Plane crashes near campus

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A single-engine Aeronca vintage plane crashed on private property neighboring the Cal Poly campus Thursday morning around 10 a.m. One person died.

Both passengers were immediately taken to a nearby hospital.

The pilot Jeff Welles, was released later that night. The other passenger, Obbie Atkinson, died at 9:55 a.m. and authorities were concerned about a slight leak from out of one of the fuel caps, Harness said he had been talking to the pilot via radio, not using the VHF radio and there is no fuel that got into the creek.

Jeremy West, an aerospace engineering senior, was in a different airplane on his way back from a training flight for his aerospace 409-Flight Test class. West, along with professor Kurt Colvin, overheard a call from the distressed pilot to the control tower.

West said the pilot radioed the tower to say his engine was out and he was searching for a field so the plane could land safely. The tower then asked Colvin if he could see the plane, which he could, and the pair began following the progress of the plane.

West said the pilot sounded serious and was clear that he could not make it back to the airport.

"There wasn’t a lot of banter back and forth, but it sounded like he was prepared for it,” West said that without power the pilot could not generate any lift and was basically in control of a glider at that point. The plane was gliding north (toward Cal Poly from Bishop Peak) and crossed Highway 1, when West noticed the plane appeared to be turning towards the intramural fields.

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Mixed opinions targeted at incoming shopping center

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The construction of a Target, slated to open July 2011, has caused both excitement and concerns with the idea of a new, large chain store entering San Luis Obispo. On Jan. 27 the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce hosted a tour of the Parmelego Creek Commons shopping center site, located on Los Osos Valley Road (LOVR) across the street from the Irish Hills shopping center, which includes stores such as Costco, Old Navy and Home Depot.

The new shopping center may also include an Olive Garden and Mac Superstore, among others. At the meeting, the Chamber of Commerce projected that 200 jobs would be created by Target and another 100 would be created by the other new stores.

The deal for the new Target, which will be 140,000 square feet, was secured in Aug. 2010 by Lee & Associates, a local real estate firm, on behalf of Irish Hills Plaza East, LLC, according to a Lee & Associates press release. The site of the future Target is approximately 10 acres, and the whole shopping center is slated to cost $32 million.

Matt Ingwerson, a 23 year-old San Luis Obispo local, said he was excited for the impending Target.

"I love Target," Ingwerson said.

David Reibstein, a Cuesta College student, said Target was a for the economy, not all residents are happy.

"I’m all for it," Ingwerson also said he thought it would be a beneficial addition to the struggling economy.

The San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce projects the shopping center will bring $500,000 to $600,000 into the local economy.

Even with the additional money for the economy, not all residents are happy. But Dennis Steinke, a Cuesta College student, said Target was a better alternative to Walmart. He said those bringing up the issue of traffic are just aduerst to new things.

"There’s a lot of old people in San Luis Obispo who don’t like change," Steinke said. "With the giant, massive shopping center, there’s already a bunch of traffic over there."

However, with several local businesses closing down last year, including the Corner View Restaurants, Britany Contas, a PeiSmart employee, said she thought it would affect local businesses because they would not be able to compete with Target.

"It would be nice not to have to go to (Arroyo Grande) for Walmart," Contas said. "But it might distract from local businesses, definitely.

But not everyone agrees with Contas.

Wendy Moore, the owner of a local bakery and deli, Breads and Moore, said she doesn’t see Target as a threat.

"I think the businesses that are going to be affected most are K-Mart and Walmart in (Arroyo Grande),” Moore said.

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With recent riots and the dawn of a revolution in Egypt, a panel of professors from the religious studies, political science and history departments spoke about the future of Egypt last Thursday. Professors Stephen Lloyd-Moffett, Matthew Hopper, Anika Leithner and Manzar Faroohar addressed the current situation in Egypt as well as the future of the nation.

Lloyd-Moffett said Egypt is experiencing a different kind of revolution, and he called for the panel to help students make sense of what was going on.

Egyptians recently broke out in protest of their government, asking for free speech and free elections, speaking out against police brutality and economic issues such as high unemployment and low minimum wage. An estimated 300 people have died and more than 3,000 have been injured, according to BBC news.

Hopper said protests were reminiscent of Egypt after World War I, when Egyptians received a taste of independence and sought freedom.

"Before World War I, colonies like Egypt, and afterward, the Egyptian citizens wanted out," Hopper said. "World War I gave them a taste of freedom that they weren't about to let go of."

Hopper also said in 1971, a constitution was adopted for the Arab Republic of Egypt and violent protesters were shut down by Anwar Sadat's regime.

"Today's revolution is reminiscent of all this, but at the same time drastically different," Hopper said. "Never before have we seen a revolution with social networking, where the Internet has played such an integral role."

Egyptian government shut down Internet services in Cairo and nationwide Jan. 28 in hopes of preventing news from breaking and spreading, but devices like iPhones kept protests in circulation, until Internet was restored on Feb. 2.

Another major difference, Faroohar said, is who is protesting. The movement is initially stereotyped as a Muslim extremist movement, but Faroohar said this is not the case.

"This issue is not a Muslim issue, it's not a Christian issue — it's an Egyptian issue," Faroohar said. "The Egyptian government has no social base that will support it right now."

Lloyd-Moffett said the Muslim Brotherhood has received a negative reputation for its anti-western sentiments. It was the Muslim Brotherhood that was behind the assassinations of Sadat in 1981 and has since been banned from running for office in elections in Egypt. However, the Muslim Brotherhood still manages to receive 25 to 30 percent of votes in elections as write-in candidates. This group plays a pivotal role in the current riots, but the reasoning for protests are not solely in the interests of Muslims.

"There are people in the streets yelling, 'We are Muslims! We are Christians! We are all Egyptian!'" Lloyd-Moffett said. "This isn't about religion, it is about Egypt."

History sophomore Wyatt Oroke said the segment about the Muslim Brotherhood was the most interesting, and it helped him better understand what was really happening in Egypt.

"It was especially interesting to learn that this isn't an extremist movement," he said. "It helped me figure out what (Egyptians) are really looking for."

The panel also discussed the influence of the West on Egyptian turmoil. Leithner said she felt very strongly about the small amount of time allowed. "As Lloyd-Moffett closed the panel," she said, "I had a very broad idea of the subject before, but now I feel very informed."

Lloyd-Moffett said he hopes to continue panels like this one and make them a regular thing.

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"As cliché as it sounds, we are witnessing history. We can see what's happening there, and they can see us too."

— Stephen Lloyd-Moffett
Religious studies professor
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Moore said, "I don't really see it affecting many small businesses."

There are also concerns over increased traffic on LOVR with the introduction of the new shopping center.

Shanti Wild said she is a lifelong local and the increase of people shopping at Target would cause traffic and take away from San Luis Obispo's small-town feel.

"We don't need more people shopping at a huge store causing traffic in our charming town," Wild said.

But the small-town feel of San Luis Obispo isn't the only concern residents have. John Leone, a business administration junior and resident in the area, said the traffic would undoubtedly increase with the Target center, and with the new Tar­get being built right across the street, so close to Costco, allowing people to shop (both) in the same trip.

"The section of LOVR from Madonna to the highway is already congested with the traffic from the Costco center, and with the new Tar­get being built right across the street, it's only going to get worse," Leone said. "Unless they develop better in­frastructure or expand the road by a lane, the traffic situation is going to go from bad to worse quickly."

In fact, the Target construction has already caused some traffic issues. The bike lane and sidewalk near the construction site has been closed down through February in order to put in new sidewalk, according to the San Luis Obispo Public Works Department.

Timothy Bochum, the deputy di­rector of the San Luis Obispo Pub­lic Works, said Target's developer is "required to do traffic mitigation" in order to ease any further congestion in the area.

"They will be changing LOVR to have additional left turn pockets into Froom Ranch to get traffic to the site, and they will be completing improve­ments up near Madonna/LOVR to install three lanes in the westbound direction to help that intersection out," Bochum said. "Froom Ranch Way will be improved and the signal timing changed to help traffic get to and from the site."

Bochum also said the Target has paid a significant amount of traffic impact fees to speed up the pro­cessing time of improvements, which Bochum has taken "quite a while to get through the Caltrans process." Money will also be coming from San Luis Obispo and may still take time to acquire the proper funding.

The city received about $13.8 million from the State Transpor­tation Improvement Program to help construct the interchange improvements," Bochum said. "Unfortunately, the construction money does not come until 2014-15 due to the state funding issues."

Wild said the roadwork (and its delay) is a sign of the impending traffic the Target will cause.

Still, with a possible increase in the economy, job market and traf­fic, as well as more competition for local small businesses, the Target construction site has been closed down in the creek, and rules out the possibility that it rolled into the area.

"I was shocked when I first saw it," West said.

Colvin immediately notified the control tower and began circling above the crash site. The pair could not see anyone get out of the plane, but they stayed over the site until authorities arrived.

Harness said the Federal Avia­tion Administration and National Transportation Safety Board would take over the investigation.

Around 12:30 p.m. Thursday a crane arrived to begin the process of removing the plane, which is the NTSB's responsibility.

It looked like he rotated almost 180 degrees, and also his tail went up over him.
— Jeremy West
Aerospace engineering senior
House subcommittees plan to try to restrict abortions

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Two House subcommittees hold hearings this week on separate bills that would expand restrictions on federal funding of abortions. One would eliminate tax breaks for abortions. The other would restrict the use of federal funds for abortions under the new health-care law. While both bills may pass the Republican-controlled House, their prospects of passing a Democratic-held Senate or escaping President Barack Obama's veto pen are dim to none.

"They can't expect this legislation to go beyond the House or Representatives," said Steve Smith, a political science professor at Washington University in St. Louis. Still, the bills have alarmed abortion-rights advocates, who say they are attempts to attack legalized abortion — federally funded or not — through the tax code and measures to deny women access to the procedure.

"These bills represent a new front in the abortion war," said Donna Crane, policy director for NARAL Pro-Choice America. "Our offices have jointly agreed to move forward with legal challenges to these bills, including one to celebrate Ronald Reagan Day, a designation of the American people," said Cecil Richard, president of Planned Parenthood Federation of America. "Simply put, the now-discarded 'forcible rape' provision is just the beginning of what's wrong with Rep. Smith's bill."

Like Smith's bill, the Protect Life Act (H.R. 385), sponsored by Rep. Joe Pitts (R-Pa.), would restrict the use of federal funds under the new health-care law, but isn't as aggressive in terms of using the tax code. The House Energy and Commerce health subcommittee, which Pitts chairs, will hold a hearing on it Wednesday.

Last week, abortion-rights supporters turned their attention to Pitts' bill, saying it contains language that would allow hospitals to deny a woman access to abortion. The bill's supporters contend that Pitts is a woman's opponent who has been shamed into giving up one party's goals to the other.

"Our offices have jointly agreed to move forward with legal challenges to these bills," said Smith. "These are typical attacks that come up," Wimer said. "Abortion opponents in and out of Congress say they are underdetermined by criticism.
National Democratic Party in Egypt steps down, resigns leadership

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The leadership of Egypt's ruling party resigned Saturday, a purge that would have been beyond Egyptians' imaginations a few short weeks ago but was unlikely to placate a hard-core opposition frustrated with what it sees as cosmetic changes in the government of President Hosni Mubarak.

The dismantling of the National Democratic Party's power structure is a dramatic indication of the pressure on new Vice President Omar Suleiman to remove the vestiges of Mubarak's power and snip the ambitions of his son Gamal, a deeply unpopular figure who was among those resigning their posts.

At the same time, however, the Egyptian army began to reassure control around Cairo's Tahrir Square, with hundreds of soldiers moving into streets around the downtown plaza that has been the epicenter of the anti-Mubarak protest.

Control of the square, or even a return to normal traffic of the area around it, would reinforce the government's message that it will remain in office temporarily.

And as the government fights to stay in power, it has found itself dealing with a fractured opposition that appears unable to agree on how to proceed, and keep the momentum of history-making protests on its side.

After key opposition leaders failed to show up Saturday for a bargaining session with Suleiman, the Obama administration expressed disappointment, and called on them to begin discussions immediately.

A senior administration official said opposition groups continued to hold back, apparently fearful they would lose leverage if they began talks before Mubarak surrendered power.

"The major players still haven't shown up," the official said. "But they need to test the government's willingness to make major change. The onus is on the opposition." Long harassed, divided and co-opted by the Mubarak government, the opposition is a collection of voices that has been viewed with suspicion by the public, raising questions as to whether it really speaks for the protesters who have filled the streets of Cairo.

Ahmed Magib, a youth movement passport control that was arrested in the killing of his former girlfriend Suzanne Tamim, a Lebanese pop diva. He was found guilty and sentenced to death. The ruling was overturned on appeal and he was granted a new trial. He was then sentenced to 15 years in prison.

The party was further identified with Gamal Mubarak, who represented the young, business-oriented wing that pushed through economic reforms. The result has been impressive economic gains that in recent years have helped lift the nation in the eyes of foreign investors but have failed to stem inflation or the poverty bestriding the more than 40 percent of Egyptians living on $2 a day or less.

In Tahrir Square on Saturday, Fatiha Khalid, a 29-year-old in a head scarf, said calls for a return to normality might foreshadow a crackdown.

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Brown treats state budget issue gingerly

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Aside from brief, unannounced calls-in to a couple of Bay Area radio stations, Gov. Jerry Brown kept a decidedly low profile after his blistering State of the State speech last week — hardly the dramatic pivot governors typically take to amplify their message.

Brown’s decision to lie low was especially surprising considering Republican’s unyielding opposition to his plan to fill a $25.4 billion budget hole by asking voters to extend temporary taxes on purchases, personal income and autos for five years, along with $12.5 billion in budget cuts.

But the unconventional approach was perfectly normal for Brown, who has defied expectations for as long as he’s been in politics.

“I don’t think Jerry Brown is concerned about what governors typically do,” said Adam Mendelson, who was chief political adviser to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. “He has a very distinct sense of how he’ll close this budget, and that involves being at the Capitol and meeting with people.”

Brown will venture out of the Capitol later this week to address the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, where he is likely to hit on the same themes of austerity and realism he struck in his State of the State.

But with a little more than a month left to get his budget through the Legislature in time to place his tax plan on the ballots, Brown said he will spend most of his time hasting the corridors of the Capitol.

The new governor appears to be trying to overcome the hyperpartisan atmosphere of Sacramento, reaching out to his political opponents in personal ways.

After his State of the State address, in which he chided Republicans for blocking his tax plan, Brown and his wife, Anne Gust, dropped in on the California Republican Party’s “Back to Session” gala, chatting with Assembly Republican Leader Connie Conway, among others.

He’d already appeared at Republican caucuses breakfasts and luncheons, and he’s met with a number of lawmakers privately in his office.

Last week, Senate Republican Leader Bob Dutton ran into Brown and Gust in the Capitol garage.

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Popping the question — finding next year’s roommates

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How tired are you of your roommate? Do their last name—let’s call them “Hula”—watching marathons—keep you up at night? Well, unless you found your long lost twin that was surely stolen—keep you up at night?

How tired are you of your roommates? Do they eat your food when you’re gone? Do they ever ask to borrow something? Are they great. However, that does not mean you want to live with the crazy person that parties hard but can’t tie their own shoelaces, let alone do their dishes.

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are on the outs, ask them who they plan to live with.

Maybe it turns out that the tables have turned and you were the one on the outs, and in that case, problem solved. Go back to their shoeelace-tier-in-chief.

On the other hand, there are hassle-free ways of getting roommates, namely your best friends. You know, the friend that basically lives in your room anyway, and the fact that their bed is somewhere else is only a minor inconvenience. In fact, if you live in Cerro Vista, their mattress might already occupy a comfy spot in your living room. (Note: This author lives in your room any way, and the fourth and fifth awkward roommates have just come to accept.)

Just kidding, Community Advisors, of course we wouldn’t dare let people sleep over without first notifying you.

Then again, approaching, the subject of tying the knot for your sophomore year can be fairly tricky, particularly for guys. We are not used to using the phrase, “Do you want to live together?” especially when we are talking to another boy.

I decided to bite the bullet, so I called a man-date to Einstein’s and popped the question.

Chances are your best friend will not have the heart to turn you down (like that girl at line dancing) and you no longer have to worry about being the awkward fifth roommate in a Poly Canyon Village (PCV) apartment next year — at the very least, you’ll be the fourth and fifth awkward roommates.

If all else fails, my friends and I have one more spot open in our place next year and are currently accepting applications. Candidates will be judged on how well they can quote “Tosh.O” episodes, how ferociously they detest Jersey Shore and the quality of their homemade cookies.

Besides, in the form of gummy worms or sour spaghetti, are not only accepted but expected.

Voices of Vienna Boys’ Choir hit the PAC

Tomorrow night, the Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Center (PAC) will welcome the crowned jewel of boys’ choirs, the Vienna Boys’ Choir.

The entire choir consists of approximately 100 boys between the ages of 10 to 14 divided into four 24 to 25 member choirs that either perform at home in Vienna or tour internationally. The choir’s repertoire includes a range from historical to more modern selections, from traditional Austrian folk music to pieces arranged specifically for the choir in the last few years.

The history of the choir dates back 500 years to the time of the Holy Roman Empire. Music department professor Alyson McLamore will give the pre-concert lecture on the choir’s history. She said when Maximilian I was crowned emperor of Austria, he needed a way to show off Vienna’s prestige.

“He loved Vienna,” McLamore said. “He wanted Vienna to be the imperial center. Well, he needed to elevate Vienna’s standing, and he felt that there needed to be a powerful court chapel Hofkapelle (court musicians). And part of what that needed was a great choir.”

Maximilian I signed on a small boy’s choir composed of six members which sang at mass or traveled with him, McLamore said. When Maximilian died and the choir had garnered approximately 15 more members, new emperor Charles IV did away with the choir immediately.

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The touring is actually part of the boys' curriculum. The boys come from the Vienna Boys' Choir Institute, which is a co-ed, K-8 elementary school. When the boys reach the fifth grade, they can potentially join the choir and attend boarding school until the eighth grade. That is, if they pass their auditions.

Company tour manager Tania Jastrebov said the choir is extremely selective in who is brought into the choir. And, after all, the choir maintains a number of 100.

"There are between 300 to 400 children who will audition annually," Jastrebov said. "And that is only for maybe 20 openings."

Jastrebov also said because the choir is split into four 25-member groups, it upholds a balance between touring and performing in the choir's hometown.

"Usually there are two choirs touring somewhere around the world and two choirs at home singing locally," Jastrebov said. So, when a bunch of pre-teen boys aren't singing on tour, what are they doing? Jastrebov said they have it covered.

"We try to make that a full and interesting thing to do," he said. "If we have free time on concert time we try to fill it up with activities."

Jastrebov said most of the boys do not pursue a musical career, despite the intense curriculum and musical education.

"I would say certainly they will always have a wonderful background and appreciation for music," Jastrebov said.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. with the free pre-concert lecture beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Center Pavilion. Student and general admission tickets are available at the PAC Ticket Office. Prices range from $16 to $42.

Letterman may leave 'Late Show'

Verne Gay

NEWSDAY

Amidst the jokes, laughs and Jay Leno jibes in Thursday night's hugely amusing David Letterman/Howard Stern encounter, there was this bombshell: Letterman says he'll leave "Late Show" in two years.

Letterman's spokesman could not be reached for comment Friday morning, but Letterman's brief response to Stern's question — when will you leave? — was the first time in his long career that he has addressed the question, at least on TV. (He has said he'll finish his career at CBS.)

Dave turns 64 this April, which means he'd be leaving — if he does leave — at age 66, the same age as his role model Johnny Carson when he stepped down.

Here's another question that begs asking: Will Jay Leno leave before then, as many have speculated, giving Dave a chance to go out on top?

There has been some internal discussion at NBC about the eventual succession of Leno — yes, Jay will step down some day too — and whether he will be replaced by Jimmy Fallon. Fallon is very good but there's no doubt he would lose viewers who were more used to Jay's homespun cornbread middle-America humor. Then: Could Dave's numbers surge again, as they did when Conan O'Brien stepped in? That has to be a consideration at CBS too, but may well mean that Dave — if he does leave in two years — could leave on top, just as Johnny did.

How did Johnny announce his retirement? Not in a press release, and I assure you: Dave wants to announce his departure date on his own terms too. Johnny stood on the podium at Carnegie Hall and on a beautiful May day in the early '90s, he said he would step down. It was a mind-blowing moment at NBC — completely blind-sided — but Johnny was gonna do it his way. Dave is gonna do it his way too.
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of free throws by Rogers, but would never get closer.

Guard Jonae Ervin scored a team-high 17 points for the Mustangs. Four others posted double figures. Clancy finished with 15 points, guard Desiree Johnson scored 15, center Molly Schleter scored 12 and center Abby Bloecher added 10 points.

Against UC Davis, hot shooting would prove to be too much for the Mustangs in their 81-61 loss.

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"(Lewis) is playing off of David, they compliment each other — that's what a team is," Callero said. "And that's what is fun about it." The victory inched the Mustangs closer to conference leader Long Beach State, but they still need the 49ers to slip up if Cal Poly wants a shot at the conference championship. "(The win) shows that we're one of the teams to beat," Lewis said. "We could drop down to eighth and it doesn't matter, we're still getting ready for the conference tournament."

— Cal Poly 65, UC Davis 56
Thursday, Feb. 3

"(Lewis) is playing off of David, they compliment each other — that's what a team is," Callero said. "And that's what is fun about it." The victory inched the Mustangs closer to conference leader Long Beach State, but they still need the 49ers to slip up if Cal Poly wants a shot at the conference championship. "(The win) shows that we're one of the teams to beat," Lewis said. "We could drop down to eighth and it doesn't matter, we're still getting ready for the conference tournament."

After fighting the Cal Poly men's basketball team for control of the game, UC Davis did not get to enjoy its biggest lead of the second half for long. Cal Poly's offense exploded in the second half, led by senior guard Shawn Lewis. The Mustangs quickly erased the Aggies' one-point lead after an 18-8 run in the second half, capped off by a high-flying, alley-oop by Lewis with seven minutes remaining in the game. From that point on, the Mustangs never relinquished their lead, defeating UC Davis 65-56 to put Cal Poly (10-11, 5-4 Big West) back into second place in the Big West. Lewis — who had his fourth consecutive outing of 20 points or more — led all scorers with 23 points. He also added eight rebounds, two steals and only committed one turnover. Lewis, who was six of 10 in the second half, said he was able to capitalize on the UC Davis defense, which wasn't collapsing on him fast enough.

"A lot of teams try to converge on me," Lewis said. "When they do, I'm always looking for the man on the wing spacing out. This game, they didn't take advantage of that, and I was able to score in the lane."

Cal Poly started the game with defensive intensity, holding UC Davis to one field goal in the first eight minutes of play. But UC Davis was able to erase Cal Poly's early lead when the Mustangs went on their own scoreless drought, scoring two points in five and a half minutes.

Despite shooting 36 percent in the first half, Cal Poly led 27-23 at halftime and held UC Davis to just 25 percent from the floor. The Aggies earned a 34-33 lead in the early minutes of the second half, connecting on each of their first four shots. Cal Poly's defense responded, forcing UC Davis into multiple turnovers which led to quick points for the Mustangs.

Head coach Joe Callero said the defense was key for the Mustangs to pull away from UC Davis and earn the win. "Our defensive pressure created a couple turnovers where we got out in transition," Callero said. "There was a three to four minute stretch where we got easy baskets. We just put a nice run together, where we were able to take a tight game and push it to six or eight points and then push it to 10."

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The Green Bay Packers just proved they can win a championship without that guy who wears No. 4. Almost three years after the Packers parted ways with Brett Favre, his old backup Aaron Rodgers gave Green Bay its first taste of championship success since the 1996 season. He helped the Packers get past the Pittsburgh Steelers, 31-25, Sunday night in Super Bowl XLV. Rodgers was named the game's Most Valuable Player, after throwing for 304 yards and three touchdowns. For the Steelers, quarterback Ben Roethlisberger threw for 204 yards and three touchdowns. For the Steelers, quarterback Ben Roethlisberger threw for 204 yards and three touchdowns.

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The Aggies shot 70 percent from the floor and 77 percent from 3-point range en route to a 43-26 halftime lead. The Mustangs would not be able to piece together the necessary baskets down the stretch, as they fell for the first time in conference play.

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Women's basketball suffers first conference loss to UC Davis, defeats Pacific

Redshirt freshman guard Jonae Ervin scored a team-high 17 points against the Pacific Tigers Saturday afternoon.

The Mustangs broke open a three-point lead with 5:14 left in the period with a 15-6 run and made it 51-39 at the half. For the Mustangs, it was their highest first-half point total of the season.

In the second half, the Tigers cut the lead to six (69-63) on a pair see Mustanp, page 15

of early Pacific runs, as the Mustangs overcame an early 7-0 deficit Saturday night to win 58-39.

After a slow first half, forward David Hanson and guard Shawn Lewis went off in the final 20 minutes for a combined 25 points, moving the team to 6-4 in the Big West and 11-11 overall.

It was a tale of two halves for the Mustangs, as they missed their last 10 shots of the first half, in addition to missing two free throws. The scoring drought lasted for the last 6:23 of the half, which allowed the Tigers to crawl to within two points at the break.

Hanson's nine first-half points led the Mustangs through a difficult opening 20 minutes. The rest of the team combined for just 10, giving the team a slim 19-17 going into halftime.

"In that first five to 10 minute period, it was kind of like a boxing match," head coach Joe Callero said.

"It looked like we needed to feel each other out."

A completely reenergized team took the court in the second half, outscoring the Tigers 39-22. Hanson said the time to reorganize during halftime paid big dividends in the second half. It certainly showed.

Hanson hit a long-distance 3-pointcr early, sparking a fire the Mustangs would sustain throughout the second half. "We wanted to be the aggressors coming out of the gate and not let them strike first," Hanson said. "Those first three minutes were really important."

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Overall, Lewis was quiet for the most part, but he soon made his presence known. The senior dribbled around a defender and leapt into the air to slam one home.

The effort brought Mont Gym to its feet with five minutes to go and put the Mustangs up 15 points. "We wanted to be the aggressors coming out of the gate and not let them strike first," Hanson said. "Those first three minutes were really important."

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