Things not rosy for float team

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Approximately $13,500 worth of equipment was allegedly stolen from the Cal Poly Rose Float team on the campus of Cal Poly Pomona on March 5. Items stolen from two separate locations — the Cal Poly Pomona Rose Float lab and the Cal Poly San Luis Obispo Rose Float trailer — included a drill and welder combined at a $3,500 value, among other items stolen from the Cal Poly San Luis Obispo trailer.

The Cal Poly Pomona University Police Department is investigating the crime, according to the Cal Poly University's Rose Float website.

The work and storage areas were last seen locked with all items intact two days prior. The sliding door of the lab was pried open to enter the work area, according to the website. The latch and lock on the storage containers were cut, giving access to all the equipment inside. Bobby Dodge, the assistant construction chair of the Cal Poly San Luis Obispo Rose Float team, said someone simply found a way to break into the storage containers.

"Based on what we found, someone was able to break through and basically pry open the metal doors," Dodge said.

Among the allegedly stolen items were Miller MIG welders of various sizes, grinders, saws, welds, and various tools.

As of now, the number of people involved is unknown. Due to the size of some of the items, there is speculation that at least two individuals were involved.

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"It doesn't seem like it is going to have an effect on what we are doing, but it is a shame to lose all the equipment," Dodge said.

Dodge said the event was out of their control and the two groups will still come together to produce a float this year.

"We definitely plan to continue working with Cal Poly Pomona," Dodge said.

The Rose Float is one of the few connections the two Cal Poly campuses share, and Dodge said it would be a shame to end that relationship.

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a partnership due to an unfortunate event.

"We will be replacing the equipment and getting right back to work (with Pomo)," Dodge said. "This was just an unlucky event that we are going to have to bounce back from."

Andrea Robinson, a business administration junior, said she was upset to hear about the recent theft of Rose Float equipment.

"I guess I'm not too surprised that something like this could happen," Robinson said. "It's just a total bummer because (the Rose Float team) is a cool, good-natured program."

Although other Rose Float workers said the program is fun, some worry about the impact the theft will have on the team's reputation.

Meagan Higgins, a mechanical engineering junior, said the news is frustrating because of the negative image it sends.

"People work really hard on that float, and it reflects on both of the Cal Poly campuses," Higgins said. "If it was a Cal Poly (San Luis Obispo) student who did it, they make us look bad."

Higgins said she hopes the station equipment will not affect the Rose Float but expects that it will.

"I think it is going to negatively affect the float because we are already in a bad crisis," Higgins said. "Thirteen thousand dollars is a lot of money to raise for new equipment."

Despite everything, the Rose Float team plans continue on as planned. The Rose Float should be as good as ever and the little hiccup in the plans will not affect the outcome this year, Dodge said.

"We are on schedule," Dodge said. "This was just a little speed bump."

**Shoes**

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decided not to because I don't like it when my feet hurt," Alfred said. "I know that's the point, to put yourself in the 'shoes' of people without shoes, but I was weak."

She said she felt guilty when seeing the students who were not wearing shoes, but she avoided them.

Raise the Respect collaborated with TOMS Cal Poly Campus Club to help advertise for the event and raise awareness.

Biological sciences and political science junior and program director of Raise the Respect Emily Hong didn't wear her shoes all day, with the exception of during her lab. But even then, her chemistry professor expected the shoes to come off afterward, Hong said.

"People would ask why I didn't have shoes there was a simple answer — there are millions of kids that don't wear shoes and are exposed to many infections and diseases that are non-existent in America," she said. "For us to give up shoes for a day is not a big deal."

Hong said she heard people make offhand comments like: "You're walking barefoot! How gross," or "Walking barefoot? Why would someone ever do that?"

"It made me realize how ignorant people are to the issues going on in the modern world we live in," Hong said. "For being part of higher education, we should be aware to these so-called 'little issues.'"
As Col. Moammar Gadhafi's forces tightened their grip on the town of Brega, the commander of Libya's rebel army slammed NATO Tuesday for failing to carry out airstrikes and blocking a shipment of weapons and relief supplies headed to a city where fighting has raged for weeks.

Gen. Abdelhak Younis' comments underscored growing dissatisfaction among Libyan rebels with NATO, which took over the military campaign against Gadhafi this week but has watched the rebels continue to lose to which military action will be limited to thwarting humanitarian disasters and regime change will be accomplished by political maneuvering," said Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C. "I think those are mixed signs and confusing policy, and we're seeing the results of that policy play out on the ground." Rebel forces suffered more setbacks against Gadhafi this week but has watched the rebels continue to lose to government forces in a tug-of-war on Libya's Mediterranean coastline.

In the highest level contact between the U.S. and the rebels, White House envoy Chris Stevens met with opposition leaders Tuesday in Benghazi, the rebel capital in eastern Libya. The White House offered no comment.

"Whoever stops any support to Misrata is ... assisting the criminal regime that is carrying out genocide in Misrata," Younis said. "They should have been assisted to reach Misrata even if there were weapons, so people can defend their livelihoods.

Small demonstrations in Benghazi have urged NATO to do more to protect civilians, since the U.S. military stopped conducting airstrikes Monday night and shifted to a support role in the two-week-old military campaign.

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The Obama administration hasn't granted official recognition to the rebels. The Associated Press, citeing an unidentified U.S. official in Washington, said that Stevens was trying to get a better idea of who the rebels are, what they want and what their capabilities are.

Earlier on Tuesday, the head of NATO's allied operations, Brig. Gen. Mark Van Uhm, said that the NATO campaign had destroyed 30 percent of Gadhafi's military capacity.

Speaking in Brussels, Van Uhm also said that Misrata had become the allies' "No. 1 priority" and that Gadhafi's forces were hiding tanks and using human shields to stop the NATO fighter jets from identifying targets.

Libyan opposition leaders say that the government has cut off water and electricity to Misrata and contaminated the drinking water.
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Brown to reveal facts on California state budget crisis in coming weeks

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California Gov. Jerry Brown intends to lay out the harsh realities of the budget crisis to voters across the state in coming weeks, warning Tuesday that he will present an all-cuts revised budget in May.

Though Brown told reporters that he would begin his road show this week with a trip to Southern California, the governor’s office said that his schedule has not been confirmed. Once he does take to the road, he will deliver what is expected to be a sharpened message on the consequences of eliminating a $15 billion deficit by cutting only spending.

“We have to have a balanced budget, we need more revenues, and if we don’t get them we have to make drastic cuts,” Brown told reporters after he addressed physicians at a California Medical Association conference Tuesday morning at the Sheraton Grand in Sacramento. “It’s not really in my control, but what I do have power to exercise is to let people know as clearly as I can what’s at stake.”

Brown said he plans to go directly to the district of state Senate Republican Leader Bob Dutton, whom he blamed for delaying budget negotiations by submitting a lengthy list of demands at a time when he said the differences should have been narrowing.

Brown, who will be enlisting teachers, firefighters and police officers to help deliver his message, was to address the Service Employees International Union by telephone in a tele-town hall Tuesday night that was closed to the press.

Brown has signed into law $11.2 billion in spending reductions, including $8.2 billion in spending reductions to cut into what was a $26.6 billion deficit. Another $2.8 billion in cuts in law enforcement approved by the Legislature await his signature. When asked if he needs to make more cuts to bolster his message, Brown said, “could be, but I haven’t found anybody who wants to make the cuts. In fact everybody I’ve consulted says don’t make the cuts.

"However, on May 14, I’m going to put out a budget, and that budget will be fully balanced." Mid-May is when governors offer revised budgets based on updated, economic projections. Brown had initially pushed to wrap up the budget by mid-March so that he could have a special election on tax extensions in June. But talks collapsed late last month, blaming chances for a June election and forcing Brown to return to the traditional timeline for budgets.

He is now shooting for the constitutional budget deadline of June 15, though the earlier he can get a deal, the faster he can start an initiative campaign. The longer the standoff continues, the more costly it will grow. The state stands to lose billions in revenues since the sales taxes and vehicle license fees will revert to pre-2009 levels on July 1. Personal income tax rates were lowered at the beginning of the year.

Pushing an initiative campaign for what would be a return to the 2009 tax hikes is still a possibil­ity, Brown said, though he doesn’t want to get locked into a specific plan until he gets more buy-in from political players such as the Chamber of Commerce and other business organizations and public employee labor unions.

“Most people are asking, ‘just wait’ — basically meaning, ‘just wait and something will turn up,” Brown said.
Raise your glass
Celebrate wine at the Cal Poly Wine Festival

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Smell it. Swirl it. Taste it. A glass of fine wine awaits ticket holders at the Margarita Vineyards in Santa Margarita to celebrate the Ninth Annual Cal Poly Wine Festival, “Between the Vines” April 8. Hosted by the Cal Poly Horticulture and Crop Science Department, the event will feature local wineries, a live auction and appearances by popular wine bloggers.

To kick off the event, three wine enthusiasts will talk about their success in the wine industry — a first for the festival.

Horticulture and crop science department head John Peterson said this year marks a shift in focus of the wine festival.

“This year, we’ve included a seminar that is heavily related to marketing and marketing to the millennials because it seems like young people are embracing wine (more than any) other generation,” Peterson said.

The most anticipated speaker is Gary Vayner-chuk, New York Times bestselling author of “Crush It! Why Now is the Time to Cash in on your Passion.” In February 2006, Vayner-chuk launched a daily video blog about wine titled Wine Library TV that garners more than 80,000 viewers a day. He currently runs Wine Library, his wine retail store in New Jersey where he has expanded it to a $45 million business.

Vice President of Sales and Marketing of Margarita Vineyards Amanda Wittstrom-Higgins said having Vayner-chuk at the event is a big deal for the festival.

“It’s huge, and it’s amazing that he’s coming all the way from New Jersey,” Wittstrom-Higgins said. “His store is one of the most successful stores. This guy has done a wonderful job, and we’re really excited to have him here.”

The seminar will also include millennial blogger Leah Heaney, owner of Millenier, Inc., a marketing firm that uses social media to connect with the younger generation, and winemaker Justin Smith of Saxum Winery, who received a perfect score of 10 out of 10 by wine spectator critic Robert Parker in 2009 for his 2007 James Berry Vineyard Proprietary Red.

This new installment of celebrity seminars to the festival was conducted to connect with those in the industry, said Wine and Viticulture Program Assistant Adrienne Ferrara. And with more than 50 different wineries attending, the event is living up to the expectations it had since its starting years.

The festival, which began as a senior project in 2002, has blossomed into a student-volunteer organization and has sold more than 1,600 tickets every year since it started.

This year is no different. Tickets sales have already surpassed the 1,500 mark and are close to selling out. Students in the Vines to Wines club, one of the largest clubs on campus, have themselves to thank.

“This is 100 percent student-run,” Ferrara said. “There is a small army of about 25 students that are in charge of this event, and it really shows the ‘Learn By Doing’ philosophy. They work really hard to make this whole thing happen, and they do a really good job at it.”

Students have been planning “Between the Vines” since fall quarter and have followed Cal Poly’s motto to the fullest. Peterson said the Cal Poly motto starts with learning about life and tasting.

“I think one of the most important things in our program is not only understanding wine and drinking but to understand responsible drinking too,” Peterson said. “And that’s a big part of the message we (want) to communicate to students. Because this isn’t all about binge (drinking). It’s about appreciating that wine is a global thing and is becoming more recognized by the younger generation.

With the priority of good food and healthy living, wine is a good fit, especially (with) younger people that are interested in the full scope of how wine tastes and what it’s all about,” he said. “It’s really a great educational experience. It’s kind of like the crossroad of art...
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and science."

But being a part of this "educational experience" does not come cheaply. Tickets are at least $45 with a student discount, and all proceeds will go toward Cal Poly's wine and viticulture major, to help pay for equipment, student activities, field trips and special education programs.

Yet, the ticket pricing has never been a problem for students. "It is affordable for a wine event, even for students," Ferrara said. "Of the 1,600 that attend, about 40 to 50 percent are students, so the pricing is reasonable to bring people in."

Student representative of "Between the Vines" and agricultural science senior Lauren Goodacre said the set price is acceptable. "As college students, we are always looking for the best deals and ways to save," she said. "I would say, as a student, this festival (is worth it). I think it is more for the experience than how much it costs."

The cost will cover wine samplings from various wineries, including Kenneth Volk Vineyards, JUSTIN Vineyards and Edna Valley Vineyard. Wirtstrom-Higgins said this year is going to be better than ever. "Everyone is really excited, and we've got a lot of wonderful wineries coming in," Wirtstrom-Higgins said. "The seminar adds a lot of excitement too. I just think that the whole event is being reinvigorated, and it's going to be really great."

The Cal Poly Wine Festival is open to anyone 21 and older. Tickets range from $45 to $65 per person for the festival admission only. The seminars will begin at 10 a.m. at J. Lohr Vineyards. Wine tastings will be Saturday, April 9 at 12 p.m. for VIP and 1 p.m. for general admission at the Margarita Vineyards.

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**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6**

ARIES (March 21 - April 19) — Questions and answers fly about, but no one seems to be getting to the heart of the matter. You know what is required.

TAURUS (April 20 - May 20) — An interruption comes, actually, at just the right time — and gives you the chance to regain your composure when you most need to.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20) — Certainty is something you'll be questioning throughout a day characterised by strangeness, in one form or another. What is real?

CANCER (June 21 - July 22) — You'll expect those around you to follow instructions to the letter, but be aware that some variations may be unavoidable.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22) — What you have to offer is likely to exceed expectations, but whether this is a good thing or not has yet to be seen.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) — A work in progress requires the input of those around you before you can put the final touches on it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) — Manners are likely to make more of a difference to you and your interpersonal dynamics than usual. Do you know what's right — and when?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) — You're spending far too much energy formulating opinions about things that don't concern you. Perhaps you should mind your own business.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) — You may feel as though you're waiting on someone else, but in reality you are standing in your own way. Make an honest assessment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) — Your ability to see things in a harmonious light will serve you well; what happens may be troubling to some, but not to you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) — A stop-and-start approach to the day prevents you from having to deal with too many pressing issues at once.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20) — Be ready to make something of a journey in order to reach your destination. It's further than you had originally planned.

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Another Stoney Evening' at the PAC with Crosby and Nash

The acoustics and the way they are with the crowd, they just keep it alive for the music."

The Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Center (PAC) isn't the type of venue that David Crosby and Graham Nash performed at early in their music careers. But as the shoehorn Nash stood beside a long, fairly gray haired Crosby last night, fans were taken back to the nostalgic years of the '70s.

The crowd, full of current and retired hippies, sporting pony-tails and old band apparel, agreed the duo took the stage last night with same liveliness they would have all those years ago. "Crosby, Stills and Nash is one of the greatest bands in the world," said concert attendee and seasoned fan Steve Adelberg. "At Woodsuxk they ripped. They ripped just as good to- night. The acoustics and the way they are with the crowd, they just keep it alive for the music."
Like many economists believe the culture
of bailouts, beginning with the bailout of Continental Illinois in 1984,
has relaxed risk management standards. They believe these banks have become
careless in their risk assessment because the banks know that if any truly
disastrous event occurs, the government will bail them out. As Milton Friedman
pointed out, capitalism is a profit and loss system; take away the potential for
losses and incentives disappear. It is important to note that bailouts are not for the
investment bank itself; rather, the bailout is for the creditors of the investment bank. There is talk
that Lehman Brothers was allowed to go bankrupt because its creditors were
labeled foreign banks in China and Japan rather than American investors.

It is also worth noting that bai-
looting creditors does not necessarily
require 100 cents on the dollar — the
government could allow creditors to recover only 50 percent of their invest-
ments. This would help prevent an
economic catastrophe but would also force creditors to be more vigilant with
their investments.

I find it sickening that taxpayer
money was used to bailout these fi-
nancial institutions that make billions of dollars in profits, but I can't imagine
the state of the economy if we had not done so. What I don't like, though, is that
taxpayers, through government policy, have shouldered the losses while banks retain the profits. If we would cause a policy of repaying creditors
only a portion of their losses, we will help ameliorate the effects of a recession
while not altering incentives too much.

The discussion among many economists following the crisis seems to be the role of government in pri-
vate markets. Accordingly government bears some of the blame in the way
incentives were pervaded, but it must be remembered that financial institu-
tions often lobby for these changes because it would allow them to retain the
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Government does not belong in every market, but it does need to
intervene in markets that are vital to Americans' well-being, which for me,
includes public safety, education, health and housing. The ques-
tion should not be if the government should intervene, but rather how the
government should intervene, taking into account the discussion about smart intervention
rather than the role of intervention at all. Our political system seems to have
learned the lessons from the Great Depression while everyone else has forgotten them.

In essence, what developed was an elaborate, worldwide Ponzi
scheme where new debt was issued to repay older debt. The influx of subprime
mortgages bundled with regular mortgages (while still receiving AAA ratings, the rating for the least risky financial products) caused ever-increasing risk to be spread even more, resulting in the
collapse of the financial sector and affecting financial markets around the world.

The financial crisis was exacerbated by the extensive use of leverage, which is when entities use debt rather than equity to fund their investments, whether home buyers or investment banks. In other words, every invest-
ment bank has its own wealth (known as equity) and when its assets exceed its equity base, the entity is leveraged. This money can then be invested to make more money than if the bank only used its own assets.

During the 1990s and early 2000s, banks became highly leveraged with
ratios around 30:1, meaning that a 3 percent decrease in the value of the
banks' assets would leave them insol-
vent (for instance, if I play poker with
$3 of my own money and $97 from you (my lender), if I lose a paltry $4, I cannot pay you back). This prevents incentives because the investment bank risks only a small fraction of its
own wealth, while the extra borrowed wealth allows them to make riskier in-
vestments that have bigger potential
payoffs. Being highly leveraged was not
a problem as home prices continued to soar and mortgage-backed securities
were safe investments. Nonetheless, the financial sector seemed incredulous
of the fact that home prices may not rise forever and as home prices began to decline, many of the large invest-
ment banks found themselves in tro-
vent, resulting in the Troubled Asset Relief Program bailout.

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and Brower’s professors were only somewhat receptive to his pleas for more time.
One professor, he said, based his grade 100 percent on the final exam and his solution to Brower’s missed time was to find more people to study with.
So Brower did just that, and earned a solid B after missing more than 30 percent of class. Another professor gave Brower an additional three weeks into spring quarter to finish a final essay in what he saw as a just extension.
Yet it’s not just classes that Brower is back in just weeks after the accident; he is back on the baseball diamond in a limited role.
“Right when I got back, I had to wear a helmet in the dugout, when I didn’t have to,” Brower said. “(The doctors) were really cautious.”
Recendy he’s shed the helmet, except for when batting, and the team has seen his desire to return to life as usual on the field.
“It’s been one of those things where he’s been trying to get back and the doctors keep telling him, ‘Gotta slow down, gotta slow down,’” Miller said.
But with a summer-time clearance coming up for Brower, he’s ready to play ball in Oregon and get back to his normal, baseball-filled life.
Gone are the fears that gripped the players in the immediate aftermath, replaced with a feeling that all will be better soon.
“It could have been a very tragic story,” Miller said. “But the way it’s working out now, it’s going to be a positive recovery, and he’s going to get a chance to come back out and play the game he loves.”

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about using steroids.
The judge refused to dismiss all five charges, but indicated one may be cut: that charge involves the allegation that Bonds lied about getting the “cream” and the “clear” from personal trainer Greg Anderson prior to the 2003 baseball season. Defense lawyers say the prosecution provided no evidence that Bonds used those newfangled steroids before the 2003 season, and prosecutors, while saying they would file court papers overnight to preserve the charge, appeared to struggle against the argument.
Prosecutors, however, appear to have managed to get in the evidence they need to use a test of a 2003 urine sample from Bonds that showed he tested positive for “the clear” and clomid, a female fertility drug often used to mask the side effects of steroids. The sample was taken in Major League Baseball’s drug testing program, but retested three years later at UCLA’s Olympic Lab.
That evidence would go to other counts that involve Bonds’ claim in the grand jury that he never took any steroids.
Illston rejected defense efforts to strike a host of evidence in the trial, including the testimony of other baseball players and evidence from others that links steroid use to physical side effects. But the judge also indicated she’s ready to bar the jury from considering one of those side effects, whether steroids may have caused Bonds’ testicles to shrink.

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Brower doing his best to get back onto field after accident

Freshman first baseman Jordan Brower spent five days in the hospital after being struck in the head with a baseball bat.

Brower was standing in the dugout, hospitalizing doctors said Brower is still a week after the accident. The medical experts said Brower is on the road to recovery.

The team made a conscious effort to aid his recovery by any means necessary. Reilly, a freshman pitcher, was doing his best to get back onto the field.

It was a freak accident, to say the least. Freshman first baseman Tim Wise was swinging a bat in the on deck circle during a rain delay in the Mustangs' second game of the season. Wise lost his grip, and the bat ricocheted into the dugout — where it hit Brower in the head.

The team might have stood around in shock after Brower dropped to the ground, but their real influence came in the days and weeks following.

"Any time one of our guys goes down, especially in a scary situation, we're going to try and rally around him," junior shortstop Mike Miller said. "He's just done a great job coming back. When something like that happens you're concerned, not even as a baseball player, but just a person. That could have changed his life completely."

From the first moments after the injury, the team made a conscious effort to aid his recovery by any means. That is what meant most to Brower, even if he cannot remember it.

Reed Reilly, a freshman pitcher and Brower's roommate, was away when the incident occurred. He said he received text messages from Brower's brother that appeared to indicate that Brower was in serious condition. So, as a friend and teammate, on his way back to San Luis Obispo, Reilly stopped by the hospital and sat at Brower's bedside to keep him company for five hours.

Brower would wake up briefly and talk to Reed for a few fleeting moments then settle back into his pillow, awakening again to ask the same questions and give the same responses.

"I tried to keep it as mellow as possible," Reilly said. "So we talked about school and baseball... It was really repetitive."

After a few days Brower had recovered enough to be released from the hospital and taken to his home in Newbury Park, Calif., where he remained for nearly three weeks.

Almost every day, Brower would Skype or text a teammate from San Luis Obispo as they checked on his progress, like any family would. A bond that head coach Larry Lee has learned to remain firmly planted at the dig of the moment has added up to a steadily recovering Brower, who attributes his success in overcoming a fractured skull and ragged head.

Baseball held scoreless
in loss to San Francisco

Howard Mintz
SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS

SAN FRANCISCO — The federal jury deciding the perjury case against home run king Barry Bonds has all the evidence they are going to get from prosecutors.

With one of their charges dangling by a thread and thwarted in their effort to introduce a secret tape recording that just surfaced last weekend, prosecutors on Tuesday rested their case against Bonds in the third week of trial. Bonds' lawyers now have an opportunity to put on Harvey Shield's, a former Bonds trainer, and also the scheduled return of hobbed government witness Steve Hockins, who where asked to be asked about an alleged effort to extort Bonds after they had a falling out over business dealings.

But Bonds himself is expected to remain firmly planted at the defense table.

"Given the tremendous risk you take whenever you put the defendant on the stand, the defense is only likely to take this gamble if it believes it is otherwise headed to certain defeat," said William Kane, a former federal prosecutor. "I don't see that in this case."

On Tuesday, most of the legal sparring did appear to cut the defense's way once again. U.S. District Judge Susan Illston refused to allow the jury to hear a newly-discovered tape Hockins found of a conversation he recorded with Dr. Arthur Ting last week repudiated Hockins testimony that the two of them discussed Bonds and steroids on "50" occasions, and prosecutors argued that the tape "corroborates" Hockins' version of events.

Illston also is allowing defense lawyers to recall Hockins to the stand Wednesday to question him about another recording, this one made later in 2003 of a conversation with one of Bonds' lawyers, Laura Enos.

In addition, the judge appears ready to shave off one of the four perjury counts against Bonds. Overall, Bonds faces four counts of perjury and one count of obstructing justice for lying to the doctor's Fremont office. The tape does have Ting mentioning "Barr" several times, and includes comments from Hockins about Bonds being the "main player" in the Balco investigation, but a transcript shows much of Ting's end of the conversation to be "indecipherable."

Prosecution rests in Barry Bonds case

The judge's order wiped out the prosecution's last hope of restoring Hockins' credibility with the jury, given the sharp conflict with the testimony of Ting, whose version now remains unchanged.

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