Students make the sun shine for Nipomo family

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Cal Poly's Power and Energy Society (PES) club helped put seven solar panels on the home of a low-income family in Nipomo Jan. 21 and 22.

Under the supervision of the local branch of the national company, GRID Alternatives, 20 of the PES members put up the solar panel system for Eduardo Ramirez and his family, who built their home with the help of People's Self Help Housing (PSSH), a housing group on the Central Coast that helps low-income families construct their own homes, according to the PSSH website.

Steven Fernandez, the project manager and regional director for GRID Alternatives, said the group partners with PSSH as well as Habitat for Humanity, in order to help those who most need more sustainable energy.

"There's eight families in this development, and they actually all worked together and built each other's houses from the ground up," Fernandez said. "Our goal is to hopefully put solar panels on all the houses built by self-help housing."

President of the club Danny Zapeda said after interning with San Diego Gas and Electric, he was motivated to seek out GRID Alternatives so PES could help install solar panels.

GRID Alternatives opened its Atascadero office in November. GRID had a project in December, but the club decided to participate in the project in January because of winter break, Zapeda said.

Ramirez said the panels will help with energy costs, as well as other benefits.

"It's good that it's going to be helping out for the future of our environment," Ramirez said.

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Students choose unhealthy food choices

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When walking through The Avenue, or any Cal Poly restaurant, students are faced with one simple question: what to eat? With the options of Chick-fil-A sandwiches, salads, burritos and many other options, it is a tough choice to make. Tracy Tietje, a cashier at The Avenue said Chick-fil-A is the most popular purchase.

"The spicy chicken sandwiches and obviously the waffle fries are a big hit," Tietje said. "I see the majority of the students buying those."

The popular spicy chicken sandwich contains 480 calories while the waffle fries contain 400 calories, according to Chick-fil-A nutritional information. Many students do not have a clue that this meal packs an 880 caloric punch — if a lemonade is added to the mix, then it is almost a total days worth of calories in one meal.

Exactly how many Chick-fil-A sandwiches are students consuming? Yukie Nishinaga, the marketing and public relations manager for Campus Dining, said she cannot access numbers she cannot access.

Although the exact number of sandwiches students eat per month are unknown, kinesiology senior Claire Louie said more people go toward pre-made options so the numbers are probably much higher than the amount of salads consumed on campus.

"It's a lazy factor," Louie said. "Students want things that don't take as long to make."

Jane Hurley, a co-manager for Backstage Pizza or 19 Plates, said more people are looking to order off the convenient menu rather than trying to watch their figure. For students who are actually trying to watch their figure or want to eat healthy, on campus restaurants can be daunting. There is no nutritional information on any of the campus-packaged foods such as yogurt parfaits or pre-made salads.

For students, Louie said, better choices can be made once nutritional information is available.

"It is important to know what you're eating," Louie said.

Those looking to order off the menu at Backstage Pizza or 19 Metro Station will not see how many calories are in a slice of pizza or plate of pasta.

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"People have no idea how bad some of the foods are," Louie said. "Advertising the caloric amount can help students make an informed decision about what to eat." Even if a student does ask to see the nutritional facts in places like The Avenue, many are directed to the website to look up the information. "I would like to see (nutrition facts) right next to the menu item, that way it's easier to make a decision about what to eat," Hurley said. "It's disappointing that the staff does not have those available for when students are trying to make an informed decision," Hurley said.

The caloric content isn't the only concern on students' minds. Nutrition junior Anna Nakayama said besides the fried and greasy food, sanitation is also an issue. "The campus simply needs to be change the situation on campus, Nakayama said.

"I really feel that campus needs to happen, Matthews said, because it will benefit the campus as a whole. Hurley agrees. "I really feel that campus promotes the ease of higher fat, higher calorie options," Hurley said. "With easy modifications we could make it more accessible and easier to make healthy choices."

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Ramirez's neighborhood is filled with other PSHH houses, including a nearby neighbor who will get solar panels from PES and GRID Alternatives next weekend, he said. Some of the families in the neighborhood still hadn't decided if they wanted the solar panel system. The system costs $12,000 but is of no charge to the families and saves them $7,500 over 30 years, Fernandez said. "Our first client went over there and talked to two of the families that were still skeptical and showed them how we sealed the roof," Fernandez said. "Basically, he showed them around the system, and now he wants to do it. So he's going to go talk to the other two families to let them know that it's actually a pretty good thing."

Members from GRID Alternatives and PES worked throughout the day Friday to set up rails for the solar panels to sit on, which were attached to the rafters of the roof and sealed to prevent any roof damage. Saturday was a short day that consisted of setting up the seven solar panels.

PE member and electrical engineering graduate student Jameson Thornton said the hands-on experience of going up on the roof was beneficial for he and other members. "For me, just being involved in a club exposes me to things I didn't get to see in class," Thornton said. "I get to go on industry tours, actually install solar panels and get a lot of that hands-on experience. We get a lot of experience in labs, but it doesn't get more real than this."

Other majors are encouraged to join PES to participate in activities too, Thornton said. "I think everybody here is an electrical engineer, but we could see Solar, page 5

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New Republican National Committee leader says change is in store for party

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Wisconsin’s Reince Priebus had a low profile before he was elected Republican national chairman on Jan. 14. And he has had a low profile since. It’s all in keeping with a campaign pledge he made in winning the post last held by gaffe-prone Michael Steele: “no drama.”

“You cannot erase an over $20 million debt... by running around doing cable news,” Priebus said in an interview Monday. The 38-year-old lawyer from Kenosha County says it’s his job to get his national party “back on the rails” after a period of widely perceived dysfunction.

He told USA Today The other day, “I’m the guy from Wisconsin. I’m somebody who is willing to work like a dog.”

After seeking the job on a platform of hard work and few headlines, Priebus has spent most of his first week and half in Washington on the phone with major party donors, hurriedly trying to raise money.

“His new role is a dramatic change from state party chair, his previous post with the party, with far steeper challenges, more explosive minefields and more intense scrutiny,” The bipartisan report officials did not have enough evidence to justify denying parole to Damon Cooke of Los Angeles, who was convicted of murder and several dozen state inmates had overturned their previous parole in the last week were pending.

In last week’s rulings, the justices said the 9th Circuit was wrong to reverse the convictions of two men who had been convicted of murder many years before, and now Priebus is suddenly the Republican National Committee’s number one. Right now it’s ‘head and growth.’

“All time will tell how successful Priebus’ chairmanship is,” said Steve King, RNC member from Wisconsin, who worked closely with Priebus on his brief but intense campaign for the post of party leader, a contest decided after seven ballots by the RNC’s 168 members in the states and territories.

“When we need him he will be around,” Priebus said in an interview Monday. “We have to get the ship turned around,” he said. “We’re in the thick of the fierce national political power. We got a show horse in Michael Steele (Steele),” King said. “It’s an unacceptable position to seek the chairmanship as a show horse, it’s to be a work horse.

“His new role is a dramatic change from state party chair, his previous post with the party, with far steeper challenges, more explosive minefields and more intense scrutiny,” Priebus said in his family was supportive of the move because they believe in the mission. Only time will tell how successful Priebus’ chairmanship is, but Priebus told his fellow committee members that besides hard work, he plans to bring humility to the GOP headquarter building near the U.S. Capitol.

“If you (told) me this is going to be at Applebee’s Sunday night in Kenosha or whether I was going to be in this building,” he said, referring to the GOP headquarter building near the U.S. Capitol. 

“We’re in a fight for freedom in this country... And that fight is something we (at the national party) need to be part of and we can’t be part of if we’ve over $20 million in debt and have cash flow problems. It’s an unacceptable position for the Republican National Committee.”

Priebus declined comment on his predecessor Steele, with whom he worked closely in 2009 and 2010. After the election, Steele made it clear he viewed Priebus’ decision to seek the chairmanship as a betrayal. “I think it’s best for our committee to move on,” Priebus said. “Gossipping about the past, to me it’s amateur hour.”

In his RNC campaign, Priebus succeeded in winning over both the critics and supporters of Steele. Priebus said he went into the election regarding his chances of victory as a “coin flip,” and the balloting lasted longer than he or almost anyone else expected.

“I wasn’t sure whether I was going to be at Applebees’ Sunday night in Kenosha or whether I was going to be in this building,” he said, referring to the GOP headquarter building near the U.S. Capitol. 

“If you (told) me this is going to be at Applebee’s I would have said, ‘Then we lose,” King said. But it didn’t work out that way, and now Priebus is suddenly in the thick of the fierce national struggle between the parties for political power.

“I’m personally not going to be able to defeat the president,” Priebus said. “But I’m personally not going to be able to help rebuild a piece of the puzzle here, which is the Republican National Committee.”

There is no right under the federal Constitution to be conditionally released before expiration of a valid sentence.

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WASHINGTON BUREAU

The Supreme Court, unanimously reversing the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals for the third time in a week, ruled Monday that state prisoners have no constitutional right to be paroled. The decision rebuked the San Francisco-based appeals court for ordering the parole of several inmates who had been convicted of murder or attempted murder.

All three opinions that were overturned in the last week were written by veteran liberal Judge Stephen Reinhardt from Los Angeles.

In last week’s rulings, the justices said the 9th Circuit was wrong to reverse the convictions of two men who had been convicted of murder many years before. Reinhardt’s opinion faulted the defense lawyers for the two men.

In Monday’s decision, the justices said the 9th Circuit was wrong to second-guess the California parole board and the state courts for denying parole to Damon Cooke of Los Angeles, who was convicted of the attempted murder of a friend in Berkeley in 1991. Cooke was given a term of up to life in prison, and the parole board said he would pose an unreasonable risk to society if released from prison.

Cooke appealed and lost in the state courts, but last year, Reinhardt and the 9th Circuit said parole officials did not have enough evidence to justify denying parole to Cooke.

The California attorney general’s office appealed and, without hearing arguments in the case, the Supreme Court reversed the 9th Circuit in an unsigned opinion.

“There is no right under the federal Constitution to be conditionally released before the expiration of a valid sentence, and the states are under no duty to offer parole to their prisoners,” the justices said in Swarthout v. Cooke. “That should have been the beginning and the end of the matter in the federal courts, they said.

California prosecutors said that since Reinhardt’s ruling last June, several dozen state inmates had won parole from federal judges, and several hundred more appeals were pending.

In last week’s rulings, Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, speaking for the court, made clear his irritation with the 9th Circuit for being too willing to reverse the state courts in criminal cases. “Confidence in the writ (of habeas corpus) and the law it vindicates (is) undermined if there is a judicial disregard for the sound and established principles thatinform its proper issuance. That judicial disregard is inherent in the opinion of the Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit,” Kennedy said. Prior to joining the high court in 1988, Kennedy was a 9th Circuit judge.

Still pending before the high court is California’s appeal of a three-judge ruling that would require the state to release as many as 40,000 inmates to relieve overcrowding.

Reinhardt was one of the three judges who handed down the disputed order.

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A $27 million recycled water project affecting Upland, Ontario and Rancho Cucamonga is under way.

When the Inland Empire Utilities Agency finishes construction later this fall, facilities such as the San Antonio Community Hospital in Upland and Red Hill Park in Rancho Cucamonga will use recycled water for its outdoor irrigation.

Marked by purple pipes, recycled water is waste water that has been treated and purified for irrigation or industrial use.

More and more water agencies envision purple pipes on the horizon, because other sources such as imported water from Northern California can be costly and unreliable.

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RIALTO (MCT) — The city council is serious about bringing In-N-Out Burger to the city, so much so that it's willing to absorb a $363,460 loss to the Rialto and Redlands Chamber of Commerce.

An In-N-Out Burger in Rialto, they say, would start for the other (businesses) in town.

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ARIZONA (MCT) — On Monday, Jared Loughner pleaded not guilty to charges that he tried to assassinate U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and two members of her staff in the course of a shooting rampage that killed six people.

Loughner entered the federal courthouse in an orange jumpsuit and sporting a very broad, pleased smile. He chortled as his defense attorney, Judy Clarke, spoke with him.

The arraignment Monday afternoon was Loughner's second court appearance since the Tucson shooting spree on Jan. 8. Federal prosecutors have previously charged him with murder but are rolling out new indictments via the grand jury so they can avoid revealing their evidence at a preliminary hearing.

The 22-year-old Loughner could face the death penalty for the shooting.

National
DELRAY BEACH (MCT) — Vice President Joe Biden breezed in and out of a Delaware courthouse Monday after being called for jury duty.

The vice president's office announced Monday morning that Biden would participate in the standard jury selection process in the Superior Court of Delaware in "his capacity as a private citizen." A White House aide said he was dismissed, along with the rest of his jury pool, at about noon without being called to serve on a trial.

According to the Wilmington News Journal, if Biden had been seated on a jury, it would have been for a misdemeanor trial, which typically lasts one or two days. Of course, Biden has another duty Tuesday night: attending the State of the Union address in Washington.

International
ALBANIA (MCT) — Albanian prosecutors said Monday that they had ordered extended detention for 27 people arrested in anti-government riots in Tirana last week.

A total of 113 people were arrested in violence Friday which left three people dead and dozens injured. Of the 27 who remain in custody, 22 were given a three-week detention, three can be held up to 15 days and two indefinitely.

Prime Minister Sali Berisha and officials had accused the opposition Socialist Party of attempting a coup. The Socialist leader Edi Rama deflected the blame.

The European Union and United States, as well as Albanian President Bamir Topi urged Albanian leaders to tone down their rhetoric and resolve their differences through state institutions.

PAKISTAN (MCT) — A retired Pakistani intelligence agent regarded as an architect behind the rise of the Taliban in Afghanistan died after being held hostage by militants for 10 months, though officials in northwest Pakistan said they had yet to determine whether his captors killed him or if he died of natural causes.

Sultan Amir Tatar, known throughout Pakistan as Colonel Imam, was kidnapped by militants last spring along with another former Pakistani spy, Khalid Khawaja, and a British television journalist.

In exchange for Tatar's release, militants had been demanding that the Pakistani government set free two Taliban leaders in custody, as well as other militants being held in connection with terror attacks on Pakistan's army headquarters in 2009 and on a mosque in Rawalpindi later that year.

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Suicide bomber kills 35, wounds 130 in Moscow’s Domodedovo airport

Sergei L. Loiko

A suicide bomber slipped into a crowd waiting for international passengers arriving at Moscow’s newest and busiest airport, detonating a huge explosive device that killed 35 people and severely wounded another 130 others.

Russian officials said they were surprised to see the bomber from the back, a bomb that had been left alone. In neighboring regions.

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“He was screaming in agony all the time we were rolling the cart to the exit,” he said. Left her outside where she could see at least some fresh air and run back,” he said, adding that he then helped another man who was near a cafe reading a newspaper when I heard a sound of a l-(^d a  operating on the Arabi­

“Then people began screaming and running, I saw a man who was wiping blood off his head over his eyes with one hand and trying to make a telephone call with the other,” said Glukhov, who was waiting for his brother to arrive from Munich.

The arrivals hall was equipped with a metal detector to screen visitors coming to meet passengers, Zhilenkov said. But no one seemed to be interested in the airport, which has been on alert since an attack.

He said the man was dressed in a black coat and hat, and had a suitcase at his feet.

“At that very moment when I was looking at him, he disappeared in an explosion,” said the witness, 30-year-old Aryan Zhilenkov. “I think it came from the suitcase. I was standing between two columns propping up the ceiling, and that is what I think saved my life, cushioning the shock wave. People all around me were sitting on the ground. A choking smoke was quickly filling up the place.”

Zhilenkov, a former military officer who was greeting a friend arriv­

ing from Dusseldorf, Germany, said in a telephone interview that he ran for the exit fearing a second explosion, but then turned back to help the injured.

“The place was full of dead peo­ple, torn-off limbs, arms and legs and people who were still alive — writhing on the floor helplessly and in great pain,” he said. Zhilenkov said and another uninjured man put a woman whose leg was nearly severed on a luggage cart.

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“More can always be done, but you have to weigh the costs in terms of dollars and civil liberties,” President Barack Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton condemned the attack. “The United States remains ready to support the Russian government as it seeks to bring these perpetrators to justice,” Clinton said in a statement. Russia President Dmitry Med­

vedev ordered special security mea­

sures at airports and other trans­

portation centers. Domodedovo reopened a couple of hours after the explosion, but increased security resulted in huge crowds of people at the entrances, where they were searched extensively.

“We are not to get to the bottom of this,” Medvedev said. “The main thing is to render assistance and sup­

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Job hunting: the early bird catches the worm

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As the middle of winter quarter fast approaches, have you started looking for a summer internship or your first "real" job yet? You know, a job that requires you to have a piece of paper that proves you — or your parents — spent 70, 80 or 90 grand and the prime years of your life huddled in some corner of Robert E. Kennedy Library trying to comprehend relativistic velocity transformations. Only to have those brain cells destroyed during the weekend thanks to a fifth of Value Rite Vodka and unfiltered Pall Malls.

Well, with the most recent nationwide unemployment rate at 9.4 percent, and the state's rate at 12.4 percent, it's time to grab the bull by the balls — which is more badass than grabbing it by the horns — and take steps to increase the likelihood you'll have a job come summertime. Come on, those student loans aren't going to pay themselves off. You've already taken the first step to increase your likelihood of employment, assuming you make it out of here. A May 2010 article from The New York Times stated that college graduates had a nationwide unemployment rate of 8 percent in April 2010, and that was when the nationwide unemployment rate was 9.9 percent.

But wait a minute. Cal Poly's own Graduate Status Report from March 2010 states that 10 percent of Cal Poly's 2008-2009 graduates were still looking for work. That's discouraging. However, this could reflect the fact that many 2008-2009 graduates probably stayed in California, which, as previously stated, has an unemployment rate of 12.4 percent. Wow, 10 percent is much better than 12.4 percent — lemonade out of lemons!

Diving deeper into the Graduate Status Report, a majority of students (56 percent) found their big boy/big girl job before they had graduated. This was, of course, more than those surveyed who had found their job 1 to 3 months, 4 to 9 months or 9+ months after graduating, combined (44 percent).

The moral of the story you ask? Start looking — now. You could relate this to someone who is already gainfully employed; it's much easier to find a new job while you're employed, than when you're unemployed — or out of school and unemployed.

The vast majority of the 2008-2009 graduating class (90 percent) who found employment found a job that was at least somewhat related to their major. While this makes sense, it's also great — and fester — results. What's the starting date?

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Winter quarter welcomes winter squash

Heather Rockwood is a food science junior and Mustang Daily food columnist.

Winter squash has been generously packing on the pounds over the years so you and I don’t have to.

The thick-fleshed, modern-day squashes originated from their much thinner relatives native to Guatemala and Mexico. These ancient squashes were cultivated primarily for their seeds, and thus did not have much edible flesh beneath the hard rinds. As the years of history advanced through, so did modern day squashes’ fleshy waistlines.

Luckily, in the case of winter squash, bigger really does mean better. The best squashes to purchase are those that are heavy for their size. Staying true to its roots, and spending a fair amount of its juvenile life on the ground connected to a vine, squash isn’t really a glamour girl. Keeping this in mind, always purchase squash with dull, not glossy rinds. Give the kind of your potential squash purchase a good rap to ensure it is hard and firm — indicating no water loss and a crisp, flavorful flesh hidden beneath.

Don’t be fooled by the tough exterior of winter squash — after a little warming up they’re all a bunch of softies. The most beneficial, and definitely the most scrumptious, way to consume any winter squash is after it has been cooked.

As with many other starchy foods, there are many methods to bring down the heat: boiling, baking, roasting and, my faithful college favorite, microwaving. Whatever method you decide to follow through with, keep in mind the size of the pieces you are cooking — the smaller the surface area (aka bite-sized cubes compared to the whole squash), the faster the cooking time.

Don’t throw away those seeds either. Although modern-day winter squash is not cultivated primarily for its seeds, they act as the bonus that seals the deal. The seeds can be quickly roasted, salted or covered in cinnamon sugar to serve as the snack that can get you through the final 20 minutes of your never-ending statistics lecture.

Similar to the quarter system, in which winter quarter is normally the most productive for students (encouraged by the lack of sun inspiring studies), the health benefits of winter squashes seek and accomplish to outweigh the health benefits of their fun-loving summer squash cousins such as zucchini. Such benefits include the higher nutrient content of carotenoids — helpful in protecting against heart disease. Winter squashes’ low-fat profile and anti-inflammatory compounds also make for it to be a heart and health-friendly food choice.

Although, the use of an umbrella term like “winter squash” can lead many to assume all squash falling under this umbrella are the same, this is simply not true. The flavor profiles of each winter squash contribute a subtle difference in every prepared dish. That being said, if you do happen to need a substitution for a recipe there are more than 1/4 well-known varieties of winter squash, not including the many lesser-known varieties. You may not get the exact taste intended if you use a different squash, but in a last minute ingredient bind, you have many go-to substitutes.

HINT: I am the rich, lazy man’s orange.

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it is surprising to see such a high number — I’m not sure how English majors are associating their degree to serving up Ventii Cappuccinos. So, when looking for your job, even if you hate the major you’ve wasted the past six years of your life on, look for a job that is at least somewhat related. Then, while you’re employed, you can look for something that excites you even more. Think of it like how your first marriage will be: just settle, then look for something better.

Finally, the majority of the 2008-2009 graduating class (65 percent) who found employment, found their jobs through “networking.” While this word conjures up thoughts of cocktail hours with fake, conversations and crap appetizers, that is not the type of networking that’s going to land you a job, nor is posting a resume on LinkedIn or Monster. This means getting a referral from a previous employer, attending a campus job fair, completing an internship or joining a campus club. Though all of the benefits of these efforts are not immediate, the payoff is much greater in the long run than scrounging Craigslist for your job. Everyone knows Craigslist is only good for finding cheap parts for your fixie.

There you have it. In summary: one, look for your job now, two, look for something at least somewhat related to your major and three, get out there and participate beyond the classroom. A no-brainer, but it takes some effort on your part. By following these simple steps, you will have a 211 percent chance of finding a job come summer time.

Also, looking ahead, a November article in the San Jose Mercury stated the starting salaries of Cal Poly graduates, on average, were the highest among all public universities in California, CSU or UC. That’s right, at $55,000, recent Cal Poly graduates are making more than those dirty hippies up in Berkeley.

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HINT: I am the rich, lazy man’s orange.
Health care issues revisited once again

The on the most important domestic issues of the day, our two political parties don’t merely lay out competing arguments; they inhabit alternative realities.

The chasm was apparent over the last few days as the House of Representativescharted relentlessly sotto voce in its vote to repeal President Obama’s health care law. The two-day debate, carried out in a marathon series of two-minute speeches, remained civil. But it was clear that civility alone won’t lead to consensus.

To listen to Republicans, the health-care law will destroy as many as 1.6 million jobs, to hear Democrats, it will create jobs.

Republicans say the law will buttress the national budget and deepen the federal deficit; Democrats say the law will reduce the deficit by $230 billion over the next 10 years and even more after that.

As usual, of course, the facts are more complicated than either side admits.

Will the law kill jobs? In raising insurance premiums for some businesses, it could deter some hiring. But by making health coverage portable, the public is even more likely to support employment in the long run.

What the House was doing this week, of course, wasn’t really legislative. It was a debate, a vote.

To Republicans, the health care law will destroy as many as 1.6 million jobs; to Democrats, it will create jobs.

Public sentiment is still up for health care reform — proposals can’t be quantified, but people do want more access, lower costs and reduce the deficit — the debate will turn interesting again. Then, in the committee rooms of the House, we’ll get a chance to hear reasoned arguments on what the new law will mean, and whether insurance can be expanded without imposing that unpopular individual mandate.

But we’ll have to wait. Reasoned arguments on those issues weren’t on the agenda this week in floor show in the House of Representatives.

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Basketball
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The Mustangs were picked to fin­ish second in the conference by the Big West Media Preseason Poll be­fore the start of the season.

Since then, the Mustangs lost 2009-2010 Big West Player of the Year Kristina Santiago. Santiago, who averaged 19.6 points and 8.4 rebounds per game last year, was out for the season with an injury to her anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) in the first two minutes of the Mus­tangs' season opener against Seattle.

At the start of conference play, Bloecher and guards Destiny John­ston and Ashlee Burns were suspend­ed for violation of team rules. John­ston missed one game, Bloecher missed two and Burns missed three.

The three have combined for 25.4 points per game this season.

Cal Poly was able to secure con­vincing wins against UC Riverside and Cal State Northridge last week. The team didn't fall behind in either game, defeating UC Riverside 57-48 and Cal State Northridge 82-52.

The Mustangs will be out to prove themselves again as they go on the road to face conference ri­vals UC Santa Barbara (10-8, 4-2) on Jan. 27 at 7 p.m., and UC Davis (11-4, 4-2) on Feb. 3 at 7 p.m.

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and hopefully, nothing needs to be done; just a little rest."

As he did back in training camp, Sanchez said he plans to continue solidifying his position as a leader and the on-field face of the franchise.

He noted the strides the of­fense took in achieving goals it set the day after last year's final game, including limiting turn­overs and improving third-down and red-zone efficiency.

"We talked about getting a lit­tle bit better, and we did," he said.

"We're right there. We're so close."

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Women's basketball thrives in the face of adversity

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No one said winning was easy.
The task only got harder for the Cal Poly women's basketball team (11-7, 7-0 Big West), which didn't play more than eight players in its first five conference games as a result of injuries and suspensions. With early games against UC Irvine, UC Davis, and preseason favorite UC Davis, who entered conference play with the best Big West records, 8-4 and 10-2 respectively, it was not looking like an easy start to Cal Poly's conference schedule.

Senior guard and leading scorer Rachel Clancy said the obstacles laid in front of them challenged the team to play their best.

"We have become inspired by the situation we've been put in," Clancy said. "People who don't know that much about our program have been doubting us. But we know that no matter how many players we have, that if we have the game plan set, we would be ready to play."

The Mustangs proved they were more than just ready to play.

In their first seven games of conference play, the Mustangs grabbed the top spot in the conference and have a program-best 7-0 start in Big West play.

With low numbers available to play, each player on the court stepped up their game to help earn Cal Poly's perfect start.

Five separate players recorded career-highs in the first five games. Freshman guard Jansen Ervin and sophomore guard Caroline Reeves each recorded career-highs of 19 points in Cal Poly's 84-74 win over Pacific. Junior center Abby Bloetscher came off the bench to score a career-high 29 points in Cal Poly's 75-72 victory over Cal State Fullerton. Freshman center Molly Schlemmer, and even veteran Clancy, recorded career-highs of 12 and 31 points for the Mustangs' 74-65 victory over Davis.

"We had so few people everyone had to really come to their roles," Clancy said. "Since we were low in numbers, the people who were on the court knew they were going to be playing big minutes, and they were ready to play big minutes."

The Mustangs have not only been short-handed, but have overcome early first-half deficits of eight or more points, in each of their first five games.

Reeves said they haven't taken any team for granted whether it was pre-season-favorite UC Davis or last-place Long Beach State.

"Because we've faced so much adversity so far, we've had to work really hard each and every game," Reeves said. "It's a matter of desire and heart and needing to keep pushing through on each and every play."

Head coach Faith Minnagh said she was confident in her team's ability and was proud of its offensive and defensive efforts.

"I can't say enough about the way the entire team played, and I'm just really proud of them," Minnagh said. "They won with incredible heart and effort."

Neil Best
NEWSDAY
FLORHAM PARK, N. J. — "It's supposed to hurt," Mark Sanchez said Monday, but he didn't need words to convey it. Standing before a wall of cameras as at his locker, the Jets quarterback struggled to keep his composure as he looked back on another squat Sunday.

Sanchez is not Peyton Manning or Tom Brady or even Ben Roethlisberger, whom some say he somewhat resembles. He was 13-for-18 for 170 yards and two touchdowns in the second half.

"If you have a great quarterback, then you can have a heck of a football team and have a heck of a run," coach Rex Ryan said. "And that's obviously what we plan on doing." Rex looks at "good" and sees "great," but the general sentiment is right on.

When someone asked Ryan whether he believes Sanchez would have driven for the winning touchdown if the Jets' defense had given him the chance, he said: "Absolutely. You know I believe it." What changed during the course of Sanchez's sophomore season was everyone from teammates to fans to media cynics began to believe it, too. In all three playoff games, Sanchez finished strongly, following a regular season full of late heroics. Finally, grudgingly, it's time to give him his due.

Sanchez demonstrated his toughness by playing through a sore throwing shoulder down the stretch, and by shaking off a blow to his non-throwing elbow Sunday on a sack by Ike Taylor.

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About that shoulder, Sanchez said the medical stuff was "shredded" with his progress and that he hopes to avoid surgery.

"If it was something serious, I think it would have declined, things would have gotten worse," he said. "If anything, it just got better..." I'm optimistic about everything.

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Mark Sanchez has led the Jets to two AFC Championship games in two seasons, only to go winless in both contests.

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jets' mark sanchez shows how much the game means to him