Committee begins search for Poly president

The committee that will appoint a new Cal Poly president met for the first time since Warren Baker announced his retirement in December. The purpose of the meeting was to explain the detailed hiring process and learn which qualities they, as well as members of the public, would prefer in the next president.

Trustee's Committee for the Selection of the President, made up of members of the California State University (CSU) Board of Trustees led by trustee Koberta Achtenberg, is one of the groups responsible for finding Baker's successor. The other is the Advisory Committee to the Trustee's Committee for the Selection of the President, comprised of representatives of Cal Poly faculty, students, staff and alumni as well as members of the San Luis Obispo community.

Achtenberg expressed her excitement and optimism on behalf of the trustees. "We want to congratulate Dr. Baker on a wonderful tenure and leaving Cal Poly in such good shape, such that we will be able to attract only the finest candidates and select an able president for this esteemed institution," she said.

A resume review is scheduled for April and campus visits by those nominated in May, at which time the names of the candidates will be public. A final decision is anticipated in June.

The establishment of the committees and the extensive search and selection process will follow board policy. It mandates that once a vacancy is known, the chancellor will initiate the formation of a trustee committee and an advisory committee. The trustee committee, made up of CSU officials, will include the chancellor, the chair of the board, and three trustees the chair selects, one of whom is designated as the chair of the committee.
The advisory committee must include people associated with Cal Poly, two current alumni, one student member, one campus advisory board member, one alum, the chair of the academic senate and one student chosen by the student board. The chancellor will also select one vice president or dean, one president from another CSU and up to two additional group members to sit on the committee.

Carol Walker, a member of the trustee committee, is honored to be a part of this process.

The selection committee is comprised of an outstanding group of committed and highly qualified individuals who will work diligently to find the most exemplary and visionary individual to lead Cal Poly in the years to come," she said.

Phil Bailey, dean of the Cal Poly College of Science and Mathematics, is also looking forward to his involvement in the search and believes that his long-term employment, 41 years, and dedication to Cal Poly is what earned him a spot on the advisory committee.

Several expresses the desire for University of California policy. During his tenure, Cal Poly has been able to raise funds so the campus is financially secure and student fees do not have to be increased every year.

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he said. "We had no idea this was happening to the way it did or that it was going to happen at all." Jacky’s constant presence and accessibility as an advocate for the farmers should have been beneficial to the Downtown Association.

"Every Thursday after Peter left the meeting going to downtown, he was on the street managing the Farmers’ Market and (the Downtown Association) officials have come out at any moment and talked to him," Righetti said.

"I think the Downtown Association, however, said they had trouble forwarding messages through Jacky.

"Farmers’ (would set up) in the wrong location in front of a cross-walk or early and they say Pete told them to do this," Downtown Association administrative assistant Brooke Haney said. "We want them to be successful and also have a safe event, since we have responsibilities. Since the beginning of the event, we want to have direct communication with the farmers but with Peter in the way that broke down.

Though the tension has some what subsided as a result of Tuesday morning’s meeting, Jacky refused to comment about the night before or state whether he would rejoin the Downtown Association Committee.

Righetti also expressed concern for the Downtown Association running the Farmers’ Market due to its lack of experience and possibly the current state that may result in an increase in fees and less profit for participating farmers.

"If the downtown people cannot work with our advocate, how in the world is downtown going to work with 50 different farmers? I personally have no desire to be a part of (Cash’s) committee, to be a token figurehead," Righetti said. "It’s attacking mom and apple pie. We’ve created the downtown down there that’s world renowned."

The market will run as usual with the farmers but some of those minor changes (remit to facilitate communication between the groups, which Cash said is the root of the growing problem. The Downtown Association will remain responsible for the event and visitors’ safety; the Farmers’ Market Association will continue to coordinate the event.

Some members of the Farmers’ Market Association will join the Downtown Association Committee, and at least one member of the Downtown Association Committee and at least two representatives from the Farmers’ Market Association will join the Farmers’ Market Committee. The farmers who join the board must be appointed by the Farmers’ Market Association to serve a minimum one-year term.

During the council meeting, Cash also said at the Downtown Association does not plan to change the current structure of the market and plans to make sure more farmers on the Downtown Association’s board to replace Jacky’s seat; farmers said they are skeptical whether their presence will make a difference.

In the past, the Farmers’ Market Association charged farmers 5 percent of their produce revenue; every three months 1 percent would go to the Downtown Association to fund the downtown association. The Downtown Association will now collect all 5 percent, which will cost the Farmers’ Market Association one-third of the revenue it uses to support four other local Farmers’ Markets. Farmers cite many examples of other farmers’ markets that were taken over by the city and as a result had their profit lowered and lost their emphasis on produce.

Cal Poly Organic Farm manager and member of the Farmers’ Market Association Cindy Douglas said the Downtown Association might be able to turn the market from a place to party to a place to shop.

She said of the average $100 farmers earn in a night, the majority goes to paying for their spot and fees, the educational aspect has been completely forgotten in the current debate.

"Cal Poly is at the Farmers’ Market to put a happy face on Cal Poly and we’re part of what is going on downtown. But the other part is to educate people on the health benefits, how to cook and how to really utilize the crops. We are not there to make money but the education on local seasonal produce," Douglas said.

In regards to insurance and liability, the Farmers’ Market Association must obtain insurance from all participating farmers and provide the Downtown Association with a certificate of insurance. A representative from the Farmers’ Market Association must attend the weekly event from set-up to clean-up to ensure rules and regulations are enforced and served as a communicator between the Downtown Association Committee and the farmers. Lastly, a request that certified organic farmers be allowed to sell their produce Thursday night was also added.

Senator Jackie Hexon Tipton said, he would use a procedural tactic to bypass the legislators.

Still, even an approach to seeking common ground was noted, especially in the Senate, where Republicans had appeared to be revolving in their new-found power to torpedo Democratic legislation.

Democrats embraced some GOP-backed ideas, including new help for small businesses, which in the past have led the way back toward reeling in lost jobs.

According to a draft outline of the bill circulated by Senate Democrats, the cornerstone of the bill would be a proposal to give businesses that hire unemployed workers this year an exemption from the 0.2 percent Social Security payroll tax. If they keep those new employees more than a year, employers would get an additional $1,000 tax credit.

Other parts of the bill are, for the most part, extensions or expansion of existing policies. The tax break for new new high-quality pension plans by businesses would be increased. The bill expands the Build America Bonds program, which subsidizes interest costs for state and local bonds issue to finance infrastructure projects. It extends until May 31 unemployment payments and health care subsidies for the unemployed. Much of the extension would expire for many people at the end of February.

Four Republicans had said they would support the proposal Tuesday and bridled when Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said he hoped the Senate would pass it by the end of the week. That was unlikely, in any event, because of the approaching snowstorm.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., did not endorse the emerging bill, but neither did he shoot it down.

"The sooner we could get the param eters of the final agreement the better," McConnell told Reid.

There have been some signs of greater room for agreement on a jobs bill of law, if only because unemployment has emerged as a top concern of voters that politicians of both parties believe they ignore at their peril.

Senators Finance Committee Chairmen Max Baucus, D-Mont., has been working with Republicans privately on jobs proposals involving tax policy. GOP Sens. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, and Susan Collins, D-Maine, have teamed with Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., to draft the proposed payroll tax relief legislation.

Outside Capitol Hill, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, which has bitterly opposed the health care bill and other big-ticket items on the Democratic agenda, has signaled willingness to work with Obama on some points of economic policy.

"Work on the Senate bill will be under way long before Reid and other leaders went to the White House on Tuesday. The meeting had its testy moments, according to a GOP source briefed on the meeting.

Both the top Republicans in the meeting — McConnell and House Majority Whip John Boehner of Ohio — called on Obama to sheve the current health care reform plans and start working with both sides on a seat at the table for those discussions.

Boehner reportedly said that long-terms concerns over Democratic policies on tax increases, health care and global warming is hurting the economy.

"This got under the president’s skin," the GOP source said, quoting Obama as retorting. "You just want to kill all of these bills."

Coming out of the meeting, Obama unexpectedly took over his press secretary’s daily briefing and noted that he would have to sit aside some Democrats’ "preferences" on some issues but warned that Republican would have to make sacrifices, too.

"That’s why I’m going to continue to see to get the best ideas from either party as we work to tackle the pressing challenges ahead," Obama said. "I am confident, for example, that when one in 10 of our fellow citizens can’t work, we should be able to come together and help business create more jobs.

"That I won’t consider," Obama said, "is doing nothing in the face of a lot of hardship across the country."
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Toxic landfill expansions hault for research on health impacts

Louis Sahagun

LOS ANGELES — California's two U.S. senators on Tuesday called for a moratorium on plans to expand the state's only full-service toxic waste landfill pending the completion of investigations into birth defects in the nearby farmworkers' community of Kettleman City.

Both Democrats also pledged to secure an estimated $4 million needed to upgrade the community's drinking water system, which contains elevated levels of arsenic, a naturally occurring element in California soil that also is used in pesticides, herbicides, insecticides and metal alloys.

"I have instructed my staff to go to Kettleman City and investigate this matter in order to ascertain what action might be taken immediately to clean up the polluted drinking water on which the people of Kettleman City currently rely," Sen. Dianne Feinstein said in a statement."In addition, it is my view that there should be no expansion of the toxic dump site until we know with certainty whether it is a cause of this serious situation."

Feinstein, who heads the Senate subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies, part of the Appropriations Committee, said she planned to present her concerns to Lisa Jackson, administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which has oversight over the 1,600-acre landfill.

The state Department of Toxic Substances Control would have jurisdiction over the expansion, while the federal EPA regulates disposal of PCBs. Nahal Magharibi, a spokeswoman for EPA, said the agency "will not issue a permit to Chemical Waste Management Inc. said it had no contingency plans in place to mothball the landfill, 3.2 miles southwest of Kettleman City. Last year, the site took in 400,000 tons of hazardous waste, including cancer-causing PCBs."

"This is the first we have heard Senator Feinstein's suggestion," said Bob Henry, senior district see Toxic, page 6

Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) is one of two California Senators in favor of further investigating the effects of toxic landfills in the state.

have more conclusive results on the potential health impacts on the local community."

She said she was also "fighting to secure funding through the Recovery Act to build a water treatment plant to make sure residents have safe drinking water to drink."

The announcements caught the facility's owners by surprise. A day earlier, a spokeswoman for Waste Management Inc. said it had no contingency plans in place to mothball the landfill.

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Google aims to take on Facebook with ‘Buzz’

Jessica Gaynn

SAN FRANCISCO — Google, which has faltered in its attempts to break into the booming social networking business, is making another bid to enter the growing influence of Silicon Valley rival Facebook. And San Francisco upstart Twitter with new products that make it easier to share with friends on its Internet e-mail service Gmail.

The Internet giant held a news conference at its Mountain View, Calif., headquarters Tuesday to show off “Buzz,” which incorporates social media tools such as photo and video sharing and status updates in Gmail. Google Buzz, which launched Tuesday, will also be available on mobile phones. And Google will eventually also debut a version of Buzz for businesses.

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Russia rebukes Iran over uranium enrichment; China calls for diplomacy

Borzou Daragahi
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BEIRUT — Iran's move on Tuesday to produce higher-grade uranium for a medical reactor prompted widespread international condemnations, as an uncharacteristically harsh response by Russia, whose support is key to U.S. and Western efforts to impose tough new sanctions against the Islamic Republic.

But the response by China, which like Russia wields a U.N. Security Council veto and maintains robust economic ties with Iran, was far more muted, suggesting a tough road ahead for the Obama administration and Western nations seeking to put pressure on Tehran.

Iranian officials in labs at the Natanz facility cried "God is great" as they transferred uranium from one capsule to another, presumably to begin the enrichment process, state television showed. But it was unclear from Iranian statements whether Iran had actually started higher-grade uranium or had only begun testing the process.

Tehran has said it will turn some of its uranium, currently enriched to 3.5 percent purity and suitable for generating electricity, into material of 20 percent purity necessary to power an ailing Tehran medical reactor. The West fears that Iran's goal is to eventually produce even high-grade uranium for weapons.

The Obama administration quickly condemned Iran's move. "It's provocative, and it deepens our concerns about what the Iran leadership's intentions are," said Philip Crowley, the chief State Department spokesman.

President Barack Obama said the administration and five other world powers are "moving along fairly quickly" to develop new sanctions on Iran to pressure it to abandon its nuclear ambitions.

The U.S. criticism of Iran's latest move was echoed by Russian lawmakers, makers and ranking officials.

"Iran says it doesn't want to have nuclear weapons. But in actions, including its decision to enrich uranium to 20 percent, have raised doubts among other nations, and these doubts are quite well-founded," Nikolai Patrushev, the nation's security chief, told Russian news agencies.

"Political-diplomatic methods are important in the settlement," he said, "but everything has its limit and patience may come to an end."

Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman A. A. Nesterenko was quoted on the department Web site as declaring: Iran's decision increases doubts in the sincerity of Iran's intentions to ease, through joint efforts, the existing concerns of the international community with regard to the Iranian nuclear program." But Beijing, which has balked at even harshly rebuking Iran, continued to call for more diplomacy. "China hopes all relevant parties will step up diplomatic efforts and make progress in dialogue and negotiations," Foreign Ministry spokesman Ma Zhaozhu said a regular briefing on Tuesday, according to the official New China News Agency.

Low-enriched uranium that Iran currently possesses can power energy reactors, whereas uranium enriched at levels of 60 percent or higher can be used to make a nuclear weapon.

Iran's nuclear chief, Ali Akbar Salehi, told state-run media that inspectors from the United Nations' International Atomic Energy Agency will observe the process of further refining the fuel, while Iranian diplomats continue to negotiate with the West over a U.N.-backed proposal for Iran to send its low-grade material to Russia in exchange for fuel plates made in France.

"The enrichment of uranium up to 20 percent does not mean the doors are closed to interaction and negotiations for fuel exchange," Salehi said, according to the official Islamic Republic News Agency. "In case our adversary parties in the negotiations show wisdom and stop killing time, the Islamic Republic will be ready to go ahead with interaction."

Salehi told the semiofficial Iranian Student News Agency that Iran plans to devote 164 contributors to further refining some of its 4,000-pound supply of low-enriched uranium into fuel for the medical reactor, produce up to 11 pounds of 20 percent enriched uranium a month, which is more than the 4 pounds a month needed to produce isotopes for cancer treatment and diagnosis at the medical reactor.

Salehi said a uranium conversion plant in Isfahan can convert the 20 percent enriched uranium into fuel plates for the reactor, which is due to run out of fuel this year.

"In the past seven months, any time Iran mentioned it could meet it in fuel need, Western nuclear experts and politicians questioned Iran's capability to produce fuel plates," state television quoted Salehi as saying, "But we have mastered the sophisticated technology of producing fuel plates."
You always hear about events and opportunities that people will never forget. Maybe it's an event like last weekend's Super Bowl, or a concert that every living soul you know is dying to attend. I have already had a good amount of noteworthy occurrences in my lifetime, whether it was attending Michael Jordan's last basketball game in the Staples Center, or mingling backstage with members of my favorite band after a memorable concert. Since then, I have always thought that one life-changing experience would eventually be narrowed down between these two. Fortunately, I was wrong.

This weekend I attended the 25th annual Santa Barbara International Film Festival, a world-renowned event attended by Hollywood heavyweights, which showcases American and international movies produced through both major studios and independent filmmakers. My true passion in life is film, and I am forever grateful to the Mustang Daily, in ways I don't think they can imagine, for helping me attain a full-access press pass to the festival that provided a colleague and I with unthinkable admittance to any ceremony or movie screening of our choosing ... which turned out to be basically all of them.

Often I would find myself at a loss for words upon reading the description for an exclusive event my photographer and I were planning to attend, and numerous times also found myself yelling and laughing in shock when we realized how close we would be to the action. The first event we attended on Saturday was the screenwriter's panel, a panel for which the festival guide did not provide names of the participants. So, you can only imagine my surprise when, while sitting in the second row, I watched Alex Kurtman (“Star Trek”), Mark Boal (“The Hurt Locker”), Pete Docter (“Up”), Geoffrey Fletcher (“Precious”), Scott Neustadter (“500 Days of Summer”), Nancy Meyers (“It’s Complicated”) and none other than the ingenious Jason Reisman (“Thank You for Smoking,” “Up in the Air”) take their seats and discuss their craft.

I even took the initiative to blow past a People Magazine reporter in order to stand face to face with Reisman and ask a couple of questions, the first of my many new proudest moments. Our next event, which thanks to our press passes we avoided standing in a ridiculously long line for, was the Festival’s question and answer session following a screening of Douglas’ 1975 Western film, “Posse.”
book column

Author weaves stunning first novel

When Cal Poly professor and renowned microbiologist Raul Cano sought to revive a prehistoric strain of yeast that lay dormant in a fossilized bee’s stomach for 25 to 45 million years, his intent wasn’t to create a stir in the beer world. Yet, 15 years later, that same yeast has yielded a fruity, copper-colored Jurassic beer that is the ultimate cross-over between microbiology and microbrewing.

Cano will tell the story of this Jurassic strain of yeast during Cal Poly’s Science Cafe discussion in the library today at 3:30 p.m. Cano is a professor of biological sciences, founder of a scientific corporation that extracts useful biomaterial from amber, and director of Cal Poly’s Environmental Biotechnology Institute.

A microbiologist founding a beer company isn’t an unlikely scenario as people might think, according to Jon Moule, brewmaster and co-founder of the Creekside Brewing Co. in downtown San Luis Obispo. Moule, a Cal Poly biological sciences alumnus, said the two sciences overlap.

Lewis “Chip” Lambert, microbiologist and Cano’s partner at Fossil Fuels Brewing Co., agrees. In fact, according to Lambert, many brewers actually employ microbiologists.

“The study of microbiology is part of the science of brewing. Anything that isn’t visible by the naked eye is a microbe,” Lambert said, adding that yeast, which is comprised of single-celled organisms, is actually a microbic fungi.

In fact Lambert, who was a preclinical research director at a Bay Area biotech company, was one of the scientists who helped confirm the validity of Cano’s findings despite the scientists who helped confirm the validity of Cano’s findings despite the skepticism.

“Like scientists, brewers can be skeptical. Especially when it comes to dealing with one of their most crucial and volatile ingredients. Like a microcosm of world history, brewing deals with indigenous yeast strains and conquering foreign ones — in this case, a possibly virulent Jurassic one.”

Cal Poly Brew Crew Club president Christian Toran described yeast as essential to the elderly Miss Vera's actual brewing.

Jurassic Beer FAQs

• The bee that contained the yeast cells was fossilized in amber from Burma.

• The yeast is supposedly from the Eocene epoch, from the Greek word eon, which means time.

• The distinctive flavor of the beer is characteristic of many wild Belgian strains of yeast.

• An initial batch of the Jurassic beer was served at a cost party for “Jurassic Park: The Lost World.”

• Lambert said the chances of the prehistoric yeast producing a pleasant flavor was extremely slim. “I could have just as easily been the flavor of wet socks, or the sulfur flavor of bad eggs,” Lambert said.

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Village Market

Picture of the day by Patrick Finn

“Robot Invasion”
Poly seniors help jump record

Will Taylor

Nearly 1,000 students from the San Luis Obispo area joined about 87,000 other participants across California in simultaneous jumping rope in an effort to break the world record for "Most People Jumping/Skipping at the Same Time" on Feb. 1. Two Cal Poly seniors organized four schools from the San Luis Obispo area as part of their honors senior project.

Biana Pruneda and Meghan Lord, both kinesiology seniors, helped form the American Heart Association (AHA) and California Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (CAHPERD) to promote healthy lifestyles in children while trying to break the world record. The previous record was set in Australia in May 2008 with 59,000 jumpers. On top of that, participants had to complete three minutes of "solid jumping" between 9 and 9:10 a.m.

At this time, the record has unofficially been broken (the Guinness Book of World Records staff will review the event through video, photo and written records to confirm), with roughly 88,000 students, parents and teachers jumping rope across California. Each jumper paid one dollar to participate, resulting in about $88,000 going to the research branch of American Heart Association. The schools in San Luis Obispo that participated were El Camino Junior High, Fesler Junior High, Pacheco Elementary and Los Osos Middle School.

"Everyone was happy and having a great time," Pruneda said, who was at Pacheco Elementary (about 200 participants) in San Luis Obispo. "They were all so excited to be part of this big event to potentially break a world record."

Lord, who ran the jump at El Camino Junior High in Santa Maria (614 jumpers, the longest jumping rope site in Southern California), said that it was exciting, but very stressful. Participants could not stop jumping for more than 10 seconds at a time or they would be disqualified.

"It all happened very fast," Lord said. "People were saying the three minutes of required jumping went by without them realizing. It was the longest three minutes of my life. Anything could go wrong. Keeping the kids motivated and on task, that was kind of hard." Pruneda and Lord started working on the project during finals week of fall quarter but said they didn't get into full swing until after winter break because all the schools were closed.

"We literally had six weeks to get the Central Coast started and on board," Pruneda said. "It was quite a task." Under the guidance of CAHPERD, the American Heart Association and their senior project advisor, Kevin Taylor, a kinesiology professor, the students made phone calls, sent e-mails and secured sponsors. Jamba Juice was the corporate sponsor for the event and donated a free smoothie to every participant in the area. There was about $5,000 donation, Pruneda said.

Taylor, as part of his advising role, dressed up in a Jamba Juice promotional banana suit at Pacheco and demonstrated jumping rope technique for participants who hadn't jumped rope before. He said that the girls have worked hard and met expectations for their project so far.

"They're not quite finished yet," he said. "(One component) of the (senior project) is to reflect upon the experience. We're looking into possibilities for a public presentation. But once they're done with that, I will be enthusiastically saying that they have fully met my expectations."

Mark Gross, a physical education teacher at El Camino and previously a part-time lecturer at Cal Poly, worked with Pruneda and Lord to get El Camino on board.

"They were very professional and did a great job of working with the community," Gross said. "It was really neat for me because of the fact that the whole school bought into The principal, the vice principal and 30 of the faculty participated. The mayor (of Santa Maria) was even here."

The mayor of Santa Maria was not the only outsider to participate. California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger jumped with students in Sacramento, troops jumped in Iraq and a doorman from the National Guard and Coast Guard, Pruneda said.

Pruneda said that the record will be a good memory for the students and that it hopefully directs them toward a healthy lifestyle in the future.

"For us as kinesiologists, it's super important to get these kids learning and experiencing physical activity and fun at the same time and draw the connection," she said. "It's fun to be healthy. That's what we want to show them."

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as something that likes to survive.

"It's gonna try to get anywhere it can grow," Tantar said.

Not only did Cano discover an ancient yeast, he discovered what could potentially be a brewmaster's worst nightmare. Most people said once you get a strain in your system, if something goes wrong, you may never be able to get rid of it.

"Especially something as crazy as a Jurassic yeast," he said.

It turns out, the prehistoric yeast did behave in a strange way. In 2006, Lambert convinced a Northern California brewery to power a Jamba Juice promotional banana suit at the 45th annual Banana Cup, which featured 644 breweries in 58 countries around the world.

"We brewed a pale ale and the flavors that came through were a little bit of clove and pineapple," he said. "You take a Blue Light, at the very end you can taste the yeast. You can't hit. But the distinctive clove or pineapple comes through.

"It all happened very fast," Lord said. "People were saying the three minutes of required jumping went by without them realizing.
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Country should look to Reagan’s example during trying times

The CONSERVATIVE CALL

Brendan Pringle

Thirty years ago, America faced almost the same problems that it faces today. President Jimmy Carter preached that the sky was falling, and that Americans had to settle for mediocrity. Amidst this pessimism and disappointment, one man stepped up and said no.

With his mind set on rededicating America’s previous glory, Ronald Reagan became one of our country’s greatest leaders. As we celebrate the anniversary of President Reagan’s birthday, I encourage everyone to look back on the leadership of this true American hero. Reagan understood what it meant to be an American, and set an example for his fellow Americans.

Throughout his two terms, Reagan’s dream for global freedom and democracy never faded. He believed it was America’s duty to fight for these principles abroad, and he encouraged free, democratic elections in Brazil, Argentina, Bolivia, Guatemala, the Republic of Korea, Honduras and the Philippines. His policies were a beacon of hope to the free world.

In foreign policy, Reagan understood that it was essential to provide aid to countries around the world last time I checked. If I want to see something I know where I can look, but I would also assume I could turn on a football game, and like any other weekend, not be subjected to something I don’t want to see.

Anonymous

In response to "CBS ad policy discriminates once again"

We’re all part of the Earth, a round world last time I checked. The atmosphere doesn’t pass beyond political interests in order to rebuild America. Rejecting GOP suggestions for healthcare, national security and the struggling economy may boost his image within the Democratic Party, but his stubbornness to listen will inevitably lead to failure. "Change" has not occurred because it takes both sides to agree on policy. Just as Reagan worked with Democrats on issues like communism and unemployment, Obama must reach out to the other side instead of scolding them for disagreeing with him. After the Republican convention, there’s a good chance that the GOP will be more united than the Democrats are. It is a good chance that Obama needs to look beyond salesmanship and must forge an actual plan to solve the problems this country faces. The only true way that we can move forward is to work together to solve the problems that we face.

The news is much worse than what it is being made out to be, and the government has the ability to make it better. Bush’s policies have not been good for the country, and his plan to withdraw from Iraq is the right decision. But the media are not being honest about the situation, and the President needs to show leadership. If he continues on the current path, he will not be able to make the necessary changes to help the country.

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- Nick

In response to "The doubt and dangers of anthropogenic climate change"

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Haiti is a reminder to help other quake-prone areas

Susan E. Hough

LOS ANGELES TIMES

In the aftermath of the devastating Haiti earthquake, there are pressing scientific questions to be addressed. In particular, how far did the earthquake break extend, and what is the potential for subsequent large quakes on adjacent segments of the fault?

No seismologist can forget how, in April 1992, a magnitude 6.3 earthquake near Joshua Tree, Calif., turned out to be a forerunner of the much more massive magnitude 7.3 Landers earthquake two months later. Based on the statistics of the Haiti aftershocks so far, we can estimate a small but finite chance—about 5 percent—that another quake as large as 7.0 will strike Haiti in the next two years.

But although there are certainly things for seismologists to study and learn, most of the important lessons from the Haiti earthquake are old news. We have known for decades where the world’s active earthquake zones are located. Intuitive big quakes in inactive areas will surprise us once in a while, but scientists can, and have, identified cities that are in terms of dollars and lives.

As far as damage goes, magnitude 6.5 quake is significantly diminished if it takes place 30 miles offshore.

It’s the direct hits that we worry about. Darts miss the bull’s-eye more often than they hit, but, where we have active faults near major cities, bull’s-eyes are, eventually, inevitable. We can’t predict the timing of earthquakes, but their devastation is all too foreseeable.

The potential for catastrophe in Haiti was well understood. Although not widely known among the public as an active earthquake zone, the Caribbean is known to scientists as a miniature Ring of Fire. Scientists have sounded alarm bells about the faults below Haiti for years, describing the potential for precisely the sort of earthquake that struck. They couldn’t say exactly when it would happen, but they stated with near certainty that it would eventually happen.

Improving resilience in a city such as Port-au-Prince is no small feat. Earthquake scientists who push for improved hazard assessment and risk mitigation in developing countries know that progress is measured, at best, in baby steps. There is no magic wand we can wave to make the world safe. In some parts of the world, resources limitations can’t be overcome. But even small steps add up, and can make a difference.

Imagine for a second that action had been taken to improve earthquake resilience in Haiti’s hospitals. It would not have taken huge resources to accomplish this much. Many researchers conclude that our one best hope lies in training and supporting local earthquake professionals in places with high potential for risk. These individuals would then be in a position to work with local officials and decision-makers on planning for the inevitable.

The degree of earthquake resilience we have today in California is the result of a process that began a century ago, nudged along by pioneering geologists and seismologists who first began to understand the nature of our earthquake problems. Yet, even today, vulnerabilities remain in California. As in Haiti before Jan. 12, the seismometic section of the San Andreas has not produced a massive earthquake in more than two centuries. Earthquake professionals remain concerned about the likelihood of a quake much bigger in size and impact than the one in Northridge in 1994.

But the biggest potential for widespread death and injury in earthquakes is in the developing world. We watch the disasters play out on our living-room televisions, and we want to help. We want to do something.

The question to most effectively help, though, is in advance. While the horrific images from Haiti are fresh in our minds, let’s look at what can be done in other developing countries at risk for future seismic disasters.

It has been obvious for years that a British study posting a possible link between a common vaccine combination and autism failed the physicist’s injunction to “do no harm.” Still, it’s significant that the influential medical journal that published Dr. Andrew Wakefield’s discredited study in 1998 finally has retracted it.

The decision by the Lancet won’t change the minds of some parents. It will not entirely dispel the conspiracy theories about how the medical establishment covered up a connection between autism and the MMR vaccine, which protects infants against measles, mumps and rubella. Still, the conclusive repudiation of what has been a sacred text for the anti-vaccination movement should reassure at least some of the families that have refused to accept an overwhelming medical consensus that MMR was safe as well as effective.

In believing the Wakefield study, the Lancet criticized more than its bad science. Dr. Richard Horton, the journal’s editor in chief, linked the retraction to a medical panel’s judgment that Wakefield’s research had been not only dishonest but a violation of ethical rules. The panel also said that Wakefield had shown a “callous disregard” for the suffering of children who participated in the study. But it is not just the participating children who suffered—and not just Wakefield who showed callous disregard. Those who propagated the vaccine-autism connection exhibited willful blindness to multiple studies debunking it.

The Wakefield study seems to have had worse consequences in Britain, where vaccinations declined dramatically after its publication, than in this country. Even so, the anti-vaccination movement is unshaken—one that has been amplified by the Internet and a culture of skepticism toward mainstream medicine—certainly influenced decisions by parents in the United States not to have their children vaccinated. It’s hard to believe, for example, that anti-vaccine propaganda played no part in recent increases in measles cases or in the number of parents seeking “personal belief” exemptions from vaccinating their children.

Children with autism disorders face serious challenges, as do their parents, teachers and caregivers. The diagnosis is deeply unsettling to parents, who are understandably susceptible to theories pointing to an external cause. But the price of the vaccination scare stoked by the Wakefield study has been more sick children. We hope this will be a retraction heard round the world.
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"It's probably a better line-up," he said.

"It's exciting, especially with friends and family be able to see us play," defensemen Douglas Murray said. "My closest family come out to California, but I've got a lot of friends who haven't made it."

"You really don't know what you have until the lights go on for real," Lee said. Cal Poly starts its season on Feb. 19 in Baggett Stadium.
Brittany Blalock strives to regain national ranking

I remember going in as a freshman, kind of wide-eyed and excited for a new experience. Now I feel like I'm coming in as a senior, a veteran, with lots of experience that I can bring to the team," she said. "It's kind of rewarding getting to play my whole life and now be here my senior year."

She and teammate Nefft Wang clinched an NCAA championship berth and finished with a 14-7 record in 2007-08. Blalock was a Big West Conference First-Team selection in both singles and doubles last season and has accumulated a 60-39 record in her career at Cal Poly.

Blalock's coaches decided to switch up the dynamic and pair Blalock with senior Suzanne Matzenauer, a transfer from Northwestern University. The two have racked up an impressive preseason win list including victories over Berkeley, Pepperdine University and Stanford at the All-American Tournament and the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's Northwest Regional Tournament.

Last Sunday, after a 22-day layoff, the Mustangs hit the court again against USF. In the midst of multiple delays due to weather, Blalock and Matzenauer finally teamed to defeat USF's Jennifer-Lee Hemer and Cecilia Grunin 8-3.

"We have very different personalities but it definitely helps us balance each other out if one of us is up or one of us is down," Matzenauer said. "I love playing double with Brit. We've both captains this year too and we really push each other."

After her undergraduate career, Blalock is interested in working as a grad-assistant while pursuing an assistant coaching job.

"I really like business marketing. Hopefully after all my school I can do something with sports marketing, whether it's working events or working for a sports company," she said.

Blalock's path to her dream after college requires hard work and a busy schedule — a schedule her roommates like to keep a tab on.

"Brittany's schedule always starts around 8 in the morning and is like 'practice, class, class, practice, lunch, class, homework,'" roommate Ashley James said. "But looking at her schedule is kind of motivating for me."

Blalock said she does her best to stay focused on tennis to regain her national ranking. Aside from her roommates have become family as well. They all happened to meet on the court. "She's just a pleasant person," James said. "I don't think I've ever heard her say a bad thing about anyone. I can't think of anyone who doesn't like her."

Blalock will take the court in Cal Poly's first Big West Conference game against UC Irvine Saturday at 11 a.m.

-Brian De Los Santos, Alexander Kaak and Michaela Almana contributed to this article.

Baseball gears up for another year on the diamond

Brian De Los Santos
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly baseball head coach Larry Lee has an optimistic outlook on the 2010 season.

"This has a chance to be possibly the best team that I have had since I've been here," Lee said.

The Mustangs clinched a NCAA Regional Tournament berth for the first time in school history last year. The Mustangs had 10 batters hitting above .300 and they finished one win shy of a school record. They were featured in the national rankings for 13-consecutive weeks and marked the seventh time in the past 10 seasons that Cal Poly tallied a 30-win season.

Yet, Lee said this year's team has a chance to be better.

"If all the pieces of the puzzle fall into place this is a real balanced team, offensively, defensively and pitching wise," Lee said.

But, there is a catch — pitching.

"It all depends on the pitching," Lee said. "We haven't been at full strength on the mound the last two years ... Good pitching hides any weakness you have."

The Mustangs have three pitchers heading into next season batting arm injuries. Starting pitcher Steven Fischback missed all of the 2009 season after undergoing preseason shoulder surgery. Fischback, who is considered by Lee to be the team's best pitcher, is expected to return to the mound this season.

"I'll start the season still recovering, still building up arm strength. I should be healthy, if all goes well, by mid-season," Fischback said.

Last season, the Mustangs held four starting pitchers in their weekly rotation that held a combined average 3.69 ERA. Out of that group DJ Mauldin held the lowest ERA with a 4.75 and Matt Leonard held the highest ERA with a 7.68.

A year of experience is what senior catcher Ross Bryarson said will help see those numbers go down.

"I mean last year (we) got a chance to see what other team's had," he said. "The good teams had those few extra pitchers. Besides the starters, they had those guys in the bullpen that they could turn to in crucial situations. We have those guys this year."

Off the mound, Cal Poly returns six batters who hit above .300 last year. Despite the losses of see Baseball, page 15