Amanda Sedo
AMANDASEDO.MD@CMAIL.COM

Cal Poly has hosted Week of Welcome (WOW) for incoming freshmen since 1957, but this year the program initiated changes because of concerns over an increase in alcohol consumption throughout the week in the recent past.

One change for 2010 was that WOW began on a Wednesday; in previous years the week began on a Monday. WOW leaders were also given a list of restricted zones — places that were off limits to take “wowies,” or incoming freshmen participating in the week — during WOW hours.

The restricted area included streets especially close to campus, such as streets and cross streets of Grand Avenue and California Boulevard.

Leaders were also responsible for keeping their groups occupied until very late at night, another change from years past.

The move-in dates for the freshman class were shifted as well because of the later start this year. Instead of moving in the weekend before WOW, freshmen moved into the dorms on Monday — which received mixed reviews.

City and regional planning freshman Sara Muse said her mom was not happy about having the move-in day during the week.

“My mom was mad that she had to take one and a half days off of work because she didn’t want to drive here and back home in only one day,” Muse said.

Others admitted that it wasn’t just their parents who were frustrated about the move-in. Samia Shamroukh, a forestry and natural resources freshman, said her family had to change around their move-in plans due to the changes.

“My whole family was supposed to come but (my siblings) had school and so my dad decided not to take off work and only my mom came to move me in. I was upset,” Shamroukh said.

Meanwhile, some parents didn’t have problems with the weekday move-in. Susie Horowitz, whose daughter is a freshman, said the weekday move-in did not affect her

Students sat, talked and enjoyed the sunshine during the five days of Week of Welcome. Groups also did art in the crafts room, travelled to local beaches for bonfires and fun in the sun, and walked around Farmers’ Market on Thursday night.
said the UPD wanted the freshmen to move in on a Monday to be kept party before WOW starts. was enacted in order to give freshman and agricultural engineering (UPD) Chief of Police Bill Watton freshman, believe that the change was enacted in order to give freshmen less opportunity to go out and party before WOW starts. University Police Department (UPD) Chief of Police Bill Watton said the UPD wanted the freshmen to move in on a Monday to be kept busy with both Fall Launch and WOW. Watton said. "It seemed like sales were a little less than normal," said Cal Poly Downtown Store employee Taylor Bunka. Bunka said she believed it was definitely because of move-in day — since parents had less time to spend unless they decided to take time off of work. Cal Poly Downtown store manager Maria Mendes felt there was a significant difference from last year. "(WOW) affected it, but I'm not sure if it was in a negative way," she said. "Last year we had way more people on Saturday and Sunday, but this year it was a bit more spread out, which was actually kind of nice." The changes made to WOW may have been an inconvenience to parents, but those involved in WOW felt it was important in order to keep students away from the party scene. They offered late night activities to keep "wowies" occupied. "We were supposed to keep our group until 11 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday (strongly suggest to keep them) until 1 a.m. on Friday and Saturday," said WOW leader Molly Wingo. Many WOW leaders found that keeping their "wowies" that late at night was difficult. Although they did their best to keep their groups together until 1 a.m., most groups had less participation among freshmen in the late night activities, Wingo said. By attempting to keep the freshmen in groups longer, the WOW staff was hoping to keep them from flocking the streets to party. "(The WOW staff) mentioned over and over that they wanted to keep (the freshmen) from partying," Wingo said. Despite giving specific guidelines to entertain freshmen until late hours of the night, WOW leaders could not force their "wowies" to stay with the group — meaning many still went out to socialize. However, this year University Police and San Luis Obispo Police were out in full force, breaking up many of the gatherings before most freshmen were done with their WOW activities. Bunka, who was out working on Friday and Saturday night, felt like this year the party scene was tamer than in years past. "Although I hesitate to comment without seeing the numbers (of arrests), it does appear to look like the numbers are better than last year," Watton said. With the help of many WOW leaders following the directions from the WOW staff and the police department breaking up parties such, it seems WOW partying was calmer this year. The numbers of arrests for public intoxication, minors in possession and driving under the influence have not yet been released to determine how or if the changes positively impacted the Work of Welcome program. For Berry, it was not the WOW he was expecting. "It was a hassle and annoying," Berry said. "We just wanna party." Margaret Pack also contributed to this article.

Jawad Ahmad doesn’t wait for success to find him. Every day, he’s showing the world what he’s made of. Every day, he’s feeding his life, his career and his future.

Feed your future at www.pwc.tv
Several construction projects are ongoing throughout campus, the most prominent of which is the "Area 52" construction for the new science center in the middle of campus. Other major construction includes the Rec Center (pictured above), the Simpson Strong-Tie Materials Demonstration Lab and the Meat Processing Center.

Construction on the expansion has been ongoing since May, when demolition of the Recreation Center was completed. For some students the construction may continue to cause problems until its completion. Others, like Bezerra and biochemistry senior Jonathan Presley, are finding a way to make do with the available paths on campus.

"I've been trying to keep in mind that this is only temporary so it really doesn't bother me that much," Presley said.

While the construction may not be affecting Presley, he points out that others may still feel negatively about the project.

"It's not a great first impression for the freshmen," Bezerra said. Bezerra would get a positive impression if he came to visit the campus and saw all of the construction, he said.

"During a time when budget cuts are happening, here's a school that's building. I would want to go to a place that is evolving and expanding," Bezerra said.

Assistant coach to the men's soccer team Brian Reed sees it another way. He spends a lot of his time in his office, next to the construction site and he says that even working right next to the construction site, the project hasn't been a problem for him yet.

"I don't mind having to work with the construction. Anything that improves Cal Poly is something that I fully support, along with the rest of the athletic programs," Reed said.

Construction on the expansion has been ongoing since May, when demolition of the Recreation Center was completed. For some students the construction may continue to cause problems until its completion. Others, like Bezerra and biochemistry senior Jonathan Presley, are finding a way to make do with the available paths on campus.

"I've been trying to keep in mind that this is only temporary so it really doesn't bother me that much," Presley said.

While the construction may not be affecting Presley, he points out that others may still feel negatively about the project.

"It's not a great first impression for the freshmen," Bezerra said.

Bezerra would get a positive impression if he came to visit the campus and saw all of the construction, he said.

"During a time when budget cuts are happening, here's a school that's building. I would want to go to a place that is evolving and expanding," Bezerra said.

Assistant coach to the men's soccer team Brian Reed sees it another way. He spends a lot of his time in his office, next to the construction site and he says that even working right next to the construction site, the project hasn't been a problem for him yet.

"I don't mind having to work with the construction. Anything that improves Cal Poly is something that I fully support, along with the rest of the athletic programs," Reed said.

Construction on the expansion has been ongoing since May, when demolition of the Recreation Center was completed. For some students the construction may continue to cause problems until its completion. Others, like Bezerra and biochemistry senior Jonathan Presley, are finding a way to make do with the available paths on campus.

"I've been trying to keep in mind that this is only temporary so it really doesn't bother me that much," Presley said.

While the construction may not be affecting Presley, he points out that others may still feel negatively about the project.

"It's not a great first impression for the freshmen," Bezerra said.

Bezerra would get a positive impression if he came to visit the campus and saw all of the construction, he said.

"During a time when budget cuts are happening, here's a school that's building. I would want to go to a place that is evolving and expanding," Bezerra said.
Thursday, November 18, 2010 - 7:30 am @ PAC/Harman Hall
Jenna (Bush) Hager

"Making a Difference: How the Power of Compassion Changes Lives"

Jenna Hager is a contributing correspondent to NBC's Today where she focuses on telling the inspiring stories of wonderful people working against things across America. In addition to her role on Today, she is an active teacher whose team as a reading coordinator in Terre Haute, MD. In 2006, Hager traveled to Latin America as an intern with UNICEF. During her journey, she was inspired to write a story, "A Journey of Hope," a New York Times bestseller based on the life of a 17-year-old single mother living with HIV and and helped to shield her child from the abuse and neglect that riddled her own childhood. She is still very involved with UNICEF and is currently the chair of UNICEF's Next Generation, an initiative dedicated to reducing the number of preventable childhood deaths worldwide. Hager is a graduate of the University of Texas where she received a degree in English. In addition to Jenna's story, she is also the granddaughter of former President George H.W. Bush and former First Lady Barbara Bush.

Thursday, January 27, 2011 - 7:30 am @ VG Café & 10:00am @ UU Student Session
Jeremy Seifert – "DIVE: Living Off America's Waste"

Jeremy Seifert has become an unlikely hunger activist. Some friends of his showed up at his LA apartment one day with bags full of gorgeous food from the dumpsters behind the local Trader Joe’s market. Jeremy was shocked and intrigued. Soon after, he wanted until midnight and he dumpster-hunted himself, bagging meat, veggies, eggs, cheese — enough to feed his family for days. Jeremy started giving regularly, and decided to turn his dumpster diving adventures into a movie. But his movie DIVE isn't a how-to video; Jeremy is digging deep for answers. Why is so much edible food wasted, thrown away behind hundreds of grocery stores across the country every night? Jeremy talks about taking his fight up to the Trader Joe's corporate ladder. Inspired by a concern for our country's careless habit of sending food straight to landfills, the multi award-winning documentary DIVE follows filmmaker Jeremy Seifert and friends as they dumpster dive in the back alleys and gated garbage receptacles of Los Angeles' supermarkets. In the process, they salvage thousands of dollars worth of edible food — resulting in an inspiring documentary that is equal parts entertainment, guerrilla journalism and a call to action.

Thursday, February 17, 2011 - 7:30 am @ VG Café & 10:00am @ UU Student Session
Angela Oh – "The Future of Race Relations in America"

Angela E. Oh serves as the Executive Director of the Western Justice Center (WJC) Foundation, a non-profit organization that advances peaceful resolution of conflict. She has worked as an attorney, public lecturer, and teacher of Zen mediation. In addition to her work with the WJC, her law practice involves monitoring, conciliation and mediation services, and training about the laws related to discrimination in the workplace. In 1992, Oh gained national prominence as a spokesperson and mediating force for the Asian American community during the Los Angeles riots. Shortly thereafter, she was appointed by President Bill Clinton as one of the first Members to the President's Initiative on Race, which was charged with negotiating a dialogue on race in a United States of America. Angela's public lectures and writings reflect the opportunities and challenges that Asian Americans face as they adjust to China, Korea, the Middle East, Northern Ireland, and the United Kingdom. Her books have been at UCLA School of Law, UCLA Asian American Studies Department, and UC Irvine School of Global Political Science. Oh is also an ordained Priest, Zen Buddhist - Rinzai Sect.

Thursday, March 3, 2011 - 7:30 am @ VG Café & 10:00am @ UU Student Session
Gloria Velásquez – "My Life Journey: From the Farmworker Fields to Stanford University"

Cleveland, Colorado; Dr. Gloria L. Velásquez is an internationally known poet and fiction writer. She is the author of a bi-lingual collection of poetry entitled, I Used to Be a Superwoman: Superwoman Chicanas and the creator of the Roosevelt High School Spanish Language and Literature Department which to date includes five novels which feature adolescents of different ethnic backgrounds: Juana Fights the School Board (1995); Tommy Stands Alone (1995); and Rina's Family Secret (1998), and Anita's (2000). Using her work as a teacher, Gloria L. Velásquez will trace her development as a socially committed artist within the context of her early experiences of exclusion, poverty and racism. Velásquez will highlight specific moments and individuals during the Chicano Civil Rights movement that shaped her social consciousness and influenced her development as a literary activist and early pioneer of Chicano/a literature. An important focus of her lecture will be her role as a member of the United States Commission on Civil Rights in reviewing the Roosevelt High School Series. In the Modern Languages and Literatures Department, at Cal Poly State University, Velásquez has taught classes in Spanish as well as Latin American and Chicano/a Literature courses in Spanish.

Tuesday, April 12, 2011 - 7:30 am @ Spanos Theatre
Leonard Pitts, Jr. – "The Water In The Glass: The discord in the way while Americans and African Americans view racial progress."

Leonard Pitts, Jr. joined The Miami Herald in 1991 as its pop music critic. Since 1994, he has penned a syndicated column of commentary on pop culture, social issues and family life. His most recent book, Becoming Giant: Black Men and the Journey to Manhood, was released in May, 1999. Pitts was recently awarded the 2004 Pulitzer Prize for commentary, the first for his job as a journalist. Twice each week, millions of newspaper readers around the country seek out his rich and uncommonly resonant voice. In a word, he connects with them. Nowadays this was demonstrated more forcefully than in the response to his initial column on the Figs, 11, 2001 attacks. Pitts' column, "We'll Go Forward From This Moment," an essay reflecting the response to the attacks.

Thursday, May 5, 2011 - 7:30 am @ VG Café & 10:00am @ UU Student Session
Michael Yellow Bird – "Neurodecolonization: A Mindfulness Equation for Indigenous Peoples' Empowerment"

Dr. Michael Yellow Bird, MSW, Ph.D. is a citizen of the Arikara (Sahnish) and Hidatsa Nations in North Dakota. He is a Professor of Behavioral and Social Sciences at Humboldt State University. Dr. Yellow Bird has authored a number of scholarly articles and book chapters and has presented workshops and keynote addresses (related to Indigenous Peoples) in numerous academic and non-academic venues in the United States, Canada, Australia, Mexico, and the Middle East. Yellow Bird is the co-editor of two books: For Indigenous Eyes Only: The Decolonization Handbook, 2005 (with Dr. Wazzatintawin Angela Wilson) and Indigenous Social Work around the World: Research Culturally Relevant Education and Practice, 2008 (with Drs. Mat Gray and John Coates). His research interests, activism and grid lectures focus on Indigenous Peoples' cultural, land, and political rights; academic freedom; war; spirituality; mindfulness; neurodecolonization; colonialism; decolonization; and applying mind-brain research to empower Indigenous communities.
Reports claim BP oil leak is officially dead

Richard Fausset
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Rob Canty heard the news on TV Sunday morning at his home in St. Tammany Parish, La.: The wild oil well that changed his life _ and the lives of thousands of others along the Gulf Coast _ was sealed up, safely and permanently, thanks to an injection of cement 18,000 feet below the ocean’s surface.

After nearly five months of heartache, misery and worry, the BP well in the Gulf of Mexico was dead.

The news was “real good,” said Canty, a 31-year-old shrimper, but it wasn’t likely to change his life back immediately. His shrimp boat is still contracted out indefinitely to BP, he said, and for the time being, he expects to remain among the 25,200 people hired to finish cleaning up the largest offshore oil spill in U.S. history.

“We’re ready to try to go back fishing, but I don’t think that’s going to happen anytime soon,” Canty said.

“We still got oil out there.”

Sunday’s announcement of the successful “bottom kill” of the BP well was met with relief, but only muted celebration. BP’s commitment to repair the damage remains unchanged.

Canty, a 31-year-old shrimper, but that much more work remained to be done. Today, we achieved an important milestone in our response to the BP oil spill,” Obama said in a statement, adding that members of his administration “remain committed to doing everything possible to make sure the Gulf Coast recovers fully from this disaster.”

“This road will not be easy,” he said, “but we will continue to work closely with the people of the Gulf to rebuild their livelihoods and restore the environment that supports them.”

Hayward _ whose gaffes during the spill resulted in his ouster, effective Oct. 1, _ declared that the well “no longer presents a threat to the Gulf of Mexico,” adding that BP’s commitment to repair the damage “remains unchanged.”

“The final plugging of the well was a somewhat underwhelming denouement to one of the great engineering challenges in modern times. After a number of missteps, BP was able to seal the well in mid-July with a temporary custom cap. Once the oil had stopped flowing, experts embarked on a slow, careful, multistep process to ensure that it would be shut in for good. In early August, the seal was improved with a shot of drilling mud and cement from the top. Later, crews swapped out the old blowout preventer _ the safety device that failed during the April 20 blowout of the Deepwater Horizon oil rig, killing 11 workers _ with a newer, stronger cap. Throughout the process, Thad Allen, the federal spill response chief, asserted that the well could be considered dead only when the outer ring of the well, called the annulus, was also plugged with cement from deep underground.

After testing to ensure that they would do no harm, crews on Thursday drilled into the annulus nearly 18,000 feet below the ocean’s surface, then began filling it with cement to ensure that oil would never again flow from the reservoir below.

Pressure tests were conducted late Saturday night that showed the cement job had been a success. On Sunday morning, Allen declared the well “effectively dead.”

“From the beginning, this response has been driven by the best science and engineering available,” Allen said in a statement Sunday. “We insisted that BP develop robust redundancy measures to ensure that each step was part of a deliberate plan, driven by science, minimizing risk to ensure we didn’t inflict additional harm to our efforts to kill the well.”

That was about as happy as anyone allowed themselves to be, at least in public. Even on the drilling rig some 50 miles off the Louisiana shore. The Associated Press reported that crews wouldn’t celebrate much. They’d treat themselves to prime rib on news of a job well done, but Rich Robson, the offshore installation manager, said the mood was bittersweet.

“To a lot of people, the water out here is a cemetery,” he said.

With the cement job completed, oversight of the well will shift from the National Incident Command, which was set up to deal with spill-related issues, to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement, which regulates offshore oil drilling.

BP plans to complete the abandonment of the well, removing portions of casing and further securing the well. The company will also begin dismantling and recovering the various equipment used in the effort to plug the well that has gathered attention around the world site over the months.

The more complicated work, however, is the ongoing effort to find and clean up the remaining oil, and measure and mitigate its effects on the environment.

Before it was capped, the well spewed 205.8 million gallons of oil. Much of it remains at sea.

According to the federal government, about 110 miles of shoreline are experiencing “moderate to heavy oil impacts,” most of it in coastal Louisiana.

Of great concern to scientists is the huge amount of oil _ about a quarter of the total _ in droplet form that is floating in vast clouds in the deep water. The long-term effect of these clouds, and the ability of bacteria to break them down naturally, is not clear.

Aaron Viles, campaign director of the Gulf Restoration Network, an environmental nonprofit in New Orleans, said the sealing of the well gave him a sense of “impediment.”

Back to School
Deals & Meals

Want Some Attention!?
Advertise in the Mustang Daily

805.758.1143 MustangDailyAdvertising@gmail.com

You’ve been poked by
The Mustang Daily

Poke them back at
www.mustangdaily.net

Hey, we’ve got a real news feed too.

Savings Rule
Washington Declares Recession
Ended June 2009

Kevin G. Hall
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

WASHINGTON - With little fan­
fare, the National Bureau of Eco­

omic Research declared Monday
that the so-called Great Recession is
over, determining that the U.S.

economy hit bottom in June 2009
and began a long, sluggish rebound.

"In determining that a trough
occurred in June 2009, the com­
mittee did not conclude that eco­

nomic conditions since that
month have been favorable or that
the economy has returned to op­

erating at normal capacity," the

bureau said in a statement Mon­
day. "Rather, the committee de­
termined only that the recession ended and a recovery began in that

month."

The bureau officially dates re­
cessions, and concluded that this
one was the longest on record, save for the Great Depression. The

so-called Great Recession lasted
18 months, two months longer than the recessions of 1973-75 and

1981-82.

For many Americans, it still feels like recession. The unemploy­
ment rate has been stuck around 9.6 percent for months, almost

15 million Americans are without
work and dozens more are work­
ing two jobs or are in jobs that pay
less than their previous ones.

"I think this (statement) will
forever cement economists as be­
ing out of touch. This is cold com­
fort for someone who is still un­
employed, and it's more a matter of getting the accounting right for

economic history," said economist
Douglas Holtz-Eakin, a former di­
rector of the Congressional Bud­
ger Office and the president of the
American Action Forum, a center­
right policy research group.

The fact that the bureau needed
almost 15 months since the reces­sion's official end to declare that it
was over speaks to the economic

challenge the United States faces.
The bureau's Business Cycle Dat­
ing Committee wanted to make a
final decision until key govern­
ment data revisions had occurred to
gauge what had been the gross domes­
tic product _ the broad­
est measure of the production of

goods and services _ and gross domes­
tic income.

The committee noted that
while growth and income were up
from last year's lows they were well
below the peaks of 2007.

Recessions often are described
as two consecutive quarters of eco­

nomic contraction, but they're
more a period of falling economic

activity across the economy and
lasting more than a few months.

The bureau's researchers evaluate
data on income, employment and
industrial production, as well as
sales.

In what could provide some
cover to the Obama administra­
tion, struggling with the percep­
tion that it hasn't done enough to
boost employment, the committee
members noted that the bottom in
hiring usually comes many months
after a bottom in contraction.

After the 2001-03 recession, em­
ployment bottomed 21 months
later, and employment hit its low
six months after the end of the lat­
est recession, the bureau said.

The bureau, headquartered in
Cambridge, Mass., also said that
economic activity could remain
below normal for some time after a
recession.

n
mustangdaily.net
always something new

audio / speech

mustang news

blogs

podcasts

video

Washington Declares Recession
Ended June 2009

Kevin G. Hall
MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

WASHINGTON - With little fan­
fare, the National Bureau of Eco­

omic Research declared Monday
that the so-called Great Recession is
over, determining that the U.S.

economy hit bottom in June 2009
and began a long, sluggish rebound.

"In determining that a trough
occurred in June 2009, the com­
mittee did not conclude that eco­

nomic conditions since that
month have been favorable or that
the economy has returned to op­

erating at normal capacity," the

bureau said in a statement Mon­
day. "Rather, the committee de­
termined only that the recession ended and a recovery began in that

month."

The bureau officially dates re­
cessions, and concluded that this
one was the longest on record, save for the Great Depression. The

so-called Great Recession lasted
18 months, two months longer than the recessions of 1973-75 and

1981-82.

For many Americans, it still feels like recession. The unemploy­
ment rate has been stuck around 9.6 percent for months, almost

15 million Americans are without
work and dozens more are work­
ing two jobs or are in jobs that pay
less than their previous ones.

"I think this (statement) will
forever cement economists as be­
ing out of touch. This is cold com­
f..}r...,'

fort for someone who is still un­
employed, and it's more a matter of getting the accounting right for

economic history," said economist
Douglas Holtz-Eakin, a former di­
rector of the Congressional Bud­
ger Office and the president of the
American Action Forum, a center­
right policy research group.

The fact that the bureau needed
almost 15 months since the reces­sion's official end to declare that it
was over speaks to the economic

challenge the United States faces.
The bureau's Business Cycle Dat­
ing Committee wanted to make a
final decision until key govern­
ment data revisions had occurred to
gauge what had been the gross domes­
tic product _ the broad­
est measure of the production of

goods and services _ and gross domes­
tic income.

The committee noted that
while growth and income were up
from last year's lows they were well
below the peaks of 2007.

Recessions often are described
as two consecutive quarters of eco­

nomic contraction, but they're
more a period of falling economic

activity across the economy and
lasting more than a few months.

The bureau's researchers evaluate
data on income, employment and
industrial production, as well as
sales.

In what could provide some
cover to the Obama administra­
tion, struggling with the percep­
tion that it hasn't done enough to
boost employment, the committee
members noted that the bottom in
hiring usually comes many months
after a bottom in contraction.

After the 2001-03 recession, em­
ployment bottomed 21 months
later, and employment hit its low
six months after the end of the lat­
est recession, the bureau said.

The bureau, headquartered in
Cambridge, Mass., also said that
economic activity could remain
below normal for some time after a
recession.
Chicago Bomb Plot Foiled

Jeremy Gorner and Andy Grimm
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

A Chicago man has been charged with plotting to bomb a strip of crowded night spots around the time people were leaving a Dave Matthews concert at Wrigley Field over the weekend.

Sami Samir Hassoun, 22, was arrested as he placed a backpack containing what he thought were high-explosives in a trash can in front of Shaggy's, about a block south of Wrigley Field, according to the FBI.

Hassoun had also discussed other violent plots in Chicago, including a biological attack on the city, poisoning Lake Michigan, attacking police officers, bombing the Willis Tower and assassinating Mayor Richard Daley, the FBI said.

But he is so far charged only with attempting use of a weapon of mass destruction and attempted use of an explosive device in connection with the attempted bombing near Wrigley Field. The FBI said there was no indication any foreign or domestic terror group was connected to the plot.

In 2003, a 23-year-old man was badly burned, and eventually died, after his tractor hit a PG&E transmission line that instantly exploded. Two investigators were injured in the incident, which reportedly sent flames 100 feet into the air near Highway 99 in Madera.

In a similar incident the year before, a man was injured when his tractor hit a PG&E transmission line south of Easton.

The explosion left a crater about 20 feet deep and 30 feet wide, officials said at the time.

None compares to what happened in San Bruno, though three people were killed and four were injured in the accidents. In most cases, explosions were caused by someone hitting a line, according to the database.

About $2 million in property damage was caused in the accidents.

In 2003, a 23-year-old man was badly burned, and eventually died, after his tractor hit a PG&E transmission line that instantly exploded. Two investigators were injured in the incident, which reportedly sent flames 100 feet into the air near Highway 99 in Madera.

In a similar incident the year before, a man was injured when his tractor hit a PG&E transmission line south of Easton.

The explosion left a crater about 20 feet deep and 30 feet wide, officials said at the time.

None compares to what happened in San Bruno, though three people were killed and four were injured in the accidents. In most cases, explosions were caused by someone hitting a line, according to the database.

About $2 million in property damage was caused in the accidents.

In 2003, a 23-year-old man was badly burned, and eventually died, after his tractor hit a PG&E transmission line that instantly exploded. Two investigators were injured in the incident, which reportedly sent flames 100 feet into the air near Highway 99 in Madera.

In a similar incident the year before, a man was injured when his tractor hit a PG&E transmission line south of Easton.

The explosion left a crater about 20 feet deep and 30 feet wide, officials said at the time.

Two men died.

Fresno County and city officials say they rely on PG&E and state regulators to keep the lines safe.

Gary Eberhard, the city's emergency services manager, said the utility has a good record of providing swift and effective responses when a line is broken.

Susan Bedi, spokesperson for the Fresno Unified School District, said PG&E inspects the lines every 15 months.

Hassoun faces five years to life in prison.

California Residents Call for Public Gas Line Maps

Brad Banan
THE FRESNO BEE

FRESNO - PG&E says it's a secret. But anyone with a computer and a little perseverance can find out the routes of high-pressure gas transmission lines. Online government maps show who's at risk in the event of an explosion like the one that struck San Bruno on Sept. 9, killing at least four and wiping out a neighborhood.

That's not much help to people like Andrew Miranda, who - like his neighbors - had no idea that maps show a transmission line running down a portion of Olive Avenue. His east-central Fresno neighborhood also is home to En­ergy Elementary, which his 7-year-old attends.

"With what happened in San Bruno, I'm concerned," Miranda said.

"There's a school right across the street - with my son in it."

Public concern about the safety of natural-gas pipelines has grown since the San Bruno explosion. Although natural-gas line accidents happen about once a year in the Valley, the pipelines have drawn little concern in the past, in part because they're usually underground.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co., which owns the lines in San Bruno and most of the Valley, has refused to identify their locations, citing concerns about security. But federal and state maps show a network of lines owned by PG&E and Southern California Gas Co. criss­crossing Fresno, Kings, Tulare and Madera counties.

High-pressure transmission lines more than 30 inches in diameter run on the west side of the four counties. Transmission lines surround most of Fresno, running past schools, homes, businesses and Fresno Yosemite International Air­port.

While it's not yet clear what caused the San Bruno explosion, the California Public Utilities Commission has ordered PG&E to inspect its 6,400 miles of transmission lines by Oct. 12.

PG&E spokesman Jeff Smith said the utility will make any changes needed when state and federal inspectors determine the cause of the San Bruno accident.

But Mindy Spart of The Utility Reform Network in San Francisco questions whether that will happen. She notes that PG&E was ordered to make changes after an gas-leak explosion killed a man in Rancho Cordova on Dec. 24, 2001.

"PG&E's practices were sup­posed to improve, and now we've had a more horrific incident," she said. "It doesn't appear that PG&E's feet were held to the fire."

Spart also was critical of PG&E's unwillingness to tell people where gas lines are located.

"In the wake of this explosion, the public wants to know if they're safe," she said. Because people can educate themselves about risk, making the maps public might actually create a safety benefit, she said.

Experts have identified the age and upkeep of transmission lines as a safety concern nationwide. PG&E officials said most transmission lines in the Valley were installed in the 1950s and 1960s, though some go back to 1931. None has shown corrosion, and the steel is not as good." He added: "It's an aging infra­structure that has more problems all the time. We see what happens in San Bruno, and it shows we need to do more."

Since 1988, 17 accidents involving natural-gas lines have occurred in Fresno, Madera, Tulare, and Kings counties, according to a database maintained by the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.
As WOW comes to an end, fall quarter begins

A group of students spend time soaking up the sun during their last days of summer before classes begin.

A WOW group climbs the rock wall outside the UU run by ASI.

Incoming freshmen display their Cal Poly pride by tie dying t-shirts green and gold.

A group of freshmen plays a game called Ninja during WOW.
Every Monday, cut out this fridge for the weeks happenings

More Bars & Restaurants Coming Soon...

Interested in running in this directory in Body and Soul call 805.756.1143 or e-mail mustangdailyads@gmail.com
Fall quarter
continued from page 8

Junior Brian Tsoi shops for notebooks for his classes.

Biological sciences senior Hawkcn Ruis stays on top of his studies in the Robert E. Kennedy library.

Cal Poly students explore the various booths displayed throughout the University Union Plaza.

Shia LaBeouf and Michael Douglas hit ‘Wall Street’

Roger Moore
THE ORLANDO SENTINEL

There’s too much worth chewing over in Oliver Stone’s “Wall Street” sequel, “Money Never Sleeps,” to dismiss it out of hand. Sure, it’s old fashioned — ’80s old fashioned, from the Tom Cruise-cockey way Shia LaBeouf plays his cocky, earnest young hot-dog investment analyst to the dated ironic wailing of David Byrne on the soundtrack. It’s almost kooky the way Stone injects himself into a couple of scenes, an eccentric Eli Wallach cameo, the inclusion of a Charlie Sheen moment that flat-out winks at the audience.

But before it goes off the rails, we’re treated to a vintage Stone history lesson — the stock market meltdown and Fed intervention as seen through the eyes of the conspiracy buffs who served up “J.E.K.” Lovely performances surround the leads — LaBeouf and Michael Douglas, back as Gordon Gekko; Terrific moments of regret play out. And then the script lets everybody down, the cli­
test lesson — the stock market melt;
down is replayed by the same cable
time.

But to borrow a phrase from the
fused company that could solve the
world’s energy problems.

But then there’s Winnie’s last
name — Gekko. She’s Gordon
Gekko’s estranged daughter, who
blames dad’s greed for all that went
wrong in their family. Douglas’ Gekko has aged into something of a
lizard himself — a rumpled, lonely
lone ex-con who now makes a living sell­ing his “Is Greed Good?” book and
lecturing. Winnie isn’t buying his
“return and doesn’t want Dad back
in her life, but Jacob nobly conspires
to change her mind. And maybe use
Dad’s expertise.

Revenge and redemption wrestle in this sequel, in which LaBeouf’s Jacob Moore, a whiz-kid energy investment expert at a firm where his sainted mentor (Frank Langella, brilliant) is watch­ing a lifetime of work meltdown with the rest of Wall Street. The stock market’s derivatives confi­
dence game has lost confidence, and only the schadenfreude-eating grin of a hard competitor (Josh
Brolin) remains.

Jacob’s mom (Susan Sarandon) is
an over-extended real estate specu­
lator. Jacob’s girlfriend, Winnie (Carey Mulligan) runs a non-profit
left-leaning news website. They live
spectacularly well, but she feeds his
idealism. He takes a job with hard
competitor and continues pushing a
name — Gekko, She’s Gordon
Gekko’s estranged daughter, who
blames dad’s greed for all that went
wrong in their family. Douglas’ Gekko has aged into something of a
lizard himself — a rumpled, lonely
lone ex-con who now makes a living sell­ing his “Is Greed Good?” book and
lecturing. Winnie isn’t buying his
“return and doesn’t want Dad back
in her life, but Jacob nobly conspires
to change her mind. And maybe use
Dad’s expertise.

Revenge and redemption wrestle in this sequel, in which LaBeouf’s Jacob Moore, a whiz-kid energy investment expert at a firm where his sainted mentor (Frank Langella, brilliant) is watch­ing a lifetime of work meltdown with the rest of Wall Street. The stock market’s derivatives confi­
dence game has lost confidence, and only the schadenfreude-eating grin of a hard competitor (Josh
Brolin) remains.

Jacob’s mom (Susan Sarandon) is
an over-extended real estate specu­
lator. Jacob’s girlfriend, Winnie (Carey Mulligan) runs a non-profit
left-leaning news website. They live
spectacularly well, but she feeds his
idealism. He takes a job with hard
competitor and continues pushing a

"Money Never Sleeps" is never
boring, even as its plot descends into chop melodrama and the script
runs out of banter about the “the
NINJA generation — no income,
no job, no assets.”

But to borrow a phrase from the
film and from financial regulators,
it’s a movie with a “moral hazard,”
as in it can’t decide who or what is
moral. That makes it less self-assured
than the original, less important.
How bad does America’s money situ­
ation have to be to confound
even Oliver Stone & Co.?
MAKE YOUR TEXTBOOKS PAY

Free two-day shipping for students

Low prices on textbooks

Sell back at great prices

Amazon Student

amazon.com/textbooks

Free two-day shipping available to customers who qualify for our free Amazon Student program.
I believe Cal Poly’s entrance into the Big Sky Conference would enhance their academic reputation. The Big Sky Conference is made up of schools which I believe are of the highest quality. However, their ranking by U.S. News and World Report, which has become widely accepted, certainly differs with my assessment. Montana State University is ranked 183 and the University of Montana is ranked 191 among national universities. The University of Northern Colorado, Portland State University, and Idaho State University are all ranked in the second tier of national universities, remaining, according to U.S. News and World Report, they are ranked between 198 and 260. Among western regional universities, Eastern Washington and Weber State are tied at 26 and Sacramento State is ranked at 262. Few conferences in the nation have a lower academic rating than the Big Sky Conference. For example, of the major BCS conferences, the SEC has the lowest average academic rating of 98 compared to the Big Sky Conference’s average academic rating, before the inclusion of Cal Poly and UC Davis, of 142 (This rating is generous as it ranks UNC, PSU, and Idaho State at 198, whereas in fact they are actually ranked somewhere between 198 and 260). Clearly, Cal Poly’s academic reputation has not been enhanced by membership in the conference.

When most people think of Big Sky, they think of Montana which has “Big Sky Country” on its license plate. Some people think of the Rockies as Big Sky, but I never heard of anyone refer to the beautiful central coast of California as “Big Sky Country”. National Geographic, when referring to the Central Coast, labeled it the “Middle Kingdom.”

It is hard to believe football fans in San Luis Obispo will be excited by many of the Big Sky Conference matchups. Many of the schools in the conference, I expect, are not known to local fans. I suspect few, if any, fans can identify the city and state in which Weber State is located and few can identify the cities in which Northern Colorado, Idaho State and Eastern Washington are located. Games against Montana and Montana State may cause excitement.

Please include your name, year and major.
WASHINGTON — The mass media remain one of the most powerful forces blocking social and economic progress in the 21st century.

It is because of the mass media that tens of millions of Americans are convinced that budget deficits are more important than the lives ruined by unemployment, or that Social Security won't be there for them when they retire. Or that their government's occupation of Afghanistan and its hundreds of military bases around the world, are protecting the "national security" of U.S. citizens.

All of these destructive myths — and many more — could be dispelled within a relatively short time if there were a free marketplace of ideas, instead of the "free press for those who own it" model currently in place.

Of course, other falsehoods would persist for much longer; ideas, once widely accepted, can have great inertia. But during the last two decades the Internet has introduced a degree of competition in the world of mass communications, which although still quantitatively small, is nonetheless unprecedented.

An interactive process has been set in motion with the Internet and the blogosphere acting as a check on the mass media — sometimes breaking important news that would otherwise go unnoticed or unreported.

The potential for accelerating with the development and spread of Internet technology, for example to Internet television; and fostering intelligent discussion on a global scale.

The Internet is reliant on the principle of "net neutrality": that Internet service providers treat all packets of data the same. An individual blogger's challenge to The Washington Post can be downloaded by anyone at the same speed as the content of the multi-billion dollar corporate newspaper itself. Intelligent readers can decide for themselves who is correct.

This progressive contribution of the Internet has introduced a degree of competition in the world of mass communications, which although still quantitatively small, is nonetheless unprecedented.

An interactive process has been set in motion with the Internet and the blogosphere acting as a check on the mass media — sometimes breaking important news that would otherwise go unnoticed or unreported.

This process has the potential for accelerating with the development and spread of Internet technology, for example to Internet television; and fostering intelligent discussion on a global scale.

The Federal Communications Commission has been considering what its role and rules should be for the Internet. It is time to fight for it.

Mark Weisbrod is co-director of the Center for Economic and Policy Research.
Welcome back!

WELCOME BACK!

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz  No. 0817

Across
1 Some Strauss compositions  37 "Help!", and a hit to 17, 27, 40, and 53
2 Up  39 Give a noncommittal answer
3 "Flat folk"  40 Small cave, perturbingly
4 Thanksgiving side dish  41 "How to a-jump!"
5 1299AD to 1526AD  42 Trad routine, rhetorically
6 It's a cinch, in Japan  43 Weapon for Iraq insurgents, Abu
7 Thanksgiving side dish
8 For 3:19-3:11
9 Weekday for City Dwellers in Japan
10 Thanksgiving side dish
11 Thanksgiving side dish

Down
1 Doggerel  11 Cosets
2 Og, on a toothpaste box  12 Touch
3 Melancholy  13 Ho Chi Minh City
4 7'1" 1993 NBA Rookie of the Year
5 Some iTunes downloads
6 With seashells  7 Cushioned seat
7 Comfort  8 Neighbor ofGet
8 Bicycle-maker since 1945  9 Bike manufacturer since 1945
9 Bicycle-maker since 1945
10 Coats
11 "River"  12 Touch
12 Touch
13 Ho Chi Minh City
14 Independence, in South Dakota
15 North Carolina airport
16 On the California
17 Weapon for Iraqi insurgents, Abu
18 Independent, in South Dakota
19 North Carolina airport
20 "River"  21 Specter
21 Specter
22 Like a streetInstantly
23 In south, today
24 Zig zag, in the air
25 "River"
26 "River"
27 "River"
28 "River"
29 "River"
30 "River"
31 "River"
32 "River"
33 "River"
34 "River"
35 "River"
36 "River"
37 "River"
38 "River"
39 "River"
40 "River"
41 "River"
42 "River"
43 "River"
44 "River"
45 "River"
46 "River"
47 "River"
48 "River"
49 "River"
50 "River"
51 "River"
52 "River"
53 "River"
54 "River"
55 "River"
56 "River"
57 "River"
58 "River"
59 "River"
60 "River"
61 "River"
62 "River"
63 "River"
64 "River"
65 "River"
66 "River"
67 "River"
68 "River"
69 "River"
70 "River"
71 "River"
72 "River"
73 "River"
74 "River"
75 "River"
76 "River"
77 "River"
78 "River"
79 "River"
80 "River"
81 "River"

For answers, call 1-900-285-0909, $1.49 a minute, or with a credit card.
45 Country road
46 "River"
47 "River"
48 "River"
49 "River"
50 "River"
51 "River"
52 "River"
53 "River"
54 "River"
55 "River"
56 "River"
57 "River"
58 "River"
59 "River"
60 "River"
61 "River"
62 "River"
63 "River"
64 "River"
65 "River"
66 "River"
67 "River"
68 "River"
69 "River"
70 "River"
71 "River"
72 "River"
73 "River"
74 "River"
75 "River"
76 "River"
77 "River"
78 "River"
79 "River"
80 "River"
81 "River"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

8 5
1 4
3 2
6 9
7 8
2 3
4 5
9 5

E X C E L L E N T  C O M I D Y  P R O D U C T S  S R C 1-900-285-0909  $1.49 a minute or with a credit card.

PROBABLY 3D STUDENTS.

Crosswords for young solvers: nytimes.com/learning/xwords

For answers, visit nytimes.com/wordplay.

Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crossword from the last 50 years: 1-888-4ACROSS.

Kijons.com

Sponsor the Comic
$50 a day
CALL 805-756-1143

MUSTANG DAILY

MUSTANG DAILY

MUSTANG DAILY

MUSTANG DAILY
The chances to beat the No. 17 team doubled UCLA's shot output, but in front of the 10th-largest regular season attendance figure in NCAA history, Mustangs couldn't pull off the upset. UCLA junior goalkeeper Brian Rowe kept his slate clean, stopping seven minutes later as Patrick Sigler headed a corner kick by senior midfielder Junior Borgus into Rowe's gloves.

McLain again kept a UCLA opportunity out of the net in the 49th minute, thwarting a breakaway from Bruin freshman forward Victor Chavez. Cal Poly replied in the 62nd, as sophomore forward Chris Bernardi sliced a pass through the UCLA penalty area that senior forward David Zamora fired wide of the Bruin net. Another Sigler header — this time from a Wes Feighner throw-in — was muffled by Rowe in the 66th.

Cal Poly's final highlight opportunity to win the match in regulation occurred during the 77th minute, as Borgus tossed a pass into Zamosa, with a chance to put the Mustangs past the Bruins, however, Rowe stopped him at point-blank range: "I thought we played well tonight; well enough to win, but that's soccer. Sometimes you're deprived of victory," Holocher said. "We enjoyed a number of scoring opportunities from different players and not being predictable is what you want in attack. We just needed a little more quality in our finishing and composure in front of goal. It want from lack of effort, however.

Cal Poly continues its three-game sweep over Cal State Bakersfield. Todd placed third as a junior (2008), fourth as a senior (2009) and fifth as a sophomore (2007) at the NCAA championships and also was a championship qualifier as a freshman in 2006. He was a Cliff Keen Invitational champion at 184 pounds in 2007 and earned Academic All-Big Ten honors in 2006.

Todd's career record at Michigan was 121-30, including a 54-13 mark in dual meets. He recorded 22 career falls, including 10 as a senior. In addition to his Big Ten title in 2009, Todd placed second in 2008, third in 2007 and fifth in 2006. He posted a 25-3 record as a senior, 34-4 as a junior and 28-8 as a sophomore. In his junior season he put together a career-best and team-high 21-match winning streak.
Women’s soccer blanks Weber State

Jerome Goyhenetche
Jerome.Goyhenetche, M.D @gmail.com

The Cal Poly women's soccer team (4-4-0) notched a 4-0 victory Sunday afternoon against winless Weber State.

Despite Weber State's struggles so far this season, they were able to challenge Cal Poly early on. Weber State posted two shots on goal by the four-minute mark, while maintaining possession of the ball and fending off the Cal Poly offense. On paper, Weber State seemed determined to earn their first win.

To add momentum for Weber State, Cal Poly's challenge became greater when their leading scorer, senior forward Whitney Sisler, was escorted off the field with an injury after a collision with a Weber State defender.

Sisler has been Cal Poly's main offensive weapon this season. She leads the team with six goals and 12 points on 15 shots. She's most notable goals include the go-ahead goal against San Jose State and two goals against Long Island in the Hawaii tournament.

Despite Sisler's absence, Cal Poly was able to turn the game around and establish control of the game. Ten different Cal Poly players recorded shots, and four of their six shots on goal found their way into the back of the net. Cal Poly outshot Weber State 15 to 6 in the game, holding them to only two shots in the entire second half. Weber State's only shot on goal in the half came with 11 seconds remaining.

Junior goalkeeper Brooke Gauvin posted her second shutout of the season while playing all 90 minutes. She had four saves on six shots. Her other complete game shutout was a 2-0 win against San Jose State.

Head coach Alex Crozier said he remained confident Cal Poly would persevere through the tough start to the game.

"I never felt like our team wasn't going to get it done," Crozier said. "Although I thought we didn't play that well in the first half, we did much better in the second half.

The players were all excited after the game for their strong performance and were eager for their next game, Morgan Miller said.

"The team was stoked to win at home, which is always fun for us, and we are ready to dominate this season," Morgan Miller said.

The Mustangs' next game will be on the road versus Pepperdine. Friday Sept. 24.

Football suffers first loss of season

Mustang Daily Staff Report
mustangdailysports@gmail.com

One week after Cal Poly beat the best team in the nation, the Montana Grizzlies, Cal Poly tasted defeat for the first time this season.

Freshman running back Dexter Imade rushed for 95 yards and two scores as Texas State (2-1) upset No. 17 Cal Poly (2-1), 21-12 Saturday night in Bobcat Stadium.

Imade scored on runs of 2 and 33 yards while freshman quarterback Tyler Arndt passed for 123 yards as Texas State beat Cal Poly for the third straight time in Bobcat Stadium.

Karrington Bush put Texas State on the board first, after running 37 yards for a Texas State touchdown. To answer, Cal Poly posted a Jake West 33-yard field goal in the opening minutes of the game.

West added a 33-yard field goal in the third period to cut the deficit to 7-6, but Imade's first touchdown, a 2-yard run, gave the Bobcats a 14-6 advantage late in the third period.

Cal Poly's lone touchdown of the game came on a one-yard run by quarterback Doug Shawmyow with 34 seconds left in the third quarter. The Mustangs, trailing by two points, went for two but Shawmyow's pass fell incomplete.

Texas State went up by two scores, 21-12, on Imade's 33-yard run with 13:01 to play in the game and held on for the win as the Mustangs couldn't drive past the 50-yard line on their final three possessions.

Cal Poly had other opportunities to score, but couldn't take advantage.

In the first quarter, the Mustangs drove to the Bobcat 28-yard line, but James Langford missed a 46-yard field goal attempt. Early in the second period, Cal Poly marched to the Texas State 17-yard line, but Shawmyow fumbled the ball on third down.

A chop block penalty, followed by a delay of game penalty, halted a Mustang drive near midfield in the second quarter. On the next possession, the Mustangs were stopped on a fourth-and-one play, again near midfield.

Mustang senior fullback Jordan Yocum rushed for a career-high 145 yards on 17 carries, recording his fifth career 100-yard game. Shawmyow finished with 79 yards on 23 carries while Andre Broadous, who called signals in the final eight minutes of the first half, rushed for 31 yards on nine carries.

Shawmyow completed 19 of 21 passes for 64 yards while Broadous was one of two for two yards. Cal Poly's top receiver was senior Dominique Johnson with five catches for 30 yards. Yocum and Mark Rodgers each caught two passes.

Linnbacker Kenny Jackson recorded 11 tackles to lead Cal Poly defensively. Marty Mohamed intercepted a Texas State pass, his second turnover in two games.

For Texas State, Imade netted 95 yards on 16 carries while Bush added 86 yards on 14 trips.

Arndt completed nine of 14 passes for 123 yards and Marcus Griffin was his favorite target with three catches for 52 yards.

The loss was the Mustangs' eighth straight on the road since a 42-28 triumph over South Dakota State midway through the 2008 season.

Cal Poly continues its five-game road trip with a visit to McNeese State on Sept. 25 at 5 p.m. The Mustangs also visit Fresno State, Old Dominion and Southern Utah before returning home to Alex G. Spanos Stadium on Oct. 23 against North Dakota.