Student paddles the distance for charity

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Cal Poly psychology senior Aaron Hussmann and California State University, Sonoma environmental studies and planning senior Greg Anthenien kayaked around Lake Tahoe for 24 hours to raise money for CampCare and San Luis Obispo County Special Olympics.

Hussmann previously paddled across the lake both ways and the next challenge was to go around it, he said. This time he was able to combine fundraising and his passion for kayaking.

"I think it's wonderful that he decided to do fundraising while doing something he loves," executive director for CampCare, Carol Moore, said. "Since Aaron has been at camp he's brought kayaks for kayaking.

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Orange County launches investigation of possible voter fraud in small city

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LOS ANGELES — Los Angeles County prosecutors have launched a wide-ranging investigation into allegations of voter fraud and conflicts of interest involving municipal business in Bell, District Attorney Steve Cooley said Tuesday.

In an interview with the Los Angeles Times, Cooley described an investigation considerably larger in scope than previously acknowledged by prosecutors, saying that it was "multi-faceted, rapidly expanding and full-fledged." Investigators have been gathering evidence since March, he said.

Until now, prosecutors had said only that they were looking at the $100,000 annual salaries paid to four of the five Bell City Council members and were seeking to determine if the payments were larger than allowed under state law. The voting fraud claims and allegation of possible conflicts of interest in city business add significant new issues about how government operated in the small working-class city where top city officials were among the nation's highest paid.

Cooley also said investigators were looking at whether council members had received pay for meetings they did not attend or meetings that lasted only a few minutes. Most of the pay that Bell council members received came not from their City Council salaries, but as stipends for serving on the boards of city panels, such as the Public Financing, Surplus Property and Solid Waste and Recycling authorities. City records indicate that those boards performed little work and that meetings would routinely occur during council meetings. In some cases, the board meetings would last no more than a minute, according to the records.

Monday night, board members agreed to cut their pay from all sources by about 90 percent, to about $8,000 a year.

Residents of Bell, California, demanded the resignation of the mayor and three members of the City Council during a protest on Sunday, July 25.

Former Cal Poly vice president dies of cancer

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Former Cal Poly vice president for university advancement and former Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Sandra Gardebring Ogren died after a nine year battle with a rare form of cancer. She died July 20 at the age of 63.

Ogren served in an interim capacity as the university's vice president for university advancement for two years and was given the permanent position in 2006. She retired from Cal Poly last month, where she was responsible for starting and organizing the Cal Poly Foundation, helped in the advocacy program for the Center for Science and Mathematics and worked closely with each college in organizing fundraising for advancement, President Warren Baker said.

"She was a terrific vice president for advancement," Baker said. "She was a very articulate spokesperson for the university and assisted me in many areas that had to deal with public relations, raising private funds or community relations."

Ogren was a very charming, smart and helpful woman that made friends for the university very easily, Baker said. Her depth of knowledge, ability to work well with everyone and positive outlook will make her hard to replace, he said.

"She was an excellent communicator and very engaging. She had..." see Vice President, page 3
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for the campers to paddle around in. A lot of them have mobility issues but we load them into the kayaks and paddle them around.

Hussmann has been on the staff of CampCare for about four years, said Moore.
CampCare lets kids with disabilities ages 6 to 22 spend five days overnight to do activities around the lake, without their parents, Moore said. The camp is more like staying at The Hilton hotel than camping, with tents sleeping in queen size beds.

The money raised by Hussmann and Anthenien will go toward the funding that helps send kids with financial problems to CampCare. Hussmann did most of the organizing for the event himself — it was his first time ever doing a fundraising event, he said. It was an intense experience for him to find out what works in terms of raising money and what doesn't, he said.

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Two Americans found to be among 152 dead in Pakistan plane crash

Saeed Shah

ISLAMABAD — Two Americans were among the 152 passengers and crew members who died Wednesday when an Airbus A321 operated by a private Pakistani carrier crashed amid heavy rain into the hills that surround the capital of Islamabad. It was the worst air crash in Pakistani aviation history.

The Airblue plane was on a flight from Karachi, Pakistan, when it crashed at around 10 a.m. local time. It carried 146 passengers and a crew of six.

The aircraft had made one pass at landing before airport controllers ordered it to abort. It remained unclear why the plane then flew so low and seemingly straight toward the cloud-covered hills. The plane disintegrated near the top of a hill, about an hour landing before airport controllers or the nearest road, making helicopters struggled to help.

Covered Kayani, who had gone on to the hospital. "It is a great tragedy, and I confirm it with pain that there are no survivors," said Ijazuddin Elahi, the chairman of Islamabad's Capital Development Authority, which deals with emergencies in the city.

The U.S. Embassy in Islamabad confirmed the deaths of two Americans, Richard Snelgrove, a spokesman for the embassy, said that no further details would be released until the next of kin were informed.

"What can the hospital do? It can't save anyone," said Suntara Khan, whose 23-year-old son, Ansar, a captain in the army, had been on board the aircraft.

"Life is in God's hands. It is he who gives, and it is he who has taken it away," he added, speaking at the hospital.

Everybody has to go sometime, but if you see the body at least you get some peace," said Muhammad Shafique Bhinder, who had gone at the hospital in place of a co-worker who was too distraught to go.

His colleague, Habsullah Dumki, who works in Islamabad at the Federal Investigation Agency, which probes fraud and other serious crime, lost his wife and three young children on the flight. "He keeps fainting. He's in no condition to come here," Bhinder said.

Among the dead were a newly married couple, en route to the hill resort of Murree outside Islamabad for their honeymoon. Also killed were six members of the "youth parliament," an initiative by a civil society group to train youngsters to be politicians, including the "youth prime minister." They were all in their late teens or early 20s.

Late Wednesday, Information Minister Qamar Zaman Kaira announced that about 115 bodies had been removed from the site, though he couldn't be exact as only 12 were intact. He asked close relatives of the deceased to provide blood samples, as the only way of identifying most of the dead would be DNA testing.

"She had good insights into problems and she kept everything in good perspective," Visci said.

Visci remembered when Ogren invited him and his wife to a Christmas gathering during his first year living in San Luis Obispo. Ogren and her husband, Paul, suddenly brought out gifts for people, and Visci expected the gifts to be a stocking-stuffer type deal, he said.

"She gave me a book that I had mentioned I was interested in," he said. "She had remembered it over the course of the year and took the time to wrap it and place it under the tree. She did it for me and about 35 or so other people." Visci said Ogren was generous and very thoughtful and "a lot of fun to be around," Visci said.

Ogren battled a rare form of cancer for nine years, although she was always well composed.

"You would never know she was having any problems," Baker said. "She was always very positive and optimistic and had a lot of energy as well."

The cancer was a private thing for Ogren, Visci said. She was a very strong person.

"Nobody knew it was an ongoing battle until about a year ago when she started chemotherapy," Visci said.

Ogren was truly a woman of substance, really bright and funny, Visci said.

"She was a very youthful person and matched away from us way before her time," he said.

Ogren's husband told Minnesota Public Radio news that his wife died surrounded by family. "She knew that she was dying and at the end was not afraid of it," Paul Ogren said in the article. "She had a lot of joy in the last month of her life, but she had a lot of pain as well. That allowed her death to be a gift, I think, to her and ultimately to those who loved her."

In addition to her husband, Ogren is survived by her stepchildren, Shana and Samuel. A service will be held at Mount Carmel Lutheran Church in San Luis Obispo on Saturday, Aug. 7.

"She was a terrific woman who gave a lot to Cal Poly," Baker said. "She helped me a great deal in the time she had here; we worked very well together."
There is no plot in the fourth San Luis Obispo Little Theatre (SLOLT) FUthedral production "Shimmy Shake Shine!", choreographed by Emmy-award winner Suzy Miller. There are no main characters, no common setting and there isn't much dialogue.

Miller said "Shimmy Shake Shine!" does present a "new animal," which she defines as a raw, emotional experience with a non-linear form that celebrates the human spirit and all its complexities.

The concept is sort of a trip down the rabbit hole, the idea of going to all different worlds, the idea of going from a Bollywood world to a Gothic Lair to a Marie Antoinette court. I loved the variety of it," Miller said. "I think different emotions." "Shimmy" features no main characters, instead, it is a showcase of performers. Each of the 29-member cast was given a number that catered to their talents and showcased them as an individual, Miller said.

Along with the costumes, all of the dance numbers explore the themes of time, love, relationships, loss and transformation. "Shimmy" represents "finding beauty (in life) no matter how bitter/sweet," and the "triumph of the human spirit," Miller said. "It is important that we laugh at ourselves and the human condition because we make ridiculous mistakes. You just gotta laugh or else you'll be mortified."

What one experiences from the performance depends on the person, Miller said. She compared it to a Rorschach inkblot test because each person will get something unique out of the production. The production's title alludes to the various dance numbers which include renditions of "True Colors" by Cyndi Lauper, "Man in the Mirror" by Michael Jackson, a cross between "We Will Rock You" and 'I Love Rock 'N Roll," and other favorites of Miller. The incorporation of all the different music genres and artists made creating a comprehensive show difficult.

"We worked really hard on the flow, and it took a lot of experimenting to find a way for it to make sense. I think ultimately, hopefully, we got the rollercoaster we wanted," Miller said. "Shimmy" features no main characters; instead, it is a showcase of performers. Each of the 29-member cast was given a number that catered to their talents and showcased them as an individual, Miller said.

Kevin Harris is Miller's co-creator and the managing artistic director of the SLOLT. By excluding main characters, "Suzy provided the audience with a way to put their own story to it," Harris said. "It's so serendipitous that we got this group of people because it's the only group of people that could make that show happen. If you take one of them out or switch them around, especially with a show like this, it'd be totally different," Harris said. "The entire journey and flow would be disrupted."

Jessi Brown-Callin, the house manager of the SLOLT, agrees. "As far as Suzy goes, it's one of her more exotic pieces. I think she showcases the stars in a way that allows them each to shine," Brown-Callin said. "She did a good job of putting the cast in roles that were for them. Having 29 cast members...it's not an easy thing to do."

Many of the cast members worked with Miller in the past, so they understood her rehearsal process and choreographic language. Nineteen-year-old cast member and vocalist Isaac Bromby recalls the intensity of the weeks leading up to the show. "The rehearsal process was like a marathon. You had to have lost of endurance," Bromby said. Finding a time to have the cast rehearse all at once proved to be one of the biggest challenges. They finally did the day before opening night. Even with the insane rehearsal process, the cast became very bonded, Bromby said.

Tickets are available for $35 for tonight, Friday and Saturday afternoon, and $30 for the Saturday Martini Night. The evening shows begin at 8:00 p.m. and Saturday's afternoon show begins at 2:00 p.m. All funds go to the theatre.
Julie Hinds

Move over, Michael Scott. Steve Carell's character in "Dinner for Schmucks" is even more oblivious than the socially inept manager that the actor plays on NBC's "The Office."

In the comedy, which opens Friday, Carell portrays Barry, an IRS employee and amateur taxidermist who's the hilarious heart of the film. "It's just a guy trying to make it through and to keep a healthy, positive outlook on things," says Carell. "And it's nice to run into somebody like that, even if they make your life a living hell."

The 47-year-old star of movies and television didn't see the French film "The Dinner Game" that inspired "Dinner for Schmucks" on purpose. "It was for the same reason that I didn't watch the British 'Office.' I just didn't want that to sort of cloud whatever characterization I was going to attempt," he explains.

Carell delivers an endearing performance as Barry, a well-intentioned man who wreaks havoc on the life of Tim (Paul Rudd), a financial analyst who's hoping to move up the corporate ladder. "I think he is oblivious to a certain extent because of his own heartache and pain. And I think who he is is very much defined by what has happened to him. I think he's somebody that has always been a very trusting, good, positive person. And in being that way, he's certainly been injured emotionally many, many times," he says in a recent phone interview.

Talking about Barry, he recalls covering a convention of Klingon speakers when he was a correspondent for "The Daily Show." "Of course, you have all these predetermined attitudes of what these people are going to be like. And they turned out to be just the sweetest group of people who like to get together and talk Klingon. There was nothing even weird about it. They were just having fun."

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In "The Office" and movies like "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," Carell excels at playing offbeat characters who are lovable and have a sensitive side. He's able to see that there's a lot more to the roles than just the goofiness. Barry may be irritating, but he's essentially a good guy, according to Carell. "I think he is oblivious to a certain extent because of his own heartache and pain. And I think who he is is very much defined by what has happened to him. I think he's somebody that has always been a very trusting, good, positive person. And in being that way, he's certainly been injured emotionally many, many times," he says in a recent phone interview.

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Immigration facts, figures, and thoughts

With the immigration debate heating up—and a federal court case over Arizona’s SB 1070 brewing—you’d think that the U.S. was besieged by growing numbers of illegal immigrants. But you’d be wrong.

Despite the heightened rhetoric and the bloodletting virulently surrounding the issue, illegal immigration has actually declined significantly over the last few years. While journalism like to characterize the anger over immigration as a response to facts on the ground—i.e. people are inured and incensed—the numbers don’t bear them out.

In fact, the opposite is true. According to a February report by the Department of Homeland Security, the number of illegal immigrants living in the United States actually dropped by a whopping 1 million between 2008 and 2009, which amounts to the sharpest decrease in 30 years. It was the second year of declining numbers.

Likewise, the Border Patrol reports that apprehensions are down by more than 60 percent since 2000, to 550,000 last year, the lowest number in 35 years, even though the border is more tightly controlled than ever. As William Finfgeld wrote in last week’s New Yorker, “The southern border, far from being ‘unsecured,’ is in better shape than it has been for years—better managed and less porous.”

And there’s more. Despite the drumbeat about hordes of undocumented Mexicans who have come north to take our jobs, consider this: According to the Pew Hispanic Center, between 2005 and 2008, the number of Mexican migrants arriving in the U.S. actually declined by 40 percent.

It’s not only the number of Mexican illegal immigrants that has dropped. The fact that the U.S. economy is struggling has discouraged skilled immigrants from across the globe from looking for jobs in America, and the flow of applicants for H-1B visas, or work permits, has slowed. Before the recession, the entire 85,000 H-1B annual quota would be filled within days of the application date on the first of April. For fiscal year 2010, the quota wasn’t reached until December 2009.

But back to the numbers. According to the Bureau of the Census American Community Survey last fall revealed a historic decline in the percentage of U.S. residents who are foreign-born—from 12.6 percent in 2007 to 12.5 percent in 2008. That represents only about 40,000 people numerically, but it is the first time since the 1970 census—40 years ago—that the

While immigration has always brought out the worst in people, today’s polarized climate only makes matters worse.

Furthermore, the right wing, where much of the anti-immigrant frenzy comes from, no longer has an authoritative voice of reason pressing for decency on the issue. Four years ago, after President George W. Bush unsuccessfully launched his own effort at comprehensive immigration reform, he warned against “hush, ugly rhetoric.”

Today, Bush is hardly heard from and the right has an “open borders” policy...
The Mustangs are trying to re-bound from a loss in a last year's Big West Conference Tournament, falling to rival UC Santa Barbara in last year's championship game. Cal Poly went (14-5-1, 7-1-0 Big West) and sent six players to all-conference teams last season.

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Women's Soccer gears for tough regular season schedule

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Cal Poly opens conference play at Long Beach State on Oct. 1 and continues its road trip to UC Riverside on Oct. 3. Then the Mustangs return for a four-match stretch at home. They face UC Irvine on Oct. 8 and then Cal State Northridge on Oct. 10. The home stand continues with Pacific on Oct. 15 and is concluded by a match against non-conference Seattle on Oct. 17.

There's always a rivalry with UCSB, just as much as the men's team. We always want to play our hardest against them," Hemenez said.

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The Mustangs' non-conference schedule looks to be one of the toughest as of late, with matches against Arizona, Utah State, Weber State and Pepperdine. The Mustangs will also take on San Diego State — a 2009 NCAA tournament qualifier.

Croatier said playing a tough non-conference schedule will prepare his team against non-conference Seattle on Oct. 17.

It's the longest string of home matches all season — a positive break," Hemenez said.

"Home games are always great because it's easier for fans to get to the game when it's at home. When your team decides to play a home game, it gives you confidence," she said.

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"The thought of beating them is amazing," junior forward Monica Hemenez said. "We respect them, but that's it ... we have a chance to beat them."

The Mustangs are trying to re-bound from a loss in a last year's Big West Conference Tournament, falling to rival UC Santa Barbara in last year's championship game. Cal Poly went (14-5-1, 7-1-0 Big West) and sent six players to all-conference teams last season.

To this point, head coach Alex Crosier said none of that has rubbed off the incoming freshmen and have goals for the A's, Oakland officials aren't giving up. In a letter last week to Selig, Oakland officials aren't giving up. In a letter last week to Selig, Oakland officials aren't giving up. In a letter last week to Selig, Oakland officials aren't giving up. In a letter last week to Selig, Oakland officials aren't giving up. In a letter last week to Selig, Oakland officials aren't giving up. In a letter last week to Selig, Oakland officials aren't giving up. In a letter last week to Selig, Oakland officials aren't giving up. In a letter last week to Selig, Oakland officials aren't giving up. In a letter last week to Selig, Oakland officials aren't giving up. In a letter last week to Selig, Oakland officials aren't giving up. In a letter last week to Selig, Oakland officials aren't giving up. In a letter last week to Selig, Oakland officials aren't giving up. In a letter last week to Selig, Oakland officials aren't giving up. In a letter last week to Selig, Oakland officials aren't giving up. In a letter last week to Selig, Oakland officials aren't giving up. In a letter last week to Selig, Oakland officials aren't giving up. In a letter last week to Selig, Oakland officials aren't giving up. In a letter last week to Selig, Oakland officials aren't giving up. In a letter last week to Selig, Oakland officials aren't giving up. In a letter last week to Selig, Oakland officials aren't giving up. In a letter last week to Selig, Oakland officials aren't giving up. In a letter last week to Selig, Oakland officials aren't giving up. In a letter last week to Selig, Oakland officials aren't giving up. In a letter last week to Selig, Oakland officials aren't giving up. In a letter last week to Selig, Oakland officials aren't giving up. In a letter last week to Selig, Oakland officials aren't giving up. In a letter last week to Selig, Oakland officials aren't giving up. In a letter last week to Selig, Oakland officials aren't giving up.

The most noteworthy contest will take place in Alex G. Spanos Stadium against the defending national champions on Sept. 10 — the North Carolina Tar Heels.

The Tar Heels finished last season with an overall mark of 23-3-1 and a conference record of 7-3. They won their 21st national championship last year, defeating top-ranked Stanford 1-0 in the championship game, and finished atop the ACC for the 20th time in the last 22 years.

But several of the players from last year's championship team, who started in the NCAA title game in 2009, will not be on the roster come opening weekend.

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Selig has said he was "surprised and disappointed" by the news, which...