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Conference unites students to change the status quo

James Mellor
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Over 150 Cal Poly students united this weekend under the common theme of creating change.

The fourth annual Change the Status Quo conference, put on by Student Community Services, included 24 workshops addressing the issues of conscious consumption, cultural equality, environmentalism, feminism, LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender) rights, health, politics, world and youth.

"It's basically to educate people and give them the tools to create a difference," Student Community Services volunteer Megan Mastache said. "It's all about creating social change and a broad range of topics. The idea is to bring awareness to people about new issues."

"You may already know about women's rights, but you don't know

anything about civil rights for Muslim students," she added. "To learn about all these things, but not leave afterwards being depressed because you realize how much more is wrong with the world, but to leave afterwards realizing you have a whole coalition of students

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—Megan Mastache
Student Community Services volunteer

on campus who you can work with to create a change."

Mastache organized the conference with fellow Student Community Service volunteer York Shingle.

Change the Status Quo kicked off Friday night in the Chumash

Auditorium with a presentation of the workshops, a definition of the Status Quo and a performance by slam poet Anis Mojgani.

"A lot of people on campus accept the world the way it is, they accept the status quo," Mastache said. "They get upset if you point out that something's wrong. This is to show people that not everything's perfect, but that's not a reason to be hopeless."

On Saturday morning the conference resumed in Chumash Auditorium with an organic breakfast and a keynote speech by Cal Poly graduate Eric Parkinson. In his speech, Parkinson commended the students' initiative to get involved with the types of issues the conference was addressing.

"These are huge issues and I really have to applaud you for attacking these issues," Parkinson said. "The topics you're talking about are really important and aren't wrestled with enough."

Parkinson continually referred to

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Anis Mojgani performed slam poetry in Chumash Auditorium Friday night as part of the Change the Status Quo conference.

Hillel attracting a large and diverse membership

Holly Burke
MUSTANG DAILY

Many Cal Poly students do not know about one of the fastest growing clubs on campus. Hillel, the Jewish student organization in San Luis Obispo, has been at Cal Poly for over 15 years and has drastically increased its membership in the past two years.

"Where we used to get 20 students coming to events, we now often get about 100 at our (monthly) Shabbat dinners," said Jeff Pathman, Hillel president and com-

puter engineering senior.

Shabbat dinners are one of the many events that members of Hillel organize and participate in. The dinners celebrate the Jewish Sabbath on Fridays. Shabbat dinners are the most popular events Hillel hosts. The students offer a service followed by a kosher meal. The dinners are held on the first Friday of each month and the service begins at 6:30 p.m.

The Hanukkah-themed Shabbat in December brought over 120 people from Cal Poly and the surrounding community.

Hillel is not solely a Cal Poly organization, it also offers memberships to Cuesta students and all people interested in joining. Participants do not have to be Jewish to join.

"A goal of Hillel is to provide a meaningful Jewish experience for people in college," said Pathman. "It is also our mission."

Having a large and diverse membership means that the Hillel board must organize a variety of events for the different club members and their specific interests. The club holds events like pizza-making, bonfires, movie nights and brings

speakers (including comedians) to Cal Poly.

"All events have to target a specific audience. Certain members will come to see speakers, others come only to social events, some only come to the Shabbat dinners," said Shaina Fox, Hillel secretary and agricultural business sophomore.

A club goal for the year has been to have an event for every Jewish holiday. There are many. Today marks Tu B'Shvat, known as "the new year for trees." To honor agriculture, it is common for Jewish people to consume fruit and plant

trees in abundance. According to Pathman, Israel was the only country to have a net increase of trees going into the 20th century.

Hillel is also currently working on a project to honor Yom Hashoah, a day of remembrance for the Holocaust. The students have collected 60,000 pennies for a display in the University Union. Each penny represents 100 Holocaust victims. The display will be set up in April.

"The goal is to make people understand the number of how

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COMING UP...

EVENTS CALENDAR

WHAT: Arab journalist, Khaled Abu Toameh, senior editor of Palestinian affairs for the Jerusalem Post, NBC News and US News and World Report speaking at Cal Poly.

WHEN: Tonight at 8 p.m.

WHERE: Building 52 room B05

WHAT: Cal Poly's LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered student group) is organizing Same Sex Handholding Day in support and celebration of same-sex relationships Tuesday Feb. 14

WHEN AND WHERE:

-11 a.m.: Free speech hour and demonstration at Dexter Lawn
-12 p.m.: Demonstration for marriage equality at the SLO County Clerk's office.

-5:30 p.m.: "Soup and Substance" Discussion and "Marriage Equality" at Sandwich Factory
-7 p.m.: Poet Thea Hillman at Sandwich Factory

WHAT: Pioneering high-fidelity entrepreneur Sidney Harman and U.S. Rep. Jane Harman to speak at Cal Poly to present "Observations on Governance, Arts, Business and Technology."

WHEN: Monday Feb. 20 at 9 a.m. with refreshments at 8:30 a.m.

WHERE: Harman Hall

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what people do with their lives as "life maps," and how many of the world's troubles are due to problems with peoples' life maps. One of the main themes of Parkinson's speech was how he was able to alter his life map and make change by opening an orphanage in Sri Lanka.

"It's good to see through people's experiences," economics and information system senior Fred Ghansah said. "It helps to see how you can have an impact when you see someone who has."

Parkinson also said in his speech he has been given obvious advantages because of his skin color, and thinks this is a ridiculous aspect of our society.

"Nobody is given the choice as to what circumstances they're born into," Parkinson said. "It's kind of ridiculous if you think about it, that people walk around saying, 'I'm beautiful,' or, 'don't you admire the dead collagen cells on my head?' To take pride in something like that, why? We had no say in it."

"I ask this question rhetorically, 'I don't know if you were consulted or not,' but nobody was consulted on these things," he added. "They are just sort of dumped into this skin, this body, this geographic location on the planet. That's it."

The crowd reacted to his speech with a standing ovation.

"The whole thing was really inspiring," English senior Ellen Jewell said. "I liked his emphasis on (Sri Lankan) children and how they are the same as

children (in the United States)."

After the speech, students broke up and began to attend workshops for the remainder of the day.

A popular workshop was about "Human Trafficking," led by Cal Poly students JR Webb and Darlene Molina. Their workshop dealt with the estimated 700,000 women trafficked every year for sexual exploitation.

Other workshops included Another Type of Groove's "SoulSpeak," which explored the theme of change through art and the Multicultural Center's "Urban Nutrition," which addressed why low-income minorities in America are more at risk for diet-related health problems.

An incredibly gripping workshop was the Muslim Student Association's "Post 9-11 America: The Civil Rights Struggle Continues." The workshop featured civil rights leader Amir Abdel Malik Ali, who examined the civil right inequities for Muslims in America through a compelling speech filled with anecdotes of the civil rights violations Muslims have endured since Sept. 11, 2001.

Malik Ali also discussed how the movement for social change in the '60s applies to today by giving past examples of social injustice towards a race of people. He also provided information on Islam and talked about how the American lifestyle can make people, "deaf, dumb and blind," to social injustice.

The workshop filled the classroom and received a fairly positive reaction.

"I was excited that there were so many other people there who were open to it," architecture freshman

Amanda Francis said. "I think a lot of people on campus have a misinterpretation of Muslim and wouldn't be interested in going to something like that."

Two student organizations that played big roles in the conference were the Pride Center and the Women's Center. Both organizations put on three separate workshops addressing the themes of feminism, LGBT issues, environment and politics.

The Women's Center co-hosted a workshop with Code Pink, an organization for women for peace, on "How 100 Pink Women Started an International Movement." Other Women's Center workshops included "Feminism and Faith," which featured female Jewish, Muslim and Christian speakers, and "Ecofeminism," which combined environmentalism with feminism.

The Pride Alliance Center: LGBT offered "ally training" for students who were interested and want to get involved in the LGBT community. The club held seminars on Marriage Equality and Education Equity, which were aimed at individuals who are becoming teachers by outlining the steps being taken to create welcoming campus environments.

Other clubs and organizations that presented workshops were: Vietnamese Students Association, Americorps, Promisefellow, Associated Students Inc., California Student Sustainability Coalition, Career Services, Environmental Council, Fair Trade Club, Movimiento Estudiantil Xicano de Aztlan (MEXA), Progressive Student

Alliance, Poly Greens, Raise the Respect and Rotaract.

"We try to get the clubs on campus that don't have as much of an obvious presence," Mastache said. "We put this forum together for them to be able to get what's important to them out on campus."

Several students explained why they thought it was important to attend a conference that addresses issues like these.

"I'm here because my goal is to become a teacher," business marketing graduate Laura Kogan said. "I think it's really important that I'm better educated and to talk to people about issues so they can see why it's important not to discriminate."

"These are issues I feel really passionate about, but are easy to forget about," psychology senior Caitlin Gibb said. "I want to continue to remind myself that I can be empowered and make social change."

"We live in a community where we don't see a lot of poverty and discrimination, so it's easy to forget about," Kogan added. "It's a good reminder to not be caught up in yourself."

"It brings people together around a central issue of our times, which is improving the world and society," said ASI president Tylor Middlestadt, who attended the conference and led discussion in several workshops.

"I think it's empowering to get together in one group for the same reason and realize they're not alone," he added. "Especially on a campus like this, where people who are motivated for social justice sometimes feel isolated because a lot of the folks here are perceived as being apathetic."

Hillel

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many people died," Pathman said.

Tonight Hillel, Alpha Epsilon Pi, Hasbara Fellowships and StandWithUs bring guest speaker Khaled Abu Toameh to Cal Poly. Toameh is an award-winning journalist for the Jerusalem Post. Though Toameh is Palestinian, he writes mainly to a Jewish audience. He will share his beliefs about Hamas in the new Palestinian region, the Gaza post disengagement, and the future of the region.

"One of the interesting things (about Toameh) is his perspective, being an Arab with Israeli citizenship," said Josh Kob, Cal Poly political science graduate. Kob saw Toameh speak in Israel last year.

Toameh speaks tonight in building 52, room B05 at 8 p.m. The event is free. For more information, visit www.HasbaraFellowships.com.

The Hillel Board meets every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in UU 218 to discuss upcoming events. Check out www.hillelofsanluisobispo.org for more information about the organization.



STUDENT FEE REFERENDUM

February 22nd & 23rd

Voting Locations and Times

9:00am to 4:00pm
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Campus Market
Fisher Science Foyer
BLDG 10 (first floor, Ag Circle Entrance)

9:00am to 7:30pm
University Union - Upstairs
Education Building Foyer

The following Open Forums have been scheduled where students can ask questions and learn more about this important referendum:

Monday, February 13, 6:00pm
UU Room 220

Additional voter information is available at the following web site:
<http://studentaffairs.calpoly.edu/feeref>

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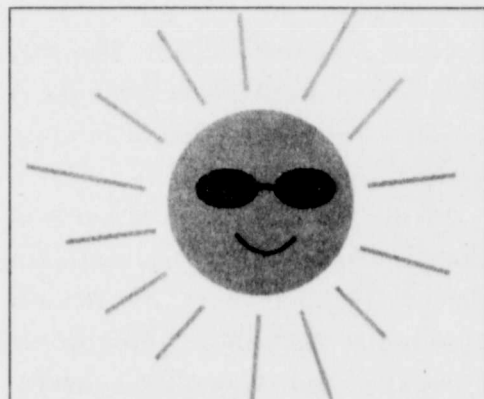
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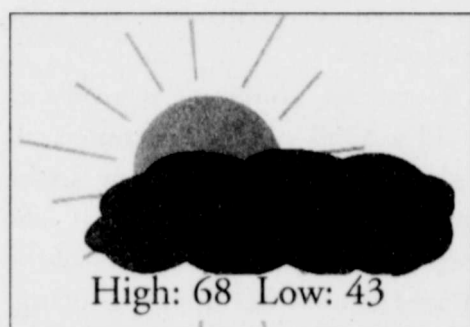
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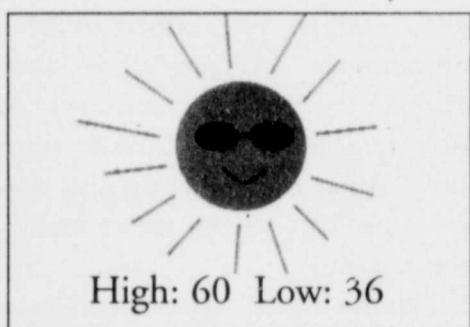
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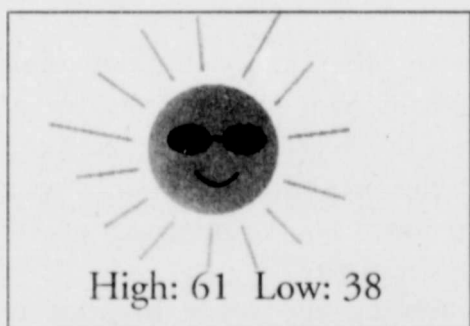
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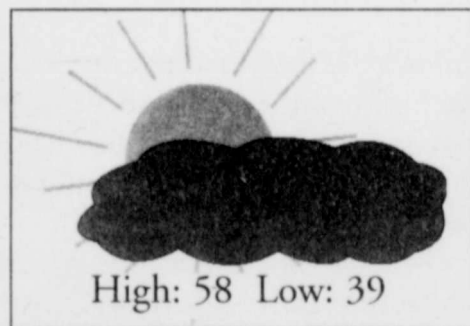
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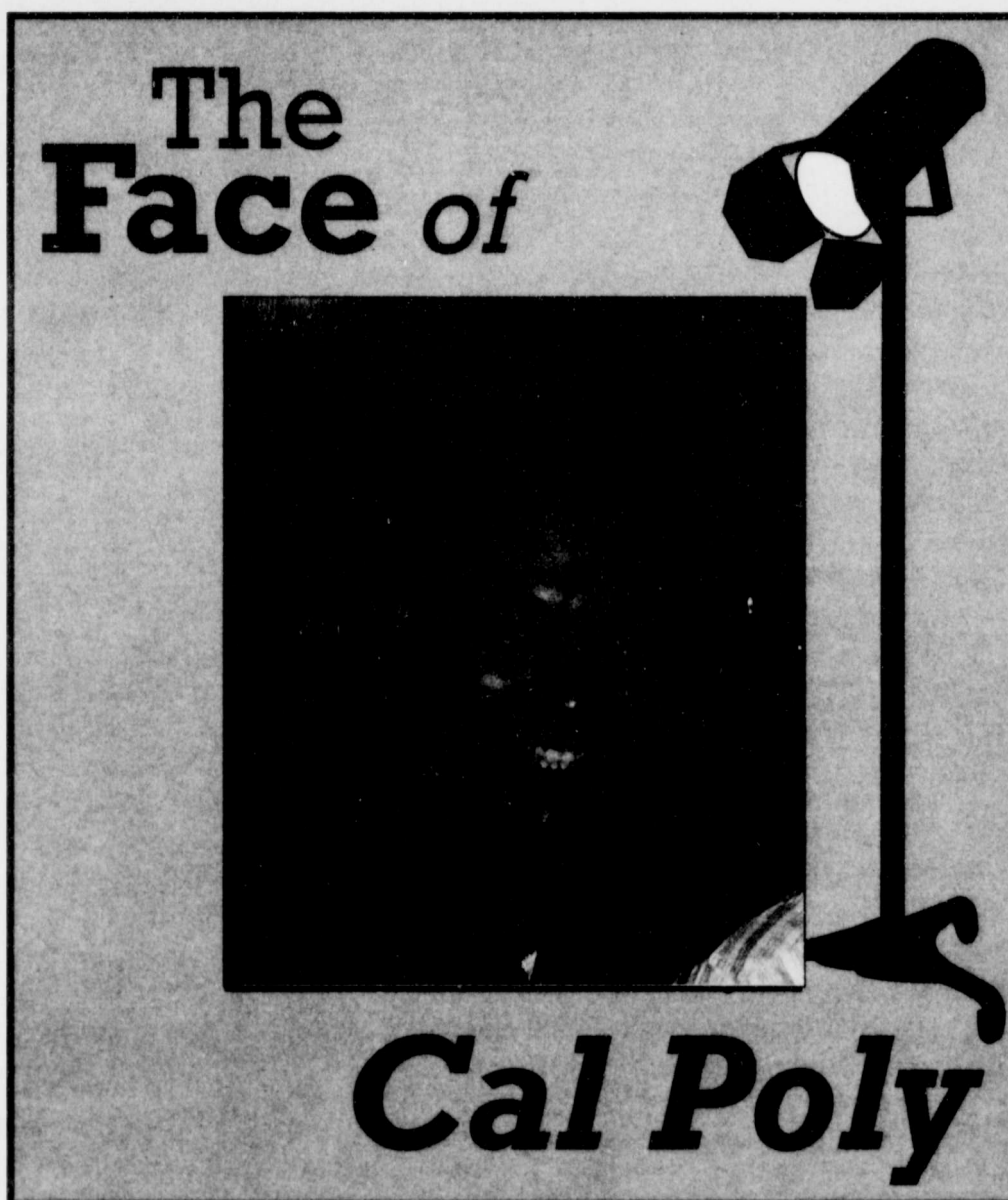


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Hometown: Monterey • **Major:** Computer Engineering

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Movie: Rounders
Ninja Turtle: Donatello

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State briefs

SANTA BARBARA (AP)

— A man dying of lung cancer was given a life sentence for killing his former son-in-law, whom he alleged was molesting his infant granddaughter.

Philip Jones, 51, of Grover Beach, apologized Friday for the pain he caused relatives of Jarrod Davidson when he ambushed and shot him in the chest with a hunting rifle on the doorstep of a Goleta Valley apartment in 2004.

Jones's wife, Malinda, 51 is awaiting trial on charges of murder and conspiracy. His daughter, Kelee Davidson, 27, of Oceano, was sentenced to four years in prison Friday in exchange for her guilty plea last month to perjury and being an accessory after the fact to murder.

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SANTA CRUZ (AP) — A military recruiting protest at the University of California, Santa Cruz is no longer listed on a Pentagon database of possible terrorist activity in the United States.

University officials and Sens. Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer had lobbied to get mention of the April 5 protest by members of Students Against War removed from the classified database, which contains information about suspicious people and activities.

Using bugs to create ethanol

Paul Elias
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — The key to kicking what President Bush calls the nation's oil addiction could very well lie in termite guts, canvas-eating jungle bugs and other microbes genetically engineered to spew enzymes that turn waste into fuel.

It may seem hard to believe that microscopic bugs usually viewed as destructive pests can be so productive. But scientists and several companies are working with the creatures to convert wood, corn stalks and other plant waste into sugars that are easily brewed into ethanol — essentially 199-proof moonshine that can be used to power automobiles.

Thanks to biotechnology breakthroughs, supporters of alternative energy sources say that after decades of unfulfilled promise and billions in government corn subsidies, energy companies may be able to produce ethanol easily and inexpensively.

"The process is like making grain alcohol, or brewing beer, but on a much bigger scale," said Nathanael Greene, an analyst with the environmental nonprofit Natural Resources Defense Council. "The technologies are out there to do this, but we need to convince the public this is real and

not just a science project."

Using microbes may even solve a growing dilemma over the current ethanol manufacturing process, which relies almost exclusively on corn kernels and yielded only 4 billion gallons of ethanol last year (compared to the 140 billion gal-

lons of gasoline used in the U.S.). There's growing concern throughout the Midwest corn belt

that the 95 U.S. ethanol plants are increasingly poaching corn meant for the dinner table or livestock feed.

The idea mentioned by Bush during his State of the Union speech — called "cellulosic ethanol" — skirts that problem because it makes fuel from farm waste such as straw, corn stalks and other inedible agricultural leftovers. Cellulose is the woody stuff found in branches and stems that makes plants hard.

Breaking cellulose into sugar to spin straw into ethanol has been studied for at least 50 years. But the technological hurdles and costs have been so daunting that most ethanol producers have relied on heavy government subsidies to

squeeze fuel from corn.

Researchers are now exploring various ways to exploit microbes, the one-cell creatures that serve as the first link of life's food chain. One company uses the microbe itself to make ethanol. Others are taking the genes that make the

The process is like making grain alcohol, or brewing beer ...

Nathanael Greene
Natural Resources Defense Council analyst

What's more, a new breed of "synthetic biologists" are trying to produce the necessary enzymes by creating entirely new life forms through DNA.

Bush's endorsement of the waste-to-energy technology has renewed interest in actually supplanting fossil fuels as a dominant energy source — a goal long dismissed as pipe dream.

"We have been at this for 25 years and we had hoped to be in commercial production by now," said Jeff Passmore, an executive vice president at ethanol-maker Iogen Inc. "What the president has done is — perhaps — put some wind in the sails."

Ottawa-based Iogen is already producing ethanol by exploiting

waste-to-fuel enzymes and splicing them into common bacteria.

the destructive nature of the fungus *Trichoderma reesei*, which caused the "jungle rot" of tents and uniforms in the Pacific theater during World War II.

Through a genetic modification known as directed evolution, Iogen has souped up fungus microbes so they spew copious amounts of digestive enzymes to break down straw into sugars.

From there, a simple fermentation — which brewers have been doing for centuries — turns sugar into alcohol.

Iogen opened a small, \$40 million factory in 2004 to show it can produce cellulosic ethanol in commercial quantities.

In the last two years, it has produced 65,000 gallons of ethanol that is blended with 85 percent gasoline to fuel about three dozen company and Canadian government vehicles.

Oil giant Royal Dutch Shell PLC has invested \$40 million for a 30 percent ownership stake in Iogen; Petro-Canada and the Canadian government are also investors.

Now the company is ready to build a \$350 million, commercial-scale factory in Canada or Idaho Falls, Idaho, next year if it can secure financing — long one of the biggest stumbling blocks to bringing the stuff to gas pumps.

Loophole undermines Calif. sexual predator law

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — A loophole in a California law designed to crack down on rapists and child molesters render it one of the most lenient sexual predator measures in the country because it allows them to be released without treatment, a newspaper reported Sunday.

The six-month investigation by The Sacramento Bee looked at a program started in 1996, following public outrage over the prison release of Melvin Carter, who had confessed to more than 100 rapes in Northern California. The legislature responded by passing a get-tough law that allowed inmates who were considered sexually violent predators to stay locked up even after completing their prison sentences.

Since the program began, 538 sex offenders have been labeled as such. Under the law, they are supposed to be sent to a maximum-security psychiatric facility at Atascadero State Hospital and undergo a strict, five-stage treatment program.

However, a loophole in the law

allows sexually violent offenders to refuse treatment and bank on winning release through a court hearing that each offender receives every two years.

In the decade that the law has been in effect, 54 sexually violent offenders have won release without completing the full regimen of treatment, and more than two-thirds of those underwent no treatment at all, The Bee found. Only four have successfully completed the program.

"All they need is a doctor's slip to get out," said Harriet Salarno, president of Crime Victims United of California. "Nobody should be let out unless they're truly rehabilitated."

Eleven of the 54 men released without completing treatment are back in custody. Two have been accused of new sex-related crimes. And at least 10 have left the state.

Although California is among 17 states with sexually violent predator statutes, it is the only one that requires a court review every two years for those committed.

Most other states commit their sexually violent predators for at least five years and allow them out of the mental hospital only after therapists say the predators pose a low enough risk.

Among the other findings in The Bee's investigation:

- There's a built-in incentive to refusing treatment, because those who do accept the program often are subject to scorn inside the hospital and heightened scrutiny and community protests upon release.

- Almost all of those released without completing treatment have returned to society with less supervision than lower-risk predators freed directly from prison.

- Most of the 54 men who won early release arrived in communities with little or no public notice. Their faces, names and addresses do show up on the Megan's List Web site, but there's no way to differentiate them from the 63,000 other registered sex offenders listed there.

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National briefs

WASHINGTON (AP) —

From the White House down to Louisiana's parishes, all levels of government bear responsibility for the rampant failures behind the poor response to Hurricane Katrina, a House investigation concludes.

Documents obtained Sunday by The Associated Press put the blame government-wide for lackluster emergency planning and delayed help to victims of the Gulf Coast storms.

Late evacuation orders by state and local officials, untrained and inexperienced emergency responders, and the White House's inability to grasp quickly the devastation of the Aug. 29 storm hindered relief to the Gulf Coast, investigators say.

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

Special Counsel Patrick Fitzgerald should investigate Vice President Dick Cheney and others in the CIA leak probe if they authorized an aide to give secret information to reporters, Democratic and Republican senators said Sunday. Sen. Jack Reed, D-R.I., called the leak of intelligence information "inappropriate" if it is true that unnamed "superiors" instructed Cheney's former chief of staff, I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby, to divulge the material on Iraq.

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ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) —

Prosecutors and defense lawyers in the death penalty trial of Zacarias Moussaoui are searching for the perfect jury, poring through hundreds of questionnaires from potential jurors and looking for clues to their perceptions of the case. Jury selection will be particularly difficult for the defense. The team must find an unbiased panel for a man who prosecutors say could have prevented the Sept. 11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, just a few miles from the courthouse where the trial takes place.

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NEW YORK (AP) —

A major storm slammed the mid-Atlantic and Northeast states on Sunday with nearly 2 feet of windblown snow, nearing record levels as it blacked out thousands of customers and shut down air travel from Washington to Boston. Wind gusting as high as 60 mph blew the snow sideways and threatened coastal flooding in New England. And in a rare display, lightning lit up the falling snow before dawn in the New York and Philadelphia areas.

Cheney accidentally shoots fellow hunter in Texas

Nedra Pickler
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Vice President Dick Cheney accidentally shot and wounded a companion during a weekend quail hunting trip in Texas, spraying the fellow hunter in the face and chest with shotgun pellets.

Harry Whittington, a millionaire attorney from Austin, was "alert and doing fine" in a Corpus Christi hospital Sunday after he was shot by Cheney on a ranch in south Texas, said Katharine Armstrong, the property's owner.

He was described as in stable condition by Yvonne Wheeler, spokeswoman for the Christus Spohn Health System in Corpus Christi.

Armstrong in an interview with The Associated Press said Whittington, 78, was mostly injured on his right side, with the pellets hitting his cheek, neck and chest during the incident which occurred late afternoon on Saturday.

She said emergency personnel traveling with Cheney tended to Whittington until the ambulance arrived.

Cheney's spokeswoman, Lea Anne McBride, said the vice president was with Whittington and his wife at the hospital on Sunday.

The shooting was first reported by the Corpus Christi Caller-Times. The vice president's office did not disclose the accident until nearly 24 hours after it happened.

Armstrong said she was watching from a car while Cheney, Whittington and another hunter got out of the vehicle to shoot at a covey of quail.

Whittington shot a bird and went to look for it in the tall grass, while Cheney and the third hunter walked



ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO

Vice President Dick Cheney, center, accepts a rifle from National Rifle Association President Kayne Robinson, right, and NRA Vice President Wayne R. LaPierre, left, after concluding his keynote address to the 133rd annual NRA convention in this April 17, 2004 file photo.

to another spot and discovered a second covey.

Whittington "came up from behind the vice president and the other hunter and didn't signal them or indicate to them or announce himself," Armstrong said.

"The vice president didn't see him," she continued. "The covey flushed and the vice president picked out a bird and was following it and shot. And by god, Harry was in the line of fire and got peppered pretty good."

Whittington has been a private practice attorney in Austin since 1950 and has long been active in Texas Republican politics. He's been appointed to several state boards, including when then-Gov. George W. Bush named him to the

Armstrong, owner of the Armstrong Ranch where the accident occurred, said Whittington was bleeding and Cheney was very apologetic.

"It broke the skin," she said of the shotgun pellets. "It knocked him silly. But he was fine. He was talking. His eyes were open. It didn't get in his eyes or anything like that."

"Fortunately, the vice president has got a lot of medical people around him and so they were right there and probably more cautious than we would have been," she said. "The vice president has got an ambulance on call, so the ambulance came."

Cheney is an avid hunter who makes annual hunting trips to South Dakota to hunt pheasants. He also travels frequently to Arkansas to hunt ducks.

Armstrong said Cheney is a longtime friend who comes to the ranch to hunt about once a year and is "a very safe sportsman." She said Whittington is a regular, too, but she thought it was the first time the two men hunted together.

"This is something that happens from time to time. You now, I've been peppered pretty well myself," said Armstrong.

THIS WEEK

IN ASI EVENTS

TUESDAY NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Featuring "ELIZABETHTOWN"
Tuesday, Feb. 14
8:15 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium - FREE

This week's movie, a romantic comedy/drama starring Orlando Bloom and Kirsten Dunst, is a charming, music-filled journey that proves that amazing things can happen when you least expect them. Seating is first come, first served.

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In Flames scorches with 'Come Clarity'

Bill Hugel

THE LANTERN (OHIO STATE U.)

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Experimentation has always been a major part of In Flames' sound.

Along with fellow countrymen At the Gates, Hypocrisy and Dark Tranquillity, Swedish death metallers In Flames have developed a hugely influential style that combines the aggression of death metal with the melodic sensibilities of bands like Iron Maiden and Dio. Dubbed the "Gothenberg sound," after the city those bands call home, has been cited by such "Headbanger's Ball" favorites as Killswitch Engage and Shadows Fall as a major influence.

Perhaps the first thing that a listener will notice about "Come Clarity" is the production. The guitars are thick and crushing, the drums are crisp and powerful. Iwers' bass is positively throbbing

and Friden's vocals, whether it is his high-pitched scream or his actual singing, are clear and, for the most part, intelligible. Producer Daniel Bergstrand does a great job reigning in the controlled chaos of their aggressive parts, while giving their softer, more introspective moments room to breathe, and everything can be heard in the mix.

The next thing fans will notice is the welcome return of what made In Flames great in the first place: Guitars, pure and simple. After the keyboard-infused "Soundtrack To Your Escape," the guitars are thick, snarling and at the forefront both rhythmically and melodically. Gelotte and Stromblad move effortlessly from clean finger-picked passages to ferocious riffs and harmonized leads to soaring, fluid solos, and manage to make it all sound easy.

Svensson and Iwers do an

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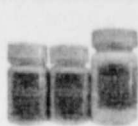
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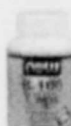
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1	ROCK out with local indie musicians The Attractives, and Washington D.C. psychedelic rockers Dead Meadow Monday at Downtown Brew. The show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8 at Boo Boo Records, and \$10 at the door.	02/13
2	REPORT to room B05 in the science building to hear a talk by Arab journalist Khaled Abu Toameh, senior editor of Palestinian affairs for the Jerusalem Post, NBC News, and US News and World Report. He will speak Monday at 8 p.m.	02/13
3	CHECK out professors from the Cal Poly English Department reading love-themed poetry at Monday 7:30 p.m. in the business building rotunda (room 213).	02/13
4	TAKE a date to eat at the new location of Chow Novo on Palm Street across from the parking garage. Happy Valentine's Day!	02/14
5	LISTEN to the smooth lyrics of the new Beth Orton album, "Comfort of Strangers," released on Feb. 7th.	02/14
6	CATCH country legend George Jones perform in Harman Hall in the PAC on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. This is another country concert if you missed Randy Newman in the PAC on Feb. 11.	02/15
7	BRING a bag to hold fresh vegetables, fruits, or flowers purchased at Farmer's Market on Thursday evening.	02/16
8	LAY back while watching Steve Martin in "The Pink Panther," playing at Sunset Drive-In at 7 p.m.	02/17
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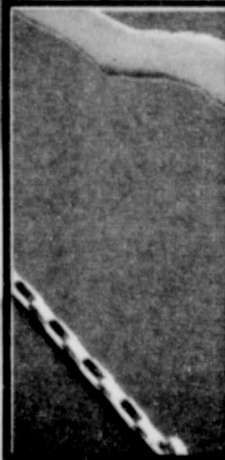
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Panther's meow more like yawn

Ryan Chartrand

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It's amazing to think that there are a whopping 10 "The Pink Panther" films. It's even more amazing to think that Steve Martin thought "Cheaper by the Dozen 2" was a good idea. With his career dwindling down and his hair still making his age as ambiguous as ever, Martin decided to take on the role of Inspector Jacques Clouseau, the most moronic and ridiculous detective in all of France, in "The Pink Panther."

The ceremonial number 10 in the series is filled with repeated brainless and mediocre humor, a murder case that a high school student could have written with only a few worthy laugh-out-loud moments. One more nail in the coffin of Martin's career.

For those who know nothing about "The Pink Panther" aside from its catchy theme song, Inspector Clouseau is easily the worst detective known to man even though he, like all comical detectives in Hollywood, always ends up solving his cases.

Each case revolves around the theft of a world-renowned diamond called "The Pink Panther." Clouseau is hired this time around to solve a murder case involving a soccer player who just so happens to own the one and only "Pink Panther," which disappears after his death. Add Beyoncé Knowles and her on-screen radiance, Viagra jokes and the brilliant director known for "Cheaper by the Dozen," and you have a pop culture-filled millennium version of a once brilliant comedy. The end result of Clouseau's case is unfortu-

nately no more than a sigh of mediocrity covered in childish humor.

Martin does deserve some praise for his performance as Clouseau, mastering the accent and the ability to be oblivious to stupidity. After all, when was the last time Martin was given the chance to play such a ridiculous role and be given the opportunity to be inventive again?

Martin fans will easily recognize this refreshing creativity that he should have lost in his last slew of films. Martin co-wrote the screenplay, however, and it's surprising to see how terribly written some of the scenes are. The theater would fall deathly silent when it was obvious Martin was trying to make a joke.

Thankfully, American moviegoers proved themselves brilliant once again by falling out of their seats whenever a person was accidentally injured on screen. Yes, Martin plays dumb with the crowd and instead of only keeping Clouseau as the true idiot, he spreads it throughout poorly written "comical" scenes that usually don't work.

It's also nice to see Kevin Kline, who has been under the radar since "De-Lovely," is truly pushing the envelope in "The Pink Panther" with more depressing acting.

Beyoncé, who seems to be obsessed with being in detective films, sings and looks sexy. Any surprises yet? The film includes a dozen different takes on the famous "Pink Panther" theme song — ah, I suppose that's not very surprising either.

For those who fell in love with the Peter Sellers version of Inspector Clouseau, Martin's performance in the latest installment is no more than a childish imitation at



COURTESY PHOTO

'The Pink Panther' hit the screens Feb. 10 and reeled in \$21.7 million in its first night, climbing over other new releases at the box office such as 'Final Destination 3' and 'Curious George.'

times. Sure, Martin can never be Sellers and Sellers certainly can't ever be Martin. But both actors bring different elements to the ridiculous hysterical character known as Clouseau and both have the ability to make you laugh a little whether you want to or not. In the end, however, determining if Martin plays a better Clouseau than Sellers

is like future critics deciding if Frankie Muniz plays a better Austin Powers than Mike Myers (hopefully this never happens in the first place); there's just no point to it.

What really matters is the comedy, and Martin delivers it on a minimally pleasing scale. Whether it's the verbal hilarity ("I vwould laike tou booy a dhamburger") or the

ridiculously idiotic statements, moviegoers dying to see Clouseau for over a decade are sure to be pleased in some form or another.

For those who protest remakes of classic films or find PG comedy incapable of turning that frown upside down, "The Pink Panther" will sound less like a "meow" and more like a "yawn" this time around.

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admirable job keeping time, with Svensson's drumming combining driving rhythms and tasteful fills, with occasional fits of double-bass fury (see "Pacing Death's Trail").

"Come Clarity" also sees the continued use of Friden's clean vocals, long a bone of contention among the band's longtime fans. While they may be good enough to offer brief moments of respite from the constant barrage of screaming, down-tuned guitars and pounding drums, they really are not good enough to carry a song, and they aren't used all that sparingly. Despite its prevalence, Friden's slightly off-key warble seems a lot more controlled and confident this time around, and offers a good counterpoint to his usual screaming style.

The album contains some of In Flames' best songwriting to date, and showcases their ability to rapidly switch gears musically between aggression and melody without missing a step. Rest assured, there are a lot of great air-guitar moments and sing-scream-along choruses.

Opener "Take This Life" literally explodes out of the speakers and grabs the listener's throat with thrashy, galloping riffs that open into a melodic chorus that becomes instantly memorable — making what is sure to become a staple of their live set. "Reflect the Storm" is almost a polar opposite, with its slow tempo and multi-tracked vocals during the chorus creating a mournful, almost ballad-like quality.



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The inclusion of clean, female vocals on "Dead End" is a new inclusion for the In Flames canon. Even though it has been done several times before by other bands, the juxtaposition of Lisa Miskovsky's guest vocals (think Christina Scabbia of Lacuna Coil) with Friden's harsh screams is still surprisingly effective. The title track starts with folky, acoustic guitars that lead to a bombastic chorus and eventually a soaring solo. It is on this song that Friden's whiny, clean vocals really seem to hurt the song instead of strengthen it. There are a few too many cracks, especially

during the verses, that are really distracting and more screaming probably would have really made it great. Despite this complaint, it is still one of the best songs on the album.

"Come Clarity" closes with the experimental "Your Bedtime Story is Scaring Everyone," in which the first four minutes consist of ambient keyboards and electronic noises which erupt into chugging guitars and heartfelt screams before going as quiet as a whisper again. While this lesson in dynamics provides for an interesting listen, it is the only song on the album that is over five minutes

long, with most of the other tracks clocking in at the three to four minute range. It would have been nice if some of the more progressive elements had been further explored. As is, most of the songs are extremely streamlined, but leaves the listener wanting more once the album is finished.

Other than those minor complaints, "Come Clarity" is a quality album from one of Sweden's best. It offers a great view of the ever-changing entity that is In Flames, containing elements that span their entire career, from folky, acoustic guitars and kickass harmonized leads to some keyboards; from deep death growls to beautiful female vocals. That, combined with the consistent strength of the material — except for "Scream," which is just silly — means "Come Clarity" should attract new fans with its accessibility without alienating the ones that have been with them for over ten years.

Is it the second coming of "The Jester Race"? No, but for what it is, it's really good. Fans that may have given up on In Flames after their last two albums should do themselves a favor and check this one out. It may renew their faith.

Sure, perhaps they rely too much on catchy choruses instead of their guitar work for their hooks, but even the most jaded metalhead can't deny the strength of the songwriting, which makes the songs stick in your head worse than '80s new wave. But don't worry, there's more than enough metal to incite head-banging and horn-throwing, not to mention offer a reminder that the frozen tundra of Scandinavia is still a hotbed for great metal.

Smoking to lose weight proves not to be worth the risks

Maggie Fincel
KENTUCKY KERNEL (U. KENTUCKY)

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Looking to lose a few pounds? A surprising trend shows that instead of heading to the gym, young people are making their way to the nearest gas station to slim up. No, it's not some new wonder-pill meant to instantly burn away the pounds; it's good, old-fashioned nicotine.

A report from Harvard Medical School in an October 1999 issue of Pediatrics said that girls and boys as young as 9 years old take up smoking in an attempt to lose weight. More than 15 percent of 9- to 14-year-old kids have smoked at least once, and getting slim is a prime motivator.

But does it work?

Dr. David Mannino, a pulmonary physician at UK, helped shed light on the smoky subject.

"It is a common misperception," he said. "It isn't a sure thing; the effects vary from person to person. A lot of my tobacco-using patients are actually overweight."

For some, the nicotine in cigarettes contains an appetite suppressant that affects their metabolic rate, or the rate that you burn off calories. This may or may not lead the smoker to a trimmer figure. The

problem is, the weight that is lost is overshadowed by weight gained later on.

"One thing we do know for sure is that patients who are successful in quitting face gaining more weight back than what they had before they started," Mannino said.

While this catch-22 may seem worthwhile to some for the short

trend but didn't notice a change herself.

"I've heard that from a few places, but I doubt it really works," she said. "I do have friends though who smoke and are afraid of quitting because they don't want to gain weight."

If you fall into that category, don't stress; there is hope for those who seek it. Fadyia Mohammed, a second-year grad student at UK and personal trainer at the Johnson Center, says that you can beat the pounds if you are serious about quitting.

"Definitely," Mohammed said. "The nicotine withdrawal really lasts a few days itself, and after that it's more of a fight against the mental oral fixation. A lot of people try to satisfy that with food, and that's when their trouble starts."

Taming the scale and acquiring good health isn't easy requiring a level of dedication and willpower unbeknownst to most students. While hitting up the smokes may seem like a dream come true, the cons outlandishly outweigh the pros. Losing weight the right way is as simple as understanding good old fashioned hard work. So rather than lighting up your butt, maybe you should try getting off it instead.

It is a common misconception and (losing weight) isn't a sure thing.

Dr. David Mannino
pulmonary physician at the U. of Kentucky

term benefits, consider this — in turn for shedding an inch or two you'll gain much more in return including yellow teeth, smelly clothes, a steadily depleting bank account and, in worst cases, cancer.

Mannino partially blames the advertising tactics used by smoking companies aiming for insecure targets.

"In the past, companies like Lucky Strike used campaigns claiming to help women stay trim," he said.

Mandy Bastin, a smoking University of Kentucky freshman, has also heard of the cigarette diet

Sending men to Mars highly possible, speaker says

Keith Brooks
KENTUCKY KERNEL (U. KENTUCKY)

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Not only is it highly possible to send men to the Red Planet — we are closer than ever, according to Robert Zubrin. Zubrin, president and owner of Pioneer Astronautics, a research and spacecraft technology company spoke about his proposals for sending people to Mars Feb. 9 at the University of Kentucky. This marks the first convocation of a three-part series called "Theoretical Thursdays," all hosted by the Student Activities Board.

Zubrin spoke about several plans and spacecrafts optimized to perform various exploratory tasks. One of those included his description of a spaceship called, "ARES," a vehicle capable of lifting 120 tons into the lower orbit of Mars. Zubrin said that sending massive spacecrafts is the least important aspect of implementation.

"Just lift and throw and shoot it out there," Zubrin said. "That's how we can do space missions in the real world."

Zubrin described a five-year plan called the "Mars Direct Mission Sequence," which included practical and informative details about sending a series of spacecrafts to the Martian landscape. Along with specified diagrams, Zubrin explained that the spacecraft would include "Earth Return Vehicles" that would acquire 95 percent of their fuel from Mars' atmosphere and arrive to the planet before astronauts would reach the surface.

"The fact is basically it's not hard," Zubrin said. "It's 19th century chemistry."

Zubrin said that the first part of the spacecraft would be sent to Mars's surface, followed by a series of smaller aircrafts every two years. If the craft were to be sent, Zubrin said, the expedition would take one year. Zubrin also spoke about the evidence of life on Mars, a notion that has prompted recent theories about past and possible life on Mars.

"There were rivers on Mars," he said. "Recent probes have found dried-up rivers, dried-up lakes. Mars had a large quantity of water for about 5 billion years."

Zubrin also noted that it is possible that microbes exist within one kilometer in Mars' crust.

"Finding the biochemical diversity is why it's important," said Zubrin. "If we can go to Mars and figure out how to use these resources, we can make Mars habitable."

The "Mars Direct Mission Sequence" plan proposed by Zubrin last night would cost \$40 billion over 20 years, which is 15 percent of NASA's current budget.

"This is something we can afford to do," he said.

Mitch Schwartz, a telecommunications sophomore, is also encouraged about the project. He believed it could develop within the future.

"I'm sure, even if there are complications, it could be done within 25 years," Schwartz said.

Zubrin remains optimistic about the goal of reaching Mars within our lifetime, despite the challenges ahead.

"Nothing great has ever been accomplished without courage," he said.

Research finds excessive drinking may lead to cancer

Ryan Watkins
TECHNICIAN (N.C. STATE)

RALEIGH, N.C. — Last week, results of research done by the International Agency for Research on Cancer was released to the public, stating that too much drinking raises the risk of certain types of cancer, including mouth, larynx, esophagus, liver, colon and breast. This is just another example of how things done in excess can lead to harmful side effects.

The study done by the IARC showed many believe total abstinence from drinking would solve this problem, but that is not the case. Other research done over the years has proven that when done moderately, drinking can help combat and even prevent the risks of cardiovascular diseases.

"Lots of things that we do in life can be good or bad based on how much we use them," Chris Austin, the assistant director of Health Promotion at North Carolina State University, said. "If we abuse them, that is where the problem lies."

According to the World Health Organization, in the year 2000 alcohol was the cause of death of 185,000 men and 142,000 women in developed countries. However, in that same year, alcohol prevented the deaths of 71,000 men and

277,000 women.

"Everything causes cancer in excess," Matthew Veety, a senior in electrical and computer engineering, said. "People just need to learn to drink responsibly. Moderation is the important key."

Even the American Heart Association does not have a concrete answer other than drinking excessively will cause negative effects to one's health. Yet at the same time they admit drinking does have some positive side effects.

According to the AHA website, alcohol or some substances such as resveratrol found in alcoholic beverages may prevent platelets in the blood from sticking together. That may reduce clot formation and reduce the risk of heart attack or stroke.

"For some people, there are indeed some benefits of using alcohol, but like with anything else, there are some very important guidelines," Austin said. "But if you're under 21, you still should not drink at all."

Both the AHA and the IARC recommend watching how much you drink. While the substances inside alcohol may have scientific benefits, the same benefits can be obtained from regular exercise according to the AHA.



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International briefs

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Shiite lawmakers chose incumbent Ibrahim al-Jaafari to be Iraq's new prime minister Sunday even though his current government has been criticized for not dealing effectively with the Sunni-led insurgency or rebuilding the nation's crumbling infrastructure. Kurdish leaders expressed concern over the Shiite choice, which marks a key step in forming a government nearly two months after national elections.

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran on Sunday rejected U.S. and Danish accusations that the government had inflamed and encouraged last week's violent protests against Western embassies in Tehran over caricatures of Islam's Prophet Muhammad and demanded an apology. Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi singled out comments by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and said Denmark should apologize to help calm the furor that has erupted over the images that first appeared in a Danish newspaper four months ago.

TURIN, Italy (AP) — Michelle Kwan's decade-long quest for Olympic gold came to a sorrowful end Sunday when she withdrew because of an injury, taking the biggest name out of the Turin Games.

Kwan cut short her first practice of the games the day before after straining a groin muscle, and the injury worsened as the day wore on. She withdrew after Dr. Jim Moeller evaluated her early Sunday morning and recommended she not continue.

MOSCOW (AP) — Finance ministers from the world's richest nations focused on energy supplies and the effect of high oil prices on the global economy at a meeting Saturday hosted by energy giant Russia.

Russia's economy has been buoyed by high oil prices. But a recent gas dispute with Ukraine raised concerns about Moscow's reliability as an energy supplier and threatened to overshadow the Group of Eight meeting.

Despite the tensions, a blueprint for the St. Petersburg summit of the G-8 heads of state in July appeared to have been firmly put in place.

JERUSALEM (AP) — Doctors removed nearly 2 feet of Ariel Sharon's large intestines Saturday during emergency surgery, his seventh operation since suffering a debilitating stroke last month.

Surgeons managed to stabilize the comatose Israeli prime minister after initially fearing for his life, but the latest complication makes it even more unlikely he will recover.

Israelis closely followed their 77-year-old leader's latest ordeal, with TV stations repeatedly breaking into regular programming for updates, but the country already has come to terms with his departure from politics.

Iran reaffirms compliance with nuclear arms control treaty

Nasser Karimi
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran reaffirmed its commitment to a nuclear arms control treaty Sunday and urged a peaceful solution to the international crisis over concerns it is seeking to develop atomic weapons, a day after its hard-line president issued a veiled threat to withdraw from the pact.

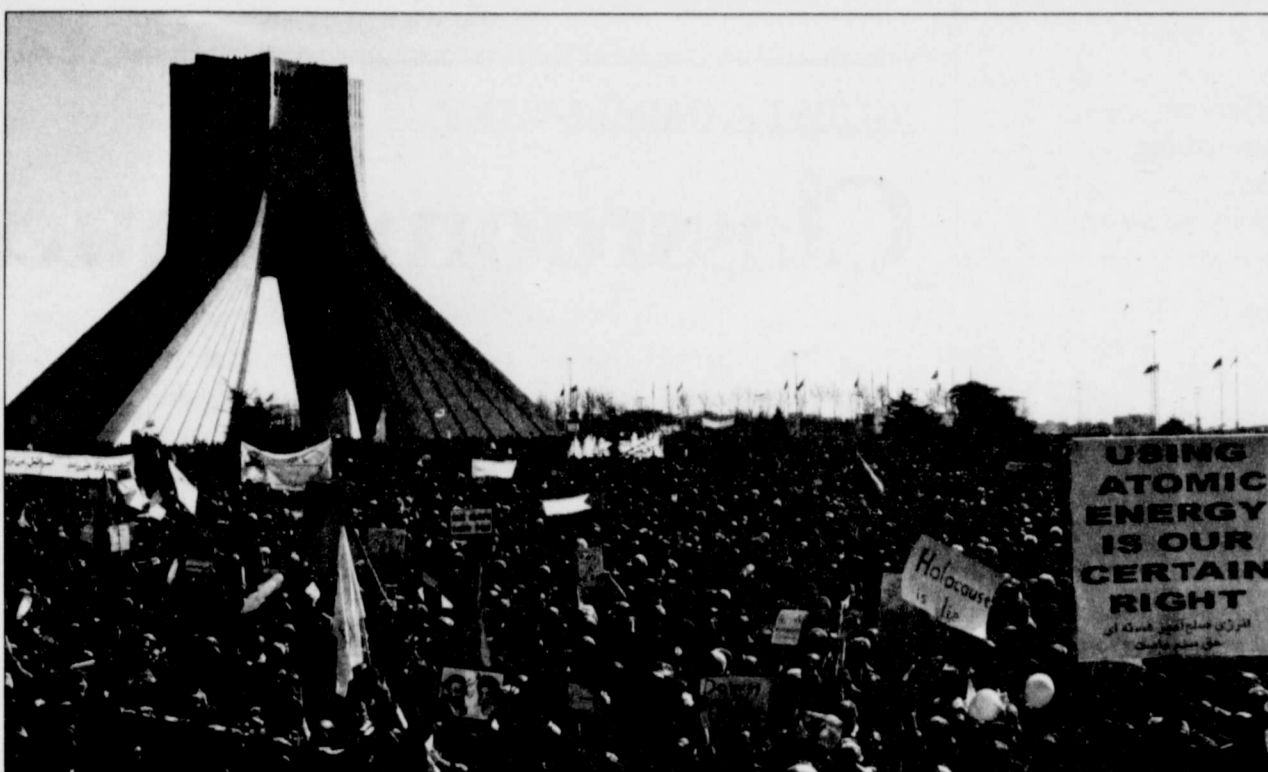
Inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency, meanwhile, began a mission to Iran to learn just what controls remain on nuclear sites and equipment after Tehran ended all but minimum cooperation with the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency.

In Vienna, Austria, a diplomat told The Associated Press Saturday that some International Atomic Energy Agency seals and cameras had been removed from Iranian nuclear sites within the last few days, suggesting that happened without IAEA supervision. But others familiar with the probe said they doubted the Iranians would make such a move before the arrival of the inspectors, which occurred over the weekend.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi said Iran would cooperate with the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty and the safeguards it provides.

"We are still committed to the provisions of the NPT. But we can't accept its use as a (political) instrument," Asefi said at a weekly news conference.

On Saturday, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad rejected U.S. and European pressure to resume a freeze



Thousands of Iranians listen to the speech of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, unseen, in a ceremony marking the 27th anniversary of Iran's Islamic Revolution at the Azadi (Freedom) Sq. in Tehran, Iran on Saturday.

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the country's nuclear program and hinted that Iran might withdraw from the treaty.

"The nuclear policy of the Islamic Republic so far has been peaceful. Until now, we have worked inside the agency (IAEA) and the NPT regulations," he said in a speech before tens of thousands of Iranians marking the 27th anniversary of the Islamic Revolution.

"If we see you want to violate the right of the Iranian people by using those regulations (against us), you should know that the Iranian people will revise its policies," he said.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice warned that such a move by Iran "would only deepen their own isolation," citing a recent IAEA decision to report the country to the U.N. Security Council, which could impose sanctions, after months of

failed talks between the Iranians and European negotiators.

"The really remarkable thing over the last several months is that there's really now a tremendous coalition of countries that are saying exactly the same thing to Iran," she said Sunday on ABC's "This Week."

"And so, the Iranians now need to step back, look at where they are, see that they're isolated on this issue, and return to a state in which they would ... get back into good graces with the IAEA, and get back into negotiations with those who are prepared to offer them a course for civil nuclear power," she said.

Tehran repeatedly has stressed the nuclear arms control treaty allows it to pursue a nuclear program for peaceful purposes and it has said it will never give up the right to enrich uranium to produce nuclear fuel. The U.S. and

its European allies believe Iran is seeking to develop atomic weapons.

Uranium enriched to a low degree can be used for nuclear reactors, while highly enriched uranium is suitable for warheads.

North Korea — the world's other major proliferation concern — quit the NPT in January 2003, just a few months before U.S. officials announced that Pyongyang had told them it had nuclear weapons and may test, export or use them depending on U.S. actions.

The Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman urged the IAEA and the Europeans to keep open diplomatic channels.

"The agency and other parties should not block roads to Islamic Republic of Iran and should solve the case in the framework of the regulations," Asefi said.

Hamas says delegation will head to Moscow at end of month

Josef Federman
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — Hamas militants confirmed Saturday they plan to travel to Moscow this month for talks with President Vladimir Putin, a trip that has enraged Israeli leaders, who fear the international community's resolve to shun the Islamic group is weakening.

Hamas said it does not expect Russia to impose any conditions on the group, despite U.S. calls for Moscow to send a clear message that Hamas halt attacks on Israel and recognize the Jewish state.

"We are going to present our positions ... about the political developments and issues related to the rights of our people," said Sami Abu Zuhri, a Hamas spokesman in Gaza. "Russia will listen to Hamas and Hamas will listen to Russia."

Also Saturday, a shadowy Palestinian militant group released an Egyptian diplomat who was kidnapped earlier in the week, while Israeli aircraft pounded suspected rocket-launching targets in northern Gaza. No injuries were reported in the attacks.

Putin extended the invitation to Hamas on Thursday following its sweeping victory in last month's Palestinian legislative elections. The militant group, which remains committed to Israel's destruction and has been branded a terrorist organization by the United States and Europe, is poised to form a new Palestinian government in the coming weeks.

Although Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas will remain in power, his Fatah Party will now be a

minority in the Palestinian legislature.

Israel has urged the world to isolate the militants until they change their violent ways.

The United States also reacted coolly to the Russian invitation, although officials conceded there is nothing they can do to stop the meeting. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on Friday urged Russia to send a strong message to Hamas to halt its violence.

Russia and the United States, along with the European Union and United Nations, make up the so-called Quartet of Mideast peace negotiators. The Quartet, the main backer of the "road map" peace plan, has called on Hamas to renounce violence and recognize Israel.

Israeli Cabinet minister Meir Sheetrit on Friday accused Putin of "stabbing Israel in the back." Further upsetting Israel, France has come out in support of Russia.

In Moscow, the Russian Foreign Ministry defended Putin's decision, saying a dialogue with Hamas must be started immediately to get the Mideast peace process back on track.

"The Russian side is convinced that in the interests of guaranteeing prospects for restoring the process of a Palestinian-Israeli settlement on the basis of the 'road map,' it is necessary not to drag out the beginning of talks with Hamas," the ministry said.

Although an official date for the visit to Russia has not been set, Abu Zuhri said Saturday he expects it to take place later this month. Russian Mideast envoy Alexander Kalugin also said the visit could take place by the end of the month, the Russian news agency Interfax reported Saturday.

Egypt, a key ally of the Palestinians, has been trying to broker the formation of a new Palestinian government following Hamas' election victory.

"There should be no premeditated judgments on Hamas which was elected by the Palestinian people in a fair and free balloting," Suleiman Awad, Egypt's presidential spokesman, said Saturday. "The door should be open for peace."

The Egyptian diplomat's abduction, carried out in daylight, underscored the lawlessness plaguing Gaza in the wake of Israel's withdrawal from the area in September.

Officials said Hussam Almousaly, Egypt's military attache to the Palestinian Authority, was unharmed.

A previously unknown group calling itself the "Al Ahrar Brigades" — Arabic for "the liberated people" — claimed responsibility Friday, demanding the release of dozens of Palestinian criminals held in Egyptian jails.

Awad, a spokesman for Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, said it remained unclear who was behind the kidnapping. All major Palestinian militant groups, including those who have carried out previous kidnappings, condemned the abduction.

"Despite the happy ending of the release of the Egyptian diplomat, there are people who are asking what are the reasons behind such incidents," Awad said Saturday.

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"I haven't gotten my groove on in awhile."

GUEST COMMENTARY

Classroom etiquette: Dos and Don'ts

Call it pet peeves, poor manners, bad habits or whatever you want — we see it everyday in class. Some of the things go unnoticed by many, while others are as annoying or offensive as nails on a chalkboard to students and professors alike. We're all guilty at one point or another but sometimes it is due to conditions that are out of our control, and other times we perform them with blatant disregard of everyone else in the classroom.

Arriving late: Perhaps one of the most debatable etiquettes, tardiness nevertheless presents you as an unprepared college student. Let's face it people, arriving "fashionably late" to a lecture doesn't have the same effect as that at a party. More than likely you've missed the professor's announcement of changed office hours or that the handouts of today's lecture has already been passed out. Not to mention that the only seat left is the one furthest from the door, forcing you to trip across every backpack with irritated glares in return. We're all responsible adults that can tell time, so let's make a little extra effort to be prompt.

Cell phones: Traveling from class to class you will, at one point or another, forget to switch them back to vibrate. On the other hand, it

doesn't take too much of a conscious effort on test days to press a couple of buttons to preserve the sanctity of the room. We can all make an attempt to shield the rest of the class from our Usher or Jack Johnson ring tones as they struggle to take a complex integral on their finals, can't we?

Seating: Perhaps the most unknown (and annoying) classroom misdemeanor. During the first week of class, students will generally claim a specific seat in the room. After the first week (grace period), seats are generally preset. But the day will come when you arrive to find the one kid who's attended class on only the first day snugly planted in your seat. This affects the whole area and sets off a

chain reaction: You must now occupy another student's pre-determined desk and everyone who arrives thereafter will give the unfamiliar occupant a dirty look. Please sit consistently in your own chair or grab one in the back.

Talking in halls: As we find ourselves trying to pay attention, at times we'll overhear full conversations being conducted by inconsiderate individuals walking outside of the open doors while classes are in full swing. Honestly, we don't care how badly you just bombed your test (accompanied by some very audible obscenities) or who's having a party Friday night (ok maybe we do about that one). Keep your voices down until you make it out the building.

Leaving: Us students love attend-

ing class, but we love leaving even more. Little do some students understand that professors tend to speedily cram in the most important conclusions to what they had been working toward the entire hour at the end. Ultimately it's your loss when you pack up early only so that you can be out the door as the instructor's last words (uttering the homework assignment) leaves his mouth. The shuffling of papers and clicking of 3-ring binders do act as a respectful hint to the unaware professor that their time is nearing an end though.

By adhering to these recommendations you should be able to avoid making a bad impression on your instructor while pleasing your colleagues. Not only that, but you'll also evade the other 30 pairs of eyes staring at you with sleep creases across your forehead as you walk out of the classroom 45 seconds early, chatting on your cell phone and not hearing about the quiz that will be taking place tomorrow. Have some respect for yourself, your professor and especially those around you.

Glen Sun is an electrical engineering senior and a Mustang Daily guest columnist.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Students should be concerned about IRA fee referendum

Thanks, Mustang Daily, for your article on the Instructionally Related Activities (IRA) fee referendum that will take place on Feb. 22 and 23. Even though the proposed fee increase is only \$10 per quarter, it is obviously important for students to be well-informed about the consequences of voting for or against. They should know, for example, that students will play a key role in deciding how the funds will be spent: Some of the decisions will be made in the colleges, with input from the student councils, while others will be made by the IRA Advisory Council, which is co-chaired by a student and whose voting membership consists of an equal number of students and non-students. The quote in the article about the cost of education "spiraling out-of-control" fails to take into account the governor's budget for the coming year, which provides for elimination of the previously proposed increase (of \$204 per year) in the State University Fee.

If approved by the legislature, which seems likely, this fee will remain unchanged for 2006-07. For more information about the referendum, please check out the Web site at <http://studentaffairs.calpoly.edu/feeref/>

W. David Conn
Vice provost for academic programs & undergraduate education

Dear Mark Taylor

Your letter on Feb. 9, while entertaining, contained several strange assertions. First, you stated that intelligent design and global warming are legal and ethical matters, not scientific ones. It would seem to me that these are qualities that we choose to give them, not ones which are intrinsic to them; the existence of electricity could just as easily be an ethical issue, if society decided to make it one (i.e., if its implications pissed off enough people in swing vote states to make them call their congressmen).

However, I did appreciate the irony of an architectural engineer chastising a mechanical engineer for debating about biology, because it was not his field. This irony only increased when you briefly tossed out the 2nd Law of Thermodynamics as proof of Mr. Scott's ignorance. I presume this was a veiled reference to the idea that the 2nd Law of Thermodynamics disproves evolution, which Mr. Scott seems to not be aware of. Unfortunately, this assertion is false. The law states that order does not increase IN A CLOSED SYSTEM. The Earth is not a closed system, as we happen to have the sun providing large amounts of energy to us (and giving us this nice weather). If you doubt that the complexity of a system can increase when it is being fed energy by the sun, try planting a lima bean in a cup filled with dirt and see what happens.

Erik Dawley
Architecture junior

What's the problem with hitchhiking?

Hitchhiking should be accepted in SLO. This is a college town where students and faculty alike walk,

drive, bike and bus to school. Most likely, if you see someone walking up Grand they are going to Poly. If you're in a car and you're going there anyway, why not pick them up? When classes get out mid-afternoon, the buses are packed and everyone migrates home. Students walking down Grand, Monterey or Foothill are either going home, downtown or to the store. This not only helps the hitchhiker, but you as well. You meet a fellow student and will feel good for helping them out (especially on a hot day). So nothing but positive things will arise.

John Lane
Mathematics junior

Dear readers of the Mustang Daily, especially Brian McMullen

What you have to realize about Morgan Elam is that he never writes what he thinks. If you have read the paper in the last couple of years, you would know that Elam writes to get a rise out of people. He'll say just about anything to stir the pot. While this is good sometimes, when he falsely portrays the beliefs of a group, he goes too far.

As a Christian, I was very offended by Elam's letter on Wednesday. The subject matter itself did not offend me so much because when I read who wrote the letter, I took nothing seriously. What I was afraid about was how other people would read his letter. The Christian community feels VERY differently about policies and goals that we have than the ones that Elam portrayed. I believe, from my readings of his letter, that Morgan Elam is the worst example

of a Christian and should not be viewed as one, whether he says he is or not.

Readers of the Mustang Daily must NEVER take anything Morgan Elam says seriously and realize that he is an engineering senior with way too much time on his hands.

This school will be a better place when he graduates and naïve students no longer buy into his letters.

Matt Fritch
Physics senior

There's no fight here

In order to create a strawman, I would need to be arguing with you. Since this is not the case, I have built no strawman. I wanted to point out that there are other crimes for which you can be sentenced to death in this country. I find it annoying that capital punishment proponents conveniently "forget" to mention this when discussing the death penalty. They use the emotional "eye for an eye" talking point to garner support for their cause, while not disclosing the entire truth about the subject.

As for the basis of your argument, I think you made good points. Responsibility and accountability are two issues central to conservative theory, and almost all positions the Republican party take can be somehow related to those two subjects.

Personally, I find this bordering on unforgiving, but I doubt you care very much. In short, my letter was more of a PSA than an angry rebuttal, and I'll leave you with that.

Jonathan Allen
Biology senior

Loss

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overtime, the Highlanders' Seyram Gbewonyo drove the hoop and was fouled in the lane by Cal Poly's Jessica Eggleston.

Gbewonyo missed the first free-throw off the front of the rim, but swished the next.

After timeouts by the Highlanders and Mimnaugh, Cal Poly's Courtney Cameron inbounded the ball to Michelle Henke with the length of the floor in front of her.

Henke sprinted downcourt and took an off-balanced lay-up from about 8-feet away, but the shot caromed off the backboard into the rim and away from the hoop to end the Mustangs' comeback hopes.

Gbewonyo led all scorers with 16 for the Highlanders. Amber Cox chipped in 11 for Riverside.

Sparkle Anderson and Sarah Grieve had 10 apiece to lead the Mustangs offensively.

On the boards, Riverside's Kemie Nkele had a game-high 13 rebounds, eight on the offensive end and teammates Roney Friend and Tainoisouti Lott were next best with 10 and nine, respectively.

Both teams shot the ball poorly, Riverside at 28.6 percent from the field as a team and Cal Poly at 29.2 percent. The difference was in three-point shooting and from the free-throw line as the Highlanders made five more than the Mustangs from downtown and six more from the charity stripe. Cal Poly will host Long Beach State on Thursday at 7 p.m. in Mott Gym.

Upset

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the win with two free throws, scoring Cal Poly's final six points of the game.

The Mustangs made 45 percent of its floor shots (22 of 49) while holding UC Irvine to 43 percent (20 of 47) and Cal Poly outrebounded the Anteaters 32-29, led by Stockalper with seven. Each team committed 16 personal fouls and Cal Poly recorded just 10 turnovers, one more than UC Irvine.

The Mustangs led 30-26 at halftime.

Cal Poly remains on the road for two games next week, visiting UC Santa Barbara on Wednesday at 7 p.m. and Saint Mary's for a non-conference ESPN Bracket Buster contest Saturday at 5:30 p.m. in Moraga.

Baseball

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well.

Cal Poly has collected 60 hits in its last four games, including 16 in the series finale at San Jose State last Sunday. The Mustangs hit .373 as a team against Loyola Marymount this weekend.

"Our offense feels more comfortable, we're getting more at-bats under our belts and we're getting a better feel for our lineup," said Lee. "We also played very good defense and turned a number of double plays (five)."

Freshman first baseman Brent Morel opened Cal Poly's scoring in the second inning, reaching base on an error, moving to third on a single by Luque and scoring on Canepa's single through the left side of the Loyola Marymount infield.

A single by second baseman Brent Walker and two hit batsmen loaded the bases in the third inning before Cooper's single scored two runs and gave the Mustangs a 3-0 cushion.

Cal Poly led 4-0 in the sixth

inning after Luque singled up the middle, took third on a single to right by Canepa and scored on a push bunt by shortstop Gilbert Gil.

It was 5-0 in the seventh inning after center fielder Grant Desme reached base on an error, took second on a passed ball and came home on Jimmy Van Ostrand's single down the left-field line.

Loyola Marymount scored its lone run in the bottom of the seventh, loading the bases on a walk, single and hit batsman before De'Andre Miller's infield single pushed across the run.

For the series, Cal Poly's top hitters were Canepa (5-for-8, .625), Desme (7-for-15, .467) and third baseman Josh Lansford (6-for-14, .429). Cal Poly was 7-for-10 in stolen bases in the series, compared to just four stolen bases in the first six games of the season.

Cal Poly visits San Diego State for a three-game non-conference series next weekend at Tony Gwynn Stadium. The Aztecs are 2-5 after losing two of three games at Santa Clara over the weekend.

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

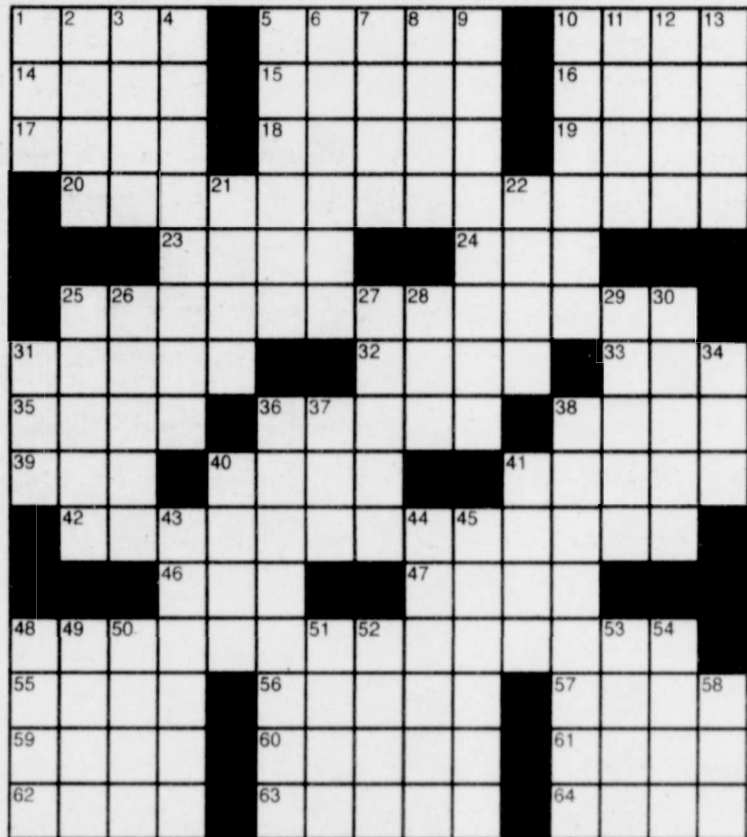
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 - 17 One's equal
 - 18 Dances at Jewish weddings
 - 19 Alliance since '49
 - 20 1852 book
 - 23 Old Italian money
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 - 25 1944 play
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 - 35 Egyptian fertility goddess
 - 36 Takes a turn on "Wheel of Fortune"
 - 38 Unadulterated
 - 39 "Queen of denial" for Queen of the Nile
 - 40 Ollie's partner in old comedy
 - 41 Wild
 - 42 1992 movie
 - 46 Actor Chaney
 - 47 Classical paintings
 - 48 1970's TV show with a literal hint to 20-, 25- and 42-Across
 - 55 Feeling that makes you say "Ow!"
 - 56 Biblical spy
 - 57 When repeated, a court cry

- 59 For men only
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- 61 The "N" of N.B.
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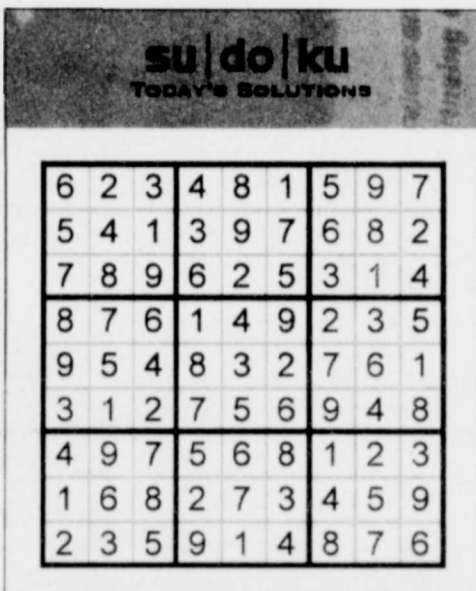
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- 8 Dutch cheese
- 9 Puddings and pies, e.g.
- 10 Snack for a monkey
- 11 Saudi, e.g.
- 12 Not for
- 13 Crazy as a _____
- 21 Fertilizer ingredient
- 22 Arrive
- 25 "To recap ..."
- 26 Wet, weatherwise
- 27 Thin pancakes
- 28 "Ich bin _____ Berliner"
- 29 Grieve



Puzzle by Linda Schechet Tucker

- 30 Lineup
- 31 Taste, as wine
- 34 Sushi fish
- 36 Vehicle that does crazy tricks
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- 38 Funds for retirees
- 40 Shortly
- 41 What soap may leave
- 43 Tight, as clothes
- 44 Bank's ad come-on
- 45 Practical, as a plan
- 48 Lhasa _____ (dog)
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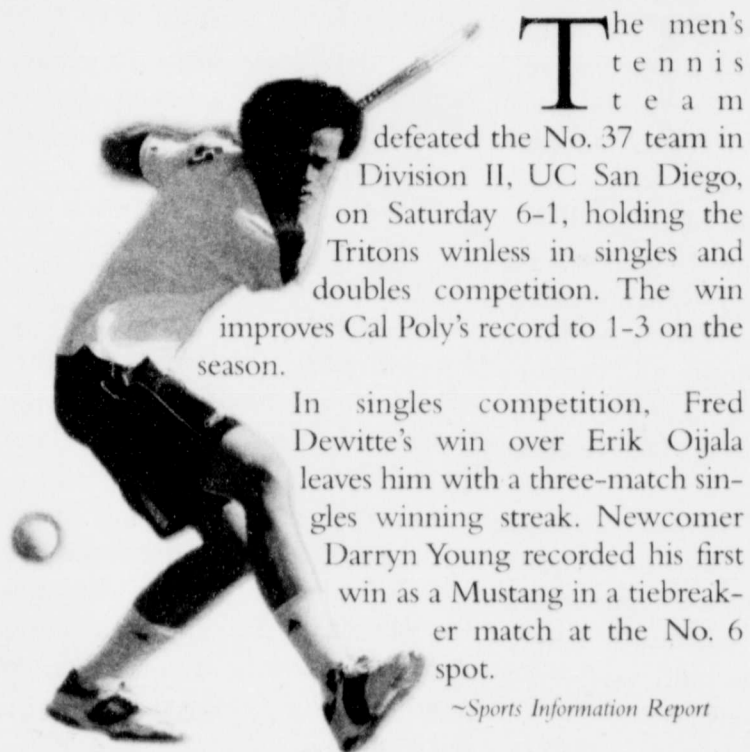
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M. TENNIS

DOMINATING WIN OVER TRITONS



The men's tennis team defeated the No. 37 team in Division II, UC San Diego, on Saturday 6-1, holding the Tritons winless in singles and doubles competition. The win improves Cal Poly's record to 1-3 on the season.

In singles competition, Fred Dewitte's win over Erik Oijala leaves him with a three-match singles winning streak. Newcomer Darryn Young recorded his first win as a Mustang in a tiebreaker match at the No. 6 spot.

~Sports Information Report

WRESTLING

MUSTANG SNAP LOSING STREAK

Cal Poly ended its five-match losing streak in a big way with back-to-back wins. The Mustangs defeated San Francisco State in convincing fashion, 48-3, and scored a conference victory over Stanford, 29-13.

The Mustangs were led by senior Ryan Halsey (184) who won two matches by pinfall and junior David Roberts (141) who picked up a technical fall victory against San Francisco State and a major decision victory over Stanford.

With the pair of wins, the Mustangs improve to 9-7 overall and 5-2 in the Pac-10 conference. The Mustangs conclude the regular season on Feb. 17, hosting UC Davis at 7 pm. The Pac-10 championships are right around the corner as well with Cal Poly traveling to host Stanford on Feb. 26 through Feb. 27. ~Sports Information Report

SOFTBALL

BRUINS, BEARS STOMP 'STANGS

Cal Poly opened its season 1-4 at the Campbell/Cartier Classic hosted by San Diego State. The Mustangs fell 9-4 to the host Aztecs on Thursday and dropped another game later that night to No. 2 UCLA, 13-0.

On Friday, the Mustangs won their first game of the season, beating Oklahoma State 16-12. In the toughest outing for the young Mustangs, No. 8 UC Berkeley came back in the top of the seventh inning to win 3-1. And, in the final game of the tournament, Cal Poly was shut-out by Sacramento State, 2-0.

Gina Leomiti touched home first for the Bears with a single to center field. She advanced to third after two more Berkeley hits. It was a Cal Poly error that sent Leomiti in for the score. Alex Sutton and Julie Meyer recorded the last two runs for Berkeley, clinching the win.

Jenna Maiden pitched all seven innings for Cal Poly, allowing just five hits and one walk and no earned runs.

Against Sacramento State, Robyn Kontra went the distance, yielding just one earned run on four hits. However, Cal Poly managed just five hits and one walk against the Hornets' starting pitcher Nikki Cinque.

Cal Poly continues its season on the road at the UNLV Desert Classic. The Mustangs will play No. 3 Tennessee on Friday in the second game of the tournament.

~Sports Information Report

Offensive brownout for 'Stangs

Frank Stranzl
MUSTANG DAILY

While the sunny weather provided a warm winter day for San Luis Obispo residents, the climate was much cooler inside Mott Gym as the Mustangs fell to UC Riverside 47-46 on Sunday.

Although Cal Poly's full-court pressing defense kept the Mustangs close despite a dismal shooting performance, it wasn't enough to pull Cal Poly back from a 12-point half-time deficit.

"For us, the press is what we live and die by," Cal Poly coach Faith Mimnaugh said. "We press for 40 minutes. If our offense can be as potent as our defense, we're going to be a dangerous team come tournament time."

The loss drops the Mustangs to 5-5 in Big West play and 10-10 overall, while the Highlanders improved to 4-7 in conference play and 8-14 overall.

After winning its first three Big West games, the Mustangs have lost five of their last seven conference games and lost a pair to UC Davis.

The first half was marred by missed shot after missed shot for the Mustangs while the Highlanders turned the ball over 18 times in the opening 20 minutes of play, eight alone coming from starting point-guard Vanessa Campillo.

Cal Poly trailed 26-14 at the half. But behind a fervent defensive effort in the second half, the Mustangs drew to a 47-47 tie with 2:22 remaining.

As the game seemed destined for see Loss, page 11



BRENNAN ANGEL MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly's Michelle Henke drives to the hoop in the first half of Sunday's game. Although Henke struggled offensively with just two points, she tied for a team-high six rebounds.

Poly upsets first place Anteaters

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Gabe Stephenson blocked a UC Irvine shot with seven seconds left and Trae Clark made two free throws with 5.5 seconds remaining to clinch Cal Poly's 61-58 victory over UC Irvine in a regionally televised Big West Conference men's basketball game Saturday night at Bren Events Center.

Clark came off the bench to score a team-high 15 points while Derek Stockalper added 11 points and Dawin Whiten 10 as the Mustangs, who lost to UC Irvine on a last-second three-pointer Jan. 7, improved to 7-14 overall and 5-4 in conference games.

UC Irvine, led by Shamir Armstrong with a career-high 16 points off the bench and Aaron Fitzgerald with 13, fell to 13-11 and 9-3. The Anteaters have lost three of their last four games.

Senior guard Ross Schraeder, who entered the game as UC Irvine's leading scorer with a 13.2 average, was held scoreless for the first time in 63 games, dating back to a loss at Idaho on Jan. 31, 2004, his sophomore season.

Neither team led by more than six points in the game. The score was tied five times and the lead changed hands 12 times.

Joe Henry's three-point play with 4:38 left gave the Mustangs a 55-50 lead, but UC Irvine scored seven consecutive points capped by Adam Metelski's layup for a 57-55 advantage with 1:38 to go.

The game was tied for the final time at 57-57 with 1:14 to play on Clark's jumper. Darren Fells made one of two free throws with 52 seconds left to give UC Irvine a 58-57 lead, but Clark made another jumper with 40 seconds left and iced

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Mustangs take two- of-three from Loyola

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Sophomore right-hander Evan Reed pitched five scoreless innings for his first victory of the season and junior catcher Matt Canepa had three hits and an RBI to lift Cal Poly to a 5-1 victory over Loyola Marymount in the final game of a three-game non-conference baseball series Sunday afternoon at George C. Page Stadium.

The victory gave the No. 25-ranked Mustangs their third straight series, two games to one, and improved their record to 7-2 on the season. Loyola Marymount fell to 2-5 on the year.

Reed walked two, struck out two and allowed just two hits over five innings as Cal Poly built a 3-0 lead in the first three innings and added single runs in the sixth and seventh frames for the win. Thomas Eager and Casey Fien each pitched two innings in relief — Eager allowing one run and three hits while Fien gave up just one hit with one strikeout.

For the fourth straight game, Cal Poly reached double figures in hits. The Mustangs banged out 15 hits in Friday's 10-8 loss, then parlayed a 19-hit attack into a 16-4 victory Saturday. Cal Poly collected 10 hits Sunday, including a double and two singles by Canepa. Designated hitter Jacob Luque added two singles while left fielder Matt Cooper singled in a pair of runs in the third inning to give Cal Poly a 3-0 lead.

Overall, for the series we got some quality outings from the bullpen and our two catchers — Canepa and Jonathan Woodcox combined for eight hits from the No. 8 hole in our lineup, Mustang fourth-year head coach Larry Lee said. Both also caught well and handled our pitching staff extremely

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