



President Bush and First Lady Laura Bush wave to supporters at the Ronald Reagan Building in Washington, D.C., Wednesday.

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## Four more years

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WASHINGTON — President Bush claimed a re-election mandate Wednesday after a record 59 million Americans chose him over Democrat John Kerry and voted to expand Republican control of Congress as well. He pledged to pursue his agenda on taxes and Iraq while seeking "the broad support of all Americans."

Kerry conceded defeat in make-or-break Ohio rather than launch a legal fight reminiscent of the contentious Florida recount of four years ago. "I hope that we can begin the healing," the Massachusetts senator said.

Claiming a second term denied his father, George H.W. Bush, the president struck a conciliatory tone, too. "A new term is a new opportunity to reach out to the whole nation," he said, speaking directly to Kerry's supporters.

"To make this nation stronger and better, I will need your support and I will work to earn it," he said. "I will do all I can do to deserve your trust."

It was a warm-and-fuzzy close to one of the longest, most negative presidential races in a generation.

Bush didn't use the word

mandate, but Vice President Dick Cheney did, and the president's intention was clear as he ticked off a familiar list of second-term goals: overhaul the tax code and Social Security at home while waging war in Iraq and elsewhere to stem terror.

Bush stands to reshape the federal judiciary, starting with an aging Supreme Court that voted 5-4 to award him Florida four years ago. In all branches of government, the GOP now holds a solid, if not permanent, ruling majority.

Bush's vote totals were the biggest ever and his slice of the vote, 51 percent, made him the first president to claim a majority since 1988 when his father won 53 percent against Democrat Michael Dukakis.

Like Dukakis, Kerry is a Massachusetts politician who was labeled a liberal by a Bush. This president also called Kerry a flip-flopping opportunist who would fight feebly against terror.

None of that rancor was evident Wednesday, when Kerry called Bush to concede the race. He told Bush the country needed to be united, and Bush agreed. But the numbers suggest the country is deeply split.

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### ELECTION 2004 Voters thoughts leaving the polls

Results of exit poll interviews conducted for The Associated Press at randomly selected precincts across the country:

Which one candidate quality mattered most in deciding how you voted for president?  
He has clear stands on the issues 17%  
He will bring about needed change 24%  
He is intelligent 7%  
He is a strong leader 17%  
He is honest and trustworthy 11%  
He has strong religious faith 8%  
He cares about people like me 9%

Which one issue mattered most in deciding how you voted for president?  
Taxes 5%  
Education 4%  
Iraq 15%  
Terrorism 19%  
Economy/Jobs 20%  
Moral values 22%  
Health care 8%

How do you feel about the U.S. decision to go to war in Iraq?  
Strongly approve 29%  
Somewhat approve 32%  
Somewhat disapprove 15%  
Strongly disapprove 24%

Is this the first time you have ever voted?  
Yes 11%  
No 89%

NOTE: Results as of 1:30 p.m. EST. Wednesday based on a total of 13,000 interviews; the margin of sampling error is plus or minus 1 percentage point.

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## Fees to increase next two years

Amanda Strachan  
MUSTANG DAILY

The California State University Board of Trustees will increase student fees for the next two years.

In addition to next year's 8 percent fee increase, there is an additional 8 percent hike planned for 2006-07; graduate student fees will go up 10 percent next year as well.

"The increases are part of a three year compact with the governor," said Kathy Kaiser, board of trustee member and Chico State sociology professor.

The increases have raised concern among students as well as professors.

The California Faculty Association sent a letter to the board of trustees before they voted on the issue.

"We encourage you to advocate for funding solutions that restore the quality and accessibility of the CSU system," CFA president John Travis wrote.

The 14 percent fee increase last year is not as bad as it could have been, Kaiser said.

"(The governor) wanted to increase undergraduate fees by 10 percent and graduate fees by 40 percent," Kaiser said. "Many of our campuses felt that would kill (graduate) programs."

Kaiser also said that 2004 is the low point

in the budget crisis.

Despite the 2004 fee increase, Cal Poly was forced to cut faculty and classes to offset a budget short fall.

"Students are paying more for less," Travis said. "Where's the money going?"

State cuts have left a \$500 million hole in the CSU budget.

"The state has cut our funding for four years in a row," Kaiser said. "But this next year, 2005-06, will be the first time that we have started to come up, just a little bit."

Organizations like CFA and the California State Student Association argue that fee increases will hurt the CSU system in the long run.

"More students are relying on loans and leaving indebted, and it's not fair," Travis said.

Travis said that the CSU system was originally created to provide accessible and affordable education to Californians.

"The unique mission of the CSU is compromised every time student fees are used to balance budget cuts," according to CSSA's Web site. "We can't afford to put this deficit on the backs of students if we want to turn California's economy around."

With the compact made between the CSU chancellor and Gov. Schwarzenegger, trustee members have little choice in the matter.

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### BY THE NUMBERS

#### 8 percent

Undergraduate fees will be raised by 8 percent for the next two years.

#### \$500M

State cuts have left the CSU system \$500 million in debt.

#### 10 percent

Graduate student fees will go up 10 percent next year, or \$282 for the year.

#### 14 percent

Last year, fees were raised by 14 percent.

## Women gather for creative hour

Louise Dolby  
MUSTANG DAILY

Women express themselves every day, but on Thursdays in the Women's Center, they can expand their creativity through a one-hour workshop called Women's Words. This weekly event, held from 3 to 4 p.m., is an open venue for women to write poetry, fiction, essays and journal entries.

Led by Maya Andlig, coordinator of gender and sexuality programs for Student Life and Leadership, and Heidi Wilkinson, a lecturer in the English department, the workshop begins with a topic or a question to prompt students to think.

With no central focus, the workshop addresses a variety of subjects from reflecting on childhood memories to issues facing women today in a small group setting.

"Women's Words is a creative writing opportunity where women have the chance to explore different issues," Wilkinson said. "It's not a place where people gossip."

At the end of the workshop, students are encouraged to share their writings but are not forced to.

"Women's Words is an open space for women to do some journaling," political science junior Tarra

Thompson said. "It's a place to share your writings and your works."

Women's Words is a creative space for women to do writing exercises and take a break from their homework assignments and studies.

"It's just a time for you to write," psychology senior Becca Swanson said. "With classes and everything, it's hard for students to set aside an hour

for themselves, and Women's Words provides the time and space for that."

The Women's Center provides a variety of other workshops, services and events for students to express themselves and grow as individuals.

According to the Women's Programs Web site, the mission of Cal Poly Women's Programs is to create

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### WEATHER REPORT

TODAY  
Showers 63°

FRIDAY  
Few Showers 67°

**Surf forecast**  
Height: 3-4 ft.  
Direction: NW

Sunrise 6:26 a.m.  
Sunset 5:06 p.m.



## Bush

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Bush's victory ensures Republican dominance of virtually every quarter of the U.S. political system for years to come, the White House, Congress and the federal judiciary. Democrats pored over election results and sadly determined that the GOP base was bigger, more rural, suburban and Hispanic than they had ever imagined.

They looked within their own party, and found plenty of Democrats to blame: Kerry, his running mate John Edwards, their layers of consultants and legions of former Bill Clinton aides. The jockeying began in earnest for the 2008 race, with Edwards signaling his ambitions by pressing Kerry to wage a legal fight for Ohio. Democrats love to fight the GOP, particularly those Democrats who vote in primaries and caucuses.

"You can be disappointed, but you cannot walk away," Edwards told supporters at Kerry's concession. "This fight has just begun."

Supporters of Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, herself a potential candidate in 2008, accused Edwards of posturing.

Kerry himself showed no signs of

exiting the political arena. "I'll never stop fighting for you," he told backers.

Still, it was a grim day for Democrats.

Party strategists had longed hoped to supplant their political losses in the Midwest and South with growth in the Hispanic-rich Western states, but those plans were put in doubt Tuesday night. Exit polls suggested that Bush had increased his minority share of the Hispanic vote since 2000.

The election also vindicated Bush's unorthodox strategy of governing from the right and then targeting his voters with a volunteer-driven organization run through his campaign headquarters. Kerry played to the center and relied on a loosely knit conglomerate of liberal groups who paid get-out-the-vote workers.

Americans Coming Together, the Media Fund and other liberal special interest groups spent more than \$200 million to defeat Bush. Kerry spent tens of millions more and got just one state won by Bush in 2000, New Hampshire.

Young voters didn't increase their turnout as Democrats had hoped. Neither did blacks or union members, two keys to the party's base.

Bush, meanwhile, saw a surge in

rural and evangelical voters, according to strategists on both sides. The rural vote, once reliably Democratic, swelled in size and supported Bush over Kerry.

In Ohio, exit polls suggested the rural vote increased from 15 percent of the electorate in 2000 to 25 percent on Tuesday. Rural voters backed Bush over Kerry 60 percent to 40.

In Ohio and Florida, the two most important states Election Night, Democrats said they met their turnout targets, only to see Bush's forces trounce them. They said state ballot measures to ban gay marriage may have driven GOP voters to the polls.

The most stinging defeat was in Ohio, which may no longer be considered a swing state. With 232,000 jobs lost under Bush and state voters uneasy about Iraq, it was as ripe as it will ever be for Democrats, strategists said.

Ohio's 20 electoral votes gave Bush 279 in the Associated Press count, nine more than the 270 needed for victory. Kerry had 252 electoral votes, with Iowa's seven unsettled.

Bush beat Kerry by more than 3 million votes.

When the vote was tallied, Oct. 28, three trustee members out of 15 voted in favor of the increases.

Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante, Ricardo Icaza, leader of a grocery workers union, and Eric Guerra, a student at California State University, Sacramento opposed the measure.

"In years past, (raising fees) has always been the last resort," Guerra said on a Board of Trustee press release. "The only reason it's being done this year is because of the compact. It's always been the last resort, and I personally feel it needs to stay that way."

## Fees

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"If we do not honor our part of the compact, then how do we expect the governor to honor his part of the compact?" CSU spokeswoman Clara Potes-Fellow said.

## Words

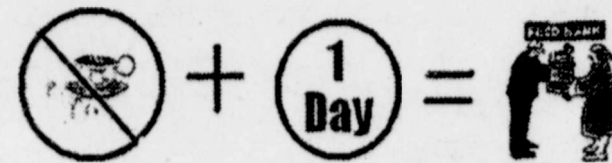
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and sustain a university environment that promotes personal, educational and professional growth for women. It also affords women opportunities

to enhance their leadership skills and their abilities to perform effectively in task-oriented groups.

Women's Programs includes the full spectrum of University women, without regard to age, sexual orientation, ethnicity or disability.

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## STATE NEWS

**REDWOOD CITY** — Jurors began deliberating the fate of Scott Peterson on Wednesday, more than five months after testimony began in the murder of his wife and her fetus. Judge Alfred A. Delucchi sent the panelists off with lunch into the jury room after about 45 minutes of instructions. Jurors must decide whether Peterson killed his pregnant wife and dumped her

body in San Francisco Bay, or was merely a straying husband who was framed. He plans to keep the jury sequestered until it reaches a verdict.

**NAPA** — A former South Carolina beauty queen and a popular sanitation engineer have been identified as the victims of a double-murder that has baffled this Wine Country community.

The bodies of Leslie Ann Mazzara and Adriane Michelle

Insogna, both 26, were discovered Monday on the second floor of a Napa house they shared with a third woman, who managed to escape and call police.

Autopsies determined that Mazzara and Insogna died from multiple stab wounds, according to Napa police Cmdr. Andy Lewis.

**SAN FRANCISCO** — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's 11th-hour blitz against Proposition 66 was single-handedly responsible for

defeating the initiative that would have softened California's three-strikes sentencing law, pollsters, analysts said Wednesday.

Polls were showing nearly two-thirds favored the initiative before Schwarzenegger, in the campaign's final week, began railing against Proposition 66 in ads and appearances. As Schwarzenegger went into overdrive five days before the vote, the popular Field Poll was showing a dead heat.

—Associated Press

## NATIONAL NEWS

**COLUMBUS, Ohio** — The counting of more than 150,000 provisional ballots cast in Ohio will go forward, despite John Kerry's concession that President Bush had won the state's 20 electoral votes, election officials said Wednesday.

Elections workers planned to spend the next 10 days verifying that each provisional voter lives in the precinct where he or she cast a

ballot and meets age and citizenship requirements.

**LEESBURG, Va.** — A brother and sister who sent junk e-mail to millions of America Online customers were convicted Wednesday in the nation's first felony prosecution of Internet spam distributors.

Jurors recommended that Jeremy Jaynes be sentenced to nine years in prison and fined Jessica DeGroot \$7,500 after convicting

them of three counts each of sending e-mails with fraudulent and untraceable routing information.

**ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.** — Thousands of striking casino-hotel workers voted overwhelmingly Wednesday to approve a contract offer from seven casinos, ending their monthlong strike.

The contract won 96 percent approval in the vote by about 6,000 of some 10,000 striking ser-

vice employees ranging from bartenders to housekeepers, a union spokesman said.

According to the pact reached Monday between the seven hotels and Local 54 of the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees union, the workers will continue to receive free health care, and the casinos will end the practice of leasing space to nonunion restaurants and bars.

—Associated Press

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — Gunmen kidnapped a Lebanese-American businessman — the second U.S. citizen seized this week in Baghdad — and videotape Wednesday showed the beheadings of three Iraqi National Guardsmen and an Iraqi officer.

Elsewhere, a U.S. soldier was killed and another wounded in a roadside bombing 12 miles south

of the capital. A suicide driver detonated his vehicle near Baghdad airport, injuring nine Iraqis and prompting U.S. troops to close the main route into the city for hours.

**AMSTERDAM, Netherlands** — Police arrested eight more suspected Islamic radicals Wednesday in the slaying of a Dutch filmmaker who criticized Muslim customs. Lawmakers questioned why authorities hadn't kept tabs on the alleged killer, who had a record of

violent crime and contacts with a group under surveillance.

The arrests were made in the 24 hours since Theo van Gogh was slain while cycling down an Amsterdam street Tuesday — believed to be the first Islamic terrorist attack in the Netherlands.

Six of the detainees are of Moroccan ancestry, one is Algerian and the last has dual Spanish-Moroccan nationality, prosecution spokeswoman Dop Kruimel said.

**KABUL, Afghanistan** — Hamid Karzai was officially declared the winner of Afghanistan's first-ever presidential election Wednesday after a three-week probe into vote fraud found no grounds to invalidate his triumph.

The joint U.N.-Afghan electoral board confirmed that the American-backed incumbent had clinched a five-year term as the country's first popularly chosen leader.

—Associated Press

## IN OTHER NEWS

**HARRISBURG, Pa.** — Dr. Andrea Shaer wanted to vote before she went to the delivery room to give birth to her third child, so she and her husband went first to their polling station at Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center's fitness facility.

But more than 100 people were already in line, so Shaer went to the delivery room, gave birth, and returned to vote Tuesday night 30 minutes before the polls closed, intravenous drip in tow.

"Knowing how close the race is in Pennsylvania and being a mom, with all the issues there, I just had to try" to vote, Shaer said.

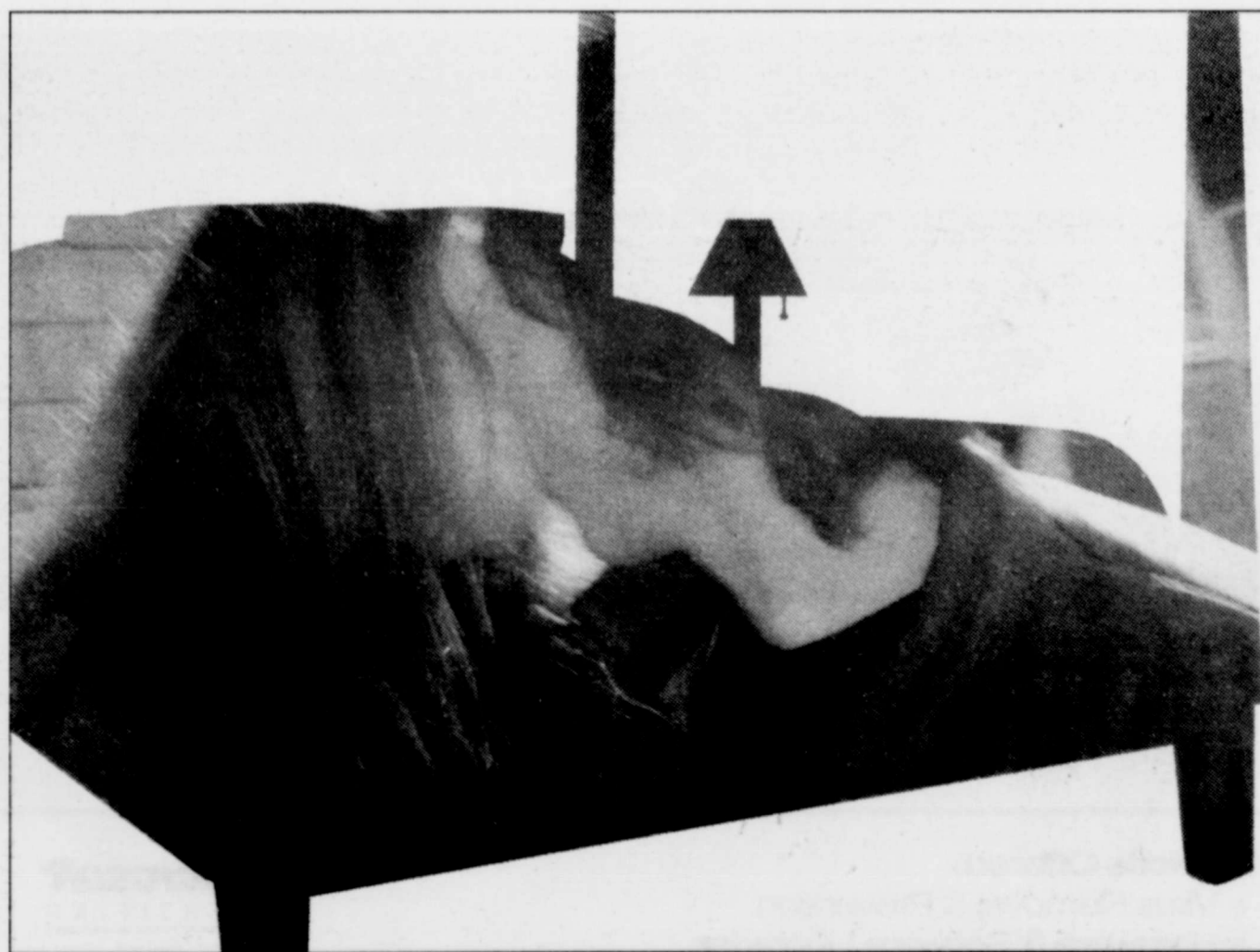
Shaer, a nephrologist, awoke at 5 a.m. Tuesday when her water broke. She gave birth to a son, Jack.

**MIAMI** — Nearly 100 fruit juice boxes containing liquid heroin were intercepted Wednesday in a shipment from Colombia, federal officials said.

The juice boxes were part of a private shipment that wasn't destined for the United States food supply, Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents said. The juice would be deadly if consumed.

The 6-ounce boxes, labeled "Hit Fruit Drink," contained a total of 38 kilograms, or about 84 pounds, of heroin worth \$1.7 million.

—Associated Press



# UNDER FOUR? OR SAYING "I DID WHAT?"

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# Europe seeks fresh start, policy changes with Bush

John Leicester  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS — European allies alienated by President Bush's first four years in power offered Wednesday to let bygones be bygones, saying they want to work with the new administration and seeking, right from Day 1, to get the new White House to listen more to overseas opinion.

French President Jacques Chirac, in a congratulatory letter, said he hoped Bush's second term "will be the occasion for strengthening the French-American friendship."

"We will be unable to find satisfying responses to the numerous challenges that confront us today without a close trans-Atlantic partnership," wrote Chirac. He addressed the letter to "Dear George."

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, who also clashed with Bush over Iraq, wrote the president a congratulatory letter expressing "great expectations" for renewed cooperation.

"The world stands before great challenges at the beginning of your second term: international terrorism, the danger of weapons of mass destruction, regional crises — but also poverty, climate change and epidemics threaten our security and stability," Schroeder wrote. "These challenges can only be mastered

together."

Another critic of the Iraq war, Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero said his government wants "a relationship of

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efficient, constructive cooperation with the U.S. government and with President Bush, respecting the ideas of each side."

Zapatero, who angered Washington by withdrawing Spanish troops from Iraq, stayed up most of the night to watch as Republican red crept across the U.S. electoral map.

Election interest in Europe was intense, as was the disappointment many felt over Bush's victory. Some saw it as proof that Europe and the United States are further apart than ever.

"There is a major and lasting lack of understanding between the American people and the rest of the world, in both directions," said Hubert Vedrine, a former French foreign minister. "Almost all nations, with perhaps three or four exceptions, wanted change."

Others worried that Bush,

strengthened by a bigger win than in 2000 and backed by a Republican Congress, would turn a deaf ear to world concerns.

"Europe will continue to criticize Bush the same way as earlier," said Swedish Prime Minister Goeran Persson. "But I do not believe that he will be more willing to listen."

Bush allies in the war on terror took comfort in continuity.

"From our point of view, the Bush administration is a known quantity," said Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer. "We've had a very good relationship with them for the last four years and I'm sure we'll be able to keep building on that over the next four."

Russian President Vladimir Putin said a Bush victory would mean the American people had not given in to terrorist threats.

"I would feel happy that the American people have not allowed themselves to be scared and made the decision they considered reasonable," Putin said at a Kremlin news conference after talks with Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi.

"Bush will keep up that policy that gives the United States the role of promoting freedom in the world," Berlusconi said.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair

pledged to work with Bush in the war on terrorism and in revitalizing the Middle East peace process, and called on Europe and the United States to "build anew their alliance" after strains created by the Iraq war.

"A world that is fractured, divided and uncertain must be brought together to fight this global terrorism in all its forms and to recognize that it will not be defeated by military might alone but also by demonstrating the strength of our common values, by bringing freedom and democracy to Iraq as we have done to Afghanistan, by pursuing with the same energy peace in the Middle East between Israel and Palestine," Blair said.

But even among these supporters, there were appeals for Bush to work

The prime minister of Denmark, which has 501 troops in the southern Iraqi city of Basra, said his nation will "stay there as long as needed," but added that the overall goal was "to get out of Iraq."

Hungary, meanwhile, announced it would withdraw its 300 non-combat troops from Iraq by the end of March. Its government has been under mounting pressure from citizens and opposition parties who object to the soldiers' presence.

An ailing Yasser Arafat congratulated Bush and expressed hope that a second term would help give a new spark to the Middle East peace process, an aide to the Palestinian leader said.

Arafat "declares the readiness of the Palestinian leadership to cooperate and work with (Bush) to resume political efforts to bring about peace and the establishment of a Palestinian state based on the president's vision" in the road map, Arafat aide Mohammed Rashid said.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's top adviser, Raanan Gissin, called Bush's re-election a victory for a "relentless fight against terrorism."

Leaders from nations throughout Latin American and the Caribbean expressed willingness Wednesday to work closely with the White House, despite near-universal public opposition to the Iraq war and concerns about U.S. trade policy.

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— HUBERT VEDRINE  
former French foreign minister

on healing the trans-Atlantic rift.

"It is not natural to have — maybe not a cold war — but, in any case, a chilling of relations along these lines," said Polish Prime Minister Marek Belka. "I hope that European leaders and President Bush will show initiative in this area."

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## Stocks boom as Bush wins second term

Wall Street puts behind the uncertainty of campaign months and celebrates the win of a business-friendly president

**Meg Richards**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Wall Street celebrated President Bush's re-election with a solid rally Wednesday, surging higher as investors welcomed continuity in Washington and shrugged off higher oil prices.

Sam Stovall, chief investment strategist at Standard & Poor's, characterized the advance as "a Republican-inspired relief rally." After weeks of worry that there would be no clear winner, the stock market would likely have gone up either way, but the fact that the victory went to the Republican incumbent — widely perceived as a stronger supporter of business than Democrat John Kerry — might have added to Wall Street's cheer, he said.

"I think the market was relieved that we came to a fairly rapid conclusion," Stovall said. "We probably would have seen a rally if Kerry had been elected as well, simply because it would have resolved the issue. But with a Republican win, there might be some stronger legs underneath it."

The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 101.32, or 1.01 per-

cent, at 10,137.05.

The broader gauges also finished higher. The Standard & Poor's 500 index added 12.64, or 1.12 percent, to 1,143.20. The Nasdaq composite index rose 19.54, or 0.98 percent, to 2,004.33, its highest close in four months, putting it back in positive range for the year.

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Standard and Poor's strategist

The Dow is still in negative territory for 2004, while the S&P 500 has logged a gain.

Anxiety about the outcome of the election hobbled the market for weeks, keeping stocks in a tight trading range. While Wall Street was obviously pleased with the result, analysts warned the week could end with some profit-taking as investors start refocusing on the economy.

"Overall I think the market will be on a better footing with this behind us," said Jay Suskind, head trader at Ryan Beck & Co. "I think now the market gets back to business and says OK, what's the real picture with the economy? You'll see a rally, but then I think you'll

also see some profit-taking. A lot of the issues we've all been concerned about are still there. But this was the biggest uncertainty out there, so its back to fundamentals."

In the first piece of post-election economic news, the Commerce Department reported that orders to U.S. factories declined for a second straight month, slipping by 0.4 percent, or \$1.3 billion in September to \$368.4 billion.

Demand dropped sharply for all manufactured goods except defense materials. It was the first back-to-back monthly decline since November-December, and fell far short of the 0.5 percent increase projected by economists.

Lofty energy prices have also weighed heavily on stocks in recent weeks, although crude has stepped back from its record highs over the past several sessions. It was back on the rise following the government's weekly fuel report, however. Initially, a bigger-than-expected 6.3 million barrel run-up in crude supplies seemed to overshadow a 900,000 barrel drawdown in heating oil.

But with traders expecting a slight build, the seventh week of heating oil declines seemed to take a toll, especially in the face of rising concern that high energy costs this winter could cut into consumer spending.

## Bin Laden criticizes Bush's invasion of Iraq

**Nadia Abou El-Magd**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAIRO, Egypt — Terror mastermind Osama bin Laden claimed in new video footage broadcast Wednesday that President Bush ignored warnings against invading Iraq because he was dazzled by the country's "black gold" and ended up leading the United States into a quagmire.

The full video, portions of which were broadcast Friday, was posted on a Web site used by Islamic groups Wednesday. The tape shows the author of the Sept. 11 attacks accusing Bush of acting out of what he calls "private" interests — and allusion to his oil business past.

Bush ignored the warnings because "the darkness of the black gold blurred his vision and insight, and he gave priority to private interests over the public interests of America," bin Laden says in the portions of the tape that the Arab network Al-Jazeera did not broadcast Friday.

"The war went ahead. The death toll rose. The American economy bled, and Bush became embroiled in the swamps of Iraq that threaten his future," bin Laden said.

Accusing America of oppressing and killing Arabs, bin Laden asks, "Is defending oneself and punishing the aggressor objectionable as terrorism? If it is, then it is unavoidable for us."

Al-Jazeera, which is based in Qatar, published a transcript of the full tape on its Web site on Monday.

Analysts say bin Laden issued the tape in a bid to influence the U.S. presidential elections, which took place four days after Al-Jazeera broadcast it.

In another partial portion of the video released Monday, bin Laden vowed to bleed America to bankruptcy, boasting that for every \$1 al-Qaida has spent on terrorist strikes, it has cost the United States \$1 million in economic fallout and military spending, including emergency funding for Iraq and Afghanistan.

"As for the size of the economic deficit, it has reached record astronomical numbers," bin Laden said, estimating the deficit at more than \$1 trillion.

Actually, the war against terror and other factors have resulted in an expected \$377 billion shortfall for 2003 — the highest deficit since World War II accounting for inflation. The total U.S. national debt is near the \$7.4 trillion statutory limit.

The terror mastermind credited the religiously inspired Arab volunteers that he fought with against the Soviets in Afghanistan with having "bled Russia for 10 years, until it went bankrupt and was forced to withdraw in defeat." He suggested the same strategy would work against the United States.

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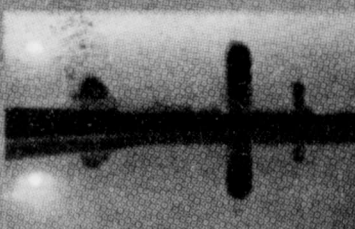
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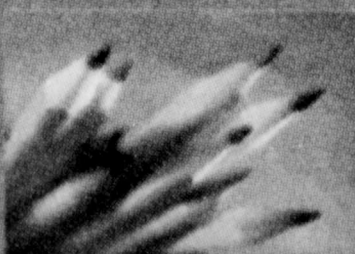
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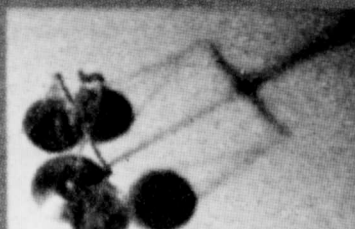
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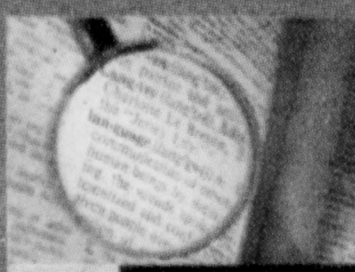
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## 'Living Stones' to premiere at Poly

Louise Dolby  
MUSTANG DAILY

Classic Greek mythology will be brought to modern life in the original play, "Living Stones," opening Nov. 11 at 8 p.m. in Spanos Theatre.

Written and directed by Cal Poly theater arts professor Al Schnupp, "Living Stones" uses updated language to tell six Greek myths. The show was written to appeal to contemporary audiences. Nine actors play eight-twelve roles through the overlapping stories, connected by the theme of stones.

"It's been a fun exercise picking stories and tying them together," Schnupp said. "I've been intrigued for a long time with stories built around stones, and in 'Living Stones' all the stories are connected and have a lot of humor in them."

In addition to the original storyline, there are 50 panels painted by local artists that move on and offstage during the play to illustrate the stories and create a unique backdrop for the production. While some are based on famous paintings like Vincent Van Gogh's "Starry Night," other panels are completely original works.

"It's about art transforming people," Schnupp said.

The themes of the myths range from love and jealousy to revenge. Featuring both narrative and interactive dialogue, "Living Stones" is the journey of a hero and the trials he faces along the way.

"Greek mythology doesn't seem to appeal to a lot of people," said Ryan Cordero, cast member and theatre sophomore. "But the actors strove to find the humor in the story, and the contemporary setting should make (the play) appeal to everyone."



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'Living Stones,' written by Poly professor Al Schnupp, takes greek stories and retells them with modern language to appeal to a contemporary audience.

The play, co-presented by the College of Liberal Arts, will feature sign language, for the hearing impaired, at every performance.

Tickets are available for \$10 for students and senior citizens and \$12 for adults at the Performing Arts ticket office or by phone at 756-2787.

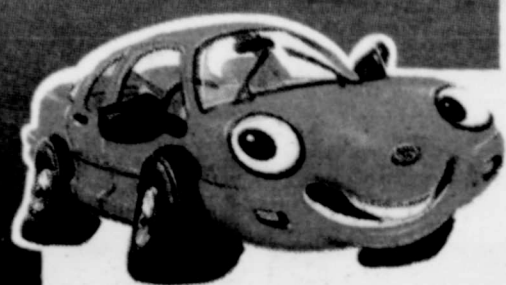
"I can't emphasize enough how much every college student should be aware of these myths," Schnupp

said. "It's a must-see show for every college student because it's the basis of so many great stories. It has fun visual effects and is not like stale lecture theatre; it's a vibrant and visually rich creative production."

After its six performances at Cal Poly, "Living Stones" will travel to Hollywood for four more shows at The Open Fist Theatre in December.

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## 'Simpsons' still strong in 16th season

Lynn Elber

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LOS ANGELES — Bart Simpson is acting like himself, which is to say naughty. And he sounds like himself, with that familiar mischievous lilt.

But Bart's voice is coming out of a

petite blonde wearing a fluffy, bright-pink wrap. Dumpy Homer has morphed into a lanky fellow, and mom Marge's towering purple hair is brown and tastefully cropped.

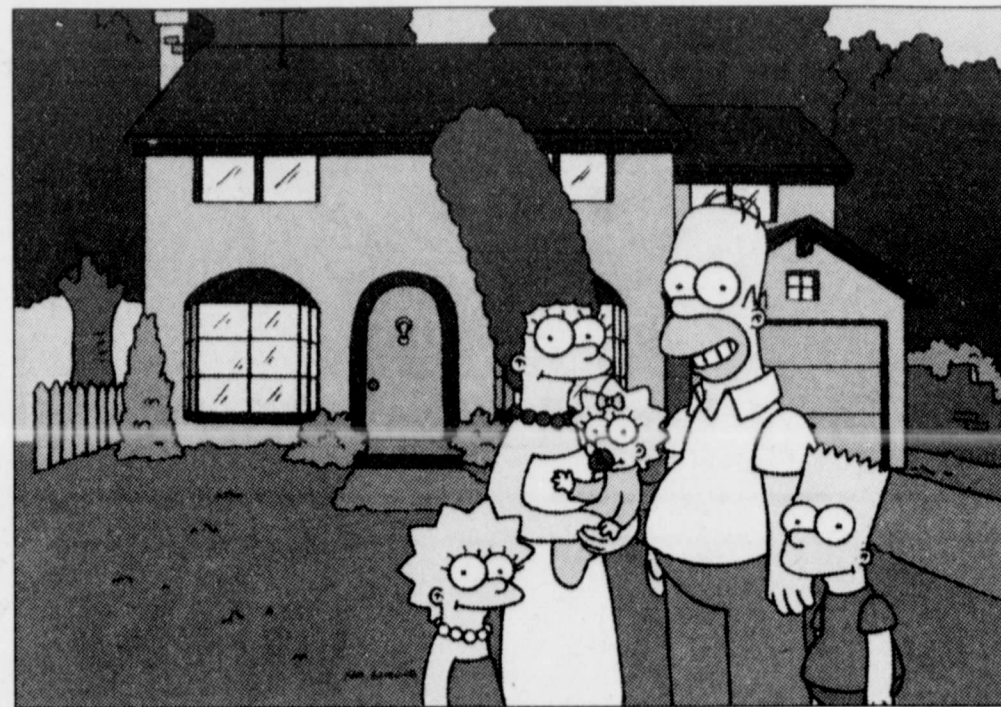
The event was a "table read," when the cast of "The Simpsons" gathered with a roomful of writers, producers

and guests, using their imaginations to conjure up the animated family with the distinctive mustard hue.

It was just one of the steps toward crafting an episode of the Fox series that begins its 16th season Sunday at 8 p.m. EDT. The run is remarkable for any show, but especially for one like this.

Irreverent, witty and willing to take on anything from politics to religion to family values, "The Simpsons" has provided a rare bit of spice for the oatmeal-bland bowl of TV broadcasting.

The table read, held in an oversize trailer at the Twentieth Century Fox studio where the series is produced, itself is a symbol of the show's enduring popularity. A decade ago, it finished the season as the 67th most-watched show; it was No. 69 last season with 10.7 million viewers and



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won its time period among the coveted 18 to 49 age group.

Actors, producers and writers sit at a massive conference table littered with water bottles and note pads. Invitation-only visitors ring the table.

(Noticeably absent are the network executives who always haunt rehearsals; "The Simpsons" has a rare stipulation, won by executive producer James L. Brooks, limiting Fox meddling.)

"It's sort of the hottest ticket on the lot," said Yeardley Smith, who voices young Lisa, the wise Simpson daughter.

This particular week it's also the first time the actors have seen the script. Finished at the last minute, it couldn't be provided until the cast arrived at the studio for the rehearsal.

This episode won't air until next season, typical for a labor-intensive animated series. An episode takes about nine months to create, including the animation work done domestically and in South Korea.

In the script at hand, Marge and Bart are engaged in unusual mother-son bonding, breezing through Springfield on a tandem bicycle and singing "Sweet Home Alabama."

Marge: "I can't remember our last outing together."

Bart: "It was to see that court-appointed psychiatrist."

Marge: "Oh yeah. He should never have let you near that letter opener."

Just how durable is "The Simpsons," which has the cast signed through season 19? There will be a 20th season at least, allowing it to match "Gunsmoke" as the longest-running scripted show in prime-time.

## Download of the day

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### This country needs conservatism and liberalism

I love reading the letters to the editor in the Mustang Daily. This section is perhaps the only chance for everyday college students to express how uninformed they are, how ignorant and how opinionated they are over issues that they don't really understand.

I've read letters from radical conservative students who, like our favorite southern bimbo, Britney Spears, believe we need to absolutely trust every word our president says. I've also heard from radical liberals who, like the most immature middle school rebels, refuse to trust the government on anything and who don't see any benefit whatsoever in the war in Iraq.

I'd like to counter those arguments with one of my own that, unlike the vast majority of the letters, strives to be nonpartisan.

The truth is that this country needs both liberalism and conservatism.

Liberalism is not "anti-patriotism," but the belief that we can improve our country by questioning our leaders and by promoting civil rights and equality.

Conservatism is not "blind faith," but the belief that we should trust and protect what is good and holy in our nation.

Without conservatives to battle them, liberal extremists would topple the religious and social values of our great nation. Without liberals to break down walls, conservatives would promote a social stagnation that would prevent our country from growing beyond its white, Christian, red-neck roots.

Please keep this balance in mind during these "debates" about our country, and do your best to keep an open mind to what others believe.

**Jaren Haber**

*Mechanical engineering sophomore*

### Unite and demonstrate with your own window sign

Where's the passion? Forty years ago "the free speech movement" raged across college campuses all over the United States, challenging college administrators.

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and support the free expression of ideas ... no matter how unpopular or controversial they may be. Cal Poly accepts and embraces this obligation, recognizing that such expression may take a variety of forms, such as speeches, signs. ..."

On the eve of the first presidential debate, I was ordered by a Cerro Vista Community Adviser (CA) to remove a window sign that apparently violated this rule:

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"Enhancing the interior décor" is open to interpretation. Moreover, I sleep late and shut my blinds to keep light from coming in, but I would like to let ideas out. Since I am adamantly opposed to war, I urge all who share my view to unite and demonstrate solidarity by joining me in placing a window sign proclaiming "NO WAR!" If that's too radical for your sensibilities, hang a "GO MUSTANGS!" sign in your window.

**Ryan Weiss**

*Computer engineering sophomore*

### Bike lane on Via Carta is not intended for pedestrians

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If you see somebody you know in the bike lanes, call them over to the pedestrian lane. Every day bikers are forced to weave unsafely through pedestrians who are chatting with their friends, oblivious to the danger they're causing themselves and the bikers trying to get through.

**Tim Hermann**

*Computer engineering sophomore*

### Tractor Pull Club deserves recognition for hard work

I would just like to make a correction to the article written in Monday's issue "Football thrown a heartbreaker."

The bleachers brought in to "hold the record-setting crowd" belong to and were installed by the Tractor Pull Club.

I just want to give recognition where it is due because they were the ones that put in the hard work to give the stadium the extra capacity. Thank you.

**David Leinfelder**

*Bioresource and agricultural engineering senior*

## COMMENTARY

# Reactions to Election 2004

The people have spoken and President Bush will serve another four years.

Apparently, the column I wrote last week didn't make it to Ohio. So what happened? The Democrats got the "you know what" kicked out of them.

I have to congratulate the Republicans. They own the presidency, the House, the Senate and the Supreme Court. With another four years, Bush will be able to replace retiring judges with more right-wing religious zealots. So if you're black, gay, poor, Jewish or a woman (not necessarily all at once), you can expect to be completely forgotten by this administration.

As an outside observer of the political process, it's interesting to see why so many people voted for President Bush on Tuesday. When I look objectively at this country, the main issues facing us are terrorism, the economy, education, jobs and health care. These issues affect each of us so they would obviously be the most important in choosing the president, right? Wrong!

Karl Rove, Bush's "architect," devised a campaign strategy to target their base voters. He reasoned there were too few swing voters, and they missed millions of Evangelical Christians in 2000. They didn't forget them this time around. The plan worked perfectly.

Republicans used the gay marriage issue to bring out their base. On Tuesday, along with voting for president, 11 states voted whether or not to ban gay marriage. This drove up voter turnout among right-wing Christian Evangelicals.

Most of them believe "moral values" are the most serious issues facing our nation today. Only 18 percent of the electorate who considered "moral values" the most important issue voted for Kerry, while Bush received 79 percent. We live in a sad world when the voice of morality has become George W. Bush.

With all these issues facing our nation, I can't get over the fact that people voted for Bush because he is "a man of God." Well ... so is Osama bin Laden. Do you think the Islamic fanatics support gay marriage or a woman's right to choose? I don't think so. They are too busy making their women wear "beekeeper suits."

We are Americans who have moral obligations to our people. George W. Bush, in the next four years, will not do anything to lift poor people out of poverty.

He will do nothing to increase access to education or lighten the burden on middle class families. Barack Obama at the Democratic National Convention sums it up best when talking about our obligations: "If there's a child on the south side of Chicago who can't read, that matters to me, even if it's not my child. If there's a senior citizen somewhere who can't pay for her prescription and has to choose between medicine and the rent, that makes my life poorer, even if it's not my grandmother. ... It's that fundamental belief — I am my brother's keeper, I am my sisters' keeper — that makes this country work. It's what allows us to pursue our individual dreams, yet still come together as a single American family. "E pluribus unum." Out of many, one." Too bad President Bush won't hold true to these American values.

*Josh Kob is a political science senior and Mustang Daily columnist.*

Well it's all over folks. The constant new reports, the attack ads, the mass mailers and the political phone calls are all over; and I couldn't be happier.

Waking up to hear Kerry concede to Bush was better than I could have imagined. The strong mandate that the president received in both the Electoral College and the popular vote was very encouraging compared to 2000. I guess U.S. citizens knew exactly who they wanted to lead them for the next four years.

America has always been defined by the leaders who are bold enough to confront evil in their time. Lincoln, Roosevelt and Reagan each stood up against enormous odds to prevail when America needed them most. If Lincoln would have lost his re-election bid in 1864, the South would have been allowed to secede from the Union. Franklin D. Roosevelt narrowly won re-election in 1944 and went on to rid the world of Nazism. Had Reagan not been re-elected in 1980, the world might still cover under the threat of Communism. The fact

is that most of our greatest heroes were unpopular in their time, but went on to define American destiny.

Sound familiar? The United States was again a divided nation in a time of war with a President who fights for what is right. But Americans have stood by their president in this time of war because we believe he is the best possible leader of our armed forces. We were undeterred by the hate speech from the far-left, and propaganda films from partisan clowns.

Mainstream America has made its choice clear and we chose George W. Bush.

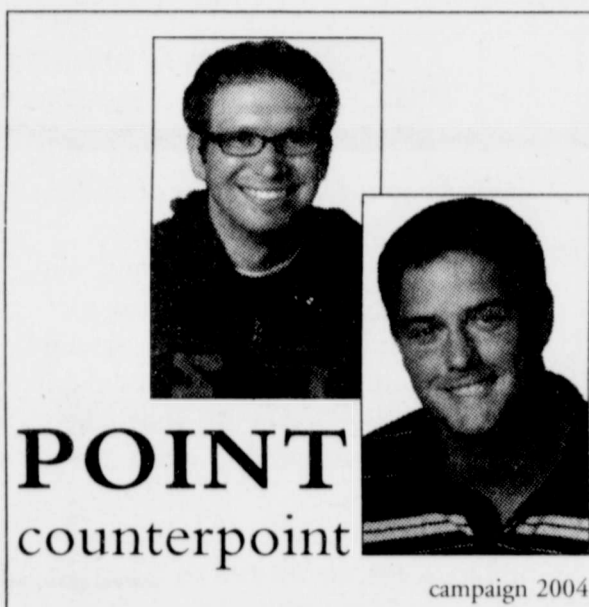
In fact, Bush won the popular vote by more than 3.6 million votes. What is so hard to believe? Bush represents the American people and his resounding endorsement is proof of that. He will not conduct polls on their reaction to the Bin Laden tape before he takes a position, Bush will act. Indecision has always been Kerry's blaring weakness, and the American people saw through it.

Speaking of that tape, there is one crucial element that has been left out of most of the media coverage. At one point, Osama offers America a truce, saying if it pulls out of Muslim countries, his "holy war" will end. First of all, we will never trust our worst enemy to keep his word; but more importantly, who asks for a truce? Certainly not the winner. The fact that bin Laden himself is begging for a truce is the most direct evidence yet that our war on terror is an enormous success.

Meanwhile, the rest of the elections went just as well for the Republican Party. Tom Daschle became the first Senate leader in more than 50 years to be voted out of office, causing the Senate to shift to the Right. The House of Representatives also gave about 10 more seats to the Republicans. Having this kind of unity in our government is the foundation for approving some wide-reaching reform. Abel Maldonado and Sam Blakeslee also won decisive victories in local races.

I guess that patented Boston magic just couldn't sustain the Democrats. The Patriots won the Super Bowl and the Red Sox even won the World Series. But thankfully, John Kerry could not pull off the presidency.

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# For Californians, Bush's victory brings sorrow, relief

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SAN FRANCISCO — With President Bush firmly elected to a second term, Californians on both sides of the presidential divide reacted emotionally Wednesday after a campaign that sparked voter passion like none in recent memory.

For some, it was too much to bear.

"Ugh, break my heart," said Los Angeles resident Monica Morant, a Kerry supporter who spent Election Day in Nevada taking voters to the polls.

Elsewhere, the mood was far more upbeat.

"The Republicans are organized and they have an agenda," said Mike Kirkowski, a 56-year-old electronics salesman from Camarillo who supported Bush. "You'll see some movement now, and I think it's great."

According to Tuesday's unofficial returns, Californians supported Kerry over Bush 55 to 44 percent — about the same victory margin Al Gore had in 2000.

Many voters said they felt more was at stake in this election than any they could recall, with supporters on both sides saying the outcome was crucial for America's future. Differences over the war in Iraq, the war on terror and Bush's handling of the environment, the economy and other domestic issues provided a sense of urgency.

"I broke up with a girlfriend three years ago and that was bad, but this is just so much more far-reaching. It's just so sad," said Alex Luttrell, 33,

an unemployed San Francisco resident and Kerry supporter.

In their speeches Wednesday, Kerry and Bush acknowledged the nation's deep divisions and said they would work for unity.

Californians seemed less opti-

*"What I'm worried about is all this divisiveness in America. I just hope that both sides are heard, that both sides still have a voice."*

— JOSH BULLER  
financial planner who supported Bush

mistic about the prospects of finding common ground.

"It's divided, but I don't care," said Gordon Reeder, 76, a retired contractor and World War II veteran from Garden Grove who voted for Bush. "If they want to undivide it, the Democrats are going to have to come over our way."

Candace Kuss, communications director for the Northern California-based group Mainstream Moms Oppose Bush, said she doesn't know if the new Bush administration can heal the deep divisions the election laid bare.

"I hope that we'll come together," she said. "I don't think this antagonistic splitting is healthy, but I think frankly it's up to Bush. And it's not about rhetoric, it's about action."

Josh Buller, a self-described Christian from San Diego, voted for Bush because of the president's "personal beliefs and values." Even so, he was uneasy about the Republicans' increased power after Bush's re-election and larger GOP majorities in Congress.

"What I'm worried about is that there's lots of divisiveness in America," said Buller, a 28-year-old financial planner. "I just hope that both sides are heard, that both sides still have a voice."

In the San Francisco Bay area, the bluest part of a state where there was never any doubt Kerry would win the motherlode of 55 electoral votes, people who often joke with pride about living in a liberal bubble spoke instead of a sense of isolation.

The uneasy feeling was compounded by the constitutional amendments passed in Ohio and 10 other states limiting marriage to one man and one woman. The backlash gave gays and lesbians pause in the city where Mayor Gavin Newsom launched a gay marriage spree earlier this year.

"I don't know what's wrong with Ohio. Remember, you don't move

*"I broke up with a girlfriend three years ago and that was bad, but this is just so much more far-reaching. It's just so sad."*

— ALEX LUTTRELL  
Kerry supporter

to Ohio, you move from Ohio," quipped Carole Migden, a lesbian politician who easily won election to the California state Senate on

Tuesday.

A few dozen demonstrators gathered in downtown San Francisco Wednesday morning, huddling together with their familiar anti-war signs, resigning themselves to election results that promised four more years of a president they've already spent four years speaking out against.

But the scene was nothing like earlier anti-Bush protests in San Francisco, after Bush first took office and when he announced the invasion of Iraq. Downtown workers carrying briefcases and coffee cups shuffled past the thin clutch of protesters, who took turns trying to whip up the somewhat listless audience.

Leaders of the pioneering online activist group Moveon.org insisted that Kerry's defeat won't stop their upstart new brand of politics.

Founded by a pair of Berkeley computer entrepreneurs during the impeachment of former President Bill Clinton, Moveon connected an unprecedented hundreds of thousands of individual donors via the Internet, raising more than \$30 million this election cycle to fight Republicans.

Much of the money went for innovative anti-Bush ads, selected by some of Moveon's 2.8 million members in online voting, and later helped get out the vote.

The group's executive director, Eli

Pariser, said in an interview Wednesday that Moveon's populist power would focus on new issues, such as civil liberties or the war in Iraq, and wouldn't fade away.

"This is a setback, but I think that the way that people have been involved in this cycle is not going to go away," Pariser said, "and that having given people a sense of the power that they have, even if they can only make a few phone calls or write a \$20 check, those people are going to be invested in years to come and in the battles to come."

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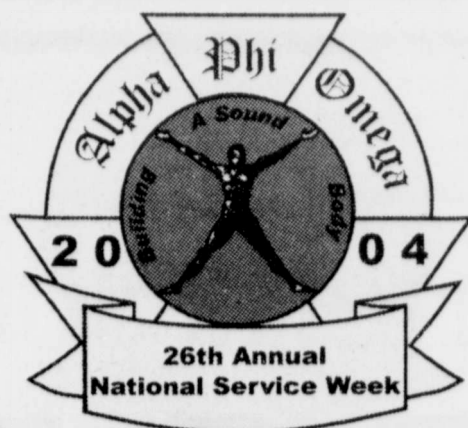
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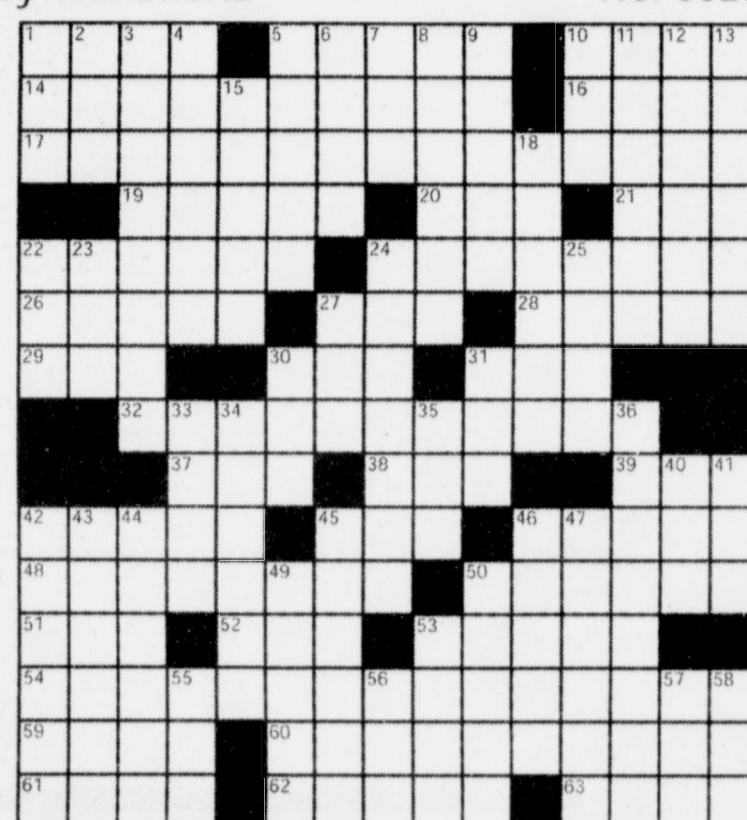
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- 1 "Ignorance \_\_\_\_ excuse"  
5 Large quantity of writing  
10 Live folk album of 1968  
14 Annual prize named after a Canadian governor general  
16 Visited  
17 1985 sci-fi rerun?  
19 They might be chained  
20 Constellation near Scorpius  
21 \_\_\_\_-la  
22 Undercoat  
24 New spouse's acquisitions, maybe  
26 Hippodrome events  
27 That girl
- 28 Not in  
29 Bach's "Air \_\_\_\_ G String"  
30 Dug in  
31 Seek help  
32 1990 sci-fi rerun?  
37 Decide  
38 Pot addition  
39 "Six Feet Under" network  
42 \_\_\_\_ art (text graphics)  
45 Collared one  
46 Singer McLachlan  
48 Like an owl's eyes  
50 Budweiser offerings  
51 See 22-Down  
52 Not originals of letters, for short  
53 Après-ski beverage

- 54 1983 sci-fi rerun?  
59 Storybook meanie  
60 Carnivores  
61 Egg container  
62 It's placed at the counter  
63 \_\_\_\_ the kill

### DOWN

- 1 Suffix with expert  
2 Sailors' passage: Abbr.  
3 Like some knots  
4 Punctual  
5 Make allusions (to)  
6 Scrutinizes  
7 "Alas" in Augsburg  
8 Change dramatically  
9 Puffball emanation  
10 "Don't \_\_\_\_!"  
11 Odd pages  
12 Picks up  
13 Part way to scoring  
15 Angler's collection  
18 Click and Clack, the \_\_\_\_ Brothers  
22 With 51-Across, for the nonce  
23 Published  
24 Dessert eaten with a spoon  
25 Palm starch



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- 27 \_\_\_\_-Anne-de-Beaupré, Québec  
30 Do one's part?  
31 Cave denizen  
33 Hi's partner  
34 Each  
35 Court call  
36 Loom  
40 Keep out
- 41 Exclamations of surprise  
42 Shout on the set  
43 Heavy hitter  
44 Rising stars  
45 Drive up the wall  
46 Pelvic bones  
47 Rabbitlike rodent
- 49 Ordinary Joe  
50 Extrovert's opposite  
53 Homing pigeon's home  
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56 Furbys, once  
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## BIG WEST

# It's tournament time for women's soccer

The Mustang women's soccer team meets a familiar foe looking for revenge at the Big West Tournament at UC Irvine

STANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

On Oct. 10, the Cal Poly women's soccer team lost to Cal State Fullerton, dropping its first Big West Conference game more than a year.

The loss pushed Cal Poly back in the standings before the final weekend where the Mustangs would defeat two opponents earning the right to the Big West Conference tournament.

And now, Cal State Fullerton comes knocking again.

The Mustangs face the Titans on Friday at

7:30 p.m. in the semifinals and would advance to the finals on Sunday with a win.

The Mustangs won a pair of Big West Conference matches by identical 3-1 scores over the weekend to qualify for the Big West Conference Tournament at UC Irvine and finish 9-2-6 overall, 5-1-3 in conference.

The other semifinal-round match is between UC Santa Barbara (12-5-2, 7-1-1 BWC) and Cal State Northridge (12-5-1, 6-3-0 BWF) at 5 p.m.

Santa Barbara and Fullerton finished as regular-season co-champions of the Big West, but the Gauchos are seeded No. 1 for the tournament by virtue of their 1-0 win over the Titans on Oct. 8. Cal

Poly and Northridge finished tied for third place with 18 points, but the Mustangs got the No. 3 seed as a result of their 4-0 win over the Matadors on Oct. 22.

The Mustang offense was jump-started over the weekend just in time for the tournament as they defeated Utah State and Idaho by 3-1 scores. Many of the Cal Poly forwards and midfielders got involved in the scoring including Stephanie Hedien, Becky Clark and Sharon Day against Utah State while Erin Martin, Alexa Jontulovich and Day scored against Idaho.

No team in the Big West, however, has finished the year as hot as the Titans.

Cal State

Fullerton is coached by Ali Khosroshahin and has won seven consecutive matches since a 4-7-1 start. All seven were Big West matches and propelled the Titans to a share of the conference's regular-season title.

Cal State Fullerton began the winning streak with a 1-0 victory over Cal Poly.

The Titan's top scorers are Kandace Wilson with 10 goals and one assist for 21 points and Kellie Cox with four goals and three assists for 11 points. Goalkeeper Karen Bardsley has a 0.68 goals-against average and .837 save percentage with five shutouts. The Titans outscored their last seven opponents 16-3.

Cal Poly has won two straight

Big West Conference women's soccer titles, four in the last five years and is coming off an 18-2-2 campaign in 2003. The Mustangs returned 22 letter winners — 10 starters — off a squad which broke several school records in 2003. The Mustang squad recorded 15 shutouts and opened the year with a nine-game winning streak, posted a 7-0-2 Big West record for its fifth title in eight years.

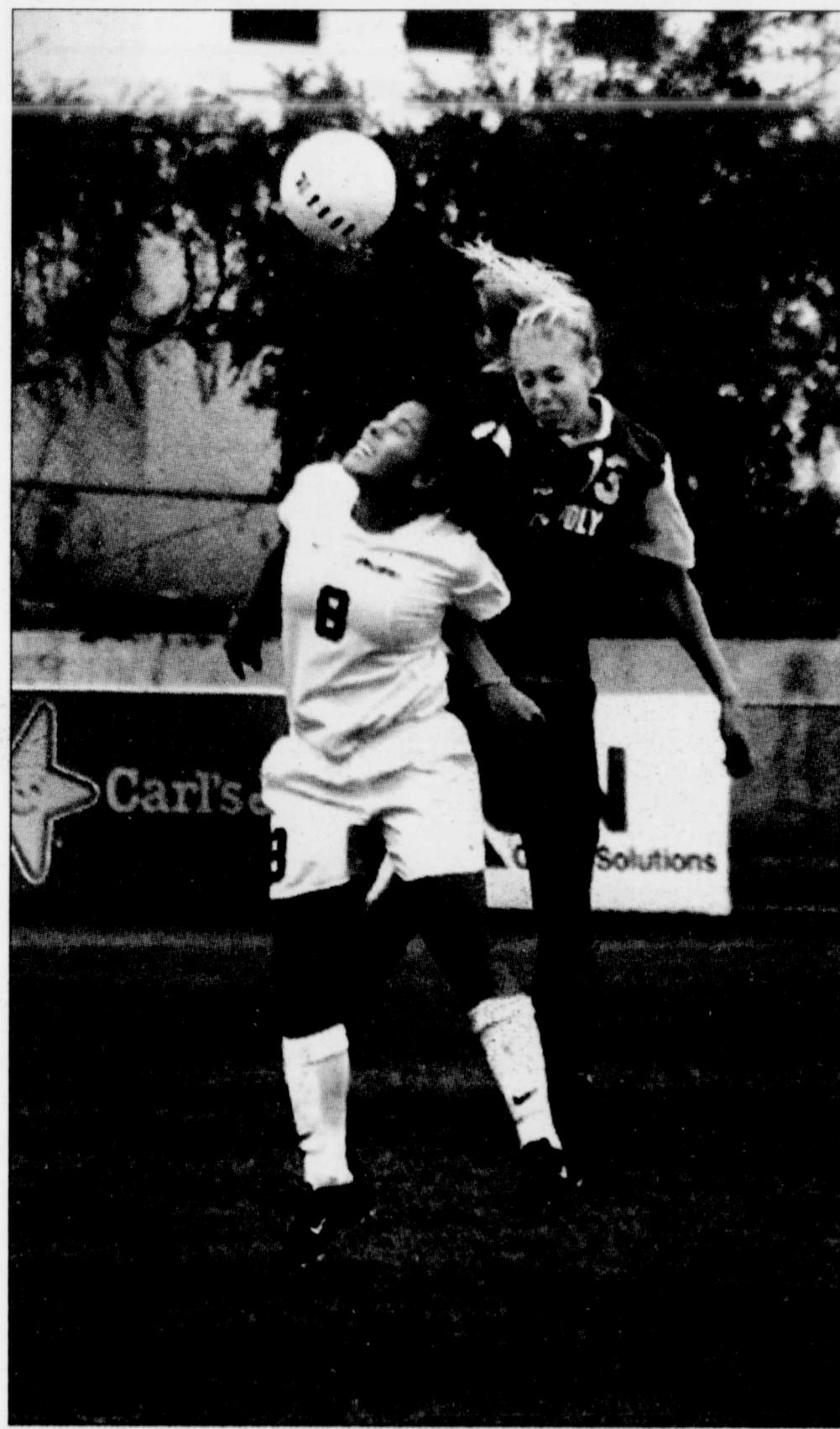
The NCAA Tournament opens on the weekend of Nov. 12-14. Cal Poly has qualified for the postseason four of the last five years.

Cal Poly posted a 4-1-3 non-conference record before opening defense of its Big West title with wins over UC Irvine and Long Beach State. But in a three-week period, the Mustangs fell out of first place with one loss and three ties to go along with the victory over Cal State Northridge. The Mustangs have four scoreless ties on their record this season.

Sharon Day, the Big West Freshman of the Year in 2003, leads the Mustangs in scoring with 10 goals and an assist for 21 points. Day started the season scoring at will, but has cooled off since. But other players, such as Clark have step up to give her some support.

Clark scored her third goal of the season last week while four other Mustangs have a pair of goals each and five others have one goal each. Goalkeeper Liz Hill has a 0.61 goals-against average, No. 1 in the conference, and an .841 save percentage with seven shutouts, the most in the conference.

The Mustang women are defending a long history of success in the tournament.



FILE PHOTO

The Mustang offense scored six goals over the weekend, winning two critical conference games. The defense has been just as good. Goalie Liz Hill has the top goals-against average in the conference at .61.

## COMMENTARY

## It can be better than a few pictures in the dark



Golden Graham

For all the Cal Poly football team has accomplished this year, one thing won't happen now.

Tradition demands that each year the Mustangs beat UC Davis to get their team photo up in the locker room. The 2001 and 2003 squads did so and as Cal Poly led by five points with 40 seconds remaining Saturday, it seemed this team's picture was going up.

A night of poor punting had culminated with a puny punt that

gave Davis the ball at midfield, but the Aggies still needed 53 yards against a defense that had carried the Mustangs to a 7-0 start and the throne of the Great West Football Conference. Though Aggie quarterback Jon Grant already had more than 350 passing yards, it seemed a moot point.

"I thought our defense was going to hold strong," defensive end Chris Gocong said. "We've done it all year and I didn't think it was going to be any different."

Davis needed just 27 seconds. First a pass interference call negated a Mustang interception that would've solidified the win. Then Grant made one quick completion followed by the game-winner with 13 seconds left. It was all especially tough to watch for Mustang quarterback Anthony Garnett.

"I wanted to just take it upon myself as a loss because we

should've scored a touchdown twice (earlier) and also we should've worked the clock a lot better ... We should've secured the win," Garnett said.

The Aggies celebrated boisterously on field thereafter. The Mustangs did nothing of the sort.

*It's not like the Mustangs won their first seven games through a rigged 1950s quiz show.*

Sports Illustrated columnist Rick Reilly once wrote, "In a losing clubhouse you must act as if there has been a death in the family." It's amazing how different a player will feel after losing 36-33 rather than winning by the same score.

"Everybody was just quiet, just didn't want to say anything at all," Gocong said.

Ellerson tried to reassure his demoralized personnel, then endured a Monday press confer-

ence almost as long as a Britney Spears marriage. He dismissed one early question from a TV reporter eager to pinpoint the Mustangs' mood post-game.

"That part of it is fun to talk about going into early in the week, but as you get closer to the (next) game, really all those things don't follow you out between the white lines," Ellerson said. "It's the next play, the next challenge, the next guy."

There's hope yet for the Mustangs who remain to face Eastern Washington, Northern Colorado and Sac State. The conference title, the playoffs and a 10-1 season aren't out of reach. After all, life's full of resounding comebacks following major adversity.

The Sacramento Kings avenged a big loss at Utah in the opener of the 1999 NBA Playoffs by decisively winning Game Two. Malcolm X rose to prominence following a prison stint. Furthermore, history shows countless tales of dudes who have continued to spout pickup

lines after getting rejected by several reasonable women.

But success isn't guaranteed for No. 11 Cal Poly. With wins in six of its past seven games, No. 21 Eastern Washington could be ready to pounce, especially if the Mustangs' punting hasn't returned from the circus come Saturday and another opposing quarterback looks as poised as Joe Montana.

Still, it's not like the Mustangs won their first seven games through a rigged 1950s quiz show.

Granted, they didn't shut anyone out and there won't be photographic evidence of the 2004 Mustangs in the locker room. Regardless, this team is far better than either of the squads that have their pictures up.

Furthermore, having a picture in some dark locker room pales in comparison to what the Mustangs can still accomplish.

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