SLO City Council votes unanimously
Proposed modifications to noise ordinance approved last night

Megan Hassler

The San Luis Obispo City Council voted unanimously Tuesday in favor of Police Chief Debo rah Linden's proposal that would allow for stricter enforcement and administration of city noise regulations. Linden and Public Information Officer Ian Parkinson presented the council with recommendations to amend the procedures for residential noise regulations, the first of five strategies recommended by the council with the first issuance of a Residential Noise Ordinance Policy (RNP) on September 29.

Linden recommended that residences remain on the list for six months after the first issuance of a Dis­turbance Advisory Citation (DAC). DMCs are the formal citation city residents receive when they violate city noise regulations. She also recommended that residences remain on the list for six months after the first issuance of a DAC, and that residents are more new businesses in small communities that evaluate and grade sustainability efforts and progress for each campus. Cal Poly received a B+ this year, but in 2004, From the construction and deconstruction of buildings to make them more environmentally friendly, to an increasing number of electric university vehicles and the diversion of 70 percent of campus waste, Cal Poly is making strides in progressive sustainability actions.

Garth also said that the holiday period was not profitable enough for several businesses, many of which still remain in a state of limbo between open and permanently closed.

In spite of the tough times, the number of business licenses in the city has increased.

Clare Clark, the Economic Development Manager, said there are more new businesses in smaller locations as many people have lost jobs and decided to start their own endeavors. Downtown, there are plenty of spaces available in addition to the 2,000 square feet because companies are downsizing due to the economy. She said every business goes through a life cycle and the economy is bringing those cycles to an end for some businesses.

In the downtown area, office space availability has increased to between 6 and 7 percent when space availability has normally

Campus sustainability better, student efforts can improve

Amieca Ayler

Cal Poly's improvement in sustainability efforts have improved in the last year, according to Green ReportCard.org, but it is not necessarily reflective of maximum efforts, said environmental club leaders. An annual report card is given to hundreds of campuses nationwide that evaluate and grade sustainability activity and progress for each campus. Cal Poly received a B+ this year, but in 2004 From the construction and deconstruction of buildings to make them more environmentally friendly, to an increasing number of electric university vehicles and the diversion of 70 percent of campus waste, Cal Poly is making strides in progressive sustainability actions.

Cal Poly received higher marks than last year in five of the nine categories graded, and was the only California State University campus designated as a Campus Sustainability Leader.

"I think within the CSU system, Cal Poly is definitely seen as the leader," said Dennis Elliot, Sustainability Manager of Facilities Services. "We have routinely garnered the majority of Sustainability Best Practice Awards from the annual UC, CSU, and community college statewide sustainability conference that has been going on since about 2004. In fact, last year in 2009, Cal Poly won four of the total six awards. Being recognized by the college sustainability report is a big deal for us." The grade shows Cal Poly has been progressing, but student environmental club leaders still feel real changes in sustainability can only happen with more commitment from the students.

The president of the Cal Poly Biodiesel Club, Mark Johnsonbaugh, feels Cal Poly is moving in the right direction, but without optimum student involvement, progress is limited.

"I think there's a lot of really good things going on around campus," Johnsonbaugh said. "There's a lot of people who are interested in these ideas, and they want to participate in sustainability, but they just don't know how to do it, or what to do." Tyler Hartrich, city and regional planning senior and vice president of the Empower Poly Coalition notices the gap between administrative efforts and student efforts.

"It's definitely true that there's a disconnect between students and what the administration is doing and what they're pushing," Hartrich said. "They have all these things going on, and the students have no idea. There is full disclosure about it, but it's not like it's on their website. How do students become involved? How do you bridge that?"

Both Hartrich and Johnsonbaugh feel the strain of the lack of student involvement in trying to accomplish

The fine for a DAC is $350 for first-time offenders. Tonight the council approved the option for first-time offenders to perform 35 hours of community service in lieu of the administrative fine. Other municipal code changes included the creation of a process for property owners or tenants to apply for early removal from the premises list, the ability to hold inspections of premises while the fines remain in effect, and to modify the notification process to property owners.

Council member Allen Settle motioned to pass the ordinance, amending the length of time on the premises list from six to nine months, which was approved by all council members. Linden's remaining four strategies dealt with unruly gatherings, a curfew for those under 18, regulation of property owners' licenses and a safety enhancement zone ordinance.

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Downtown businesses struggle to stay open

Patrick Leiva

Downtown San Luis Obispo businesses are facing difficult times in this economy. Sale signs and empty stores are located on every street as businesses try to bolster their revenue and attract more customers. Businesses in the downtown area have always come and gone; however, the city's single biggest source of revenue — sales tax — remains down. Compounding the issue, businesses are unable to get loans easily.

David Garth, president of the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce, said it is difficult to tell whether it is solely the economy or other aspects that are hindering business.

“Due to seismic retrofitting, some businesses have been forced out of town because of higher rent prices,” Garth said. “These businesses normally would have stayed around.”

Garth also said that the holiday
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their club goals. The Empower Poly Coalition is a conglomerate of 10 sustainable-change-minded clubs, established spring 2007 to centralize the energy and goals of all the different groups interested in sustainability. Its membership has doubled since the last report card, which may account for the grade improvement from B to A in the student involvement category.

The coalition is currently working on several initiatives regarding sustainability policies. One is The Green Initiative (TGI), a policy which would add $5 to the College-Based Fee that would directly toward sustainability projects. If approved, the pool of approximately $3 million would be delegated entirely by student projects for which it would coordinate the sustainability of Cal Poly. But getting students to vote for a fee increase of any sort is particularly difficult, Harrich explained. "It's totally double," he said. "And we're not the only students doing it. In fact, we're behind the times. UCLA, UC Berkeley, UC Santa Barbara all have TGIF just recently. UC Irvine and UC Davis passed it. The cool part is, though, we'd be the first state school to do it."

If more students were actually participating in accomplishing this and other initiatives, Harrich added, efforts would be much more successful.

The Cal Poly Biodiesel Club is also having trouble in reaching their goals without more student involvement. "The club built a biodiesel reactor and they lobbied Campus Dining to switch all of their diesel fuel vehicles to run on biodiesel," Eiler said. "A mechanical system would take campus waste cooking oil and convert it directly into biodiesel on campus, to be used as fuel in our fleet vehicles."

In a perfect world, the best way to have students be a part of this is to have a center for sustainability. — Tyler Harrich vice president, Empower Poly Coalition

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been around 3 percent Clark said. The redevelopment projects that occurred downtown, including the Downtown Centre and the Court Street project, have helped the most to ensure success in the area. Those improvements led to an influx of national retailers, which have made the city more of a tourist destination. Clark said that the pedestrian feel of downtown encourages shopping and dining in the area.

"Downtown has really benefited from the influx of corporate stores along with locally owned stores," Clark said. "I hope to continue to see these smaller businesses staying because they give a nice break to downtown."

Despite some successes, the economy has forced businesses to cut out of town. Deborah Cash, executive director of the San Luis Obispo Downtown Association, said 20 businesses had to close or move for various reasons during the past year. Some of those businesses include Tastee, Therapy and San Luis Surf Company. Cash said the economy and the fact that more people are online now have also affected downtown businesses.

Restaurants, salons, women's apparel specialty stores and downtown locations, however, are shopping online now have affected downtown businesses.

The heart of downtown sees the most productivity in good times and bad among businesses, Clark said, adding that businesses further away from the four-block area on Higuera Street between Neptune and Osos are struggling to attract customers. She said the most affected area right now is on Monterey Street from the mission to Moro where several storefronts are vacant due to economic concerns and decisions of businesses to move to other locations downtown.

For the 2009-2011 financial plan, which was effective July 1, 2009, the city's budget was cut by $10 million per year. Clark said the city's largest revenue sectors, sales and transient occupancy taxes were projected to decrease. At this time, she said revenue woes are on the decline but are still within the projected budgetary constraints. However, the city is cautiously gauging against further downturn in revenues. "The economy needs to improve and it is key that the downtown area remains attractive, safe and clean so people continually want to come to the city," Clark said.
Group urges cancellation of Haiti debt; U.N. to increase troops

Joe Mozingo and Ken Ellingswood

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — U.S. forces fanned out in Haiti’s ruined capital Tuesday as part of a building global relief effort that still had yet to reach hundreds of thousands of needy residents a week after the devastating 7.0 earthquake.

In Port-au-Prince, aid workers, supplies and U.S. troops continued to flow in increasing numbers. A number of the U.S. military helicopter pilots touched down on the grounds of the damaged presidential palace Tuesday morning, dropping off more than 100 U.S. troops, according to wire-service reports.

Meanwhile, the world’s relief effort included a call Tuesday by the Paris Club of international creditors to wealthy nations to cancel debts owed by Haiti so that it can rebuild. And in New York, the U.N. Security Council approved a resolution to raise its own cap on the size of its peacekeeping mission in Haiti, increasing the number of troops by 2,000 and police offices by 1,500.

In Haiti’s capital, U.S. troops, in full combat gear, unloaded boxes of water bottles and food rations and began setting up a base at the palace, Reuters reported.

Haitians continued the fence of the compound to watch, and some cheered as soldiers arrived, news reports said.

Several thousand more soldiers and Marines began arriving on Monday as part of a U.S. mobilization that involved about 2,000 troops, 4,200 vehicles and 10,000 troops. They will provide food and water and will work to repair the badly damaged airport to permit the rapid departure of large quantities of goods. Troops also were standing by to help provide security amid scattered reports of looting and gunfire in the capital.

U.S. forces are already running the city’s airport, which has been the main portal for thousands of tons of emergency supplies and rescuers.

California moves to limit HMO long wait times

Duke Helhardt

LOS ANGELES — Seeking to reduce the long waits many people endure to see a doctor, California regulators are implementing new rules that specify how quickly patients in health maintenance organizations must be seen.

The regulations by the California Department of Managed Health Care, in the works for much of the last decade, will require that patients be treated by HMO doctors within 10 business days of requesting an appointment, and by specialists within 15.

Patients seeking urgent care that does not require prior authorization must be seen within 48 hours.

Telephone calls to doctors’ offices will have to be returned within 48 hours, and physicians or other health professionals will have to be available 24 hours a day.

California says it is the first state to set time standards for HMOs, which serve nearly 21 million of its residents.

The managed health care department acted in response to a 2002 law that mandated more timely access to medical care. The law left it to state officials to work out the details, which became subject to protracted negotiations with HMOs, doctors, hospitals, consumer groups and other healthcare activists.

In all, it took seven years to finally reach agreement amid intense talks, bureaucratic benders and a lengthy rule-writing process, participants said.

“It’s been a long time coming,” said Anthony Wright, executive director of Health Access California, a consumer group that pushed for the 2002 law. “These regulations ... will not only get people access to care when they need it, but will reduce unnecessary use of the emergency room.”

The rules will be unveiled Wednesday at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles and phased in over the next year.

The regulations came in response to complaints from HMO members of long delays in getting treatment, and it does not generally affect people served by other healthcare plans.

HMOs cautiously support the new rules, even as some predict that they may drive up costs.

Kaiser Permanente, the nation’s largest non-profit HMO, said it would spend the next two months analyzing potential gaps in the delivery of medical services to fulfill the requirements.

“We really feel the work we’ve done over the last several years has put us in a place to be in compliance,” said Patti Harvey, Kaiser’s vice president for quality in Southern California. She declined to specify the company’s current wait times or to estimate potential costs.

The trade group representing California HMOs called the new rules a “reasonable compromise” but predicted higher costs as a result.

“A regulation like this will certainly add another challenge,” said Charles Bach, executive vice president of the California Association of Health Plans.

Consumer groups have long complained about delays in getting care from HMOs and other health insurers.

One study that has been cited by state officials found that consumers in California’s two largest cities face extended delays when trying to get medical care.

People in San Diego wait an average of 24 days for a routine physical with a family practitioner, according to the survey by Merritt Hawkins & Associates, a national physician recruiting firm.

In Los Angeles, patients wait 59 days on average, the study found.

Researchers said Los Angeles’ high cost of living, its vast poor population and low reimbursement rates from Medi-Cal drive family doctors away from the city or into specialties that offer higher pay.

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California prisoner-release order on hold pending ruling

David G. Savage

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court Tuesday put off a decision on whether California must release more than 40,000 inmates to relieve overcrowding in its prisons.

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger had appealed a ruling of a three-judge panel last year that found prisoners were being denied adequate health care because of overcrowding. The judges then ordered the state to come up with a plan to reduce the prison population by more than 40,000 inmates. In his appeal, the governor said the judges had overstepped their authority under federal law.

But before the high court acted on that appeal, the state had filed a plan to comply with the judges’ order.

Tuesday, the justices dismissed the initial appeal from Schwarzenegger, but noted that the judges’ order had been put on hold and would remain in effect “pending review by this court.”

Washington attorney Carter Phillips, who is representing the state of California, said he was preparing a new appeal that challenges the order Tuesday’s action “largely affects the timing,” he said.

The justices will decide in a few months whether to hear the prison case, and the prison-release order remains on hold in the interim.

A former day room is now used to house prisoners at the California Institution for Men in Chino, California.
“What do you think of San Luis Obispo cracking down on noise violations?”

“It's already pretty strict and very easy to get noise violations. I don't see why they need to make it any easier.”

-Chris Roland, chemistry junior

“I feel like they need to realize it’s a college town. With warnings, it makes you more aware and more courteous. But it will happen regardless.”

-Tessa Paneri, graphic communications sophomore

“For some neighborhoods it’s good to show respect. I live down Grand Avenue, so it’s not too big of an issue. People should be more courteous though.”

-Sean Dawson, materials engineering junior

“I think the city needs to accept it’s a college town. We need to respect each other. Students won’t act to the best of the situation every time but we want to harm anyone.”

-Carolyn Mescher, business administration senior

“I can understand if it’s a 2 a.m. complaint, but not 50 a.m. I think the students should have a say in it. If people in the area are all right, it shouldn’t be an issue.”

-Kevin Hicks, architecture senior

“I think they need to explain why they are making changes now. I’m sure it’s been just as loud other years.”

-Marie Heier, agriculture sophomore

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State

SAN LUIS OBISPO (MCT) — Cuesta College's decision to drop its women’s tennis program over the summer has spurred complaints that could result in an investigation by the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Civil Rights, as well as potential lawsuits.

Diane Muminovic — a notable Title IX expert and former Fresno State University administrator who reached a $3.5 million settlement with the university after filing a gender discrimination lawsuit in 2006 — said she filed a complaint against Cuesta to the Office of Civil Rights on Saturday.

Enacted by Congress in 1972, Title IX forbids gender discrimination at schools that receive federal funds. In sports, the law has been interpreted to require equal opportunities for male and female athletes.

OAKLAND (MCT) — Tired of years of public urination, assaults and vandalism, residents near the University of California-Berkeley's southern edge on Tuesday sued dozens of the university's Repeat Infringers.

The lawsuit, filed in Alameda County Superior Court against roughly 70 groups and property owners, claims the fraternities make life miserable for neighbors by encouraging underage drinking, littering sidewalks and streets, partying all night and shooting pellet guns at residents.

National

BOSTON (MCT) — In the brave new electronic world that includes such morality movies as “Avatars,” it seems that anything is possible. Even declaring a winner in the Massachusetts Senate race before the polls closed.

Boston.com, the Web site of the Boston Globe, briefly put up a map of the Senate results, with a box that hours before the polls actually closed, according to the entering report­ers at the Boston Phoenix.

The post shows Democrat Martha Coakley with a narrow victory over Republican Scott Brown.

Even before conspiracy theorists could flood media mailboxes with dark denunciations, the Globe apologized for the error, blaming a test of a wire service feed that inadvertently went live.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (MCT) — The most common and deadly form of brain tumor is not one disease but at least four subtypes, scientists at University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and other institutions reported Tuesday.

Each type of tumor, called a glioblastoma, has distinct molecular features that arise from different causes. Knowing that should help scientists develop targeted treatments.

Current glioblastomas are nearly always fatal, and the average survival after diagnosis is about a year.

INTERNATIONAL

NEW DELHI (MCT) — Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates, moving to deepen U.S.-ties to India, a key partner in a turbulent region, pushed Tuesday for expanded cooperation with New Delhi on a range of issues, from military technology to cybersecurity.

Arriving for a two-day visit, Gates met with Indian leaders, including Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and S.M. Krishna, the external affairs minister. The trip comes after Singh traveled to Washing­ton in November in the first formal state visit hosted by President Barack Obama.

"This is a growing relationship between the U.S. and India," said a senior defense official, briefing re­porters after the meetings and speak­ing on the condition of anonymity because of diplomatic protocol.

BAGHDAD (MCT) — The banning of hundreds of mostly Sunni candidates from participating in Iraq's upcoming elections is testing the limits of U.S. influence in Iraq even as American troops prepare to draw down later in the year.

U.S. diplomacy has shifted into high gear in recent days in an at­tempt to pressure Iraqi government officials into finding a way out of a crisis that many fear could seriously destabilize the country both before and after the election.
Cal Poly grads open new yoga studio off Broad Street

Jessica Barba

A calm environment, accomplished instructors, affordable classes and massage therapy are just some of the things m.BODY, the new yoga studio in San Luis Obispo, offers students looking to take a break from their studies. The studio will be offering free classes till the end of the month in order to create a customer base.

The new center will compete with yoga studios such as Smiling Dog and Bikram Yoga San Luis Obispo, located downtown. Owner and instructor Tawny Sterios said the skill level of Peter Sterios, the other owner and instructor, will set their studio apart and help establish it in the community. Peter Sterios is returning to San Luis Obispo after being the first person to open a yoga studio in town 18 years ago and has taught for over 20 years.

For architect and yogi Peter Sterios, and Cal Poly nutrition graduate and yogi Tawny Sterios, there was much excitement in coming back to the city after two years of teaching in Santa Monica.

"The inspiration to move back to the city after two years of teaching in Santa Monica was more about feeling complete with what we set out to accomplish in Los Angeles and missing the Central Coast," Tawny Sterios said.

To create m.BODY they transformed the warehouse for Manduka, an eco-yoga products company owned by Peter Sterios, by putting down cork floors and planting a garden in the back so classes can be practiced indoors and outdoors.

The studio, which has jasmine flowing in the air, natural lighting, flowers and leafy plants in every room, is something you would never expect given the surrounding location. A detailed mural commissioned by a local graffiti artist includes Ganesh, a hindu deity with an elephant head and four arms and is known as the remover of all obstacles, covers the right wall you see entering the space that later opens to a small garden in the back. Despite being a small area, a kitchen about 3 feet by 6 feet to make tea placed adjacent from the massage room where a colorful Indian rug is draped on the ceiling adds to the atmosphere.

Energy generated from the environment and instructor are important factors for yogis in the community said earth science junior Anna Zeppelin who has practiced yoga for two years.

"I look for a welcoming environment and encouragement from instructors," she said. "It is important for teachers to speak to you in a way that you can click into the mind set of positive energy and how to do yoga correctly, it's a 'glad that you're here' type of setting.'"

The center offers a variety of classes to appeal to all of their customer's needs, including hatha, a form of yoga focused on breathing, and vinyasa a technique of "connecting poses." An introductory class for those looking to try yoga for the first time is offered every Monday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. along with a dynamic class meant for experienced students looking to challenge themselves at 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday.

While yoga may be a helpful stress relief on campus, for most students with limited budgets and looking to join a class, price can be factor.

"Sadly yoga isn't one of the most affordable things especially on a student budget," Zeppelin said. "As a way to still appeal to those with limited resources, on Sundays the center offers one class at half price as a "gesture of community goodwill," according to the Web site. Classes are normally $10 each.

Peter Sterios who leads several of the classes has practiced yoga for over 30 years in the U.S. and India, and continues to teach at conferences and workshops throughout the country. He first began yoga when he took a class at Cal Poly's Recreation Center when he was 18 to help the injuries he acquired as a semi pro rugby player.

Tawny Sterios took her first yoga class as a way to combat the stress of competitive sports when she was only 14-years-old. Then after seeing an ad on the Rec Center board to teach yoga she felt she had a calling, she said. Sterios is also a certified teacher in kundalini yoga, a unique practice which incorporates breath and movement.

"After seven years now of teaching I feel very grateful that I listened to that call and feel ready to open our center to a broader community," she said.

m.BODY is hidden between small houses and nestled from the busy traffic of Broad Street. While the location may make the studio difficult to find, the staff feel that it is just one of the things that makes the studio unique.

"It's like our little gem just hidden amongst the residential and industrial areas," Karen Bullock, massage therapist and close friend of the Sterios, said. "From the outside you wouldn't expect it to be a calming environment but it's almost like yoga that once you make the connection can transport you to somewhere else."

Space is limited for classes so attendees are encouraged to come early and bring their own mats.

Tawny and Peter Sterios have worked to transform an empty studio off Broad Street (above) into a yoga studio with outdoor garden (below).
“The Book of Lost Things” shows another side of fairy tales

Melinda Truelson

Most of us are familiar with the softened Disney version of fairy tales, but few of us have read any of the original Grimm’s fairy tales or anything like them. Many readers are also familiar with the standard coming-of-age story that inspires, however subtly, much of today’s literature. John Connolly, however, interweaves both these familiar and unfamiliar elements in his novel “The Book of Lost Things.”

Connolly’s main character, David, is a 12-year-old boy trying to cope with the loss of his mother after watching her slowly deteriorate from her disease. Connolly depicts him as a vulnerable young boy who is losing all sense of power and control in his life.

In order to regain some degree of control, David develops routines and traditions that give him peace of mind, a sense that he does have some control over his life. He develops patterns like getting out of bed in a certain way, washing his hands a specific number of times and other idiosyncratic routines. David does these things because he believes it will help his mother in some way; he feels useful and helpful by taking part in these daily routines.

However, when his mother eventually dies from her disease, he feels as though he’s failed her and his routines all semblances of normalcy and traditions that give him peace of mind, a sense that he does have some control in his life.

He enters a hole in a gnarled tree in his backyard and is transported to another world, where fairy tales come to life. The fairy tales, however, are not the sort that we are used to hearing — nor are they the sweetened versions that we as a modern audience are used to.

The first person David meets is a hunter who saves him from the “wolves” that prowl the forest. The hunter tells David about the King’s book, something the hunter thinks will help him get home and away from the dangerous forest. The rest of the book spins the story of David and his desperate quest to find the king and his book.

Elements of other fairy tales, including Snow White, the Three Billy Goats Gruff also appear.

Even though David is desperately seeking safety, he has a strange sense of exhilaration over these new and exciting events. This is where the coming-of-age story comes into play. Although Connolly has created an amazing chain of events with the retelling of such classic fairy tales, the really unique aspect of “The Book of Lost Things” is that he also tells the story of a young boy who grows and develops throughout the novel.

His experiences help to shape him into a more mature young man who certainly becomes ready to handle nearly anything that can be thrown at him.

Whether it is the story of David’s growth that intrigues you or the retelling aspect of fairy tales, this book is certainly worth giving some of your attention. John Connolly writes in a style reminiscent of his 12-year-old protagonist that is surprisingly successful at conveying a suspenseful and engaging story as well as creating complex and highly innovative characters.

Paul Bettany and Jennifer Connelly star as Charles and Emma Darwin in “Creation,” in theaters Friday.

John Price

“Creation” chronicles Darwin’s literary journey

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Coachella line-up lacks big names

Geoff Beacher and Todd Metten

LOS ANGELES The Coachella Valley Music & Arts Festival will bring a youth movement to the low desert this year. After several years of greybeard headliners, California’s signature festival is giving back to the young fans that have been listening to rock acts such as the Pixies and Sonic Youth for years. Lead singer Stephen Malkmus has appeared at (kiachel after appearing at the first-ever (Yachtella in 1999), the latter staged the band unraveling on stage. Malkmus is one of the few performers who can pull off the Coachella stage, it’s the way the band presents itself as a solo star, the man at the center of the story in flashback, so we told the story in a linear way, we kept the story in a way that the audience could connect with the characters. The band has released a new album, "What’s the Heart of the Story?" which looks back on the band’s past and forward to their future. Malkmus is excited about the new album and believes it will be a new chapter in the band’s history. He also plans to perform with his new band, The Dazzling Lights, which features members of the band’s past and present line-ups.

Coachella also made some recognition. "Annie’s book," the catalyst for Creating, even though the film dramatizes only a part of his book, was still a major accomplishment. "Randal’s book covers Darwin from childhood, his family context, his intellectual context, the research he followed it all the way through to his death — and indeed, some of the most important discoveries of his life," Amiel said. "It was vastly too broad a canvas to be made into a film. What we had to do ... (was) to say ‘What’s the heart of this story?’ What actually would make for a one-hour film?" Darwin continued from page 9

"Somewhere," but who most recently has been associated with es­ capist-adventure travel ("Ent­ ravity" 2008), has had his book really nice about this is that we get a lot of questions about the book and the issues it’s dealing with... "Anne’s book," the catalyst for Keynes’ book, was still a major accomplishment. "Randal’s book covers Darwin from childhood, his family context, his intellectual context, the research he followed it all the way through to his death — and indeed, some of the most important discoveries of his life," Amiel said. "It was vastly too broad a canvas to be made into a film. What we had to do ... (was) to say ‘What’s the heart of this story?’ What actually would make for a one-hour film?"

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We need to get money out of politics. Simple (not easy). We need to overturn the Supreme Court precedent that granted personhood to corporations. That one goal will enable all of your other suggestions to happen. Otherwise, you’re just beating your head against the wall.

—Anonymous

In response to “Fire for free by getting involved”

I appreciate your sense of sub­scribing to “diversity” and freedom from discrimination, but it doesn’t work in reality.

When you apply for a job, employers profile you. They are picking someone likely to succeed — it’s not different when picking people from a security line that are likely to blow up a plane.

—Anonymous

In response to “For added airport security, U.S. should take pointers from abroad”

We don’t need profiling to iden­tify individuals like the Christmas Day bomber. Virtually all media outlets are discussing whether we should be profiling all Arab Muslims. I will in one-page explain why we don’t need profiling. More than 15 years ago, we at the Center for Ag­gression Management developed an easily-applied, measurable and culturally-neutral body language and behavior indicators exhibited by people who intend to perpet­rate a terrorist act.

This unique methodology uti­lizes proven research from the fields of psychology, medicine and law enforcement which, when joined together, identify clear, easily-used physiologically-based characteris­tics of individuals who are about to engage in terrorist activities in time to prevent their moment of commitment.

—John

In response to “For added airport security, U.S. should take pointers from abroad”

I heard they still need to work on their PhD. Any one else have an opinion on this place?

—Selina

In response to “SLO welcomes new addition Chou”

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Employment prospects meager for new grads

Job market shaky as economy flounders

The job fair this week encour­aged many of us to consider our fu­ture.

As Cal Poly students and soon-to-be graduates, we enjoy heavy re­cruitment and good job opportuni­ties. Much of the world knows, it is not so lucky. Lahart of the Wall Street Journal reported last week that employers cut another 85,000 jobs last month, maintaining the 17 percent overall unemployment rate between November and December. The discrepancy between the wide­ly publicized unemployment rate of 10 percent and the overall un­employment rate mentioned above accounts for the many unemployed workers who have stopped looking for work.

You may recall that on Dec. 8, President Obama called for more money to fulfill the “urgent need” to accelerate job growth. He was right that the job market is doing quite poorly, and it seems logical to fix this problem, but is government spending the right solution? Just last Monday, the Associated Press re­ported that $20 billion, part of $787 billion from the Amer­i­can Recovery and Reinvest­ment Act of 2009, spent on roads and bridges had “no effect on local unemployment rates.” In light of the fact that this stimu­lus package was one of the most benefi­cial, it seems that more questionable parts of the package will have little, if any, impact on un­employment rates.

The stimulus package failed to improve un­employment. The admin­istration’s next move is not to fix the underlying employment problem through a myriad of other options, but rather to re-brand their broken strategy. William McGurn, vice president of News Corp., points out the word missing from the ad­ministration’s marketing of the $154 billion bailout passed in the last wave of 2009 stimuli. White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs has replaced the likely pejorative term “stimulus” with the delicately-worded phrase, “targeted ideas that he (Obama) believes and the eco­nomic nomic believe will have a positive impact on private sector hiring.” This elaborate ver­biage is irrelevant in light of the fact that unemployment re­ mains at 17 percent after close to a tri­l­lion dollars, $941 bil­lion to be precise, has been squandered by the federal govern­ment in an attempt to bring down this percentage.

Targeted spending at the federal level is a necessity of a functioning government. However, the cur­rent administration’s bailout strat­egy, which essentially forced every tax payer to fork over some of their hard-earned cash to cover for greedy Wall Street’s mistakes, is myopic. The U.S. national debt is currently at $12.3 trillion and growing. This equates about $12,395 distributed across all tax-paying Americans, the only people who would help pay off our debt. The federal government should take a hint from Wall Street and address this debt problem before it becomes unmanageable, if it has not become so already.

Though it seems novel, the only real answer to a debt problem is to stop spending. Unemployment, though not the quality of life, could be improved by lowering or remov­ing the barriers to entry for employ­ers: the minimum wage.

The Federal Government needs to focus on the primary source of jobs, which is small business, and forget about keeping failed corpo­rate giants such as Government Mo­tors (GM) afloat. In any case, the re­branding of failed stimulus programs and exorbitant federal spending has little hope of bringing long-term fi­nancial success to the U.S. and no chance of improving the dismal job market.

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Tim Lincecum asks for record-setting contract

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In what could be a record-setting arbitration case, representatives for pitcher Tim Lincecum asked for a $13 million salary while the Giants countered with an $8 million offer. Bargaining a breakthrough in negotiations, an independent party will be asked to choose one of those figures as Lincecum's paycheck for 2010. There are no compromises in arbitration cases.

The highest salary ever awarded to a first-year eligible pitcher is $8.25 million, which went last year to Red Sox closer Jonathan Papelbon.

But there's never been a situation like this. Lincecum, 25, is the first pitcher to win Cy Young awards in each of his first two full seasons. He is 40-17 with a 2.39 ERA in his brief career, and is coming off back-to-back National League strikeout titles.

Finding what arbitrators call a "comparable player" is virtually impossible and speculation about what Lincecum might ask for ranged as high as $25,000,001— one dollar more than C.C. Sabathia, the game's highest-paid pitcher.

Neither Thurman nor Giants General Manager Brian Sabean could discuss the details of the arbitration figures exchanged Tuesday.

"We have not submitted our counteroffer," the executive said, "Lincecum's camp will have to prove that "he's worth $10.3 million. In a hearing, the executive said, "It's not about precedent. Chances are your team isn't going to have a first-time eligible guy who is a two-time Cy Young Award winner — ever."

One executive expected Lincecum's camp to ask for even more.

"Maybe they thought it's a number they could defend if it actually goes to a hearing," the executive said. "If you file an obscenely high number, say $20 million and the Giants offer $8 million, your client ends up losing real dollars. (The $13 million proposal) is still an incredibly high number, but if it's realistic you give yourself a shot."

A second executive said the key to the case is the midpoint between the player and the team—in other words, $10.5 million. In a hearing, the executive said Lincecum's camp will have to prove that "he's worth $10.5 million and the Giants will have to prove that he's worth $11 less. That's the tipping point for the arbitrator."

Either way, Lincecum will get a massive bump from the $650,000 he made in 2009.

The arbitration process was established in 1974 as part of the collective bargaining agreement Lincecum barely qualified for the process this season as a so-called "super two." His two years, 148 days in the majors cleared the service-time eligibility bar by nine days.

Arbitration cases will be scheduled for Feb. 1-21.
Women's water polo club team titled "team of the decade"

Jessica Barba  
Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Cal Poly's women's water polo club was named the NCAA's Collegiate Club Team of the Decade (2000-2009) by the Collegiate Water Polo Association. Cal Poly women's water polo club team member, Erika Bigbie was excited when they received the title.

"It was awesome. It only adds to the athletes' motivation and push us to work harder to maintain the title," she said.

The team won five of the last 10 National Collegiate Club Championships and has been called the most honored women's national collegiate club program in the history of the sport according to the CWPA site. The team earned championship titles in 2003, 2004, 2005, 2008 and 2009 and placed second in 2002 and 2007.

Sports Club administrator Everett Brooks has seen a variety of club teams receive championship titles in the past.

"To be named team of the decade means they are really in a class of their own," he said.

Cal Poly's women's water polo club have also earned eight Pacific Coast Division Championships (2000, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2009). During the PCD championships in 2004, they finished third and won a bid to the then 12-team National Collegiate Club Championship as the host team. They became the only non-division champion in the history of the collegiate club championship to win the National Championship.

This year the team has been dealing with problems due to the construction of the recreation center where they used to practice and their inability to use the Anderson Pool because the correct lighting needed for night practices and games has not been installed.

Brooks, who helps club teams arrange facility use time through out camps, said, "The pool situation is a little delicate."

According to team president Jessica Wilson, the team will also have to be forced to host the regional championships at Cuesta Community College.

"We've been very much all barred from all uses of the pool (Anderson)," Wilson said. "We just can't get any answers (or) pool time."

For now the team has been practicing everyday from 7 to 9 p.m. at No Swim Center. To afford renting a pool at $1,200 a month the team has been forced to hold more fundraisers and look for sponsorships.

"We've been doing a boat load of fund raising," she said. "People are just not as willing to donate as they have been in the past."

Wilson added that although they receive $4,000 for Associated Students Incorporated, they still must pay for 90 percent of the funding needed to cover costs for equipment, travel expenses, and coach stipends.

The team has also had to drop out of some large tournaments such as an invitational held in Ohio.

"They are huge bonding experiences for the team," Bigbie said. "At the Ohio invitational we got to see a lot of East Coast teams we don't get to see 'til nationals."

Cal Poly's women's water polo is going to Santa Cruz this Saturday to attend a scrimmage against UC Santa Cruz and UC Davis.