging students to attend the city council meeting.

Kate McIntyre contributed to this staff report.

Lack of class availability frustrates Poly students and administration

Patrick Leiva
SUNDAY EDITOR

Cal Poly students struggled to find the necessary available units through the registration process for winter quarter.

Budget cuts have forced more competition among students because fewer sections are available. Some students are forced to crash classes and endure long wait lists without any guarantee of obtaining their necessary courses. Faulkners have made crashing classes more difficult as well, as fewer students are deciding to drop out of classes since they might not find others to replace them.

Kate Stewart, a business freshman, worried about finding enough classes for winter quarter. She registered on December 3, the last day before open enrollment and got four units. Stewart was forced to crash classes during the first week. She could not get any on the first two days, but finally obtained the classes that she wanted on the third day of the quarter.

"It was stressful having to worry about finding classes especially since it was a new experience for me," she said. "I didn't know what to expect or what I was doing when trying to crash classes." Stewart was able to obtain 16 units for winter quarter.

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—Kate Stewart

Freshman guard Kyle Odister transitions from high school to college start.

Owners of Novo restaurant bring new Asian cuisine to Monterey Street.

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Local physician bolsters student awareness of health effects of alcohol

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SUNDAY EDITOR

Local physician Jeff Herten, M.D., hopes to educate students on the secondary effects of alcohol with his book, "The Sobering Truth."

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Local physician Jeff Herten, M.D., is working to spread national awareness about the grave but often overlooked effects of alcohol consumption. His book, "The Sobering Truth," outlines the health risks of drinking alcohol from a doctor's as well as a former alcoholic's perspective.

"I'm a recovering alcoholic," Herten said. "I feel a calling to try to communicate with young people to steer them away from what are some of the incredible social and health hazards of alcohol consumption."

Herten, while holding on to his professional life, used to be what he calls a "high-functioning alcoholic." He said he managed to hide his growing addiction to alcohol by drinking only at night and in the privacy of his home. Eight years ago, after several unsuccessful attempts, he overcame his addiction and committed to writing a book about alcohol and its effects.

Herten currently runs a dermatology clinic on Santa Rosa Street, and has lived in San Luis Obispo for over 30 years.

"He's an esteemed dermatologist from the area," Dane Howalt, M.D., said.

Howalt is also a local physician and is certified by the American Board of Addiction Medicine. He said that Herten is qualified to write a book on the health effects of alcohol because "Herten's a board-certified physician, and has taken many years of medical school that have to do with the workings of the human body. Before one becomes a dermatologist, they are trained in the whole field of medicine. He certainly has both the undergraduate and graduate training in the biochemistry of how things work."
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units.

It's frustrating because I have to spend two summers here in order to graduate on time," Vincent said.

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 since he considers it a "Hand-Aid," as he put it, to help students with few courses needed to graduate on time.

Koob added 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 Students 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.

Rice said that she has not had any trouble registering for classes and feels fortunate that her major has been worked on with a grain of salt.

"I think I'm one of the lucky ones," she said.

He is putting the information in "The Sobering Truth," and in his currently in-progress documentary, to be implemented in health programs at various universities and high schools across the country.

"Basically, he's trying to educate youth," said Jane Brodeur, teacher at the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education and editor of "The Sobering Truth."

Herten is funding the production and distribution of the book, and presented aspects of it to over 30 Cal Poly students Saturday morning. Delta Chi Vice President Matt Sette attended the event.

"My whole impression I guess is that it's really informative and it makes you think twice about some of the decisions we as college students make," senior civil engineer Tanner Bennett said. "We're in an environment where drinking is perfectly socially acceptable. It's the norm. But he's a doctor, to be able to explain such things in such depth. The guy knew what he was talking about."

I've been to a lot of alcohol awareness events," Sette said. "He wasn't trying to use scare tactics. He was backing up all his claims with medical facts."

"It seems like when people want to drink, they're going to anyway. It seems like they don't take the effects too seriously until something happens to someone they know."

—Erin Osberg
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 central nervous system called neuroblastoma. First she injected them with a virus that was engineered to deliver a certain gene to the tumors. Then she injected them with a virus that was engineered to deliver another gene to the tumors. The result was that the tumors were reduced by 90 percent.

When the institute handed out nearly $280 million in October to 14 research teams, including Abdoxy’s at City of Hope, it was the largest scientific investment by far. But it came with strings attached. In four years, physicians should have a clinical trial ready to file with the FDA. The first of the projects involve embryonic stem cells.

It is a significant change in direction for an effort originally designed to bolster research on human embryonic stem cells. Proposilion 71 was set in motion in August 2001, when Bush announced 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 government agencies was made available to the growing cadre of biologistis who believe the cells could be transformed 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 research. So he restricted federal funding 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 unsuitable 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 stood to benefit from the research. Bay Area real estate developer 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, emphasized the potential for these flexible cells to reverse paralysis from spinal cord injuries and cure intractable diseases such as Parkinson’s, diabetes and Alzheimer’s. Scientists, not normally known for grandstanding, rallied 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 challenges. Hundreds of millions of additional dollars followed.

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

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

Within three 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 picked up nearly $4 million in state funding for scientists to study basic properties of human embryonic stem cells.

An additional $2.2 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 national 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 financed 29 new labs and more than 300 researchers at 51 California institutes, from UC San Diego to Humboldt State. Scientists funded by the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine have produced 421 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 taxpayers. Trounson said people who voted for Proposition 71 “want to see some clinical treatments happen.”

Karen Kaplan

Los Angeles Times

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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**State**

**SAN LUIS OBISPO (MCT) —** San Luis Obispo might be adorned with more art around town if the city council approves three public-art projects Tuesday.

If approved, an 11-foot bronze sculpture of an American Indian reaching up to the sky called “Oh Great Spirit” would be placed on city-owned property at the corner of South Higuera Street and Prado Road.

The sculpture was created by Nell Banner Scraggs of Woodland Hills and donated by the Ernst family. The piece — which represents the connection among people, plants, medicine and health — is valued at $90,000.

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**SAN JOSE (MCT) —** The local NAACP boycotted, but that didn’t stop thousands on Monday from boarding the Freedom Train from San Jose to San Francisco, an annual trip that commemorates the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s 1963 civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery.

The San Jose/Silicon Valley NAACP — along with other civil rights groups — pulled their support from the Freedom Train this year because the San Jose police officers’ union raised money for the event.

**Briefs**

**MIAMI (MCT) —** In the midst of donating money to charities aiding victims of the Haitian earthquake, cell phone users have been texting keywords such as HAITI and YELE to five- or six-digit numbers. But the roughly $27 million in donations made by text so far may not reach the devastated Caribbean nation nearly as fast as your message.

Under normal circumstances, it can take up to 90 days for text donations to be funneled to charities, said Joel Alper, founder of Mobile Commons, which runs many text-message donation programs in partnership with the Mobile Giving Foundation. The delay is because the donations aren’t collected until recipients pay their cell phone bills.

Verizon advanced all donations users had made as of Friday night about $3 million, spokesman Chuck Hamby said.

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**WASHINGTON (MCT) —** This week the Senate is expected to vote on a bold proposal to discipline federal spending, but it’s not expected to pass, even though most members of Congress know that failure to act eventually will endanger the nation.

The Senate is set to vote on whether to create a powerful bipartisan commission charged with making deficit-cutting recommendations right after this year’s mid-term elections.

**International**

**LONDON (MCT) —** After nearly 30 years behind bars, the Turkish man who tried to assassinate Pope John Paul II walked out of prison a free man Monday and promptly predicted the end of the world.

Now a gray-haired 33-year-old, Mehmet Ali Aga declared himself the “Christ eternal” and said in a statement passed out to a scrum of television cameras and waiting reporters that humanity would be wiped out this century.

Later, the hollow-cheeked Aga, who has spent more of his life in prison than out, was declared mentally disturbed by doctors who examined him from mandatory military service. The Associated Press reported.

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**TOKYO (MCT) —** Researchers have developed 3-D goggles that could help stroke victims recover their lost vision.

Ten of thousands of stroke victims are thought to suffer from visual field loss, or are unable to respond even if they are able to see things.

The researchers at Tokyo University of Education professor Shintaro Tanaka, believe the goggles — which use 3-D imaging more commonly applied for entertainment purposes — will help stroke victims become aware of objects in areas of vision where there has been sight loss.

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

Warren P. Strobel  
WASHINGTON — A year after he took office to global acclaim, President Barack Obama has to translate 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 voices gave Obama high marks for deepening the focus 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 tools that are needed to deflect Islamic extremism, advance Middle East peace, hack Iraq 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 takes to change the global mood toward America: to enhance foreign policy strategy and then to execute it.

On the first, “Obama’s 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 time?”

Even Obama’s advisors say they’re unsure what his foreign policy lodestar is, where he stands 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 US 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 impasse is one of their biggest disappointments.

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

White House aides say the president reserved the downwind tread in his first year. Obama, they said, overhauled US policies on climate change; the Guantanamo Bay prison and nuclear proliferation; and reached out to allies in Europe, erectile 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.

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What is the funniest thing you have experienced?

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Where is your favorite place in Sun Luis Obispo? Terrace hall on Bishop street near Johnson Avenue. From the top, you have a 360-degree view of NLC and all of life seems peaceful.

Where are you when you aren't teaching?

I spend a lot of time representing religion on campus and in the community. In the last four years, I have spoken 130 times in front of all kinds of religious figure; I would love to have him explain what he was thinking.

What is the funniest thing you have experienced?

One of the funniest recently occurred on a trip last fall to Las Vegas. Early in the evening, I began to be confused for the rocker Sammy Hagar and it continued all night. There are a lot of people who are going to get home and look at their picture with their favorite rock star and wonder just how much to drink they must have had.

Do you have a funny, inspiring, crazy or interesting teacher you want to know more about? Send teacher suggestions to: mustangdailywire@gmail.com

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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 last Edward M. Kennedy's Massachusetts Senate seat and deny Democrats a filibuster-proof majority, White House officials and Democratic congressional leaders are contending 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 on 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.

Placating House liberals, many of whom feel Senate leaders worked too hard to win over conservative Democrats, the Senate would then give those senators more time to work on the House bill 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 a procedural rule that would prevent filibusters.

But this strategy remains highly controversial and carries major political risks. It could further erode House Democrats' liberal coalition, encourage tea party candidates, and put a premium on bipartisan cooperation. And it would likely cost President Obama support from his liberal base.

The Democrats would need to persuade 10 to 15 senators to switch sides, including some of their most vulnerable moderates, to block a Republican filibuster. It remains unclear whether these senators would support a bill that includes provisions to reduce the deficit and give insurers new powers to deny coverage to people with pre-existing conditions.

The compromise bill is a major strategy shift for Democrats, who will use their Democratic majorities in the House to pass a bill that complements the Senate version but does not undo it.

In response to the new strategy, the White House has begun to reach out to senators, urging them to work with Republicans to craft a bill that can pass with a majority of votes on both sides of the aisle.

The White House also plans to start traveling to other states to discuss the new strategy with voters, and to continue to work with the Senate to ensure that the bill is as strong as possible.

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SLO’s Chinatown welcomes new addition Chow

Sean Hanrahan  
SUNDAY DAILY

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 and his business partner Shanny 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 restaurants: 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 katsu, 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, car-
sex/dating column

Beauty and judgment in the dating site era

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 discourse on your choice of clothes, hairstyle or music, or the cashier at the drugstore could judge your purchase of lube and candy canes. 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 website 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 so strict about 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 websites originated, smaller sites have decided to be more selective with their products. If you absolutely must date a Jew, there’s more than one site to find one, as well as sites that center themselves on nearly every other quality from age to weight.

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 one to three. This concept seems incredibly counter-intuitive. Everyone has different tastes, 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 website filtering out the wrong people?

Of course, there is a simple fix for this problem. They need only let everyone join and then let each individual person evaluate people as they browse. Oh, wait, that’s a regular dating site.

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.

J. 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 Obisplo. Also, I could only find about 250 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 entertainment is it than to be a generous voter, but after my evaluation is finished, I am horrified to see the votes already cast. Nine times out of ten, the vast majority of these votes are red X’s, meaning a zero — a grade of F in the class of beauty. And these are not hideous monsters. I wish I could show you pictures of the rejected — it’s sobering stuff. Normally I’m obviously not interested at such an “elite” site.

Apparently great numbers of beautiful people will not accept any sort of deformity in their ranks, and they tell the applicants that with their votes. This is why I feel no pity for the 5,000 who were ejected from the site. They willingly joined a site, the membership of which was based solely on appearance.

They rejected others because of flaws and must be willing to practice what they preach. It looks so important to them, maybe they should take drastic action to fix their bodies, as unhealthy as that is. Or possibly consider returning to a world where loosely defined “beauty” is not the sole criteria for falling in love. Isn’t that what this was all about?

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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-prized 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 wobbly 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 mayhem.

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-part 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 snarkiness.

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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roti and sweet chili sauces, served with peanuts and a ginger-soy syrup. The amount of flavor that is packed into these 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. A 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 dining room at Chow features a bamboo rock garden and Asian-style wall art (above). Below, Chow’s rice paper-wrapped spring rolls.
There are a myriad of ways to be a part of sustainability

If you have ever thought of learning more about sustainability on campus, this is the time. The Empower Poly Coalition is Cal Poly's largest sustainability group on campus, comprised of 27 sustainability clubs working collectively to embody and empower students. You may remember the organization for its major efforts in putting on Focus The Nation, the largest student teach-in in Cal Poly's history that underscores the importance of climate change policy. Since that time, Empower Poly has been dedicated to several key initiatives, events and outreach campaigns to further develop sustainability on campus. Here is a list of Empower Poly's current programs. Focus SLO Earth Week 2010 During the week of April 20-25th, Empower Poly will be hosting an event called Focus SLO: Earth Week 2010. We will be developing a website to showcase all of the events happening in San Luis Obispo on and around Earth Day, April 22nd. If you or your organization is planning an event for Earth Day, please contact the Empower Poly Coalition to find out how you can be a part of Focus SLO 2010. ESLP (Education For Sustainable Living Program) Empower Poly is currently talking about working on a program called the Education For Sustainable Living Program (ESLP). The program will include the development of a sustainable living class that will be taught by renowned guest lecturers. The program will be one unit, and we are currently looking into offering the class in the Fall of 2010. We are looking for teachers and students who are interested in helping establish the Education for Sustainable Living Program. TGIF (The Green Initiative Fund) Empower Poly is spearheading a project called The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF) that will serve as a grant-making fund. When enacted, it will include funds for student-led sustainability projects at Cal Poly. The proposed $5 increase in tuition fees will go toward the funding of projects such as renewable energy, small-scale energy efficiency building retrofits, water conservation measures, sustainable transportation, expanding recycling/composting and sustainability internships. With the proposed $5 increase in tuition fees, approximately $300,000 would be made available for the funding of these projects every year. Students, faculty and staff are eligible to submit project proposals. Check out www.tgifcalpoly.com for more information.

Take Back The Tap Campaign The Empower Poly Coalition is teaming up with members of the Take Back The Tap Campaign on campus to develop policies banning plastic bottles and bags on campus. Students, faculty and staff are working together to take back the tap. Concerned students are developing relationships with campus to implement the methods for reducing the amount of plastic waste that Cal Poly generates.

Real Food Challenge The Real Food Challenge is a campaign that seeks to increase the amount of sustainably-produced food on campus to 20 percent real food by 2020. Cal Poly's organic farm has the potential to far exceed the goals set forth by this campaign, and we could be a pilot campus for how to grow sustainable and organic foods at a university. The Real Food Challenge serves as both a model for Cal Poly, and a network of hundreds of universities across the nation. In order to better understand if we can meet this goal, Empower Poly has been researching the percentage of food sold on campus based on what is considered "real food."

Campus Composting The Cal Poly Zero Waste Program aims at reducing the solid waste our campus sends to the landfill by enhancing the composting and recycling programs. The program's goal is to educate students on campus about the importance of recycling/composting and how they can practice waste reduction at home. Drop by an Empower Poly Coalition meeting to learn more about sustainability on campus, or send an email to emipowercoalition@gmail.com. Weekly meetings are Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in Engineering IV building, room 192.

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

If you'd like to contribute to "The Green Spot," let us know at mustangdaily@gmail.com.
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 let officials appropriate that money to taxes to go along with the rules. We let officials appropriate that money for government activities. We pay our taxes to go along with the rules. We 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.

I'd love to see more people run 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.

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 been to office in the first place.

Some people might have more power.

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 real, down to earth people as representatives who respect the Constitution and the rule of law. What a remarkable move for a man who could have held onto his power. Today, we see people 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.

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eventually score, and you will lose," said linebacker Shawne Merriman. A Chargers kicker named Nate Kaeding, after successfully connecting on 69 consecutive field-goal attempts from 40 yards or closer, missed both of his attempts in that range.

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

A Chargers discipline that had resulted in the fewest penalties in team history during the regular season, 78, dissolved into 10 penalties that led to two Jets scores.

"It's one thing to lose, but to lose like this?" Merriman said. "This hurts." 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 playoff game.

Nex Turner, you're up.

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The Jets played as if they had nothing to lose, and they didn't. The Chargers played as if they had everything to lose, and they lost it all. And don't think the locals don't know it.

"Coach ( Rex) Ryan had his team ready and they won," said Cooper, who pointedly did not mention his own boss, officially beginning another winter of finger-pointing and coach-gawking.

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**Freshman guard forces his way into a starting role**

Leticia Rodríguez

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 legitimate, "line-up guy," who idolizes his brother and listens to "Party 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?'"

"Nothin' his head like Yeah! and movin' 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 Ciallelo said. "I think he's handling it well right now."

Callen said, before adding that one thing the coaching staff tries not to do is evaluate a player based on his year or position, but by his performance in practice and his ability to grasp what the coaches are teaching. Calleno said Odister is getting more confident as the season continues and is handling the demands of a collegiate athlete well. "So far, he's met up to the challenge. But there's no limit to how much better Kyle can get. There's no limit to how much better our team could get," Calleno said.

**Call them the stupor chargers, San Diego disappoints again**

Bill Plaschke

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 14-7.

For the first 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 Zoo.

It happened here again Sunday, 70,000 screaming fans falling headfirst into football's biggest tourist trap, the San Diego Chargers succumbing 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 bloodied bunged into the hard wall of their history.

Welcome to Seasick World.

The team with the rookie quarterback and rookie coach and weary players scored 17 points.

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. And two Januaries before that.

"We've been here seven seasons and the same thing happens every year," said Chargers linebacker Stephen Cooper, shaking his head in a locker room that 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."

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"To lose this game, I'm at a loss for words," said the San Diego running back. Check out the Gaggle 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 conservative game plan that can best be described as boneheaded.

"Your defense can hold them all you want, but if you keep giving them the ball back, they're going to