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Key California Races

Governor		
A. Schwarzenegger	3806582	56%
Phil Angelides	2672899	39%
Peter Camejo	155426	2%
Art Olivier	89621	1%
Janice Jordan	53675	1%
Edward C. Noonan	48624	1%

U.S. Senator		
Dianne Feinstein	4010230	60%
Richard Mountjoy	35101	35%
Todd Chretien	111402	2%
Michael Metti	105281	1%
Marsha Feinland	91500	1%
Don Grundmann	59799	1%

U.S. Representative 22nd District		
Kevin McCarthy	113997	71%
Sharon Beery	47327	29%

U.S. Representative 23rd District		
Lois Capps	85757	65%
Victor Tognazzini	46366	29%

Prop 1A (transportation funding)

Passed

Prop 1B (highway safety)

Passed

Prop 1C (emergency shelter)

Passed

Prop 1D (public education)

Passed

Prop 1E (disaster preparedness)

Passed

Prop 83 (sex offender punishment)

Passed

Prop 84 (water quality & safety)

Failed

Prop 85 (parental notification of abortion)

Failed

Prop 86 (cigarette tax)

Failed

Prop 87 (alternative energy)

Failed

Prop 88 (education fund)

Failed

Prop 89 (political campaigns)

Failed

Prop 90 (government acquisition)

Passed



San Luis Obispo Races

County Supervisor 2nd District		
Bruce Gibson	9569	56.56%
Rodger Anderson	7304	43.17%

Mayor		
Dave Romero	5320	45.19%
John Ewan	3343	28.40%
Christine Mulholland	2670	22.68%
Don Hedrick	427	3.63%

Councilmember		
Allen Settle	6064	35.38%
Andrew Carter	5403	31.52%
Terry Conner	3713	21.66%
Terry Mohan	1908	11.13%

Measure J (Dalidio Ranch)		
Yes	49933	64.81%
No	27117	35.19%

Measure Y (Sales Tax Increase)		
Yes	7738	48.48%
No	4215	35.26%



Democrats win control of both houses of Congress for first time since 1994

Liz Sidoti

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Democrats completed an improbable double-barreled election sweep of Congress on Wednesday, taking control of the Senate with a victory in Virginia as they padded their day-old majority in the House.

"The days of the do-nothing Congress are over," declared Democratic Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada, in line to become majority leader, adding that Americans spoke "clearly and decisively in favor of Democrats leading this country in a new direction."

Jim Webb's victory over Sen. George Allen in Virginia assured Democrats of 51 seats when the Senate convenes in January. That marked a gain of six in midterm elections in which the war in Iraq and President Bush were major issues.

Earlier, State Sen. Jon Tester triumphed over Republican Sen. Conrad Burns in a long, late count in Montana.

With a handful of House races too close to call, Democrats had gained 28 seats, enough to regain the majority after 12 years of Republican rule and place Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California in line to become the first female speaker in history.

"It was a thumping," Bush conceded at the White House. "It's clear the Democrat Party had a good night."

Allen's campaign issued a statement noting that

state officials are conducting a canvass of the votes cast in Tuesday's balloting.

"At the conclusion of those efforts, Senator George Allen plans to make a statement regarding the outcome," it said.

The Senate had teetered at 50 Democrats, 49 Republicans for most of Wednesday, with Virginia hanging in the balance. Webb's victory ended Republican hopes of eking out a 50-50 split, with Vice President Dick Cheney wielding tie-breaking authority.

The Associated Press contacted election officials in all 134 localities in Virginia where voting occurred, obtaining updated numbers Wednesday. About half the localities said they had completed their postelection canvassing and nearly all had counted outstanding absentees. Most were expected to be finished by Friday.

The new AP count showed Webb with 1,172,538 votes and Allen with 1,165,302, a difference of 7,236. Virginia has had two statewide vote recounts in modern history, but both resulted in vote changes of no more than a few hundred votes.

It had been clear for weeks leading up to the election that Democrats were strongly positioned to challenge Republicans for House control.

But Democrats began the year with fewer seats than at any time since Herbert Hoover occupied the White House. Even Reid, the party leader, mused aloud at one point that it might take a mir-

acle to capture Senate control.

"From changing course in Iraq to raising the minimum wage to fixing the health care crisis to making this country energy independent, we're ready to get to work," he said in a statement late Wednesday.

Earlier, Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., in line to become the next minority leader, said: "In the Senate, the minority is never irrelevant unless it falls down into the very small numbers. I don't think, as a practical matter, it's going to make a

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Rumsfeld resigns

Robert Burns

ASSOCIATED PRESS

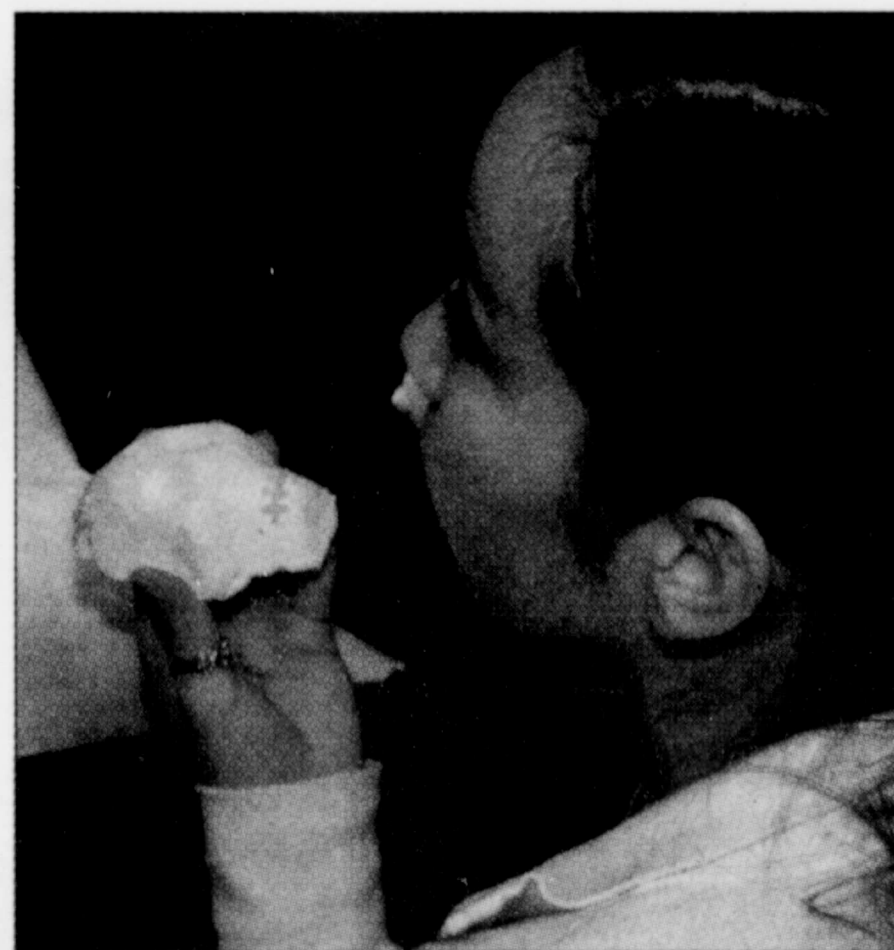
WASHINGTON —

After years of defending his secretary of defense, President Bush on Wednesday announced Donald H. Rumsfeld's resignation within hours of the Democrats' triumph in congressional elections.



Donald Rumsfeld

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The Multicultural Center will host a series of events dedicated to Latino History Month. General engineering student Patricia Lopez attended the center's skull-decorating workshop in honor of Dia de los Muertos on Nov. 2.

NICK CAMACHO
MUSTANG DAILY

Poly celebrates Latino history

Nicole Small

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November is Latino History Month and this year's celebration is bigger than ever.

"This year is really cool because we

have a director and have planned more events," said Gabriela Garcia, a nutrition senior and Multicultural Center employee.

There are usually two weeks in October dedicated to Latino history, but

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City to discuss changes to South Broad Street

Josh Krane

MUSTANG DAILY

A plan to improve the economic and aesthetic viability of South Broad Street will be introduced to the community tonight at a public meeting at the Grange Hall.

The South Broad Street Corridor Plan seeks to implement traffic improvements that will make the one-mile stretch of road between High Street and Orcutt Road safer through the addition of pedestrian refuges, crosswalks and signals. The city also aims to redesign parts of the road to improve traffic flow.

"The community has said in very clear terms that they feel Broad Street is in need of a facelift and that it needs a lot of change in safety, particularly for pedestrian safety," senior city planner Jeff Hook said.

Resident Shaun Hastings said the lack of traffic signals on South Broad Street makes crossing the two-way road that stretches across four lanes seem like crossing a freeway.

"I've been here three years and I've always said that they need a stoplight. Crossing the street around here is like taking your life into your own hands. You can't count on anyone to stop. They won't do it," he said.

John Salmeron, who owns Golden Paw dog grooming parlor along the road, said traffic improvements along South Broad Street are badly needed.

"It's so congested that if they bring something like that in, it will probably benefit the whole area. In the evening and morning, it's impossible to turn the other direction," Salmeron said.

Measures to beautify the area through landscaping and

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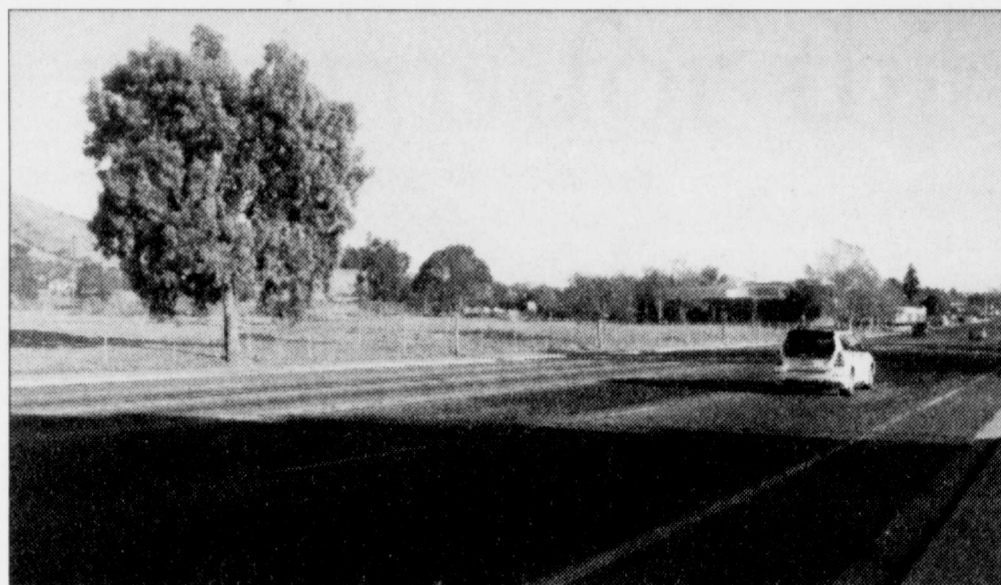
improvement of sidewalks, curbs and gutters are also part of the plan.

In addition, the plan calls for the establishment of affordable housing for young families and singles that are close to jobs, schools, businesses and public transit.

Two housing developments—the Village at Marymont next to the fire station on Santa Barbara Road and the Workforce Housing Development off of Humbert Street—have already been approved.

"I think it's going to make a huge impact for the area and the people who work and live there. I'm excited about it," Hook said of the plan as a whole.

The corridor plan began in 2004 and recently received a boost when it was awarded an \$110,000 CalTrans grant and \$22,000 in matching city funds this year. The city recently hired a consultant to



PATRICK TRAUTFIELD MUSTANG DAILY

The Grange Hall will be the center for discussion tonight as the public is invited to learn about the South Broad Street Corridor Plan.

perform traffic engineering, urban design and economic development studies and proposals. Hook said he hopes these findings will be published into an area plan by July.

Thursday's meeting will outline funding and a time frame for completion of the changes and also

allow time for public input.

"It's an opportunity for residents to come and see what we're doing. They're going to have an opportunity to express concerns," Hook said. He added that the plan has no set cost or timetable for completion.

Congress

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whole lot of difference in the Senate, being at 49."

Webb's win capped a banner election year for Democrats, who benefited from the voters' desire to issue a searing rebuke of the status quo.

The president, who spoke of spending his political capital after his successful re-election two years ago, acknowledged, "As the head of the Republican Party, I share a large part of the responsibility."

With power on Capitol Hill tilting, Bush faced the reality of at least half of Congress in the opposition's hands for the final two years of his presidency. He announced that Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld would step down as Democrats have demanded.

The war in Iraq, scandals in Congress and declining support for Bush and Republicans on Capitol Hill defined the battle for House and

Senate control, with the public embracing the Democrats' call for change to end a decade of one-party rule in Washington.

"This new Democratic majority has heard the voices of the American people," said Pelosi, the California Democrat all but certain to become the nation's first female House speaker, adding that Americans placed their trust in Democrats. "We will honor that trust. We will not disappoint."

With the GOP booted from power, lame-duck Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., announced he will not run for leader of House Republicans when Democrats take control in January.

"Obviously I wish my party had won," Hastert said in a statement that added he intends to return to the "full-time task" of representing his Illinois constituents.

In the Senate, Democrats soundly defeated Republicans in Ohio, Missouri, Rhode Island, and

Pennsylvania. The battle for Senate power came down to Virginia and Montana — and vote counts for those stretched into Wednesday.

By midday, Tester rode to victory over Burns, a three-term senator whose campaign was shadowed by a series of missteps and his ties to Jack Abramoff, the disgraced lobbyist at the center of an influence-peddling investigation.

"One hundred thousand miles and 15 hours later, here we did it," said Tester, an organic farmer with a flat-top haircut who lost three fingers in a meat grinder.

In Virginia, Webb, a former Navy secretary under Ronald Reagan, had declared victory, and began to set a transition team in motion and calling himself senator-elect. Allen, a swaggering cowboy boot-wearing former Virginia governor who favors football metaphors, refused to concede and waited to make a move until after the completion of the county-by-county canvassing.

Heritage

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the center wanted to have a whole month to bring awareness about Latino heritage and culture.

Festivities began Nov. 2 with a workshop to let students and faculty celebrate Dia de los Muertos with a skull painting workshop. Mickela Gonzales, an architecture senior and Multicultural Center employee, said the workshop went well and was excited to see new faces in the center.

"Many people think Latin heritage means only Mexican, instead it's a celebration of South and Central America, the Caribbean and Mexico," said Renoda Campbell, the newly inducted director of the Multicultural Center.

Upward Bound director Sam Cortez gave a multimedia presentation on Nov. 7 about Latino reggae.

KSBY news reporter Kimberly Romo will speak about Latinas in the broadcasting world Nov. 14. The location has not been announced.

The center also invited co-author Justin Akers Chacon to come speak about his book, "No one Is Illegal," on Nov. 16 at 8 p.m. in the Business building, room 213.

Communication studies senior

Aimee Williams will be presenting her senior project topic, "Women of Juarez," on Nov. 28 at 7 p.m. in the Chumash Auditorium.

"I definitely wanted to do something more than just write a paper," Williams said.

Williams first learned about the missing women of Juarez, Mexico when she was involved in the production of "The Vagina Monologues." Williams wants people to understand why the United States should get involved. Juarez is located close to the border of El Paso, Texas, and there are many American factories set up there, Williams said. Many young student mothers have been abducted and killed in the area. Williams believes that American corporations and the Mexican government need to work together to make the area safer.

The festivities will come to an end Nov. 30. Campbell said the Multicultural Center plans to get the Cal Poly Salsa Club to dance, have food and "just have a celebration" with live music by the Palos Latin Roots group during UU hour from 11 a.m. to noon.

For more information go to the Multicultural Center on the second floor of the University Union in room 217 or go to www.calpolynews.calpoly.edu.

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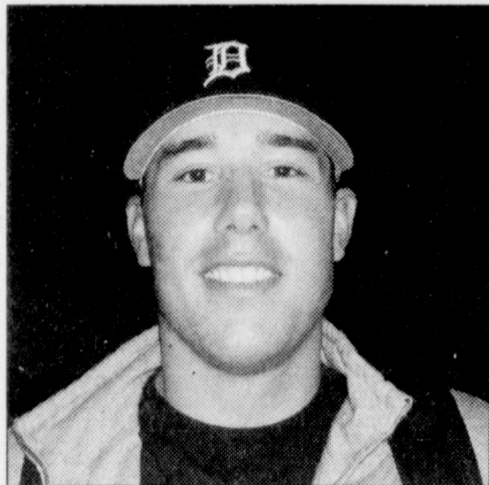



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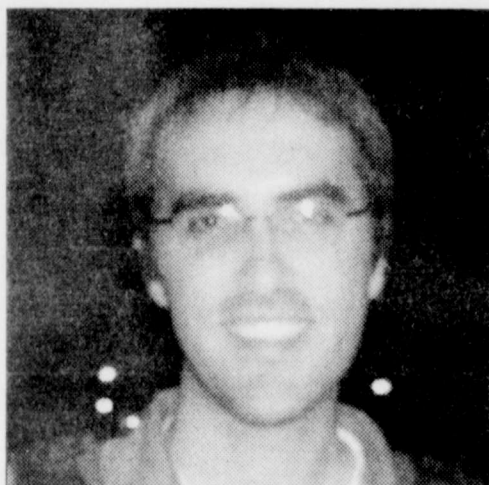
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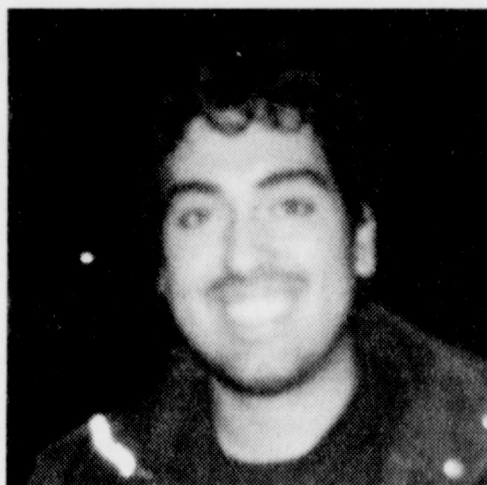
"I like downtown, but I also think it'll bring in jobs and shopping. I just have mixed feelings about it."

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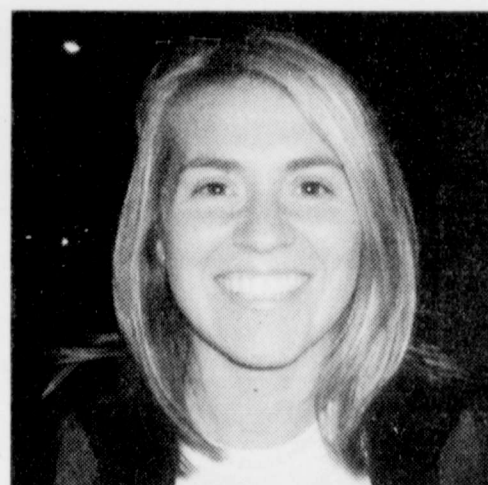
"I'm not very happy about it. I feel that it's going to hurt downtown business and I don't think we need any more big retail stores."

-Chris Davis
political science
senior



"I guess it's a good thing because it was causing a lot of problems for the family. Everyone around him was already developing so it's fair."

-Frank Lara
architecture
senior



"I hate it because I'm from Sacramento where it's all track houses and it'll take away from mom and pop stores."

-Alicia McLaughlin
communication studies
senior

UC details extra compensation paid to university employees

Terence Chea
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — The University of California said Wednesday that compensation paid to employees beyond salary and overtime rose to \$916 million over the past academic year, up from \$843 million a year earlier.

The 10-campus UC system released its preliminary analysis on "above base pay" employee compensation and posted payroll data online after the San Francisco Chronicle requested the information, officials said.

The UC system has been under fire from state legislators and other critics, following reports that some top executives got millions in bonuses, housing allowances and other perks at a time when student fees were raised sharply to offset state budget cuts.

UC officials said they need to compete with other universities for top talent, but conceded there had been too much secrecy and instigated reforms, including more financial supervision.

The report released Wednesday is part of the university's "commitment to transparency and public accountability," said spokesman Paul Schwartz.

The \$916 million in extra compensation — part of the \$8 billion it paid its workforce of more than 170,000 employees in 2004-2005 — was used to pay for things such as shift differentials, stipends, housing allowances and faculty recruitment. The figure covers such pay

for the entire UC system workforce except national laboratory employees.

The university attributed the increase in extra compensation to the expansion of the university's workforce and student body; the rise in employee base pay; and the increasingly competitive market for top professors and administrators.

Almost 80 percent of the money went to academic employees, particularly to health science faculty for treating patients and conducting research, the report said. Nearly \$93 million went to union-represented employees.

Just over \$7 million in extra compensation went to senior managers — such as presidents, chancellors, deans — for bonuses, relocation, severance pay, extra research and teaching, unused vacation, housing and automobile allowances, according to UC's analysis.

But some critics were skeptical of the report.

Kevin Rooney, chief union negotiator for the University Professional and Technical Employees, questioned the report's accuracy and completeness. He complained that many explanations of executives' extra compensation were too vague.

"I think they need to be more forthcoming with the total compensation and what forms of compensation the managers are receiving," Rooney said. "People in the university system need to be held accountable for their actions and their spending."

Sacramento State digital media major wins anti-Arnold ad contest

Alicia Loza-Ponce

THE STATE HORNET (CAL STATE-SACRAMENTO)

SACRAMENTO — California State University at Sacramento senior Miguel Francis won a year's tuition by competing in a campaign against Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

The digital media major said he originally heard about the contest, entitled "Flunk Arnold," through a friend and decided he would give it a shot because he said it was a good opportunity to partake in a new challenge and it would look good on his resume.

"Without the tuition I would probably still do it anyway," Francis said.

Francis' video depicted Schwarzenegger standing between an average college student who has nothing and a greedy business owner wanting more than his fair share. Schwarzenegger then takes the student's shirt off to give to the business owner.

Francis said the overall message is that students ultimately end up paying the price for Schwarzenegger's needs to compensate for the need of business owners to keep them in California, Francis said.

The California Faculty Association launched the "Flunk Arnold" contest in order to get CSU students involved in the political process because of the rising costs of student tuition fees and the lack of young voters, said John Travis, CFA's president.

"It was a novelty way to unleash the creative juices students have," Travis said.

The association is a union that represents 22,000 teachers, librarians, coaches and counselors of the

CSU system. It wanted to change the way that political campaigns are conducted and tap into the creativity of the CSU students, according to a press release on the union's Web site.

Through the contest, which happens to be the first campaign of its kind, students were to create a 30-second anti-Arnold video or Web site, and the winning video would be aired as an ad during "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart."

The whole idea behind the campaign was an important venue that was directed toward what students do, and it was an effort to connect students in a way that they are most comfortable and allow them to take part in the political process, said Cecil Canton, Sacramento State chapter president of the union.

Canton said the contest gave students a chance to express how they feel about what's going on in their world.

"We were trying to use something that was never used before, and I hope that we'll do it again because a lot of students were inter-

ested," Canton said.

Travis added that the contest was more effective when it came to grasping the students attention: Just two days before the winners were determined, the Flunk Arnold Web site received more than one million hits.

The union plans to follow the results of the Nov. 7 election in order to determine whether the contest affected the outcome.

However, the CSU system did not know about the Flunk Arnold contest, said Paul Browning, CSU Media Relations Specialist.

Browning said he thinks it is a positive way to get students active in the political process but that the CSU does not stand behind the idea of an organization forcing students to endorse one particular candidate.

"We wouldn't support getting students to the polls to vote for one candidate, because we want students to use their own judgments and to make their own decisions regardless of the candidate they choose," Browning said.

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State briefs

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A construction accident blacked out lighting on a runway at Los Angeles International Airport for several hours, briefly delaying flights around the country, authorities said.

Forty-nine flights to Los Angeles were delayed an average of 56 minutes Tuesday to prevent the airport from having a logjam, Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Ian Gregor said. After the lights were restored "there were residual delays" of another hour or two until flights got back on schedule, Gregor said Wednesday.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Cool ocean breezes brought down the mercury in Southern California Wednesday after soaring temperatures created some of the hottest November days on record.

Continuing Santa Ana winds produced a high of 97 at noon in downtown Los Angeles Tuesday, making it the warmest Nov. 7 since such record-keeping began in 1877. The old record, 91, was set 50 years ago. Tuesday's temperature exceeded Monday's peak of 95, which was an all-time high for that date.

The hottest spot in the country Tuesday was Woodland Hills, where the mercury rose to 101, according to the National Weather Service. The old record was 94, set in 1956.

A low pressure system was due Wednesday, prompting forecasters to predict a more seasonable high of 76 for downtown Los Angeles. The weather was expected to continue cooling down through Thursday before stabilizing Friday and Saturday.

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A lawsuit was filed Wednesday in federal court seeking to nullify Proposition 83, the ballot measure passed overwhelmingly by voters a day earlier and meant to crack down on sex offenders, including limiting where they may live.

The case was brought by an anonymous sex offender identified as John Doe who was convicted 15 years ago.

The proposition, according to the suit, "effectively banishes John Doe from his home and community for a crime he committed, and paid his debt for, long ago."

Supporters said the initiative would save lives. However, law enforcement and social service workers worry that some sex offenders may simply stop reporting their addresses so they won't have to move.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — The future of the Los Angeles Times has become even more muddled after editor Dean Baquet, who had defied Times' parent Tribune Co. on slashing newsroom jobs, was forced to resign.

The paper's staff was already facing the possibility that it could be sold as part of a plan by Chicago-based Tribune to please angry shareholders by selling all or part of the company.

Tribune has said it will decide by the end of the year on a plan that could include a breakup of the media company. Billionaire Ron Burkle, business leader Eli Broad and Hollywood mogul David Geffen have voiced interest in buying the Los Angeles Times, but no formal offer is said to have been made.

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California charts its own course on election night

Michael R. Blood

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LOS ANGELES — California likes to go its own way. In a year of Democratic gains nationwide, voters returned a Republican governor to office. They endorsed billions in new debt to build roads and schools, then spared tobacco and oil companies from new taxes to fund health care and clean energy.

California may have a Democratic heart, but Tuesday's election was a reminder that its voters have a fickle streak that defies easy labels and predictable outcomes.

Consider: Nearly 1 million voters pulled the lever for Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger over Democrat Phil Angelides, then shifted back to the Democratic ticket for lieutenant governor, secretary of state, treasurer and controller, according to a Democratic analysis. There was no sweeping coat-tail effect for Schwarzenegger — Democrats lassoed all statewide offices save two, governor and insurance commissioner.

At the same time, Schwarzenegger's return to middle-ground politics this year helped him notch victories in some of the state's most fertile Democratic regions, including Humboldt, Sonoma, Monterey, Contra Costa and Santa Clara counties.

Overall, though, this year's election attracted lackluster turnout, estimated at 43.8 percent. But voters who picked through Tuesday's dense ballot proved choosy.

"Clearly voters were very selective," said Democratic strategist Gale Kaufman. "I don't think you can make one kind of argument that if a Democrat comes out, this is what is going to happen."

To political scientist Raphael Sonenshein, California "is not always a blue state."

"The minute (Schwarzenegger) moved to the center, he became viable, in fact he dominated," said Sonenshein, who teaches at California State University, Fullerton. "The

notion of red and blue states is probably overrated."

With 97 percent of precincts reporting, unofficial returns showed the governor with 55.7 percent of the vote, to 39.2 percent for Angelides, a 16.6 percent margin. If the tally holds, the race would be the most lopsided win for a Republican since Gov. Pete Wilson defeated Democrat Kathleen Brown by 14 percentage points in 1994.

With his eye toward the future, the actor-governor cast himself as a politician who could rise above the scrum of Washington-style politics. "We address the issues but we don't attack each other. We fight over our causes but in the end we find common ground. This is the California way," he told supporters on Tuesday night. "I embrace it."

Angelides talked during the campaign about education, health care and the influence of special interests on government, echoing themes Democrats used to great effect nationwide. But he proved to be a poor messenger in California.

In defeat Wednesday, he argued that Schwarzenegger hijacked Democratic issues and said he was demonized in \$120 million in negative advertising this year telling "a story about me that was not the story that I believed."

Democrats, however, held most other statewide offices, suggesting that the party's significant registration advantage helped but was trumped by stronger candidates for governor and insurance commissioner. An Associated Press exit poll Tuesday found Schwarzenegger snagged about a fifth of the Democratic vote.

The state is 42.7 percent Democratic, 34.3 percent Republican. Unaffiliated voters are the fastest growing part of the electorate, now totaling nearly 19 percent of all registered voters.

Schwarzenegger's popularity, combined with cross-party appeal, also pushed through a new round of borrowing — nearly \$40 billion for roads, levees, schools and housing.

But support from Hollywood and

political celebrities including Bill Clinton, Al Gore and Julia Roberts could not stave off the defeat of Proposition 87, which sought to tax companies drilling for oil in California to raise money to promote clean energy.

Voters also rejected a plan to finance campaigns with tax dollars and a measure to boost tobacco taxes to pay for health care.

They passed "Jessica's Law" to prohibit paroled sex offenders from living in many urban areas, and opponents quickly filed a federal lawsuit Wednesday seeking to nullify that measure.

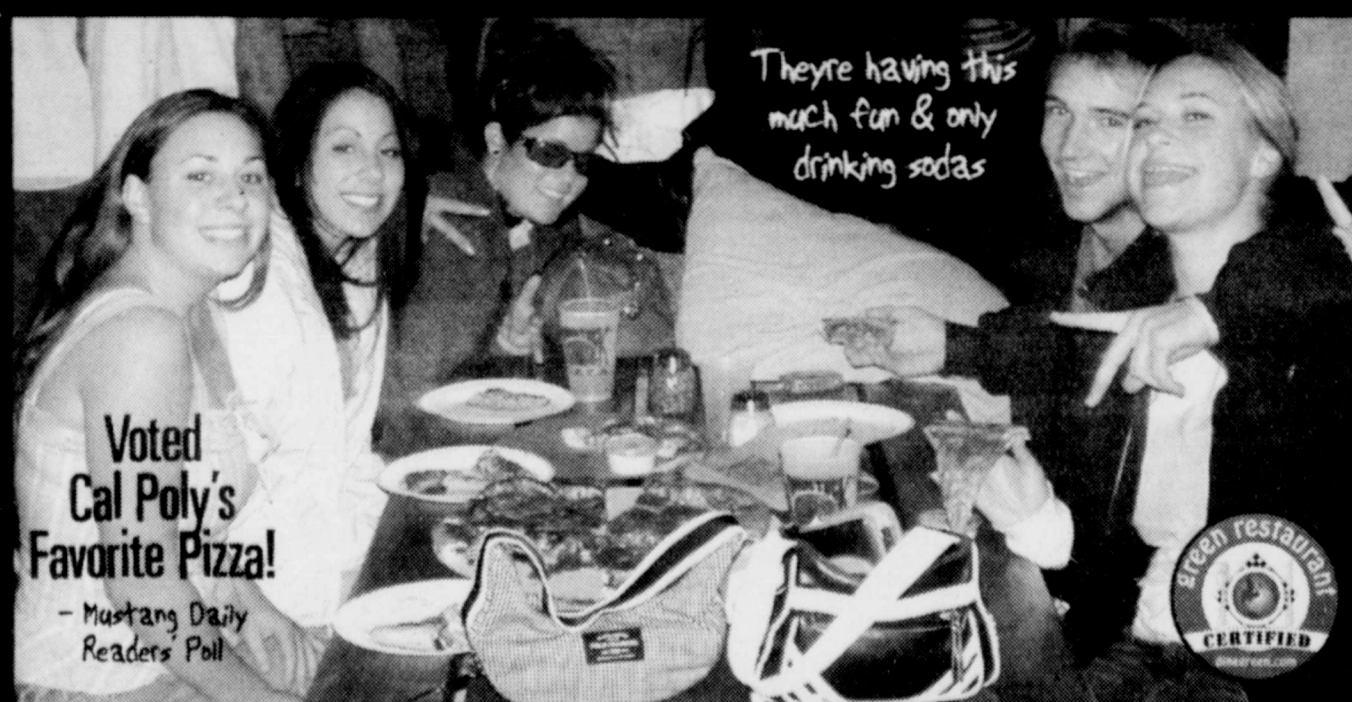
Voters were also asked to weigh in on an initiative to require parents to be notified 48 hours before their minor child has an abortion, unless the parents or a judge waived the requirement. The proposition failed, just as a nearly identical measure did a year ago.

One of two Republican congressmen linked to the Jack Abramoff lobbying scandal was defeated. Rep. Richard Pombo, chairman of the House Resources Committee, lost to Democrat Jerry McNerney, a 53-year-old wind-energy engineer who holds a doctorate in mathematics. But Republican Rep. John Doolittle defeated Democrat Charlie Brown, a retired Air Force officer.

Oakland Mayor Jerry Brown, a fixture in Democratic politics who was famously labeled "Governor Moonbeam" during his days in Sacramento, will return to the Capitol as attorney general after defeating Republican Chuck Poochigian.

Democrats also prevailed in races for most other statewide offices, including John Garamendi for lieutenant governor, Bill Lockyer for treasurer, Debra Bowen for secretary of state, and John Chiang for controller. The exception was insurance commissioner, in which Republican Steve Poizner defeated outgoing Democratic Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., easily won a third full term.



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WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court justices Wednesday sharply questioned attorneys on both sides of the legal battle over what opponents call partial-birth abortions as the high court weighed whether to uphold Congress's ban on the procedure. In an intense morning of arguments, lawyers for the Bush administration and supporters of abortion rights gave starkly contrasting views: A law passed by Congress labels it a gruesome and inhumane practice. Supporters argue that such abortions in the second trimester of pregnancy sometimes are the safest for women.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Bill Cosby settled a lawsuit Wednesday with a woman who said the entertainer drugged and sexually assaulted her at his home outside Philadelphia.

Terms of the settlement will remain confidential, according to a one-paragraph statement released jointly by both sides.

Cosby's publicist, David Brokaw, said there would be no further comment. A telephone number for the plaintiff could not be determined Wednesday and she could not be reached for comment. Her lawyer, Delores M. Troiani, declined further comment.

The woman claimed that Cosby, 69, assaulted her at his mansion in Cheltenham in early 2004 after giving her pills. Attorneys for Cosby say the comedian gave the woman Benadryl after she complained of stress and sleeping problems.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush pledged Wednesday to work with Democrats after the "thumping" that Republicans took on Election Day. He named a new defense secretary to oversee the war in Iraq, a change the president said was going to happen regardless of which party won the election. Bush said former CIA Director Robert Gates, if confirmed by the Senate, would replace Donald H. Rumsfeld at the Pentagon.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Michelle Kwan, the American figure skater who holds nine national championships and five world titles, is about to become a nonsalaried U.S. diplomat.

On Thursday, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice plans to name the 26-year-old Californian and daughter of Chinese immigrants from Hong Kong as a public diplomacy ambassador, said a senior U.S. official.

Kwan, the biggest star in her sport for a decade, will represent American values especially to young people and sports enthusiasts and is expected to travel widely, the official said.

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street rose for a third straight session Wednesday, with the Dow Jones industrials reaching another record close as investors grew more confident that a huge victory by Democrats in congressional elections would result in gridlock and keep lawmakers out of the way of business interests.

The market had largely expected Democrats to gain control of the House of Representatives, but an undecided Senate race in Virginia had during early trading unnerved investors who dislike such uncertainty. Stocks showed gains after the resignation of Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

According to preliminary calculations, the Dow rose 19.77, or 0.16 percent, to 12,176.54. The blue chips closed above the record of 12,167.02 set on Oct. 26 and came within a few points of a record trading high of 12,196.32 reached Tuesday.

Resignation

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Bush reached back to his father's administration to tap a former CIA director to run the Pentagon.

The Iraq war was the central issue of Rumsfeld's nearly six-year tenure, and unhappiness with the war was a major element of voter dissatisfaction Tuesday — and the main impetus for his departure. Even some GOP lawmakers in Congress became critical of the war's management, and growing numbers of politicians were urging Bush to replace Rumsfeld.

Bush said Robert M. Gates, 63, who has served in a variety of national security jobs under six previous presidents, would be nominated to replace Rumsfeld. Gates, currently the president of Texas A&M University, is a Bush family friend and a member of an independent group studying the way ahead in Iraq.

"Secretary Rumsfeld and I agreed that sometimes it's necessary to have a fresh perspective," Bush said in the abrupt announcement during a postelection news conference.

In a later appearance at the White House with Rumsfeld and Gates at his side, Bush praised both men, thanked Rumsfeld for his service and predicted that Gates would bring fresh ideas.

"The secretary of defense must be a man of vision who can see threats still over the horizon and prepare our nation to meet them. Bob Gates is the right man to meet both of these critical challenges," Bush said.

In brief remarks, Rumsfeld described the Iraq conflict as a "little understood, unfamiliar war" that is "complex for people to comprehend."

Asked whether Rumsfeld's departure signaled a new direction in a war that has claimed the lives of more than 2,800 U.S. troops and cost more than \$300 billion, Bush said, "Well, there's certainly going

to be new leadership at the Pentagon."

Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said Rumsfeld was not leaving immediately. Rumsfeld planned to deliver a speech on the global war on terrorism at Kansas State University on Thursday.

Just last week Bush told reporters that he expected Rumsfeld, 74, to remain until the end of the administration's term. And although Bush said Wednesday that his decision to replace Rumsfeld was not based on politics, the announcement of a Pentagon shake-up came on the heels of Tuesday's voting, in which Democrats captured control of the House and could win control of the Senate if the remaining undecided race in Virginia goes their way.

With his often-combative defense of the war in Iraq, Rumsfeld had been the administration's face of the conflict. He became more of a target — and more politically vulnerable — as the war grew increasingly unpopular at home amid rising violence and with no end in sight.

Gates ran the CIA under the first President Bush during the first Gulf war. He retired from government in 1993.

He joined the CIA in 1966 and is the only agency employee to rise from an entry level job to become director. A native of Kansas, he made a name for himself as an analyst specializing in the former Soviet Union and he served in the intelligence community for more than a quarter century, under six presidents.

Numerous Democrats in Congress had been calling for Rumsfeld's resignation for many months, asserting that his management of the war and of the military had been a resounding failure. Critics also accused Rumsfeld of not fully considering the advice of his generals and of refusing to consider alternative courses of action.

Sen. Carl Levin of Michigan and Rep. Ike Skelton of Missouri —

the top Democrats on the Armed Services committees — said the resignation would only be a positive step if accompanied by a change in policy.

"I think it is critical that this change be more than just a different face on the old policy," Skelton said.

Rumsfeld, 74, has served in the job longer than anyone except Robert McNamara, who became secretary of defense during the Kennedy administration and remained until 1968. Rumsfeld is the only person to have served in the job twice; his previous tour was during the Ford administration.

Rumsfeld had twice previously offered his resignation to Bush — once during the Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse scandal in spring 2004 and again shortly after that. Both times the president refused to let him leave.

Gates took over the CIA as acting director in 1987, when William Casey was terminally ill with cancer. Questions were raised about Gates' knowledge of the Iran-Contra scandal, so he withdrew from consideration to take over the CIA permanently. Yet he stayed on as deputy director.

Then-National Security Adviser Brent Scowcroft, who has been a critic of the younger Bush's policies, asked Gates to be his deputy in 1989 during the administration of Bush's father. President Bush, a former CIA director himself, asked him to run the CIA two years later. The scandal had faded and Gates won confirmation.

After leaving government, Gates joined corporate boards and wrote a memoir, "From The Shadows: The Ultimate Insider's Story of Five Presidents and How They Won the Cold War." It was published in 1996.

Gates is a close friend of the Bush family, and particularly the first President Bush. He became the president of Texas A&M University in August 2002. The university is home to the presidential library of Bush's father.



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International briefs

BEIT HANOUN, Gaza Strip (AP) — Hamas' exiled leader on Wednesday called off a cease-fire with Israel and militants threatened to attack Americans after 18 members of a family, including eight children, were killed in an Israeli artillery barrage on a densely populated Gaza neighborhood. It was the highest number of Palestinian civilians killed in a single strike since fighting erupted six years ago, and undermined Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas's attempts to form a more moderate government and renew a peace process with Israel.

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DARGAI, Pakistan (AP) — In the deadliest suicide attack on the Pakistani military, a man with explosives strapped to his body ran up to soldiers doing calisthenics Wednesday and blew himself up, killing at least 42 troops and wounding 20.

No one claimed responsibility for the attack, but suspicion fell on pro-Taliban militants who had vowed revenge for an airstrike that killed at least 80 people on a Muslim school the government said was being used to train militants.

The violence marked an escalation in the conflict between Pakistani security forces and Islamic militants along the rugged border, and sparked fears that the war in Afghanistan may be spilling into Pakistan, a key U.S. ally in the war on terror.

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MADRID, Spain (AP) — The seismic shift that midterm elections brought to Washington's political landscape was welcomed by many Wednesday who oppose the war in Iraq and the harsh methods the Bush administration has employed in fighting terrorism.

From Paris to Pakistan, politicians, analysts and ordinary citizens said they hoped the Democratic takeover of the House of Representatives would force President Bush to adopt a more conciliatory approach to global crises, and teach a president many see as a "cowboy" a lesson in humility.

But some also expressed fears that a split in power and a lame-duck president might stall global trade talks and weaken much-needed American influence.

On Iraq, some feared that Democrats will force a too-rapid retreat, leaving that country and the region in chaos. Others said they doubted the turnover in congressional power would have a dramatic impact on Iraq policy any time soon, largely because the Democrats have yet to define the specifics of the course they want to take.

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BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A pair of mortar rounds slammed into a soccer field in Baghdad's Shiite neighborhood of Sadr City, killing at least eight people and wounding 20, police said.

The mortars struck as young men from the sprawling slum were playing a soccer game, police Capt Mohammed Ismail said.

Players and bystanders were among the eight people killed and 20 wounded, Ismail said.

Dozens of people have been killed in recent days in mortar attacks by rival Sunni and Shiite groups on residential areas in Baghdad.

Daniel Ortega tries to calm investors, rivals after winning back presidency

Traci Carl
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MANAGUA, Nicaragua — Sandinista leader Daniel Ortega tried to calm critics shaken by his return to power, holding back-to-back meetings Wednesday with Nicaragua's president and business leaders worried about a chilling effect on investment and the influence of leftist allies. Congratulations poured in from around the world after Ortega won Sunday's election. Cuba and Venezuela welcomed the former Marxist into a growing club of Latin American leftists who see themselves as a counterweight to U.S. dominance in the region.

Ortega's rivals said they would pressure him to maintain close U.S. ties, and State Department spokesman Gonzalo Gallegos said cooperation with Ortega and his Sandinista colleagues will be "based on their action in support of Nicaragua's democratic future."

The tug-of-war was likely to set the stage for a conflictive five years in office.

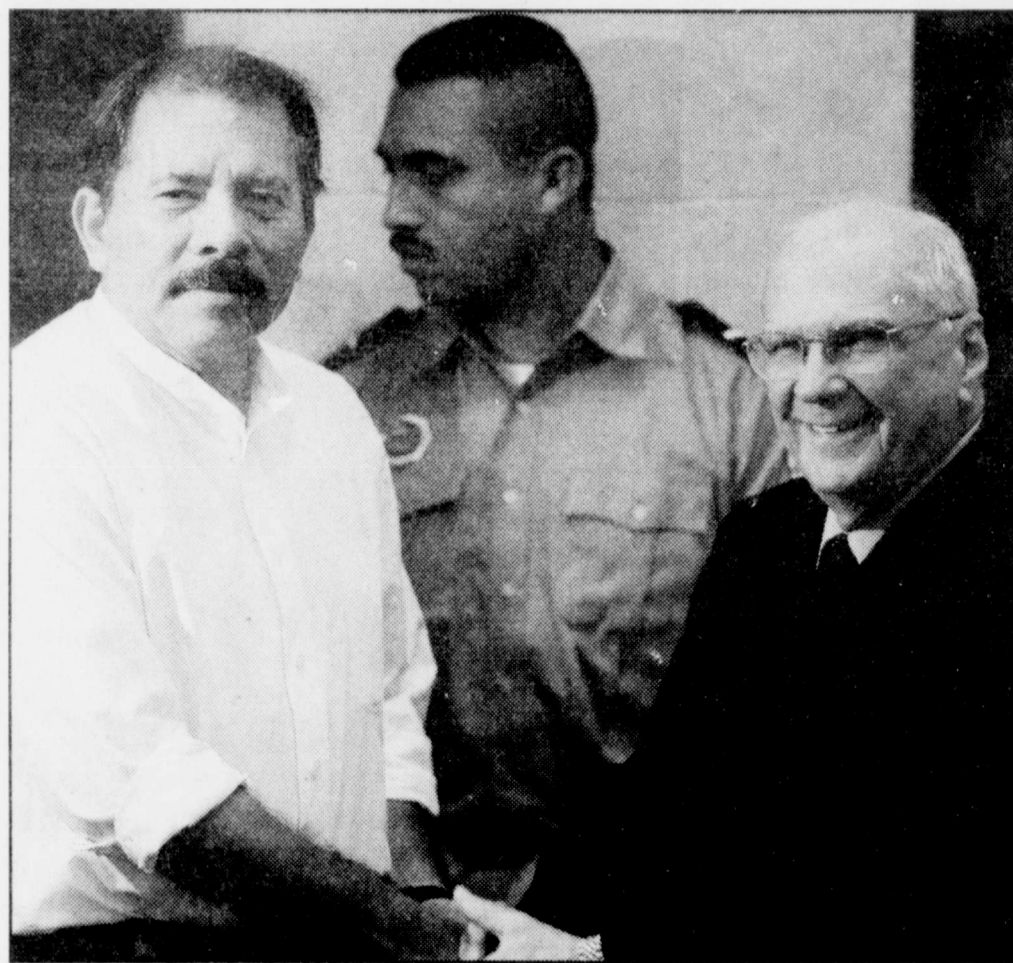
Ortega was scheduled to address his supporters during a massive victory rally late Wednesday in Managua, a speech that would set the tone for his handover.

During his meeting with President Enrique Bolanos, Ortega said, "We aren't thinking of dramatic or radical changes in economic policies."

But, he added, "We need to make sure that each home, each Nicaraguan family can live with dignity and honor."

Ortega showed no sign of returning to the fiery rhetoric of his past. On the campaign trail, he promoted reconciliation, free trade and ties with Washington.

The ex-rebel says he is a changed man who has learned from his past mistakes, and he promises to help the poor by creating jobs and building on a recently approved Central American Free Trade Agreement with the U.S.



President-elect Daniel Ortega of the Sandinista National Liberation Front (FSLN), left, and Nicaragua's President Enrique Bolanos, shake hands at the Presidential House in Managua, Nicaragua on Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006.

Ortega's 1985-90 presidency saw Soviet-backed Nicaragua descend into economic chaos under radical economic policies, including property seizures, and pressure from the U.S.-financed Contra insurrection.

One of the business leaders scheduled to meet with Ortega, Chris Berry, general manager and part owner of the Pelican Eyes resort in San Juan del Sur, said he was more worried about possible U.S. sanctions than about Ortega's presidency.

"My fears aren't really about Ortega," said Berry, who holds American and Nicaraguan citizenship. "He's among a group of wealthy men who want to protect their investments."

Ortega's victory was celebrated by the hemisphere's most famous leftists.

Cuban President Fidel Castro, a key backer of Ortega's radical government in the 1980s, said the victory "fills our people with joy, at the same time filling the terrorist and genocidal government of the United States with opprobrium."

Venezuelan leader Hugo Chavez said he and Ortega would be "uniting as never before" to construct a socialist future.

Second-place finisher Eduardo Montealegre told a local television show on Wednesday that he would "use every connection I have to make the relationship with the U.S. work."

"We can't afford to give Ortega an

excuse to let his only support be Fidel Castro and Hugo Chavez," the Harvard-educated banker said. "I will become an important channel so he doesn't fall into Chavez's hands."

With 91 percent of the votes tallied, Ortega had 38 percent to 29 percent for Montealegre. Under Nicaraguan law, the winner of Sunday's election must have 35 percent of the vote and a lead of five percentage points to avoid a runoff.

The victory capped Ortega's 16-year quest to get his old job back. After losing the presidency to Violeta Chamorro in 1990, he ran two consecutive, unsuccessful presidential campaigns.

Ortega's party appears to have maintained most of its 38 seats in Congress, but the right was split.

Montealegre's new Nicaraguan Liberal Alliance, which broke away from the Constitutionalist Liberal Party of former President Arnoldo Aleman, robbed the ruling party of its 41-seat plurality. Each party appears to have about two dozen seats and it was unclear if they would unite against Ortega.

As an opposition leader, Ortega forged several alliances of convenience with Aleman, whose backers revolted against Bolanos when the president oversaw the prosecution of Aleman on corruption charges.

Those agreements stripped the presidency of key powers, so Ortega will need to rely heavily on Congress' support when he takes office Jan. 10.

During his meeting with Bolanos, Ortega appeared uncomfortable as he explained he didn't plan to restore the presidential powers.

As he stumbled over his words, struggling to state his position, Bolanos laughed and said: "It's in your hands now."

Japan halts beef imports after suspicious shipment

Kozo Mizoguchi
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOKYO — Japan said Wednesday it has halted beef imports from one U.S. meatpacking plant after finding a shipment with improper documentation, a development that may test the public's concern about the safety of American beef imports.

The Agriculture and Health ministries decided to halt shipments from Swift & Co.'s plant in Greeley, Colo., after a shipment

from the facility arrived in Osaka without proper documentation for some of the internal organs contained within, Agriculture Ministry official Yasushi Yamaguchi said.

The Japanese government has asked the U.S. government to investigate the mishap and outline measures to prevent a recurrence, Yamaguchi said. After receiving a report from the U.S. side, the Japanese will send a delegation to the Greeley plant to review whether it is following rules for export to Japan before allowing

trade to resume.

"We are very concerned about what appears to be a simple error because it comes so soon after Japan lifted its import ban," Yamaguchi said. The suspect package was only of 760 boxes containing 11 tons of frozen beef and beef tongue.

Swift officials said they had confirmed the presence of a single box of thymus gland in an October shipment from Greeley to Osaka. The box in question was derived

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Anime retailer expands with Paso store opening

Ryan Chartrand
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Fans of Japanese animation in Paso Robles will be overjoyed when Anime Express moves in Saturday, bringing along with them well-known voice actors and a manga artist for their grand opening.

Anime Express, also located on Madonna Rd. in San Luis Obispo, is the only retailer on the Central Coast dedicated entirely to Japanese animation (or anime), comic books (or manga), and imported video games.

One might not expect Paso Robles to be a gathering place for fans of Japanese animation, or anime, but Jason Newton, owner of Anime Express, said the demand is there.

"We actually have a pretty big fan base that drive from Paso to San Luis Obispo, so we thought we'd help them out by putting a store up there," Newton said.

Newton and his wife Brandie, two former Cal Poly students, opened the store in 2001 with the hopes of bringing anime, imported video games and other related products to the Central Coast when they realized such a store never existed.

"The Central Coast is unlike a metropolitan area...it's very divided and it's pretty much big, big gaps of space between the major populated areas like Paso and Santa Maria," Newton said. "Our goal is to put these stores in locations where everyone can reach them and Paso is one of the largest growing towns on the Central Coast."

Anime Express will have its grand opening in Paso Robles this Saturday and will feature Lex Lang from the anime "Rurouni Kenshin" and comedy shows like "Prime Time Glick;" his wife Sandy Fox from



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Anime Express sells movies like "Cowboy Bebop," (above) imported video games and manga.

Cartoon Network's "Hi Hi Puffy Yumi Ami" and other shows like "The Simpsons" and "King of the Hill;" and finally, local manga artist Irene Flores, whose comics Newton said have had great success at Anime Express.

The grand opening will also feature a drawing for the new Nintendo Wii system, which is set for release on Nov. 19. The drawing is Anime Express' way of thanking its past and future customers, according to Newton.

Since their first year, Anime Express has been gaining popularity as well as a great deal of success.

"Our first year we were very conservative on how much we would make...but we blew all that out of the water," Newton said. "We've done well, and every year there's been an increase."

The increase comes at a time when anime's popularity in America continues to grow.

"The public is starting to realize Japanese animation is not just for children. So we have adults, the elderly, the young, and everyone involved in these items," Newton said.

As for the future, the Newtons will continue to expand wherever they can.

"I think the Central Coast is like any other place; wide open and ready for new experiences," Newton said.

Run to RUN during UU Hour

Kathrene Tiffin
MUSTANG DAILY

RUN will bring its rock sounds to the University Union today from 11 a.m. to noon.

The band took its first single "Wasting Away" to the radio in July 2005, according to ASI's Web site, www.asi.calpoly.edu.

After the release, many commercial, alternative and rock stations nation-wide played the record, the

Web site said.

From there, RUN went to the fans of rock music, got a van and trailer, and drove across the country.

"And that's where RUN is now," the Web site said. "In your town, playing at your club, making you remember the hooks, hum the melodies and RAWK out. On their way to the dream. Living it. Running."

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MD: I noticed you guys now have TotalFark, which requires a \$5-a-month subscription fee for total access. We've been asking other humor sites if they were moving towards subscription fees and most said they wouldn't be. When exactly was the point when you guys decided it was time to slap the subscription fee up there?

DC: The main idea was just to see if we could generate revenue by offering something else people would want to pay \$5 a month for. It turned out in our particular case we didn't come up with a really good idea. It was actually kind of shocking to me that people still sign up for it. They do it because there's a community in there and what really broke it wide-open was the small community, which stayed pretty small, but we allowed them to sign other people up for it.

Now they're paying \$5 a month to have a bunch of super good friends to hang out with on the Internet and it seems really strange and ass-backwards that people would be willing to pay you money for that. It was mainly to generate revenue and it's carried us through with downtimes in advertising revenue because that (TotalFark revenue) always comes in every single month.

MD: So advertising doesn't always come through?

DC: Advertising is not doing very well right now as it turns out. We

made a decision in February to only go after mainstream advertisers and the main idea being, you know, you can get all the el-cheapo ads you want all day long with T-shirts and mugs and god knows what else, but the real money is with mainstream advertising and they don't tend to advertise on Web sites with T-shirts and Viagra.

So the problem is that this is a transition period where we ran into two problems. The first problem is the transition period, which is basically that previously we forced advertisers to pay up front, and mainstream advertisers don't do that. In fact, they're really slow. They won't pay for 120 days, and that's if you're lucky. So, making that transition killed all of our advertising revenue and we're just now starting to see it trickle back six months later. The second challenge, this is kind of bizarre, I don't think a lot of people that are running independent Web sites have run into this because they haven't progressed as far down the advertising side of things as we have.

For example, we have Maxim selling ads for us. They're an interesting case study, because they have 25 employees and have been selling advertising to mainstream advertisers for the past 10 years. It's interesting

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because you have to actually warm up an advertiser, because advertising with a site they've never heard of...they don't really give a shit what kind of demographics you have; it's all about whether they're going to get fired when they go tell their boss where they paid advertising.

They'll buy full-page ads in The New York Times all day long because that's acceptable, but if they have to go to their boss and explain how they

strong community that arises on the forums and comments. What did it take on your part to build the Fark community?

DC: The only thing we really did was let people make comments. The first year-and-a-half we didn't have comments and I really did it because I wanted to learn some database programming. I figured it would be an interesting challenge and so the community sort of self-generated after that and it's really kind of bizarre. What's interesting about Fark's community is, last time I checked we had 310,000 registered users, but the actual readership is about 20 times that. It's interesting because everyone knows Fark for the community and comments and what-not, but the vast majority of the people don't know

and don't care, which is really kind of fascinating to me. There's an interesting parallel to that in the blogging world where a lot of bloggers are under the impression that people know the top 10 blog sites out there, but if you started stopping people in the streets, two-thirds of the people you talk to don't know any of them.

MD: Have you had any favorite submissions over the years?

DC: Yeah, one of my favorite ones was really early on because it was one of the most bizarre stories I'd ever

heard in my life and it actually came up again a couple years ago because of a follow-up. It happened seven years ago when a guy who was 19, he's 26 now, was at this local pub that was having an "I'll do anything to win a bar tab" contest. Whatever you wanted to do, the craziest, most outrageous thing, you'd win 500 pounds in bar tab, which for the average Brit lasted about a month, especially if you're 19 years old. Anyway, he decides he really, really wants to win. So what he does is he shows up and his mom is standing there while he's doing this, by the way. He whips his junk out, nails it to the table with a staple gun, douses it with gasoline and sets it on fire...with his mom sitting there. So, needless to say he won. The follow-up later on asked him how he felt about that now and he said, "Yeah, it was probably a stupid idea." When they asked him why he did it he said, "I really, really wanted that bar tab." There's plenty of them.

There was an interesting article about some information they discovered on an al-Qaeda computer they captured out of Afghanistan. One of them was this long discussion about whether to continue buying nuclear weapons from the Russian mafia. Apparently they had given them \$50 million on two separate accounts and the Russian mafia sent them like Volkswagen parts. They were debating whether or not they should try a third time and maybe the third time they'd send them a nuclear weapon.

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sold ads on a site they've never heard...that tends to cause some problems. So it's really kind of interesting and it has some interesting ramifications for bloggers making serious money down the road. In order to do that they'll have to hook in with another major media company that sells their ads for them, otherwise it's not going to fly.

MD: So when it comes to humor sites these days, it seems like the most integral part of the site is always the



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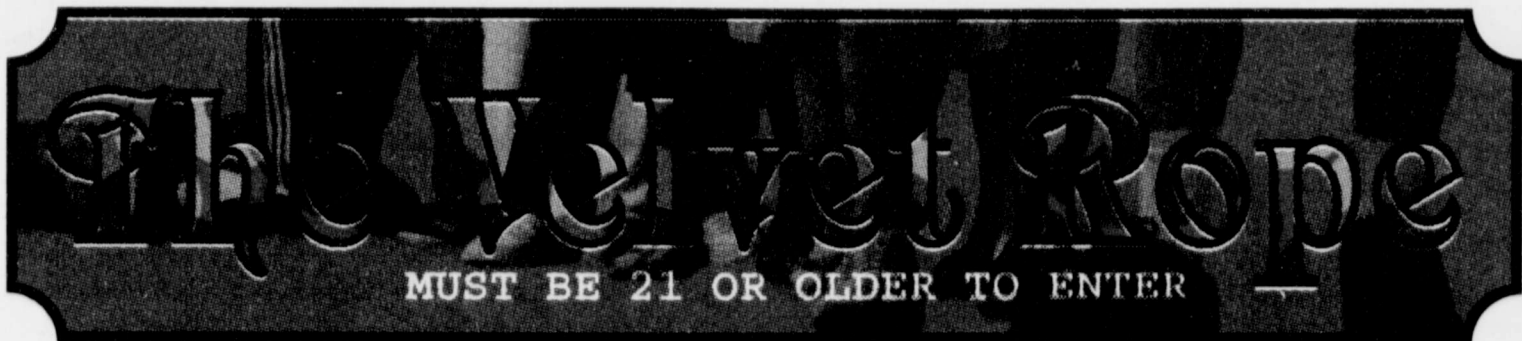
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The house party from hell

Tyler Wise
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I like to think that the fundamental reason we go to parties is to share a drink and a hearty laugh with our good friends while sharing the floor with new faces that are just as fun and exciting — a panacea of sorts to a rough week at the office. Unfortunately, not all parties have such a cheery atmosphere and instead turn out to be the biggest nightmare of the weekend.

Here's a tale of one particular party that was supposed to turn out oh-so-awesome, but went from sweet to shit in a hurry.

The names have been excluded to protect the drunk and stupid.

Last year I had a group of friends that liked to throw some pretty wild parties. I don't know how they got away with it considering they lived on the second floor of an apartment complex facing a busy street, but landlords and cops tended to keep their noses out of it.

Maybe it was because the parties they threw, although packed like a sardine can with enough music and commotion to rival a dance hall, were actually quite tame in hindsight. No one got into fights, the wrong girl's butt wasn't grabbed, nobody threw up in the closet, etc. No matter how many people showed up to these parties, everyone behaved as well as inebriation would allow for.

Then there was that night.

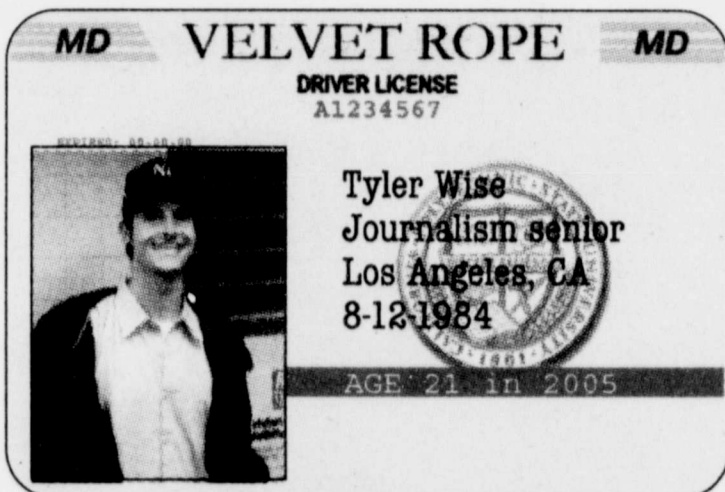
My friends decided that the usual crowd, though large and diverse, were becoming too mundane so they needed to spice things up with some new faces. Word went out on the streets to anyone and everyone, that my friends were going to have a massive party at their apartment with a DJ, a couple of kegs, a Beirut table — the whole shebang.

The party started out amiable enough — some new faces showed up and they were cool when you had the chance to strike up a conversation — but when shady unknowns began lurking up to the apartment by the carload and filtering into the pad without a quick check to make sure they were legit, that's when things started to go awry.

When characters walk through your door looking like glorified gangster pimps, riled-up country hicks, anemic and sun-deprived emo brats, or permutations of the three, you know the shit is going to hit the fan sooner or later.

Like rival predators, there's no way these types can coexist in this close proximity. It's not in their nature. And were they ever close — the living room (dance floor) and the kitchen were packed tighter than two titties in a push-up bra.

When the DJ announced that he



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was going to take a quick bathroom break, some buck circumvented the turntables and popped Andre Nickatina's heavily played-out "Hell's Kitchen" album into the stereo. As soon as "Ayo" began blasting out of the stereo, dudes and divas had their hands to the sky shouting, "Ayo fo' yayo."

Like I said, the living room was packed so tight that when one couple would bump and grind it would cause the people surrounding them to sway and vibrate like a human Jell-O mold.

I happened to be in-between the kitchen and the living room (a sort of neutral zone) looking back and forth to the kitchen to watch some dude botch chugging a beer funnel, and back to the dance floor where I witnessed the spark that ignited one hell of a flame.

Apparently, one of the gangster-pimps was getting freaky with a girl that wasn't having it, and after her protests became more vocal and violent, a roughneck stepped in

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between to share some words with the jersey-clad groper.

Obviously this "gangsta" wasn't taking too kindly to what the roughneck had to say, and before you could sing the chorus of Andre Nickatina's "Crack Raider Razor," the hip-hopper threw a right jab into the roughneck's face.

The next thing I knew, a fight broke out that I could only describe as the live-action interpretation of a ravenous cancerous growth — it literally escalated from the center of the room into a complete living room brawl.

It became so surreal for me, being caught in the hallway, because as the living room was escalating into a violent mess, the kitchen was still jovial with the sounds of laughter and the simultaneous 'crack' of beer cans popping open for a chugging contest.

The highlight for me was when the DJ walked out of the bathroom and into the foray. From across the hall I saw him take one look at the mess that broke out in front of his turntables and raise his hands as if to say, "F*** this. I'm out of here."

My friends eventually took control of the situation in the living room, but the fight wasn't over yet. The crowd simply took the brawl out into the street. As I looked out over the porch balcony, I witnessed one guy get slammed into the ground with such sickening force that the turntables upstairs could have skipped a beat.

If that wasn't horrible enough, I walked back into the kitchen to find a heavily intoxicated and confused young man, with a look of blissful relief on his face, using the vegetable tray in the refrigerator as a urinal.

But the pinnacle of this good time gone bad came in the form of a couple of guys who had used the kitchen balcony as their toilet of choice, which just so happened to hover over my friend's brand new Lexus IS300.

It was a clear night after all, so to see a car completely drenched was an odd sight — that and the humanly impossible amount of barf that was splattered all over the trunk of the car. The belly confetti would have been enough to make even Jackson Pollock proud.

In the end, the cops came to clear out the place, passing out citations all around, and what was once a chill place to wild out with a shred of responsibility was no more than a musty, beer-soaked disaster scene. The apartment became a high priority on the local police's "creep" list afterwards, in effect killing any chance for future parties.

So if you are lucky enough to have or know

of a place that allows you to throw away some of your inhibitions without stressing over shady characters, the police, or eviction notices, keep it as legit and as tame as drunkenly possible.

Make sure that the people coming over know not to get too unruly, and always have someone at the front door to give new people the once-over, because the last thing you want to have happen is for "Streets of Rage" to unfold on your living room floor or for the Garbage Pail Kids to use your entire house as a giant urinal.

Fark

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MD: And that's why I love Fark. There's surprising studies now that are showing a good number of the American people get their news primarily from comedy shows like "The Daily Show" or from humor sites like yours. About how many Americans do you think are using Fark as their primary source of news and why do you think this is?

DC: The last unique count in a month was something like 3.5 million, but it's hard to say if that's low or high or not, the main reason being that a lot of workplaces have one IP address. Someone said a better measure would be to divide your total traffic by five, in which case that'd be something like 8.1 million. It's a lot of damn people either way, it's kind of surprising how big it is. I think the reason is, and it's funny, I think people have always gravitated toward that and I don't mean everybody, but there's been a certain segment always interested in that. When I was a kid we would always talk about Weekend Update on "Saturday Night Live," and there was a certain segment of the population that only paid attention to that. I don't think it's necessarily that people's attitudes are changing, there was always desire there and people only recently have started to tap into it.

MD: SomethingAwful and CollegeHumor both have books to boast now. Do you have any plans to write one?

DC: I actually have one done that's coming out June 7, 2007. The premise is basically a combination between the book these guys wanted me to write and the one I wanted to write. Their stupid idea was why don't you just summarize the

funniest stories, but I said "Come on, that's boring. No one wants that." But what I wanted to do instead was critique the media, more of a larger conversation of the patterns that we're seeing going through the media where it isn't the usual biased bullshit, but it's bias toward stuff that's entertaining. They're doing it because they're trying to generate traffic. Entertainment and tabloid stuff will always generate more traffic than regular news and the news organizations have got to realize this and make the call, decide are we going to be real news or just do the Fox News run and become the laughing stock. It's analysis of that and the different ways that mainstream media keeps a story in the news well past its due date.

MD: Finally, we recently spoke with SomethingAwful and we were wondering if you could clear up if there is or isn't a rivalry between the two sites.

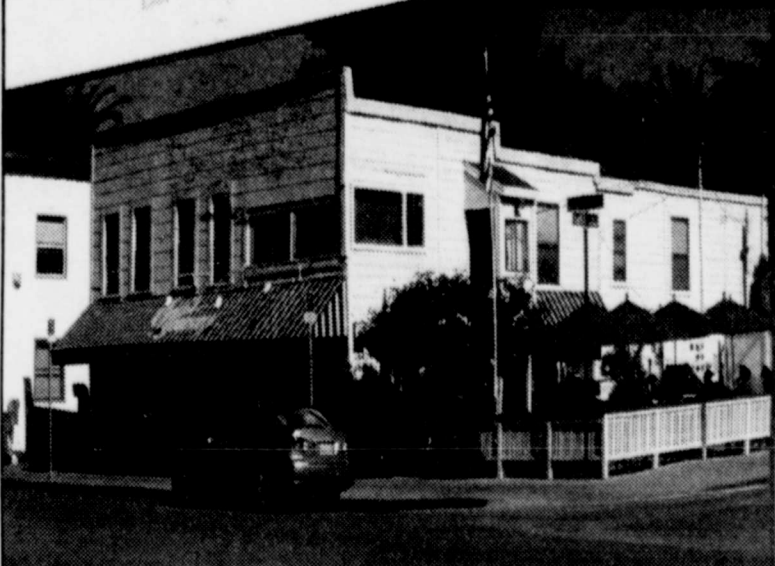
DC: That's actually completely fabricated. It was an idea Lowtax (Richard Kyanka) had one day. He plays it up still. In general, as far as I'm concerned, there's no rivalry and I think there's a bunch of people that are probably confused about it on the SomethingAwful side. But, yeah, he was just playing it up for the hell of it. We help them out however we can, like Zack (Parsons) just had a book come out and on the Fark homepage we gave them a hand with it, you know that kind of stuff.

MD: Thank goodness.

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The petit things make France worthwhile

Paris: the city of lights, trees, love, fashion and, as of Aug. 25, the residence of a very confused Cal Poly junior. It's been a challenging transition. During my first week here, I had to find my own housing, get the paperwork in order for my carte de sejour, buy a cell phone, figure out what university I'd like to go to, apply to it, take pictures and send them to the appropriate government institutions, purchase a Metro pass, figure out how to get from one point on the Metro to the other, all while taking orientation grammar classes. And all of this in French.

The fun did not stop there. Registration for classes at Nanterre Université, Paris 10 started the first week of October. There is no fitting way to describe registering for classes that would accurately give you an image of the hell students go through at the beginning of every French semester. In two words: it sucked. My days were full of lines, lines and more lines. Registering for classes was like Labor Day at Disneyland, but without the fireworks and the fun. I spent over six hours standing in the wrong lines.

I'd ask one important-looking person "Where should I go?" in my broken French, which apparently no one understood, because I'd stand in the line they suggested for an hour and a half only to learn that the line I was in was

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incorrect. I kept bouncing back and forth between unnecessary lines until I felt like a highly abused air hockey puck. But, after five days of confusion and a succession of minor heart attacks, I finally cemented my schedule. That was probably one of the proudest moments of my life.

Before I committed to this year abroad, I'd never realized how coddled we are in the States. The difference between French and American course registration processes alone speaks volumes about the degrees Americans go to make our lives less strenuous.

Since the day I stepped off the plane at Charles de Gaulle, I feel

like I've had my diapers ripped off and been lobbed into the ring with a 300-pound sumo wrestler. But the confusion, anxiety and mild terror aside, I'm having a blast. The food, the people, the sights, the history: I'm living out the dream I've had since high school.

Studying in France has opened me up to more than just the French joie de vivre; it's unbolted the door to the entirety of Europe. The language program at Nanterre assembles students

from all different nationalities in one classroom; think "L'Auberge Espagnole" minus the adultery. This linguistic mélange makes for some bizarre conversations.

A few weekends ago my roommate and I held a full-blown French fête. We crammed 24 people in our itty-bitty Parisian apartment. It was an international event; we spoke German, French and English. Actually, I tried to speak German, French and English. Halfway through the night, I found out that the only German word I knew (and had been using profusely), "Da," was not actually German at all ... c'est la vie.

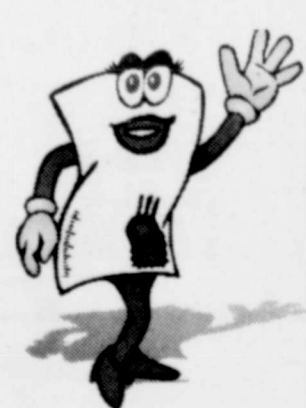
There are so many memories that I'll take home with me in June. But the small ones are my favorites: lying on the grass in the park on weekend afternoons, the wind biting my nose when I step off the Metro, the view from Sacre Coeur at sunset. These quiet moments remind me why I'm here. Studying abroad has definitely stretched me to my limits, but I can feel myself growing. I've stepped outside of my box. Vive la France!

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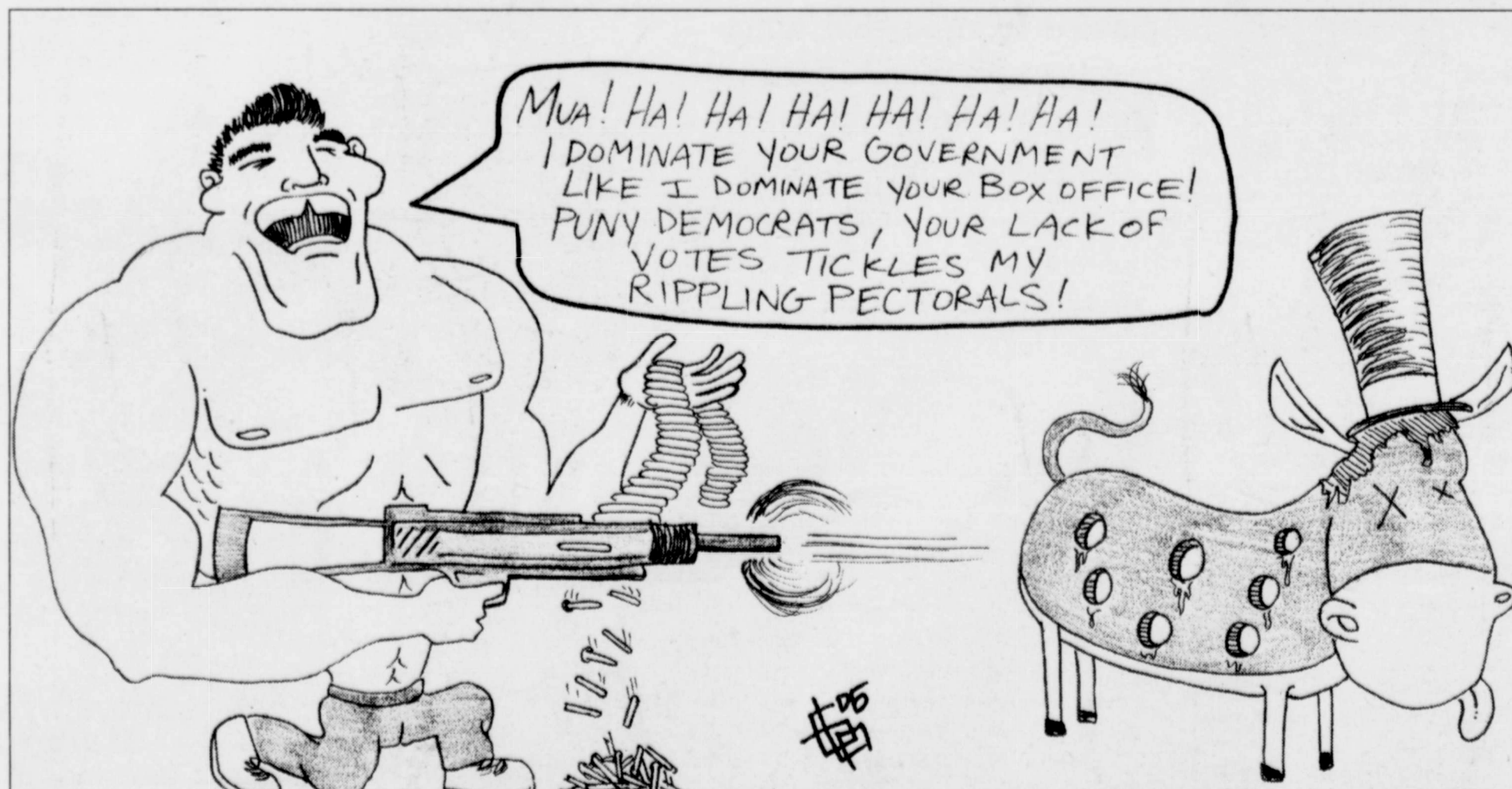


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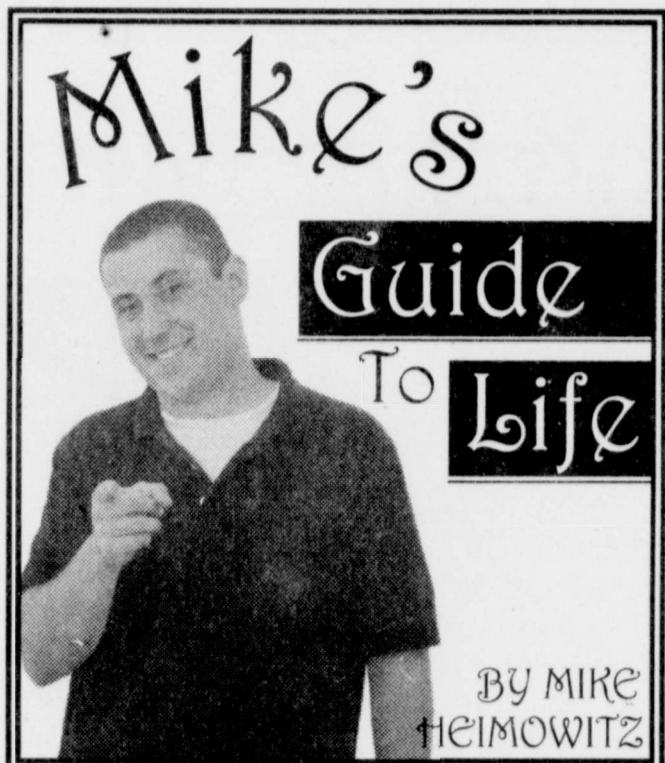
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Is your facebook addiction properly fed?

It is a rush every single time. It can make you feel the highest you've ever felt and then give you a complete and total collapse. No, I'm not talking about my articles, or heroin¹, but the facebook phenomenon. Don't lie to me, or yourself... you know you are addicted, but it's OK, because you are not alone. Problem is though, while you might be spending hours upon hours on the site, you could possibly be doing it all wrong. This is what this week's "Guide to Life" is here for. I'm going to help you successfully procrastinate or whatever else you use facebook for.

First, let's talk pictures. **Girls, if you haven't put your Halloween costume pictures up, please immediately do so after you finish reading this whole article.** If you didn't know this about me, I have a huge love for, um, comparing the ways different cameras take pictures at nighttime². So, I guess for that matter, post the type of camera you use too so that I know which brands are best³. OK, so really just put any pictures from Halloween or any other costume party you've attended⁴.

Next, let me say this: Facebook is ruining one of the obligations that friends should have for each other — to remember birthdays. There used to be a day when people wrote down each other's birthdays on calendars, or hey, even remembered them. Now though, everyone has a three-day



warning of when their friends' birthdays are, which is enough time to get a gift and card⁵. With that said, **if you don't have your birthday listed in your profile, you may as well just forget your birthday, because everyone else in the world will too.**

Learn anything yet? Hope so. Let's move on to this whole networking thing. Sure, it is great to know the people you are friends with on facebook, **but make sure you use the "how you met someone" feature to tell something that we didn't already know.** I'll give a few examples. The first is that I don't need facebook to keep track of things like

how we are best friends or are roommates. Trust me, I know this every time I come home and see you watching TV⁶.

Instead, mock the whole facebook feature as much as you can by making up as much crap as you can about the other person. For example, I'd much rather get something that says, "Would you like to confirm that (insert girl's name) has been in love with you since the first time she met you?" OK, wait my bad...that is one of those that I enjoy and didn't already know⁷.

Just have fun with it I guess.

One of the biggest problems that some people have with facebook is the semi-new "News Feed." I'm going to say this though — **While it is called a "News Feed" this shouldn't literally be all the news you care about.** If the only news that is important to you has to do with what group your friend joined or that someone added "Three's Company" to their list of TV shows, you probably should get out more. Instead, maybe you should get your news from, I don't know, the only news Web site worth going too: mustangdaily.net⁸!

Moving on: **guys, I haven't heard of one girl not getting creeped out by trying to get picked up and poked randomly on facebook.** That means, I don't care how much you have in common with a girl, facebook isn't for matchmaking. I can probably safely assume that if I found a girl like myself whose favorite TV show is "Welcome Back Kotter," and lists MC Hammer under favorite music, I would probably be more scared than excited that there was a girl out there exactly like me. That's not to say that "Welcome Back Kotter" and MC Hammer should be overlooked as the greatest show and music in history, but those are whole other "Guides to Life" entirely⁹.

So, once again, this brings me to the end of another exhilarating "Guide to Life." Hope you've learned something valuable. If you really need to, go look me up on facebook to see the correct way to use it. I'm just trying to make the world a better place, with what is the most important thing to most 18-to-24-year-olds, one facebook profile at a time.

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¹ I swear I've never done heroin. OK Mom, Dad, sister?

² I have a Canon camera. Prove your brand is better.

³ Still a great cover-up right?

⁴ Yeah, fine I admit it. I, like any other guy, like seeing the costumes. There, I said it.

⁵ Or you can just pay 10 bucks for an autographed picture of myself. Great gift. What a deal!

⁶ Oh and Dan, dude, on the topic...can you put some clothes on? I'm tired of seeing you sitting there in your Spongebob boxers every time I come home from class.

⁷ And one day, it might happen.

⁸ Shameless plug to keep my stupid articles in the Daily.

⁹ "Mike's Guide to John Travolta" and "Mike's Guide to Bringing Back Parachute Pants"?

STAFF COMMENTARY

Social networking anything but social

You log into the Web site with your expectations running high. Perhaps someone you have never met would like to add you as a "friend", or even better maybe someone left you a comment about a new sleazy picture of yourself that you recently posted. And would it not be absolutely fabulous if you got yet another post on your wall of fame? Those things are priceless.

Let's admit it folks, social networking sites like MySpace and facebook are a waste of time, especially for students. Yes, you could be typing up that paper due tomorrow morning, but instead you are hell-bent on collecting more friends. Being the loser with a friend count of only 30 is just out of the question.

These social networking Web sites, MySpace.com in particular, are also a haven for sexual predators and criminals. Last November a group of Texas high school students used MySpace to plan a "Columbine-like" attack on their school. Luckily, a student's parent saw the malicious plot online and notified the authorities before the deadly plan could unfold. It isn't a

coincidence that high schools and universities are banning the sites altogether.

In August, MySpace reportedly went over the 100 million user mark. Its popularity has also made it a target for groups like the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children who claim that social networking sites like MySpace are a "haven for sex offenders and child predators." Anyone who has visited a social networking site knows firsthand how easy it is to view personal information of a user they do not even know. Everything from a person's age, relationship status, sexual orientation, and religious views are readily available. On the contrary, just because someone exposes this information does not mean that it is true. Yes, you could be adding a "cool" new friend who made up her "space" because she is looking for friends just as badly as you. As for the middle-age man with the back hair who asked to add you, go ahead and do everyone a favor and click on the "do not accept" icon.

I deleted my MySpace account last year. Now I'm not claiming to be some revolutionary, who is

defying pop culture and becoming the 21st centuries version of Siddhartha; it was a personal decision. I was simply spending too much time on the site, while other more important matters (i.e. homework) were not getting done. After about two days of freeing myself from its reins, I realized that it is absolutely not necessary for my survival. To my surprise there is an entire world out there, and it was a world that did not require staring at a monitor.

These sites are also notorious for "hook-ups," yet ironically do not come with a profile option to list what sexually transmitted diseases one might be carrying. Word to the wise: pictures can be cropped and edited to make an unattractive person look presentable. Whatever happened to meeting someone in person?

At one point facebook.com was supposed to be the alternative to MySpace by allowing students to connect with peers in the same class. But recently the Web site has been opened up to anyone and now basically mirrors MySpace. One would think that acebook would be used for academic pur-

poses. But more often than not people are just as busy putting up pictures and posting worthless comments as they are on MySpace. Granted, I can't quite get myself to delete my facebook account because I'm convinced it very well might help me in my academic life, although it has yet to do so. I've already been suckered in to posting some pictures from a recent pumpkin carving party.

This gets back to the point that social networking is the new hobby of the information superhighway. A hobby that is as worthless as that box of Barbies or the binder of baseball cards. The only problem is, I'm not sure if this fad is going to go away anytime soon.

Do yourself, and your GPA, a favor and click on the "x" in the upper right corner of the computer screen. Then open your word processing software and start that paper. It's late and everyone else is probably asleep. Those who are logged in probably need to start their homework just as badly as you.

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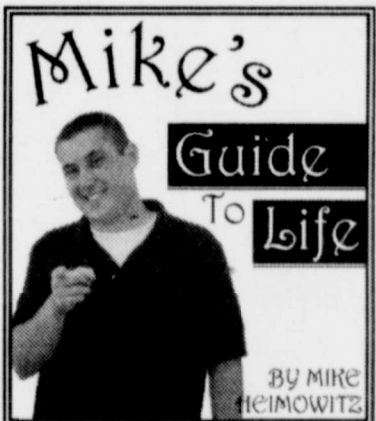


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from cattle under 21 months of age and presents no risk to food safety, the company said.

The company said the thymus gland is eligible for import into Japan, though it is not on Swift's eligible product export list to Japan. It has put some of its procedures on hold pending a federal investigation.

Tokyo eased its two-year blanket ban on U.S. beef in July, ending a long-standing trade dispute that pit U.S. ranchers against Japanese health officials who were worried about the risk of mad cow disease.

Japan initially banned U.S. beef in December 2003 after the first reported case of mad cow disease in a U.S. herd.

It eased the ban in July after U.S. and Japanese officials hammered out a deal that included strict restrictions and stringent checks at U.S. meat processing plants.

Currently, Tokyo limits the trade to meat from cows aged 20 months or younger that are handled by a select list of U.S. meat exporters. But many Japanese remain worried about mad cow disease, a degenerative nerve disease found in older cattle that has been linked to the rare but fatal human variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, and feel uneasy about U.S. safeguard measures.

The internal organs in the suspect shipment were not deemed at-risk meat parts for mad cow disease, but they triggered alarm because they were shipped without the proper customs documentation, Yamaguchi said.

Kevin Federline seeking child custody and spousal support from Britney Spears

Jeremiah Marquez

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LOS ANGELES — A day after Britney Spears filed divorce papers, Kevin Federline counter-filed court papers Wednesday seeking sole custody of the couple's two children.

The former backup dancer and aspiring rapper is also seeking spousal support. He says the couple's community assets are "uncertain," though Spears said in her divorce papers there were none to speak of, suggesting the two had a prenuptial agreement in place.

"Kevin is prepared to go the distance in order to do what he feels is necessary to protect and safeguard the children and will not be intimidated or dissuaded from pursuit of those goals," said Michael Sands, spokesman for Federline's attorney, Mark Vincent Kaplan.

Citing "irreconcilable differences," Spears filed for divorce Tuesday.

Spears, 24, and Federline, 28, have a 1-year-old son, Sean Preston, and an infant son, Jayden James, who was born Sept. 12. Spears is seeking custody of both children.

Spears wed Federline in the fall of 2004. They had a ceremony in September, but court papers state the couple were officially married Oct. 6.

It was nonstop drama after that.

Magazines couldn't get enough of the pair, documenting their every tender gesture and teary-eyed fight.

The couple contributed to the coverage with their self-filmed reality TV show, "Britney & Kevin: Chaotic."

The tabloids depicted him as a partygoer living off his wife's fame and fortune. She was painted as a bumbling mother with fading figure and visage. Her chart-topping career all but imploded.

It was the first marriage for Federline, though he

was still dating his pregnant girlfriend Shar Jackson when he met the pop star. Jackson gave birth to Federline's second child just months before he married Spears.

It was the second wedding in a year for Spears, whose 55-hour marriage to childhood friend Jason Alexander ended in annulment.



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Kevin Federline responds to a question on MuchOnDemand at MuchMusic in Toronto Monday, Nov. 6, 2006.

In an interview with The Associated Press two weeks ago, he praised Spears as a positive force in his life.

"Her influence on me has been really big," he said. "She's a strong woman and she knows what she wants out of life and that helps build a strong man. I look up to you baby."

Reese Witherspoon makes it official; files for divorce from Ryan Phillippe

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Nearly two weeks after Reese Witherspoon announced her separation from Ryan Phillippe, the actress has filed for divorce.

In Wednesday's filing, Witherspoon cites "irreconcilable differences" and seeks physical custody of the couple's two children — 7-year-old Ava and 3-year-old Deacon.

Witherspoon, 30, also seeks visitation for Phillippe, 32, and "exclusive use of the family residence." Witherspoon also asked for the court to terminate its ability to award spousal support to Phillippe.

A call to Phillippe's publicist, Nancy Ryder, was not immediately returned Wednesday.

The filing does not list separate or community property, saying the nature of the assets has yet to be determined.

The couple, who costarred in the 1999 release

"Cruel Intentions," married that year. Their separation was announced Oct. 30 by a publicist who declined to elaborate on the reason for the split.

In March, Witherspoon won an Academy Award for her role as June Carter Cash in 2005's "Walk the Line." Phillippe costarred in the best-picture Oscar winner, "Crash," and is starring in Clint Eastwood's latest film, the World War II drama "Flags of Our Fathers."



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Reese Witherspoon and Ryan Phillippe pose at the Academy Awards March 5, 2006, in Los Angeles.

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Disputed Picasso with controversial Nazi-era history withdrawn from Christie's auction



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A painting by Picasso called "Portrait de Angel Fernandez de Soto" is seen at Christie's auction house in New York where it is up for sale, Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2006.

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NEW YORK — A descendant of former owners of a Picasso painting with a controversial Nazi-era history sued to recover the canvas scheduled to be auctioned Wednesday, prompting Christie's auction house officials to withdraw it from sale.

Christie's and the Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber Art Foundation, a London-based charity that owns the piece, said that "with great reluctance" they were withdrawing "the magnificent Blue Period 'Portrait de Angel Fernandez de Soto'" from the sale of Impressionist and Modern Art.

The joint decision was the result "of eleventh-hour claims — claims that Christie's and the foundation believe to have no merit — about title to the picture," they said in a statement.

Julius Schoeps, of Berlin, filed a lawsuit Wednesday in Manhattan's state Supreme Court, claiming that one of his ancestors, a wealthy banker named Paul von Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, was subjected to Nazi intimidation and forced to sell prized paintings into a depressed art market in the 1930s.

A similar federal lawsuit was thrown out Tuesday. U.S. District Court Judge Jed S. Rakoff said federal courts did not have jurisdiction to hear Schoeps' claim, and noted the painting had been in the art

market for 50 years.

Christie's had estimated the painting, bought by the Webber foundation for \$29.1 million in 1995, would sell for up to \$60 million.

Schoeps' state lawsuit asked the court to declare him the rightful owner of the painting, which depicts Picasso's friend de Soto. The suit names the foundation as the only defendant and asks that Schoeps, whose family is related to the composer Felix Mendelssohn, be awarded immediate possession of the painting or at least \$60 million.

Andrew Lloyd Webber, the composer of such musicals as "Cats" and "Phantom of the Opera," had intended to spend the proceeds from the Picasso on actors' scholarships and other theatrical endeavors.

Five other paintings up for sale at Wednesday evening's auction also have Nazi-era histories, but they were not in dispute. Four of them, by Austrian artist Gustav Klimt, sold for a combined \$192.5 million, including a portrait of a wealthy industrialist's wife that went for \$87.9 million.

The fifth, a Berlin street scene by Ernst Ludwig Kirchner, sold for \$38 million.

All the paintings exceeded their presale estimates, Christie's said. The identities of the buyers were not

immediately released. The sale prices included auction house commissions of 20 percent up to \$200,000 and 12 percent above that.

The four Klimts previously had been the focus of a restitution feud between their Jewish heirs and the Austrian government. They had recently hung at in New York City's Neue Galerie museum.

Those paintings were handed over by Austria in January to Maria Altmann, niece of a Viennese art patron, following a seven-year legal battle. An arbitration court had ruled that the works were improperly seized when the Nazis took over Austria during World War II.

The work by Kirchner, "Berliner Strassenszene," recently was turned over to the heirs of Jewish shoe factory owner Alfred Hess by the Brucke-Museum in Berlin, where it hung since 1980. The heirs claimed Hess was forced to hand the work over to the Nazis.

Art experts in Germany and Switzerland said the handover set a dangerous precedent that would hurt museum holdings. They argued that the family decided to sell the painting in the 1930s because of Hess' financial troubles — not the Nazis. But Berlin city officials called the restitution an act of historical justice.

Google video suit could signal YouTube trouble ahead

Michael Liedtke
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SAN FRANCISCO — Google Inc.'s online video service has been sued for copyright infringement, providing a possible preview of the legal trouble that may plague the Internet search leader after it takes over YouTube Inc. and its library of pirated clips, the company said Wednesday.

Without providing detail, Google disclosed the video copyright lawsuit in a quarterly filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission. A Google spokesman didn't have any further information about the suit late Wednesday afternoon.

After Google launched its online video service in January, the Mountain View-based company quickly found itself trying to catch up with YouTube — an austere startup that emerged as a pop culture sensation a little more than a year after its February 2005 inception in a Silicon Valley garage.

Abandoning its attempts to eclipse YouTube, Google last month negotiated a \$1.65 billion deal to buy the 67-employee company.

Much of YouTube's success has been driven by easy access to copyrighted video clips posted on the site

by the Web site's millions of users.

YouTube removes videos when copyright owners complain, but pirated clips continue to pop up.

The recurring problem has raised fears that some copyright owners are delaying legal claims against YouTube until Google completes the acquisition.

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While San Bruno-based YouTube has been subsisting on \$11.5 million in venture capital, Google has accumulated \$10.4 billion in cash.

In Wednesday's filing, Google acknowledged it could face more copyright suits once the YouTube deal closes.

Google didn't quantify its possible legal liability but outsiders have been taking a stab at it.

A widely circulated theory posted on the Internet speculated that Google had set aside \$500 million of the YouTube purchase price to pay

copyright settlements.

Google Chief Executive Officer Eric Schmidt dismissed that theory as untrue in a Tuesday appearance at the Web 2.0 Summit in San Francisco. He then reiterated Google's commitment to address the concerns of copyright holders.

"YouTube had been on this path and together we will get there more quickly," Schmidt said.

Just before the Google sale was announced, YouTube negotiated licensing agreements with three of the world's largest record companies — Vivendi's Universal Music Group, Sony BMG Music Entertainment and Warner Music Group Corp.

Because it indexes so much material owned by others, Google has become accustomed to fielding complaints about copyright infringement.

Some of the disputes have triggered lawsuits for everything from Google's efforts to make digital copies of library books to its search engine's ability to display snippets of news stories and photos appearing on other Web sites.

Those suits haven't become a big financial drain on Google yet, and investors so far appear confident the company's lawyers will minimize the damage from any claims brought on by the YouTube purchase.

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BRENNAN ANGEL MUSTANG DAILY

Shown in a 29-28 loss to South Dakota State on Oct. 21, Cal Poly freshman H-back Jon Hall (82) has caught four passes for 51 yards and carried three times for 14 yards this season.

Football

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with come-from-behind victories over Southern Utah on Sept. 30 and UC Davis on Oct. 7, the Mustangs let a 28-6 lead slip away in the final eight minutes, falling 29-28 to South Dakota State. But Cal Poly bounced back to beat I-A San Diego State 16-14 on a 37-yard field goal by Nick Coromelas, his third of the game, with 1:50 to play. Last week Dan Carpenter kicked a 21-yard field goal with five seconds remaining to lift Montana over the then-No. 6-ranked Mustangs.

Matt Brennan completed 14 of

27 passes for 207 yards but Cal Poly was held out of the end zone for the first time in 75 games dating back to a 53-3 loss, also at Montana, in 2000. The Mustang defense notched seven sacks and the final stats proved how close the game was as Montana had just a 48-second advantage in time of possession and Cal Poly gained two more yards in total offense than the Grizzlies.

The Mustangs fell to No. 9 in The Sports Network poll, falling from No. 6 in last week's poll, and also are No. 9 in the College Sporting News Coaches poll, which replaces the defunct ESPN/USA Today poll. The Mustangs were

ranked from Nos. 3-8 in various preseason polls, resulting in a No. 4 ranking in I-AA.org's Consolidated Preseason Rankings, and have been in the top 10 all season.

Despite a revamped coaching staff on defense, the Mustangs have posted two shutouts and are fifth in the nation (I-AA) in total defense (235.67), third in sacks (3.89), seventh in pass defense (136.78), fourth in scoring defense (12.33), seventh in rushing defense (98.89) and fifth in tackles for lost yardage (8.22).

New to the Mustang coaching staff this fall are linebackers coach Terrol Dillon and secondary coach Johnny Burnett while Payam Saadat is in his first season as defensive coordinator and fifth season as a Mustang assistant coach.

North Dakota State, coached by Craig Bohl (fourth season, 31-11), won its first six games before falling to I-A and Big Ten Conference member Minnesota 10-9 on Oct. 21. The Bison have beaten Southern Utah and UC Davis the last two weeks — rallying from a 24-0 halftime deficit to beat the Aggies 28-24 in Davis on Nov. 4 — and finish with two more Great West games against Cal Poly and South Dakota State. The Bison average 31.3 points a game while giving up just 11.7 and its rushing defense surrenders only 58 yards a contest. NDSU also has 184 first downs (Cal Poly has 128), has converted on 63 of 121 third-down plays (Cal Poly is 36 for 123), has scored 35 TDs (Cal Poly has 20) and has completed 61.5 percent of its passes (Cal Poly 44.4 percent).

Volleyball

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program's first and only conference title (the PCAA was the forerunner to the Big West). Three times over the ensuing 22 years, Cal Poly has finished second in the Big West, most recently last season when head coach Jon Stevenson directed the Mustangs to a runner-up finish and 10-4 conference mark in 2005.

For the first time since 2001, UC Santa Barbara will not win at least a share of the Big West title. Three losses in the Gauchos' last four contests derailed UCSB's bid for an unprecedented fifth consecutive Big West title. If Cal Poly wins the Big West title outright, this season would mark the first time since 1990 that another program besides Long Beach State, UCSB or Pacific won the Big West.

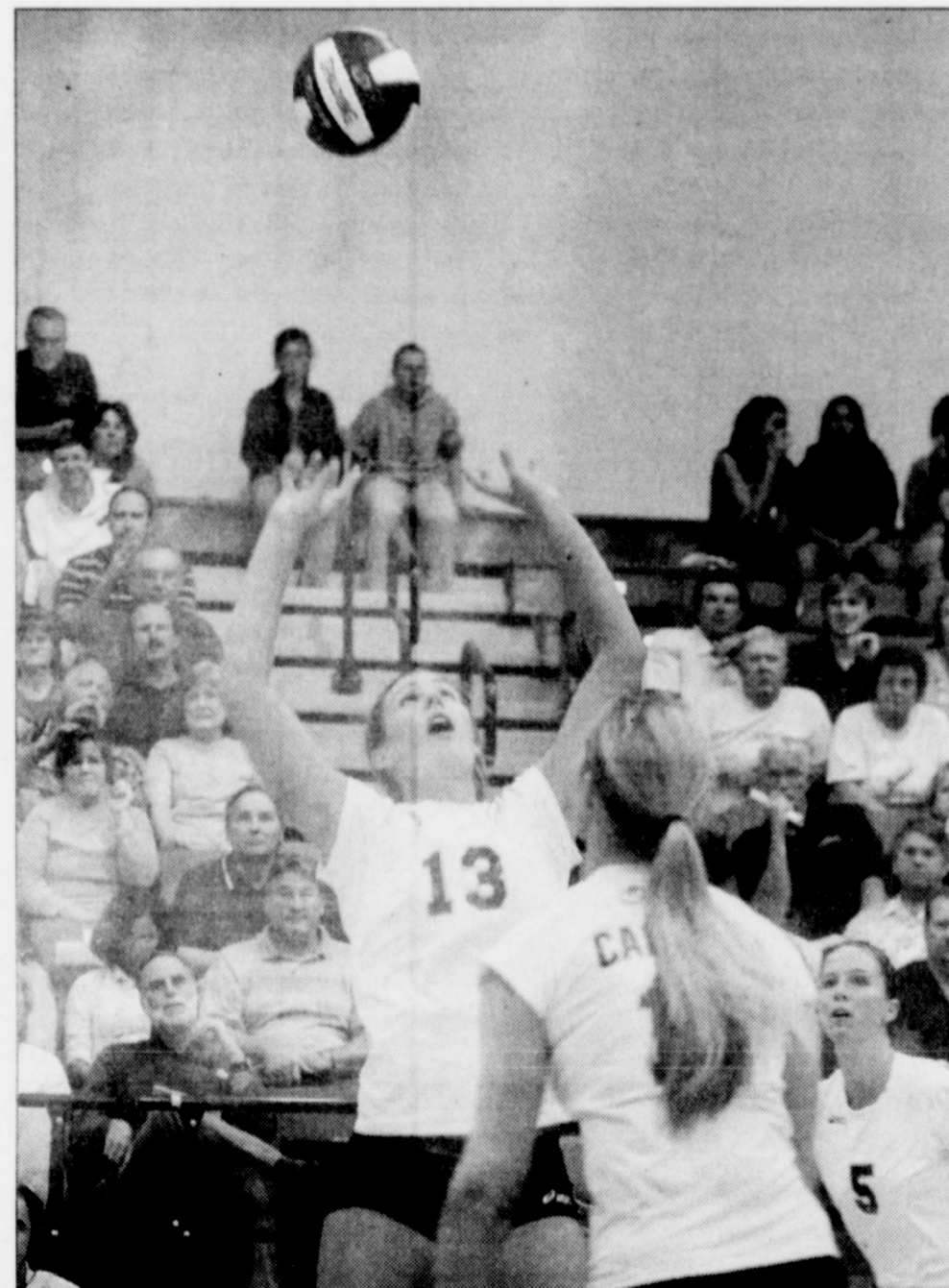
One victory this week will give Cal Poly the program's first 20-win season since the 1999 Mustangs went 20-9 and a sweep will produce Cal Poly's highest win total since finishing the 1992 campaign (22-11). Additionally, if the Mustangs can produce 13 conference victories, it will match the total set by the 2002 Mustangs (13-5) and be just the third 13-plus league victory total in program history. Cal Poly's current .917 confer-

ence winning percentage is the top mark in program history.

Following their first and only Big West loss, a 3-2 decision to UC Irvine on Oct. 28, the Mustangs got back to their winning ways in dominating fashion, downing Cal State Fullerton on Nov. 3, 30-28, 27-30, 30-16, 32-30, and UC Riverside on Nov. 4, 30-18, 30-10, 30-15. Against the Titans, Cal Poly scored the first five points of the match en route to a 20-11 lead.

The Titans, however, reeled Cal Poly back to a 29-28 deficit before a Breanna Trudeau serving error handed Cal Poly a 1-0 games lead. The Titans recovered to lead game No. 2 wire-to-wire before Cal Poly roared back in game No. 3, hitting .486 and opening a double-digit lead at 22-12 en route to reclaiming the match.

Cal Poly survived 12 ties and seven lead changes in the fourth game to a take a 26-25 lead on one of Kylie Atherstone's team-high 19 kills. The Titans knotted the game twice down the stretch before back-to-back Cal State Fullerton attack errors gave Cal Poly the win. The following night, Atherstone collected a match-high 17 kills and hit .552 and Candace Milton and Ashleigh Bertoni added 10 kills apiece as Cal Poly won for the 12th time in its last 13 outings.



PATRICK TRAUTFIELD MUSTANG DAILY

Shown in a 3-0 win over Long Beach State on Oct. 27, Cal Poly junior setter Chelsea Hayes (13) has averaged 12.73 assists per game.

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Johnny

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to the Phoenix Suns to end the 2005-06 season. That was the start of Odom's offseason, which only got worse.

His 6 1/2-month-old infant son suffocated while sleeping a couple of weeks after the season ended. A week later, Odom was robbed at gunpoint in Queens, N.Y. He had been scheduled to play for the U.S. team this summer, but withdrew after his son's

death.

They were hoping he would be Bryant's Scottie Pippen. And it might not have been until this summer that Odom realized the opportunity that he has with this team. For Odom, the battle in his head and heart rages daily, even on the court. He admitted that during a recent preseason game against Sacramento he was overcome with emotion.

"It was weird, in the middle of the game, I found myself way too emotional," Odom told reporters. "I had

to catch myself. You can't carry this with you like this. I'm a mentally strong dude — I've been suspended twice, my mother died, my grandma died as soon as I got to the Heat — but there was one time where I thought I might mentally break down and really lose it."

The Lakers are the fourth-youngest team in the league with a plethora of young talent. They have the single most talented player in the league. Don't forget, Bryant, not LeBron James, plays shutdown defense.

They have a coach who has nine rings and an assistant in Kareem Abdul-Jabbar whose sole job is to tutor Andrew Bynum, their 19-year-old center with a world of talent.

But the entire season may balance on what Odom brings to the table.

At 6-foot-10-inches, Odom is easily one of the most physically gifted athletes in the NBA. He has the talent to become an elite player. When the Lakers traded for him, they were thinking long-term. Odom turned 27 Tuesday and still has eight to 10 solid seasons left. The Lakers could have this nucleus together for years to come.

After starting the season with Bryant on the bench because of an injury, Odom knew he would have to elevate his play. The 4-1 Lakers have gotten 24 points and eight rebounds per game out of the man who should be thinking about everything but basketball.

Many say in life you have to always look forward and not worry about the past. Try telling that to Odom, and what he has experienced in his short career. If Odom is able to balance his emotion and play with his limitless talent, everyone in the league had better watch out, not just for the Lakers, but for him.

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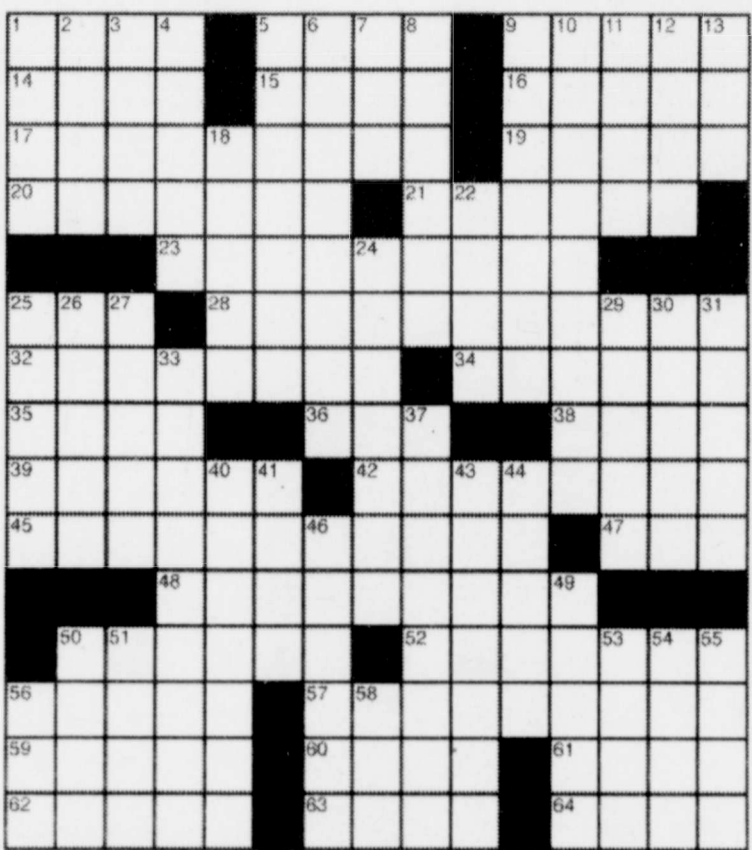
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- 14 Like some punished G.I.'s
- 15 "Dies ____"
- 16 Place for high fliers
- 17 1922 Physics Nobel
- 19 Winner of a record 82 P.G.A. Tour events
- 20 Part of an officer's uniform
- 21 "Aha!"
- 23 Real mess
- 25 Some breakfast orders, quickly
- 28 Pianist called a "clown prince"
- 32 Play
- 34 Juliet's vengeful cousin
- 35 Psychiatrist's response
- 36 Geom. solid
- 38 L' ____ de catastrophe naturelle
- 39 "The Pilgrim's Progress" author
- 42 Milton subject
- 45 "Babette's Feast" writer
- 47 W.W. II spy org.
- 48 Hymn with the lyric "Bring me my chariot of fire!"
- 50 Screenplay element
- 52 Candle site
- 56 Successor to Pope John X

- 57 Popular pet ... or an apt description for 17-, 28- or 45-Across
- 59 Opposite of take out
- 60 Greek vowels
- 61 ____ Hunter aka Ed McBain
- 62 Poet who wrote 48-Across
- 63 Cast or gram beginning
- 64 Reply to "Shall we?"
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- 1 Tops
- 2 Sassy one
- 3 Swedish-based chain
- 4 "... and pulled out ____"
- 5 Symbol of inhospitable remoteness
- 6 Cloaks
- 7 Backrub response
- 8 Wool source
- 9 Slips past
- 10 Retired
- 11 "I'll speak a prophecy ____ go", Shak.
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Reid

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ritual before their event. Reid is no exception, electing to listen to music to get focused before a race. He shows a particularly introverted side, not interacting much with other competitors, in order to "get

into the zone," Reid said.

He especially enjoys the competitive aspect of cross country running.

"I like to push myself, show the world what I can do," Reid said. He also said that he considers the anticipation, anxiety and stressful nature of the races "a necessary evil."

Reid's success made him realize how lucky he is to be able to do so well at something he loves so much.


"It's so nice to dedicate yourself to something and have it work out," he said. He prefers to keep "a level keel" and always focus on the upcoming race, and to enjoy success only to a point, in order to prevent his ego from getting too inflated.

Reid plans to continue his running career after college, although he is not sure where it will take him next.

"I'd definitely like to continue," Reid said. "I don't think I'll stop anytime soon."

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Poly junior Reid runs toward signature cross country season

Phillip Reid led Cal Poly to its fourth straight Big West Conference title.

Kelly Cope
MUSTANG DAILY

Phillip Reid's legs have earned him many, many miles under his belt.

A top member of the men's cross country team and a kinesiology junior, cross country running has been a passion since his very early childhood, when at age 5 or 6 he took up youth track.

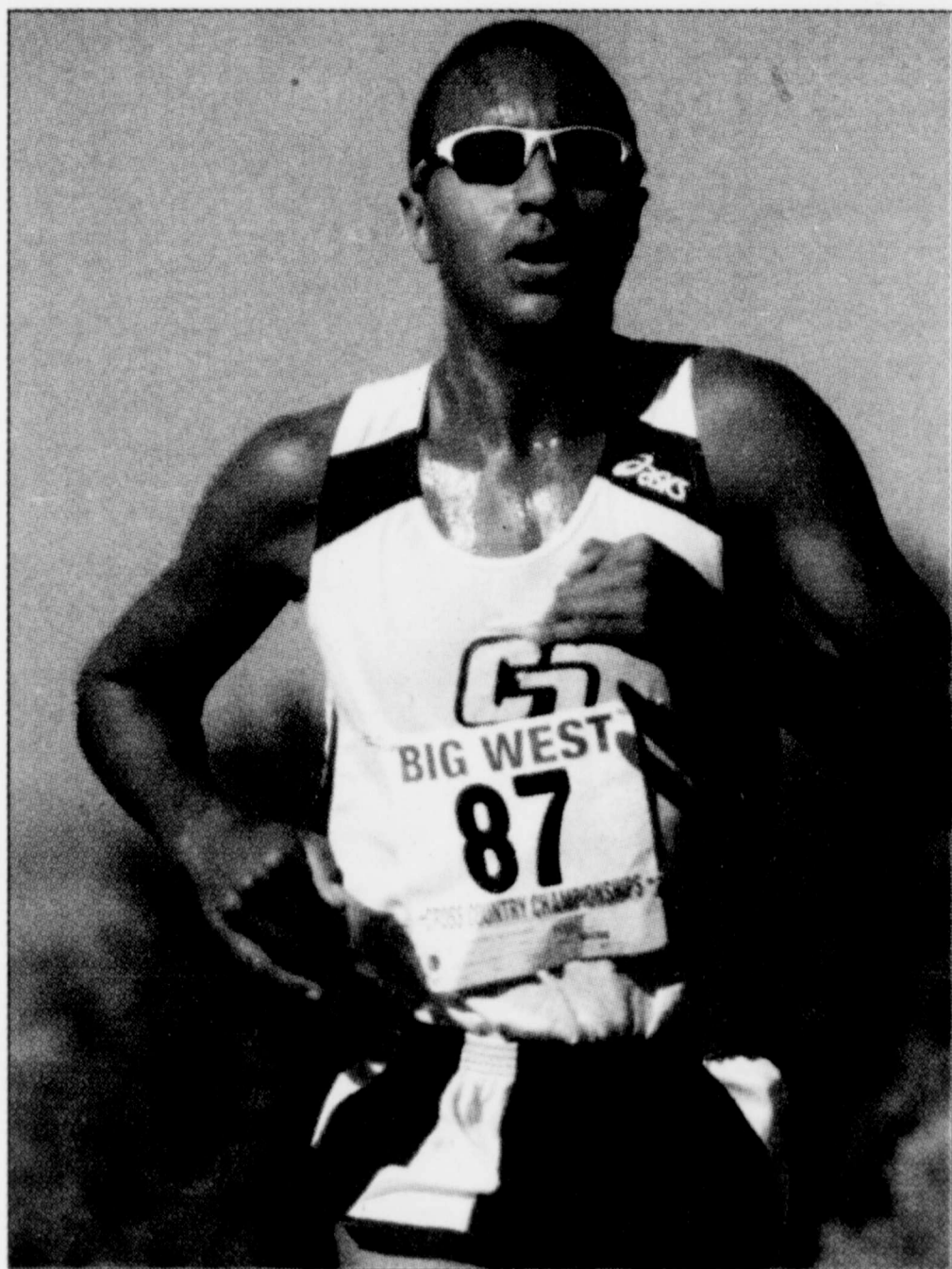
While other kids his age were out playing on the Little League baseball diamond, he was out running.

This passion would continue through junior high school, when he "went through the ranks," as Reid puts it, and got involved with the "legit" seventh-grade youth cross country team, and it brought him to the fateful Humboldt State running camp in high school, where he met his future Cal Poly men's cross country head coach, Mark Conover.

Conover was the keynote speaker at the camp, and the two hit it off from the start. Conover began discussing Reid's future college plans with him, and the two decided that Cal Poly would be the best choice for him in the ensuing fall. Reid said that "it seemed like a great place."

Conover and Reid met in July 2001, and by February 2002, Reid had finalized his plans to come to Cal Poly.

Conover saw incredible potential



SHEILA SOBCHIK MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly junior Phillip Reid won the Big West Conference title Oct. 28 with an 8K time of 25 minutes, 45 seconds at the Fairbanks Course.

for Reid on the men's cross country team at Cal Poly. He had won numerous state championships in different events in years prior, and was "highly touted," Conover said.

So far this year, Reid has proven

to be one of Conover's best investments. In his three years at Cal Poly, he has posted consistently strong results, but this year has been especially successful.

In September, Reid was the top

Cal Poly finisher at the Bill Dellinger Invitational in Oregon, placing 14th with a time of 23 minutes, 46.03 seconds on the 8K course, leading the team to its third-place finish.

On Oct. 29, at the Big West Conference Championships hosted by Cal Poly at the Fairbanks Course, Reid finished at the head of the pack with a time of 25:45 on the 8K course. His win helped the Mustangs win their fourth straight Big West title and seventh overall.

Over the years, Reid has suffered many serious injuries, but has always found a way to fight through it and get back on the track. Most recently, in the spring of 2005, he suffered a stress fracture in his right femur, but by next season, he was out on the track and on the road to recovery. Reid said that the recovery process was difficult, but that "when you're out for that long, you want what you can't have," and that mindset drove him to get back into his previous shape.

Conover enjoys the guidance that Reid exhibits with his teammates, and said that his recoveries from so many injuries are "a testament to his commitment."

Conover also said that Reid gets along very well with his teammates, and described him as "a warrior. He is able to instill that attitude in everybody on the team."

"He can't wait for Saturdays," Conover added of the day Reid's races are held.

Many athletes like to follow a set routine or participate in a particular

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Johnny in the Box



Odom's resiliency key for Lakers

John Middlekauff
SPECIAL TO THE MUSTANG DAILY

When you see Jack Nicholson's name, you probably think of one thing — he's a great actor. A man who had just as much of an impact on Hollywood as any individual ever to come through that pollution-ridden, traffic-jammed place they call Los Angeles.

But when I think of Nicholson, I think of that big grin sitting front-court watching the Lakers. Using one hand to high-five Kobe Bryant while the other sips on some drink a cocktail waitress who dreams of being an actress just brought him. Maybe one of the most devoted celebrity fans of all time.

While watching Shaquille O'Neal help the Miami Heat to a championship may have been devastating for Jack and all Lakers fans around the country, I'm here to tell you why it's all good.

When Lakers owner Jerry Buss had to decide which member of the greatest dysfunctional tandem in the history of sports to keep, it wasn't even a question. Keep the young, extremely talented womanizer, or the old, likeable lazy legend. The Big Diesel had to go — you couldn't trade Bryant to another team and watch him become the next Michael Jordan right in front of your eyes.

Now the dilemma is, how do you get equal value for a man bigger than the basket? You don't, you just make sure you trade him out of your conference and try to get their best player in return. OK, they may have not obtained Miami's best player, but Lamar Odom might turn out to be everything the Lakers wanted and more.

Odom is a player who has had some trouble early in his career with drugs. He was suspended in his third year with the Clippers for testing positive for marijuana twice in an eight-month span. Many tend to forget that Odom entered the league after just one year out of Rhode Island, as a raw 19-year-old. Many might say that not much has changed in the seven years he has been in the league. He might not have until recently, when Odom had a summer that no person would wish upon any other.

The Lakers lost a heartbreaking Western Conference semifinal series

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Poly volleyball team can clinch Big West title this weekend

The 17th-ranked Mustangs (19-5, 11-1) host Cal State Northridge on Friday and Pacific on Saturday.

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

The formula for the No. 17 Cal Poly volleyball team is simple — win its two remaining Big West Conference matches against Cal State Northridge (Friday) and Pacific (Saturday) and the Mustangs will capture the program's first conference crown in 21 seasons and second Big West title overall.

Even if Cal Poly (19-5, 11-1) splits against the Matadors (15-8, 6-4) and Tigers (7-16, 3-7) and second-place Long Beach State (18-5, 8-2) wins out, the Mustangs will still earn the conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament by virtue of sweeping the season series

If you go...

Who: Cal State Northridge and Pacific at No. 17 Cal Poly
What: Big West Conference volleyball matches
Where: Mott Gym
When: 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday
Need to Know: The Mustangs can clinch at least a share of the Big West title on Friday night against Cal State Northridge and the outright title Saturday night against Pacific.

from the 49ers. Both matches at Mott Gym begin at 7 p.m.

The 1984 Cal Poly squad posted a 7-1 mark within Pacific Coast Athletic Association play to earn the

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Mustangs need road win at NDSU to keep playoff hopes alive

No. 9 Cal Poly has lost two of its last three games entering a crucial contest Saturday at No. 5 North Dakota State.

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

The ninth-ranked Cal Poly football team (6-3, 2-1 Great West Football Conference), which let 6-0 and 9-7 leads slip away in a 10-9 loss at No. 2 Montana last week, its second one-point loss in three weeks, plays the last of three consecutive road games Saturday with a Great West matchup against No. 5 North Dakota State (8-1, 2-0). Kickoff for Cal Poly's final road game of the regular season is set for 11 a.m. PST at the Fargodome (18,700 capacity) in Fargo, N.D.

Cal Poly, which has posted three straight winning seasons, back-to-back nine-victory campaigns, a pair of Great West titles and earned a

Sports Editor's Note

There will be no GameDay special section Friday and Saturday because the Mustang Daily will not publish in observance of Veterans Day.

first-ever trip to the Division I-AA playoffs last fall, opened its 88th season of football with back-to-back shutouts against Fort Lewis and Weber State, the first time the Mustangs posted consecutive shutouts since 1968 when Cal Poly, in Joe Harper's first year at the helm, blanked San Francisco State and Cal Western. Cal Poly then beat Sacramento State 17-10 before suffering its first loss of the season Sept. 23 at I-A San Jose State, 17-7.

After opening Great West play see Football, page 14