Finished Simpson Strong-Tie building to be unveiled tomorrow

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A one-of-a-kind laboratory featuring a heavy timber brace frame, poly carbonate-sharthing and a space for interdisciplinary projects will open its doors at a ribbon cutting ceremony Friday.

The Simpson Strong-Tie Materials Demonstration Laboratory is now adjacent to the Construction Innovation Center. At 5,000 square feet, it is the largest element of the construction management building. Architecture and environmental design students will use the lab to design, build and test structural components.

Construction management department head Allan Hauck is credited for being the "real hero" and doing the "lion's share of the work" by colleague and architectural engineering department head Allen Estes.

There is a need for increased collaboration in the College of Architecture and Environmental Design (CAED), Hauck said. The Materials Demonstration Laboratory will merge aspects of architecture design, construction and architectural engineering.

"The lab is intended to show students how all these areas work closely together and communicate," Hauck said. "The goal is to keep the lab as flexible as possible for different classes."

To ensure this, the building has something for everyone. The space is fairly open but there are plenty of hidden accommodations.

Underneath the 6 inch-thick floor slabs are tie-downs students can use to brace large models to the ground. The design purposefully kept everything exposed so students can see different portions of a building not typically seen in a classroom. The permanent steel frame in the front of the building will be used to show how the components connect. The pavement blocks in the front of the laboratory can be removed to demonstrate to landscape architects different methods of switching out pavement and stones.

Even the building process has been a hands-on learning experience for students with all design documents electronically available to the college. Construction management senior Rickie Bowers participated in a mock trial where he was a general contractor along with fellow classmates.

Cal Poly Wheelmen place fourth at national collegiate bike race

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Even though construction management senior Kyle Wideman injured his foot, the biker continued competing in the Collegiate Mountain Bike Nationals for the rest of the weekend.

This and other efforts led the Cal Poly Wheelmen Club to fourth place overall at the Collegiate Mountain Bike Nationals this past weekend in Truckee, Calif. Out of estimated 50 to 60 club members, four women and eight men competed.

Around 30 schools competed for Division-I during the three-day event at the Northstar Resort in four disciplines: Cross Country, Short Track, Downhill and Four Cross. The teams came from mainly the West Coast, but some East Coast teams also joined the ranks.

Riders typically specialize for the Downhill and Four Cross races (gravity riding) or the Cross Country and Short Track races (endurance riding), said Josef Duller, a Wheelmen member and mechanical engineering senior. Some members specialize in both areas, he said.

Wideman specializes in gravity riding. Four Cross is "kind of like snow cross but with mountain bikes," he said. The race typically lasts 20-40 seconds.

"Four Cross is four guys with four bikes and a gate that latches down and you just have a bunch of turns down a mountain; a bunch of big jumps," Wideman said. "The easiest way to describe it is mesh BMX and snow cross."

The four Wheelwomen at the competition, (Catherine Cresalia, Kathleen Krames, Sally Hermansen and Bridget Zapata), rode for every single race using a variety of skills, including transitioning from high speed to low speed, jumping, swift turns and more.

Downhill races last three to five

Sally Hermansen, one of four "Wheelwomen," races other bikers at the Collegiate Mountain Bike Nationals in Truckee, Calif, where Cal Poly Wheelmen took fourth out of an estimated 30 schools. They will race again on Saturday at the Stanford Mt. Bike Race.

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Your data stored in the clouds

Have you ever wondered if it would be possible to log onto a computer you have never used before, but have all your applications, data and settings from your home computer? Although businesses and schools (like Cal Poly) have been using this method for years, a few companies like Microsoft, Apple and specifically Google are seriously considering this as the new standard for user-computer interactions.

Have you ever used Gmail, Hotmail, Office365, MobileMe or Facebook? All are very successful examples of cloud computing. In essence, cloud computing is the storage of user data on an external server, accessible from any computer connected to the server. In English, that means your data would be stored just like e-mails on Gmail or pictures on Facebook. Logging into the server will allow you to access all of your data from anywhere in the world.

Google wants to take this even further and build the entire operating system on cloud computing. Essentially, users create an account at the computer's boot-up, then login like they would normally. Any computer running Google's operating system will allow users access to their files and desktop from anywhere.

This idea is absolutely revolutionary and it will change how we use computers and be very useful technology. Computers will drop in price because the computer won't need to be as powerful anymore. Internet Service Providers (ISPs) will have to provide faster service and with "Super" WiFi, it would seem that you will always have access to your data in the sky.

However, not everyone is thrilled. Excluding Google's past history with personal data and privacy, cloud computing is not secure. Thieves could intercept data transmitting in the air or within the server itself. Users would rely on the company to guard the servers, as well as keep them maintained. An even greater danger is data mining. The company you trusted to store your data just might keep tabs on what you're doing, and sell that information. It happens now — just ask Mark Zuckerberg. After all, he didn't get rich just for the creation of Facebook; he used the power his users gave him.

Running side, some of the things cloud computing requires are actually rather interesting. For one, ISPs will need to step up with fiber optic transmissions and gigabit connections. The current download and upload speeds are fine for the basic tasks we do today, but anything more intensive than online gaming — at impossibly fast as that is — will require even more power. Imagine wanting to edit an image using Adobe Photoshop that was installed onto a server space; the bandwidth required surpasses what we have readily available.

Personally, I am not looking forward to cloud computing at all, but I can see that it will certainly provide some benefits.

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Cal Poly researchers study climate change

Russell Peterson

Special to The Mustang Daily

Cal Poly faculty and staff in the College of Math and Science are analyzing data from 40 to 60 million-year-old ice cores to study how the climate has behaved in the past in an effort to better understand how it is changing now.

Cal Poly joined the Mathematic and Climate Change Research Network on Oct. 1. The analysis of ice cores are records of the climate that give researchers a photograph of the climate in the past. Air bubbles trapped within the ice allow scientists to measure levels of various gases, including carbon dioxide and greenhouse gases from the time the ice was formed, Camp said.

Computer models are another tool the network wants to use to study climate. The network plans to create a range of models that will help climatologists run better tests and simulations in order to understand how the climate is changing.

"We want to create a deeper hierarchy of models that use equations to look at how energy moves between different systems," Camp said. "This helps us to understand how the climate shifts between different states."

The underlying objective of the network, which is to create a link between the participating institutions, creates more research opportunities for Cal Poly math and science students. Most of the universities involved have a research component, which is an element that Cal Poly lacks, Camp said.

"That is particularly useful here because we don't have a wealth of undergraduate students and postdoctorals," Camp said.

"We can't go to a lab and run the Earth through tests. Our only choices are to look at historical records," said Charles D. Camp, assistant professor of mathematics. "Our only choices are to look at the historical records or use computer models."

"At Cal Poly's work will reveal information about how the climate has evolved in the past. This knowledge will help climatologists better understand how the climate is changing now," Camp said.

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"I'm excited for the lab," Bowers said. "It'll be a great hands-on approach to construction as opposed to the management side of things."

CAED dean Thomas Jones asked faculty to come together to give input on the programmatic design of the building. Architectural engineering associate professor Ed Saliklis was one of the faculty members who decided how the building would be used.

"We started by discussing what the building is not," Saliklis said. "The building is not a machinist shop because the college already has one. It is not a testing facility where we would do multiple research or classroom tests because we have a facility in the department where we have a 200,000 pound testing machine and things like that.

There were several things the faculty agreed upon, one of them being an interdisciplinary project space.

"If we have students from architecture, and architectural engineering working together on a project and need a little space to work on prototypes, this building would be a great space to do it," Saliklis said.

The building will also be a space for vendor-driven demonstrations.

"Vendors will come in, not to sell us stuff, but to get us excited about the beauty and the utility of their products," Saliklis said. "For instance, we can have vendors bring different windows and install them. The students can see the interface between what surrounds the window and the actual walls and how it all goes together. We can also imagine water penetrations tests. If we have a window installed in that wall, we can spray water on it and measure the amount of liquid that passes through."

The lab is a college facility that provides a more hands-on learning experience, Linn said.

"We are trying to reinvent a course currently taught by the architecture department called Materials of Construction," he said. "Right now, it is being taught in a large lecture hall using power point presentations. With the new Materials Demonstration building, we can turn it into a lab class where students can see all the different materials and demonstrate the strength and the application of those materials in a real building."

Some of these materials include timber, concrete and engineer lumber — chip fiber that, after heated together, becomes stronger than most wood — and the poly carbonate sheathing.

"We have the opportunity to become a premier institution for engineering ... and the only building in California to have a timber-brace frame for lateral support."

Former president of Structural Engineers' Association of California (SEAO) and architectural engineering senior Brian Pianas said the challenges of using timber wood as the frame is inability to move with the building in the event of an earthquake.

"With timber there is no ductile action," Pianas said. "So in the wake of an earthquake, instead of moving with the building, the wood traps. They had to prove it could work. Under Californian seismic code, this building is not allowed but they proved it could be done."

One reason this was accomplished is because Simpson Strong-Tie Co., Inc. makes connections for timber. In order to allow for the building to move without the timber breaking, they developed strong enough connections to withstand earthquakes.

Not only is the Materials Demonstration Lab a showcase of Simpson Strong-Tie's products, the company donated $500,000 to the construction. This makes them the biggest donor of money and materials.

Simpson-Strong Tie has a strong relationship with the College of Architecture and Environmental Design, especially the architectural engineering department. Alan Hanson is the Simpson Strong-Tie Co., Inc. southern California sales manager as well as a member of the Dean's Advisory Council for the college.

In 1996, he initiated the first Simpson Strong-Tie competition — workshops giving students the opportunity to use the company's products.

"They are everywhere," Pianas said. "They have sponsored one of our other labs, put on career fairs, sponsored our t-shirts and many other things."

According to the Simpson Strong-Tie press release, the company made the donation because "Cal Poly is the premier institution for engineering ... We have the opportunity to become part of the students' education, which is truly priceless."

All the money was privately raised and Hauck obtained the donations. Another company that made the building possible was WorkWorks.

"WorkWorks provided Hauck with contacts for manufacturers that could supply the structural members and provided the design team with technical support, such as fire protection information, to use as resources for their design of the building," Kam-Bison said.

For students of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design, the part has been about small-scale models. Now with the Simpson Strong Tie Materials Demonstration Lab, students will have the opportunity to work with large scale models and materials.

"The lab will show how things come together — a demonstration space on a real-life scale," Pianas said. "It's a free space to use that can go with our imagination."

The ribbon cutting ceremony starts at 4:30 p.m. Friday. Cal Poly Interim President Robert Nelsen and dean of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design Thomas Jones will speak.

Sofia Ball also contributed to this article.
Senator says military neglected troops with stress trauma

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MCCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

The military has been discharging troops who are suffering from combat stress, instead of providing treatment, according to Missouri Sen. Christopher "Kit" Bond and several veterans advocates.

That would mean that many who could be afflicted with mental health conditions, including post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury, have left the service without official medical diagnoses and no chance for medical benefits.

"If somebody comes back with battle-related stress and invisible injuries, we owe them a tremendous amount," said Bond, a Republican. "We need to determine what their problem is, not kick them out and let them fend for themselves."

The disputed discharges are for "adjustment disorders," which can occur when a person has trouble handling a stressful event. In the military, service members who've seen combat or undergone other types of stress might be discharged as a result of sleepwalking, aimless or severe nightmares.

The procedure bypasses the lengthy medical discharge process, but critics say that many troops are discharged erroneously and lose out on medical benefits.

"A service member who has a mental health condition is tempted with the carrot of going home to see family, and most service members will leap at the chance," said Paul Sullivan, the executive director of Veterans for Common Sense, an advocacy group. "Without a medical exam and legal advice, they quickly sign the discharge papers so they can go home. Most often they're not told they are sacrificing benefits."

After several attempts to get discharge data from the Pentagon, Bond and three Senate colleagues called on Defense Secretary Robert Gates in a letter last week to pry the information loose.

"We are particularly concerned that troops who display symptoms of combat stress are expeditiously chaptered out of the military by the medical bureaucracy prior to their condition meeting formal diagnostic criteria for PTSD or other conditions that would constitute disability," they wrote.

Democratic Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont also signed the letter, along with Republicans Sam Brownback of Kansas and Charles Grassley of Iowa.

Pentagon spokesman Edwar Lai- nez said the department would respond to their letter "as appropriate." The questions surrounding discharge charges come against a backdrop of concern on several fronts: a shortage of military doctors, multiple deployments that send some service members back to war zones more than once, a record number of suicides among National Guard and Reserve troops, and high instances of PTSD and combat-related brain injuries.

A recent study found that more than a third of the returning male Iraq and Afghanistan war veterans — and more than a quarter of the women — wished help at the Veterans Health Administration had PTSD.

Bond and veterans advocates are particularly angry because Congress cautioned the military about quickly discharging service members who might need mental health treatment. In 2007 it stopped the military from using pre-existing personality disorders as a trigger to remove combat-stressed troops. Pre-existing medical conditions disqualify service members from receiving benefits.

Critics said they were sham discharges because the military originally had found many of those discharged troops fit to deploy to Iraq or Afghanistan.

They said the pressure was intense to remove service members quickly instead of going through the lengthy medical discharge process because it served multiple purposes: freed up otherwise non-deployable spots in military units that were headed to the war zones. Personality disorder discharges plummeted after Congress stepped in, according to the Pentagon, from 1,072 in fiscal year 2006 to 64 in the first six months of this fiscal year.

Adjustment disorders have more than doubled during the same period, however, from more than 1,400 in 2006 to more than 3,800 last year.

"The military is trying to kick soldiers out as fast as possible," Sullivan charged. "When it was caught red-handed improperly using personality disorder discharges, it simply shifted gears and now uses adjustment disorders."

A military diagnosis of PTSD qualifies active-duty service members for medical retirement and lifelong compensation, as well as health care for their families and them.

A PTSD diagnosis by the Department of Veterans Affairs also qualifies the veteran for benefits, though not as extensive. "That means if they were on active duty and received the wrong diagnosis, they were cheated out of health care and compensation that would have come out of the (Defense Department) budget," said Steve Robinson, a veterans advocate and former Army Ranger. "For every person who gets kicked out by adjustment disorder who later finds out it was wrong, there is no recourse."

Camp said. "It effectively is providing a deeper research structure that people here can connect with."

All the schools involved will be connected virtually, with logistical support provided by Renaissance Computing Institute. Karen Green, director of communications for the institute, said that the universities will meet weekly on the Internet to discuss their findings with each other.

Other institutions in the network include the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Arizona State University, University of California, Berkeley and the University of Chicago.

Christopher Jones, distinguished professor of mathematics at UNC Chapel Hill and the lead investigator for the project, said Cal Poly was chosen as a member of the network primarily because of Camp's expertise in the area of data analysis.

The results of the project will be published in peer-reviewed journals in addition to other media outlets, including campus media at the universities involved, Jones said. The network wants to reach out to young math students and broadcast the importance of integrating mathematics into the study of climate change.

"We want a young generation of mathematicians to know that math..."
Word on the Street
What's your opinion on the issue of gay suicide?

"I think people don't really want to talk about it, but those affected should know they're not alone." — Kelly Lern, graphic communication freshman

"I think it's an important thing to keep an eye on — when it happens to one person it seems like more follow." — Shirley Lau, business administration sophomore

"I think it's really unjust — the issue of gay rights is really important. It happens more often than people know, I'm glad that the media's focusing on it."

— Eryn Brown, Los Angeles Times

Scientists have found the most distant space object yet observed, a galaxy born just 500 million years after the Big Bang.

The record-breaking discovery, reported Wednesday in the journal Nature, may aid exploration of a crucial period in the early history of the cosmos — a time when light from the earliest stars broke up the fog of hydrogen gas that shrouded the universe shortly after the Big Bang. That process created the "reionized" universe that exists to this day, scientists believe.

"This is one of the most fundamental problems in astronomy — how the universe ionized," said the study's lead author, astronomer Matthew Lehnert of the Observatoire de Paris in France.

Lehnert said that while astronomers know reionization occurred, they don't understand how, because they haven't been able to observe the process under way. "That's why (seeing this object) matters," he said.

The Hubble Space Telescope first spotted the galaxy, named UDFy-38135539, after a new camera that permitted clearer images of distant objects was installed on the telescope in May 2009.

In October of that year, scientists began analyzing photos of a far-off portion of the sky known as the Hubble Ultra Deep Field.

They identified several faint "blobs" that might have been distant galaxies, Lehnert said. To confirm that was what they were, astronomers needed to analyze the blobs' light with a spectrograph — a device that could determine whether the light resembled that typically seen escaping far-off stars.

The team wasn't sure the objects Hubble uncovered would be bright enough to analyze in this way. Still, Lehnert secured 16 hours of time — considered generous — to observe UDFy-38135539 with the European Southern Observatory's Very Large Telescope and SINFONI spectrograph in Chile.

Crunching through the data as it trickled in slowly over the course of two months, Lehnert and his colleagues determined with 99.99 percent certainty that the object's light did appear to be coming from a distant galaxy, according to the Nature study.

The spectrograph also allowed scientists to pin down the galaxy's so-called redshift, a measure of how far the galaxy and Earth were moving away from each other due to the expansion of the universe.

The larger the redshift, the more distant — and more ancient — the observation.

UDFy-38135539 had a redshift of 8.55 — meaning that light escaping it was emitted more than 13 billion years ago. The farthest galaxy previously detected had a redshift of 6.96.

It's light started the trip toward Earth about 150 million years later than UDFy-38135539.

"It's remarkable that in such a short time, well-developed galaxies already existed (in the universe)," said Michele Trenti, an astrophysicist at the Center for Astrophysics and Space Astronomy of the University of Colorado.

Trenti, who wrote an editorial accompanying the Nature paper, said that it is likely there are more galaxies, yet unseen, lurking at these great distances.

About one-tenth of the diameter of the Milky Way, and composed of approximately 1 billion stars, UDFy-38135539 wouldn't emit enough light on its own to ionize the hydrogen gas that surrounded it, the Nature article reported. Unless there were more galaxies around it to help break down the hydrogen fog, this galaxy's light probably could never have reached Earth.

"Because the glow of UDFy-38135539 is so faint, some scientists say they are skeptical of the results."

The question of whether this is definitively the oldest is uncertain,” said California Institute of Technology astronomer Richard Ellis, who is co-author of a forthcoming review in Nature about the reionization of the universe.

"This is an ambitious and difficult measurement. People have been wrong before."

But Ellis said that the research remained "impressive," and that it "demonstrates that it's feasible to prove that these (galaxies) exist at long distances." By viewing distant galaxies, astronomers will figure out what happened in the universe's early years, he added.

"We're about to find out about one of the most interesting periods of the universe, about which not much is known," he said.

"It's the last frontier, and we're on the brink of observationally nailing it down."
State
LODI (MCT) — Constitution supporters talked of staying informed on conservative issues as the Tea Party Patriots' Constitutional Bus Tour rolled into Lodg on Monday night.

Guests from throughout the state gave a history lesson of the Constitution's founding in 1787, how they say it's being threatened today and what residents can do to restore government to its original constitutional principles.

Guest speakers at the event ranged from an actor who reenacts speeches by the founding fathers to a conservative constitutional attorney.

SANTA CRUZ (MCT) — Getting lost down a dead-end dirt road on the UC Santa Cruz campus should become a thing of the past now that a collaborative effort between several UCSC departments has named all the campus streets, roads, drives and ways.

Until now about 30 percent of campus roads had names, and asking or giving directions routinely digressed into a comedy routine of counting stop signs, interpretive gestures, insider names, and perhaps a little bit of trailblazing.

Briefs
WASHINGTON D.C. (MCT) — The Obama Administration notified Congress Wednesday of plans to sell Saudi Arabia up to $60 billion worth of arms in a deal to bolster regional defenses against an ascendant Iran.

The agreement, which will stretch out over as much as 20 years, would be the largest U.S. arms sale ever, if Riyadh buys all that has been authorized.

IILLINOIS (MCT) — A Chicago man has pleaded not guilty to federal charges with planting what he believed was a bomb near Wrigley Field.

Sam Sim Hassoun entered not guilty pleas in front of U.S. Magistrate Judge Susan Cox on Wednesday to counts of attempting to detonate a weapon of mass destruction and attempting to use an explosive device.

Prosecutors allege that Hassoun plotted with an FBI source to plant a backpack loaded with explosives outside the crowded district near Wrigley Field and discussed with undercover agents other plans that included contaminating the city's water supply or attacking police officers.

GERMANY (MCT) — The danger of terrorism is "greater than ever," the head of Germany's federal police, the BKA, said on Wednesday.

"The threat of militant Islamist attacks was a "high abstract danger," for Germany," Joerg Ziercke told delegates at the agency's annual convention.

He said the number of preliminary investigations into Islamist threats had risen since 2001 to reach a current peak of 352.

Security agents believe there are more than 1,000 militant Islamists in Germany who are prepared to resort to violence.

International
AFGHANISTAN (MCT) — Afghan electoral officials, releasing preliminary results of last months' elections, said Wednesday that they had tossed out more than a million ballots, citing proven or likely fraud.

The decision by Afghanistan's Independent Election Commission laid bare the enormous extent of malfeasance in the Sept. 18 vote, which was billed as a showpiece of the country's nascent democracy.

AFGHANISTAN (MCT) — Three environmental advocacy groups sued BP on Wednesday, alleging that the company's Gulf of Mexico oil spill is creating an environmental disaster.

The suit suggested some of the ways the court could hold BP accountable, including helping to establish national marine sanctuaries and creating a permanent endowment to restore and study Gulf species.

BP officials did not return a call seeking comment. But the company has repeatedly vowed to aggressively clean up the oil and restore the gulf, including funding a major wildlife rehabilitation program and committing $500 million into research into the effects of the spill.

The gulf region is home to at least 27 endangered or threatened species. The April 20 rig explosion killed 11 workers and spilled 4.1 million barrels of oil. More than 600 sea turtles were found dead and another 456 were found alive, but soiled with oil. More than 4,300 oiled birds have been found, and 800 more are expected.

Long-term impacts on wildlife are unclear. Much of the oil remains dispersed deep under the sea. Scientists are unsure how this and 1.8 million gallons of chemical dispersant will alter the fate of marine creatures and habitats.

Wednesday's lawsuit, filed in federal court in New Orleans, is likely to be rolled into the massive "multidistrict litigation" action, in which one federal judge handles proceedings that are combined into one unified process, said Catherine Wannamaker, senior attorney for the Southern Environmental Law Center, who is representing the plaintiffs.

U.S. District Judge Carl Barbier is presiding over more than 300 cases related to the spill, including personal injury and death cases and loss claims from individuals, businesses and governments.

Barbier is also handling environmental cases, including a suit brought by the Center for Biological Diversity seeking $19 billion in civil penalties under the Clean Water Act.

Justice Department officials have filed papers indicating they will probably file suit on behalf of the American public, possibly for violations of the Oil Pollution Act and the Clean Water Act. The government is pursuing a criminal investigation as well.

By the end of 2011, BP hopes to sell off $30 billion in assets to raise money to cover its post-spill obligations. On Monday, it announced it was selling off $1.8 billion in interests in Venezuela and Vietnam.

The company has promised to put $20 billion into a fund to handle legal claims. People receiving a payout from the fund also waive their right to sue.

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California gubernatorial candidates have distinct campaign styles

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As California’s gubernatorial candidates head to Election Day, Meg Whitman and Jerry Brown are following two distinct paths that speak to their strengths and weaknesses as candidates and the segments of the electorate that are vital to each.

Republican Whitman is aggressively courting independent voters across the state. She aired four new anti-Brown ads in the last week. She is campaigning in media markets large and small every day and cluttering mailboxes around the state. A recent mailing went to nearly 1 million independent voters. Whitman is targeting specific groups on the theory that even a motivated Republican base is not enough to guarantee her election.

Democratic nominee Brown is nearly as visible but has concentrated his actions in Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay Area, the party’s twin power centers, trying to motivate core voters with visits from popular Democrats such as Bill Clinton and Barack Obama. Whitman is less visible along the coast and in the Central Valley, and Whitman’s chief strategist, said Monday that her “visuals” are focused on retail politeness. Brown is seeking to benefit himself and California’s privileged class.

“He’s shooting a shotgun, hoping the blast is sufficiently broad enough that it will attract the kind of support he needs,” said Larry Gerston, a political science professor at San Jose State University. “She’s shooting a rifle, picking her targets carefully.”

The Whitman campaign is in overdrive, with the candidates riding around the state in a large green bus emblazoned with her “Jobs are on the way” slogan and her stylized poppy logo. In addition to extensive television advertising and a sophisticated direct-mail operation, the campaign is aggressively contacting voters. More than 37,000 volunteers have made more than a million phone calls so far, the campaign said.

“We’re going to stuff 20 days’ worth of campaigning into 15 days,” Whitman’s chief strategist, said Monday after the candidate spoke at a Garden Grove manufacturing plant. “The kitchen-sink approach is indicative of what’s at stake — she has dumped more than $140 million of her own money into her campaign. Nevertheless, she remains locked with Brown in a tight race.”

“We live in a Democratic state. There are 2.3 million more Democrats in California than there are Republicans,” she said Monday. “The fact we are tied is actually a very good indicator and the next 15 days are going to matter — where do the undecideds go?”

A first-time political candidate, Whitman is far more comfortable as a public speaker than she was six months ago, but even her attempts at retail politeness remain highly manufactured.

Last weekend, on a three-city swing through Northern California, three aides wearing Secret Service-style microphones guided Whitman through roadside diners as she shook hands, posed for pictures and chatted with voters. At the Black Bear Diner in Redding, Whitman was explaining her jobs plan to a customer when an aide leaned in and whispered: “Face the camera.”

As Whitman turned, a throng of photographers snapped away.

Aides also polled customers as she visited the laundromat crowd, steering Whitman around a couple of Brown supporters.

The visits are intended to show the former eBay chief and billionaire relating to everyday voters and their concerns. The results are mixed: At Philie’s Burgers in Mountain View, she cut a chili dog into quarters with a plastic knife and took a bite, pinky finger extended. Still, the appearances attract media attention, allowing Whitman to stick to a script yet appear spontaneous.

“The visuals of her being in the average citizen experience, the visage of her by the recession help her persuade voters across California who care about the economy,” said Thad Houlton, a political scientist at the University of California, San Diego.

“There are two things politicians are doing when they do retail campaigning: There is the audience in front of them, but they are just as concerned about how they are perceived by the electorate, allowing Whitman to stick to a script yet appear spontaneous.”

“Since he began campaigning around Labor Day, Brown has held two types of events — rallies aimed at energizing core Democratic voters and news conferences aimed at making headlines. The latter tend to be bare-bones — the candidate, a lectern, a couple of Jerry Brown 2010 campaign signs.”

Over the last week, Brown had rallies with Clinton in Los Angeles and San Jose, and held two news conferences. Outside Dorris Place Elementary School in Los Angeles, he criticized Whitman’s proposal to eliminate the state tax on capital gains; at the Japanese Cultural and Community Center in San Francisco, he touted his support from Asian leaders.

On Monday, Brown promised a “very extensive schedule” in the final weeks of the campaign.

Brown’s campaign and his allies are also airing television ads and sending out mailers, with Brown releasing a new ad Thursday that implies that Whitman is a clone of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who is deeply unpopular among California voters. The ad features footage of Whitman making statements such as “I don’t owe anyone anything” and “This is all about leadership,” spliced with footage of Schwarzenegger saying the same things.

Brown’s allies are also working on turning out voters. Organizing for America, the remains of the Obama campaign, is focusing on first-time Obama voters. The state party is spending $4 million to target more than 1 million voters. The California Labor Federation has 30,000 volunteers distributing 3 million fliers at workplaces and is sending more than 2 million non-union voters. The Service Employees International Union has vowed to spend $5 million appealing to Latino voters.

Analysts say such efforts will determine who wins on Nov. 2.
Still Time to perform at SLO Brewing Co. Friday

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After a four-month national tour, Still Time is back in town. The groovy funk-rock band that formed in San Luis Obispo in 2004, will play at the newly-renovated SLO Brewing Co. on Friday night to a full house of its biggest fans.

Eight people cooped up in an RV headed cross-country, the band spread its sound in states such as New York, Texas and Louisiana. Lead singer Dan Curcio said one of his favorite spots is New Orleans. “They showed us a really good time,” Curcio said. “We had this guy — Antonio — a trumpet player from Walter ‘Wolfman’ Washington and the Roadmasters and he was this incredible trumpet player and he came up every night and played with us. It’s just a really cool and open music culture.”

Another highlight was playing at South by Southwest in Austin, Texas, featuring acts such as She & Him and Rogue Wave. “We did some good networking and they liked the music,” Curcio said.

Although the band got off the road in the beginning of the summer, the clock hasn’t slowed. Between juggling finances, starting a non-profit organization and working on a new album to tentatively be released next year, Still Time isn’t stopping the momentum.

“We’re getting back on our feet for a strong push coming up,” Curicio said.

Most recently, the band spent time in the mountains of Santa Cruz and started working on a few songs.

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The exhibit features 45 local artists and more than 100 different works that won't be found in any other art gallery in San Luis Obispo. One of the artists, who wished to remain anonymous, carried several canvases capturing the essence of San Luis Obispo. The gallery itself is a community space, where people can come and see art, purchase it, and discuss it with the artists.

Claassen's goal is to create a space for local artists to emerge. He has allowed them to spend more time on their art, and he has helped many of them make a living off their art. The exhibition "Pascal's Peeps" is a testament to this emerging art culture.

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However, the band members are giving themselves time to develop their sound and create a more cohesive album — something Curcio said they have been hesitant about doing until now.

"We feel we need to hook people who know nothing about us yet," Curcio said. "I think in the past we've maybe been afraid of looking like we know nothing about us yet," continuing that we have to get this thing moving forward.

The band has also explored expanding its circle with saxophonist Ryan Mosse who has been featured in songs and who helped with the sound mechanics. Curcio, who'd seen Mosse playing gigs around town, roomed with him when he moved to Shell Beach.

"I'd seen him around, playing jazz gigs, so it was random that he became my roommate," Curcio said. "We started having him jam here and there, and it's worked out recently that he was able to join the crew."

Curcio said he's enjoyed the environment the band creates when they play on stage.

"It's a lot of fun because the high energy is connected between all the guys on stage," he said. "It makes a really fun environment to jam and play."

The momentum doesn't stop at Mosse. Guitarist Nick Bilich has been working on community-based collaborative Meals for Mamas, to provide meals for single mothers and their children to eat once a month.

Bilich said he was inspired to start the organization after a volunteer trip to Rwanda in 2007. One of the activities his group helped with was an AIDS support group where he volunteers provided lunch for the attendees and listened to their stories.

About 90 percent of the attendees were single mothers with four to five children, Bilich said. "We would talk to these people and hear their stories and their histories," Bilich said. "And some of them had AIDS, some of their husbands had AIDS, some of their husbands had left, some had been raped. To see them totally stepping up to the plate to really make ends meet while only having 30 percent of the resources of anybody in the U.S. was one of those experiences where you leave and you're just like, 'Wow.'"

After the trip, while sitting in Sal's Lou's, the light bulb turned on. "I was reading over this passage and remembered the Rwanda trip and thought we could totally team up with some local restaurants and single mother families," Bilich said.

After getting such a strong initial response from the community, the band wanted to start the organization to get involved in the community.

"The hope is to raise an awareness that it doesn't take a lot to make a difference," Bilich said. Although the kick-off date for the organization was scheduled for October, Bilich realized time was tight between the candid project and the band.

For now the band will work on getting local restaurants on board with its plan.

"Trying to find the time and resources and connect with the people you need to connect with — it's kind of a job in itself," Bilich said.

Despite full plates, the band is still excited to return to its birth­ground — SLO Brewing Co. The band is using this opportunity to test out a new song, which will give the audience a good idea of their new direction, Curcio said.

"The thing I'm looking forward to most is this song that we don't even have a title for yet," Curcio said. "I'm really looking forward to seeing the fans' response to this song. It's kind of the sound I think we'll be going for."

Mosse will play a few songs with the group and is looking forward to the packed and rowdy crowd, he said. "They throw a lot of energy at us on stage and we kind of reciprocate and give it back," Mosse said.

Doors for the 21 and older show open at 7:30 p.m. and opensers Zubah and Central Currency begin at 8 p.m. Pre-sale tickets are available for $12 at Boo Boo Records or ticketweb.com and are $15 at the door.
Whose shoes?

See if you can match the shoes to the quotes from the Cal Poly students and staff who wear them.

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1. "I wear these shoes because they make my feet and every step lighter faster and stronger than they ever have before. And it's funny to get rocks or twigs stuck between my toes."
   — Aldrin Montana, computer science senior

2. "I can wear them just about anywhere and they are cute."
   — Adriene Henderson, journalism and agricultural communication senior

3. "They are magic; when I wear them I feel invincible."
   — Cornel Morton, Vice President for Student Affairs

4. "I like the color and I go work out. I advise people to stay away from shoes with shocks though."
   — Nadia Nosrat, agricultural business senior

5. "I wear these bad boys after we get a big W."
   — Drew Wyman, food science senior

6. "Comfort is most important and they hold a great shine."
   — Chad Relley, University Police Department officer

7. "I have dairy lab after this class and they can be pretty dirty."
   — Tyler Flesner, agricultural business freshman

8. "Thought it was going to rain, but it didn't. I am a Vans girl and they are unique."
   — Caitlynn Steinberg, graphic communication senior

9. "The shoes around campus that I see aren't good for your arches. They are uncomfortable and they aren't good for your walking form."
   — Jacob Brandt, landscape architecture junior

Answers:

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Many Americans turning away from religion

The most rapidly growing religious category today is composed of those Americans who say they have no religious affiliation. While middle-age and older Americans continue to embrace organized religion, rapidly increasing numbers of young people are rejecting it.

As recently as 1990, all but 7 percent of Americans claimed a religious affiliation, a figure that had held constant for decades. Today, 17 percent of Americans say they have no religion, and these new "nones" are very heavily concentrated among Americans who have come of age since 1990. Between 1990 and 2008, the proportion of twenty-somethings today say they have no religious affiliation — roughly four times higher than in any previous generation.

So, why this sudden jump in youthful disaffiliation from organized religion? The surprising answer, according to a mounting body of evidence, is politics. Very few of these new "nones" actually call themselves atheists, and many have rather conventional beliefs about God and theology. But they have been alienated from organized religion by its increasingly conservative politics.

During the 1980s, the public face of American religion turned sharply right. Political allegiances and religious observance became more closely aligned, and both religion and politics became more polarized. Abortion and homosexuality were two of the main ways evangelicals attempted to fit their politics. But after 1980, both religious activism into electoral politics and conservative moral and political overlay. From the late 1980s the conservative moral and political overlay. From the late 1980s the conservative political overlay. From the late 1980s the conservative political overlay. From the late 1980s the conservative political overlay. From the late 1980s the conservative political overlay. From the late 1980s the conservative political overlay. From the late 1980s the conservative political overlay. From the late 1980s the conservative political overlay. From the late 1980s the conservative political overlay. From the late 1980s the conservative political overlay. From the late 1980s the conservative political overlay. From the late 1980s the conservative political overlay. From the late 1980s the conservative political overlay. From the late 1980s the conservative political overlay. From the late 1980s the conservative political overlay. From the late 1980s the conservative political overlay. From the late 1980s the conservative political overlay.
Gay troops need to know 'it gets better' too

I've watched all of the "It Gets Better" videos that have crossed my desktop since the campaign began. In these affecting testimonials prompted by the increase in suicides of young gay men, celebrities and public figures speak out to reassure those bullied affecting testimonials prompted by the increase in suicides of young gay men, celebrities and public figures speak out to reassure those bullied about their sexuality that the pressure does eventually ease. I subbed listening to "Project Runway" star Tim Gunn describing his teenage suicide attempt, and I was moved to learn that senior White House adviser Valerie Jarrett mentioned each of the recent victims by name as she assured lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender teens that their lives are precious.

The response to this tragedy is heartening because the public outpouring of grief rates awareness and may save lives. But why hasn't there been the same level of concern for the epidemic of suicides among military service members?

It's pointless and petty to compare heartbreak. In the last few weeks, four young gay men have committed suicide, all in some way connected to fear, shame or isolation around the issue of their homosexuality. I'm heartbroken by this, and ashamed it could happen in America in 2010. I'm just as alarmed that during three days in late September, four soldiers at Fort Hood Army Base in Texas took their own lives. This is not an isolated incident. The New York Times reported Monday that 20 soldiers connected to Fort Hood have committed suicide this year; the Army has confirmed 14 of those cases, and six are under investigation. The base's suicide rate is about four times the national average.

In fact, the Army's suicide rate overall exceeds that of the civilian population, with 160 active-duty suicide deaths in 2009 and 239 across the total Army, including the reserve component. Army suicide rates are now higher than the age- and sex-adjusted rate for the general public, according to the National Institutes of Mental Health.

Several service-specific programs exist to counter the increase in suicides, including a just-launched Army collaboration with NIMH to help the Army develop effective strategies for mitigating suicide risk. Installations with troubling records are also targeted individually. At Fort Campbell, Ky., for example, where there were 11 confirmed soldier suicides from January to late May in 2009, leaders called a three-day "stand-down" — military-speak for "work stoppage" — to identify issues and resources.

Regardless of the cause, predictions are bleak. Adm. Michael Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, cautioned in late September that the number of military suicides will probably increase as large numbers of troops return home after multiple deployments. His warning follows a Pentagon task force report that found the military's suicide-prevention effort is most, they're no Tim Gunn. A speech at a university and a Pentagon report don't have the reach or appeal of a YouTube channel hosting an "It Gets Better" suicide-prevention campaign, where individuals as well as public figures can upload their own stories. This is one area where the military should take cues from social media.

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Stoicism and name-calling doesn't work. Nor do stand-downs and speeches. Individual Americans can help close the military-civilian divide by demonstrating the belief that suicides among service members demand our immediate attention as a society. Soldiers and sailors need reassurance that it gets better for them too.

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Army, by comparison, leads the nation in time of possession at 34:51 a game, but averages only 69.9 plays.

Oregon's theory is teams will ultimately get tired of giving chase, and so far it's working. The Ducks have outscored opponents in the second half, 128-13.

"If you watch other teams, their posture in the second half, they'll be bending over," Ducks linebacker Casey Matthews said.

The Sept. 11 game at Tennessee was 13-13 at intermission and ended 48-13. "That tempo they were going at was 13-13 at intermission and ended 48-13, was hired by Oregon Coach Mike Bellotti in 2007 to re-tool the Ducks' spread offense.

Kelly is careful not to question the tactics or ethics of others, especially when it deals with injuries. "I understand why the officials can't say anything," Kelly said. "What if the guy is legitimately injured? ... To me, if someone's coaching that, then you're basically throwing up a red flag and saying we can't play at your pace." Kelly, 46, is constantly cutting corners — in a constructive way. He was running high-powered offenses at I-AA New Hampshire when he was hired by Oregon Coach Mike Bellotti in 2007 to re-tool the Ducks' spread offense.

Kelly quickly — as he does everything — turned quarterback Dennis Dixon, who had lost his starting job the year before, into a Heisman Trophy candidate. Fearing it might lose Kelly, the school made him the successor-in-waiting to Bellotti, who retired in 2009. Kelly had spent years picking brains and keeping notes in preparation for becoming a head coach.

When he took over at Oregon, an already successful program, Kelly's motivation was to streamline operations. He went to every department head and asked how things could be more efficient. The only answer he would not accept was "That's how we did things before."

Practices this year are faster than they were last year, when they seemed fast enough. Organization is key. The entire 2010 practice schedule was blocked out last summer — down to the minute. "I can tell you what we're doing the Wednesday of the (Nov. 26) Arizona game," Kelly said.

The music literally never stops at an Oregon practice — although at times it seems like musical chairs. Kelly started blasting mix tapes over the loudspeakers because he couldn't stand the "white noise" most teams used to simulate stadium chatter.

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yards. "They played extremely well against us last year," Walsh said. "I think they are going to have a lot of confidence in themselves, they have had an extra week to prepare for us ... it's going to be another good football team."

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Army, by comparison, leads the nation in time of possession at 34:51 a game, but averages only 69.9 plays.

Oregon's theory is teams will ultimately get tired of giving chase, and so far it's working. The Ducks have outscored opponents in the second half, 128-13.

"If you watch other teams, their posture in the second half, they'll be bending over," Ducks linebacker Casey Matthews said.

The Sept. 11 game at Tennessee was 13-13 at intermission and ended 48-13. "That tempo they were going at was 13-13 at intermission and ended 48-13, took over at Oregon, an already successful program, Kelly's motivation was to streamline operations. He went to every department head and asked how things could be more efficient. The only answer he would not accept was "That's how we did things before."

Practices this year are faster than they were last year, when they seemed fast enough. Organization is key. The entire 2010 practice schedule was blocked out last summer — down to the minute. "I can tell you what we're doing the Wednesday of the (Nov. 26) Arizona game," Kelly said.

The music literally never stops at an Oregon practice — although at times it seems like musical chairs. Kelly started blasting mix tapes over the loudspeakers because he couldn't stand the "white noise" most teams used to simulate stadium chatter.

Monday morning, the roll into practice began with players doing free-form warmup. At 8:50, Kelly blasted an air horn and shouted "Let's go!" to the backdrop of startling lead-in stretches to the song "Jump Around."

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Football to play at home for first time in a month

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The hotel rooms and grousing travel schedules end here — at least for two more weeks.

For the first time in more than a month, the No. 21 Cal Poly Mustangs (4-3, 0-1 Great West) will return to Alex G. Spanos Stadium to take on the North Dakota Fighting Sioux (2-4, 0-2) this weekend.

"It will be nice to get back and sleep in your own bed the night before the game and get into your normal routine," fullback Jake Romanelli said. "It will be nice to play in front of the students; some that have never seen us play before. We will be amped up and ready to go."

With the Mustangs 20-7 loss against Southern Utah last weekend, they closed the door on their longest road trip since moving to the FCS in 1994. During the trip, they went 2-3 — two wins better than the Mustangs' record on the road all season last year.

"We battled," head coach Tim Walsh said at Monday's press conference. "We haven't won as many games as we wanted to on the road, but the last five weeks have been a battle ... we came home 2-3 instead of 3-2 and that's unfortunate, but I still believe we are a good football team."

Playing at home might even make them a better team, quarterback Andre Broussard said. The fans, the atmosphere and comfort of playing on a familiar field are some things that work in the Mustangs' favor.

"Home field advantage is big," Broussard said. "You can control the game a little bit better at home, just because of the crowd noise and stuff like that ... it's easier to get the momentum at home."

The Mustangs may need all they can get to rebound from a loss in their conference-opening game last weekend. Against the Thunderbirds, the Mustangs were shutout in the first half for the first time in four years and, up until Mark Rodgers snatched a 29-yard touchdown reception, were on the verge of being shutout for the first time since 1998.

"We weren't executing on offense well," Romanelli said. "We weren't being our normal selves. We were turning the ball over, we were dropping passes, we fumbled snaps, we would move the ball well and then we would shoot ourselves in the foot. You are not going to win a lot of games doing that."

If the Mustangs want opportunities this weekend, they might face the same fate they did a season ago against the Fighting Sioux. Last year, North Dakota sent Cal Poly on a losing tailspin toward the end of its season. North Dakota defeated Cal Poly 31-17, marking its first loss in a season-ending four-game losing streak.

In the game, North Dakota held Cal Poly to a season-low 63 rushing yards off 27 carries, the first time any opponent held the Mustangs to 100 yards rushing all season. Running back Jons Grayson led the team with 27 yards rushing and Romanelli was the closest with 14 yards.

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