DO MORE WITH LESS
Unruly gathering ordinances passes without protest 4:1

Jessica Barba

There was no sign of a protest as the unruly gathering ordinance was passed 4 to 1 at Tuesday night's San Luis Obispo City Council meeting.

Though a Facebook event created in response to the ordinance had 1,814 confirmed guests, only five people spoke against the ordinance during the open comment period. Two of the five were members of the community and two others included Cal Poly Associated Students Inc. member Jacob Alvarez and the person who started the Facebook group, Cuesta student Laura Kiani.

With no appearance of picket signs or a crowd before the meeting, Kiani and Cal Poly art and design sophomore Sabina Midszobt said they had to call off the march that was supposed to take place from Mission Plaza to city hall for fear of being fined as an unruly gathering.

"We would have had to get a parade license that would cost $70 and then insurance for possibly 200 people. Also, the permits would take two weeks to be approved so it would never work," Kiani said.

She also said she made sure to ask students who planned to celebrate 4/20 if the type of student that would celebrate 4/20 is the type of student this ordinance was made for," Kiani said.

Though the meeting was about to begin and no participants had arrived, Midszobt seemed un-shaken.

"To be honest, I am not expecting that many people. A lot of people talk and grumble about it, but I doubt they'll show," she said.

Kiani and Midszobt said they first heard about the unruly gathering ordinance after the council voted in favor of it on April 5. By creating the Facebook event, Kiani said she hoped to see people be more aware of the ordinance and its implications.

"I wanted to know what religions say about health care issues like abortion, death panel and physician-assisted suicide," she said.

Rev. Dr. Curt Miner from the United Church of Christ (UCC) began his speech with a story from the Bible: the parable of the Good Samaritan, in which a priest and a Levite walk by without caring for a robbed and wounded Jewish man, but a Samaritan, though the Samaritans and Jews typically despised each other, helps him out.

"It's about doing the right thing because it's the right thing to do," he said. "Offering or accepting help from someone, even an enemy.

Miner then spoke about the historical background of the UCC and how the church has supported and helped Africans-Americans, homosexuals and disabled people get rights since America's beginning.

In the discussion of the overreach of the nation's health care system and passage, the church sided with the adoption of the health care reform, and so did Obama, he said.

"We are supposed to be talking about faith and health care reform, but I need to stick my toe in politics," he said. "Before he resigned from his church for political reasons, Obama attended Trinity UCC."

The health care reform will make health care more affordable and accessible for millions who need it, Miner said, though "it will be years before we know if it accomplishes that or not."

Rabbi Scott Corngold, from the reform sect of Judaism, quoted passages from the Bible, the Torah and other Hebrew scriptures like the Talmud and the Shulchan Aruch.

"Doctors are required to reduce their fees for the poor. Where that is still not sufficient, the community should subsidize the patient," he said.

It's the Judaism responsibility to see the overall well being of the larger community, he said.

"Humanity is in partnership with God," he said. "Do not stand idly by if someone is in need."

Reform Judaism sees public tradition in the health care reform, he said.

After the speakers had finished, audience members asked the clergymen questions about different health care issues. Both said their religious communities are pro-choice, supporting women's right to choose whether to have an abortion.

Miner said his church also allows people to choose their end-of-life care when asked about death panels.

Corngold said the reform in Judaism tried to come up with a consensus, but it's a delicate line, and reform Jews don't have a unified stance on or against the panels.

Biological sciences senior Mitch Bunnell attended the discussion to find out more about the policy behind the health care reform.

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Mark Schneider
Researchers further findings on
"The Great Pacific Ocean Garbage Patch"

Expedition participants speak at Cal Poly about the trash accumulating in the Pacific Ocean

By Katie O. Grady

The Great Garbage Patch sounds like a child's triumphant attempt at making a garden out of garbage in their backyard. In reality, it's a long name for miles of debris causing a massive plastic soup that's taking on a life of its own in the middle of the North Pacific Ocean.

The North Pacific Ocean Gyre is home to one of the largest ecosystems on earth. A gyre is simply the rotation of currents. The west winds blow toward the east and the trade winds blow toward the west, making a clockwise swirl with a calm spot in the center, said Miriam Goldstein, a graduate student at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. It's here that tiny pieces of plastic and larger pieces of debris are accumulating.

Many media outlets have portrayed the garbage patch as a Texas-size pile of trash floating mysteriously in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. In reality, the great garbage patch can't be seen from satellites, let alone the naked eye in many cases, but its ecological effects are a fearful wonder to researchers around the world.

"The major misconception is that it's the eighth continent or an island," Goldstein said. "Over 90 percent is less than the size of your pinky fingernail."

The Garbage Patch was spotted after a research vessel of nearly 20 individuals last summer, two of which spoke at Cal Poly last weekend. In August, this mix of doctoral students, led by Goldstein and research volunteers from Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UC San Diego, hopped aboard the Scripps research vessel, the New Horizon, and headed West, 1,000 miles west of the city of California. For two weeks, they gathered samples and data that is still being analyzed six months later.

The Scripps Environmental Accumulation of Plastic Expedition (SEAPLEX) set out to measure how much trash is there, what it's composed of and its impact on ocean life. The passengers ranged from students studying the plastic effects on marine mammals to observers counting whole pieces of trash passing by (a couple pieces per minute according to Goldstein).

"There certainly are larger pieces too," Goldstein said. "We found a toy stuffed-animal dog that we named Lucky. It took a lot of dish soap to clean him, but he was actually in pretty good shape."

Lucky is now on exhibit at the Birch Aquarium in La Jolla. Goldstein explained that there is no easy way to tell how long the trash has been out there. They could only estimate that Lucky was a new addition to the Garbage Patch, because he was in such good shape.

Goldstein explains that all of the trash that falls off of North America will eventually end up there. "It's a dead end," she said. "Once in the Gyre, there's no place for them to go, unless they sink."

Goldstein's research focused on the abundance of the tiny plastic particles and the plankton communities growing on the plastic. She says it takes her six or seven hours with a specialized scanner to count and measure one jar. This is why most of the research from the expedition is still in progress and will not be published for months.

Jesse Powell, a doctoral student at Scripps and Lara Dickens, a high school science teacher in San Diego came to the Central Coast for three days to discuss the effects of the Garbage Patch and their experiences with SEAPLEX. They made stops at Cal Poly, Downtown Brewing Co., Grover Beach Exploration Station and the San Luis Obispo Children's Museum.

They discussed topics like the volume of plastic produced, why it accumulates in the Gyre, particle distribution and the ocean physics of the Gyre.

Dickens was chosen to join the researchers on SEAPLEX through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Teacher at Sea Program. She is a Cal Poly alumna in environmental engineering.

Dickens talked about the broad range of research done at sea with someone constantly working on their data.

"It was a 24-hour lab every day," she said. "It was crazy fascinating. There were so many different perspectives studying the Gyre."

Powell and Dickens were brought to campus via the Science Café, an international movement that found its way to the Kennedy Library during January of last year. Cynthia Perrine, coordinator of the Science Café on campus said the movement started five years ago and is typically held in bars and cafes. They are events at which the public has the opportunity to sit and converse in a casual setting with scientists and researchers.

Last Thursday, at the San Luis Obispo Children's Museum, a group of children were able to experiment with a watertable model—a miniature city—before hearing about the Garbage Patch from Powell and Dickens. They dumped green Kool-Aid as sewage into a treatment plant and Herhey's syrup into the streets as oil, Perrine explained. They were then given a water bottle to squirt as rain. The water would move through the waterways and end up in the ocean, taking everything with it.

"The younger crowds really got it," Perrine said. "They did the watershed model over and over again."

That night at Downtown Brew, a group of nearly 70 people discussed topics on the Garbage Patch in a casual environment with Powell and Dickens.

People have a beer and can ask questions in a different environment," Perrine said.

On Friday, the two held a presentation at the Kennedy Library on the SEAPLEX trip and more activities on Saturday at the Grover Beach Exploration Station. Their goal was to reach the San Luis Obispo community and the broader science community and create awareness on the trash build-up in the waters while aspiring to change the amount of plastic waste produced. Dickens said.

"The best thing is to prevent more trash from getting out there," Perrine said.

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Researchers Matt Durham and Miriam Goldstein dig through a large ghost net with tangled rope, plastic and various biological organisms while deployed in a small boat on SEAPLEX.

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William Moses, Shannon Perrine and Gabby Click test the watertable model illustrating that sewage pollutants (green cool-aid), garbage (syrofoam polystyrene), auto oil (chocolate syrup) and pesticides and soil (oxena powder) flow to the ocean when it rains.
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—Jono Kinkade
San Luis Obispo resident

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one aloud.
San Luis Obispo resident Jono Kinkade said the council is com­fortable making strict legislation because the free members are trying to be reduced. But by the time the unruly ordinance is passed, he said, many of the current opponents will have graduated and left town, no longer making it difficult if they choose to run for office again.

"It is an attempt at creating this veneer of advancing the public's in­terest," he said.

Later, when the council deliber­ated on the ordinance, council member John Ashbough voted against it; he said the fine of $700 should be reduced to $500 and

the overall turnout was pathetic. She and Mickowitz waited after the meeting to speak with each member of the council individu­ally about their standpoint on the bill.
"Go Ashbough! I am glad he is thinking about half the popula­tion," Kiani said.

When Ashbough was asked about the four members who sup­ported the smoking and unruly gathering ordinances, he com­pared them to a scene in the book "Don Quixote," where Quixote at­tempts to fight imaginary giants.
"I am used to tilting at wind­mills," he said.

Sustainability advocates prep for Be the Change conference

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Alilliterate the words in any or­der and discover the essence of a sustainability advocate on cam­pus: Cal Poly's Be the Change 2010.
On Saturday, April 24, day six of Empower Poly Coalition's week-long festival, the Be the Change student leadership train­ning conference will be hosted on campus to celebrate the 40th an­niversary of Earth Day.
"The goal is to unite students to create a future that is econom­ically viable, socially just and en­vironmentally responsible," said Be the Change 2010 director Jorge Montezuma.
Montezuma said the strength of a community is in its sustain­able numbers, and Saturday's leadership gala presents an op­portunity to share wisdom among fellow students and members of the populace.
"We want to bring a new wave of leaders together so everybody can learn from everybody," Montezuma said, while drums and a guitar echoed in the background and wind tried to ruin a day of activism when it nearly blew over

the white pop-up tent overhead.

Organizers are expecting nearly 100 guests as this year's sustainable leadership workshop; the festival has doubled each year since 2007.
Montezuma said social room must be allowed to flourish.
Grass roots sustain the soil and provide food for microorganisms; so, in essence, roots are people in the community and sustain us. And since we live in a bigger com­munity, we must learn to live with those around," he said. "In order to do this, we have to invest time and money into the community.

While money presents itself as a necessity, Empower Poly Coalition director Sam Gross said money should be used as a tool and not seen as just an end product.
"Sustainability is living in a way which provides the future with ways to survive," he said.

This year, Be The Change is ac­tion-based, Montezuma said, and Saturday's free festivities include yoga, workshops, networking and free food.

The all-day fête kicks off at 8:30 a.m. with a one-hour yoga session, then breakfast, followed by keynote speaker Jan Spencer, who travels the country sharing insight and experience relevant to creating sustainable communities.
After lunch, workshops run­ning 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m present activists-in-training with ba­sic skills to evoke change. Each workshop features presenters who will teach skill-building concepts applicable in any issue-related fo­rum. For example, Chad Worth, a

2009 Cal Poly industrial engineer­ing graduate, said he will aim to keep his workshop interactive and video-based, giving the theme­name "interactive brainstorming.
Worth said the core to his 25-minute session revolves around examples of activism, highlighting a group he founded last year called the Carrot Mob, which is like a reverse boycott. The Mob recently installed "green" change in a quick mart on Broad Street and increased the store's revenue in the process.
"People advocate every day and may not know what it is they are fighting for. Protests aren't limited to chaining yourself to a tree, al­though they have their place and time," Worth said. His workshop is titled, "Activism in the 21st Century: This Ain't Your Parent's Protest!"

Another workshop headed by Cal Poly graduate and One Cool Earth employee Greg Ellis will deal with internal conflict and its resolution. Titled "Deep Democ­racy," Ellis said he hopes to discuss theories of decision-making and resolution, especially in groups.

There are 12 workshops deal­ing with organization and leader­ship. Each runs approximately 20 to 25 minutes. All activities take place within the Science and Math Building, 52.

According to Gross and Mont­ezuma, the festival wouldn't have happened without help from spon­sors and Cal Poly clubs such as SLO Food, Fair Trade, Zero Waste and Net Impact.

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Obama discusses Supreme Court options

WASHINGTON — President Obama is casting a wide net in his search for a Supreme Court nominee, adding a federal judge from Chicago to his working list and soliciting suggestions from lawmakers in a closed-door session on Wednesday.

Judge Ann Claire Williams, the first African-American appointed to the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, joins a list of about 10 other candidates to replace the retiring Justice John Paul Stevens, the White House confirmed.

Obama said Wednesday that he will announce a nominee before the end of May, but aides to the president — a former constitutional law lecturer himself — is nowhere near winnowing his list of candidates. Senior administration officials say Obama has the luxury of time to look off the beaten path for candidates.

Obama wants to look outside the so-called judicial monastery — the domain of federal appellate court judges and top-tier law professors — for candidates, they say.

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Even so, the president and the lawmakers did not discuss any potential nominees by name.

As he sat down with congressional leaders to discuss the Supreme Court vacancy on Wednesday, Obama said he was interested in hearing their "thoughts and concerns" before he makes any final decisions. After the meeting, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, said they had recommended candidates to the president but would not elaborate.

The gulf between the president and the Republicans in the room was evident at the White House, even as Obama promised he would not rule out candidates based on their views on abortion rights or any other particular issue. "I don't have litmus tests around any of these issues," Obama said in response to a reporter's question. "But I will say that I want somebody who is going to be interpreting our Constitution in a way that takes into account individual rights, and that includes women's rights, and that is going to be something that is very important to me."

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That seems to be an indication that the president is more inclined to choose a moderate judge who also bore the brunt of a fight from Senate Republicans in an election year when the White House wants to focus on its domestic legislative agenda.

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President Ronald Reagan first appointed Williams to the federal bench in 1985, making her the first African-American appointed to a federal judge from Chicago.

The 7th Circuit Court of Appeals is one of the five judges of the Supreme Court of the United States, and includes the so-called "judicial monastery" — the domain of federal appellate court judges and top-tier law professors — for candidates, they say.

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In deportation uptick, questions over who should go

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WASHINGTON — When the Obama administration offered a middle-class couple from Nevada, one judge erred in saying "horrible." Another labeled it the "most senseless result possible." A third complained of "an extraordinarily bad use of government resources."

"These people have worked hard. They have paid their taxes," Judge William Fletcher said. "Why don't you go after the bad guys?"

The case against the carpenter and the clerk is one of many examples of immigration rights advocates and labor activists say of how the Obama administration has continued a policy of tough immigration enforcement against people who are no threat to the United States, even as it calls for new immigration laws that are designed to legalize many of those deported.

Obama promised to "target enforcement efforts at criminals and bad actors," said Eliseo Medina, national vice president of the Service Employees International Union, a major Obama hacker. "And that would have been the right thing to do. But they have not done that."

After being asked about the case by Tribune Washington Bureau, the Department of Homeland Security said this week it would indefinitely suspend action against the couple.

DHS spokesman Matthew Chandler said the decision reflected "current enforcement priorities" of pursuing criminals.

But immigrant rights activists point to climbing deportation levels and say the government is pursuing hundreds if not thousands of equally disturbing cases.

"We took an oath to uphold the Constitution, he said, "and we are doing so in a way that prioritizes making out communities safe."

Morton expressed frustration over what he considers exaggerated and unfactual charges from immigrant rights advocates. The agency frequently allows immigrants to remain even when the laws say they should be removed, he said. "We exercise discretion all of the time," Morton said.

Still, some of the most ardent immigration opponents — including Mark Krikorian of the Center for Immigration Studies, a group that favors immigration restrictions and raids — say they have been pleasantly surprised by some of the Obama administration's enforcement policies.

"It's not as bad as I expected it to be," Krikorian said. "I think the administration understands that you can't make any progress politically on amnesty if you've set the stage on enforcement."

As a presidential candidate, Obama spelled out his immigration policy in a June 2008 speech at the National Council of La Raza, a Latino civil rights organization, saying, "When communities are terrorized by ICE immigration raids, when nursing mothers are torn from their babies, when children come home from school to find their parents missing, when people are detained without access to legal counsel, when all that is happening, the system just isn't working, and we need to change.

Krikorian, who along with Medina attended a March White House immigration meeting with the president, concluded that Obama "was genuinely surprised that everybody in the room was upset with the fact that his enforcement policies are destroying families and communities." Pacifica.

An analysis by the nonpartisan Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse at Syracuse University shows that the proportion of criminal aliens in detention rose from 27 percent in 2009 to 43 percent in 2010. However, many of those ICE, immigration authorities and ICE enforcement priorities.

The national law firm Akin Gump took note of such cases, and pro bono, into the folds of Congress.

In a telephone interview, Saturnina Martinez wept as she talked about the effect the deportations have had on the only country she has ever known.

"I paid my taxes, I worked," said Martinez, who came here with her parents at age 12 and 8.

The three-judge panel concluded it had to grant the government's request to expel the couple. Yet, the panel's two Republicans and one Democrat each urged immigration authorities to drop the case.

"It's hard for me to understand how the government or how DHS believe the interests of the United States are served by proceeding with this case," Judge Richard H. Clifton, an appointee of former President George W. Bush, said in last year's hearing.

"The case had been going forward until this week, when a reporter e-mailed a transcript of the judges' remarks to advocates at ICE and DHS. However, immigration rights advocates say thousands of cases like it have been held up pending review.

"There is one horror story after the next," said Craig Shugrin, an immigration attorney in Washington, D.C., who represents several longtime U.S. residents facing deportation, despite having spent most of their lives in the United States.

"If you're in this business, you see it up close and personal, and it tears you apart."
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president of public relations by 1987—
today she’s a consultant and still active in the environmental movement.
Arturo Sandoval

Arturo Sandoval was already a His­
panic leader when he joined Hayes to
work on Earth Day. After Earth Day, Sandoval continued his civil rights and
peace activism. He was drafted, refused induction and was sentenced to three
years in prison in the early 1970s. His sentence was suspended while he served
in prison.

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Sen. Kent Conrad

Kent Conrad moved from his home in
Sandman to the University of
California, Los Angeles, and attended the University of
Southern California. As student body
president, he met Dennis Hayes, who
was Stanford’s student body president. He joined Hayes’ idealistic young
Washington staff organizing the first
Earth Day.

Afterward, Mork finished gradu­
age school, got a law degree and came
to Boise to practice law. He served on
the Board of Commissioners of Public
Affairs. In 1998, he was a Democrat and later chaired the Idaho
Democratic Party.

Sen. Gary Lockwood’s daughter
worked 17 years for the Nature Con­
servancy in the 1970s, but didn’t
stay involved in environmental issues. He is a fellow with the conservative Cato
Institute.

Richard Guzik

Richard Guzik was a sophomore at
Whitworth College in Spokane,
Wash., when he led a campus campaign
to save the trees the school adminis­
tration wanted to cut down. In 1973,
when he was a junior, he became a Christian. He joined the staff of the National As­
sociation of Evangelicals in 1980 to be­
come a lobbyist for the Moral Majority
as it was gaining power in Washington,
D.C. He rose to become vice president for
governmental affairs and one of the
most powerful Christian lobbyists in the
Capital. He stepped down from the
association in 2008 and today is
organizing a new organization to address
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AFGHANISTAN (MCT) — Western military officials on
Wednesday acknowledged a case of mistaken identity in the killings
of four Afghan civilians in eastern Afghanistan, the second such lethal
episode in just over a week.

NATO had initially described two of the four occupants of a car
that was fired on Monday night by troops in Khowst province as "known insurgents." The soldiers,
whose nationality was not disclosed, unleashed a fusillade of bullets after
the vehicle accelerated toward a mili­
tary convoy, according to alliance
officials’ account.

Family members and local of­
ficials had insisted that the group,
which included three teenage boys,
was returning home from a sporting event.

PAKISTAN (MCT) — Amid fears that severe energy shortages
could touch off riots, Pakistan will
announce drastic measures this week to save electricity, including a shorter
workweek and restrictions on
nighttime wedding celebrations, government officials said Wednes­
day.

With power outages lasting up to 20 hours a day in cities and villages,
hailing industry and even farming
in some places, the electricity crisis could further destabilize a vital U.S.-ally.
Pilipino Cultural Exchange brings culture to Cal Poly

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Traditional folk dancing, hip-hop and a capella choir pieces are just some of the performances to be featured in the 21st annual Pilipino Cultural Night (PCN). Held on April 24 and 25 at Spanos Theater by Pilipino Cultural Exchange (PCE), the production promotes the Filipino culture through singing, dancing and acting.

The production itself is a musical drama, following a story about a detective's work on a mystery case. Yet the play also infuses the three performance groups in PCE — Kasayahan, the cultural dance group, Ating Himig, the a capella choir, and Modern, the hip-hop dance troupe. The three groups perform several pieces that are incorporated throughout the play:

Andreleto Bascos, a construction management senior, who is the lead role in the production, said the dances are incorporated to add a cultural flare.

"FC'N is basically a script, and what they do is add in little inserts to incorporate the different performance groups. It could be a stand-alone play just by itself, but we like to have more diversity," Bascos said.

Bascos, who participated in a minor role in last year's PCN, wanted to take on a bigger role this year. And, with past acting experience going only as far as a high school drama class, Bascos said he is excited to take on the challenge and get a better understanding of the entire musical.

"Last year, I really felt left out of the entire script — I had no idea what was going on. I was always busy just going from one performance practice to another, so I didn't really get to know what the whole script was about," Bascos said.

Bascos confesses that the biggest see Pilipino, page 10
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“Kick-Ass” punches out the competition

Kick-Ass (2010)

Director: Matthew Vaughn
Starring: Aaron Johnson, Nicolas Cage, Chloe Grace Moretz, Christopher Mintz-Plasse, Mark Strong

Comic book movies have seen a resurgence of success in recent years. First, Sam Raimi’s “Spider-Man” (2002) redefined the meaning of the word “blockbuster.” Then, Christopher Nolan’s “Batman Begins” (2005) and even bigger “The Dark Knight” (2008) reintroduced the dark and realistic elements of superhero stories that many fans of our generation had been unfamiliar with. Soon after, it seemed as if studios were pumping out successful projects without hesitation, whether it be Jon Favreau’s “Iron Man” (2008) or Leterrier’s “The Incredible Hulk” (2008).

The latest film to join the club, albeit a different type of superhero film, is Matthew Vaughn’s “Kick-Ass.” Vaughn is known for his work on British gangster movies like Guy Ritchie’s “Snatch” and “Lock, Stock, and Two Smoking Barrels,” as well as his own directorial effort “Layer Cake.” His latest is an adaptation of Mark Millar’s comic book of the same name.

When I first saw the previews for “Kick-Ass,” I didn’t know what to think. I was excited about casting notes like Nicolas Cage, Mark Strong and Christopher Mintz-Plasse, but I wasn’t sure how entertaining the film would be. Lucky for me, and anyone else who has seen the film, I enjoyed every minute of it, and while it is not the best, it is in my opinion the most entertaining movie of 2010 thus far.

The story follows everyday people, including a nerdy teenager, a foul-mouthed 11-year-old girl and her awkward father, all of whom wish to find out what it would be like to emulate what so many superheroes do in the pages of comics. Their mission has an ordinary but respectable goal: punish bad guys. It is the methods they use in order to accomplish their goal that truly makes the film worth watching.

If you are not a fan of violence, and by violence I mean some acts that have probably never been put on screen before, this film is not for you. Vaughn really did an unbelievable job choreographing the action sequences, and if this film wasn’t listed as a comedy, there are some scenes that would make me think this is Tarantino’s latest picture.

The scene-stealer of the film is without a doubt the young girl, Mindy, played marvelously by Chloe Grace Moretz (“(500) Days of Summer”). You can’t ask for a better, more funny or shocking performance by someone of Moretz’s age. She adopts the persona of Hit Girl, a crime fighter trained vigorously by her father, Big Daddy, played with perfection by Cage. Simply put, Big Daddy in costume looks like a cheaper but more vicious version of Batman.

Big Daddy and Hit Girl have been prepping up in order to attempt to take down local mob boss Frank Darnello, played by Mark Strong (“Rock N’ Rolla,” “Sherlock Holmes”), a British actor who is quickly becoming a favorite of both myself and some of the most respected directors in the business. Hit Girl’s training sequences provide some of the best points in this movie, including her own father shooting her in the chest and presenting her with a butterfly knife and acting as if it is a normal father-daughter present.

Hit Girl teams up with Kick-Ass (Aaron Johnson), the film’s narrator and main protagonist. His character is your typical high school kid who is easy to laugh and poke fun at. Fed up with witnessing people being bullied almost everywhere he looks, he decides to order a rather ugly costume and scour the streets for an opportunity to take down criminals. His first
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Cal Poly bowling club more than just a recreational activity

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Normally known as a recreational sport, the Cal Poly bowling club takes its game to another level.

The bowling club competes on the West Coast against teams from California, Utah and Nevada. In collegiate club bowling, schools are broken up into four sections based on geographic region. Teams then compete starting at the beginning of fall quarter to try to advance to sectionals, which is comprised of 16 teams from each section. In order to advance to sectionals, the team must be ranked as one of the top 64 teams throughout the country. The top four teams from each section then compete at nationals.

Junior Karlene Folks, president and team captain, said she enjoys the atmosphere in representing Cal Poly.

"Collegiate competition is amazing, since everyone is always cheering for one another and in some cases we bowl for hours straight," Folks said. "It's that focus which makes it different than recreation."

Despite little exposure, the bowling club is the fact that they have to keep the competitive side and want to do well and get better," Hodson said. "At first, they don't realize that they have to enjoy it because then you are working as hard for no reason.

Also making things difficult for the club is the fact that they have to practice at Rancho Bowl in Santa Maria, since the lanes at Cal Poly are not the synthetic lanes that are used in competition.

Head coach Joe Barket, who has competed on the PBA tour for 15 years, said it's hard for the club members to stay sharp since they must travel 45 minutes to practice and only get to do so on weekends. He said he wants his players to focus on repetition every time they bowl.

"The biggest thing in bowling is repeating what you do," Barket said. "You have to be out there every day to get it down, otherwise you lose your fundamentals and develop bad habits."

Barket said bowling is similar to golf, where players must develop their game through individual practice and be able to have a variety of different shots at their disposal. He also said bowling is similar to any other sport that you will see at the college level.

"At first, they don't realize that at the collegiate level, bowling is as tough as any of the other sports," Barket said. "It takes the same amount of practice, preparation and dedication. You can't just pick up a ball and bowl."

Even with all the difficulties in getting together for practices, Hodson said he enjoys practicing for bowling because it is less-tiring than other sports.

"It's pretty nice since some sports have practices where you are always out there."

On the flip side with his trained companions that he starts to succeed.

Aaron Johnson has a certain wiry charm about him that fits his role well. However, as mentioned before, the main character of this story is far from the most interesting, or lovable. Nicolas Cage is one of the only actors who could have pulled off Big Daddy the way he does. After all, how many people can comfortably shoot a child in the chest multiple times and convincingly laugh it off? And as for the before-mentioned star of "Kick-Ass," it is easy to imagine this film being much worse if not for Moretz.

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Government regulation could end the long era of greed on Wall Street

In one of the decade’s most important and complicated legal battles, the United States has charged Goldman Sachs, one of the foremost investment firms in the country, of civil fraud. Related allegations involve the actions that generated the recession that has adversely affected so many Americans’ lives.

What Goldman Sachs is accused of sounds like betting on the outcome of a baseball game — but with devastating effects on the U.S. economy. Robert Samuelson’s Newsweek article, “Goldman Sachs: Questionable Profit Motive,” summarizes the allegations well, when he writes, “In early 2007, at the request of a hedge fund run by John Paulson — not related to the former Treasury secretary — Goldman created a synthetic CDO (collateralized debt obligation), Abacus 2007-AC1. By its nature, this was not an investment security; it was an instrument for betting on the housing market. The synthetic CDO’s value was tied to a series of mortgage bonds. If the mortgage bonds declined, one set of investors (the “shorts”) would win; if the mortgage bonds strengthened, another set (the “longs”) would win.

Samuelson writes that the United States alleges that Goldman Sachs committed fraud when it failed to disclose “to ACA [an entity in which Goldman Sachs invested] that such information was material and that Goldman Sachs should have disclosed it.”

One of the key issues is whether Goldman Sachs and its employees misrepresented material facts to buyers of the synthetic CDO. If Goldman Sachs conspired to mislead buyers of the synthetic CDO, it is a violation of the federal securities laws.

If Goldman Sachs is found guilty of fraud, the Federal Reserve Board, the Securities and Exchange Commission, and state attorneys general are expected to bring additional charges.

A civil lawsuit against Goldman Sachs could set a precedent for legal action against other Wall Street firms. The Securities and Exchange Commission could use the Goldman Sachs case to demonstrate that its enforcement powers are not limited to traditional fraud cases.

The proper role of government in the business sector has been a contentious subject since the early 1900s, with the rise of the progressive movement. The debate has continued 100 years, sometimes diluting or enhancing public opinion, but never ceasing.

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The projects are creating and supporting jobs for Americans who are building oyster reefs, restoring coral reefs and wetlands, taking down obsolete dams to restore fish passage and removing abandoned fishing gear that harms fish and mammals in our coastal waters.

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Recovery Act projects that restore habitat make other long-term investments in a community’s environmental and economic well-being. An oyster reef being built off the coast of Grand Isle, La., will serve as a natural breakwater to protect wetlands that buffer the effects of storms, sea-level rise and climate change. Dams removed to open fish passage on both the east and west coasts will provide better protection from floods because they remove barriers that can cause flood waters to pile up and threaten communities. Salmon, migratory birds and turtles are among a wide variety of threatened and endangered species that will be better off because of restoration work.

Americans and their families will also be better off. Restored salt marshes, river bays and lakes increase opportunities for the public to enjoy walking, hiking, canoeing, fishing, bird watching and spending time with families.

This Earth Day, I encourage all Americans to go outdoors to see the habitat restoration taking place in your community. Habitat restoration is helping us recover our environment, recover our economy and recover our important connection to the Earth.

Thank you SLO government for keeping regulations tight and having conflicts of interest at mind over small business. Goldenberg is just trying to make a living, and in the process provide a service that is much needed in this college community. I have seen Jerry Lenthal bumper stickers (Republican Sheriff candidate) on several of his cars and can’t help but think political affiliation may have something to do with this issue.

— Eric
In response to “Businessmen, students harmed by government’s far reach”

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listed as day-to-day. Freshman out­fielder Mitch Hunger, who leads the team in batting average (.337), is suf­fering from lower back spasms that doctors are having difficulty diag­nosing. Senior catcher Ross Bryton, who has been a valuable offensive asset, is out with soft tissue damage around the knee.

"I know it's killing Mitch (not to be so)... You definitely see it in his eyes," Crocker said.

Fischback, Matt Leonard and Frankie Reed all underwent major shoulder surgery within the past four years. Lee doesn't attribute it to over­pitching.

"We don't over-pitch our guys," he said. "We are very cautious about pitch totals and about having enough rest between outings."

Lee is worried about injuries to his staff because it lacks depth.

"We don't over-pitch our guys," said Lee. "You're not getting into that zone where you start thinking about what if... You are the team of the moment and you go to each game with the players available and don't think what could've been."

Cal Poly is coming off another series loss to Cal State Northridge. The Mustangs were able to salvage one win in the series finale after a solid performance from pitcher Eugene Wright (1-2). Cal Poly had little trouble producing runs but couldn't close out the first two games of the series, 10-9 and 12-8 respectively.

First pitch is slated for 7 p.m. Friday in Fullerton.

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If his plan had gone the way he envisioned, Baalke would have walked away from football long ago. In fact, he quit the game once. He gave up his job as a college assistant to become a high school administrator in the late 1990s. Baalke became the athletic director at Stanley High, a small but mighty sports power­house in Fargo, N.D.

Leo Ringey, who helped hire him, recalled that Baalke's predecessor was still too much of a coach at heart to spend any time in an office. Baalke, in contrast, could push paper as if it were a tackling sled.

"I came in and got the coaches coordinated, did a nice job with the budget, upgraded the weight room, improved the training and medical facilities and was very organized," Ringey said.

Baalke had a wife, Beth, and two young daughters. He was content. But a funny thing happened on the way to settling down. Baalke had been a liaison to pro scouts at South Dakota State, and a New York Jets representative liked his eye for talent so much that he recommended Baalke for a job.

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It was during his South Dakota
stop that Baalke impressed NFL scouts with his player evaluations. Notably, he scouted class of '93 quarterback Trent Dilfer for a job. Scott McClaughan was that scout, and upon becoming general manager he hired Baalke as the 49ers' Western region scout.

"That's really when Scot and my friendship started," Baalke said, look­ing back to the Timmernan recom­mendation. "This business is all about relationships."

Target: The playoffs

The 49ers don't have a 20-game losing streak, as Benidri did, but they'll be counting on Baalke to bring a skid to an end. The 49ers haven't had a winning season or a playoff ap­pearance since 2002.

Who's the heck is Trent Baalke? With his reputation as a pick-o'-the-litter, 49ers are about to get their answer.

"We're not going to sit back and let Trent figure this out. We'll put him in and see if he can play the pickers," Baalke said. "We're going to get the players we have targeted, I promise you that."

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Baseball travels to Cal State Fullerton this weekend

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Historically, Cal Poly baseball has it sights on regional competition and a conference championship as it heads into May. This year, the Mustangs only have one thing left to play for — pride. "It's a play for pride kinda thing now," outfielder Bobby Crocker said. "We'll never accept losing, but we get to stop worrying (about our record) — it's just a matter of winning."

Fellow sophomore Elliot Stewart, who saw last year's team climb to a 37-21 record en route to its first Big West tournament berth, echoed his teammate's thoughts. "That's what we just talked about as a team — playing for pride," he said. "Even if we are not going to make the regionals, we might as well break someone else's heart. We might as well knock Fullerton out."

Some arms and shoulder strains will compound Cal Poly's "heart breaking." The injury bug couldn't bite at a worse time. Heading into possibly the toughest conference stretch of the season (Cal State Fullerton, Long Beach State and UC Irvine), the Mustangs (10-23, 3-6 Big West) learned they would be without the services of two key starting pitchers for the remainder of the year. Undoubtedly, the team will feel the impact. The staff has a conference-worst 6.50 ERA.

"It's difficult, especially when you lose your higher-end players; a lot of times there's a drop-off in whoever is next in line," head coach Larry Lee said. "When we have someone get an injury, it's very noticeable. We're not able to withstand injuries because most years we don't have that depth."

Arguably the staff's ace, sophomore Mason Radeke, led the pitching staff with a 2.96 ERA, with three wins in four starts and 23 strikeouts. Radeke is sidelined due to a seemingly benign injury — an elbow strain. Lee said there was a chance he could pitch toward the end of the season, but it's not worth it. Radeke pitched more than 110 pitches in two games (101, 126).

"It's a tough season to push (this return) when we're not getting as many wins as we should," Crocker said.

The Mustangs will also be without junior righty Steven Fischback for the second straight year. He is still about a year removed from labrum surgery, which repairs torn cartilage in the shoulder and takes about a year to recover from, Lee said. Sometimes injuries are caused by an increased number of pitches thrown or mechanical flaws, Lee added. He couldn't put his finger on Fischback's "out-of-the-blue" injury.

"Coming in, I never saw Fisch play. I heard he was dominant," Stewart said. "We had high hopes for him; we could use him right now — we need a dominant pitcher right now."

How badly do they need a dominant pitcher? In 19 of their 33 games, the Mustangs have been trailing after six innings. They have won two of those.

Cal Poly has two position players

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Brittany Blalock named Athlete of the Week

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Cal Poly women's tennis player Brittany Blalock was named Big West Conference Athlete of the Week for the second time this season on Wednesday afternoon after prevailing during both of her singles matches and a pair of doubles victories last weekend.

During Cal Poly's 4-3 loss at then-No. 39 Saint Mary's on April 16, Blalock partnered with Senior Matzenauer at the No. 1 position to edge Claire Soper and Alex Pootta. Blalock then returned at the No. 2 singles position to sweep Catherine Lep.

Blalock, Cal Poly's career leader for singles victories, returned the following morning to help the Mustangs close both the home and Big West portions of their spring schedule with a 7-0 win against UC Riverside. Blalock and Matzenauer opened Cal Poly's doubles effort with a win against Angelique Corpuz and Roxanne Plata. The victory helped Cal Poly clinch the doubles point for the first time in 20 spring matches, an 80 percent win rate unexcelled among Big West programs.

In singles play against the Highlanders, Blalock closed her collegiate tenure on Mustang Courts with a triumph at the No. 1 position versus Nadia Sakakuro.

The four victories allowed Blalock to improve to 14-5 this spring in singles play and 17-2 in doubles action. Wednesday's accolade was the fifth career honor for Blalock and third by a Mustang this season, following Matzenauer's Feb. 24 honor.

No. 61 Cal Poly (14-6) concludes its regular season schedule at Fresno State on Saturday, April 24 at 12 noon. Up nine positions from last week, Blalock and Matzenauer will enter the match ranked No. 32 among Division I doubles pairings.

Despite finishing with a 6-2 mark in Big West duals and a three-way tie for second place in the conference standings, Cal Poly held none of the seeding tiebreaker advantages for the Big West Championships. Seeded fourth, the Mustangs will open the tournament against No. 5 Cal State Northridge on Friday.

Baalke will supervise 49ers' NFL draft

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SAN JOSE MERIDIAN NEWS

About this time a year ago, Trent Baalke and Scott McLaughlin had a daily ritual. They would meet for morning walks to rack up some miles and kick around 49ers draft scenarios.

It was on such a stroll that Baalke and McLaughlin deduced a week ahead of time, that receiver Michael Crabtree would still be on the board at No. 10 and that they should be ready to pounce. And this year? "It's a lottery walk," Baalke joked. "With McLaughlin out as the 49ers general manager, Baalke will call the draft-day shots. He was quick to note that he's not really lonely: Coach Mike Singletary accompanied him on recent scouting missions, and the 49ers' pre-draft meetings solicited the input of everyone from the team's top brass to the assistant coaches.

But in the end, Baalke walks alone. "Trent is the point person," team president Jed York said. "It is his decision."

Baalke debuts with two picks, Nos. 13 and 17, when the first round begins Thursday. There is less of speculation about who the heck Trent Baalke will take. But first, there's another question. Who's the heck is Trent Baalke?

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