Greek Week begins on Cal Poly campus

**More than 2,400 people race in Miracle Miles for Kids Saturday**

Alexandria Scott

More than 2,400 runners and some competitors are celebrating Greek Week from April 12 to 21. The Greeks are performing community service with events like a campus clean-up, blood drive and wilderness trail workday. Fraternities and sororities will compete in activities such as dodgeball, beach volleyball and arm wrestling. They will also fundraise with the annual Lip Sync competition at The Graduate on April 20 at 6:30 p.m., and the eighth annual 5k Run to Remember on Cal Poly campus April 21 at 5 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the county food bank and the Cal Poly Sexual Assault-Free Environment Resource (SAFER).

CSU Chico student body president stabbed in suspected hate-crime attack

Sam Stanton

The Incident unfolded at 2:15 a.m., just north of campus in a neighborhood where many students live. Igbineweka said he was half a mile from home when two men appeared behind him and began threatening him.

He said he ignored the pair until one threatened to shoot him. Igbineweka said he turned and saw the man had something in his hand and that it wasn't a gun. At that point, the other man, who was about 5-foot-5, came at him, Igbineweka said. "I knocked him out with two punches," Igbineweka said.

The first man then came at him with a knife and stabbed him in the left breast area, the stomach, under his chin and in the back of his head. The most serious wound was to his left arm and hand, which he said cut into a nerve and may need further surgery.

Bystanders came to his aid: they wrapped some of his wounds in a shirt and called 911. The assailants fled, and Chico police later detained two men. After questioning, one man was released at the police station on suspicion of attempted murder and committing a hate crime, police Sgt. Rob Merrifield said.

Merrifield said investigators recovered a 3-inch folding knife on a nearby lawn Sunday morning.

Sayavong's sister said in a telephone interview that her brother comes from a diverse family and police picked him up while he was walking home. She said he had no work to do with the attack.

"He wants it, too," said Saythong Sayavong. "We are really diverse. We have a black brother-in-law, he has a white girlfriend and we have Hispanic family members ... They picked up the wrong person. Does that make sense to you?"

Police would not say whether Sayavong has a criminal history, but there are no records under his name in Butte County Superior Court records.

Like other California campuses, Chico State, with 16,000 students, has experienced racial tensions, said university spokesman Joe Wills.

Igbineweka is a senior majoring in political science and international affairs and moved to the United States when he was 15.

"When it became clear this person was being charged with a hate crime, and the fact that racial slurs were being shouted, it just adds to people's revulsion and anger about him being the victim," Wills said.
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Slaying of an immigrant viewed as a hate crime for Long Island man

Carl MacGowan

RIVERHEAD, N.Y. — A jury on Monday found Jeffrey Conroy guilty of first-degree manslaughter as a hate crime but acquitted him of murder in the November 2008 stabbing death of Ecuadorian immigrant Marcelo Lucero in Patchogue, N.Y.

In the highly publicized case that drew national attention and cast a harsh light on ethnic tensions in Suffolk County, Conroy, 19, of Medford, N.Y., was convicted following four weeks of testimony from more than two dozen witnesses.

He faces a maximum of 8-to-25 years in a state prison on the charge — the most severe crime of which Conroy was convicted.

Conroy was acquitted on the top charge of second-degree murder as a hate crime and second-degree murder. Both of those charges carry a maximum punishment of 25 years to life.

He also was convicted of first-degree gang assault and fourth-degree conspiracy for the attack on Lucero, and three counts of second-degree attempted assault as a hate crime for attacks on Lucero's friend, Angel Loja, and on Hector Sierra earlier in the evening of Nov. 8, 2008, and Octavio Cordova on Nov. 3, 2008.

Conroy's family left the courthouse immediately after the verdict.

Robert Conroy was crying, one hand to his face, as the family got into an elevator on the third floor. His mother, Lori Conroy, appeared stunned and stone-faced. Jeffrey Conroy's two sisters and brothers appeared to be crying and hugging one another.

Lucero family members were not present when the verdict was read, but sentencing was scheduled for May 26.

The jury of seven men and five women deliberated for three full days in Suffolk County Court in Riverhead before reaching its verdict in the closely watched trial, which drew national attention.

District Attorney Thomas Spota said he was not disappointed with the verdict, which "could have gone either way."

"I think that they arrived at a fair verdict," he told reporters. "The law protects everyone, no matter whether they are from another country, speak a different language or whether they are an illegal alien," he said.

Saying his comments would be "very brief," defense attorney William Keahon said he would appeal.

Keahon in his closing argument had asked jurors to consider convicting Conroy of second-degree manslaughter.

"Unfortunately in our system of justice, sometimes young men and women are convicted of crimes they did not commit," he said.

The courtroom was quiet as the verdict was read after State Supreme Court Justice Robert W. Doyle warned the gallery not to make outbursts.

After the verdict was read, Conroy turned and looked at his parents, as he was handcuffed by court officers. He made a gesture with one hand, then was handcuffed and led away.

"You performed well," Doyle told jurors after the verdict was read. "Your decision in this case was not one that was reached lightly."

Prosecutor Megan O'Donnell said proving murder was difficult because some evidence in the case was open to interpretation.

"We are very satisfied with this verdict," she said. "It has not been an easy case. The evidence can be viewed from two different view-points."

The Rev. Dwight Wolter, pastor of the Congregational Church of Patchogue, said the verdict sends a strong message to anyone considering a hate crime.

"What it says — and this is where Suffolk County has come through — is if you think you're go-
WASHINGTON — An Obama administration lawyer urged the Supreme Court on Monday to rule that employees usually have no right to privacy when they send personal messages on computers and cell phones supplied by their employer.

Nationwide, most employers have adopted policies telling workers they have no right to privacy when they use computers and cell phones supplied by an employer, said Deputy Solicitor General Neal Karcyk.

"Thousands of employers rely on these policies," he said, so no employee can claim a "reasonable expectation of privacy" if his e-mails are read later.

Most of the justices, with the notable exception of Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr., seemed to agree during arguments Monday.

Roberts noted that the employee in the case before the court was told by a supervisor he could use his e-mail account on his own time, so long as he paid for the extra service. "Could he assume his private messages were his own business?" Roberts asked. "I think if I pay for it, it's mine."

The case of a Southern California police officer who sent sexually explicit messages to a girlfriend prompted the high court to consider for the first time whether the Constitution's protections for privacy extended to workplace e-mails and cell phone calls.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals broke new ground two years ago when it ruled that the city of Ontario, about 95 miles east of Los Angeles, had violated the privacy rights of Sgt. Jeff Quon when the police chief read transcripts of thousands of messages he had sent to a girlfriend. Citing the Fourth Amendment's ban on "unreasonable searches" by the government, the appeals court said the police chief had no valid need to retrieve and read through Quon's personal messages.

The police chief said he was concerned that SWAT team officers were using their pages mostly for personal use, not for police business. In defense of the city, Los Angeles lawyer Kent Richland said all employees, including Quon, had been given the city's policy saying their pages and computers could be monitored. "He had no reasonable expectation of privacy," Richland said.

But a lawyer for the police officer said most workers today assumed they had some personal privacy at work. "If I pick up the office phone and call my wife, I have some expectation of privacy," said Dieter Dammeier, a lawyer from Upland, Calif. "In today's society, work and private life get melded together.

If the justices rule broadly and uphold the no-privacy policies of employers, the decision could affect workers and workplaces nationwide. However, several justices hinted the court might rule more narrowly by focusing on the fact that Quon was a police officer, since police communications are often monitored and analyzed after crimes have occurred. Holding that a police officer has no expectation of privacy in his phone calls would not necessarily affect the rights of other employees.

The justices also debated what it would mean to strike a balance between the police chief's need for efficiency and the job security of the police force.

"That was decided as a hate crime was extremely important so that everyone knows it's not going to be tolerated in this community, in this town, in this country," Ponziere said. "I wasn't in the courtroom or the jury room and I will not judge their decision, but manslaughter means this young man isn't going to see the light of day for a long, long time."

Prosecutors said Conroy and six other teen attacked Lucero, 37, at the end of a year-long spree of assaults on Hispanics — an activity the youths called "beaner hopping" or "Mexican hopping." Lucero died after he was stabbed near the Patchogue train station late in the evening of Nov. 8, 2008.

The killing of Lucero stirred a potent reaction. Marches and vigils were held in Patchogue. Some critics charged that the attack stemmed from a racially divisive atmosphere fostered by Suffolk leaders such as County Executive Steve Levy.

Executive Serve Levy.

The ensuing controversy seemed to confirm Suffolk's image as a haven of racism and intolerance — an image forged by battles in some Suffolk communities over Latino day laborers and illegal immigration.

Already beset by charges that he had encouraged anti-Hispanic fervor with his comments about illegal immigrants, Levy defended himself and the Suffolk police department against charges the county had failed to investigate reports of crimes against Latinos.

After Lucero's death, a Hispanic man was named to head the Fifth Precinct in Patchogue, and police were given sensitivity training and seminars on investigating hate crimes.

A federal investigation was launched to look into charges that Suffolk authorities had ignored Hispanic crime victims.

Four of Conroy's co-defendants, including Nicholas Hausch, 18, of Medford, who testified against Conroy, have pleaded guilty to guilty to gang assault and other charges and are awaiting sentencing.

Two others, Anthony Hartford, 18, of Medford, and Christopher Overton, 17, of East Patchogue, have pleaded not guilty to gang assault and other charges and are awaiting trial.

At trial, Conroy took the stand, saying it was Overton — not he — who stabbed Lucero.
Supreme Court appears to back student group’s exclusionary rules

Michael Doyle

WASHINGTON — Conservative Supreme Court justices appeared poised Monday to strike down a San Francisco campus religious group’s attempt to recognize a Christian student organization because it effectively prohibits gays from joining.

With pointed questions and sharp jibes, the court’s majority called into question the organization’s First Amendment rights to define its own membership.

"It is so weird to require the campus Republican club to admit Demo­crats," Justice Antonin Scalia said, using an analogy. "To require the Christian society to allow atheists not just to join, but to conduct Bible classes, that’s crazy.”

Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Samuel Alito voiced similar sentiments. As is customary, conservative Justice Clarence Thomas, a frequent Scalia ally, was silent throughout the hourlong oral argument.

"I’m pretty optimistic," Stanford Law School professor Michael McCun­nell, the attorney for the Christian Legal Society, said on the Supreme Court steps afterward.

In a case that closely watched freedom-of-religion case is heading for a split decision, however, Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sonia Sotomayor questioned whether another group might ban women or minorities under the Christian group’s rea­soning.

"What is wrong with the purpose of a school to say, ‘We don’t wish to recognize any group that discriminates?’" Sotomayor asked.

Justice John Paul Stevens, par­ticipating in one of the last oral argu­ments of his 34-year career, echoed the point by asking about a hypotheti­cal student group that believed African-Americans are inferior.

Michael Boyle said that a student organization could be allowed to re­quire members to hold racial beliefs, but couldn’t be allowed to restrict membership based on an applicant’s racial status.

You can have a student organiza­tion, I suppose, of that type," Scalia offered, but "it wouldn’t include many people.”

The case involves several parts of the First Amendment, including the freedom of speech, the freedom to exercise religious beliefs and the free­dom to associate as one chooses.

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Hastings officials nonetheless deemed the organization’s policies a violation of the school’s prohibition against discrimination on the basis of religion or sexual orientation. The Christian Legal Society Board Association, the University of Kentucky and 13 separate educational organizations such as the American Association of Community Colleges all endorsed Hastings’ position in amicus brief.

The court’s decision could have a sweeping effect for colleges and uni­versities that have nondiscrimination policies similar to Hastings’. Most public universities prohibit exclusion based on sexual orientation.

"This is not an uncommon and a reasonable policy,” said attorney Greg­g Gare, who represents Hastings.

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SAN LUIS OBISPO (MCT) — Expecting the largest budget shortfall in 10 years, San Luis County school leaders will consider more than $9.6 million in cuts Tuesday night.

Proposed cuts could result in at least 15 fewer teachers and larger class sizes, and could mean that Robin Chauraiya had declared her sexuality for the pur­pose of avoiding service, and said she had to remain in the service.

Despite earlier signals the military was going to take a more relaxed approach to the law, the move signals the military is in­tent on enforcing discharges even as top leaders have endorsed a change in the law.

WASHINGTON (MCT) — Reversing its earlier position, the Air Force has decided to discharge an officer who declared that she was a lesbian.

Earlier, using a provision of the "Don’t Ask Don’t Tell" policy, a three-star general had deter­mined that Robin Chauraiya had declared her sexuality for the pur­pose of avoiding service, and said she had to remain in the service.

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The Christian Legal Society now opens events to all but requires pro­active members to sign the national “statement of faith.” The statement condemns "all acts of sexual conduct outside of God’s design for marriage between one man and one woman, (including) fornication, adultery, and homosexual conduct.”

The Christian Legal Society President President T. Ryan Fider said that gays may fully participate in the group, so long as they don’t act on their sexual orienta­tion.

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Cal Poly faculty to showcase talent in Strings, Cords and Keys concert

John McCullough

Three of Cal Poly’s faculty members will perform a concert for a mixed crowd at the Alex and Evee Spanos Theatre Friday. The concert will blur the line between classical and modern music, ranging from songs by Johannes Brahms to John Williams. The performance, dubbed “Strings, Cords and Keys,” will feature music faculty members Byron Albanese, Katherine Arthur and Susan Davies. They will play selected pieces showcasing their talents as professional musicians.

“Someone may be going through something awful in their life and music can take them out of their personal hell,” said Byron Albanese, the concert’s violinist. “Music soothes the savage beast.”

Albanese, who calls himself a musical ‘gypsy’, has played different kinds of venues, from large concert halls to small clubs. “It’s nice than you would going to see one of your favorite bands,” Wallace said. “You don’t make noise during songs, you wait to applaud until the end of a movement and you dress a little nicer than you would go to see a band you like. There’s a different type of culture involved; it’s more educated.”

Another April performance the music department has put on include jazz, wind ensembles and vocal recitals. Friday’s concert will give three of the faculty members a chance to showcase their talent. Tickets for the concert can be purchased at the Performing Arts ticket office. The performance begins at 7:30 p.m.
Economic downturn helped save Coachella Music Festival

Chris Lee and Geoff Boucher

L A N G U A G E S T M I L E S

INDIO, Calif. — The Empire Polo Fields are 90 acres of pristine green in a land of craggy brown and represent a field of dreams for music fans as the home of the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival. But a few years ago, the festival, which brings international travelers together in this small, low-desert city, came close to being buried by bulldozers.

At the height of the real estate boom, owner Alexander Haagen III was tempted to chop up the polo grounds and covert them to residential use at a big windfall.

"We would have been crushed, it would have been the end," said Paul Tollett, the promoter who crafted the Coachella success story.

The downturn in the economy helped preserve California's most celebrated music festival. Tollett, along with Coachella promoter Goldenvoice, just inked a pact with Haagen that gives the festival its first long-term lease on the property, which this past weekend brought a record 75,000 fans each over three days to see 128 acts, led by the crystalline space rock of Muse and the Crystal of rap star Jay-Z.

"With the new lease now securing Coachella at least an additional decade, changes will be made to upgrade the electrical service and to unravel the traffic that overwhelms this small city's roadways. Haagen, who rarely grants interviews, said Sunday that he had committed $1 million in landscaping improvements annually going forward. (Coachella is considered among the most beautifully appointed major rock festivals in the U.S.)

"Now, for the first time, we can take steps to make long-term improvements," said Tollett, who would not disclose terms of the contract. "Every year, on Sunday night I walk out and I think, 'Well, next year is the last one.' We've never had a deal that went more than a couple of years. We've always been on egg-time to this year's Coachella was a hit.

"The view from up there was fantastic," said Sally Richardson. "I come here every year. I wasn't expecting this." Said Shelby: "I loved it!"

Her father added: "More than the music, I should point out."

Major changes were made to its camping area to make the event more affordable. At the Forum Tent Camping grounds, campers got a plot for the first time that they also parked the innovation that was universally loved for three simple reasons: Car locks, car radio and car seats were part of the camping gear.

On Saturday, the campground was check-in with tents, lean-tos and military tarps, many built right up to and around cars. It took on the feel of an earthy party center, melding the usual beer-cooler tailgating scene at a sporting event with a sort of modern Woodstock ethos informed by the California rave era and the desert's cursed-cowboy hat-standby spaceship, Flashing light, massive crowds and loud music, doesn't have an unruly and loud personality. According to Mike Marlow of the Riverside Fire Department, 84 people have been transported from Coachella to the hospital this year. That includes drug overdoses, a broken neck, a private security officer who fell off his horse and a naked man under the influence of "unknown substances" who tasered by police.

Tollett promised his show would be different: his plan was to import the European-style model of festivals, such as Glastonbury, to the desert where vast lawns, giant stages and pristine white dance tents could have fans wanting to escape the arenas and asphalt lots of radio-station shows.

Tollett and AEG Live (which bought Goldenvoice in 2001 by absorbing its debt, which exceeded $1 million, according to executives involved in the deal) launched a second music event, the Stagecoach Festival, a country-music franchise that uses the still-standing set-up the following weekend and became profitable even faster than its rock cousin.

This year, a mutual trust seems to have replaced thorny community doubts about the giant rock festival that brings purple-haired fans and tattooed rock kids to a community more at ease with golfers and truck drivers.

"The festival's medical tent has treated around 1,000 people in all, if you include handing out Band-Aids and administering IVs. It's as busy as ever," Marlow said. "It hasn't been as hot but you have a much higher number of participants."

Then there's the chaos from beyond the borders of the event: The rock festival crowd and the concert goers, who include many repeat visitors, are now familiar with the locals, even the local undercover narcotics officers who seem to nay too much on Hawaiian shirts as camouflage.

For Haagen, his first foray into music was in 1993, when Goldenvoice booked a performance on the polo grounds by Pearl Jam. Tollett was mesmerized by the venue's broad plain of verdant grass and the Wonderland feel of little hidden corners that had fish ponds, bridges and statues. Six years later, Tollett came back with an idea for a bigger concert, "Paul," Haagen said, "is a true artist with the layout of things and the standards he brings to it all."

Coachella made its mark with indie sensibility, booking offbeat acts and quietly turning away the fleet-following one-hit wonders that would sell tickets in the short term but undermine its credibility over the years. Unlike other festivals, Coachella has also resisted the temptation to cover every wall with an advertisement and quietly turning away the fleet-following one-hit wonders that would sell tickets in the short term but undermine its credibility over the years. Unlike other festivals, Coachella has also resisted the temptation to cover every wall with an advertisement or to bring on every sponsor. Now, with the future less mysterious, Tollett said he hopes to hold on to the nervous magic.

"When you're putting the show together every year and you think it's the last one, you go all out, you make sure it's the best it can be," Tollett said. "But we still have to live up to our history, too. We have that on our side."
Punk band Green Day turn hit 2004 album "American Idiot" into Broadway musical

Glenn Gamboa

NEW YORK — For Green Day's Billie Joe Armstrong, the seven-year transformation of his band's punk-rock opera "American Idiot" into a Broadway musical didn't hit him until he arrived at the St. James Theatre. "I always thought 'American Idiot' could be staged in some way — I just didn't really know how," says Armstrong, the day after the show started in previews. "Watching the whole thing come to life was overwhelming. When we first heard it was going to Broadway, we were stoked, but when I saw the St. James Theatre when they were loading things in and I saw a sign down by the bathrooms that said 'George M. Cohan,' I said, 'Holy (expletive), this is (expletive) for real.' It's pretty mind-blowing right now.

It's no wonder that Armstrong connects with Cohan, known as "The Man Who Owned Broadway" during the first two decades of the last century by bringing informal language, the popular music of the time and patriotic themes to The Great White Way. In a way, that's what Armstrong wants "American Idiot" to do.

After all, "American Idiot," which opens Tuesday, has plenty of swear­ ing, drug use and punk rock to go with its theme of figuring out how to make your personal rebellion meaningful. And patriotism? Well, Green Day has always seen "American Idiot" as a patriotic album.

"Conservatives are going to skew anything you say that's like this as un­ American," Armstrong told Newsday in 2005. "But if you're truly standing for what you believe in and you're saying, 'I don't want to be an Ameri­ can Idiot' or 'Sieg heil,' this is (expletive) for real."

"When I was thinking of 'American Idiot,' the song itself, I was thinking of the political themes, and I was re­ ally angry with what was going on because I felt so misappropriated. There's a lot of people who still feel that, too," Armstrong says much of the country is still getting used to political change. "We went from this redneck, cowboy ... to this African-American, second-generation-American presi­ dent who is intelligent and who not only has the capability of governing, but also is one of the great minds that we'll see in this generation," he says. "For Armstrong, the most startling change in the "American Idiot" pro­ cess came when he saw Rebecca Na­ nini Jones, who plays the female lead Whatsername, sing. "The first time I heard women singing the songs, it opened up the album to me that much more," he says. "It opened up the story that much more. I was just sitting back, blown away the whole time.

"It's inspiring," Armstrong adds. "I love being around creative people, especially people with powerhouse creativity like (music supervisor) Tom Kitt or Michael Mayer or the cast like John Gallagher Jr., who plays the lead character, Johnny. Being around those people, I want to keep being a good songwriter, and with these different kinds of influences, people in different crafts, it gives me a different way of looking at and writ­ing music.

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Peace in Middle East will require some heavy lifting

CHICAGO TRIBUNE

President Barack Obama, who rescued health care reform from the brink of extinction by plunging into the debate with his own plan, is setting his sights on something even more daunting than corralling a herd of congressmen. He might try to jump-start Middle East negotiations by offering his own peace plan.

"Now that's the audacity of hope," said. "Why should the burden be on American shoulders. .. bloodshed."

I am shocked, shocked to find that horses are considered a risk at Cal Poly.

"—Lin Filenmo"

In response to "Some clubs too high risk for campus"

The Penguins are one of the oldest clubs on campus. With insurance they should return to their normal campus affiliation. It's discriminat-

ing against the 16 clubs to say they are "too high risk."

Riding a motorcycle or a horse is not dangerous to the point that it cannot be affiliated with Cal Poly. It's a recreational activity that students are passionate about.

"—Anonymous"

In response to "Some clubs too high risk for campus"

The Penguins have been around since 1947. That they are suddenly too high risk over 50 years later is ridiculous. This attempt to get rid of the club is likely due to the ASI directors looking to validate their jobs. The fact that this has been going on for almost seven months tells me that they are just dragging their feet until they can find some other way to validate a paycheck. I'd say we should try to go in and demand action, but since they seem not to be on vacation or out of the office most of the time, it is probably not worth trying.

"—Anonymous"

In response to "Some clubs too high risk for campus"

Two words ski club, Cal Poly kicked them off, and they are stronger than ever, and arguably engaging in much more dangerous behavior. If Cal Poly wants every club to turn out one way, keep driving them away. What a disservice to the students, school and community.

ーJoe

In response to "Some clubs too high risk for campus"

Last time I checked, people in col-

lege were adults, and therefore old enough to judge risk for them-

selves. It's utterly ridiculous that the school would be so caught up in bureaucratic bullshit that they would get rid of clubs. Everything carries a risk in life. The school needs to support its clubs instead of freaking out over everything and acting stupid. People don't pay 10k plus a year to go to a school that has no clubs and is super boring. Ever.

—Melissa

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Across
1 One in the boot 6 Traps group: Abb.
5 Trilly’s here 10 Tray: Abb.
8 Try just that’s here and gone 11 Classic door-to-door marketer
12 Classy door-to-door marketer 12 Lindsay’s “Kill Bill”
13 Manufactured 13 Period of low activity
15 Betones’s role in opera 14 Mario’s brother
16 Something that swings 17 Keyboard key
18 Manual reader 18 Symbol for the next school year
20 Stand-up comic’s material 20 Ben’s Bumps of 1967
21 Fine Bumps of 1967 21 “You can’t make me!”
23 Sch. with home games at Pauley Pavilion 23 Very much
25 Sci. with home games at Pauley Pavilion 25 Soft white
26 Sci. with home games at Pauley Pavilion 26 Always

Down
1 Dinner team 1 Dinner team
2 To have, to harm 1 To have, to harm
3 Tripler 3 Tripler
4 Remnant 4 Remnant
5 Dress up the niners 5 Dress up the niners
6 Figure-skating figures 6 Figure-skating figures
10 It’s a thought 10 It’s a thought
11 A Gospel dancer 11 A Gospel dancer
12 What 3, 13, 14 and 28 Down may be
13 German design school founded in 1919 13 German design school founded in 1919
19 Grocery shopper’s ad 19 Grocery shopper’s ad
27 Kruege advocate of Poppy bluffs and the last P.M. of Ghina 27 Kruege advocate of Poppy bluffs and the last P.M. of Ghina
31 Stewed to the gills 31 Stewed to the gills
33 Pronto 33 Pronto
34 Half-off event 34 Half-off event
35 Lucy of “Kill Bill” 35 Lucy of “Kill Bill”
36 Period of low activity 36 Period of low activity
39 Bamboozle 39 Bamboozle
40 Sell 40 Sell
42 Buff thing 42 Buff thing
43 Figure-skating figures 43 Figure-skating figures
45 Dressed to the nines 45 Dressed to the nines
46 Makes public 46 Makes public
47 Computer data acronym 47 Computer data acronym
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54 German design school founded in 1919 54 German design school founded in 1919
55 Soft white 55 Soft white

14 How many months have 28 days? e.g. Zodi
15 Very much
16 Program file name extension 16 Program file name extension
26 Black, Black, Black... 26 Black, Black, Black...
29 Very much
30 Chickens that come home to roost 30 Chickens that come home to roost
31 Hollywood or Sunset: Abb. 31 Hollywood or Sunset: Abb.
32 Place 32 Place
33 Three degrees? 33 Three degrees?
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35 Water or rust 35 Water or rust
36 Navarone 36 Navarone
37 Dandy sorts 37 Dandy sorts
38 Rosacea 38 Rosacea
39 Bamboozle 39 Bamboozle
40 Sell 40 Sell
41 Remnant 41 Remnant
42 Very much

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"He was special tonight, but he had a lot of help. A lot of other guys played very well, too. Even when he killed us and both big guys were really good on the boards."

"Jason was the man. He was a focused driven individual as usual. They had a lot of people who played well. They played sharper than we did." — Dry-witted and blunt as Popovich was after the game, he was at least entertaining during it. There had been silly speculation after the last game, that Popovich was riding the bench — even from Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle — that Popovich had dumped the last game for the sole reason of playing the Mavericks in the playoffs.

"Pop has actually more interest in resting Tim Duncan and Manu Ginobili and making sure they did not get hurt in the last game of the season. But perhaps an underlying reason was revealed in the third quarter, when Pop ordered his players to foul Erick Dampier on three trips down the court.

"Pop obviously wanted to become the first coach in NBA history to see if Dampier shooting free throws would make good TV. It was a bit of an experiment, although the ratings department people at TNT were probably sticking around to see if Pop dunks."

Dampier is a career 63 percent free throw shooter. The Spurs faced with less pressure in Clamie 2 than the Mavericks had a lot of people who played well. They played sharper than we did."

"It's hard to explain how excited I am that Rachel is coming back," Reeves said. "She missed the first day of (spring) workouts, and I thought that meant she had decided to return to Ireland. I was so sad that entire day, and at the end of the day, when I found out she was staying at Cal Poly, I couldn't stop smiling. It's such a blessing to have her for another year."

"Rachel is so hilarious," Santiago said. "She has that dry, sarcastic humor, you know? When she first got here, I never really got to know her. But this year, she kind of came out of her shell. Now you can hear her in the background cracking jokes. We truly became a family because of her." — Santiago

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Rachel Clancy returns for another season

Anthony Pannone

Yes, the luck of the Irish is returning for another season. Cal Poly starting guard Rachel Clancy exercised her final year of collegiate eligibility and will wear number 13 for the 2010-11 women’s basketball season. She will defer the start to a master’s degree program at Trinity University in Ireland — her home country.

Six months ago, the 5-foot-9, shooting guard stood firm in her decision to leave the West Coast, but on- and off-court success stirred up doubt, leaving her thoughts teeter-tottering.

“I definitely was not coming back,” Clancy said. “I never thought I’d be in college for five years.”

Clancy started all 29 games for the Mustangs in the 2009-10 season, sinking 49 three-pointers and earning All-Big West honorable mention. She finished the season second on the team in scoring, rebounding and minutes played.

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Big West Player of the Year Kristina Santiago said she almost collapsed when she heard the news.

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Jan Hubbard

DALLAS — Gregg Popovich had yet to address his players when he met the media a few minutes after the San Antonio Spurs’ 100-94 loss to the Dallas Mavericks on Sunday night.

He didn’t say exactly why, but presumably it was for their health. By the standards that meet and breaks out:

“I think we have to have more people step up and play worth a damn,” the Spurs coach said. “We had a lot of guys play like dogs.”

Dogs, of course, can be a bit slobbery, which, coincidently, is how Popovich described the Spurs and their 17 turnovers. But when asked if he was surprised by that, he attempted diplomacy — but wasn’t really successful.

“We’ve been capable of doing that before,” he said. “So it’s not a surprise.”

He wasn’t smiling.

The Spurs lost a first-round series in five games to the Mavericks last year, but in that series Pop devised a defense to try and contain Dirk Nowitzki, and he was reasonably pleased with the results.

Sunday night, however, he chose to play Dirk straight up most of the night, and Nowitzki torched the Spurs for 36 points.

“Dirk got the best of whatever we tried to do and we tried a lot of different things,” Popovich said, “but he beat them all.”

He had no nice words for his defense.

Caron Butler paid immediate playoff dividends with 22 points, centers Erick Dampier and Brendan Haywood combined for 15 points and 18 rebounds, and Jason Kidd had 13 points, 11 assists, eight rebounds and four steals.

There aren’t many nights when Dirk is not special,” Popovich said.

Clancy’s decision to rejoin the program at Trinity University in Ireland — her home country.

She’s a leader, a motivator and the most vocal girl out there. I always know where she is on the court.”

After two seasons with the Mustangs, Clancy’s on-court presence has proven to be an integral part of the team’s arsenal. She averaged 11.3 points, 5.4 rebounds and 30.8 minutes per game.

Head coach Faith Mimnaugh said what’s most impressive about her catch-and-shoot specialist in terms of their coach-player relationship, is her knack to “stay on the ball.”

“Everything Rachel touches in life turns to gold. She pursues to be the best at whatever she does. If I had to give her a grade as a person and a basketball player, I’d give her an ‘A+’,” Mimnaugh said.

This is Clancy’s final year as an undergraduate, but she has one more year of eligibility playing basketball.

According to NCAA Women’s Basketball rules, players transferring between Division-I athletic programs must sit out for one season. Patton tallied 13 strikeouts against zero walks with a 1.08 ERA last weekend, en route to her first selection of her career and fourth by a Mustang pitcher this season. The award follows junior left-hander Anna Cahn’s triple honors (Feb. 22, March 22, April 12).

The freshman’s first season at Cal Poly didn’t start easy; Patton struggled through the non-conference schedule this season. In her first pitching appearance against No. 4 UCLA at the Stacy Winningstad Memorial Tournament on Feb. 19, she allowed seven earned runs in 4 2/3 innings and went 1-4 during the non-conference portion of the season.

But once the conference season started, Patton started putting the pieces together. In four conference starts, she has a 5-0 record and a 1.71 ERA.

Overall this season, Patton stands at 6-4 with 3.46 ERA.

Patton made her debut in last weekend’s series in relief of Cahn during the opening game of Saturday’s doubleheader. She recorded the final two Cal State Fullerton outs in the top of the seventh. With the match-up deadlocked at 6-6 entering the bottom half of the inning, Patton sliced a two-out line drive down the right field line to score senior first baseman Kristen Cary and deliver the Mustangs a victory.

Patton struck out five Titans during the second game of the doubleheader to post a complete-game 3-0 victory.

During Sunday’s series finale, Patton struck out a career-best seven batters and allowed just two runs in 5 1/3 innings as the Mustangs finalized their sweep of Cal State Fullerton with a 5-3 triumph.

During the three contests, Patton lowered her season ERA from 3.89 to 3.46, a mark that ranks seventh among Big West pitchers.

Cal Poly’s three victories, coupled with UC Riverside’s 4-1 loss to UC Santa Barbara on April 18, provided the Mustangs a sweep of the first place atop the Big West standings.

Cal Poly (18-17, 7-7) opens a three-game series against Long Beach State with a 1 p.m. doubleheader on Saturday.

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