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Elections commence for ASI president, board

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For the past week, the Cal Poly campus has been caught up in the Associated Students' inc presidential candidate controversy regarding Sarah Storelli and Alex Kaplan. Students now have the opportunity to choose the next president and ASI Board of Directors as voting commenced yesterday morning.

Students can vote for the president position along with the ASI Board of Directors candidates from their respective colleges via the My Cal Poly Portal. As of 4-46 p.m. Wednesday, 1,976 people, 11.7 percent of the student population, had voted; an hour later, the count had increased to 2,100, according to ASI Elections Chair Kelesey Rice. Since Kaplan dropped out of the race, Storelli is the only presidential candidate on the ballot. Storelli said she received great feedback from students in the plaza and spoke with many people who were afraid to vote. She said she was not nervous about the election results.

"It's more exciting than anything for me since I've been planning this since my freshman year," Storelli said.

She said she wanted to have people come out and show support for ASI and their university. "I would encourage those who feel strongly enough about one side or the other to vote and voice their opinion and help make a difference on campus," Storelli said.

Rice said polling stations at the library and the University Union (UU) allow people to vote without leaving campus. There will also be polling stations today located in the UU and the library again, along with a third on Dexter Lawn. The stations will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"We had a lot of mad traffic at the library because a lot of students didn't know voting was going on," Rice said. "Some bad a lot of questions about what the voting process looked like, so it was nice to clarify those issues."

She said many students have asked about there being only one presidential candidate and how much one vote really counts. Rice said students can write in another candidate or skip the presidential portion.

Bike Month begins in SLO

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May is National Bike Month, and San Luis Obispo County is along for the ride. Organized by San Luis Obispo Regional Ridershare, this year's Bike Month is themed Life in the Bike Lane and offers more than 60 free events. The month-long awareness event encourages people to bike instead of drive, said Katie Green, a San Luis Obispo Regional Ridershare program coordinator.

"It's a celebration of all things bicycle," she said. "All of SLO County is encouraged to participate: students, families, community members, anyone on a bike on any road!"

Organizers worked hard this year to incorporate the entire county.

"We want to remove barriers of participation by making it an all encompassing event that allows everyone to join in on the fun," Green said.

San Luis Obispo County Bike Coalition is part of the planning committee.

"We want the valley parking at community events to encourage new people to get on their bikes and realize how fun and efficient it is to get around on a bike," said coalition executive director Alex Rice.

The coalition will continue to offer free valet parking at all of the Sun Lakes Obispo Farmark's Markets and will run Bike Kitchen events to teach people how to repair and maintain their own bikes, Rice said.

Other events include Bike Breakfasts where bicyclists can get free food and beverages. Those near campus can "fuel up" May 11 and 13 at the corner of Foothill and California Roads.

On campus, Bike Fest will be held at the Vey Campus Market from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on May 13. Participating bikers will receive T-shirts, blinking lights, bike pumps and bags. The Cal Poly Wheelmen will also be there fixing bikes.

Cal Poly's faculty and staff are competing in the Commuter Bike Challenge. Entries from the industrial technology and mechanical engineering departments and Ridershare are competing to get people to ride a bike to work at least once during May. The organization with the highest percentage of participating teams will receive a trophy.

Interested participants or teams can sign up anytime during Bike Month. A full calendar of events and locations is available at www.rideshare.org.

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Harder to come by in the U.S. because of the recession, others are deciding not to come in the first place, slowing an unprecedented flood of immigrants that's lasted more than a decade. U.S. employers, meanwhile, are hiring fewer undocumented immigrants because they have a bigger pool of unemployed legal workers to choose from and because they fear tighter immigration laws, immigrants and experts say.

"When you start taking away the force by cracking down on illegal immigration, it scares the bejesus out of employers," said Mark Reed, a former immigration official who once oversaw such measures. "Their mentalities change."

The estimated 12 million undocumented immigrants in the country changes." He estimated the number of undocumented immigrants in the United States at 11.7 percent of the population have increased to 49 percent. "They now fill about 5 percent of American jobs.

However, the dramatic year-after-year increases in the population have stalled. The Pew Hispanic Center, which regularly estimates the number of undocumented immigrants in the U.S., recently predicted the number of immigrants in the United States at 17.7 million.

For the past two decades, North Carolina had one of the fastest-growing illegal immigrant populations in the country. But experts now say the increase has stopped and may have even started to reverse in part because of immigration enforcement efforts like APIS.
Regardless, a presidential candidate requires 51 percent of the vote turnout in order to be elected. Currently there are no official write-in candidates because they still need to fill out the presidential packet and pay the application fee.

Rice said the recent buzz surrounding the candidates has created an interesting time for Cal Poly.

"The campus climate is really conducive to making change because they still need to pay the application fee. Filling out the presidential packet and candidates is that people were really contending with the presidential part of what was cool about the turnout in order to be elected." Rice said she is excited about the voting period and wants students to grasp the excitement generated from last week and remember the importance of voting. She said another issue is students do not know they can vote for ASI Board of Directors as well. She also said many students do not know what the board does or who the candidates are.

History junior Chelsea Gan said she doesn't know much about what ASI officials actually do. She said she has not voted in the past two years but is more encouraged to vote this year because some of her friends are running for board positions.

"I have always meant to vote in the past but have never gotten around to it," Gan said. "I am excited to vote and for what the new candidates have to offer." Students have until 7 p.m. Thursday to vote. The election winners will be announced in the Union Plaza at 7:30 p.m.

Immigration

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U.S. concluded in its most recent report last April that the growth in their population began slowing in 2006, a full year before the recession hit. Roughly 300,000 fewer immigrants came to the country each year between 2005 and 2008, an almost 49 percent drop annually, according to the center. As the recession deepened in 2009 and into 2010, the numbers likely continued to decline, said Jeff Passel, a senior demographer with the center.

Some immigrants say their decision to leave or stay away is much more subtle than fear of detection or the lack of jobs. They feel a broader disillusionment with a country that was once more welcoming — or at least grudgingly tolerant — during good times, but has abandoned them as the economy soured.

"We've sold this idea of the 'American Dream,' " said Gustavo, a 46-year-old undocumented construction worker. "But when we arrive, we realize it doesn't exist.

The shift comes at a time when the Obama administration is trying to demonstrate that it's tough on illegal immigration while reassuring the president's political base that he'll eventually pursue a comprehensive immigration overhaul.

Further polarizing the issue, state and local lawmakers have stepped in. In 2009, states enacted 222 immigration laws, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. In the latest anti-immigration effort, Arizona Republican Gov. Jan Brewer signed a law April 23 requiring police to demand documentation of anyone they suspect might be an illegal immigrant — a measure that critics say encourages racial profiling. President Barack Obama, meanwhile, has criticized the law and ordered the Justice Department to review it.

Mark Krikorian, executive director of the Center for Immigration Studies, a pro-immigration enforcement policy organization, said the immigration slowdown proves that the crackdowns work and should continue.

"Right now, it's a system where the worker pretends to have real immigration documents and the employer pretends to believe them," Krikorian said. However, Tamar Jacoby, president of ImmigrationWorks USA, an employer-lobbying group, said one trend contributing to illegal immigration hasn't changed. Americans are much more educated than they were 50 years ago and are much less willing to do unskilled physical work.

Economic prosperity, she asserts, is fueled by the flow of 'lawbreakers who are willing to fill those jobs.

"When the economy booms again, and when people start to go out to eat, and travel, and build houses, we're going to need an immigrant work force," Jacoby said.

It's not just the economy. Immigration enforcement has had a chilling effect on hiring.

Under federal law, employers are only required to ask for proof of immigration status, not verify that the IDs are real. However, they will be fined or even prosecuted if the federal government can prove they're "knowingly" hired undocumented workers.

For years, the federal government did little to go after the employers who did. Then the Department of Homeland Security stepped up work site raids after President George W. Bush failed to get immigration overhaul legislation through Congress and angered his conservative base.

While the Obama administration has scaled back those raids, it has stepped up scrutiny of companies' immigration paperwork.

The number of employers fined for knowingly hiring illegal immigrants has risen dramatically as well. In 2006, no employer was fined. In 2008, ICE fined 18 employers; in the first five months of this fiscal year, ICE has fined 63 employers or issued almost $5.9 million in fines.

James Sporo, a deputy assistant director for ICE, said agents are focusing on employers rather than the illegal workers.
A great white shark swims with a school of fish in Isla Guadalupe, Mexico. This was estimated at 11-12 feet (3.3 to 3.6 m) in length.

Surfers, you're constantly scanning the water. "When you see something that looks like a fin, you're constantly scanning the waves," said Kevin Dean, a Cal Poly alum­

surfer, you're constantly scanning the waves isn't a new phenomenon. George Burgess, director of the Florida Program for Shark Research at the Florida Museum of Natural History said living in a caveman world, watching out for predators ... the only place you really see that (now) is if you're a surfer on the Central Coast of California," Burgess said.

The primary attackers of humans include great whites, tiger sharks and bull sharks, all of which are large in size and go after large prey items. These are mostly in­

cluded in "bump and bite" attacks, as Burgess describes in the International Shark Attack File. Smaller species of sharks are more likely responsible for the "hit and run" type of attacks. Surfers attest to accounts of these attacks on the Central Coast.

Just last weekend, a surfer at Shell Beach motioned he was bumped by something in the wa­

ter. "I heard an 'Oh, shit' and saw a kid scrambling to get back on his board with a scared look on his face," said Judd Andolina, a surf­
er visiting the area for the week­
end. "The guy said something just bumped him."

Andolina said the friend he saw surfing with spotted the shark a few minutes earlier and identified it as a five-foot-long leopard shark.

"They are smart guys when it comes to the ocean," he said.

In February on the island of Oahu, Hawaii, leading white shark researchers gathered for an Inter­
national White Shark Symposium to discuss conservation policies and modern threats. Listed as a threatened species in the Pacific, great whites have been on the protected species list in California since 1992. Douglas Long, chief curator of natural sci­
ces at the Oakland Museum said researchers have a tentative count of white sharks in the northeastern Pacific through long-term track­
ing.

"Over the years, (they) count the number of individuals ... how many are new and how many (they) keep seeing," Long said. This comes to an estimated 200 to 300 white sharks at any given time. Researchers at the Marine Conservation Science Institute have also used satellite tagging studies that help inform about swimming de­
paths, migratory patterns and temperature chang­
es. They've found that sharks are traveling much longer distances than originally predicted, many to the middle of the Pacific.

"Those same sharks go to Baja and Hawaii," Long said about sharks in the northeastern Pacific.

Since sharks (great whites specifically) move further north in fall, research also indicates that when ocean water heats up the shark populations can rise.

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"An El Niño year or a warm summer can increase numbers because more sharks move up north," he said.

This is mainly because their prey (elephant seals, harbor seals and smaller sharks) head north.

Greg Weisberg, chief harbor patrol officer for the Port San Luis Harbor District, said they get reports of anywhere from two to four sightings each year. This includes filling a two-page questionnaire that the harbor patrol decides as being credible or not. It includes questions like how they swim, the shapes of the fin, the color and how far away the person was from the shark.

"Most are non-credible as far as a white shark," Weisberg said.

He explained that lifeguards will often get people asking about sharks and if there are any in the water. If a credible sighting or an attack does occur, the harbor patrol will post warning signs for three days as more of an educational period than an indication of time before it's safe again.

"(The postings are) to educate the public that it's a wild and dangerous environment and that there's sharks out there," Weisberg said. "It really doesn't have to do with whether the water is safe or not. The shark could leave and come back." Weisberg also said it's pretty common to see sea lion and seal carcasses washed up on the beach with obvious attack wounds, one of which came up on the dock last summer, hosting a "pretty big bite" according to Weisberg.

"We see about three to five every fall," Weisberg said.

He did point out that a sea lion can get bitten by a shark and travel hundreds of miles, often surviving the attack, citing a biologist at the California Department of Fish and Game.

In his 18 years of working for the Port San Luis District, Weisberg said he has never seen a great white, but has witnessed a few thresher sharks.

"I'm a pretty avid surfer and ocean swimmer ... If I knew there was a big white shark I would get out of the water," Weisberg said.

Kevin Dean spotted what he thinks was a white shark in November just before Thanksgiving Day. He was surfing at Montario de Oro to the right of Spooner's Cove on an outer reef break about 100 yards out. He said he saw a shark fin as he was coming up a wave about 40 feet beyond his friend. Dean said he knew it wasn't a dolphin due to the shape of the fin.

"When you see a dolphin fin you know, and I've never seen a shark before," Dean said.

The two waited for the next wave and rode in. Dean explained it.

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"Kennedy Chinnou, biomedical engineering freshman."

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Containment dome arrives at oil well site, but weather lull may end

Geoff Pender, Jim Wyss and Jennifer Lebowski

SAN LUIS OBISPO — Earle overseas- warned Wednesday that shifting winds could drive a massive oil spill across islands off the Louisiana coast as early as Friday even as British Petroleum officials an- nounced they had succeeded in shut- ting off one of three leaks spewing crude into the Gulf of Mexico.

Coast Guard officials said they had taken full advantage of the weather's lull to set fire to some of the drifting oil, and BP officials said they would begin Thursday wrestling a 125-ton dome into place they think is the best hope of stopping the oil's hemorrhage from the larger of the two remaining leaks. The push and pull of good and bad news kept emergency managers from Texas to Florida working madly to head off the worst effects of the un- folding environmental disaster trig- gered by the April 20 explosion of the Deepwater Horizon oil rig and its sink­ ing two days later. Eleven oil workers were killed.

The oil hasn't yet hit shore, but winds that had died down Wednesday were expected to pick up on Thursday, and currents were expected to push the oil slick to the west near islands in Louisiana. Weather models suggest the bulk of the oil won't make landfall be­ fore weeks end, officials said.

'If there is impact, it's not going to be in the form of one giant oil slick — it's going to be in the form of residual from the spill,' said Capt. Tim Clocq, the commander of U.S. Coast Guard Sector New Orleans. "Lobally, where it's referred to as 'parties,' a darker, thicker, gooier sticky mess, but not one great shear." BP had used remote operated ve­ hicles to install a valve late Tuesday on one of the smaller leaks at the end of a broken drill pipe, allowing them to shut off the oil there.

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Fishing closures are limiting seafood producers and will cause shortages for restaurant owners nationwide; prices of oysters and crab already rising, shrimp expected to follow.

Fishing closures are expected to last for at least four days or until the oil is gone, said Capt. Tim Clocq, the commander of U.S. Coast Guard Sector New Orleans.

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want the same feeling he thought
he would feel after spotting a shark.
"I thought I'd be fearing him and
start hyperventilating," Dean said.
"It was more of a feeling of disbelief.
There's no way, it can't be."
Despite the shark encounter,
Dean went back to check the surf
at Spooners the very next day.
"If the shark had wanted to eat
us, he could have," Dean said.
At the same spot Dean was surf-
ing, 30 years earlier, Ilegan Carhi-
mir Puluaki was bumped and had a
bit taken out of his paddlerboard
by a great white. In the same year,
1982, John Buchanan, 17 at the
time, had a similar attack at 'The Rock' in Momo Bay.
A few ways to reduce the risk of
a shark encounter, posed by Burgess
on the International Shark Attack
File, include: avoiding entering the
water if it's dark because sharks have
a "competitive sensory advantage," you're bleeding or menstru-
at ing and if you're wearing jewelry
because reflected light can resemble
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San Francisco (MCT) —
U.S. Federal Communications
Commission Chairman Julius
Gorsuchowski has agreed to try to
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cality, a cause FCC official said
Wednesday.
The commission will now seek
to regulate Internet lines by ac-
coming rules originally written for
 traditional phone networks, in
 order to prevent service providers
from hindering traffic, and block-
ing access to certain Web sites.
Gorsuchowski is expected to
 make a related announcement
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International
CANADA (MCT) — A 63-
year-old Canadian man, arrested
in England in 2008 after a global
manhunt, admitted to federal court
in Newark, N.J., Wednesday that
he ran a brothel out of his home in
Bedford that catered to pedo-
thelial tourism, including a man from
Hogan City, Ill.
John Wendall told U.S. Dis-
 trict Judge Dennis M. Gorman
that he provided boys under the age
of 12 and in young as it for sex to an
international clientele of men that
included at least three U.S. citizens.

RUSIA (MCT) — A Russian
broker was selling around the 50-
trapped crew of a Russian-owned
 oil tanker beached Wednesday by
 a viral parasite as the vessel beached
 into the Indian Ocean with a cargo
reportedly valued at more than $50
 million, according to a European
 official quoted Tuesday.
The MV Moscow University
Purchase had left Sudan and was bound
for the Open Ocean when pirates saved
the 100-ton vessel about 350 miles
 off the Somali island of Socotra.
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Obama plans to land man on an asteroid by 2025

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WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama's grand plans for NASA appear in big trouble.

Three weeks after Obama told an audience at Kennedy Space Center that he wants to land astronauts on an asteroid by 2025, Congress remains unconvinced, largely because Obama's proposal also puts commercial rocket companies in charge of getting astronauts to the International Space Station after the space shuttle is retired this year.

Few Democrats have publicly endorsed the entire plan, while opponents such as Alabama Republican Sen. Richard Shelby, who looks after the interests of NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, continue to blast the proposal as "unrealistic" and "destructive."

NASA itself also appears to be hedging its bets that the president's vision might not pass muster with Congress. NASA officials and contractors, under direction from Johnson Space Center and NASA Administrator Charlie Bolden, are pressing ahead with plans for test flights of a multibilion-dollar Ares I rocket that Obama wants to cancel.

Meanwhile, both space-access companies are trying to sell members of Congress on a new $8 billion rocket that could be fashioned from pieces of the space shuttle, which is supposed to be retired later this year. Last week, a group of contractors led by aerospace giant Boeing Co. met Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla., to push the new rocket idea.

Nelson previously has backed more Ares test flights. Although there is little unity in Congress on what to do next, some experts agree it could stall — or even derail — White House efforts to retire the shuttle and to cancel NASA's long-standing plans to return astronauts to the moon.

"Purgatory is exactly the right word," said John Logdon, a space expert at George Washington University. "The only thing is... that purgatory was a waiting period with a guaranteed outcome. The people in purgatory were going to go to heaven," said Logdon, who noted the Obama space plan does not come with a similar guarantee.

At this point, the new NASA policy has stalled in Congress and could remain so until the end of the year, according to Capitol Hill aides and industry sources. In the meantime, lawmakers and NASA officials are busy studying alternatives.

Democratic U.S. Rep. Suzanne Kosmas, whose Florida district includes KSC, wants NASA to "slow the flight rate of the remaining (three) space shuttle missions" and add at least one more so-shuttle could fly through 2012, according to a recent letter she sent to media. Although described as "a great champion" by Obama when he visited the center, Kosmas still isn't satisfied with his plan.

"Key is what to do with Constellation, a spacecraft program that has consumed more than $9 billion in federal funds during the past five years. When first conceived, NASA had planned on using its Ares rockets and Orion capsule to return astronauts to the moon by 2020. But financial and technical woes have made that goal impossible, and Obama wants to cancel everything in Constellation but the crew Orion capsule so that NASA could focus on new technology that could enable a future asteroid mission."

Several lawmakers, however, are pushing to save the Ares rocket, and a top NASA official recently drew up plans to continue all of Constellation in case Congress does not approve the Obama policy. Shelby has helped lead the charge, as his state was tasked with 400,000 workers once the shuttle complex's final three missions have been flown.

"Each of the big players involved in the shuttle complex is going to be looking for job security," said a top NASA official recently drew up plans to continue all of Constellation.
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45er's Dream Steam

(All Grain):
- 9.75# American 2 Row (5 oz extract brewers this equates to 6.8 lbs of liquid malt extract or 5.7#s of dry malt extract)
- 1.50# Caramel Malt 40l
- 9.00# Cara-Pils Malt
- 9.00# Biscuit Malt

Hops:
- 1.00# Northern Brewer (60min)
- 0.50# Northern Brewer (20min)
- 0.50# Northern Brewer (1min)

Other:
- Whirlfloc Clarifier (20min)
- Wyeast 2112 California Lager Yeast

Brewing Instructions:
Heat water and Mash Grains at 154°F. Bring water to rolling boil and add first hops. Bring to 60 minutes adding hops according to times. Recipe is designed for 6-gallon batch at 70°F. Brewing efficiency. Original gravity should be 1.050 and final should be 1.012.

Dear beer drinkers, brewers and appreciators of fine beer, during the mid-1800s, after a long day's work panning for gold, I might have asked if you were interested to "grab a steam" at the local bar. If you had accepted, we would have indulged in a West Coast classic, California Common Beer, as mentioned in last week's column. Perhaps it is an unfortunate name for a style that most of you have likely enjoyed on more than one occasion. The style is known more commonly (no pun intended) as "steam beer" and is defined by the crisp golden beer produced by San Francisco's Anchor Brewery.

There is still debate as to exactly where the slang term first originated, but some theories offer reasonable answers. Due to the early cask-conditioned serving style, a massive amount of naturally occurring pressure was relieved prior to pouring the first glass. The accompanying hissing sound and sight of the relieved vapor resembled steam. In my opinion, a more likely explanation comes from the process of brewing the beer. After boiled, the (unfermented) beer was quickly cooled in long shallow vats on the rooftops of the San Franciscan breweries. This method, which made use of the mild climate, resulted in the production of a tremendous amount of steam billowing high into the sky.

This method of cooling not only may have defined the style's name, but is also significant to the taste, as it was the best method of cooling at the time. Not surprisingly, early in the 19th century German immigrant brewers were highly influential to the industry in California. They brought many of their practices with them as well as their particular strains of brewing yeast. These lager yeast strains, which were traditionally fermented at cold temperatures, were new to do their work in our warm, sunny state. Without any other means of cooling, the rooftops served as a cooling agent, the steam and beer's unique flavor profile was born.

The contemporary style of steam beer is still fermented warm (~60°F) with lager yeast. It is this characteristic that defines it as a hybrid beer, showing characteristics of both an ale and a lager. The color is medium-amber to light copper and is translucent in appearance. In the beer is meant to be well balanced with malt characteristics of caramel, grain, and toastyness. Northern Brewer hops are used almost exclusively in the style and give some lingering bitterness as well as what some describe as a subtle woody or minty flavor to the beer. The beer should be medium-bodied with an off-white, creamy head.

Nearly 30 years ago, Anchor Brewing trademarked the term "steam beer." Fritz Maytag, who is now admitted to be the father of the craft brewing movement, was responsible for this. Maytag's founding idea for revitalizing Anchor brewery was that beer could be brewed using old practices with only fresh and traditional ingredients: malted barley, hops, water, and yeast. Followed by many craft breweries in the near future, this was a massive step away from the few dominating American breweries. These corporate giants brewed (and still brew) with up to 40 percent rice or corn and minute quantities of hops, producing a weak, flavorless beer that you may often refer to as "pus-water," and rightfully so.

If you haven't yet tried the delicious "steam beer" that you now know so much about, go get a pint. Big Sky Cafe consistently supplies it on draught at the low price of $3, so grab a friend and go enjoy.

Until next week, Nick Chiariino
Cal Poly Brew Crew

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Michael Caine a badass in new film ‘Harry Brown’

Director: Daniel Barber
Starring: Michael Caine, Emily Mortimer, Ben Drew, Charlie Creed-Miles, David Bradley

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Harry Brown (2010)

For Harry, knowing that the police have no control over the area, there is only one solution to the problem: revisit his violent past in order to seek out true justice. This is a realization that requires excessive violence and action, requirements that will obviously please anyone watching the story of “Harry Brown” unfold.

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In conjunction with Cal Poly and the city of San Luis Obispo, the Foundation for the Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Center will present Elia Kazan's screen adaptation of John Steinbeck's literary masterpiece, "East of Eden." The fundraising event will capture the old-fashioned movie experience from the 1930s, '40s and '50s. The movie night affords a rare chance to watch a movie released 55 years ago — and on the ball's latest piece of technology, a 40-foot movie screen. Moviegoers can also expect free popcorn, old-style movie candy and Coke in glass bottles while raising money to support the Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Center.

Cory Karpin, the executive director of the foundation, said the ball is the perfect venue in which to show "one of the greatest movies ever made."

"This is really a unique opportunity that you don't get to experience," he said.

Linda Halisky, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, said the event is a chance for the community at large to support the Performing Arts Center, which is a "rich, rich resource for the campus" and will conjure some "food for thought."

"We have a chance to review ('Eden') according to contemporary standards — how does the directing, acting, cinematography etc. hold up? Especially for students interested in new media, film, theatre, literature, this is a wonderful opportunity to explore the possible continuities between the past and present," Halisky said.

Jules Hock, the coordinator of the event and a member on the Board of the Foundation for the Performing Arts Center, said his concepts for the event is based on the assumption that watching movies in modern theaters lacks substance and said he wants to bring the memories of his youth to life for the community he now calls home.

"Movies back in my day were an adventure. I'd go to the movie theater every week," he said.

Despite the thousands of classic films from which to choose, Hock said he chose "Eden" because it was filmed locally in Monterey and Salinas.

"There's an interesting, almost, eerie connection with the Central Coast," he said.

"Eden" is based on the Cain and Abel story from the Bible, was released in 1955 and takes place in the Salinas Valley around the time of World War II. The story details the lives of two brothers — Cal and Aron — who compete for their father's love. The film was nominated for seven academy awards and is the only movie starring James Dean released while he was alive.

American novelist John Steinbeck grew up in Salinas and many of his books are based on personal experiences. He won the Pulitzer Prize in 1940 for "The Grapes of Wrath," a story about a family's attempt to make a new life in the West during the Great Depression.

Hock said "Eden" is the "greatest written piece in modern history," and he wants people to know how valuable Steinbeck is to world culture.

"He is just as important as Shakespeare, they're both wonderful writers," Hock said.

The movie starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are $25 for adults, and rush tickets — an hour before showtime — are $10 for students.

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Art and design seniors showcase work at Linnaea's Café

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Graduating art and design seniors Julia Reid, Karolin Ivarsson and Lana Dow will put on their senior art show at Linnaea's Café Friday evening.

The show, entitled "Spaces in Question," ties both physical and psychological spaces with human interaction. The event is held in association with Art Mix Dark, an El Monte-based group that showcases emerging art every month.

Although the art and design departments can no longer fund senior projects for the studio art concentration, the women decided to do one anyway. In doing so, they happily dodged the endless paper accompanying the project. Lana Dow said she feels they're not missing out too much.

"That's sort of what ended up this year — we were like, 'Well, we don't have to write a paper!' And nothing really changed for us," Dow said.

Because they didn't find out about the program until after they had taken preparatory senior project courses, the women were still ready to put on a show. Reid said they had to show something for themselves as artists.

"Since our senior project got cut due to the budgets, we decided we still wanted to do a show because it's kind of important for art. I mean, what else do we have to show other than our body of work? So we decided to try to make it happen," she said.

After planning their would-be senior project back in the spring and later starting their bodies of work in the fall, Reid contacted Marianne Orme, the owner of Linnaea's. In September to apply and interview for a slot in the café's monthly art showcase. Orme said she was excited to give the women opportunities for their first show.

"Julia came in and spoke with me about doing a senior show here, which we've done before in the past. And these girls really wanted it," Orme said. "I feel like our café is the place where somebody can have an introduction to showing their art."

Yet, after securing the May spot, the women still had to invent a theme that tied all of their collections together. Dow said they had trouble coming up with a cohesive idea.

"Spaces in Question came after a long series of trying to figure out where our work had in common besides the fact that they're paintings. So I guess we realized that all of our paintings had spaces in them, whether it was actual physical space or psychological space," Dow said.

The showcase includes multiple bodies of work that tied all of their collections together. Dow said that the women had different styles, their collection still has consistency.

"Karolin's work has beautiful colors but is very subtle. Where Julia is a little more dramatic — she's got subtle and she's got muted, where Lana's work is a little holder and a little brighter, but not enough to clash," Orme said.

Although the women have been painting on their own, they have critiqued each other over the year. Reid said the constructive help has been a strong driving force.

"I think what really helps with the process is us working in the same studio together. Because we're constantly giving each other feedback as to what is successful in our paintings: what and what is not," Reid said.

The women have also found support within the department. Associate professor Daniel Dove, who has worked with them for three years, has also been a mentor in their senior show preparation. Dove said this first public showing is a vital step in the artists' career path.

"In a positive sense, the pressure of the show makes one anticipate and also feel anxious that can be very motivating. It's also very important to have the actual experience of showing in public in using it to get a sense of what the entire cycle of making art — the entire loop of it — means," Dove said.

The group has already experienced a taste of the excitement — the women hung the show themselves on Sunday evening. Reid said she felt a degree of anxiety when putting up her pieces.

"It felt really vulnerable for me to put something that's so personal out there for everybody to see. But now that it's done, it feels really good," Reid said.

However, in the few days the paintings have been on display, Orme said they've already received positive reviews.

"Everybody loves it so far," Orme said. "People just really stop and look at it. It's only been up two days and there's already somebody asking about purchasing one of the pieces."

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Regulation is necessary to prevent oil spills in the future

The British Petroleum (BP) oil spill on April 20 reignited the decades-old controversy over offshore drilling — controversy that was brought home last month by President Obama’s proposal to open up offshore drilling in the Gulf Coast and off the shores of Alaska.

It is rather ironic that within a month after offshore drilling was proposed by the White House as a solution to our dependence on foreign oil, one of environmentalists’ fears, oil spills, should be realized. There are few novelists who could get away with such irony in a serious work of fiction.

The first major oil spill to spur action on the part of environmentalists was in 1969 off the coast of Santa Barbara. The oil spill released 200,000 gallons of oil in 11 days, ruining 35 miles of coastline. According to a report on the spill made public by University of California, Santa Barbara’s geology department, 3,686 birds were killed as a result of the spill. Even after being treated, they only had a 30% survival rate. Dolphins and seals also washed ashore dead.

The report states that because of this oil spill, Earth Day was created, and many consider this spill to be the “impetus to the environmental movement.” I mention this because the failures that caused the 1969 oil spill are similar those in the recent BP oil spill. I find the similarities between the two spills to be offensive — and hard to believe — given that oil companies are among the most lucrative businesses in the world. It is interesting that BP itself was a major contributor to its own spill.

From financial incentives, to the health care industry and now the oil industry, regulation has been the topic of debate.

When we look at the historical example in the Santa Barbara oil spill and see that today the same problems of a lack of self-regulation and relaxed standards still exist and result in massive oil spills that harm our wildlife and environment, I think it is only logical to propose that the government step in and impose severe regulations on oil companies to prevent environmental disasters.

The reality of our world is that companies act in their own self-interests. Why should they pay extra for a device that would prevent a disaster when they operate under the pretense that everything will work properly — as BP did before April 20? That was their own logic, and it is the kind of negligent, lurching attitude that government must correct by enforcing such regulations to be offensive — and hard to believe — given that oil companies are among the most lucrative businesses in the world. It is interesting that BP itself was a major opponent to the new regulation.

The Wall Street Journal reports that oil industry critics have suggested that the problem with U.S. oil companies is that their standards are simply too lax — much like Union Oil’s standards in 1969. A more serious concern is that the oil companies, control, at least to some extent, the amount of regulation that the government enforces, a very serious allegation. For example, in 1999, Dan McLaughlin, the W.S.J., told the W.S.J., “What we see, going back two decades, is an oil industry that has had too much sway with federal regulations.”

It seems as though the debate over large businesses and government regulation has permeated the discourse in American politics in this decade.

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Why can't I hear any voices?

Will you choose silence instead?

Why you should vote in ASI Elections

Could this be a nightmare? People are choosing not to vote in the Associated Students Inc. Elections because they disagree with "what's going on?" Instead, people are opting to vote on the recent My Cal Poly Portal poll saying they don't plan to vote in the ASI Elections. So wait… people are voting to say they aren't voting? Is it just me, or does "voting to not vote" seem a little backwards?

As we vote for the new ASI President and Board of Directors, I can't help but thank the author of the "Boycott ASI Elections: Several reasons not to vote" piece. I feel now more than ever it is important to share my opinion and a few facts with you. Transparency is important to me as a board member and especially as ASI Elections chair, and I feel that you should know the following facts:

- All members of ASI student government members sit on several university committees that provide the student input and perspective on issues such as registration, campus dining, class scheduling, safety on campus and community relations. Campus-wide committee work is a huge part of the job, and priority registration is given in order to schedule classes around branch meetings, sub-committee meetings and university-wide committee meetings.

The purpose of these committees is to remedy issues on campus. These committees are a "voice of governance" — meaning faculty, staff and students make up the committee and discuss problems with campus issues. That's the democratic process in action.

Another uncommonly known fact is that the ASI Board of Directors is the "official voice of the student body." Their role is to take the "official stance" on issues or campus and can even formally direct the ASI president on any campus. These committees decide "how to get elected as a write-in-candidate.

-Jacob Mowat

In response to "Why You Should Vote in ASI Elections"

Several reasons not to vote.

Just because you don't necessarily agree with what the Cal Poly student-body elected president has done in the past year does not mean the entire institution of ASI needs to be torn down. I completely agree that everyone should have their own opinion as long as it is not filled with ignorant claims and inaccurate accusations. But your facts straight, then I'll let you have your opinion. ASI provides services from child care to sports programs to funding for clubs. Without it, this campus would be seriously disadvantaged.

-Anonymous

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On one hand I try to give someone the benefit of the doubt especially when they are discussing areas I have no experience in…vampires would be one of them. But with titles such as "Psychic Vampire Codes," "Sacred Hurts," "Psychic Dreamwalking," "The Psychic Energy Code," "Vampires in Their Own Words" and "Walking the Vampire Trail, 2: The Development of Hermetics, the Pagan Cults and the Rise of the Vampire" you can't help but ask humans what the right in front of me I would guess there are whites, blacks, Asians, Mexican Americans, people straying from athletic, aerobic, right-left, wing, environmentalists, people who think global warming is a crisis, people who watch porn, people who go to church, etc. But no one on campus is a vampire.

-Brenda

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As a member of student government, I wish that the campus was as active, opinionated and constructive as it was during "elections season." We welcome feedback and the only way we can make improvements is by stepping up and voting. Our college campus is a microcosm of the real world. This is the time to develop patterns of behavior that we will carry with us throughout our lives. How we manage our time, leaders manage and oversee the allocation of your student fees — that's an enormous responsibility. There are policies and guidelines that dictate how club-funding money is approved and allocated.

I am not sharing these facts to glorify ASI, ask for a pat on the back or be ridiculed for mentioning the so-called "perks" of being a part of ASI student government; I am sharing these few facts to help you recognize the power and influence the voice of these student-elected representatives, your voice, carries on campus.

The way we analyze and react to situations, eating and exercise habits are all examples of behavior that we will carry forward throughout our lives. The act of voting is no exception to this list. By choosing to vote, it means you're showing up. You're showing up and doing more than just raising your hand or pointing a finger; you're speaking. Your vote is your voice. Voting in our ASI Elections is an expression of that voice.

There is more power in casting your vote, your voice, than simply choosing to not vote because you disagree with the organization or the people on our campus, and can even formally direct the ASI president on any campus. These committees decide "how to get elected as a write-in-candidate."

-Jacob Mowat

In response to "Why You Should Vote in ASI Elections"

Several reasons not to vote.

David.

Here you are again with your single opinion on ASI. While I expect your opinion, I personally would appreciate it if you would come into the office and discuss these issues with us. Send an email to your Board representatives or ASI President. Come speak at the ASI Board of Directors meeting (Wednesdays at 7... see ya there!)! I have not seen you once around ASI but you seem to have very strong opinions about it.

It's simple: if you don't vote, you have no right to complain. Our office is waiting with open arms, and if you are so passionate about your-anti-ASI rhetoric, there's a chance to get elected as a write-in-candidate.

-Jacob Mowat

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Several reasons not to vote.

While you believe in order or not, there is energy all around you. It is mentioned in several cultures and is known by many different names, such as this: There are people who can manipulate energy. Feel tingles on your skin when someone touches you? A psychic vampire is a person that doesn't have enough internal energy to keep them going. It's like when you've had a full night's sleep and a little later you're completely drained. The psychic vampire can pull external energy in to keep them going.

-Brenda

In response to "Why You Should Vote in ASI Elections"

Several reasons not to vote.

I've had biomeschanical issues with my feet and legs while running in SLO. Running barefoot reduced the terrain protester a while for the body to adapt to and anyone considering it should know that. Also, there is the risk of parasites, etc. picked up through the feet. I'm not saying I worry anymore but it is a risk no matter how big or small it actually is.
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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz  No. 0401

Across
1. Takes little 31. Drive off the top? 36. Save for 6:00 a.m.
2. Short coat, for 34. Music backing of "The Sound" 35. Alley___
5. Main contents of 41. Places small American flags for
6. Clothing court 42. Pals sulky 44. Places small American flags for
7. Like the clues in 46. Mouse 47. Oil like some painted cars
8. Pan the plate? 49. Place small American flags for
10. As a grasshopper 52. A game 53. Place small American flags for
preparates 54. Process 55. Place small American flags for
23. Faith without a 58. Cry
person
30. Cow off the top? 59. Brief blowup, in
31. "Diss" 60. Brief blowup, in
32. Sound 61. Opening China? 62. Example, for
33. "The Sound" 63. For one square
35. Alley___ 64. For a future, maybe: Abbr.
36. Save for 6:00 a.m.
38. General program for a future, maybe: Abbr.
39. Of kind society
41. Places small American flags for
46. Mouse
47. Oil like some painted cars
49. Place small American flags for
50. Tool fencing
51. Does partner for
52. A game
53. Place small American flags for
54. Process
55. Some served veterans there: Abbr.

Down
1. Revival of a 13. Letters for
cause, briefly
2. Cry of partner 14. In a split way
3. Respect of 15. Like the clues in
4. Having a sound 16. Like the clues in
grazing 17. Like the clues in the all worlds in this puzzle
6. Show part of a 18. In a split way
game 19. Like the clues in all worlds in this puzzle
7. With spurs on 20. In a split way
8. Go on to signal 21. In a split way
9. Low on the side 22. In a split way
10. Craft paper 23. In a split way
11. Like the clues in all worlds in this puzzle
12. In lower rank 24. Wafer
13. Letters for 25. Little block in the puzzle
checks
15. In a split way 26. Like the clues in all worlds in this puzzle
16. In a split way 27. Like the clues in all worlds in this puzzle
cooler drink
28. In a split way
29. Like the clues in all worlds in this puzzle
30. Half of a musical 31. Like the clues in all worlds in this puzzle
second
32. City steel in 33. In a split way
Europe
34. Diviners of love 35. In a split way
36. Judges of written works
37. In a split way
40. Part of drain 41. In a split way
(1902 film)
42. In a split way
43. Heaven, not in here 44. In a split way
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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4 5 6 7 8 9
5 6 7 8 9 0
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Baseball to play UC Irvine in nationally-television game

Seniors

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only thank my teammates and my coaches for teaching me those things … I really, honestly thank them for giving me this opportunity to play at Cal Poly," Cary said.

Peta defined this upcoming weekend as "bittersweet."

"It's sweet in the sense that I have accomplished a lot for this program, and I have made a lot of friends and memories," Peta said. "But it is also going to be sad to know that I am not going to be playing between these lines ever again."

Peta recorded a third-best 1.75 ERA in conference play as a freshman. As a sophomore, she allowed the fewest home runs of any Big West pitcher. In her junior year, she earned a 1.49 ERA — second-lowest in the Big West.

"I've had so much fun here," Peta said. "I've learned a lot on and off the field."

As for Kryza, she never received much spotlight. After receiving multiple offers from different campuses across the nation, she decided to walk on at the Cal Poly softball team.

"My dad was trying to get me to go here, I don't want to go here," Kryza said. "But then I came up for a visit before I applied; it was just beautiful — 10 minutes from the beach —  pretty, hilly campus, awesome softball complex and the academic reputation is prestigious as well."

With her decision, she had to continue their momentum into a series against a team that is contending for a No. 1 spot in conference. Fast weekend the Mustangs (13-27, 5-10) will try to continue their momentum into a series against UC Irvine.

"We were conference champions last year — and I can probably speak for (Peta) and Kryza as well — we just want to keep that championship in our hands," Cary said. "Just doing whatever we needed to do to hold unto that trophy — that (is) my goal."

Last weekend, the Mustangs were in a similar spot. Heading into the series, the Mustangs had a one-game lead atop the Big West, but after suffering two losses in their two-game series, Cal Poly coughed up its lead to UC Davis — who swept UC Riverside. A poor memory is the key to bouncing back this weekend.

"We just don't think about it," Cary said. "That series is over with. We know what happened, we just didn't make the adjustments for the first two games, but at this point, the first two games of the series are over and we just have to move on to Davis, play our game."

But postseason scenarios aside, the emotions will still be high this weekend. For the three seniors, it will mark the end of their collegiate careers — maybe the end of their softball careers as a whole.

"After this weekend, the next time I come to a softball game I'll be in the stands," Kryza said. "I just think that as long as we do what we do best, and play Cal Poly softball, it will at least be a good weekend."
As a kid, senior Mustang first baseman Krysten Cary watched Division-I softball teams on television. She watched girls compete in a sport that she loved and promised herself that one day she would walk across a Division-I field, just like them. Years later, after a scholarship offer from Cal Poly, she got her chance.

“When I was younger, I watched teams like UCLA, Texas and Oregon — all those big name teams on TV — and I told myself I wanted to be like that,” Cary said. “When it actually became real, it was almost surreal being in that situation.”

Now, after three years of wearing a green and gold uniform, Cary — along with seniors Sara Kryza and Helen Peña — will play her final series at Bob Janssen Field this weekend in a three-game conference series against UC Davis (22-25, 11-4 Big West).

The emotions will be hard to hold back.

“I’m trying not to think about it,” Kryza said. “I think that every girl who plays softball in high school, their dream is to go to a Division-I school. It was definitely a dream of mine... It’s going to be a really emotionally-powered series — at least for (Peña), (Cary) and I... It’s a big deal.”

Cary came into her career at Cal Poly with no expectations. She had no idea what kind of player she would be molded into, but it didn’t show her freshman year. In her first year playing, she started all 56 games, hitting .282 with five home runs and was honored as a Big West Freshman Co-Field Player of the Year. In her junior season, Cary raised her home run total to 14 and boosted a .592 slugging percentage.

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“Within the last four years, I have learned a lot of qualities to take out into the real world,” Cary said. “I can...”