Skalak’s speech gets mixed reviews

The second Cal Poly presidential candidate, Thomas Skalak, visited campus yesterday to speak about his vision for Cal Poly if chosen as the university’s next president. Skalak is the vice president for research and a biomedical engineering professor at the University of Virginia (UVA). He received a Bachelor of Elective Studies from The Johns Hopkins University.

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General to command attention at controversial lecture

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The Cal Poly Performing Arts Center will welcome General Stanley McChrystal and his lecture, titled “The State of International Affairs and the Security Challenges Facing America,” tonight in the Christopher Cohen Performing Arts Center (PAC).

McChrystal, a four-star general and former Green Beret, first gained notoriety for his leadership in Afghanistan and then for his criticisms of the Obama administration. Director of Cal Poly Arts Steve Lerian said he has wanted to step up the level of speakers on campus for a long time.

“It’s been a project of mine,” Lerian said. “To bring in well-known people, who are in the news, people who are part of pop culture. We don’t really get enough of that on campus.”

He said McChrystal’s presentation will hopefully start a trend of prominent speakers on campus.

Lerian said McChrystal will be well-received on campus, and his presence will bring something new to campus that will hopefully raise a lot of interest. He said he hopes to draw people from all over the community — both supporters and opposers of McChrystal.

“He is a somewhat controversial figure,” Lerian said. “Some people are very enthused to listen to the lecture because they are pro-military, and some are very enthused because they are anti-military.”

McChrystal attended the United States Military Academy at West Point, and held multiple titles in the military, including his final as the head of International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan. He held the position from June 2009 until his resignation in June 2010. McChrystal resigned after an interview with Rolling Stone, in which he openly criticized the Obama administration, was published. He said Secretary of State Hillary Clinton was the only one in the White House who knew what she was doing, and then McChrystal resigned from his position and soon after announced his retirement from the United States military.

Political science professor Shelley Hurt said McChrystal did the right thing in stepping down. If he had remained a prominent figure in the military, the armed forces would have lost more civilian support, she said.

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Tour historic SLO with Cal Poly ethnic studies

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Students enrolled in an ethnic studies course are out to prove diversity used to exist within the San Luis Obispo community. The Tour de SLO: A Path Through Our Multicultural History will explore significant historical locations to highlight the past ethnic population of the town on Saturday, Dec. 4.

Tour de SLO is a free and public tour which includes two synchronized routes that start at either Mission Plaza or the San Luis Obispo Railroad Station. The tour is a result of research that was done by the students at the Special Collections at Robert E. Kennedy Library and the History Center of San Luis Obispo County.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the San Luis Obispo County had a 90.7 percent population of white people in 2009. The overly white population of San Luis Obispo has been criticized for lacking a diverse population, and students enrolled in the class Ethnic Studies 212: Global Origins of the United States, are out to prove that this was not always the case.

Ethnic studies professor Grace Yeh, who came up with the idea of Tour de SLO, said it is very frustrating to find information about the local history because people hide it with a fake perspective.

“When I tried to find out local history, it is all very glowing,” Yeh said. “(People said), ‘We got along great in SLO, there were no problems. We’re very welcoming.’ The fact of the matter is predominantly (San Luis Obispo) is one of the whitest towns in California.

Part of the reason the project is being done is to understand why San Luis Obispo came to look the way it does ethnically. Additionally, the city is a great case study to understand how communities are formed and how they are constructed around racial life, Yeh said.

One of the major goals of the tour is to see history through another set of lenses. Ethnic studies professor Denise Hurt said it is very frustrating to find information about the local history because people hide it with a fake perspective.

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SSDs and UEFIs: The Revolution is nigh

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Computers nowadays are becoming so fast that there is a new bottleneck start­up time can be reduced to less than 20 seconds (from hitting the power button to login screen). This is extremely impressive, and it is clearly the most significant step in data storage development.

While I can't expect everyone to be excited about these changes, they will be affecting you all fairly soon.

David Dynes
Technology columnist

While this system works fine for now, there are some problems with it. The most up-and-coming problem is its inability to read storage devices more than 2 terabytes, which are becoming more and more common. The BIOS has never been easy to use, especially for those who do not know the settings well.

Unified Extensible Firmware Interface (UEFI) is set to replace some of the BIOS functions that are considered legacy. One major change will be the addition of a Graphical User Interface (GUI) beyond just a text-based menu. This will make changing settings a lot easier, as well as improving user's ability to troubleshoot problems occurring at a pre-operating system level.

While I can't expect everyone to be excited about these changes, they will be affecting you all fairly soon. For those of you with an Apple computer, you are already using an EFI boot system, and the new standard MacBook Air comes with an SSD instead of a HDD. These changes are coming and coming for the better.

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The project opened Beverly's eyes to San Luis Obispo's rich history, she said. "There's so much more history out there (that people) don't even recognize," Beverly said. "That's something that we need to change. With Tour de SLO, we're hoping we can accomplish that." Isom also hopes those who attend the event walk away with a different sense of what San Luis Obispo is as well as how the town came to be like today, she said. She illustrates this using Japantown as an example of ethnicity that has disappeared. "(There were) a number of business and areas that had a significant number of Japanese farmers," Isom said. "What we lost was the Japantown community that used to be here." Communication studies sophomore Heather Parks will present the Japantown portion of the tour. It will be held at the intersection of South Street and Higuera Street where a strip of Japanese businesses used to be. "There were internments of the Japanese, which is almost as devastating as the internment of the Jews," Parks said. "But we don't really talk about it much in our history textbooks, which is really interesting." You never hear about the Japanese internment, but it is just as bad." The tour will provide historical background to Japantown as well as other various people of San Luis Obispo, including all the people who made a difference in the country: the Chumash Indians, the Spanish missionaries, the Germans, Jewish and Chinese immigrants, the African-Americans and the mixed Mexican-European families. Isom said she hopes those who attend will leave the tour seeing the city a bit differently. "We sort of joke around the campus and the city about how 'white' we are," Isom said. "And yet, we have this crazy, rich ethnic history. I'd be wonderful to completely illuminate that."
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CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Imagine you’re walking in a shopping mall and a man is following you. He might not know your name, but he’s taking notes on everywhere you go, what you look at and what you buy.

That’s essentially what happens when you surf the Internet, and websites serve up information about you to advertising networks.

It’s no coincidence that you might see an ad for flights to Philadelphia on a music blog site after previously searching for just that flight on a travel website.

It’s called behavioral advertising, and the U.S. government on Wednesday took its biggest step yet toward regulating it.

In a highly anticipated report, the Federal Trade Commission advocated safeguards, including a “do not track” list that would give consumers the option of keeping their Web surfing private.

It has similar intent to the do-not-call list that helped curb telemarketing phone calls.

While the purpose of “do not track” is similar to “do not call,” it’s unlikely to be a centralized registry maintained by the government.

Instead, it would be a function of Web browsers that would send notice to website trackers, essentially saying, “Leave me alone.” It might be a feature on browsers to be turned on or available as a plug-in piece of software.

The FTC report reflects frustration with the pace of self-regulation in the online marketing industry, officials said.

They also worry about an escalating technological “arms race” as advertising networks circumvent privacy protections that consumers use, said FTC Chairman Jon Leibowitz.

“Consumers today bear too heavy a burden for protecting themselves online, the FTC report said.

“Although many companies use privacy policies to explain their information practices, the policies have become long, legalistic disclosures that consumers usually don’t read and don’t understand if they do,” the agency said.

Also not working, according to the FTC, are voluntary industry efforts, such as the tool offered by the Network Advertising Initiative to allow consumers to opt out of behavioral advertising offered by its members, which include Google, Microsoft and Yahoo.

The report said that some companies use consumer information responsibly, and some uses of targeted advertising might appeal to consumers who would not opt out. Others, however, are “reckless,” the report found.

The FTC gave examples of how consumers’ privacy might be compromised. If you:

- Browse for products and services online, advertisers might collect and share information about your activities, including your searches, the websites you visit and the content you view.

- Participate in a social networking site, third-party applications are likely to have access to the information you or your friends post on the site.

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More concerning than targeted ads are other potential uses of surfing history, such as employers using Web histories to make hiring decisions or health insurers checking browsing history of medical information sites before deciding to insure you, privacy advocates say.

Privacy advocates cheered the FTC report as a good first step toward protecting consumers’ privacy, though some want immediate legislation and a new federal privacy agency.

Those in the industry say they are making strides toward many of the goals the FTC laid out in the report.

The industry recently started putting icons on some behavioral ads with a link to a site explaining how they work. And two weeks ago, it created an opt-out page at aboutads.info.

Mike Zaneis, general counsel for the Interactive Advertising Bureau, said the industry intends to regulate itself.

“We actually think we’re building out a program so the FTC won’t need to,” he said. “It’s a bit of a race, but the push by the FTC is not a bad thing for us.”

Zaneis emphasized that targeted ads can be a good thing for consumers.

“Nontargeted advertising, by definition, is spam,” he said. “Who wants to get irrelevant ads on a website?”

A spokeswoman for Google, a primary player in online ads, said the company is reviewing the report and will work with the FTC.

“We agree with the FTC that people should be able to understand what information they share and how it will be used.”

“That’s why we simplified our privacy policies earlier this year, offered control through our privacy tools and explained our approach to privacy in plain language and through YouTube videos in our privacy center,” said spokeswoman Christine Chen.

The FTC doesn’t have the authority to mandate a do-not-track list. Instead, it would have to be an act of Congress, Leibowitz said. The FTC is asking for comments on its report to be submitted by Jan. 31.

The Commerce Department is also preparing a report about online privacy, and a House subcommittee will hold a hearing Thursday looking at whether Congress should require a do-not-track option for consumers.

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San Francisco judge questions prison’s stock of discontinued execution drug

Carol J. Williams
LOS ANGELES TIMES

A San Francisco judge has given state corrections officials until Tuesday to explain how the department obtained fresh stocks of sodium thiopental, the key drug used in lethal-injection executions that is no longer available from the sole U.S. manufacturer.

The state reported in October that it had acquired 12 grams of the drug — enough for four executions. On Nov. 22, the office of California Attorney General Jerry Brown reported that the state had ordered an additional 521 grams and expected delivery this week. That would be enough to put to death more than 170 other inmates on California’s teeming death row.

The origin of the drug has infused the capital punishment debate with new controversy and legal challenges, as death penalty states across the country face lawsuits by condemned inmates claiming the sodium thiopental supplies apparently acquired overseas aren’t approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and could inflict unconstitutional pain and suffering.

Arizona acquired the drug from a British source in October for the lethal injection execution of convicted killer Jeffrey Landrigan. British officials last week announced they would bar further exports of the drug for use in executions, which all European nations have renounced as human rights violations.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California filed a public records request last month, deeming the issue of the execution drug’s source a matter of important public interest.

“When the business at hand is execution, there could hardly be a more compelling argument for transparency,” said Michael Risher, a staff attorney for the rights group.

San Francisco Superior Court Judge Charlotte W. Woolard on Tuesday ordered the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to comply with the request for all records of its “acquisition, use and destruction of sodium thiopental.”

An attorney retained by the corrections department, Kenneth C. Menneker, responded with an objection to that deadline, urging postponement until Dec. 14 to give officials time to collect and evaluate the requested documents, including whether some of that information should remain confidential.

The nationwide shortage of sodium thiopental has delayed executions in a number of states, including Tennessee, Ohio and Oklahoma.

State corrections officials scheduled what would have been the state’s first execution in nearly five years for Sept. 25, but had to call it off when a federal judge reviewing recent revisions to the three-drug lethal injection procedures rejected the state’s timing of the execution to be Sept. 30 expiration date for its last few grams of sodium thiopental.

California has 73 inmates on death row, the largest in the country. Only six have exhausted all appeals and could be subject to death warrants once the new lethal injection procedures are cleared in federal court, likely early next year.
about the role of a comprehensive university and the importance of the liberal arts," Leveson said. "And right off the bat in the first minute he covered it. He made it very clear that he understood the concept of a comprehensive polytechnic university, so on that level I was very pleased to hear what he had to say."

At the open forum for students, Skalak addressed the issue of Greek life. Skalak is familiar with Greek life at UVa. He has been to many Greek rush activities and is an advisor to one of the fraternities.

"I am a big believer that the sense of community that (Greek) life can create is very important," Skalak said. "I think it's one of the ways people express their natural sense of belonging in a given community with a shared vision and a shared commitment — gaining trusted personal relationships that you're going to have hopefully the rest of your lives. It's very important."

President of the fraternity Delta Chi and business administration senior Daniel Ferras is looking for a candidate who is willing to reach out to Greek life at Cal Poly.

"It's true what he said about bringing guys together with the same vision — it's a bond of brotherhood," Ferras said. "We help out the community a lot too and a lot of people don't see that. "We feel like administration in the past didn't really reach out to us and they didn't notice what we actually do for the community outside of being 'troublemakers,'" he said.

Ferras said he was impressed that Skalak recognized the importance of Greek life.

"The other guy that came yesterday (Robert Palazzo) didn't really say anything that impressed me because he was just saying the most generic thing," he said. "But this guy (Skalak) knows about fraternities, which is awesome because that other guy didn't really know that much."

Assistant to the Dean for Student Success Penny Bennett was also more impressed with Skalak compared to Palazzo.

"What I like about this guy is he had a desire to implement a vision and move forward on what's already been done," Bennett said. "I think he sees that Cal Poly is great and is doing a lot of great things but we haven't reached our potential. I think he has the desire and the ability to take us to a higher level. I didn't see that as clearly from yesterday's candidate."

However, some remained skeptical. Landscape architecture senior Christian Boehr said Skalak seemed experienced and well-rounded but Boehr doesn't like to put much credence on the forum.

"You come out here and say all kinds of different things — you're a talking head until you actually do something," Boehr said.
The three jazz ensembles of the music department will unite and perform together in Friday's Fall Jazz Concert.

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The Cal Poly Music Department will bring its three jazz ensembles to Alex G. Spanos Theatre once again on Friday night for the Fall Jazz Concert. The three ensembles on display — University Jazz Bands No. 1 and No. 2 as well as the Cal Poly Jazz Combo — will perform pieces of both standard mainstream and contemporary modern jazz.

Director of jazz studies Paul Rinzler said the audience can expect standard classic pieces from the University Jazz Bands — or big bands — which have about 18 people each, to highly improvised modern pieces from the smaller six-member combo.

"The big band has a printed score, and there's places for improvisation, but in the combo their printed score is very minimal, usually for the opening and closing melody, and then improvisation is focused on a lot more," Rinzler said.

Music junior and bassist Patrick Bang, who is in both the University Jazz Band No. 1 and the combo, said he enjoys playing in the combos because of how close the students are to each other and the freedom students get with improvising.

"It's more intimate so you can be more creative," Bang said. "Paul picks some of the music for us, but we get to pick our own music too. So we get to be creative with it so we can put our own soul into the music," Bang said.

Looking back, it's like, 'Woah, that was tight, whatever that was.'" Bang added.

Rinzler said. "The rhythm in this piece loses a beat every four bars. So it's like you've got a train rolling around and every four seconds, it skips the track and then gets back on the track. That's really interesting musically to do.

"(Caravan) is a great example of really creative big band writing," Rinzler said. "All the instruments at points — they're all doing different things. He kind of tears the tune apart to bring it back together. That's a great example of cutting edge repertoire for big band.

For the University Jazz Band No. 2, Rinzler has planned a few interesting pieces, from standard to creative big band numbers, such as "Cute" by Neil Hefti and "Caravan" by Duke Ellington, he said.

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"There's aspects of 'Great Northern Express' that are almost like new age jazz," Rinzler said. "The rhythm in this piece loses a beat every four bars. So it's like you've got a train rolling around and every four seconds, it skips the track and then gets back on the track. That's really interesting musically to do.

And for the combo, Rinzler said "Sugar" by Steely Dan is a real big hit. The combo has done it up as a real slow blues, "Rinzler said. "But what the combo has done is to put kind of a hip-hop rhythm behind that and the piano player changed some of the chords to make them more interesting. It's a real example of how a combo in jazz really should take a traditional piece and do their own thing with it.

Bang said he agrees, and said one of his favorite parts about improvising is turning a piece into something unique — without really knowing the direction.

"The person who is improvising — it's their full creative input in the moment so they're totally putting their soul into the music," Bang said.

"It just happens and you don't really know what happened, and it's a blur. Looking back, it's like, 'Wish, that was tight, whatever that was.'" Bang added.

Aerospace engineering senior Bill Sorenson, who is also in the combo, said he enjoys how the small group is student-run. "We have an hour a week with Paul, but everything else is basically to our discretion," Sorenson said. "A lot of times in rehearsal, we try something, if it works, we work with it, if it doesn't, we try something else. We do some crazy shit, but at the same time it will eventually come together.

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‘Toy Story 3’ unlikely to win Pixar’s first best picture

Patrick Goldstein

LOS ANGELES TIMES

If there were ever something that Hollywood should be embarrassed about, it’s that Pixar has never won an Oscar for best picture — despite making 11 consecutive commercially successful and critically acclaimed movies. In fact, until last year, when the motion picture academy enlarged its best picture nominee list from five to 10 films, the animation house had never even landed a nomination in the category. It finally broke through with “Up,” but the movie was never a serious contender for best picture, which went to “The Hurt Locker.”

This year, Pixar has spawned another cinematic delight, “Toy Story 3,” which has made more than $1 billion around the world and garnered a 99 percent positive review score at Rotten Tomatoes. Disney, which bought Pixar in 2006, has publicly announced that, instead of settling for a best animated film Oscar, it’s going for the big enchilada.

Ross is putting his money where his mouth is. In the past, Disney has often skimped on its Oscar campaigns, would have a prayer of winning best picture. Because Ross is a relative newcomer to Hollywood, I guess I should explain to him how this whole circuit-like Oscar process works. (No one at Disney, from Ross down to Tony Angeloni, who handles the studio’s animated film Oscar campaigns, would talk about the studio’s award season efforts.)

Ross has every reason to complain about Pixar getting the short end of the stick. “Wall-E” didn’t get a best picture nomination in 2009, even though it was just as good as “The Reader.” “Dito” in 2008 for “Ratatouille,” which was just as good as “Amour,” or “The Incredibles” in 2005, which was just as good as “Finding Neverland.”

But here’s the sad truth. The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences doesn’t appreciate, much less understand, animated film. Everyone also points the finger at the actors’ branch of the academy, which represents by far the largest chunk of members — presumably members who hate seeing actors, would never vote for a film that has no actors on screen. But the problem goes much deeper.

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Malfloy leaves Hogwarts behind

Geoff Boucher  
LOS ANGELES TIMES

In the first “Harry Potter” film, released nine years ago this month, there’s a signature early moment at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry with the Sorting Hat ceremony, in which a sentient magical hat is placed on the head of each student to judge them for membership in one of the school’s four houses. In the scene, the hat—which has a face inside the folds of its brown, furrowed peak—hesitates with some students but makes an instant decision when it touches the blond hair of Draco Malfloy, who clearly belongs in one of the school’s four houses.

Actor Tom Felton, now 23, said as he started to put the hat on and then, of a “Potter” props and costume exhibit for tourists. The London native was among the former “Potter” actors who were reunited on the Warner Bros. lot. “Oh, I remember this old man,” actor Tom Felton, now 23, said as he picked up the floppy hat that is part of a “Potter” props and costume exhibit for tourists. The London native started to put the hat on and then, with a faraway expression, decided it was best to just put it back with the other museum pieces. A little later he said: “We’re all ready to move on. The experience has been amazing, to say the least, but it’s exciting to go on to something new.”

The opening weekend of “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows — Part 2,” the seventh film in the series, pulled in a $339 million in worldwide box office, and fans are already bemoaning the fact that they have to wait until summer for the eighth and final film based on the J.K. Rowling novels about an orphaned boy-wizard and his friends. For the young stars of the franchise, Felton among them, these are bittersweet days for a different reason: With all principal photography complete, they have graduated from Hogwarts but aren’t sure if the rest of their acting careers can live up to the magic of their youth.

At the moment, no one has more film projects lined up than Felton, who has three movies between now and the end of 2011, not counting the “Potter” finale. The month before the release of “Deathly Hallows — Part 2,” Felton will star opposite James Franco, John Lithgow and Andy Serkis in “Rise of the Apes,” an action sci-fi thriller in which a dangerous genetic-engineering premise to the “Planet of the Apes” property that is set in modern day and introduces a multi-dimensional young man, Tom’s skill has only become more evident. ... (In the sixth film) Draco is slowly crumbling...
Pixar

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If you look at Oscar winners from the 1930s through the 1960s, they were often crowd-pleasing films that were rewarded for their entertainment value, not necessarily for any weighty drama or social themes. Ihe winners list includes such popcorn fare as "Around the World in 80 Days," "Tom Jones" or 1968's "Oliver!" Even as late as 1976, "Rocky" beat "Taxi Driver" and "All the President's Men." But since the "Easy Riders, Raging Bulls" generation came of age inside the academy, virtually every victory has been for seriousness of purpose. It's been more than 30 years since a comedy won best picture. Sci-fi and superhero movies are roundly ignored. Pixar films are triumphs of story-telling craft, heart-tugging sentiment and technical polish, but Pixar's warm, suburban vision of America isn't held in especially high esteem by the academy. If I had a dollar for every mom I know who cried when Andy and his mother took one last look at his room, its shelves emptied of all his beloved toys as he headed off to college, I could afford to bankroll my own Oscar campaign. But heart doesn't cut it with best-picture voters, not unless you're actually cutting out someone's heart, as you could easily imagine some of the central characters doing in such bloody best picture winners as "The Hurt Locker," "No Country for Old Men," "The Departed," "Gladiator" or "Braveheart." Pixar faces another insurmountable problem. In an era when the best-picture Oscar winner is synonymous with audacious filmmaking, no one in town has heard of most of the great Pixar directors. The other day, when a top studio executive was saying how much he admired "Toy Story 3," I asked if he'd ever met with the film's director. "Ughm, what's his name again?" he replied. (It's Lee Unkrich, not that most academy voters would know.) In an industry that has firmly embraced the auteur theory, few people take Pixar directors seriously because, until recently, there were usually two or even three directors listed on each picture. Auteurs can be many things but not co-directors. If Ross wants to throw money at his Oscar best-picture problem, he should start taking out ads promoting Pixar's roster of stellar filmmakers. "Driving Miss Daisy" is the only film since the early 1930s to win best picture without earning a best director nomination for its filmmaker. But no director of an animated film has ever won a nomination, and it's hard to imagine things being different this year. When it comes to best-picture glory, Pixar has gotten the shaft over and over. But spending millions of dollars buying clever Oscar ads isn't the fissures slowly, so that over the course of the movie the hairline fracture he develops early on becomes, by the conclusion, a shattering of the soul. He's respectful of the written word and applies his energies to interpretation, with often quiet but thrilling results. He's a writer's dream. Felton, who shares a home with one of his brothers back in England, said he marvels at the serendipity that put together a cast of young actors who meshed so well and he said it was hard to say goodbye to the movie set where they grew up together. "We got on when we were 11 and we all got on when we were 20 and that's amazing to think about. The families had a lot to do with it and then there was back, too." At the premiere of "Hallows" in New York, there were rumors that reshoots needed for some scenes in the eighth film would be bringing the "Potter" stars back for spot duty and, sure enough, reached by phone last week, Felton said he would be heading back to Leavesden Studios outside London. "The one-day reshoot is a challenge for his schedule but he said it's worth it to make the final film perfect. And, he added, he hopes Rowling will someday extend her saga so Draco Malfoy — and Tom Felton — can return to the stone corridors of Hogwarts. "It would be amazing. I would not say no, that's for sure."
The following editorial appeared in the Los Angeles Times on Monday, Nov. 29.

Americans 'recluc'nt to face own deaths

There is a way of making one's preferences known. It requires completing a form called an advance directive. And under federal law, hospitals have to tell their patients about these forms and ask if they've filled one out. But only about 25 percent of the population has done so.

One reason is that advance directives have a gruesome image. They're more than just "do not resuscitate" orders — a directive could just as easily instruct doctors to take heroic measures to sustain life. Even so, a directive can be daunting to complete. Each state has its own standardized form; some of them ask only for the name of someone authorized to make medical decisions on a patient's behalf, while others invite people to declare when their doctors should switch from trying to prolong their life to reducing their pain and suffering.

For example, California's form asks people to choose between telling doctors to take all 'generally accepted measures to prolong life' or 'do not resuscitate' orders only. A recent study found that most patients would want to save their lives despite being told they have only a few weeks left.
The U.S. deserves praise for financing the lion's share of both HIV treatment in Africa and HIV prevention research.

— Seth Berkley
CEO of the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative

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Increasingly, however, both donor and recipient governments are questioning the sustainability of foreign funding for antiretroviral treatment. Faced with the economic downturn, donor countries are resisting commitments that will continue to escalate indefinitely. Currently, about 7,100 people a day become infected. Two people are newly infected with HIV for everyone who starts antiretroviral treatment. This year, donors to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria committed $13 billion to buy the minimum amount — $13 billion — needed for the fund to maintain current levels of treatments and add programs to a significantly reduced pace.

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Experts will now debate whether a confirmatory trial is needed to license the combination drug for prophylaxis use, but because it is already available, some physicians will probably prescribe it that way off-label.

After a clinical trial in South Africa this summer found that an experimental vaginal gel containing the antiretroviral Tenofovir reduced the risk of HIV infection in female volunteers by 39 percent, the FDA has agreed to rapidly review further studies of the gel.

As for vaccines, the first proof of efficacy — albeit modestly important, can't solve the problem. That will only happen through preventing transmission of the virus in the first place. The goal of the prevention revolution that is finally taking off is to end the devastation of AIDS once and for all. In order for governments to have the confidence to continue making enormous investment required to provide access to treatment to all those living with HIV, they must have reasonable assurance that one day the bill will be paid in full. That will require having ways to reliably prevent new infections.

One way of reducing rates of HIV transmission is through campaigns that make people aware of all the currently available evidence-based methods of prevention. At the same time, we must expand and improve what is available. In the recent drug trial that demonstrated the effectiveness of antiretroviral treatment, the drug was taken among conducted men who have sex with men in Peru, Ecuador, Brazil, South Africa, Thailand and the U.S., volunteers who took a daily dose of the antiretroviral treatment Truvada — a combination drug made by Gilead Sciences, which cut the global HIV infection rate in half. A broad and effective vaccine, on top of that, could eventually finish AIDS off.

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Improvements continue in HIV prevention programs

Op/Ed

Americans aren't alone in battling tough economic times

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My first trip abroad exposed me to people and things that felt uncomfortably like home.

On the cruise ship, a woman serving as a restaurant hostess explained that she was a young mother of a pre-schooler, but she had an engineering degree. The cruise ship job away from her Asian nation home was the liberating in the bad economy, enabling her to stay afloat.

A young tour guide in Italy was in strained suits. He had toured the bills. Scavenging to get by is not just an American problem. These women, like a lot of young adults in our global economic home, had to settle for less just to get by.

On the streets Mediterranean port cities in Spain, France and Italy were begging for loose euros or trying to other passers-by. They were either homeless, students, wealthy shoppers and other passers-by. They were either begging for loose euros or trying to other passers-by. They were either begging for loose euros or trying to other passers-by. They were either begging for loose euros or trying to other passers-by. They were either begging for loose euros or trying to other passers-by. They were either begging for loose euros or trying to other passers-by. They were either begging for loose euros or trying to other passers-by.

When police officers rounded a corner and strolled toward them, they scattered — just like home.

In this economy, millions people do the unspeakable to survive.

Back on the continent, they added mom entum to the growing call for the fund to maintain current levels of treatment and add programs at a significantly reduced pace.

But that doesn't help the busi­nesses or the people he employs.

Everyone is stressed, praying they'll hold out until better times arrive.

President Barack Obama, with help from Senator and Senate, has tried to force an end to the hard times. When George W. Bush was president, Congress passed the $700 billion Troubled Asset Relief Program, or TARP, to keep the sink­ing banking and financial industry afloat.

In 2009 Obama won Congress­ional approval for the American Re­covery and Reinvestment Act, which is pumping more than $800 billion into the economy. Corporations like General Motors and Chrysler got government lifelines. So have construction workers, police officers and firefighters, who've stayed employed because of federal help.

A man on a flight back to the states said the money was a godsend, creat­ing jobs in his industry, which had gone into the doldrums. Despite what conservative pundits have shouted, the government money has kept the economy from completely falling apart.

But the bad news is a lot of the money has been committed. Proj­ects are being completed. However, it's far from enough to jumpstart the economy. Joblessness, poor sales and low consumer confidence stubbornly remain as global epidemics threatening the important holiday shopping sea­son and our economic recovery.

At the Atlanta airport on the last home flight, constant worry drained the color from a woman's face. She had lost a good job in a RIF or re­duction in force.

She worries whether she'll weather the strain and the competition from hungry, ladder-climbing co­workers. A 59-year-old woman then added that in three years she'll start to collect Social Security.

She said she knows that if she waits for full Social Security benefits at age 66, the government may move the age requirement into the 70s to save the system from the com­ing $78 million baby boom boom.

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The U.S. deserves praise for financing the lion's share of both HIV treatment in Africa and HIV prevention research.

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LOS ANGELES — As a high school and college quarterback, Lane Kiffin was known more for his football acumen than his passing or footwork.

But USC’s coach showed Tuesday that he knows how to dance in the pocket, especially when pressed to address quarterback Matt Barkley’s status for Saturday night’s game against UCLA.

Barkley was sidelined last week against Notre Dame because of a left ankle sprain. The sophomore practiced Tuesday, but he was limited.

"I plan on it," he said. So does Kiffin, apparently.

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Early Tuesday, Kiffin told Los Angeles Times columnist T.J. Sim­

"It’s just (a matter of) pain threshold," he said.

Barkley expects that his avail­ability will be determined through "mutual decision," with Kiffin.

"He trusts me, that I’m not just going to go out there and limp or gimp... and hurt the team," Barkley said. "This is my team and I feel like I do need to be out there with those guys. But at the same time if I’m not going to be the guy best suited for the job, than Mitch can do it."

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