Unruly gathering ordinance passed

Jessica Barba

Friends and family of Cal Poly industrial engineering junior Matthew Hurlbutt are mourning his death after he was killed by a truck early Sunday morning.

Hurlbutt was walking on the 101 Highway near the Santa Rosa Street exit when he was struck by a driver in a Toyota Tacoma. In a press release, CHP Investigating Officer Victor Sanchez said the driver was going about 65 mph and could not avoid hitting Hurlbutt. He was pronounced dead on the scene.

Hurlbutt’s neighbor, who wishes to remain anonymous, said Hurlbutt had been drinking in a downtown San Luis Obispo bar before the collision.

“Matt was downtown with his roommates at Native; he was pretty drunk and disappeared,” he said.

One of Hurlbutt’s co-workers from the grocery store Albertsons, Wes Bracken, 22, said the last time he saw Hurlbutt was during their shift last Saturday night. Hurlbutt had invited him to go to several bars downtown with that night, but Bracken declined.

“Later that night, I got a text from him asking me if I wanted to go downtown with him, and I told him I couldn’t really afford going to the bars again, so these last few weeks have been hitting me hard in the bank,” Bracken said. “It’s rather difficult knowing that I could have known him that night. I understand it’s not my fault, but at the same time, you can’t help wondering, ‘What if?’”

Bracken said he was shocked when he heard the next day that Hurlbutt had been killed. He had known Hurlbutt for two years and said it was crazy in terms of the amount of people on the beach this year. He said the county was trying to sin—something students are going to make the drive down to Santa Barbara for the weekend.

Cesame Amiri, a construction management junior, said he was pissed off about the decision and that the county was trying to single-out college students.

“Everything I paid to come to college for, they are taking it and stripping it from me,” Amiri said. Amiri attended last year’s event and said it was crazy in terms of the amount of people on the beach.

In the future, there is a possibility of the beach being used for the event. Hernandez said he would be happy to have an event like this and work with students on making it happen, if there could be someone to sponsor the event. He said the county does not have the resources to deal with 12,000 people coming into town without someone accountable.

“Without somebody to take responsibility for the event, it’s not going to happen,” Hernandez said. Lieutenant Brian Olmstead said there is going to be strict enforcement and anyone that enters the beach for the event will be cited.

I’ve been in Parks and Recreation for more than 20 years, and I’ve never seen more environmentally-destructive behavior than what took place last year.

Dan Hernandez
County Parks Director

County officials decided to close the beach just below Isla Vista to deter massive crowds from gathering this year.

The decision was made by the Santa Barbara County Parks and Recreation Department, which has the authority to close down the beach for environmental concerns, public safety and public nuisance.

Susan Soti, who is a representative for the Student Neighborhood Assistance Program (SNAP) would not be allowed to issue fines, and noise violations would not be issued on top of an unruly gathering fine. She also said if the host calls the police when a party is becoming over-crowded, they could avoid fines.

“Unruly gathering” ordinance are that no warnings will be given to the rowdy crowds of more than 20 people, the fines are twice the amount of those of the “noise ordinance” and a community service option will not be offered.

The San Luis Obispo City Council voted overwhelmingly in favor of the “unruly gathering” ordinance after receiving opposition from those present at Tuesday night’s meeting.

The ordinance would allow police who deem parties of 20 or more people too rowdy to fine the owner $700 on their first offense and $1,000 if they are cited again. Police would also be allowed to administer additional fines to underage drinkers.

Police Chief Deborah Lindon said multiple complaints, interference with traffic, flow and overflowing crowds are all factors police will take into account when deeming a party an “unruly gathering.” She also said attendees who are urinating in public, vandalizing property, littering, causing fights or are drunk in public are all subject to additional fines.

Lindon pointed out that the Student Neighborhood Assistance Program (SNAP) would not be allowed to issue fines, and noise violations would not be issued on top of an unruly gathering fine. She also said if the host calls the police when a party is becoming over-crowded, they could avoid fines.

Some differences between the “noise ordinance” and the “unruly gathering” ordinance are that no warnings will be given to the rowdy crowds of more than 20 people, the fines are twice the amount of those of the “noise ordinance” and a community service option will not be offered.
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beach will be subject to a citation or arrest. He said there will be a zero-tolerance policy with regards to alcohol.

"We are really hoping and en­
couraging people not to attend be­
because they have a risk of being ar­
rested," Olmstead said.

The Sheriff's Department issued
78 citations at last year's event along
with 13 arrests. Also, Olmstead said
more than 33 people had to be tak­
en to the emergency room, which
almost put them at capacity.

"The hospitals weren't prepared for
that many last year and it is aﬀected services to local areas," Olmstead said.

Flotaopia originated at the Uni­
versity of California, Santa Barbara
UCSB in 2004 and has steadily
attracted more and more people. The
event has been replicated in other
areas, including a Flotaopia event
that is held in San Diego. Hernandez said she became involved as a local event attracting around 1,000 people, but escalated last year due to Facebook.

It turned into this massive, crazy party that just destroyed ev­
everything," Hernandez said. "It's embarrassing the the type of disaster for the environment that took place.

There have already been Face­
book groups that have sprung up in
protest of the beaches closing down. There is one group entitled "Flotaopla Isla Vista APRIL 10th that encourages people to party on Del Plaja Drive and in the streets on Saturday. The group has more than 12,000 confirmed guests.

Candidates see tea party support as double-edged sword

Halima Abdullah
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS
WASHINGTON — If Kentucky Secretary of State Trey Grayson is ever to be taken seriously as a tea party favorite, he should have had Rand Paul, a darling of the tea party move­
ants, sail to victory in Kentucky's May 20 primary. But the victory could prove a harbinger of things to come during this November's mid­
terms.

A Paul win over the Republican establishment's favored candidate, Kentucky Senator of State crow Grayson — would help measure the tea party's clout as a grass-roots insurgency powered by disgruntled conservatives who bemoan what they see as an unprecedented expan­
sion in federal government.

"I think they're ready for a lot of people to come home — that in­
cludes incumbents," said Paul, the son of 2008 presidential candidate Ron Paul, R-Texas. "There's a tea party tidal wave coming, and when it comes it's going to sweep a lot of people out."

But a lot of that may depend on whether Paul, an old eye sur­
gone from the south central Ken­
sy city of Bowling Green, can avoid some of the perils of the pop­
al American. The protesters also
used a slur as they confronted Rep.
Barney Frank, D-Mass., an openly gay member of Congress.

During protests last summer, demonstrators displayed a poster depicting Obama as an African witch doctor complete with head­
dress, above the words "OBAMACARE is coming to a clinic near you."

Paul, who has been a fixture at tea party events since the movement's infancy, says he won't condone such actions. He points out that the groups rallies are a "sort of open invitation" to the actions of a few have led to a "lot of misconcep­
tion nationally about the Tea Party movement."

His Web site coyly asks whether he's a "tea party poster child?" and his stump speeches utilize anti-big government tea party buzzwords like "Obamacare," but he stops short of acknowledging outright membership.

ment calling on Paul to say whether he stands with his "out-of-state" tea party backers or with Kentucky se­
nior citizens, by taking a position on the proposal to abolish Social Se­
curity put forth by tea party leaders recently on "Larry King Live."

For a Republican to win they have to not only get regular Repub­
licans and the tea party Republicans, they have to make sure they keep all the people who may be offended by these tactics for the general elec­
tions," said Larry Sabato, director of the University of Virginia's Center for Politics.

Rand and other candidates can accomplish this by trying to find "mainstream positions supported by the tea party. There aren't a lot of people endorsing increasing mainstream debt. And you avoid extreme positions. Most of the tea party affiliates don't identify with the fringe."

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by my side." Cal Poly journalism junior Adriene Henderson said she received a phone call from a friend about the incident Sunday night. She first met Hurlbutt a year and a half ago and had worked with him at Alberston's.

"I was in complete shock," Hen­
derson said. "I couldn't speak and I
couldn't make sense of it, and shortly after I lost and just started to cry. I woke up this morning and for a sec­
tound I thought it was just a bad dream, but then reality hit, and my heart just started to ache for him and for his family and friends."

The last time she saw Hurlbutt was
Saturday night, and she described him as always having a smile on his face and incredibly charismatic.

Cal Poly wine and viticulture senior Carie Huch called Hurl­
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WASHINGTON - Two weeks af­ter President Barack Obama signed the big health care overhaul into law, Americans are struggling to understand how - and when - the sweeping measure will affect them.

"They're saying, 'Where do we get free Obama care, and how do I sign up for that?"' said Carrie McLean, a licensed agent for eHealthInsurance.com. The Cal­ifornia-based company sells coverage from 185 health insurance car­riers in 50 states.

McLean said the call center had been inundated by uninsured consumers who were hoping that the overhaul would translate into instant, affordable coverage. That widespread misconception may have originated in part from dis­torted rhetoric about the legislation bubbling up from the hyper-parti­sian debate about it in Washington and some media outlets, such as those opponents denounced as "socialism."

"We tell them it's not free, that there are going to be things in place that help people who are low-in­come, but that ultimately most of that is not going to be taking place until 2014," McLean said.

Adoles with pre-existing condi­tions who want to learn that insurers won't have to cover them until 2014 (though those under 18 will be protected in late Sep­tember); then they become both hopeful and confused upon learning that a federal high-risk pool for them will be established in the next few months. "Health insurance is so confusing. You add this on top of that and it makes it even more con­fusing," McLean said.

The Obama administration is embarking on a years-long pub­lic education campaign about the overhaul, including a Web com­ponent. However, much of the guid­ance will depend on Department Health and Human Services regula­tions that are still being developed.

Parents of young adults, includ­ing those who are preparing to graduate from college this spring, have heard that the overhaul will let them keep their children on their insurance plans until they age 26. That starts in September, how­ever; they have to determine how to cover them until then.

A new wave of inquiries could come next month as federal CO­BRA subsidies for laid-off workers dry up.

Ann Wooten of Austin, Texas, a 33-year-old mother of a survivor said she didn't understand whether the health insurance overhaul law meant that she should try to access private coverage again someday. She was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2008, after she lost her insurance in a divorce, and soon after she lost her job at a convenience store as a result of the economic crisis.

Medicaid has covered her treat­ments but she must apply regularly to renew the coverage. She went back to school to learn hotel man­agement and is seeking a good-pay­ing job with benefits. She doesn't know how the health overhaul will affect her options, and hasn't yet found the time or energy to inves­tigate.

"Americans who already have good coverage aren't so worried about the immediate implications, but some admit that they're plenty confused. Why does it take so long for certain health care things to take effect?" said Sandra Preston, a state employee in Paterson, N.J.

Ben Wiesen, a software engineer who works for a small company in Tarrytown, N.Y., said he'd read up on the overhaul but remained con­cerned about the unknowns. "The timelines have been pretty clearly stated," he said. "It's the ex­eption and the details. How are they really going to roll out the changes, and who ultimately will be the arbiter and decision-maker?"

Actor Sam Robards, the son of Lauren Bacall and the late Jason Robards, was raising Washington last week with his children and Danish-born wife, Channing. In front of the White House gate, he said he tried to follow news cover­age of the overhaul but conceded that "I'm barely clear" on the details. He said he was glad that he got good coverage through the Screen Actors Guild, but "I didn't have to worry about it."

The couple previously lived in Denmark, which has universal health coverage. They applauded the overhaul's aim of extending coverage to nearly all Americans.

Many small-business owners are nervous about requirements being phased in.

"Members are still trying to wrap their head around everything that's in this law," said Michelle Dimamb, the manager of legislative affairs for the National Federa­tion of Independent Business, the small-business lobby. Dimamb said the lobby's prima­ry concern was that its costs would rise over the next four years as a result of taxes and coverage mandates related to the overhaul.

"The next question that comes out of their mouths is: 'What do I have to do right now?' They need to start talking with their accountants, depending on how they're orga­nized, what industry they're in and whether they're offering insurance now and what kind they're offering. We're suggesting they talk to their agent or broker."

Tanning salons face a new excise tax starting in July as part of the overhaul. Other business owners are trying to understand new Internal Revenue Service reporting re­quirements related to business-to­business transactions that will kick in as a result of the new law. Others are looking ahead to coverage mand­ates for 2014 and calculating how many part-time versus full-time employees they should have to best contain costs.

While Obama has been touting a tax break for small businesses that offer employees health coverage, Dimamb said many small-business es wouldn't be able to participate. First they must do research to see whether they qualify. "It requires them to understand the intrica­cies," she said.

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U.S.-Russia summit leads to Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty

Margaret Talev and Jonathan S. Landay

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama’s meeting Thursday in Prague with Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, where they’ll sign a new nuclear arms reduction pact, will highlight a thaw in relations between the former Cold War enemies that’s occurred since the U.S. called for the two countries to hit the “reset button” just over a year ago.

The new Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty is the most visible measure of improving cooperation on an array of fronts, from intelligence sharing to Iran and the war in Afghanistan. Moscow quietly has allowed more than 150 planes carrying U.S. troops to Afghanistan to transit its territory, the first armed Americans ever permitted on Russian soil.

“For many decades we were trying to kill each other, and now they are allowing our troops to go through their country to battle,” said a senior administration official, who requested anonymity because he wasn’t authorized to speak publicly.

“We’re not interested in a happy or good or positive relationship with Russia,” he said. “We are actually interested in a substantive relationship with Russia that advances U.S. national security interests.”

Some analysts cautioned that some thorny issues could stall the warming trend, such as the expansion of U.S. missile defenses in Eastern and Central European countries not in good standing with treaty.*

“Some issues could be more difficult when it comes to economics and human rights,” said Andrew Kuchins of the center for Strategic and International Studies. “They also treat President Obama as a naive neophyte.”

Andrew Kuchins of the center for Strategic and International Studies said Moscow has grown more alarmed over the pace of Iran’s nuclear program since the revelation in September that Tehran was secretly constructing an underground enrichment facility near the Shiite Muslim holy city of Qom.

“The Russians are just about as frustrated with the Iranians as we are,” Kuchins said. “They have just been stiffer than Iran. Russia, which has a significant economic stake in Iran and want power in the U.N. Security Council, had been cool to tougher sanctions. Reports Wednesday said that Lukoil, a large Russian oil company with close ties to the Kremlin, was joining seven other major petroleum firms in shutting off gasoline shipments to Tehran.

Sergei Prikhodko, a foreign policy adviser to Medvedev, said Wednesday that the new START treaty “signals a transition to a higher interaction level between Russia and the United States” on bilateral and global issues beyond nuclear arms control.

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to a confidentiality term in her contract. State law, however, specifically prohibits a state or local agency from allowing an outside entity to control the disclosure of information that is otherwise subject to the California Public Records Act (CPRA).

The law (SB 1696), which was authored by Yee in 2008, states that regardless of any contract term to the contrary, a contract between a private entity and a state or local agency is subject to the same disclosure requirements as other public records. If the university’s administration has documentation of the Palin contract— which would be logical considering the foundation is fully staffed by public employees within the administration— then state law would require the release of such information at the request of a member of the public.

The university expects us to trust them that Palin’s visit is going to bring money for students, yet CSU has a poor track record with the public’s trust,” said Yee. “Students and taxpayers can not afford another scandal within our public university system.”

Several recent examples demonstrate the need for increased public oversight and accountability at public college and university foundations and auxiliary organizations:

• At Sonoma State, a $21.25 million loan issued to a former foundation board member two days after he resigned. He has since defaulted on that loan, which leaves less money in the foundation’s endowment for scholarships and other more important causes.
• At San Francisco City College, a campus executive has been indicted for using money from the San Francisco City College Foundation for personal and political purposes.
• At San Jose Evergreen Community College, the chancellor recently resigned after it was found she engaged in several financial improprieties at the foundation’s expense, including lavish travel, purchasing expensive art pieces, and even buying coffee and cream on her work credit card.
• Sacramento State recently acknowledged their campus is being investigated by the Attorney General in relation to inappropriate expenditures of campus auxiliary money, including $200,000 to remodel the school president’s kitchen in 2007. Additionally at Sacramento State, $6.3 million of public funds was transferred to Uni- versity Enterprises Inc., a campus auxiliary, to buckel losses from a property acquisition.

“CSU Stanislaus officials sought out Sarah Palin, negotiated her contract behind closed doors, and are now welcoming her to our public university, yet they think they are above the law in disclosing to the public the cost of her appearance,” said Yee. “State law is explicitly clear that such confidentiality clauses hold no legal bearing. If the CSU administration has documentation of this compensation contract, then they need to immediately disclose it. Students and members of the public deserve and have a right to view this contract.”

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According to the CSU Chancellor’s Office, 20 percent of its $6.7 billion budget, or $1.34 billion, is held in these 87 auxiliaries and foundations.

“It is time for CSU and UC administration to stop acting like they are running private country clubs,” said Yee. “These are public institutions that should embrace transparency and accountability, and not be finding creative ways to do the public’s business behind closed doors.”

This session, Yee is authoring SB 330 to clarify that campus foundations and auxiliary must adhere to the CPRA.

Legarreta’s letter to Yee and Californians Aware stated that she was also referring the requests to the foundation. Yesterday, when Californians Aware emailed Legarreta to clarify on the record whether she was saying that university officials or employees had not exchanged any communications with the foundation concerning the Palin appearance, an e-mail auto-response replied that a “mandatoryN” day would keep her out of the office until the following Monday.

“More information about the matter is expected to be released.”
CSU administration accused of violating public records act

Adam J. Keigwin
PRESS RELEASE FROM OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
SACRAMENTO — California State University-Stanislaus Office of the President recently denied public records requests made by Senator Lisha Yu (D – San Francisco) and California Aware to disclose how much former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin is getting paid for an upcoming speaking engagement. As well as documents and correspondence regarding the university’s 50th Anniversary Gala.

The responses from Campus Compliance Officer Gina Legari state, “The University has no documents that are responsive to your request.’’

E-mail correspondence acquired by Yu’s office, however, document Vice President for University Advancement Susan Galt-Byrne’s attempts to justify the Palin event to other campus administrators and faculty members on March 29.

“The university’s claim of no documents was incoherent and now there is smoking gun,” said Yu. “What other documents and correspondence are they hiding? I am immediately requesting the Attorney General to investigate this violation of the public trust.”

CSU officials have often declined foundations as separate private entities even though the CSU Stanislaus Foundation is entirely located within the public university;

— the chair of the foundation
— the executive officer, the treasurer,
— and the secretary of the board are all employees of CSU Stanislaus;

— every staff member except one is listed on the foundation website as CSU Stanislaus employees.

— the foundation’s website and the Palin Gals website are located at the taxpayer-funded www.csustan.com.

— the Palin fundraiser solicitation and information line is a university telephone number at the university advancement office;

— the foundation’s offices are housed within the campus administration’s building and fully staffed by university employees;

— the board meetings are held at the campus using public resources;

— the work of the foundation is conducted using CSU Stanislaus e-mail accounts, telephones, computers and other taxpayer-funded resources.

“there is not a fine line or even a blurry line between the foundation and the public university; there is absolutely no line,” said Yu.

Prior to today, CSU Stanislaus officials had stated that they could not release Palin’s compensation, which may be in excess of $100,000, due to public records, page 5

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Antonio Abi-Jaafar, the newly filed misdemeanor allegation in Lancaster was against an 87-year-old Billy Gene Mannion, born in Las Vegas, said his wife, near Templeton High School. Mannion has pleaded not guilty to the newly filed misdemeanor allegation.

The odds are not in our favor because of the horrendous blast, government protesters broke into the main government building, set fire to the prosecutor's office and the law is undervalued.

Kiyrgyzstan (MCT) — Anti-government protesters swept across the Central Asian nation of Kyrgyzstan on Wednesday as thousands of protesters stormed the main government building, set siege to the prosecutor's office and looted state TV headquarters. At least 17 people were killed and least at 180 wounded in clashes, the government said.

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State

SAN LUIS OBISPO (MCT) — Prosecutors reduced a criminal charge Tuesday of annoying a child under 18 against a Templeton man after verifying the details of a sex crime he committed 24 years ago.

Prosecutor Greg DeVitt said 50-year-old Billy Gene Mannion, 1986 conviction of forced oral copulation, was due to be presented to Congress on April 15.

Meanwhile, a Chinese news report said the nation's central bank could raise interest rates in the current quarter against a backdrop in which free-

quarter economic growth has been forecast as potentially exceeding 11 percent.

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WEST VIRGINIA (MCT) — Emergency teams stepped up a frantic rescue effort Wednesday day despite dwindling hopes of finding four missing miners two days after a devastating explosion killed 25 men in the Upper Big Branch mine.

Crews began digging a fifth bore hole deep into the rocky mountainside in an effort to ventilate the deadly buildup of highly combustible methane gas, carbon monoxide and coal dust that forced rescue crews to retreat early Tuesday.

Gov. Joe Manchin III admitted the rescue crews hold only "a sliver of hope" that the four missing men survived.

"The odds are not in our favor because of the horrendous blast we had," he told reporters who gathered at a nearby elementary school.

FLORIDA (MCT) — Storm projections Phil Klotzbach and William Gray are calling for a busier than normal 2010 hurricane season, with 15 named storms, including eight hurricanes.

They predict four hurricanes will be major with winds greater than 110 mph. An average season sees 11 named storms, including six hurricanes, two major.

International

THAILAND (MCT) — After weeks of demonstrations that saw glitzy shopping malls blocked, blood splattered on the prime minister's residence and tourism dented, Thailand's leader on Wednesday declared a state of emergency in Bangkok, handing the army broad power to restore order.

Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva made the move after anti-government protesters broke into parliament, leading some lawmakers to make a dramatic rooftop escape aboard a Blackhawk helicopter even as other parliamentarians scaled compound walls.

"Red shirt" protesters who oppose the current government, as opposed to the "yellow shirts" in Thailand's color-coded political system who generally favor the status quo, are calling for the dissolution of parliament and a new election within 15 days.

KRUGERSTAN (MCT) — Anti-government protests swept across the Central Asian nation of Kyrgyzstan on Wednesday as thousands of protesters stormed the main government building, set siege to the prosecutor's office and looted state TV headquarters. At least 17 people were killed and least at 180 wounded in clashes, the government said.
San Luis Obispo Little Theatre production of "Taking Leave" raises Alzheimer's awareness

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San Luis Obispo Little Theatre's production of "Taking Leave," a play about the effects of Alzheimer's on a family, begins Friday.

Kevin Harris, managing artistic director at the theater, said the play is a dramatic comedy about a real character, Elton Pryne, losing his mind. The story focuses on Pryne, a retired professor, and his three daughters, who have to decide whether or not to send him to a home for the elderly.

Alzheimer's destroys brain cells, ravaging memory and hindering the ability to perform everyday functions people take for granted. Michelle Taylor, a local registered nurse-practitioner, said people with the disease can be easily agitated, lose inhibitions and have verbal outbursts. "They can say really inappropriate comments and be very paranoid," Taylor said.

Taylor said some symptoms can be made worse by the cycle of medications used to treat the disease and their side-effects. Alzheimer's is listed as the sixth-leading cause of death in the United States, recently passing diabetes, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site. The Alzheimer's Association estimates that 5.3 million Americans have the disease. There is no cure for Alzheimer's.

San Luis Obispo's local branch of the association will host a booth at each performance to provide information and resources. Cindy Wittmeyer, community relations and events coordinator for the local chapter, said the play will bring the issue to people in a way they can relate to. "It's a fascinating look at a disease that has a huge impact on society," Wittmeyer said.

Wittmeyer said she wants to raise awareness more among younger people who may be dealing with their parents, and some day themselves, without a cure.

The Alzheimer's Association raises funds for a better understanding and cure for the disease. Services provided by the association are free of charge. Harris said the care can't come soon enough, since baby boomers are starting to hit retirement age. He said the expectations for diagnosed cases predict a rapid increase over the next several years.

Wittmeyer said the local branch is excited to be involved with the project. Sarah Berlett, the association area director, will lead a question-and-answer session after the matinee performance April 24.

"I hope it gives the audience the opportunity to learn and grow. That's the ultimate meaning of theater," Harris said. "Taking Leave" runs from April 9 to May 2 at the San Luis Obispo Little Theatre with four shows each weekend, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and matinees Sundays at 2 p.m.
The first encounter with Greek gods and mythology vividly remembered was coincidentally a Saturday morning viewing of the original 1981 version of "Clash of the Titans," starring Harry Hamlin and the legendary Sir Laurence Olivier. I remember admiring how entertaining the film was, despite even at such a young age noticing the technical flaws and overused cheap special effects that encompassed most of the story.

"Transporter 2" and "The Incredibles" director Louis Leterrier has now produced a modern remake of the film that pretty much follows the same story line, although the technology the filmmakers used has improved in the past 30 years, to say the least.

The mortals are becoming fed up and frustrated with the needs and wishes of the gods. After deciding that humans shouldn’t have to deal with the injustice that surrounds them, King Acrisius of Argos declares war on their former guardians, he enlists the aid of our protagonist and half-god hero, Perseus, played by "Avatar" and "Terminator: Salvation" rising star Sam Worthington, of whom I am becoming a fan.

Worthington’s role doesn’t require any extensive acting skills, but his tough exterior and insubordinate attitude do enough to carry the film. This provides for some classic family melodrama, being that Perseus is the bastard son of Zeus. Zeus, the king of the gods, is portrayed fittingly by the magnificent Liam Neeson ("Schindler’s List," "Taken"), a king among actors. Perseus can easily be viewed as the angry, rebellious teenager of this story. As a result of Poseidon drowning both his real mother and his adoptive father, he vows to never have anything to do with the gods, a vow he is obviously eventually forced to break.

The movie engages the audience more with its outstanding technological achievements than it does with its dramatic influence. Many of the actors spew cheesy dialogue that at some points evoked laughter in the movie theater. Most of the scenes involve impressive battles between actors and CGI, and at almost every moment there is either a giant scorpion or flying horse interacting with our protagonists.

Most of the time, I despise this type of movie. An unintentionally comical plot with bad acting across the board counteracted only by the performances of legends like Liam Neeson and Ralph Fiennes ("Constant Gardener," "Schindler’s List") as the villainous Hades. However, in this case, the film was genuinely entertaining. The film definitely has a significant number of
One Drop and Killa Gorilla headline benefit concert at DTB Saturday

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Lambda Chi Alpha will host a concert at Downtown Brewing Company this Saturday featuring San Diego-based reggae rock group One Drop and Cal Poly's Killa Gorilla. The event will benefit the Spencer Wood Memorial Scholarship Foundation and honor the life of Spencer Wood, a Cal Poly student and Lambda Chi Alpha member, who died in the summer of 2006.

After his death, friends and family wanted to remember him in a way that celebrated his life. A lover of music and the arts, Wood was a frequent concertgoer, musician and writer. This will be the third year the benefit concert has taken place.

The foundation was established by Wood's father, Rich Wood, who will award three scholarships, one to a member of Lambda Chi Alpha and two to exceptional history graduate students who have completed their master's degree. All tickets for the show help fund the scholarships.

Wood's close friend and alumni Sameer Pangrekar, who came up with the idea for the concert, said it was an appropriate way to remember Wood.

"He loved music. He and a lot of Lambda Chi guys would go to concerts all the time," Pangrekar said.

Music was a common topic of conversation for Wood: alumnus and close friend Yash Lelani. Arceo met Wood because of an argument over Led Zeppelin, and the two soon became inseparable. As a fellow concertgoer, she recalls how much live music meant to him.

"It didn't matter who was playing. He just loved being around music," Arceo said. "Concerts and music are something that represents Spencer. To be able to go to a concert and think of him is just really important."

Finding the headline for this year's show was not too tough a task. Kori Newman, the booking and venue coordinator for Downtown Brew, knew that Spencer was a fan of reggae bands such as Slightly Stoopid and Pepper. Working with this year's coordinators — Cal Poly alumni Mark Hudson and graphic communication senior Beavn Jorgenson — the team was able to choose One Drop as the main act.

"I worked with One Drop at the West Beach Music Festival last year, and I know the audience really enjoyed their show, and backstage, the guys were a pleasure to work with, a very nice and hardworking band in the business," Newman said.

Since jumping into the music scene in 2006, One Drop has become a nationally touring band and has released an EP and full-length album, "Mission Blvd." Pulling influences from The Police and Steel Pulse, the band creates a unity of smooth melodies and reggae-rock. Lead guitarist Bart Neglia is excited to get the audience off their feet and onto the dance floor.

"We want them to share the melodies and have a common bond with each other," Neglia said.

Neglia said their music is easily recognizable because of their lyrics that touch on social hardships and relationships among other day-to-day subjects.

"We got into the music business to help people out. It can always kind of touch the heart and hardships that people go through," Neglia said.

Also playing will be Killa Gorilla, an alternative rock band. Since moving to the Sierra Madre dorms in 2007 and forming in 2008, the four-piece group has been slowly growing, playing shows and fundraisers such as Relay for Life. Bass player and co-lead singer Brent Pike, a business junior, said he is honored to be playing at the benefit show.

"It's pretty exciting that they trust us and chose us for this," Pike said.

It does feel good for it to be meaningful, rather than just for our own enjoyment.

Every year during the show, the recipient of the Spencer Wood Lambda Chi Alpha scholarship is announced. The scholarship is awarded to an exceptionally nominated member of the fraternity who lives his life by his gentleman's code of conduct, which is based on humility, honesty, kindness and selfishness. Spencer's family, close friends and selected members of the fraternity are on the board that decides on the winner.

"It's really wonderful about this process is that this fraternity not only honors Spencer, but honors each other. Teaching these guys how to be true men — that's not taught very many places today," Richard Wood said.

Hudson and Jorgenson said their work in organizing will help the benefit
The cameras rolled, and as the old woman tried to describe the un-fathomable scene, the mud seemed to be giving way underneath us. Slowly, inch by inch, we sloshed into the earth that had devoured so many tics, our tics, our civiit

in film the terrors my mother experienced as a child, then demonstrate to the world what she never has been able to forget.

At this moment — as a frigid Ukrainian winter descended in 2004 — I understood fully, for the first time, why we were making "Prisoner of Her Past."

For we weren't merely revisiting my 2003 Chicago Tribune article, which described my mother's stunning, late-life belief that her Holocaust experiences were happening all over again.

But by making "Prisoner of Her Past," we were putting flesh and blood on the story that haunted my mother — and countless other survivors of childhood trauma. If we could show on film the terrors my mother experienced as a child, then demonstrate how an otherwise alert woman believes (to this day) that she is soon to be executed, we would illuminate a virtually unknown mental illness: late-onset post-traumatic stress disorder.

We could show the doctors who originally misdiagnosed my mother that just because you're old doesn't mean you have Alzheimer's or any other form of dementia. And we would establish, once and for all, that childhood traumas, left untreated, never fade away, and in my mother's case, can resurface a life.

Filming my mother never was going to be easy. Less than 5 feet tall but ferocious to the core, she routinely threw doctors and ordnaries out of her room in a suburban nursing home. If they got too close, she biologically took swings at them.

Believing that her life was in constant danger, she slept every night for years in the nursing home sitting in a chair, fully clothed, her bag always packed in case she suddenly had to flee. This was an echo, no doubt, of the years of sleep running and hiding during World War II near the massacred village of Dubno, in easternmost Poland (borders were redrawn after the war, placing Dubno in Ukraine).

So in 2003, when I arrived at the nursing home with a Kerteminde film crew, I feared that the filmmakers' camera equipment might not survive the presumed confrontation with my mother.

Not to worry. As soon as director Gordon Quinn and producer Joanna Rashid plugged in their gear, my mother launched into her performance. "Welcome to my palace," she said directly to the camera, dripping with sarcasm, as she surveyed her drab-looking room.

"How do you like my beautiful view?" she asked, gesturing to the dismal parking lot outside her window.

Could this woman, so mentally acute, so incisive in her comments, also be so profoundly delusional? I knew the answer, and my mother often confirmed it.

Frequently she insisted that someone was "trying to put a bullet in my head," and that yellow Stars of David had been sewn onto her clothes. Two realities were unfolding in my mother's psyche — the past and the present.

"There were many times when we wondered if we could complete this film," Director Quinn, who had been diagnosed with lymphatic leukemia and would be undergoing treatment throughout the filming process, collapsed in the lobby of our Ukrainian hotel after filming the scene at the massacre site. The rigor of the trip, the hours working in terrible weather and the toll of the story truthfully had overcome him.

Editor Jerry Blumenthal, who spent years transforming reels of raw footage into a cinematic narrative, was diagnosed with colon cancer in the midst of his work and had to stop for months on end to endure surgeries and radiation treatments.

Still, after all these struggles, no one was prepared for what happened in New Orleans.

After the annus horribilis in Poland and Ukraine and all the sessions filming my mother's story at home, I thought we were done with our local work. I was wrong.

While covering the cultural devastation in post-Katrina New Orleans, I discovered a place where an entire city in the grip of post-traumatic stress disorder. It was as if the story I had been trying to document in Eastern Europe had followed me back home to America, where the children of New Orleans were trying to cope with trauma of their own.

When I told director Quinn about the psychiatrists I encountered who were trying to help these kids — most notably doctors Jay and Howard Osofky — Quinn said he was coming to meet me and bring in a crew. In short order, we were filming the girls of Xavier Prep School as they described their post-Katrina horrors: running from floodwaters of the Mississippi River; being attacked in the Superdome; losing touch with their family and friends; learning about those who died before they could say goodbye.

But the kids were receiving the kind of psychiatric interventions that my mother, and most of the rest of her generation, never did. Because these teenagers were brave enough to tell their stories before Quinn's camera — even as their tears flowed — they would educate the world about the consequences of childhood trauma.

They, like my mother, are the heroes of this film.
The White House should not cancel Karzai's May visit on the basis of inflammatory statements

This week, the White House seemed to turn the page from its focus on domestic concerns related to health insurance reform to foreign relations, specifically our decade-long war in the Middle East.

The events of the past week are a reminder to Americans that the United States is far from the day of liberation from the cultural and political turmoil in Afghanistan. The renewed tensions in relations between Afghanistan and the United States actually began over the summer, during Afghanistan's national elections. The United Nations uncovered over one million fraudulent ballots, a third of which were ballots cast for Hamid Karzai, who has continued to hold the position of President. When the United States proposed a second election, Karzai's opponent dropped from the race.

The U.N.'s embarrassing events, in combination with the reality of his reliance on NATO and U.S. forces to sustain the stability of his government culminated in Karzai's inflammatory statements last Saturday before members of his parliament. Famous Menahem, a representative from Nangarhar, told reporters, "He said that if I come under foreign pressure, I might join the Taliban." Other lawmakers said that Karzai repeated this claim twice during his statement, according to the Associated Press.

While the AP reports that Afghan lawmakers dismissed Karzai's statement as hyperbole, the White House's reaction has been frustrating. After the United States years of investment and sacrifice in Afghanistan, Karzai's statement is seen as ungrateful and a possible sign of Karzai's instability. The White House has even gone so far as to consider canceling Karzai's scheduled visit to the White House in May.

What is rather interesting about Karzai's statement is that he derives his power from the security established by U.S. and NATO forces, which maintain order and fight the Taliban. The Taliban rule, which preceded Karzai's government, was a government in itself that mercilessly oppressed and murdered the people of Afghanistan.

If Karzai joins with the Taliban, he would effectively surrender his government to them. When, then, was the point of the election fraud? If he is considering surrendering his power to the Taliban anyway, why would he go through such trouble to keep it during last summer's elections? His statement and his actions are inconsistent.

Within this rather serious issue is the problem of misinformation. On "Morning Joe" Wednesday, Joe Scarborough indicated that this debate over whether to cancel Karzai's visit in May circulated between Joe Biden and President Obama's military advisors. Biden suggested that President Obama accept Karzai in May, while the military advisors counseled him to cancel the visit.

One thing that drew me to President Obama when he was running for office was that he conveyed a strong belief in the power of discourse and reason. U.S.政权 were really built on the idea that if conflicting parties come to the table willing to engage in a discussion, a compromise can be reached. In fact, our Constitution was made possible through compromise.

Especially concerning a nation whose culture, political ideas, social roles and concepts are rather foreign to our own, I think it is unwise for the United States to choose to cancel Karzai’s visit. This situation highlights the potentially volatile foreign relations between the United States and Afghanistan, but at the heart of this issue is the problem with knowing Karzai’s motivations.

Would the decision to accept Karzai to the White House in May establish American support for troops to remain in Afghanistan? Probably not. Maybe the situation would not change at all. But his visit would establish at least a basic understanding of Karzai's motivations, which, from my perspective, are not understood.

I think this tendency to disengage when there is a fundamental misunderstanding is the problem. Disengagement is a trend in America today. We saw the conservative disengage from the discussion of health insurance reform for months, choosing instead to rely on propaganda and lies in order to invigorate their base to blindly oppose the legislation.

This is a chance for the White House to seek out a party that is currently disengaged from the process and to engage them in a discussion about the future of Afghanistan. Even if Karzai's statement was not in earnest, the prospect of Afghanistan falling to the Taliban is grave enough to speak to Karzai face-to-face.

We should remain unwavering in our denunciation of corruption, and we should not allow Karzai a sense of power that is often associated with other countries gaining attention from the U.S. government. But this is a chance for the White House to take control of an important situation with power and strategy, two characteristics it has yet to display.

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Pedophilia scandal deserves full Vatican disclosure

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When faced with scandal and public scrutiny, the natural tendency of an organization is often to deny and deflect. The objective of spin control is to put the best possible face on a damaging revelation and work to change the public's focus until the controversy fades.

We would expect better of the Roman Catholic Church, especially when the issue at hand is sexual abuse and efforts by the church hierarchy to minimize damage from the scandal. The church has built a reputation on its hierarchy to minimize damage from the scandal. The Vatican's spin-control efforts have only helped undermine the church's credibility.

On Sunday, Cardinal Angelo Sodano, dean of the College of Cardinals, denounced the church's critics before Pope Benedict XVI rose to deliver Easter Mass at St. Peter's Square. Sodano dismissed as “petty gossip” news reports that the pontiff, born Joseph Ratzinger, as prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, in the latter post. Cardinal Ratzinger had earned praise for efforts to oust scandal-tainted priests and remove the time-consuming due-process protections afforded them under the canonical trial system previously favored by the church.

But extensive research by The New York Times and other investigators around the world has exposed lax follow-up procedures that allowed accused priests to resume activities giving them access to children. Ratzinger's actions in Munich involved at least one such case.

Sexually abusive priests have wrecked thousands of lives. To reduce these very serious, ongoing concerns to mere "gossip" is to deepen the pain suffered by the victims and their families. Worse, Sodano suggested that those who questions the pope are not "people of God."

The National Catholic Reporter joined the chorus of questioners in a March 26 editorial demanding that the pope make a public accounting: "No longer can the Vatican simply issue (vague) papal messages ... that are passively 'received' by the faithful. No longer can secondary Vatican officials, those who serve the pope, issue statements and expect them to be accepted at face value."

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If Vatican officials think that they have adequately addressed this issue and that it's time to move on, they are sorely mistaken. The Catholic Church is not recovering, nor will it as long as its hierarchy deflects and denies rather than confronts this most painful of truths.

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We would like to purchase one have less time to ed it to purchase one have less time to. My expectations were not met. When Mr. Miller mentioned the closure of the second floor courts he failed to also note that all exercise and instructional classes have been cancelled for the first two weeks of the quarter. It could be longer seeing as the original message on their website was only cancelled the first two weeks courts, there has been no compensation. Certain questions come to mind in this situation:

Will the class pass still cost $30 even though the students who have decided to use it? Will there still be a free week of classes so that you can find the one or two classes that fit you best? Either way, my question the pope are not "people of God."

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to be at eight and nine in our lineup," Lee said. "But we thought we would be a lot better in one through seven, and we just haven't. Guys just haven't been able to step up for whatever reason. That's the frustrating part of it."

Struggles this season don't just reflect Cal Poly's performance at the plate; the Mustangs have also struggled to rally the arms on the mound.

"We just don't have enough pitching quality or depth to get us through three games on a weekend series. (Matt) Leonard and (DJ) Maudlin have supplied some good starts for us. Jeff Johnson has been throwing well out of the bullpen," Lee said.

Sophomore Mason Radeke was one of the few pitchers on staff with starts for us. Jeff Johnson has been throwing well out of the bullpen," Lee said.

"It is disappointing, discouraging, frustrating, but we are just going to keep trying to get better," he said.

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they're scrappy, they're competitive, they're fighters and they'll come to play.

The competition hasn't been easy this season. In consecutive weeks this season, the Mustangs challenged teams such as No. 9 Stanford, No. 5 UCLA and No. 8 Arizona State. But, whenever they take the rubber against the Mustangs doesn't matter. No matter how good the opposition is, Condol said she thinks her team has the talent to play with anyone.

"We are capable of beating those teams — if we play cleanly and we execute," Condol said. "We've just been self-destructive."

It's not over just yet. The conference regulars still young and the Mustangs can still piece together a run to make post-season play.

"We have 18 games left, and we can definitely take care of business and still have an opportunity to win a championship," Condol said. "That's what we're here for. Ultimately, we want to win the conference championship and put us in a situation where we can go to the post-season."

THIS WEEK IN CAL POLY ATHLETICS

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WE ARE THE MUSTANGS

Track and field boasts successful weekend

It was a successful weekend for Cal Poly's track and field team. Twenty-nine Cal Poly Mustangs — 15 men and seven women — hit Big West Conference qualifying marks on Saturday at the Cal Poly Invitational that featured nine collegiate teams and individuals.

On the men's side, sophomore Dan Erdman and freshman Korben Boaz stole the top of the leader board. They went 1-2 in the shot put with qualifying marks of 53 feet, eight and 3/4 inches and 51 feet, eight and 3/4 inches. But Erdman and Boaz weren't finished. In discus, Boaz finished third and Erdman finished sixth, with marks of 165 feet, 10 and 3/4 inches, three inches. Cardiff

Freshman Michael Johnson fin-ished second in the 1000m steeplechase with a qualifying time of 3:35.33.

Other men who finished with qualifying times were freshman John Prader and Corbin Duer in the pole vault with cleared heights of 15 feet and five feet, 10 inches in winning the high jump, and junior Rebecca Paddack's time of 4:35.35 in winning the 1500.

Senior Colleen Callaghan fin-ished second in the 400 hurdles with a time of 1:04.93 with senior Jenna Homes also posting a second in the pole vault when she cleared 11-feet, 11 and 1/2 inches.

Sophomore Tienser Brewer had three qualifying marks on Saturday. She hit the mark in the high jump with a mark of 5 feet, 4 inches, and she qualified in the 100-meter hur-dles with a time of 14.01. Brewer finished third in the triple jump with a leap of 39-feet, 4 and 3/4 inches.

The Mustangs will return to the track on April 9 to 11 at the Jackie Joyner Kersee/Rafael Johnson Invitational hosted by UCLA.
Momentum is key to fueling baseball’s postseason hopes

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Cal Poly head coach Larry Lee compared the game of baseball to a snowball rolling down a hill. In order to be successful on the diamond, you need momentum.

“In baseball, the whole game is kind of contagious," Lee said at Monday’s press conference. “If your pitching is dominant, it just leads over your offense. On offense, if your main guys are swinging the bat, everybody else seems to fall into place.”

Whether it be a hit streak, win streak, dominant win or series win, every team needs a push to carry momentum through the season. The Mustangs (8-19, 1-2 Big West) haven’t had their’s yet.

After one of the most dominant seasons in Cal Poly baseball history, the Mustangs came into conference play with a 7-16 record — 10 wins shy of the mark they had posted just a year before. On top of that, they have yet to post a winning record.

“We just haven’t, for whatever reason, been able to make things happen,” Lee said.

There have been some pluses, but not enough to really think that we are going to take out game to the next level.”

They just need a push.

“If you look at a lot of our games, we don’t do well in certain situations. A lot of times, we play just well enough to lose,” Lee said. “It says a lot about what you have on your team.”

The Mustangs did lose few players heading into this season, including their two hitting leaders from 2009. Ryan Lee graduated from the Mustang lineup were. He last took the mound against Houston on March 14, where he pitched six innings, gave up six hits and allowed three earned runs.

Mason Radeke (above) has been removed from the starting rotation due to a sore elbow. He last took the mound against Houston on March 14, where he pitched six innings, gave up six hits and allowed three earned runs.

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Baseball head coach

Anna Cahn and her teammates look to turn their season around

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Reigning Big West Player of the Year Anna Cahn hit a slight road bump this past weekend. In two starts, Cahn pitched just over more than innings and allowed eight earned runs.

“Cahn just wasn’t making her pitches,” head coach Jenny Condon said at Monday’s press conference. “She probably just overthrew a little bit and she throws hard enough that when you do that, you leave it over the plate and they’re going to hit it.”

Cahn’s struggles highlight a rough patch she and her teammates have hit this season. Heading into last weekend’s series against UC Riverside, the Mustangs compiled a seven-game losing streak. Against UC Riverside, it was no different: Cahn struggled and so did the Mustangs. Cal Poly lost two of three to the Highlanders.

“I think at this point it is just a mental thing, where we are just over-analyzing and pressing, and we’re not having any success,” Condon said. “We’ve got to figure out how to really get them to relax and really get them to get to play to their capabilities because we’ve got some talent on this team — we just haven’t really shown it yet.”

The Mustangs will have a chance to reverse their fortunes this weekend when they travel to UC Santa Barbara (9-25) to take on the Gauchos in a three-game conference series.

Even with her performance this past weekend, Cahn (8-9) still leads the Big West in ERA (1.96). The senior may be in a cold streak, but her coach isn’t worried. She knows what Cahn can do when she plays to her potential.

“We know what she is capable of doing — she can shut down any team. She is just going to have to get back out there and trust her training and trust her skills,” Condon said.

Cahn has made up for her recent pitching outings behind the plate. She leads the team with a .352 batting average and has drawn 22 walks. On the mound, Cahn and the rest of the pitching staff will take on a Gauchos lineup that is hitting .243 and has drawn 22 walks. On the mound, Cahn and the rest of the pitching staff will take on a Gauchos lineup that is hitting .243 and has drawn 22 walks.

“I think we’re kind of in the same boat,” Condon said. “They’re struggling lately.”

UC Santa Barbara is off after an eight-game losing streak. Most recently, the Gauchos were swept by Cal State Fullerton in a three-game series this past weekend.

On the mound, the Matadors

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