Forum addresses hate crimes in SLO

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An open forum about the severity of hate crimes was held in the Chumash Auditorium March 29.

During the forum, students were encouraged to share personal experiences and reflect upon a recent alleged hate crime that took place approximately 17 miles from San Luis Obispo March 18. That night, a large cross stolen from Saint John's Lutheran Church in Arroyo Grande was set on fire near the residence of a local black family.

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Proposed solar farms heat up local debates

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In an effort to bring sustainable energy to California, two solar farms are setting to lay groundwork in the Carrizo Plain amid much praise and division.

The Carrizo Plain is located near California Valley in San Luis Obispo County. The two solar farms — the Topaz Solar Farm, being developed by First Solar and the California Valley Solar Ranch, developed by SunPower — aim to power approximately 260,000 homes — 6.5 million kilowatts a year.

The farms will prevent carbon dioxide emissions as well. The Topaz Solar Farm projects a displacement of 290,000 metric tons (or 55,000 cars) of carbon dioxide a year, according to a First Solar press release.

The solar farms will also bring an economic benefit by providing direct employment of 470 workers and indirectly 360 workers from increased economic spending by employees, according to a San Luis Obispo County study.

Alan Bemheimer, the corporate communications director of First Solar, said the Topaz Solar Farm will produce $190 million in revenue, $45 million in tax benefits and $16 million in sales and property taxes.

"The solar farms make San Luis Obispo a leader in solar energy," Bemheimer said.

The police officers the first time never said anything to me that would make me feel like (the burglar) could come back right away and do it," Zunich said. The broken window had recently been replaced when it was broken during the second burglary.

"That piece of glass was only in this window for seven days, and then they did the same thing," Zunich said.

Zunich has been working with the owners of the ShoeSurfing.com warehouse building to set up new security measures. Nothing has been done to improve security yet, but the owners discussed metal grates to close off the parking area at night and rooftop surveillance systems.

"All that's in the works right now," Zunich said.

In the meantime, Zunich and the staff at the warehouse are taking their own measures to improve security. At night, all merchandise previously left in the showroom and accessible from the front window, is now wheeled into the back storeroom, Zunich said. Large metal displays are then rolled up and locked against the doors, making the window unbreakable.
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heimer said. "It might help jump start a solar economy." Brian Croshal, a mechanical engi neering senior and president of the Renewable Energy Club (REC), said he is thrilled about the plans for the solar farms. "This is definitely a great step in the right direction in terms of scaling up our renewable energy production capacity," he said.

The solar farms also take away from the need for nuclear energy in the country. With the Japan Fukushima Daiichi Power Plant's overheated re actors from the tsunami still emitting radiation, some are worried about San Luis Obispo's own Diablo Nuclear Power Plant.

Patrick Bernard, a mechanical engineering graduate student and former president of REC, said a sig nificant concern about the nuclear power plant is its location near the San Andreas fault. "It's built on a fault line and is located at the base of a hillside," Bernard said. "The equipment is outdated and is constantly having to be repaired." Yet, with all of the economic and environmental benefits, the solar farms also have some faults. Some complaints from locals include "increased traffic, loss of farmland, noise from truck trips and visual alienation," according to the San Luis Obispo County website.

Bernheimer said, however, noise from the solar panels, once completed, will be minimal. He also added that noise from construction will be in small phases because the panels are to be constructed at separate times to avoid noise in one area.

"We're only building for about a week in each phase, so it's not a long-term issue," Bernheimer said. A more serious issue with the solar farms is its location near the endangered San Joaquin kit fox's habitat. With the Topaz Solar Farm taking up approxi mately 6,960 acres, both intrude on the kit fox environment.

Bernheimer said First Solar has taken the necessary precautions to help the kit fox by proposing a fence to protect the species from coyotes, offering more vegetation in areas that were once farmland and securing 10,000 acres for mitigation — or preservation — of land.

"We think we've done a tremendous amount to reduce the biological impacts," Bernheimer said. "We believe it will be a better environment for the kit fox.

The Solar Ranch has also secured 2,399 acres for mitigation land. Pamela Flick, the California pro gram coordinator for Defenders of Wildlife, a national wildlife protection group, said the solar farms will still intrude on the kit fox habitat. She said the solar farms have not finished preservation plans.

"I think it's very presumptuous to think that putting thousands and thousands of acres of solar panels... will have benefi cial effects," Flick said. Although the company is striving to protect the kit foxes from predators, coyotes are smart and persistent and will find a way to get their prey, Flick said. She also said the structuring of the solar farms could provide a hiding place for coyotes. The large number of solar panels creating shade in an area that once had no shade will affect native vegetation and wildlife, which along with other construction and structure factors, may affect the ecos ystem of the area.

The Solar Ranch is also building a visitor's center for students. Once the solar farms are actually built and in function, as the Carpinteria Plains Solar Farm canceled its plans to build a farm — which was going to be a more solar-thermal energy plant than just solar, Bernheimer said — this elicited praise from the solar farm to buy that land.

Since Cal Poly has solar panels, "owned, operated, and maintained by SunEdison, North America's largest solar energy provider," on the Engine ering West building that produce 230,000 kilowatt hours annually, Bernheimer said he hopes the solar farm will be a good educational opportunity for students. Once the solar farm is finished, there will be a visitor's center for students and other visitors to learn about the solar farms.

"If done at Cal Poly want to come out and study this project, they are welcome," Bernheimer said. Bernard said he is happy California is pursing renewable and sustainable energy because of California's dependence on non-renewable and volatile power sources.

"It's about time that California starts investing more wisely into their energy infrastructure," Bernard said.

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David Conn, the associate vice president for Inclusive Excellence at Cal Poly, with the intent to give students the opportunity to reflect on and discuss recent events, including the cross burning in Arroyo Grande.

"We don't really know what the intent was yet (of the cross burning), but it doesn't really matter because the impact was so damaging," Conn said in his opening statement.

Conn continued to explain the differences between hate crimes and hate speech.

"In most cases, a hate crime does not just affect a victim," Conn said. "Typically, all people in the social group are targeted.

After providing a brief overview of the situation in Arroyo Grande, Conn left the floor open for anyone to speak.

Everette Brooks, the sport club administrator at Cal Poly, expressed words of his own struggle against hatred and encouraged those faced with adversity to continue pushing forward.

"I understand how it made you feel," Brooks said. "It deterred you from believing in the community good of man, but you can't let it destroy your mission. There is a small minority of people who have this view of hatred.

Even if the views are based on a small number of people, some don't feel as if people have progressed in San Luis Obispo.

Daren Bridges, an industrial engineering senior, expressed sadness as there are still places in California that are not open to other races, he said.

"My stepfather lived out here, and it saddened me that since he lived out here, there's a place like this that has not progressed," Bridges said.

During a 10-minute discussion, groups at each table were allowed to discuss feelings and reflect on instances of prejudice and hate. Many students brought up a past incident similar to the cross burning — the crop science house incident which occurred in 2008. Students said many events that are similar to both of these incidents come out and study this project, (they are welcome)," Bernheimer said. Bernard said he is happy California is pursuing renewable and sustainable energy because of California's dependence on non-renewable and volatile power sources.

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What does it say about us to throw species off the lifeboat of recovery to meet our renewable energy goals?

— Pamela Flick
California program coordinator of Defenders of Wildlife

Topaz Solar Farm to buy that land. Kyle Rossio, a history senior, had many members of the forum in agreement when he expressed worry that this event will have a backlash on hate speech.

"Silencing hate isn't solving hate," Rossio said.

As for the cross burning, the incident is being investigated as arson and a hate crime, according to a press release from the Arroyo Grande Police Department.

At this point, forensic experts are processing physical evidence from the scene, and the FBI is actively working with the police to determine the parties involved.

Other students encourage people to not be silent about this type of action as well.

"This kind of development can't (be built) everywhere," Flick said. "What does it say about us to throw species off the lifeboat of recovery to meet our renewable energy goals?"

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store room hard to reach from the front of the warehouse.

Shortly before both burglaries, Ford E-150 vans were stolen from nearby businesses. Police believe the vans were used to transport the stolen goods.

The van for the second burglary was stolen from Eagle Nest Vending, off South Higuera Street, several blocks from the ShoeSurfing.com warehouse.

Chris Gentry of Gentry Welding & Fabrication, a neighboring business to Eagle Nest Vending, said suspicious activity in the area has increased, and so has his vigilance. Several days after the van was stolen, he noticed someone had tried to pull out the locks in his work truck.

"I've been kind of coming down here in the middle of the night trying to catch them," Gentry said.

Neighboring businesses to ShoeSurfing.com are a little concerned with safety risks, said Shane McSween, an employee at Cal Deals, a furniture store located right next to ShoeSurfing.com.

"Of course there's gotta be a little bit of worry there but thankfully nothing's happened, and hopefully, nothing does happen," McSween said.

McSween, who saw the damage to the ShoeSurfing.com storefront after the second burglary, said he doesn't understand why the business would be targeted twice.

"The owner's really nice," McSween said. "I don't see why anybody would want to steal from him."

All of the stolen shoes and boots have either the ShoeSurfing.com or ShoppinShoe.com logo stamped on the box, which SLOPD are on the lookout for. If the boots were still in the area at one point after the burglaries, Stahnke said, he doesn't believe they are anymore.

SLOPD is working with other local agencies throughout the state to find the missing boots, and the investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information can call the SLOPD or leave an anonymous tip through SLOPD Crime Stoppers.

SeaWorld Orlando plans to put the killer whale Tilikum back into public performances beginning Wednesday, for the first time since the 6-ton whale killed a trainer at the marine park more than one year ago.

SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment President Jim Atchison signed off on the decision this week, and Tilikum is expected to appear in an 11:30 a.m. performance of "Believers," the company's main killer-whale show.

Tilikum has not appeared in any shows since Feb. 24, 2010, the day the animal battered and drowned 40-year-old Sea World trainer Dawn Brancheau.

The death made headlines worldwide, forced sweeping safety changes within SeaWorld, and sparked government investigations and private lawsuits that have yet to be resolved.

SeaWorld said Tuesday that including Tilikum in shows is important for the animal's health and husbandry.

"The show in shows is just a portion of Tilikum's day, but we feel it is an important component of his physical, social and mental enrichment," Kelly Flaherty Clark, SeaWorld Orlando's animal training curator, said in a prepared statement.

Company officials said repeatedly in the aftermath of Brancheau's death that they intended to put Tilikum back in shows eventually.

The move comes at a sensitive time for SeaWorld, which is challenging a U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration citation issued last summer. The federal agency accused SeaWorld of willfully exposing its killer-whale trainers to danger without adequate protection, and it recommended that trainers never again be exposed to Tilikum.

Tilikum, an adult male killer whale who has sired more than a dozen calves over the years, is by far the largest of the roughly two-dozen killer whales in SeaWorld's corporate collection.

He had been involved in two human deaths before Brancheau's, including a trainer at a British Columbia aquarium in 1991 and a homeless man who snuck into SeaWorld Orlando's killer-whale complex after hours in 1999.

Hearings before a federal administrative law judge are scheduled to begin April 25.

SeaWorld declined to discuss its decision in detail Tuesday. But in the written statement, Flaherty Clark said SeaWorld "will be using the same methods in caring for Ti­ likum that have been in place for more than a year."

Those changes include requiring trainers to stay farther away from Tilikum when working with him — massaging him, for instance, with high-pressure hoses instead of manually rubbing him by hand.

SeaWorld says it also has made many safety upgrades to the killer-whale facilities in its parks in Orlando, San Diego and San Antonio. Among them: Guardsrails around pool ledges, and devices that can more quickly deploy safety nets in case of an emergency.

And the company says it will make more substantial changes in coming months, including the installation of fast-rising, false-bottom floors in its killer-whale pools capable of lifting multiple whales and trainers out of the water, potentially in less than a minute.

Still, SeaWorld's critics say the company is risking the lives of its trainers by continuing to work with Tilikum.

"If you had a friend that had a dog that had mauled three people, would you go play with that dog?" said Russ Rector, a former dolphin trainer in Fort Lauderdale who now opposes keeping marine mammals in captivity. "These people only care about the show. They never learn."

Even as it puts Tilikum back into its shows, SeaWorld is also moving forward with plans to put its trainers back in the water with the animals.

Company officials said last month that trainers in its three U.S. marine parks would soon begin limited "water work" with killer whales, with the interactions limited to a dozen killer whales in SeaWorld pools already equipped with lifts in the floors.

No trainer, however, will be allowed in the water with Tilikum. SeaWorld had prohibited water work with the animal even before Brancheau's death because of his size and dangerous history, though the company had begun limited "water-desensitization training" — during which a whale is taught to ignore a human in the water — before the tragedy.
John Boehner faces a fateful choice this year on top of $10 billion already willing to accept for the rest of the fiscal reductions that the Republicans are preparing to propose roughly $26 billion in spending cuts for the remaining six months of the fiscal year on top of $10 billion already signed into law. A number close to that likely would be able to pass the Senate, where Democrats are still the majority, giving both parties a political victory at a time of heightened public concern over Washington spending. However, such a compromise is inadequate for the conservative House GOP wing, many of them newcomers who want deeper spending cuts and have cemented support from veteran Republican lawmakers. Both Liberals and Conservatives say they want to avoid a shutdown, and Democrats are urging Boehner to get the budget negotiations back on track. Late Monday evening, White House chief of staff William Daley called on Boehner to try to bring the two sides back to the table. "Speaker Boehner is caught between a shutdown and a hard place," Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said Tuesday on the Senate floor. "It's time to forget the tea party and take the deal." To make matters even more complicated for Boehner, the influential Tea Party Patriots group plans to stage a rally at the Capitol on Thursday. "We think we should push for $90 billion in cuts," said Mark Meckler, co-founder of Tea Party Patriots. Also on Thursday, Newt Gingrich, a presumed Republican presidential candidate, will visit Republicans on Capitol Hill. Gingrich is the former House speaker who in the 1990s led Congress to shut down the federal government two times over a budget stalemate. Gingrich has said he thinks another funding cutoff would be better than going back on GOP principles. His decision to go for a shutdown when he was speaker is widely considered a blunder that allowed Democratic President Bill Clinton to recover his political dominance after his party's defeat in the 1994 election. Boehner has succeeded so far in holding his conference together partly because the votes he was asking members to take were more matters of political symbolism than actual consequence. But the spending issue strikes at the hearts of many rank-and-file members who ran their campaigns on a promise to end Washington's profligate ways. In deeply Republican districts around the country, their voters want to cut more deeply. Any deal prompting more Republicans to defect would push Boehner into further dependence on Democrats. Democratic leaders in the House indicated on Tuesday that they would be willing to help pass a budget measure. But for Boehner, having liberal allies like those would only further reduce his standing among conservatives, both in and out of Washington. "That'll be the challenge for Boehner," said Ronald Peters, a political science professor at Oklahoma University's congressional studies center. "The only tool he has at his disposal now is his persuasion." Boehner showed his pragmatic side two weeks ago, when faced with a stopgap proposal to keep government running. That measure, which expires April 8, cut federal spending at a rate on par with the earlier House-passed bill of more than $61 billion, one of the largest one-time reductions to domestic education, arts, health and infrastructure programs of its kind. Despite major cuts, conservatives rejected the temporary bill because it failed to include top Republican policy priorities and represented what they saw as business-as-usual deal-making in Washington. Boehner relied on House Democrats to pass it. From the other end of the negotiating table, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., was so impressed by Boehner's pragmatism on that measure that he said he wanted to deliver the House speaker a "bouquet." Last week, Boehner and Reid appeared to be just $6 billion apart on a new budget deal. But then talks fell apart. Democrats blamed the impasse on pressure from Boehner's tea party contingent. Republicans said Democrats had yet to fully present their latest budget proposal. Part of the problem lies in the details of the cuts. Republicans are targeting domestic programs, which make up just 12 percent of the federal budget. In contrast, Democrats want to broaden the debate to include the rest of the budget. A deal would need to be struck in a matter of days to allow enough time for its passage by the budget deadline of next Friday. Without one, appropriators are quietly gathering information for another possible stopgap measure. A show of strength, appeared at a news conference Tuesday along with nearly a dozen members from across the spectrum of his caucus — leaders, chairmen, freshmen. But he also said all options remain on the table. "Nothing's agreed to until everything's agreed to," he said.
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SAN FRANCISCO (MCT) — The radiation doses emitted by the most common walk-through airport scanners are extremely small and pose no significant health risk, according to a new report by the University of California, San Francisco, radiology specialist. Still, Dr. Rebecca Smith-Bindman, a professor at the university's radiology and biomedical imaging department, recommends more independent testing to ensure the scanners are operating as designed.

The report published Monday in the Archives of Internal Medicine comes in response to opposition from privacy rights groups such as the Electronic Privacy Information Center to the use of full-body scanners. The devices use low levels of radiation to create what looks like nude images of passengers, which helps inspectors spot weapons or contraband hidden under clothes.

NAPA (MCT) — A Presbyterian Church appeals court has affirmed an earlier ruling that the Rev. Dr. Jane Adams Spahr violated the Presbyterian constitution and her ordination vows for marrying more than a dozen same-sex couples during the brief window when it was legal to do so in California.

Spahr was found guilty in August after a four-day ecclesiastical trial in Napa, Calif. She appealed to the Permanent Judicial Commission of the Synod of the Pacific, which ruled that she violated church policy, which does not allow clergy to “state, imply or represent” that same-sex wedding ceremonies are church marriages. Spahr plans to appeal the decision, which was made public Tuesday.

During trial in Napa, 10 of the couples Spahr was charged with marrying gave testimony about how important it was to them to be married in the eyes of the church by Spahr, a lesbian minister who has long worked for gay and lesbian rights.

WASHINGTON D.C. (MCT) — More than 140 women who had championed Gulf Coast recovery after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita were at again Tuesday, convening on Capitol Hill to announce that they were supporting legislation that would guarantee the five Gulf Coast states at least 80 percent of BP’s fines from last spring’s oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, an amount that could top $21 billion.

The fines, levied as part of the Clean Water Act, are separate from the $20 billion BP already has dedicated to assist residents affected by the spill in the five Gulf Coast states, Mississippis, Louisiana, Texas, Florida and Alabama.

ILLINOIS (MCT) — Thirteen people were hurt — two seriously — when gunmen opened fire in Chicago’s Englewood neighborhood on Tuesday morning and a fleeing car smashed into a city bus, witnesses and officials said.

It did not appear that anyone was wounded by gunfire, but instead were injured in the accident or by flying glass, the officials and witnesses said.

About 9:30 a.m. CDT, two men jumped from a red truck and began shooting at cars near the black Intrepid sedan.

As the black car fled down the street, it veered into a westbound No. 75 Chicago Transit Authority bus, pushing the bus into a light pole, a witness said. The driver and four passengers suffered injuries that were not life-threatening, said CTA spokesman Tambrin Lukidou.

A Chicago Fire Department spokesman said ambulances transported two people to Stroger Hospital.

HAITI (MCT) — Haitian elections officials are delaying the announcement of preliminary elections results in the country’s presidential and legislative elections scheduled for Sunday.

The preliminary announcement over who won the March 20 runoff from those textbooks.

BRAZIL (MCT) — Jose Alencar, who served as Brazil’s vice president from 2003-10 under President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, died Tuesday at age 79, after a 13-year struggle with cancer.

Alencar died at the Syrian-Lebanese Hospital in Sao Paulo, where he was being treated for a bone abdomeinal pain since Monday, doctors said. Over many years as a cancer patient, he underwent surgery 17 times.

As Brazil’s vice president, Alencar became hugely popular for his fight against cancer and the good spirits it retained despite the illness.

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Supreme Court split in decision to protect New Orleans district attorney from liability

David G. Savage
Tribune Washington Bureau

A bitterly divided Supreme Court toured a jury verdict Tuesday won by a New Orleans man who spent 14 years on death row and came within weeks of execution because prosecutors had hidden a blood test and other evidence that would have proven his innocence.

The 5-4 decision delivered by Justice Clarence Thomas shielded the New Orleans district attorney's office from liability for the mistakes of its prosecutors. The evidence of their misconduct did not prove "deliberate indifference" on the part of then-District Attorney Harry Connick Sr., Thomas said.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg emphasized her disapproval by reading her dissent in the courtroom, saying the court was shielding a city and its prosecutors from "flagrant" misconduct that nearly cost an innocent man his life.

"John Thompson spent 16 years isolated on death row before the truth came to light," she said. He was innocent of the crimes that sent him to prison, and prosecutors had "dishonored" their obligation to present the true facts to the jury, she said.

In the past, the high court has absolved trial prosecutors from any and all liability for the cases they bring to court. The key issue in the case of Connick v. John Thompson was whether the district attorney could be held liable for a pattern of wrongdoing in his office and for his failure to see to it that his prosecutors followed the law.

In 1999, when all his appeals had failed on his convictions for the murder of a hotel executive, Thompson was due to be put to death. But a private investigator hired by his lawyer found a blood test in the police lab which showed the man wanted for a related car jacking had a type "B" blood, while Thompson's was type "O.

Thompson had been charged and convicted of an attempted car jacking near the SuperDome as a prelude to charging him with the unsolved murder of a hotel executive. The newly revealed blood test spared Thompsons life, and a judge ordered a new trial on the murder charges that had sent him to death row. His new defense lawyers found other evidence that had been hidden, including eyewitnesses reports from the murder scene. Bystanders reported seeing a black man with dresse-cropped hair running away holding a gun. Thompson was 5-foot-8 and had a bushy "Afro" at the time.

With the new eyewitness reports and other evidence that pointed to another man as the killer, Thompson was acquitted of all charges in the second trial. He won $14 million in damages in a suit against the district attorney.

In rejecting the judgment, Thomas described the case as a "single incident" where mistakes were made. He said Thompson did not prove a pattern of similar violations that would justify holding the city's government liable for the wrongdoing. Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. and Justices Antonin Scalia, Anthony M. Kennedy and Samuel A. Alito Jr. joined to form the majority.

However, Thompson's lawyers showed that at least four prosecutors knew of the blood test that was hidden. They also showed evidence of other similar cases in New Orleans where key evidence was concealed from defense lawyers.
Come to a quick solution for premature ejaculation

When you jump into bed (or a study room on the fifth floor of our beloved Robert E. Kennedy Library), sometimes the moment is so freaking hot you can't help but finish before you've even started.

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If premature ejaculation happens to you, it may seem like you're the only one it has ever happened to. But really, there's a huge pharmaceutical market geared toward helping men last longer, because, according to the Mayo Clinic, as many as 1 out of 3 men suffer from premature ejaculation.

Premature ejaculation happens when a man comes before penetration, or within a minute of penetration. It also occurs when men are unable to control or delay their orgasm once they have begun sexual activity, which can include fooling around or penetration.

While sometimes guys can suffer from overexcitement, premature ejaculation can be a biological issue. If it happens every once in a while, there is generally no need to worry about your sexual health. Chalk up your quick orgasm to nerves or how hot your date looked.

Be sure to also take into account the last time you masturbated or ejaculated. Don't automatically assume you are a premature ejaculator just because you came within 30 seconds on one occasion. If there has been a substantial amount of time since your last orgasm, you are more likely to ejaculate faster and with a higher volume of semen. So if you chose to hold out over spring break keep that tissue box nearby for damage control lest you get the sticky stuff all over your room.

If you're opening the floodgates early during every, or nearly every, sexual encounter (and yes, that includes masturbation), then you should talk to your doctor about potential causes.

By talking to a professional health expert — and not WebMD — you can have peace of mind either knowing your problem is normal, or begin to take measures to extend your sexual rendezvous.

Whether or not you're a chronic early bird or a one-time early arrival, bear in mind it isn't really a big deal. After those awesome "I-just-came-I-need-to-take-a-nap" orgasm firelings subside, you might feel a little embarrassed that you busted a nut pretty quickly.

Instead of mumbling a weird apology to your partner (or hand, if you were jerking off), offer up a sheepish "I was so worked up by how hot they were, or that the

— Caitlyn Harkins
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Cuesta College opened an installation, which focuses on both artwork and how it is displayed, by Cal Poly Art & Design professor Michael Barton Miller entitled "Super 8mm" March 10. It will be open until March 31.

Miller said this installation is a combination of watercolor paintings and black and white work. His main influence for it was his love of filmmaking, he said.

"There's a lot going on in this installation," Miller said. "But really, it's a lot about me going back to my amateur roots."

Miller was first exposed to art at a young age. His aunt, a teacher at the California Arts Institute in Valencia, Calif., encouraged him to become involved in art. He fell in love with filmmaking during high school and later moved to the Bay Area, where he joined a film collective, he said. There, he worked with documentaries and commercials.

"When I was trying to make money for my films, I would do mural projects," he said. "I guess that's where painting really came into the picture."

Once his mural painting took off, Miller began to hire others to paint so he could focus on the project design. It was then Miller realized he wanted to continue doing public art.

"I wanted to increase the creative part of my life," Miller said. "But part of me felt like I didn't know enough."

Miller returned to San Francisco State University to concentrate in drawing and painting. After a year, he transferred to the University of California, Irvine and explored different avenues of art and graduated with honors.

"I was a half credit short of Summa Cum Laude," he said. "I was a great student. I was studying something I love."

With stellar grades and a newfound appreciation for art, Miller attended University of Southern California (USC) to receive a Master of Fine Arts.

"The funny thing about USC is that I applied at the last possible moment," he said. "I literally slid the application under the door. I drove all the way down there because I knew it wouldn't get there by mail."

Before his arrival at Cal Poly in 1997, Miller taught at USC, California State University, Long Beach and Pomona College. He said he prefers liberal arts schools because of the multiplicity offered.

Now that Miller is settled in San Luis Obispo, he primarily teaches drawing classes, his favorite being life drawing.

"I also really enjoy teaching idea development classes," he said. "I really love the conceptual aspects of art."

Miller's exhibit at Cuesta College is an installation he described as a participatory art environment, rather than a museum where at-
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one thing they did with their tongue just sent you over the edge. Make your early orgasm into a compliment—not a deal-breaker. Let your partner know you’re still game to keep fooling around, particularly if your partner hasn’t orgasmed yet.

If it isn’t you, but your partner who climaxed early, for the love of Dr. Ruth, don’t freak out. Say something off the cuff (“Wow! All of that foreplay must have really worked!”) and ask if you can get your orgasm too, if you want to continue playing.

Keep in mind it was most likely a one time thing—and if it isn’t, casually suggest seeing a doctor together to help make things better. Don’t use the moment as a means for humiliation, and definitely do not bring it up in an argument. The matter can be ego-crushing, but only if one of you makes it so.

To help prevent premature ejaculation in the future, practice masturbating almost to the point of orgasm and then stopping before actually finishing. With time, you should be able to have greater control over your orgasm.

And with that, venture forth into the world of all night sex sessions. Just don’t forget the lube.

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tendees sit and look at art. All of the work is brand new and consist of watercolors on vel¬lum, which Miller said he chose because "it is the most difficult material to work with, and I like a challenge."

The work displayed in the ex¬hibit is in both black and white and color. The black and white pieces are conceptual and in¬spired by more concrete ideas, he said. The color pieces are inspired by his travels in Southeast Asia and incorporate a lot of Buddhist and Thai influences. Miller also said he was heavily influenced by "Naked Lunch" author William S. Burroughs.

"He’s a zen master," he said. "But he’s also brutally honest."

With installations, the art is not only in the pieces, but in the way they are displayed, he said. Miller plays with the way paintings hang and the way the audience experiences his show for every different show. "That aspect of installation is very experimental," he said; "It puts me in a position to fail, which is kind of terrifying."

This flexibility adds to his idea that the show doesn’t have one spe¬cific meaning to him.

"I took a lot of risks here, and there are several themes mixed in my work," he said. "There’s not one stable meaning throughout."

Miller said he was especially ex¬cited about this show because it’s his hometown exhibit. He even turned down a show in Los Angeles to hold this exhibit.

Showing at Cuesta has broad¬ened his influence because students on the Cal Poly campus are familiar with his work, Miller said.

Art and design freshman Lydia Baik plans to visit the installation after seeing photographs of the pieces included in it.

"It’s so inspiring to see (that) the person teaching you is also out there in the art world," she said. "It’s really exciting to see that."

Not only do students appreciate Miller’s work, but they appreciate his talent for teaching as well. Art and design junior Kelsey Rieger said it’s not too common to find someone like that.

"I love Michael as a teacher, and I also really love his work," she said. "I can’t say that about everyone."

Miller’s installations open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Daniel Radcliffe leaves Hogwarts behind

Daniel Bubbeo
NEWSWEEK

Before Daniel Radcliffe gave his regards to Broadway in February 2009 when his four-month run in the psychological drama "Equus" ended, he promised that he'd be back eternally — and in a musical.

Obviously, he's a man of his word. Sunday night, Radcliffe took the stage of the Al Hirschfeld Theatre, where he's transformed himself from boy wizard Harry Potter to song-and-dance man in the latest revival of the 1961 musical "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying."

"I think that 'How to Succeed' was a great way for Dan to stretch himself as an actor after the 'Potter' series," said Rob Ashford, the show's director and choreographer. "He chose one of the most demanding things any actor can do: headlining a musical. I think the thrilling thing about this choice for Dan is that it came from his heart and not his head. I admire that so much from any artist."

"How to Succeed" continues Radcliffe's career path of taking on more mature roles after growing up on screen for the past 10 years in the hugely successful "Harry Potter" film franchise (a worldwide gross of $6.3 billion and counting). And with a salary—by-the-range of $20 million to $25 million for the final two "Potter" films, he's in the enviable position of only taking on dream projects such as "How to Succeed."

"He always wanted to do a musical," said Elizabeth L. McCann, a founder of McCann & Nugent Productions, who was a producer on "Equus." "Many times, if I was looking for him, I'd find him at a karaoke bar doing show tunes. This show came along, and it's a perfect musical for him."

Craig Zadan and Neil Meron, two of the producers of "How to Succeed" obviously agreed. They were the ones who came up with the idea of casting Radcliffe as J. Pierrepont Finch, an opportunistic window washer, who, within weeks, uses his wiles to climb the corporate ladder several rungs at a time. At 21, Radcliffe is also the youngest actor to play Finch on Broadway (Robert Morse was 30 when the first production opened in 1961, and Matthew Broderick was 33 in the 1995 revival, thus fitting Frank Loesser's lyrics of possessing "that upturned chin and the grin of imperturbable youth."

"I thought it was a good match of actor and material and immediately got on board," Ashford said.

Radcliffe, however, did have one reservation. He had taken some singing lessons while working on "Equus," so he was confident that he could put over a song. Dancing, however, was a whole other Quod-ditch game.

"One of the first things Dan said to me when we started discussing 'How to Succeed' was that he was not a dancer," Ashford said. "I saw him in 'Equus,' and I felt he was an actor very in touch with his physical life. I set him up with one of my London associates, Spencer Soloman. Not long after they started their sessions, I got a call from Dan. He said he loved working with Spencer and not to count him out in the dance department."

By the time rehearsals began, Radcliffe dove into the big production numbers. Ashford said, "He was determined to be able to lead the company on all fronts. We did not have to simplify any of the choreography because of Dan. He was able to do every step that we had envisioned."

Of course, the question remains whether audiences of 2011 will still find humor in Alan Bergman's satirical swipe at Madison Avenue that earned them a Pulitzer Prize.

"The greatest challenge of doing any revival is instilling contemporary energy into a period piece," Ashford said. "You must be respectful of the time and place of the original but make the show feel and move as a new creation. The joy of having Dan Radcliffe and John Larquettea lead our company is that they have such a modern interpretation and delivery of the material."

Another benefit of Radcliffe's name on a marquee is the lure of attracting the "Harry Potter" generation to Broadway, an age group that might not normally go to a musical, yet alone one set in an era when secretaries were viewed as playthings and 20-something females sang about keeping their husbands warm.

"It's so important to educate young people to the culture of live performance," Ashford says. "What better way than by giving them an actor they have all grown up with? Our hope are that they come to see Daniel Radcliffe and go home having discovered the magic of musicals."

Having completed the "Harry Potter" film series, star Daniel Radcliffe has joined the cast of the 1961 musical "How to Succeed" in its pursuit to take on "more mature roles" and distance himself from the "Harry Potter" stigma.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Don't start to believe any of your excuses at this time. You know where the truth lies and where it doesn't.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You may have to push through one or two difficult moments, but you'll come out on the other side feeling capable, confident.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — Now is not the time for you to fall back on anything that provides you with a comfort zone. You must face what comes directly.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — Once you make a strong start, you're sure to get done what has to get done — even though someone may be standing in your way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — You must strive to pick up the pace and ensure that you can meet all commitments. Don't lose sight of the big picture.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — It may be time for you to complete a major change other at work or on the home front. A difficult decision is made with relative ease.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — You may find it difficult to say what has to be said to a friend or loved one, but not impossible, by any means. And it must be said.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — You may feel somewhat frustrated at this time as a result of being pulled in too many directions at once. You must start saying no.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — You're looking around at all the options, but you're not yet recognizing which suit you best or offer the best bet for success.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — It may be time for you to complete a major change other at work or on the home front. A difficult decision is made with relative ease.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Others are waiting for you to lead the way, but you're not quite sure just yet what the final destination is — or should be.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — Work you do alone is likely to pay off more handsomely than anything you can do with another, but this is not always the case, of course.

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People can't blame institutions forever

Jeremy Cutcher is a political science senior and Mustang Daily liberal columnist.

Cynicism is a common reaction when expectations fall short of reality; it can be rational when markets fail on the promise of creating wealth or when leaders fail on their promise to lead. Thus Liberals tend to be cynical about free markets, which seem to create wealth disproportionately for those who already have it, and Conservatives tend to be cynical about government, which seems inept at solving the difficult issues facing the country. But there is nothing inherently negative about either. Both are simply institutions in which individuals interact in an effort to provide for our common needs through mutual cooperation. Thus, the actual character of these institutions emerges not only from the incentive structure of each institution but also from the nature of the individuals who participate in them.

Recessions often expose the weaknesses of capitalism. To call our economy "capitalist" is a bit of misnomer. True capitalism has never existed — the U.S. and the rest of the developed market economies practice a mixed economy with various levels of government intervention (that is why I have often compared Libertarians to Socialists — they are both starry-eyed idealists who fail to recognize the world we live in; somehow though, Libertarians have been deemed more credible).

Most often, this government intervention benefits society — consider abolishing the Food and Drug Administration, which makes sure products we ingest are safe to do so, or the Federal Trade Commission, which aims to "prevent unfair methods of competition in commerce." Interestingly, my least favorite regulatory body, the Federal Communications Commission, is one that Conservatives champion in their effort to impose their own morals on the whole of society.

The recent financial crisis provides a good example of the shortcomings of our mixed economy. Most free-marketers put major blame of the crisis on government intervention in the financial markets, and they do have a valid point, but I see the problems stemming from the incentive structure and moral bankruptcy of the corporate culture. The incentive structure, namely the bonus culture in high finance, meant that individuals received million-dollar bonuses not based on long-term viability but on short-term gains. Thus, banks packaged and resold subprime mortgages not worrying about the long-term solvency of their liabilities but simply focusing on the short-term profits that allowed their stocks to rise. Government also created an incentive structure where profits were privatized while risk was nationalized, which allows for "windfall profits. They then use those profits as evidence of fulfilling their social duty. Likewise, election campaigns are now longer and more expensive than ever because elections have become the main tool for elected officials, not excellent public policy.

When the goals of each institution change and become narrower in their interests, the means to achieve those goals will inevitably adapt and become narrower, most likely for the worse.

The crisis of confidence in markets and the government reminds me of former President Jimmy Carter's so-called "Malaise Speech" in 1979. President Carter believed the American people were losing their purpose and finding false comfort in material items when he said, "But just as we are losing our confidence in the future, we are also beginning to close the door on our past. In a nation that was proud of hard work, strong families, close-knit communities, and our faith in God, too many of us now tend to worship self-indulgence and consumption. Human identity is no longer defined by what one does, but by what one owns. But we've discovered that owning things and consuming things does not satisfy our longing for meaning."

President Carter acted like a true leader in identifying prolifacy as a root cause of American disillusionment, and it has applicability not only today, but has been the root cause of the downfall of all the great nations and empires throughout our history. Nonetheless, the American people did not want to hear that the problem lay in their own principles and values and instead elected Ronald Reagan, who stated that "Government is not the solution to our problems, it is the problem," the following year.

We can blame the institutions as long as we want. But disregarding the role individuals play will allow the same practices to continue with the same results. Recognizing the role of the individual is only to recognize our own complicity in the system, both through our interactions in the institutions and through the leaders we allow to have such large influence over those institutions.

What both institutions have done is to substitute the by-products of success for the true goals of each institution.
Media leaks Private Manning behind following lockup

Edward Waterman wrote this column for the Miami Herald.

Brady Manning is the 23-year-old Army private who has been in military lockup since he was arrested last May for allegedly downloading a huge volume of secret U.S. military and diplomatic documents to WikiLeaks, which became headline worldwide.

Manning is being held in a military lockup in Quantico, Va., in what the American Civil Liberties Union calls "prolonged isolated confinement" for over a year. Manning has been in the military lockup since he was arrested in April 2010. In one windowless cell, and is allowed to spend only one hour in another windowless cell. He is often stripped and forced to stand naked outside his cell. When he抗拒了 the high-volume of secret U.S. military and diplomatic documents to WikiLeaks, which became headline worldwide.

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**Softball**

The ability to get that in-game experience was slightly hampered over spring break as the Mustangs had seven games canceled including an entire tournament in Palo Alto, Calif. and two games against No. 7 UCLA.

After six straight games were called off due to rain, Calh said the team was beginning to feel a bit antsy and were ready to step back on the field.

On Sunday, the team was able to channel that energy into a 6-2 victory over Fairfield, but dropped a 3-0 game to UNLV later in the day.

The Mustangs' next game is away against UC Riverside on Saturday, giving the team a chance to rest up before its Big West opener.

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**Bonds**

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Former Giants trainer Sean Conte tarnished Bonds a bit more than the ballplayers, recounting a discussion in October 2003, shortly after the federal raids on the Balco lab, when the slugger came into his office to decry the investigation and the government's treatment of Anderson.

Conte, who also testified about the physical changes he witnessed in Bonds, said he had a discussion about steroids in baseball with the Giants outfielder, but did not say Bonds talked about steroid use himself.

"He said it was unfair what the government was doing to Greg Anderson," Conte recalled.

Bonds is on trial in San Francisco federal court, facing four charges of perjury and one count of obstructing justice for allegedly lying to a federal grand jury in December 2003 about using steroids as he chased baseball's home run records.

Prosecutors are trying to show that Bonds knew the substances he was using from Anderson were steroids, and put other ballplayers on the witness stand to recount their relationships with the trainer, which were all relatively similar — they would consult with him, and he would ship packages with steroids from Balco, such as "the cream" and the "clear," that would elude detection in drug testing.

Bonds is expected to finish testifying on Wednesday, and be followed by former ballplayer Randy Velarde. Prosecutors have a number of technical witnesses scheduled to follow, as well as Arthur Ting, Bonds' former orthopedic surgeon, and Kathy Hoskins, his former personal shopper.

Benard, Bonds' roommate from 1998 to 2003, said Anderson got him on a steroids regimen. But he never saw Bonds or any other Giants use the same drugs in the team's locker room.

Jason Giambi recalled meeting Anderson in late 2002, when he was traveling with Bonds to Japan for an exhibition series between major league all-stars and Japanese all-stars.

"I was picking Greg's brain to ask him what kind of training he was doing," Giambi recalled, referring to Bonds. "He was an incredible player and I was just trying to continue my baseball career." Giambi and Anderson then worked together when they returned to the United States, with the then-New York Yankee receiving packages with new-fangled steroids, syringes and doping calendars from the trainer.

At the time, Giambi had been on the cover of Sports Illustrated in his Yankee's uniform, dubbed the "King of Swing." He admitted he'd been using another steroid before he met Anderson, but the trainer told him he would get "tripped" with that drug when baseball started testing in the spring of 2003. Jeremy Giambi, who played for four different teams, including the A's, likewise said Anderson told him he could supply him with "undetectable steroids," which turned out to be Balco's cream and the clear.

Defense lawyers, however, tried to show through questions to the Giants that Anderson never told them specifically that those substances were in fact steroids. Jason and Jeremy Giambi acknowledged under cross-examination that they were told by Anderson the cream and the clear were "steroid-like" drugs — which defense lawyers say helps their argument that Bonds did not know the "clear" and the "cream" were steroids when Anderson supplied them.

One thing was abundantly clear from Tuesday's testimony — former trainer Conte loathed Anderson from their first meeting at spring training in 2000, right down to his tattoos. Conte described going immediately to Giants General Manager Brian Sabean and then-Manager Dusty Baker to express his concerns about the Bonds-Anderson relationship, but never burned Anderson from the team's facilities because he said he thought the Giants brain trust would side with their superstar.

"I assumed they wouldn't back me," Conte testified.

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Players admit steroid use in testimony of ex-Giant Barry Bonds’ perjury trial

Howard Mintz
SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS

SAN FRANCISCO — As baseball players and a former San Francisco Giants trainer testified Tuesday in the Barry Bonds perjury trial Tuesday, it became increasingly clear it would not be a good day for the national pastime. But it was not a particularly bad day for the former Giants superstar.

A day after the soap opera testimony of Bonds’ former mistress, Kimberly Bell, the federal jury heard from major league baseball’s brotherhood.

Current and former players such as ex-Oakland Athletics All-Star Jason Giambi and Bonds’ former personal trainer, Greg Anderson, including the same designer steroids prosecutors allege that Bonds secured from his childhood friend.

But those witnesses scarcely mentioned Bonds and conveyed no direct knowledge of his steroid use; and the trial judge, Susan Illston, warned jurors they could only consider the testimony to evaluate how Anderson dealt steroids to athletes, not whether the conduct of other baseball players in using steroids from the trainer demonstrates in any way that Bonds likewise used steroids.

Bonds did not appear particularly uneasy as his fellow ballplayers testified. Indeed, during one break, he patted Jason Giambi on the shoulder as he walked by, evidence of a friendship they formed when they were the Bay Area’s premier players more than a decade ago.

"Any team at this point could come out and win it," Patton said.

"We just have to wait and see who is gonna bring it on that day."

Though, if statistics and superstitions are to be trusted, the fact is an odd numbered year — 2011 — may bode well for Cal Poly.

Since 2005, the Mustangs have won 78 percent of their conference games in odd numbered years, earning NCAA tournament bids in 2007 and 2009, while winning just 58 percent in even numbered years and failing to make the tournament.

This season, the team has struggled to hit well, leaving the pitchers without much run support, although Patton remains optimistic about getting the offense going.

"Once we get those runs on the board, we will feel more comfortable out there on defense, and we won’t have to worry about playing catch up," she said. "I think that will be the main ingredients in winning the Big West."

"Only two Mustangs are hitting over .300, while the team is hitting just .221 as a whole. The Mustangs have also been outscored 136-51 this season. Patton said the early season struggles can be attributed to a combination of a tough schedule and a young squad."

Only two players on the roster are seniors, while eight are freshmen and four are sophomores. While the entire starting infield is made up of freshmen, their fielding percentage (.966) is not drastically below their battle tested opponents.

"We’re really trying to have everyone stay accountable," Cahn said. "It is hard with eight freshmen, they are coming fresh out of high school, they are 18-years old. It’s really been a learning experience. I think for the coaches and upperclassmen, we’re trying our best and we’re doing a good job at managing the 12 underclassmen."

That being said, Cahn said the best way for the newer players to transition to the faster pace of college softball is by getting more reps at-bats that only time can provide.

Pepperdine downs Cal Poly in extra innings

The Mustangs had their chances Tuesday night, but couldn’t cash in. Pepperdine scored three runs in the 11th inning as the Mustangs dropped their second game in a row, falling 7-4. After leaving a total of 15 men on base, the Mustangs have now lost six of their last seven games. Shortstop J.J. Thompson came up with the bases loaded and two away in the bottom of the ninth inning but struck out to send the game into extra innings.

Pitcher Joey Woganan started the game and went 5 1/3 innings, allowing two earned runs off three hits.