University Union reopens

The University Union (UU) Plaza reopened yesterday after roughly nine months of renovation. Improvements include more seating and new grass. The renovation marks the first change to the UU since it opened.

Forum discusses gang violence

Sean Hamraban

The San Luis Obispo County Child Abuse Prevention Council held a public forum March 11 on gang violence in California and locally as part of a county public awareness campaign.

Deputy probation officer Pedro Inzunza Arroyo, coordinator of the Youth in Action Gang Prevention Program, presented what he and other law enforcement agencies, lawmakers and educational service departments are doing to redirect at-risk youth in San Luis Obispo County. "Mainly we want to bring awareness to the community, educate the public on ways to mobilize the area and present options for those people who might choose to mentor a young person ... or contribute with resources to help prevent youth from going in the wrong direction," Arroyo said.

Among the crowd of 65 were educators, county service agency representatives, sheriff candidates and a representative from the District Attorney's office. The forum painted a picture of national statistics and current crime rates.

For those with the responsibility of helping sexual assault and rape survivors, such as counselors and police, one dilemma is determining how to bring justice and peace to survivors who wish to remain anonymous, but still want to take action against the perpetrator.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, one in five women in college will be sexually assaulted. Furthermore, 90-95 percent of all college cases go unreported according to the Center for Public Integrity.

This means that we have all known someone who has been assaulted whether they have come forward or not.

—Kristy McCray
Sexual Assault and Recovery Prevention Center executive director

Most on-campus sexual assault cases unreported

Jessica Barbas

I'm a survivor," said John (not his real name).

After having some drinks at a bar in Ventura on New Year's Eve 2008, John and his friends invited some people back to a nearby home for a more intimate gathering. At the house, John and his friends continued drinking. He soon began talking to one of the men he met at the bar. They went to a back room to get away from the music and talk. But things soon took a turn for the worse. John said the man became physical and raped him.

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The cost of the SART kits is $800, and may or may not lead to a report has made many California legislators think twice about approving it, said SART member Buffy Ramirez.

"Unfortunately within this county I can't get anyone on board," Ramirez said of the proposed bill. The U.S. Justice Department recently decided to address the high number of unreported cases by launching a training program for college sexual assault assistance officials.

Cal Poly had no reported sexual incidents according to the 2008 Clery Report, which is a chart of campus crime that must be made public by every college receiving federal aid. The coordinators at Sexual Assault Free Environment Resource (SAFER) said the report is inaccurate because many cases on and off campus go unreported.

"It is not an all representative of what happens at college, mainly
Militia members accused of plotting attack on police

Authorities check a home in Whiting, Ind., in connection with the weekend FBI arrest of Thomas Piatek, of Horicon, Ohio. Joshua Stone is the only alleged Hutaree not in custody.

Seven of the nine militia members appeared Monday in U.S. District Court in Detroit and were held without bond until hearings later this week. 

U.S. District Magistrate Judge Donald Schoener set $1 million bond hearings for the seven defendants in court Monday morning. Each is charged with seditionary conspiracy, attempted use of weapons of mass destruction, teaching the use of explosive materials, and possessing a firearm during a crime of violence. They face up to life in prison if convicted.

David Brain Stone, 45, the alleged leader of the group, appeared in U.S. District Court Monday and was ordered held without bail pending a Wednesday bond hearing.

Stone's ex-wife, Donna Stone, 44, of Adrian, Mich., said David Stone's growing fascination with the Hutaree group caused her to leave the marriage.

She said he went from teaching people how to use handgrips to talking about the end of the world.

"It started out as a Christian thing," Donna Stone said. "You go to church. You pray. You take care of your family. I think David started to take it a little too far. He dragged a lot of people with him. When he got carried away, that's when things went bad."

"I just couldn't go along with what he believed," Donna Stone said.

She said her biological son David Brian Stone Jr., who is David Sr.'s adopted son, was brainwashed by David Sr. Monday's developments came after a series of raids Saturday night and Sunday near Adrian and in Ohio and Indiana.

"This is an example of radical and extremist fringe groups which can be found throughout our society," the FBI's Detroit Special Agent In Charge Andrew Arena said announcing the indictments. "The FBI takes such extremist groups, seriously, especially those who would target innocent citizens and the law enforcement officers who protect the citizens of the United States."

"The Hutaree's message boards contained messages from people talking about the raids, but none confirmed that the group had been raided."

The group's Web site says it is "preparing for the end time battles to keep the testimony of Jesus Christ alive." The group's logo is a cross with the initials CCR, which stand for Colonial Christian Republic. In one of its videos, a group of Hutaree members appear on a video game take down a burning United Nations flag and replace it with their flag, which displays a cross.

On its Web site, the Michigan Militia denied involvement in the raids, but the Hutaree did not.

Police swarmed a rural, wooded precinct, a group of police officers surrounded Adrian, about 70 miles southwest of Detroit, said Evelyn Reitz, who lives about a mile away. She said several police cars, with lights flashing, were still there Sunday evening, and 20 officers were stationed in the area.

Neighborhood Jane Castell said she came home from the movies Saturday night and a helicopter was circling above, in spotlight illuminating her house. She and her sister, Sarah Holter, wouldn't say who lived in the house, but said they knew them from last riding their horses past their house.

"They're your average, nice neighbors, " Castell said.

There were rumors about ties to a militia, but Holter said she knew nothing of that other than her interaction with them.

One of the raids in Ohio occurred at Bayshore Estates, a trailer park in Sandusky, a small city on Lake Erie between Toledo and Cleveland, park manager Terry Mills said Authorities blocked off the street for about an hour Saturday night, he said.

"Needless to say, this has everyone talking," said Mills, 62. "We have a lot of retirees here who don't want all this commotion."

Mills said he didn't know the identity of the person arrested.

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because it only accounts for cases where the perpetrator is known to the victim. The rate is much lower in the general public and on campus, and the rates of reporting are so low in the general public and on campus, Thomas said. "I think it is more important to look at the student population and look at the resources at your school if you are sexually assaulted." Student coordinators at Cal Poly's SAFER Program provide counseling and resources to those who have been sexually assaulted. Coordinators Kristyn Thomas and Daniel Fiau said many factors explain the high sexual assault rate and number of unreported incidents. "To be honest, I think a lot of it has to do with the culture of college of going out and drinking a lot of alcohol, and not that there is anything wrong with that, but alcohol is a huge part of consent or lack of consent and it is when a person is inebriated by alcohol and they can't give legally consent and even if they said 'yes legally they were under the influence legally it doesn't exist'," Fiau said.

When asked if she could see the culture of college and drinking and the increase in sexual assaults, Thomas said, "A lot of people see the crime as preventable as if, you hadn't gone up stairs with that person or walked home by yourself then would of never had happened, rather than seeing it as the fault of the perpetrator of the crime so the focus becomes the victim and not the perpetrator." Fiau added.

The perpetrators or "undetected rapists," on college campuses are actually very similar to those serving time for sexual assault in prison, according to a recent study done by psychologist David Lisak at the University of Massachusetts, Boston. The biggest similarity was that the rates are really high and they don't need to be. It's really easy to lower them if we all take responsibility for it that it is happening in our community rather than be like 'oh it doesn't happen' or 'it doesn't happen that often.'"

Students tend to feel a false sense of security and community by meeting so many new people in college, said the SAFER coordinators. The sexual assault rate in the greek system is reported to be one in three women. "You may have met that person at an exchange or know them through friends and there is this sense that you can trust them because you are all in that same community but it is a false sense of a security," Thomas said.

"There has also never been a particular trend in sexual assault incidents within the county said San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's public information officer Rob Bryn. He said the numbers have actually been all over the board ranging from 84 incidents in 1999 to 106 cases in 2008. He also added that in majority of the crimes, the survivor knew the perpetrator and was under the influence of alcohol or some other drug such as Rohypnol or 'roofer,' known to make a person unconscious.

If you or someone you know has been sexually assaulted, Fiau said, "Tell them you believe them, tell them it is not their fault and empower them to make their decision of whether they want to report it or not but put the power back in their hands, so they feel that they can get through this and I can survive this because everything you need to say needs to be positive because everything they are telling them selves is probably negative." In this case, John has decided not to make a police report but said that by having his story written he hopes to prevent future sexual assault incidents from happening.

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rent gang activity in San Luis Obispo County. According to Arroyo, gangs are formed with three or more members who are usually between ages 12 and 25 and who generally share an identity like a symbol or hand sign, color and name.

Local gangs are mainly in the northern and southern areas of San Luis Obispo County Paso Robles, Oceano and Nipomo see the heaviest concentration of gang activity in close proximity to San Luis Obispo, Arroyo said.

"Luckily we don't even closely compare to Salinas or Santa Barbara county," Arroyo said. "San Luis Obispo is very fortunate with little gang presence, but things can change.

A former president of California State University Dominguez Hills, history professor Robert Detweler worked and lived in heavy gang concentrated areas like South Los Angeles before moving to the Central Coast.

"San Luis Obispo is the Cadillac of society in the CSLC," Detweler said. "Not to say everyone at Cal Poly or in San Luis Obispo are goodie-two-shoes, but San Luis Obispo is typical of most California cities in that gangs are comparatively unimpor-
**State**

SAN LUIS OBISPO

(MCT) — The anti-nuclear group San Luis Obispo Mothers for Peace has filed five formal protest over plans to extend the two operating licenses at Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant for 20 more years.

In filings with the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission this week, the activist group asked that it be declared an intervenor in the license renewal proceedings and submitted five reasons why renewal should not be granted.

**National**

MINNEAPOLIS

(MCT) — With the ink barely dry on Congress' landmark health care legislation, insurers are already debating whether they must cover children with pre-existing medical conditions starting this year. President Obama says yes. Insurance companies say no.

"Starting this year, insurance companies will be banned forever from denying coverage to children with pre-existing conditions," President Obama said at a rally in Virginia on March 19.

**International**

AFGHANISTAN

(MCT) — President Barack Obama's visit to the Afghan capital, his first since taking office, 14 months ago, came after months of tension between his administration and that of President Hamid Karzai.

In Kabul, opinion was divided as to whether the U.S. president's six-hour nighttime stopover late Sunday and early Monday marked a potential turnaround in relations or the continuation of a stubborn impasse.

Some here were miffed that Obama had not visited sooner. Others, though, said the U.S. leader was right to stay away — with his absence a clear message to Karzai that a business-as-usual attitude toward corruption and graft was not acceptable.

**Briefs**

NEW YORK

(MCT) — The U.S. Treasury Department said it would begin selling its stake in Citigroup Inc. and could recoup more than $8 billion in profit.

The sales of 7.7 billion shares acquired as part of the $45 billion in federal aid would occur over the next several years, the department said, and would bring the government close to President Obama's promise to "recoup every single dime" of taxpayer funds spent to bail out the financial industry in late 2008 during the depths of the Great Recession.

**Native state tribes block wind farms**

Wampanoag tribal leader Cheryl Andrews-MaIais is part of a strong opposition to a proposal to erect 130 wind turbine generators atop 25 square miles of submerged sand and rocks in Massachusetts' Nantucket Sound.

Bob Drogin

OAK BLUFFS, Mass. — The Wampanoag Indians of southeast Massachusetts welcomed the Pilgrims when they arrived on the Mayflower nearly 400 years ago. But now they're trying to stop another newcomer — wind turbines.

Citing customs and religious practices recorded since the earliest contact with Europeans, two local tribes have blocked, at least for now, America's first planned offshore wind farm and the Obama administration's efforts to promote renewable sources of energy.

At issue is a private developer's plan to erect 130 wind turbine generators on a sandy shoal in the middle of Nantucket Sound, the scenic channel between Cape Cod and the resort islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket.

Federal approval for Cape Wind, as the project is known, finally appeared after nine years of political battles, court challenges and regulatory reviews.

But then the indigenous tribe won an unexpected victory. On Jan. 4, the National Park Service ruled in favor of the Wampanoag that Nantucket Sound is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places as a "traditional cultural property," and thus is worthy of preservation.

The park service said the 440-foot high towers would interfere with Wampanoag spiritual ceremonies, including greeting the sunrise with unobstructed views of the water.

The ruling also said excavations for the huge towers could disturb presumed Indian burial grounds that began to disappear under rising sea levels 6,000 or so years ago. The shoal is now 30 feet beneath the waves.

The tribes, the Mashpee Wampanoag of Cape Cod and the Aquinnah Wampanoag of Martha's Vineyard, "emphasize that they believe that their people traversed, lived on and buried their dead, and otherwise used the land ... before the land was submerged," the park service said.

Mark Rodgers, spokesman for Cape Wind Associates, the developer, said seabed borings and other underwater tests on Horsehead Shoal, where the towers would rise, found vegetative matter and "the head of a bug," but "no evidence of human artifacts."

"We think that addresses the issue of it being a burial ground for their ancestors," he said. "It's not a game changer."

The park service ruling kicked the final decision to Ken Salazar, the U.S. secretary of the interior. After watching the sunrise from a cold beach with several Mashpee Wampanoag and riding a Coast Guard cutter across the shoal, Salazar vowed to decide by the end of April whether to allow Cape Wind to proceed or not.

"He can decide up or down," said Fran Quimby, Salazar's spokesman. "The only position he's taken is nine years and counting is a ridiculous amount of time for waiting. It's no rush. It shouldn't be strung out indefinitely."

The Wampanoag and other opponents are expected to mount a spirited defense. "We're going to fight this all the way," said Buddy Vander-
Suicide bombers target Moscow subway stations

Megan K. Stack

MOSCOW — Two female suicide bombers blew themselves up on packed subway cars in Moscow's city center early Monday morning, officials said, killing at least 37 people and injuring dozens more.

The explosions, blasted through the underground at rush hour, just as the city's commuters jam the metro system on their way to work and school. It was the first such attack in the capital in six years, raising the grim specter of violence creeping back into the symbolic and bureaucratic heart of Russia.

The first attack came just before 8 a.m., when a woman set off a suicide bomb as the doors of the subway carriage slammed shut at Lubyanka station. Set just a few blocks from the Kremlin, Lubyanka holds a deep and unsettling place in the Russian imagination as the headquarters of the Soviet KGB, and now in its successor, the FSB.

Less than an hour later, the second explosion came. This time the bomber struck at Bark Kultury, another iconic station alongside Gorky Park, where Russian children flock for roller coasters, sprawling gardens and ice-skating.

Investigators were hunting for two women who were captured on surveillance cameras accompanying the two bombers to the doors of the Metro stations, law enforcement sources told Interfax.

Traffic snarls brought much of the city to a crawl as underground trains were rerouted and frustrated commuters packed themselves into trolley cars. Sirens screamed through the streets, and helicopters hovered overhead.

Worried family members overflowed some of the city's mobile networks searching for loved ones.

Meanwhile, the political ramifications began to unfold.

“Obviously we have not done enough,” Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said at an emergency meeting Russian news agencies reported. “Security must be reinforced,” Medvedev said. “We must consider this problem on a national scale, rather than focus on particular means of transportation or particular cities.”

The explosions came just a few days after the 10th anniversary of Vladimir V. Putin’s election to the presidency. Now serving as prime minister after being forced from the Kremlin by term limits, Putin is widely seen as Russia’s top leader, and many analysts expect him to return to the presidency in the next elections.

Putin’s time in power has been marked by struggle with Islamists in the Caucasus. After two recent Chechen wars, the installation of proxy leadership and lingering, heavy-handed efforts to squash violence, bloody unrest continues to roll the southern edge of Russia.

Among Russian officials, blame immediately focused on the Caucasus. One by one, national and local leaders accused terrorists from the Caucasus of carrying out the attacks.

“Terror attacks in the Moscow metro have highlighted serious flaws in the work of security agents in the Caucasus,” Gen. Nikolai Golikov, deputy chairman of the State Duma security committee, told Interfax. He called for the creation of a new FSB directorate in the Caucasus.

Other officials speculated that the blasts could be revenge after the reported killing this month of Sayed Buryatsky, an Islamist ideologue who was touted as a leader of the anti-government insurgency.

The Russian government had blamed Buryatsky for many recent attacks, most famously the bombing of the high-speed train linking Moscow to St. Petersburg.

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Not every tribal member agrees. The two tribes claim about 2,000 enrolled members, although only a few hundred live in the area, and even fewer are active in tribal ceremonies.

Jeffrey Madison, a former member of the Wampanoag tribal council in Aquinnah, and lawyer for a firm that represents Cape Wind, called the sunrise ritual a "fabricated cosmology" that was unknown to his father and grandfather, both former medicine men.

"I am stating to you with complete honesty and knowledge that I have never participated in, witnessed, or even heard of a sacred spot on the horizon that is relevant to any Aquinnah Wampanoag culture, history or ceremony," Madison wrote to Salazar during the public comments period.

President Barack Obama has championed development of wind energy to help counter global warming, and the case has become a critical test of his administration's priorities. The president, who vacationed last summer on Martha's Vineyard, has not publicly taken sides in the dispute.

Supporters of Cape Wind, including most national environmental groups, said the project would help supply clean electricity and lead the way for proposed wind farms off the coasts of New York, New Jersey, Delaware and other states.

Opponents argued that the turbines would hurt fishing, endanger aircraft, lead to higher utility rates, and cripple tourism. Five miles offshore, the huge towers and churning blades would line the horizon from many beaches and towns.

"You name the problem, this project has it," complained Andrea Parker, president of the Alliance to Protect Nantucket Sound, the main opposition group.

She and other critics have urged Cape Wind to move the wind farm to a deeper, more exposed site off Tuckernuck Island, about 10 miles away in the open Atlantic.

"It means throwing a decade away," countered Rodger, the Cape Wind spokesman. "If someone else wants to step forward and look at development of a wind farm out there, that's great. They've got a lot of work ahead of them."

Whatever happens, the issue has energized local Wampanoag and re- kindled interest in their culture and history.

When Europeans first arrived, the Wampanoag comprised several dozen tribes and about 12,000 members who farmed, fished and hunted from coastal villages.

"We're the ones who were there when the first Pilgrims arrived," explained tribal leader Cheryl Andrews-Maltais, tribal chairwoman in Aquinnah, referring to the bedraggled immigrants who came on the Mayflower in November 1620. "We met them on the shore. That was us."

Andrews-Maltais sees an irony in her ancestors' welcome to the PNarrins and others who sailed to the New World to escape oppression.

"Here we are fighting for our religious freedom from the same people who came here to find religious freedom," she said. "I'm just hoping we have the same rights they do."

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Chinese economy causes friction for U.S.

Don Lee and David Pfierson

WASHINGTON — For much of the past decade, the economic relationship between the U.S. and China was like a bartender and his customers. But instead of cashing in the hundreds of billions of U.S. dollars that American consumers borrowed, China was like a bartender and his dollars. But instead of cashing in the dollars, China lent much of it back to Americans to help finance ever-higher consumer borrowing, as well as federal deficits and cheap mortgages.

It was a mutually beneficial arrangement — until the morning after, when bartenders and customers blamed each other for a doozy of a hangover.

With the Great Recession putting that mountain of American debt in a new, unsettling light, the two countries are eyeing each other with growing resentment — each country blaming the other for a doozy of a hangover.

The tensions are being aggravated by domestic politics in both countries.

"The proverbial train wreck may be coming to pas," said Nicholas Lardy, a prominent China expert at the Peterson Institute for International Economics in Washington.

Chinese officials have begun to warn that if Washington doesn't curb its widening deficits and stop budgeting China to make concessions on currency and export policies, Beijing may begin dumping its currency on the world market. Or it might at least cut back on its purchases of U.S. assets, which are now a major source of China's huge foreign-exchange surpluses.

Scores of U.S. lawmakers have demanded that China strengthen its currency, so its goods wouldn't be so cheap in the U.S. and other foreign markets. Raising the value of the yuan could also encourage China to buy more American products.

"The silence of our government on China's currency manipulations has become the silence of our factories," said Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine, a senior member of the Senate Finance Committee.

She and other members of Congress are pushing the Treasury Department to label China a currency manipulator in its next review, due April 15, because doing so could lead to tariffs on Chinese goods.

Outside Congress, leading free-trade proponents, including Nobel Prize-winning economist Paul Krugman, have joined labor leaders in demanding that China adjust its currency. "China's currency regime is fundamentally unfair," wrote Krugman, a senior research fellow at the Center for Economic and Policy Research. "It's not just about losing face, it's also about the economy and social stability, not just face."

Outside China, few dispute that the yuan is undervalued, and most say by 25 percent or more. But there are differences over how much even a big increase in its value would help employment in the U.S. — or hurt it in China.

Drew Greenblatt, president of Marlin Steel Wire Products in Baltimore, calculates that he could double his company's payroll to 60 if the Chinese currency rose by 25 percent or more against the dollar. That would more than offset the 10 percent to 15 percent cost disadvantage that Marlin's wire baskets now have against made-in-China competitors.

"The yuan would absolutely help my business," Greenblatt said.

Krugman, the economist, estimates that China's currency policy and resulting large trade surpluses — and resulting large trade surpluses — may end up costing about 1.4 million jobs in the U.S. in the next couple of years.

But Larry of the Peterson Institute calls that a "substantial overstatement" that assumes a return to surge Chinese trade surpluses with the United States. During the 2009 recession, China's surplus narrowed sharply.

"The big question is whether the surplus continues to come down or rise back up," he said. "Assuming China and a few other competing Asian countries let their currencies rise 20 percent, they could lose $2 trillion in the next couple of years. U.S. factory employment has been falling continuously since the late 1970s. It's been the reverse for China. Growth in manufacturing has lifted millions out of poverty and catapulted the Middle Kingdom to global superpower status.

And Chinese officials are feeling pressure to maintain that growth.

Ada Dong, who heads marketing at Johnny Vico Infant Gift Products, a Chinese baby-bottle manufacturer, says a revaluation could decimate the company, which is only now beginning to see a re-bound in its recession-dampened U.S. and European sales.

The fundamental concern for both Washington and Beijing is employment, said Zhou, the Tsinghua University researcher.

"For the U.S. to create 2 million jobs, they're hoping the yuan will appreciate 30 percent to 40 percent," he said. "But that would mean 20 million migrant workers would lose their jobs. The Chinese government is facing the same pressure."
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— the catchy sound boasts an energy-packed performance. However, energy is scarce to come by for struggling artists. For every successful show, there's a smaller one with low numbers and a lack of connection with the audience.

"When the crowd is small, people become creatures that want to be hidden in the crowd," Hawley said.

Yet, the band uses these experiences to fuel the ride. By teaming up with groups such as Picture Atlantic, Monster Eats the Pilot, and The Mighty Fine, the band is building relationships with bands across California, trading off headlining and CD-release shows.

"They're hardworking bands who have the same mindset as us. A lot of bands have this rivalry that you're all out for yourself. We're trying to work together," Fotinakes said.

PR's alternative route to fame may be long, but the hard work, fan support and endless promotion may help them mold the California music scene, one performance, YouTube video or barbecue at a time.

"You can create a scene wherever you are, as long as there are people," Fotinakes said.

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Two local bands to headline Downtown Brew

Kelly Cooper

Templeton-based rock band PK will co-headline a show with The Mighty Fine at Downtown Brew in San Luis Obispo on Friday. The show will celebrate The Mighty Fine's first CD release and PK promises a powerful performance at their hometown venue.

Since 2007, PK has slowly been trying to break into the music scene in California. Rooting from guitarist Matt Depue and lead singer Travis Hawley, the group transformed from an after-school jam band to a complete ensemble, with Mikel Vankraijenburg on bass, Nick Fotinakes on guitar and Kevin Mentesa on drums.

"We were all friends at first and just ate SpaghettiOs and played video games after school. Then we started playing music, and I guess that's where it started," Fotinakes said.

After attending different colleges along the Central Coast and abroad, the members dropped out to continue building the band. While living in Santa Cruz in 2007 and struggling to find a place in music, the band decided to explore a different route toward success.

"We just said, 'Screw this. We'll just do it our own way.' That's when we decided to promote our shows by playing at high schools and bars and going up and meeting people instead of relying on other people and MySpace," Fotinakes said.

That's when the band said they began putting their own stamp on the music scene, endlessly promoting themselves, building relationships with other bands and garnering a strong fan base. Despite their efforts, however, they still noticed a lack of camaraderie between promoters, artists and fans. They said the connection was falling apart and profits outweighed the music itself.

"The promoters aren't about the scene; they just want money. For the most part, they don't care about who your band is or what you're doing. They just want to charge a certain amount of money and get kids to a show," Fotinakes said.

To bridge the gap, the band decided to do all the dirty work themselves by calling the venues directly and scheduling shows with bands they chose. In doing so, PK is able to work with the venues to lower ticket prices with the promise of a larger turnout. So far, it seems to be working out.

By playing at high schools and interacting with the fans, the group has created a young, yet dedicated following. Earlier this year, the band's CD release show sold out with more than 450 attendees.

"A venue will charge $10 for a show, and because of that, a lot of new bands aren't being found," Hawley said. "Our idea is that instead of charging $10 and get 20 kids at a show, we will charge half the price and get 40 kids to come."

The band is not just relying on MySpace or Facebook; through newsletters, constant web updates, videos and thank-you barbecues, PK is keeping their supporters entertained and attached.

"They're the people who are letting us do this. We absolutely understand that they're the reason we're here," Hawley said.

PK has caught the attention of fans from high schools across the Central Coast to Cal Poly. Their Facebook and MySpace pages are filled with friendly comments and inside jokes from fans excited about their upcoming shows and music.

"The guys are super nice and very accessible to their fans. I like that they always respond to people on their Facebook page and get really excited over every single one of their fans," communication studies sophomore Laura Ragsdale said. "They aren't just interested in making fans; they're also interested in making friends."

Falling into the upbeat pop rock category — comparable to bands such as Bloc Party and The Kooks — PK is keeping their supporters enamored with more than 4.50 attendees.

COURTESY PHOTO
Templeton-based rock band PK will co-headline Downtown Brew with The Mighty Fine, of San Luis Obispo, Friday night.
Future of music uncertain

Five industry sages sat in a room full of executives to answer the question "How will we listen to music in 2020?" Their conclusion: "Any way we want to," Steve Sotobo, an executive with the Domino label said. "The future will be about access—packaging music every which way," from old-fashioned vinyl albums to the trendiest cell-phone applications.

The last 10 years have seen a seismic power shift from record companies to the hands of consumers and their laptops and cell phones; thanks to the ubiquity of online file-sharing. The aftershocks could be even more momentous in the next decade as the technology reaches chunks of the planet that still haven't experienced the joys of peer-to-peer file sharing. Huge chunks of the world are still without broadband Internet connections (including 100 million Americans). As DJ Spooky (Paul Miller) said, quoting author William Gibson, "The future's already here; it's just not evenly distributed."

In the next 10 years, "the parade of infinite storage," a former record producer Sandy Pearlman calls it, will move closer to reality. It will allow consumers to access every piece of recorded music ever made wherever they go.

Whether the artist who make that music will get paid is another matter. Most aren't making much money directly from recorded music now, and that trend is unlikely to change soon.

The answer as no one gave in a panel titled "Why hasn't the music industry said 'Goll Talk'?" is that Goll Talk, who stitches together bits of copyrighted songs to create new music, hasn't sold enough recorded music to make suing him worthwhile. Instead, Girl Talk (Gregg Gillis) has created a career by giving away music on the Internet as a way of promoting live appearances.

Up for grabs is how intellectual property will be addressed as more Goll Talk enigmas. A lengthy legal debate over the nuances of fair use in appropriating copyrighted works, one comment zoomed on in the source of the tension: "We're in a remix culture, and the law has not caught up with it," Benjamin Frazen, who produced the movie "Copyright Criminals" said. Frazen said it would've cost him upward of $4 million to license music and images from the likes of Walt Disney, the Beatles and Led Zeppelin as part of his illuminating documentary on how artists transform the past into new art.

Licensing costs are preoccupying Swedish entrepreneur Daniel Ek from making his Spotify music platform available in the United States. Spotify is a hit in Europe, with more than 300,000 subscribers and 7 million users. But in a keynote address at the interactive conference that preceded the music portion of South by Southwest, Ek revealed that he still must make about $5,000 deal with license holders and collection agencies to get Spotify running in America. His goal is to make music "flow like water" to consumers and still pay music creators.

Yet even Ek acknowledged that Spotify will be only one of many futures for the Music Industry 2.0.

"There isn't one business model that will save the music industry," he said.

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I recently read a story about a Republican member of the House of Representatives who was running for the Senate. He said the newest Democratic proposal to improve America’s health care system was “socialized medicine.” And though you might have seen those words appear in any Republican statement released within the last few hours, the year I’m talking about is 1964. The candidate was George H.W. Bush, and the program was Medicare.

Funny that his very own son, former President George W. Bush, called Medicare “one of the most important contributions to seniors’ health care ever enacted.” For decades, we’ve seen Democrats pass successful programs that Republicans lambast as the end of civilization, only to watch these programs become wildly successful and popular.

In 1935, when people were struggling through a depression and millions of Americans needed additional support, Democrats delivered Social Security. In 1965, when many of the nation’s seniors couldn’t afford basic medical care, Democrats delivered Medicare. And in 2010, when insurance companies made billions in profit as they watched 45,000 Americans die each year simply because they didn’t have health insurance, Democrats delivered health care reform.

Much has been said about what health care reform will do to Democrats on Election Day in November. Republicans have charged that the American people didn’t want this bill. And if this legislation actually looked anything like what Republicans have described it as, I wouldn’t want it, either. But as the dust settles in the wake of the bill’s passage, Americans will now have the chance to actually see what’s in the legislation and how it will help them and their families. I must say, there’s quite a lot to be proud of in this bill.

Over the next few months, it will give small business tax credits so that employers can afford to give coverage to their employees. It will provide free prescriptive care to seniors so that they get to the doctor before they get sick. It will end the practice of rescissions, which insurers have used to drop coverages for sick people.

As other reforms get implemented over the next few years, 32 million uninsured Americans will receive health coverage. We’ll see the creation of health insurance exchanges, which will make it simpler for consumers to understand and purchase policies, increase competition among insurers, drive down costs for policyholders. And it does all of this and a lot more while reducing the deficit by $1.36 trillion over the next 30 years by reining in waste, fraud and abuse.

Republicans are already talking about repealing the legislation. Rep. Michelle Bachmann, R-Minn., is already circulating a letter to her colleagues saying that since they couldn’t kill it, they are going to have to undo it.

Want to take away health coverage from 32 million Americans? Be my guest. Want to tell insurance companies that they can start denying health care coverage to people with pre-existing conditions again? Have at it. But between now and November, I think many Americans will have the chance to see all the beneficial things in this legislation without having to listen to the deafening clamor of the Republican misinformation machine.

Now, might the Democratic Party lose a few seats? Absolutely. But I highly doubt that it’s going to be the massacre Republicans are hoping for. Perhaps Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, best summed up the Democrats’ prospects in November. “If they (pass health care reform), of course, you’re going to have a very rough time having a two-party system in this country because almost everybody’s going to say, ‘All we ever were, all we ever are, all we ever hope to be depends on the Democratic Party.’”

Couldn’t have said it better myself.

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Democrats will pay a huge price for health care bill and broken promises

Rep. John Shadegg  
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The bill is a stunning example of a Congress not listening. Americans wanted their leaders to focus on an economy that has hemorrhaged jobs.

President Obama promised "change you can believe in." Speaker Nancy Pelosi promised to make the U.S. Congress "the most honest, ethical and open" in history. Broken promises anger Americans, and they are livid.

The health care bill is packed with backroom deals: the "Louisiana Purchase," the "Cornhusker Kickback," and too many more to list. In the final push, Speaker Pelosi added $100 million for Tennessee and a special subsidy for a North Dakota bank. Democrats arguing that the health care bill was principled will face angry constituents demanding answers about sleazy deals.

On top of all that, Pelosi and Obama refused to address the health care issue Americans are most concerned about: cost. During the campaign, Obama promised to lower the cost of health coverage for the average family by $2,500. This promise was abandoned. No credible source says this bill will lower costs.

Premiums won't go down in the next year, they'll go up. They'll rise 10 percent to 15 percent, according to the Congressional Budget Office. The bill will grow government by $2.5 trillion over 10 years. Everyone knows the CBO scores were gamed. The Democrats' claim that the bill will reduce the debt while insuring vastly more people — and giving them better care — is absurd on its face.

President Obama and Speaker Pelosi gave health insurance companies a huge gift — a government-enforced individual mandate that forces Americans to purchase government-approved insurance or pay a fine.

Shockingly, 16,000 more IRS agents and $10 billion will be necessary to enforce this mandate. More agents and money for the IRS than ever! Republicans won the majority in Congress in 1004 in significant part because of an increase in voter turnout. That spike in turnout occurred because the Democrats stopped listening to the American people. Sadly, Republicans did the same 12 years later.

Americans don't like broken promises or sleazy, corrupt deals made behind closed doors. But, District of Columbia Democrats haven't learned from their own mistakes before 1004 or Republicans' mistakes after 1004. In passing this bill they broke their promises and ignored the people.

Americans have already begun the revolution against Washington's massive government takeover of not just health care, but the auto industry, banks, student loans and more.

This time, there's no putting the genie back in the bottle. Americans want a better health care system, but they want to keep their current plan, and they don't like politicians telling them they know better how to run their lives.

This bill was classic Washington backroom dealing by powerful politicians. President Obama could have written a health care reform bill with bipartisan input. He could have kept his promise to end lobbyist influence and backroom deals. He could have said "no" to bribing powerful congressmen and senators to get their votes. He could have at least tried to change the way Washington works.

Sadly, he let congressional Democrats do the dirty work, and the process was a stunning repudiation of "change you can believe in." Make no mistake; this November voters will hold the political class accountable.
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Callero wanted to leave an impression on his players. He teaches them the game of basketball, he teaches them how to win, but he teaches them the right way to do so.

"We are trying to get guys to be mature and positive and encouraging," Callero said. "Wins or losses are not the things people care about. Everybody wants to win games, but it's about how you win the game, how you play as a team."

Callero's understanding of the problems and obstacles young men have gone through has been instrumental in this process. Callero said he has always wanted to work with people. Early in his career, he learned how to deal with the problems of young students when he worked at a juvenile home and as a high school guidance counselor.

"Kids are going to make mistakes," Callero said. "We are not perfect human beings, but we are going to try to be."

But Callero could not satisfy his hunger for basketball with that profession. After counseling, he became a basketball coach. With experiences he learned helping kids in his back pocket, Callero tries not to only churn out basketball players when they graduate from his program, he aims to create men on the court.

"I really feel like he emphasizes us being mature enough to understand the concepts of basketball, be mature to take care of business on and off the court, and he teaches us to play with maturity on the court to act like men. He teaches us to present ourselves as Callero and be proud of that," Lewis said.

In one season, Callero has changed the mindset and the outlook of this team, but ask him how he did it, and he will give a modest answer. "I didn't turn this season around," Callero said. "I didn't do anything; he players did it. I think a lot of it is just getting the student athletes to believe in themselves, believe in what teamwork can do, believe in what hustle can do."

With these new outlooks the future for Cal Poly is bright. Next season, Cal Poly will have to combat the loss of the team's leading scorer, Keeler, but will have firepower ready to join the young staff on the hardwood.

The Mustangs will return three starters who averaged double figures in scoring last season. To add to that lineup, Anthony Ferrini - a red-shirt guard who averaged 10 points and eight assists per game at Hagerstown College in 2008-09 - will be eligible to play. Not to mention stand-out recruits Malik Lowe and Jamal Johnson will be joining the team.

"We have done so much this season and I feel like next season and the season to come, with this new program, there is a lot of success ahead of us," Lewis said.

So after the offseason, the bright lights in Mott Gym will turn on and for another year, the men's basketball team will take the court. Every day, the players will leave their locker room and pass through the hallway filled with championship trophies and plaques.

Every day, they will notice there is a piece missing.

A Big West championship? An NCAA championship? Either will suffice.

"It's a realistic goal," Callero said.

Baseball loses
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After reaching .500, the Mustangs have lost nine of their last 10 games.

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Head coach Joe Callero teaches more than basketball

By Brian De Los Santos

As you walk into Mott Gym, placards and trophies adorn the hallway. Former athletes like Jordan Beck to Bob Mott, the walls are filled with pictures of championship athletes, who at one time or another walked these halls.

The men's basketball locker room, which has yet to hold a championship-winning team of any sort, is located in Mott Gym, hidden past the glare of copper and gold.

This season, the locker room is the property of first-year head coach Joe Callero, a coach searching to turn Cal Poly from a Big West bottom-dweller into a Division-I powerhouse.

"I think we can be an NCAA tournament team," Callero said. "That's why I am here. The goal is to win the Big West automatic bid, to get to the tournament on an annual basis and compete in the NCAA tournament."

Cal Poly made the jump to Division-I in 1994 and has struggled since. In the 16 years Cal Poly has been a top-division school, the Mustangs have posted four winning seasons. This season was a bit different.

Cal Poly finished the regular season (11-18, 7-9 Big West) only four wins better than last year's team, but the Mustangs raced out to the best conference start in school history. In each conference game this season, the Mustangs were able to compete — they lost each conference game on an average of seven points, bearing 20-plus point losers just to UC Davis and UC Santa Barbara. And they did so with just three seniors on the roster.

"To me, (this year) it's like a completely different team," senior guard Lorenzo Keeler said. Keeler spent two years playing under the previous head coach, Kevin Bromley. "(Callero's) philosophy of the game is simple: Play as a team, play as a unit, play together — compete — and you'll always have multiple items on their plates. But, despite the influx of changes, Callero tries not to get lost in the professional side of things.

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