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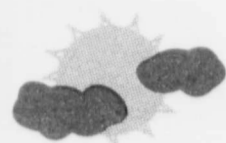
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At least 120 students gathered on Dexter Lawn on Wednesday night in a giant pillow fight organized on facebook.

## Feathers fly in fluffy frenzy

Brian McMullen  
MUSTANG DAILY

When the 8 p.m. bell tolled at Cal Poly Wednesday, Dexter Lawn erupted into a flurry of indiscriminately aimed violence as a group of about 120 students beat each other with pillows.

Civil engineering freshman Ben Louwaert was the first to arrive and prepared by stretching his legs on the yellow fire hydrant in the middle of the lawn.

"I think it's a good way to meet people, you know, you beat them to the ground and help them up," he said.

Jared Huntington, an electrical engineering sophomore, created the event on facebook as a means to let out pent-up aggression. When asked what aggression he would be venting, ecology and systematic biology junior Zach Green said, "I had a four-hour lab at seven in the morning."

As soon as the first bell tolled, a group of students appeared from the east running at the group of students who had gathered with pillows in hand on Dexter Lawn.

The fight was on.

Some students swung two pillows, dealing multiple blows on attackers before being hit, while others used everything from couch pillows to large body pillows.

During the chaos, students shouted, "This is Sparta!" "I thought you were my brother!" and "For the shire!"

After about a half hour of anarchic pillow bashing, the students began

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## Senator pushes bill for public access to CSU salaries

Cassie Gaeto  
MUSTANG DAILY

After top executives of the California State University system received another salary hike last month, some are urging greater public access and transparency to decisions involving their wages. On Tuesday the Senate Judiciary Committee passed bill 190, which was introduced by State Sen. Leland Yee, a Democrat from San Francisco.

Growing executive salaries and retirement packages have remained

a trend in recent years despite continual student fee increases. Since 2002, the price of attending a CSU has increased 94 percent while CSU executives experienced a 23 percent salary increase during the same amount of time.

The overall goal of Yee's bill is to create accountability for the boards and committees overseeing wages and fee increases. The bill states any voting or action taken in the realm of executive compensation will take place in a public forum.

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## Future of math and science under the microscope

Isaiah Narciso  
MUSTANG DAILY

It all comes down to a simple equation.

Fewer math teachers + fewer science teachers = more undereducated students.

According to a report issued last month by the California Council of Science and Technology, such teachers play a critical role in whether children pursue an education in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) careers.

Philip Bailey, dean of the College of Science and Mathematics and chemistry professor, said the country will suffer if the demand for qualified math and science teachers is not met.

"It's a problem in California and the United States. There are not enough people going into STEM careers," he said. "They are not enough to support the economy and there are not enough to produce enough math and science teachers for K-12."

Biology professor Edward Himmelblau said there would be dire consequences for the next generation of Americans who lack qualified teachers to interest them in math and science.

"We have a technologically based economy, and to have a workforce trained to do those jobs requires an excellent math and science education," Himmelblau said. "There could be a weakening economy, even national security, as a result of people not being well-trained in math and science."

The CCST report also states that K-12 students pursue STEM degrees based on their positive experience with math and science classes. However, older teachers in the field are beginning to retire, thus compounding the problem.

"There's a big wave of retirements coming up, and we're not producing the science and math teachers to take care of their retirements," Bailey said.

These teachers are into the classroom, it becomes difficult to keep

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## Group takes potshot at drug scholarships

Michelle Locke  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BERKELEY, Calif. — No one's applied yet for scholarships aimed at helping University of California, Berkeley, students denied financial aid because of a drug conviction.

But that hasn't stopped the student-run grants from raising a little smoke.

The grants approved by Cal's student government earlier this year won a 2007 "Campus Outrage Award," from the

Delaware-based Collegiate Network.

"You would think student government at Berkeley might want to reward students with good grades, not those who have violated school policy, federal law, state law," said Stephen Klugewicz, executive director of the network.

Cal student senator David Israel Wasserman helped create the grants — Removing Impediments to Students' Education, or RISE — because he said it's unfair for federal financial aid officials to just say no to certain students.

"I don't like the fact that the government singles out and basically creates a caste of students that are not deserving of financial aid and not deserving of the means to go to college," he said.

While a handful of schools have extended help to students caught by the penalty, Berkeley is unusual in having a program run by students, said Tom Angell, spokesman for the Students For Sensible Drug Policy.

The Washington-based student

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## Fight

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to evolve their fighting style, first trying the "flying-v" formation made popular by Disney's "The Mighty Ducks." Later students yelled, "Form lines!" The students then made two lines facing each other and when someone yelled, "Attack!" the two lines converged and the thuds of pillows smashing faces and bodies sounded like popcorn popping.

Students then yelled, "Regroup!" and again formed two lines, this time shouting "Hoo, hoo, hoo, hoo," like the Spartans in the movie "300" before attacking.

The students' tactics evolved even further as a small group flanked the opposition on their next charge.

Huntington said that the true credit for the event was due to an organization called The Revival. Huntington said that The Revival was behind the riots that the band Sublime sings about, the hippie movement, and that Franklin Delano Roosevelt was a member.

Watching the frenzy he enabled, Huntington said, "This is brutal. I hope this happens way more often."

Brian Donnelly, a materials engineering sophomore lay on his back exhausted after an hour of pillow fighting.

"I think I forgot much of my childhood," he

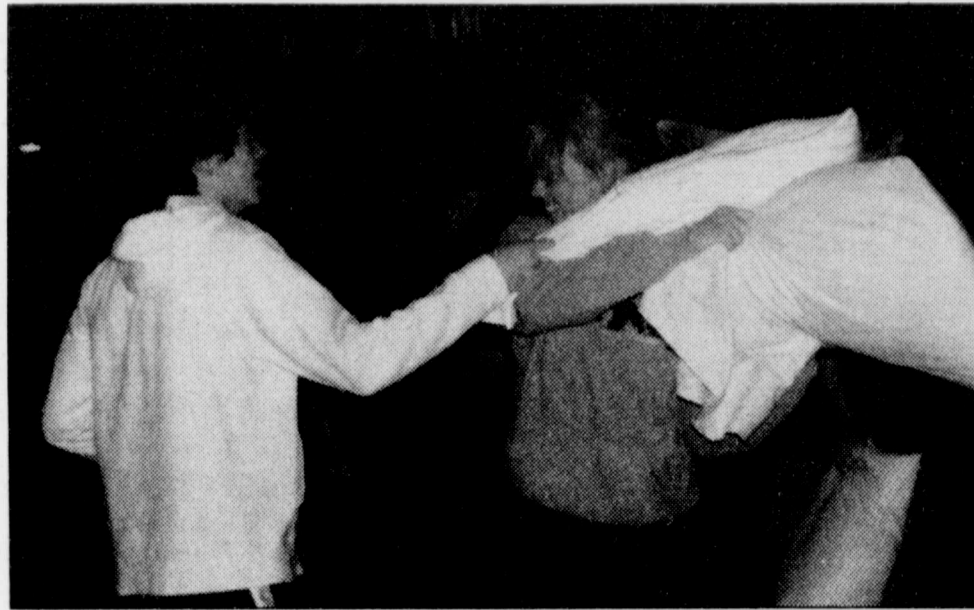
said.

One student emerged from the flurry of fluffy fighting laughing. When asked what happened, Summer Peters, a biological chemistry freshman responded, "This guy that I know and lives with me just pounded me in the face!"

As the violence began to dissipate and students became tired, Huntington promised, "Next week, crime rates will go down in San Luis Obispo."

He was then hoisted up by two students and carried to the center of Dexter Lawn. One of the students who carried Huntington then hollered out, "Ladies and gentlemen, the man who made it all possible!"

The pillow fighters began cheering and whistling, then seemingly all at once they began to shout "Get Him!" And then they converged on Huntington and began beating him with their pillows.



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**No students appeared to be seriously injured after an hour-long pillow fight engulfed Dexter Lawn.**

After giving up on their attack, the pillow-armed students began cheering and Huntington stepped into the center of the lawn and yelled, "This will happen every quarter! This is Sparta!" He then told the students to go home.

No student appeared seriously injured. One student suffered a small nosebleed, and one was hit in the head with an elbow. The aftermath of the carnage was a lawn littered with pillow stuffing.

## Local briefs

**SAN LUIS OBISPO** — A Cal Poly student crashed into a tree in the 1400 block of Johnson Avenue at 6:35 p.m. Wednesday. Civil engineering major Sean Summers, 19, was taken to French Hospital for minor injuries, including a cut on the finger and bump on the head, said San Luis Obispo Police Department Lieutenant Bill Proll.

Summers' 1965 Ford Mustang was smoking and the engine was still on when police arrived, but Summers was out of the car, according to a press release.

No other vehicles or people were involved in the accident, but traffic was averted for about half an hour afterward, Proll said. Five police officers and four firefighters were dispatched to the scene. Police are still investigating the cause of the accident.

— Compiled by the Mustang Daily staff

## Teachers

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them there.

According to the CCST report, the factors that drive most talented math and science students from the teaching field include low pay, lack of support from the school administration and lack of discipline in the classroom.

"Here at Cal Poly, students come to be mathematicians or biologists, and they go look for jobs in industry. We're trying to create an environment that we could use to recruit students into math and science teaching," College of Education Dean Bonnie Konopak said.

Cal Poly recruits students into teaching with incentives that include student loan forgiveness, paid tutoring and scholarships from private corporations. One of these programs is called the Assumption Program of Loans for Education.

APLE, which is administered by the California Student Aid Commission, will cover \$19,000 in student loans if students become teachers in areas where they are most needed.

However, Konopak said that the program had a relatively new focus on math and science teaching and its success largely hinges on the quality of the students.

"We depend on really good students, prepared in high school math and science, to come to a polytechnic institution," Konopak said. "We have fewer high school students going into math and science, and therefore the colleges have fewer students applying in those areas."

Although Cal Poly offers no undergraduate major in education, there are programs to get a teaching credential. For example, a student can become a math teacher by enrolling in the mathematics major and taking courses that lead to a credential.

"They come to us for a year to get the credential, and then they could get advanced (teaching) credentials," Konopak said.

Advanced credentials include a master's or doctorate degree.

Integrated programs allow students to pursue a teaching credential in their respective fields as early as their junior year. Konopak said an integrated program has been successfully used in the chemistry program, and the results seem to be successful.

"It's very high across the CSU system, the number of people who graduate with a teaching credential who go into teaching. It's about 98 percent," Konopak said.

Konopak said that the high percentage is based across the board of subjects. However, Himelblau said that math and science students find it challenging to pursue a job in teaching or a job in their respective industry.

"Over the last few years, (students) had a lot of options in terms of jobs. People who may have been interested in teaching also have to decide between job doing research and everything related like that," Himelblau said.

But some students are making the decision to teach in the classroom. Ecology and systematic biology senior Jeremy Zwang-Weissman said that teachers also have to be passionate about their subject so their students can remain interested in math and science.

"I'm actually aiming to be a math and science teacher in this state. It's interesting to think that something I've been working at for the last four to five years is something that means so little to some people," Zwang-Weissman said.

Zwang-Weissman said that he wanted to be a high school biology and environmental sciences teacher.

"School is not just about grades. They are there to learn the material, and I have to be compassionate about it," he said.

## Will Ferrell joins Trojans in benefit swim

LOS ANGELES — Now that Will Ferrell has ice-skating down, he's hitting the pool.

Ferrell, star of the recently released comedy "Blades of Glory," will join University of Southern California football coach Pete Carroll and the Trojans in a swimming fundraiser Saturday at the McDonald's Swim Stadium on campus.

Following their final spring practice at adjacent Howard Jones Field, the Trojans will swim a position-by-position relay race, joined by the USC Song Girls. Carroll

and Ferrell will take part in a "Pete vs. Will Challenge" as well.

The 27th annual swim-a-thon, known as "Swim With Mike," hopes to raise more than \$800,000 for the physically challenged athletes scholarship fund at USC. The benefit has raised \$6.3 million to provide more than 60 scholarships to USC and 14 other universities to athletes who have overcome serious accidents or illnesses.

The swim-a-thon began in 1981 when friends and teammates of three-time USC All-American swimmer Mike Nyeholt decided to

raise money to help him recover from a motorcycle accident that left him paralyzed.

What was to be a one-time event, the benefit raised \$58,000, and at Nyeholt's suggestion, the excess donations were used to establish the scholarship fund.

Nyeholt joined other swimmers to help raise money the next year, and the swim-a-thon became an annual event. Stanford and Hawaii are also holding "Swim With Mike" events on April 21.

— The Associated Press

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## Access

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With more access to information and meetings, the public can have a greater influence over committee decisions.

"We need to make sure that there is transparency to these issues and the public can see where the money is going," said Adam Keigwin, communication director for Yee.

If the bill fails to pass at the higher levels, most of these meetings and advisory committees will continue to occur behind closed doors with limited time for public comment. The bill ultimately needs the governor's approval before going into effect.

Senate bill 190 cleared the Senate Judiciary Committee by a vote of 8-0 one week after it was also unanimously passed 4-0 by the Senate Education Committee. Yee and his team hope to have the bill on Gov. Schwarzenegger's desk by early summer.

"Passing the Senate Judiciary Committee is a major step to getting to the final stages," said CSU chancellor spokesman Paul Browning.

Recent executive salary increases have led to public spec-

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Communication director for state Sen. Leland Yee

ulation in the past; however, the public will also be entitled to more information regarding executive compensation packages if the bill is approved.

"The CSU system is committed, conducting itself with the utmost transparency and levels of accountability," Browning said. "We already comply with most provisions in the bill. We do not oppose it but we are in connection with Senator Yee's office to remedy any duplication between the

bill and California opening meeting laws."

President Baker enjoyed a 4 percent salary boost of \$11,500 in January of this year along with the rest of the CSU presidents, putting his \$298,372 salary second in the CSU system only to the chancellor.

Salary increases are not the only benefits rewarded to top officials, last month CSU Board of Trustees passed a \$103,000 retirement payout to CSU Dominguez President James Lyons.

"Over the years, exorbitant packages for executives have been passed repeatedly and it is the student tax dollars that are funding these packages and high-level salaries," Keigwin said.

On March 17 the UC Board of Regents approved a 7 percent fee raise for its students while simultaneously passing a 13.8 percent salary increase and \$38,000 stipend for their Executive Vice President Bruce Darling.

"Students need to speak out at these meetings. These are your buildings, kick the doors in, no one can stop a student from participating in the system," Keigwin said. "You can write letters to the editor at your school and local paper about the bill and let people know."

## Scholarships

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group joined the ACLU last year to sue over the restriction, but the suit was dismissed. An appeal is pending.

"It does not make sense to pull students out of school for minor drug offenses," said Angell. "That only increases the chances that they'll go on to develop serious drug problems or commit more serious crimes and makes it less likely that they'll become productive taxpaying citizens."

The drug conviction penalty was added to the Higher Education Act in 1998.

Penalties range from a one-year suspension to permanent ineligibility, depending on the type and number of convictions. The ban, which does not include alcohol-related offenses, can be lifted if students complete approved rehabilitation programs.

According to Education Department figures, nearly 33,000 students who applied for financial

aid for the 2006-07 school year were ineligible because of self-reported drug convictions (although it's also possible other factors could have disqualified those students.)

Another 1,800 were eligible for aid for only part of the school year due to the date of their drug offenses.

More than 10,000 students left the question blank, which means their applications weren't processed. All told, the number of students denied aid amounted to less than 1 percent of the overall 13.7 million applicants.

For the upcoming school year, the law was changed so students only have to report drug offenses that occurred while they were in college and getting financial aid. Data so far indicate that out of 5.5 million applicants about 2,000 are in the ineligible category, about 100 face suspended aid and about 2,600 left the question blank.

At Berkeley, Wasserman sees the law as too broad, because it covers major and minor drug offenses, and

unfair, because students aren't asked about non-drug related convictions.

He noted that the scholarship program, as approved by Berkeley's Associated Students of the University of California, comes with requirements, including 20 hours of community service, so "it's not like we're just handing out money to people."

So far, there haven't been any applicants for the grants, which would be funded by money generated from student fees as well as business operations run by ASUC.

But that's OK by Wasserman, who hopes just having the awards in place will boost lobbying efforts to repeal the drug penalty as the education act comes up for review this year.

RISE rose to No. 2 on the Collegiate Network's list of five campus outrages. No. 1 was a decision at the College of William and Mary to remove a cross from the altar of the campus' historic Wren Chapel.

"Tough call," said Klugewicz.

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# Senate passes stem cell research bill; unlikely to survive Bush veto

David Espo  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A stubborn Senate voted Wednesday to ease restrictions on federally funded embryonic stem cell research, ignoring President Bush's threat of a second veto on legislation designed to lead to new medical treatments.

The 63-34 vote was shy of the margin that would be needed to enact the measure over presidential opposition, despite gains made by supporters in last fall's elections.

"Not every day do we have the opportunity to vote to heal the sick," said Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., a senator less than 100 days following a tough 2006 campaign in which the stem cell controversy played a particularly prominent role. "It is a noble cause," she added.

"We're going to use federal money, indirectly or directly, to destroy embryos," countered Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., echoing Bush's argument against the measure. Coburn said claims of imminent scientific breakthroughs from embryonic stem cell research are unsubstantiated and that adult stem cells have been shown to be useful in a variety of cases.

The House, which passed similar legislation earlier in the year, is expected to adopt the Senate's version in the next several weeks for Bush's veto.

"This legislation crosses a moral line that would use taxpayer dollars to destroy human embryos, and that's a moral line the president said he would not cross, and for those reasons he

would veto this bill as well," White House spokeswoman Dana Perino said not long before the vote.

Despite the criticism, the bill's chief sponsor urged the president to give the bill another look. "I urge him to reconsider this bill and sign it. Unleash American's scientists," said Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa.

Capping two days of debate, the Senate also voted 70-28 to pass a separate measure backed by Republicans. It supported research in adult stem cells.

The Senate's action was the latest act in a drama that blends science and politics on an issue that affects millions of disease sufferers and their families.

"It's extremely frustrating to go through this Kabuki dance a second time with the president," said Peter Kiernan, head of the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation, which funds research.

"The one thing we know is we will outlast him."

Stem cells are created in the first days after conception. They are typically culled from frozen embryos, which are destroyed in the process. According to the National Institutes of Health Web site, scientists have been able to conduct experiments with embryonic stem cells only since 1998.

The embryonic stem cells have the ability to transform into a "dazzling array of specialized cells," the Web site says — the property that scientists and others say offers the potential for the development of treatment for diseases as varied as juvenile diabetes, Parkinson's and Alzheimer's.

There was no federal money for the work until Bush announced on Aug. 9, 2001, that his administration would make it available for lines of stem cells that were in existence. Elected with the strong support of abortion foes and other conservatives, he said at the time his decision was designed to balance concerns about "protecting life and improving life."

He also limited the funds to cell lines derived from embryos that were surplus at fertility clinics, and that had been donated from adults who had given informed consent.

Advocates of the veto-threatened legislation argue that the number of stem cell lines available for research is smaller than needed, and that some of the material has become contaminated over time by mouse embryonic skin cells that typically are placed at the bottom of culture dishes used in the research.

The bill would permit funding for research on embryonic stem cells regardless of the date of their creation, so long as they were donated from in-vitro fertilization clinics, they would "otherwise be discarded" and donors gave their approval.

Bush cast the only veto of his presidency on a stem cell bill last year, but public support for the research is strong, and Democrats sought to use that to their advantage in the 2006 election campaigns.

Missouri became a testing ground, McCaskill challenging GOP Sen. Jim Talent, who opposed expanded federally funded research. Michael J. Fox appeared in a television ad advocating greater research, and the visual image was arresting — the 45-year-old actor swaying from his Parkinson's disease.

With federal funding limited, several states and private institutions have moved into the void.

California, New York and New Jersey have programs. Gov. Deval Patrick of Massachusetts recently announced he hoped to overturn restrictions left in place by his Republican predecessor.

"We in Massachusetts increasingly see this as a competitive issue," said Dr. George Daley of Children's Hospital and the Harvard Stem Cell Institute. He said private institutions compete to hire promising scientists drawn to the field.

"I would say it's revolutionized biomedical research," he said. "You can't expect a cell which burst on the scene only as recently as 1998 to have found its way into patients yet. I don't know of any biological technology that translates into patients that soon."

# Study abroad skills attract employers

Andrea Zeek  
DAILY NEWS (BALL STATE U.)

MUNCIE, Ind. — Surfing in Australia, frequenting the pubs in Ireland and looking at the lights of the Eiffel Tower in France sound like a vacation, but they can also help students find a job after graduating college. Even getting hopelessly lost on the London Underground subway can show impressive problem solving skills during an interview.

Studying abroad gives students an edge when applying for jobs because employers look for students with self-reliance and communication skills that living in another country can teach.

"Employers like to see that job candidates have a wide range of experience," said Joe Goodwin, assistant director of the Ball State University Career Center. "Study abroad shows someone that is able to adapt and function in other cultures. It shows adaptability, being able to deal with unfamiliar situations and, for some students, the ability to speak a foreign language."

Students must recognize this as well because the Rinker Center for International Programs has seen a 12 percent increase in the number of students going abroad since the 2003-04 academic year, RCIP director Jim Coffin said. An all-time high of 624 Ball State students studied abroad last year, he said, and more are enrolled this year.

Experience abroad globalizes students and helps them understand other cultures, Coffin said.

"It gives them insights into how to partner with overseas corporations," he said. "It networks them with potential overseas colleagues, and it broadens their minds on the dynamics that lead to corporate strategies and decision-making."

Elisabeth Zimkowski, a college recruiter for Dell Inc. who interviewed Ball State students at the Career Center on Tuesday, said while students without international experience are considered for jobs, studying abroad will put applicants at a distinct advantage. The kinds of adaptive qualities and problem-solving skills students learn while abroad are valuable at any job, she said.

Zimkowski said when recruiting, most companies practice

competency-based interviewing, such as asking students to describe a specific time and place where they worked through an unfamiliar or crisis situation. "This is where students can cite their study abroad experience," she said. "(Some companies think) past experience is the best predictor of future experiences."

Senior Ashley Briggs, who planned to teach biology, said she spent three months at the Australia Center last spring because she had always wanted to visit the country and the center offered science courses such as marine biology and rainforest ecology. Her experience abroad will definitely enrich her resume, she said.

"It makes you a more well-rounded person," Briggs said. "I'm definitely more financially aware; I went over there with 'X' amount of dollars, and I had to make a budget for the entire time."

Traveling around a foreign country by herself helped Briggs gain a sense of independence, she said.

"I wish I could do it again," she said. "I would love to go back. It's definitely on my list of things to do before I die."

Coffin said students also network through the classes they take and the places they visit.

"Exchange students have classmates from around the world," he said. "Field experiences offer students the opportunity to visit and learn about international workplaces and the issues that those workplaces are facing internationally. Study abroad students also informally meet individuals from around the world with like interests."

Students have made connections with overseas employers while studying abroad, he said.

Alumna Angie Manginelli, a former London Centre student, got a position at EUSA, a pan-European study abroad program that works with universities to provide students with internships in Europe, Coffin said.

"They experience the joy of life that comes with making new friends and new experiences," he said. "Most of us have an adventurous spirit in us; it's part of the human spirit. Every day is different."



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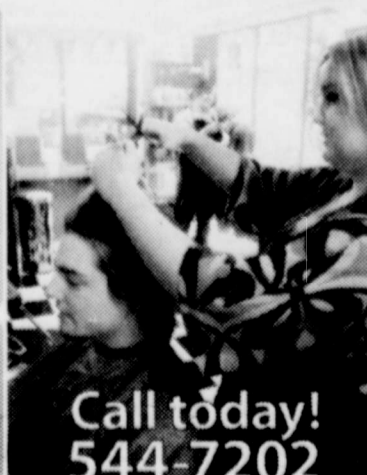


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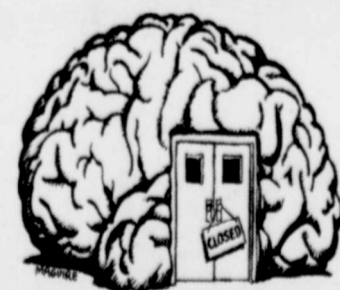


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# Schwarzenegger touts California for being green

Erica Werner  
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WASHINGTON — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger boasted Wednesday that California's leadership is making environmentalism hip, sexy and mainstream, no longer just a guilt-driven movement for "tree-huggers" and "fanatics."

"Environmentalists were no fun. They were like prohibitionists at the fraternity party," the moderate Republican governor told a student audience at Georgetown University, part of an East Coast swing to promote his increasingly enthusiastic embrace of the environment.

"Successful movements are built on passion. They aren't built on guilt," he said, predicting that environmentalism was reaching a "tipping point" where it will move into the mainstream.

"I don't know when the tipping point occurs, but I know where — in California," he said.

Schwarzenegger likened environmentalism to bodybuilding, his first arena of success, which he said was once considered a marginal sport for weirdoes.

"It became mainstream, it became sexy, attractive, and this is exactly what has to happen with the environmental movement," he said.

Schwarzenegger appeared at a conference sponsored by Newsweek magazine, which put him on its current cover balancing a globe on his finger with the caption "Save the Planet — Or Else."

A blowup of the cover was behind him as he spoke Wednesday. Even Schwarzenegger — whose environmental record isn't as spotless as he sometimes portrays — expressed some amazement about that.

When he ran for governor in 2003, he recalled, he was hounded by environmentalists complaining about his personal fleet of gas-guzzling Hummers.

"Here we are, three-and-a-half years later, and I'm on the cover of Newsweek as one of the big environmentalists," he marveled. "Only in America, that's all I can say."

Schwarzenegger's biggest claim to environmental fame lies in California's landmark global warming law that he signed last year. It imposed the country's first statewide cap on emissions of the heat-trapping gases that are blamed for global warming.

The law, written by Democrats, requires California to reduce emissions by an estimated 25 percent by 2020 — an estimated 174 million metric tons.

Some Democrats in Congress, including California Sen. Barbara Boxer, who chairs the environment committee, want to use California's law as a model as Congress seeks to write federal global warming legislation.

Schwarzenegger acknowledged California's measure alone will not have a significant effect on carbon emissions. But he said it would serve to push the rest of the country, and the world, in the direction the most populous state is moving.

California is the world's 12th largest producer of the emissions blamed for warming the earth.

"California is big, California is powerful, and what we do in California has unbelievable impacts, and it has consequences," he said.

Schwarzenegger didn't mention that before signing the state's emissions bill he sought to weaken it in favor of business interests and threatened a veto if Democrats didn't cede to his requests.

Schwarzenegger maintains those changes were not meant to weaken the bill's environmental goals, but instead represented a difference of opinion with legislative Democrats over how they could be achieved.

After his speech, Schwarzenegger met with Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., who endorsed his plan to add water storage in California as a way to cope with the expected changes brought by higher temperatures.

"We learned a lot from the electricity crisis, and the water crisis that California faces can make electricity look like kindergarten," she said.

In response to a question, Schwarzenegger refused to take a position on the liquefied natural gas terminal that an Australian energy company is trying to build off the Southern California coast. The project was rejected this week by the State Lands Commission, and Schwarzenegger's decision is due in May.

"We have to really look at it, and I have not really seen all the studies," he said.

Schwarzenegger also met with Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Stephen Johnson to press him on a federal waiver California is seeking to allow the state to limit tailpipe emissions. The Bush administration reopened that petition after the Supreme Court's ruling this month that the government can regulate emissions from cars.

California's efforts to promote greater auto fuel efficiency drew attention in Michigan last month, when a Republican congressman running for re-election paid for a billboard reading: "Arnold to Michigan: Drop Dead!"

## State

### REDWOOD CITY (AP)

— A noted child psychiatrist was ordered Wednesday not to contact dozens of former patients he allegedly molested and barred from practicing medicine as prosecutors said they planned to file more charges against him.

Dr. William Ayres, 75, the former head of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, was told not to contact at least 30 alleged victims, including some who fall outside the statute of limitations.

Ayres is charged with 14 felony counts of lewd and lascivious acts with a child under 14 alleging he fondled three boys repeatedly between 1991 and 1996 while they were his patients. He has not entered a plea in the case and remains free on \$250,000 bail.

### PASADENA (AP)

— A stone-faced Snoop Dogg pleaded no contest to felony gun and drug charges Wednesday and avoided what could have been a years-long prison sentence.

The 35-year-old rapper, born Cordozar Calvin Broadus Jr., agreed to five years' probation and 800 hours of community service. He faced charges of gun possession by a felon and sale or transportation of marijuana.

He said little other than "no contest" when the charges were read.

Snoop Dogg's recent arrests marked the end of a relatively long trouble-free stretch for the rapper. He has burnished his image in recent years with appearances in mainstream movies and by starting a youth football league.

## Briefs

## National

### NEW YORK (AP)

— MSNBC said Wednesday it will drop its simulcast of the "Imus in the Morning" radio program, responding to growing outrage about the radio host's racial slur against the Rutgers women's basketball team. "This decision comes as a result of an ongoing review process, which initially included the announcement of a suspension. It also takes into account many conversations with our own employees," NBC news said in a statement.

### WASHINGTON (AP)

— Beginning immediately, all active-duty Army soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan will serve 15-month tours — three months longer than the usual standard, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Wednesday. It was the latest move by the Pentagon to cope with the strains of fighting two wars simultaneously and maintaining a higher troop level in Iraq as part of President Bush's revised strategy for stabilizing Baghdad.

### SAN FRANCISCO (AP)

— A day after FedEx Corp. agreed to pay almost \$55 million to settle a racial discrimination class action lawsuit, a federal jury awarded \$3 million to a former worker who sued the company for sexual harassment.

Charlotte Boswell, a Stockton resident who worked in the company's Oakland dispatch center until she quit in 2000 after a nearly 12-year career, accused a FedEx supervisor of inappropriately kissing and hugging her. She alleged that, after she complained, her supervisor assigned her to work Saturdays, a shift she couldn't work because she has a daughter with special needs whom she needed to care for on the weekends.

## International

### BAGHDAD (AP)

— Iraqi militia fighters are being trained in Iran to build and use deadly armor-piercing roadside bombs and complex attack strategies against American forces, the U.S. military said Wednesday.

U.S. military spokesman Maj. Gen. William Caldwell would not say how many militiamen had gone to Iran but said that questioning of fighters captured as recently as this month confirmed many had been in Iranian training camps.

"They do receive training on how to assemble and employ EFPs," Caldwell said, adding that fighters also were taught how to carry out attacks that use explosives followed by assaults with rocket-propelled grenades and small arms.

### SEOUL, South Korea

— North Korea said it would welcome back U.N. nuclear inspectors within a day of receiving frozen funds that have been an obstacle in negotiations seeking the North's disarmament, a U.S. presidential candidate said Wednesday.

New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, speaking in Seoul after a four-day visit to the communist nation, said the North had requested an additional 30 days beyond a Saturday deadline to shut down its main nuclear reactor under a February agreement with the U.S. and other regional powers.

However, he said the U.S. insisted that was too long for the shutdown process that he believed would only take a "few days."

North Korea ejected inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency in late 2002 at the start of the latest nuclear standoff.

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## Nevada lawmakers vote for penalties for teen smokers

Joe Mullin  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CARSON CITY, Nev. — The Nevada state Senate voted 14-6 to ban teen smoking Wednesday, responding to school officials frustrated by the existence of "smoker's corners" near campuses.

SB14 bans the possession or use of tobacco products by anyone under age 18. The bill's sponsor, Sen. Mike McGinness, R-Fallon, said he was motivated by school officials in Churchill County who complained that high school students smoke cigarettes across the street from the school, but authorities can't do anything about it.

Current law bans the sale of tobacco products to minors, but doesn't prevent minors from having or using tobacco. Supporters of the bill said that was a halfway measure that forces authorities to turn a blind eye to teen smoking.

"It doesn't make much sense to make it illegal to sell to those under 18, and have no way to enforce that," said Sen. Mark Amodei, R-Carson City.

Sen. Barbara Cegavske, R-Las Vegas, who owned a convenience store for over a decade, said she had long been frustrated by teens who loitered and smoked outside her store.

Those teens often tried to get

adults to purchase alcohol and tobacco products for them, she said. But while prohibitions against teen drinking were enforceable, she was powerless to do anything about teen smoking.

"It was very frustrating as an owner," said Cegavske. "The only thing we had a hammer over them for was the alcohol, not the cigarettes."

Supporters of the measure also stressed that the penalties were not harsh. The bill was amended to keep teen smokers out of the state's overburdened juvenile justice system. Instead, offenders would be fined \$25 for the first offense. Third and subsequent violations would result in a \$75 fine, plus a mandatory class on the dangers of tobacco. Teens who completed the class would have the record of their offenses sealed when they turn 18.

The bill's six opponents, all Democrats, argued that making police hunt for teen smokers was a waste of resources.

"We've got overcrowded courts," said Senate Minority Leader Dina Titus, D-Las Vegas. "We're a haven for sex offenders. We're the third worst state in the country for car thefts. Shouldn't our resources ... be focused on those kinds of crimes?"

SB14 now moves to the Democrat-controlled state Assembly.

## Prosecutors drop charges in Duke case, say athletes were victims of 'tragic rush to accuse'

Aaron Beard  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

RALEIGH, N.C. — All along, the three Duke lacrosse players proclaimed they were innocent of charges they sexually assaulted a stripper. They were railroaded, they insisted, by a prosecutor who refused to believe them and ignored the facts.

It took more than a year, but on Wednesday, North Carolina's top prosecutor finally agreed with them.

Attorney General Roy Cooper declared them innocent of all charges and delivered a blistering assessment of a district attorney he blamed for a "tragic rush to accuse."

"We're just as innocent today as we were back then," said one of the players, David Evans. "Nothing has changed. The facts don't change."

Evans, Reade Seligmann and Collin Finnerty declared a bitter victory in a hotel press conference that looked a bit like a team's end-of-the-season awards dinner, only with their lawyers joining them behind the table instead of their coaches.

"It's been 395 days since this nightmare began. And finally today it's coming to a closure," said Evans, his voice breaking at one point.

The three young men and their lawyers accused the news media and the public of disregarding the presumption of innocence and portraying them as thugs in the weeks following the March 2006 party that led to the allegations.

"It's painful to remember what we went through in those first days, and it's just a testament to all of our character we never lashed out, we stood there strong," Evans said.

Defense attorney Joe Cheshire said: "We're angry, very angry. But we're very relieved."

Cooper dropped all charges against the players, all but ensuring that only one person in the whole scandal will be held to account: Durham County District Attorney Mike Nifong.

"This case shows the enormous consequences of overreaching by a prosecutor," Cooper said.

Cooper, who took over the case in January after Nifong was charged with ethics violations that could get him disbarred, said his own investigation into a stripper's claim that she was sexually assaulted at a team party found nothing to corroborate her story, and "led us to the conclusion that no attack occurred."

"There were many points in the case where caution would have served justice better than bravado," Cooper said. "In the rush to condemn, a community and a state lost the ability to see clearly."

Nifong was out of town and could not immediately be reached for comment. But his lawyer, David Freedman, said: "If further investigation showed this boys were innocent, he would be in agreement with what the attorney general's office decided to do."

Evans, Seligmann and Finnerty

were indicted last spring on charges of rape, kidnapping and sexual offense after the woman told police she was assaulted in the bathroom at an off-campus house during a team party where she had been hired to perform. The rape charges were dropped months ago; the other charges remained until Wednesday.

The case stirred furious debate over race, class and the privileged status of college athletes, and heightened long-standing tensions in Durham between its large working-class black population and the mostly white, mostly affluent students at the private, elite university.

The woman is black and attended nearby North Carolina Central University, a historically black school; all three Duke players are white.

The attorney general said the eyewitness identification procedures were unreliable, no DNA supported the stripper's story, no other witness corroborated it, and the woman contradicted herself.

"Based on the significant inconsistencies between the evidence and the various accounts given by the accusing witness, we believe these three individuals are innocent of these charges," Cooper said. He said the charges resulted from a "tragic rush to accuse and a failure to verify serious allegations."

"I think a lot of people owe a lot of apologies to a lot of people," Cooper said.

Cooper offered no explanation for why the stripper told such a story and would not discuss her mental health. However, he said no charges will be brought against her, saying she "may actually believe" the many different stories she told.

"We believe it is in the best interest of justice not to bring charges," he said.

The accuser's whereabouts were not immediately known. The Associated Press generally does not identify accusers in sex-crime cases.

Portraying Nifong as a "rogue prosecutor," Cooper called for the passage of a law that would allow the North Carolina Supreme Court to remove a district attorney where justice demands it.

Cooper declined to say whether he believes Nifong should be disbarred, saying it would not be fair to pass judgment before he goes on trial before the state bar in June.

At the news conference with his former teammates, Finnerty said: "Knowing I had the truth on my side was really the most comforting thing at all throughout this last year."

Seligmann thanked his lawyers for sparing him from 30 years in prison for a "hoax" and complained that society has lost sight of the presumption of innocence. "This entire experience has opened my eyes up to a tragic world of injustice," he said.

The case was troubled almost from the start. DNA failed to connect any of the athletes to the 28-year-old stripper. One of the athletes claimed to have ATM receipts and time-stamped photos that pro-

vided an alibi. It was also learned that the stripper had leveled similar gang-rape allegations a decade ago, and no charges resulted.

Then, in December, Nifong dropped the rape charges after the woman said she was no longer certain she was penetrated.

Nifong came under furious criticism from the community, the university and members of the bar for pressing ahead with a case that they said seemed pitifully weak.

The district attorney withdrew from the case in January after the North Carolina bar charged him with making misleading and inflammatory comments to the media about the athletes under suspicion. The bar later added more serious charges of withholding evidence from defense attorneys and lying to the court.

Among other things, Nifong called the athletes "a bunch of hooligans" and declared DNA evidence would identify the guilty. He was also accused of withholding the results of lab tests that found DNA from several men — none of them lacrosse team members — on the accuser's underwear and body.

Duke suspended Seligmann, 21, of Essex Fells, N.J., and Finnerty, 20, of Garden City, N.Y., after their arrest. Both were invited to return to campus this year, but neither accepted. Evans, 24, of Bethesda, Md., graduated the day before he was indicted.

In the uproar over the allegations, Duke canceled the rest of the team's 2006 season, the lacrosse coach resigned under fire, and a schism opened up on the faculty between those who supported the athletes and those who accused them of getting away with loutish frat-boy behavior for too long.

The team resumed play this year.

"Two days after this happened, I knew what the truth was. When you say you believe in somebody, when you say you believe the truth, you stand by them," said former Duke lacrosse coach Mike Pressler, now lacrosse coach at Bryant University in Smithfield, R.I.

James Ammons, chancellor of North Carolina Central University, said that because of the Duke case, NCCU and Duke "engaged in some very important discussions and forums that enhanced our tolerance and raised awareness regarding race, class, sexual assault and athletic privilege."

"Now that the investigation has concluded, let the healing begin and the growth continue," he said.

James Coleman, a Duke law professor who was one of Nifong's biggest critics, said he hopes the case makes the public "aware and sensitive to the importance of public scrutiny of what prosecutor can do."

"They have enormous power. They can ruin innocent people and in some cases put innocent people in prison never to get out because they don't do their job with integrity," Coleman said. "That's really the lesson."

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- 1955 Dr. Jonas Salk's polio vaccine is declared safe and effective.

## Drew Barrymore named newest CoverGirl model

Samantha Critchell  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Drew Barrymore grew up with tear sheets of models such as Cheryl Tiegs, Rachel Hunter and Christie Brinkley plastered on her bedroom wall like wallpaper. Come January, another young girl can do the same with Barrymore's photo.

Barrymore is CoverGirl's newest model and spokeswoman, joining a stable of famous faces that includes her former idols and, more recently, Queen Latifah, Molly Sims and Rihanna.

Her selection by the Procter & Gamble Co. beauty brand was to be announced Wednesday at a news conference in Los Angeles.

The 32-year-old "Charlie's Angels" actress is also a co-creator of the ads, and before any wardrobe or beauty decisions were made at Monday's print shoot, Barrymore said she was consulting on the concept, graphics, lighting and how the photo would be cropped.

"I leave the makeup and product up to them, that's their expertise," she told The Associated Press in a phone interview from the set. "What I want to do is honor the tradition of CoverGirl but hopefully bring myself and my personality into it, as well as some edgy fashion-forward thinking and positivity to it."

Look for her in a nude-colored dress, which, Barrymore explained, is a contrast to the bright colors often used in cosmetics ads.

"I like to be involved in every aspect. I'm a control freak but I keep those issues at bay when I work with other people," she said with a laugh.

It's Barrymore's strength that led the company to seek her out.

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Actress Drew Barrymore, of "E.T." and "Charlie's Angels" fame, is the newest face of CoverGirl cosmetics.

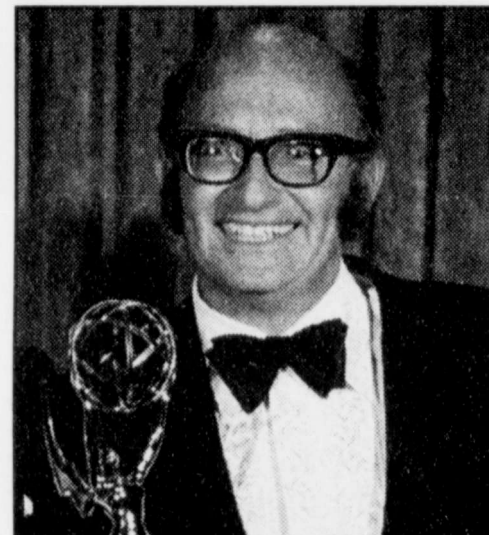
because she emulates the iconic image of CoverGirl with her fresh, natural beauty and energetic yet authentic spirit," said Esi Eggleston Bracey, vice president and general manager of CoverGirl Cosmetics North America.

Barrymore said she loved the chance to play with makeup and try modeling. "What girl doesn't fantasize about it?" she said.

At the same time, she's more of a jeans and T-shirt girl; literally what she was wearing on this day along with Vans sneakers.

It is Barrymore's first foray into commercials.

She even surprised herself, but the thought of being a CoverGirl still popped into her mind months after she was approached, Barrymore said. She took that at as a good sign.



COURTESY PHOTO

Writer and producer Stan Daniels was best known in the industry for co-creating the iconic "Mary Tyler Moore Show." He also wrote for "The Bill Cosby Show" and "The Dean Martin Show."

## Emmy-winning producer and writer Stan Daniels dies at 72

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Stan Daniels, the Emmy-winning co-creator and executive producer of "Taxi" and a writer on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," has died. He was 72.

Daniels died of heart failure April 6, according to Mount Sinai Memorial Park where a funeral was planned at 2 p.m. Thursday in the cemetery's Tanach Chapel.

Daniels won eight Emmys during his long television career, including three for "Taxi" and three for "The Mary Tyler Moore Show."

He wrote for "The Dean Martin Show" and "The Bill Cosby Show" before starting as a writer on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," which ran from 1970 to 1977. He also wrote for the Cloris Leachman spinoff series "Phyllis."

He co-created the Brenda Vaccaro series "Lily," and co-wrote the African-American

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Cinderella TV movie "Cindy" with James L. Brooks, who he worked with on "Taxi."

Daniels then produced, wrote and directed the TV shows "The Kid," "For Richer, For Poorer," "Glory! Glory!" and "The Substitute Wife."

Born in Toronto, Daniels won piano competitions as a teenager

and attended the University of Toronto before receiving a fellowship to study at Oxford.

He composed music and lyrics for the Broadway musical "So Long 174th Street" with a book by Joseph Stein, and his musical version of the Bernard Slade

play "Same Time, Next Year" was produced in Budapest in 2001.

Daniels is survived by his wife of 50 years, Alene; children, Dari, Shelley, Alan and Larry, and two grandsons. The family requested donations be made to the United Jewish Appeal or the American Heart Association.

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# Thrifty shoppers enjoy the thrill of the hunt

*MD's Pop Tart embarks on a thrift store journey of great proportions*



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would undoubtedly be directed to what are commonly known to locals as "op shops." For us simple folk here in the good ol' U-S-of-A, they are known to many as thrift stores.

To all the progressive fashion aficionados in the U.K., they would be known as "hospice shops." If we were to traverse the beautiful lands of Australia or New Zealand, we

I mention their existence to illuminate a part of fashion history that warrants recognition; a part of society that allows ordinary men and women to loot like pirates and

hunt like animals.

This is the world of chain thrift store shopping. Welcome.

Welcome indeed to the lifestyle of the not-so rich and famous thrift store junkie. I will here and now proudly attest to the potency of this social addiction by affirming that we addicts are many; we are strong and we travel in blazing heaps of destruction.

I have seen the aftermath of devastation. I've been amidst the looting and pillaging that occurs in the name of couture, the chaos of Haight/Ashbury on sale. I've witnessed the horrors that lay waste to the streets of Hollywood when stealthy predators go in search of curious treasures and delectable fashion treats they know can only be found in the unlikeliest of places. The maniacal behavior, the predatory precision with which a hunter devours the prey at hand can only be described as a glorious sequence of calculated chess moves, from which a bittersweet

cycle of fashion evolution takes place.

This cutthroat fashion survival of the fittest is how we as human beings translate the hopeless wasteland of materialism into cultural superiority; a game of fashion victims versus fashion trend-setters.

For those not wanting to end up as the walking advertisement for fashion faux pas or on any sort of fashion victims list, here are a few tips I can suggest, if and when you decide to venture out into the jungle of thrift shopping:

Go as often as you can. The tricky thing about thrift shopping is that one day you'll see something you like, the next day it's gone. Unfortunately, that's the name of the game. Unique things vanish quickly, simple as that. My suggestion, if you spot something you fancy, freaking buy it! There's nothing more unsatisfying than losing a gem to bad judgment.

Second, take time when making a selection. Don't rush into things or jump to outrageous conclusions when eyeing that perfect, trendsetting specimen. Take your time and clear your head, glory will come.

Finally, size matters. Because used clothes are, well, used, it's almost guaranteed that the size written on the label will fit you differently when tried on. Take this

into consideration when "eyeballing" it, and know that your best bet is to always try on your selected garments.

And there you have it, folks. Three tips that will forever change the way you maintain status in the world of fashion. If ever you feel lost, or unable to select the perfect outfit, let the mantra of the very wise Coco Chanel ring true: "Fashion is not something that exists in dresses only. Fashion is in the sky, in the street; fashion has to do with ideas, the way we live, what is happening." To be sure, Coco, to be sure indeed.

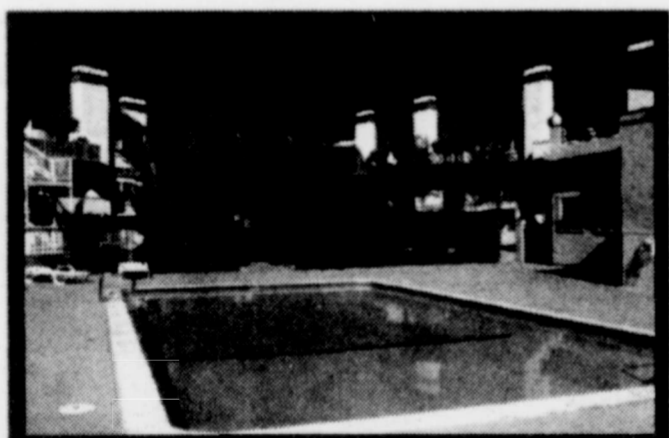


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# University Jazz band to get the party really swinging

*Cal Poly Swing Club hosts the Hepcat Swing Dance Concert featuring hot moves and cool tunes*

Giana Magnoli

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Imagine a speakeasy without the alcohol, smoking or flapper-esque clothing; all that remains are the big band-style jazz tunes, swing dancing and good old-fashioned fun. Friday's Swing Dance Concert in Chumash Auditorium will feature the live music of the University Jazz Band No. 1, and all levels of swing dancers and jazz aficionados are welcome.

The big band format includes trumpets, trombones, saxophones and a drummer, among other instruments. Vocalist and music sophomore Kristen Choi will be performing with the band on Friday, music professor Paul Rinzler said.

The concert goes from 8 to 10:30 p.m. with a free East Coast swing lesson at 7 p.m. offered by the Cal Poly Swing Dance Club. Tickets can be purchased at the door and are \$9 for the public and \$6 for students.

"There's usually a pretty good



COURTESY PHOTO

Alumna Lindsey Quintana gets thrown into the air by swing partner Scott Edwards as computer science senior Andreas Divaris looks on.

turnout," said Kim Daum, president of the Cal Poly Swing Dance Club and horticulture junior.

The 20-or-so members of the University Jazz Band No. 1 are stu-

dents in MU 370, University Jazz Band, and perform one or two swing dance concerts per quarter. The class is repeatable, and some students have been in the band for more than three years.

Rinzler came up with the idea for the dances.

"I'm the musical director (of the Jazz Band); I determine the repertoire and how fast the song is going to be played," he said. "I provide the overall vision for the band."

In addition to the swing concerts, the University Jazz Band No. 1 performs formal concerts in the Performing Arts Center and has gigs around San Luis Obispo. "We have gigs on campus, off campus and regionally in California," Rinzler said. The band played at the alumni barbecue and wine tasting for this year's Homecoming and at the Jazz Jubilee in Pismo Beach in October.

Every few years, the band goes on a foreign tour. It went to China in 2004 and is going to Brazil in June.

The last swing dance concert of

the quarter will be on May 11 in Chumash, according to a music department press release.

"It's great musically because samba and bossa nova were invented in Brazil but are a big part of jazz band," Rinzler said.

The Cal Poly Swing Dance Club offers lessons every Sunday in the Architecture building, room 225, at 1 p.m. for intermediate dancers and at 2 p.m. for beginners. Lessons are \$1 each.

From May 4 to 6, the club is hosting the second San Luis Obispo Lindy Exchange, which offers three full days of "Swinging in the Rain."

Live bands and DJs from all over California will accompany the all-day lessons, competitions and

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dances throughout the weekend.

"It's going to be really, really big," Daum said. Saturday night's dance in Chumash will be the biggest of the exchange, and the club is trying to get lots of Cal Poly students out to it, she said.

More information, including pre-registration, can be found on the event's Web site, [www.sloswing.com/slx](http://www.sloswing.com/slx).

The University Jazz Band Nos. 1 and 2 and the Cal Poly Jazz Combo will perform in the PAC on June 1. More information can be found on [www.pacslo.org](http://www.pacslo.org).

## CP music professor receives prestigious teaching award

Michelle Norgan

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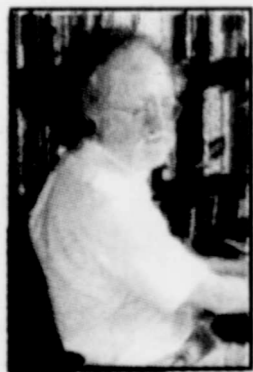
Cal Poly professor Craig H. Russell is being honored for his work as a music teacher, composer and music historian with the prestigious California State University Wang Family Excellence Award.

Each year, five members of California State Universities' faculty and administrators are honored with this award. Russell and his fellow winners will each receive a \$20,000 award and general recognition at the Trustee's meeting in May.

The California State University Wang Family Excellence Award was established in 1998 to celebrate faculty and administrators who made extraordinary contributions to their academic disciplines.

"I honestly don't know how I got this," Russell said. "I am just driven to be the best me I can be and Cal Poly has given me the academic freedom to find out who that is."

Russell teaches a variety of music classes at Cal Poly from music appreciation to a special class he created on the music of the 1960s. He said he tries to bring all his energy and enthusiasm to each class, and is constantly learning just as much as he teaches



students.

"It's fun and exciting to see people come in here young and enthusiastic; there's a constant stream of talent," Russell said.

In his Music 229 class, Music of the 60s: War and Peace, Russell said he is able to show his students the relationship between an era's social change and the music being played.

"My view is — music is an audible photo of what we value and see in our world," Russell said.

Outside of the classroom, Russell is heavily involved in researching the music of California and Mexico during the 18th century. During this time in history, Russell said, there was a huge movement of sophisticated and beautiful music that was lost until recently.

Russell travels to missions throughout California and Mexico, digging through old music to find and piece together entire compositions, which sometimes have been scattered over hundreds of miles.

"I try to patch it together in such a way that someone couldn't tell where the hole was," Russell said.

Sometimes, this even involves composing a section or part that is

completely absent. The true skill, he said, is creating something that sounds authentic and fits the rest of the piece.

Russell received training in classical guitar from the University of New Mexico, and his doctorate in musicology from the University of North Carolina. He has also spent years of work researching in the field.

"He is one of the leading scholars in the world on the music of the missions," said music department chair William T. Spiller. "He finds these musical gems people didn't know existed."

Spiller said that Russell is an asset to the music department, and that his passion for music and for teaching make a huge impact.

"The music department is thrilled he's been recognized," he said. "We love and admire him and are delighted the world will recognize all his hard work."

Spiller said that the award is particularly deserved because Russell is accomplished on so many levels.

"He is a rare triple threat: an outstanding teacher, stellar researcher, and a wonderful composer," he said, adding that many people

are satisfied to succeed in only one of these areas, yet Russell has pushed himself to do all of these things to the best of his ability.

Russell said he is unsure yet what he will do with the generous award, but hopes to put it to positive use.

"I hope not to squander this opportunity to make a difference in a substantial way," he said.

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Cal Poly music professor

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## THE BIZARRE

# NYC couple hail cab for 2,400-mile ride



New York yellow cab driver Douglas Gukdeniz, left, poses with couple Bob and Betty Matas at their home in Queens, New York.

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NEW YORK — Betty and Bob Matas have retired and are moving to Arizona, but like many New Yorkers they don't drive, and they don't want their cats to travel all that way in an airliner cargo hold.

Their solution: "Hey, cabbie."

They met taxi driver Douglas Gukdeniz when they hailed his cab after a shopping trip several weeks ago.

They got to talking about their upcoming move, and "we said 'Do you want to come?'" said Bob Matas, 72, a former audio and video engineer for advertising agencies. "And he said 'Sure.'"

It was initially a gag, Matas said, but as they talked over the ensuing weeks it became reality.

They plan to leave Tuesday on the 2,400-mile trip to Sedona, Ariz., with Gukdeniz driving his yellow SUV cab 10 hours a day for a flat fee of \$3,000, plus gas, meals and lodging.

They're getting a break. The standard, metered fare would be about \$5,000 — each way, according to David Pollack, executive director of the Committee for Taxi Safety, a drivers' group. But city Taxi and Limousine Commission rules direct drivers and passengers to negotiate a flat fare for trips outside the city and a few suburban areas.

The Matases will ride in relaxed comfort in Gukdeniz's sport utility vehicle while their cats ride in the back in their travel cases. A mover will haul their belongings. "It's a little unusual, but it will be fun," said Betty Matas, 71, a retired executive administrative assistant.

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# Al-Qaida bombs target prime minister's office, police station in Algeria, killing at least 24

Aidan Lewis  
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ALGIERS, Algeria — Al-Qaida's new wing in North Africa claimed responsibility for suicide bombings that ripped through the prime minister's office and a police station in Algeria on Wednesday, killing at least 24 people. The attacks highlighted the menacing spread of Islamic militancy across North Africa.

One car bombing tore holes in the walls of the prime minister's office, where people in bloodstained clothes stumbled toward ambulances. Two other vehicles exploded outside a police station east of the capital, blasting craters into the ground and damaging the building. Some 222 people were wounded.

The group that claimed responsibility, al-Qaida in Islamic North Africa, has carried out a series of recent bombings jeopardizing Algeria's tentative peace. The country, a staunch U.S. ally in the war against terror, has been trying to turn the page on a 15-year Islamic insurgency that killed 200,000 people.

Until recently, the peace efforts seemed successful: Military crack-downs and amnesty offers had turned Algeria's militants into a ragtag assembly of fighters in rural hideouts.

But late last year, the main Algerian militant group, the Salafist Group for Call and Combat, changed its name to al-Qaida in Islamic North Africa and began targeting foreigners — signs the dwindling ranks of Islamic fighters were regrouping.

The latest attacks were the deadliest in the Algiers region since 2002, when a bomb in a suburban market killed 38 and wounded 80. The bombing of the prime minister's office was among the most brazen attacks in Algerian history.

Wednesday's date, April 11, has potentially symbolic meaning: Attacks on the 11th day of the month are a



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Rescuers and firemen search through rubble after a bomb exploded near the prime minister's office in Algiers, Wednesday, April 11, 2007.

hallmark of al-Qaida and its admirers.

Prime Minister Abdelaziz Belkhadem, who was not in his office during the attack, called the bombings a "cowardly, criminal terrorist act" as he spoke to reporters outside the wrecked building. Parts of six floors were ripped away, and the iron gates outside were bent by the blast's force.

The government did not name suspects. But Al-Jazeera television reported receiving a call from a spokesman for al-Qaida's North Africa wing saying three suicide bombers in vehicles packed with explosives carried out the attacks.

The bombers had three targets, the caller said: The prime minister's office, the Interpol offices and a special police forces building in the eastern suburb of Bab Ezzouar. An Interpol spokeswoman, however, said the international police organization has no office in that suburb, about 10 miles away from the prime minister's office.

Two police officers in Bab Ezzouar said separate suicide bombers struck there. Fahem Abderraman, wounded in that attack, said he was driving by the station when a strong explosion blasted through the car.

"I thought I had gone to heaven," said Abderraman, whose neck was bandaged.

The blast at the prime minister's office took place about 10:45 a.m., and witnesses said the attack on the police station came minutes later.

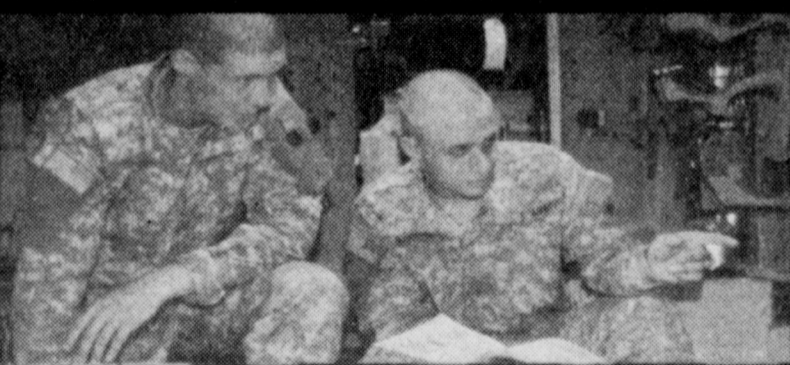
Fayza Kebdi, a lawyer who works opposite the government building in Algiers, said the explosion shattered her windows and blew her husband across the room.

"We thought the years of terrorism were over," she said. "We thought that everything was back to normal. But now, the fear is coming back."

Witnesses said they saw a red car drive toward the prime minister's office, that police opened fire to try to stop it, and that the car then exploded. A charred, wrecked car lay on the pavement near the building — a modern white high-rise that also houses the Interior Ministry.

Civil defense officials reported that the bombing of the government building killed at least 12 people and injured 135. Their statement said 12 others were killed and 87 wounded in the attack on the police station, which is on the road to Algiers' airport.

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## Woman selling most of her belongings on eBay

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ST. PAUL, Minnesota — Lisa Perry wants a fresh start. So she's decided to sell nearly all of her belongings in one massive auction on eBay.

Perry, 45, said the top bidder in the auction, ending Thursday, will get more than 300 items — including snowshoes, a futon, a bed, a Village People album, seashells and more.

Perry is keeping just a few things: her dog, her cat, photo albums and some clothing.

"This might be mid-life, but it's not a crisis. It's mid-life excitement," she said. "I don't need it all. I don't use it all. I just have it all. Actually, it has me."

Perry has worked as a lawyer in

Montana, a communications professor in Mankato, Minnesota, and a bookseller in North Carolina. She now delivers subpoenas and legal documents. In June, she plans to move west, possibly to take up creative writing or holistic healing.

"I've been schlepping this stuff across the country for more than 20 years," she said. "I'm tired of thinking: 'Oh my God, what if it breaks in the next move?' Who cares? I think it will almost be scary how liberating it will be."

As of Sunday night, the top bid was \$100. Perry has a reserve number of \$2,000, which means she can back out if the top bid falls short of that. But she said she might lower the reserve.

"I'm at the point I just don't want it all anymore," she said.

## 'I'm sorry,' hard for doctors to say

Ray Henry

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PROVIDENCE,

Rhode Island (AP) —

The problem was obvious to anyone who looked at the middle-aged woman:

After surgery to correct a drooping eyelid, her eyelid was too high. After a second operation, it was too low.

Dr. Michael Migliori had the delicate task of telling the woman she needed a third operation. He began with two words that could make a defense attorney's head explode: I'm sorry.

"In this state," Migliori said in a recent interview, "that can be used essentially as an admission of guilt" if a patient files a malpractice suit.

Lawmakers in Rhode Island and eight other states are now considering bills that would allow physicians to apologize when things go wrong without having to fear that their words will be used against them in court.

At least 27 other states have already passed similar laws, nearly all of them in the past four years, according to the American Medical Association.

The wave of "I'm sorry" laws is part of a movement in the medical industry to encourage doctors to promptly and fully inform patients of errors and, when warranted, to apologize. Some hospitals say apologies help defuse patient anger and

... Many doctors are trained or warned never to admit errors in case a patient sues.

stave off lawsuits.

At the same time, many doctors are trained or warned never to admit errors in case a patient sues.

Migliori, an ophthalmic plastic surgeon and lobbyist for the Rhode Island Medical Society, said his patient's drooping eyelid was fixed in the third operation and he wasn't sued. He said that surgical complications sometimes occur and that he doesn't believe he did anything wrong.

The surgeon said that he realizes an apology could come back to haunt him but that he considers saying "I'm sorry" essential to preserving the bond of trust between doctor and patient.

Otherwise, "patients think I'm hiding something, I must have done something wrong," he said.

Apology laws vary by state. In Arizona, Connecticut, Idaho, Maine and 11 other states, doctors can safely apologize to or commiserate with patients or their families about an undesirable or unexpected outcome, according to the AMA.

A law in Vermont exempts only oral statements of regret or apology, not written ones. Illinois gives doc-

tors a 72-hour window to safely apologize after they learn about the cause of a medical mishap.

Providence lawyer Steven Minicucci, who handles malpractice suits, said displays of compassion are rarely useful in building such cases. But an apology and an admission of error could be

key evidence. He opposes the Rhode Island legislation.

"I like to call it the 'I'm-sorry-I-killed-your-mother' bill," Minicucci said. "If a doctor comes out and says something like that, he shouldn't be able to immunize himself against statements like that by couching it in an apology."

Trial lawyers also call Rhode Island's bill unfair and overly broad because it could bar some internal hospital reports on medical errors from becoming evidence.

Boston-based ProMutual Group, which insures 18,000 doctors, dentists and health care facilities in the Northeast, warns its clients against apologies that admit guilt — even in states that have laws protecting doctors who say they are sorry.

It distributes a tip sheet cautioning doctors against uttering the words "error," "mistake," "fault" or "negligence."

"We encourage physicians to apologize about the outcome, not necessarily for any error that may have occurred," ProMutual spokeswoman Nina Akerley said. "Apology is not about confession."

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## Sharks open playoffs with 5-4 win over Predators

San Jose goaltender Evgeni Nabokov had 39 saves in the double-overtime Game 1.

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Patrick Rissmiller scored at 11:46 of the second overtime, and the San Jose Sharks beat the Nashville Predators 5-4 Wednesday night after blowing a two-goal lead in the opening game of the NHL Western Conference first-round series.

Rissmiller, who scored only seven goals in the regular season, beat Tomas Vokoun with a shot from the edge of the left circle after taking a crisp pass from Patrick Marleau.

San Jose squandered a 4-2 lead after two periods, an advantage built with three goals in the middle frame after the Sharks lost top goal scorer Jonathan Cheechoo to an injured right knee.

But the Predators, who stood atop the NHL until March 29 before slipping to the West's No. 4 seed, scored twice in the final 6:55 of regulation to force the first overtime in the franchise's short postseason history.

Alexander Radulov scored his second goal with 7:05 left, and J.P. Dumont scored his second of the game with 50.4 seconds remaining in regulation, tipping a slap shot from Shea Weber past Evgeni Nabokov's glove.

Weber had two assists for a team that went 4-15-1 in the regular season when trailing after two.

Craig Rivet scored on a 5-on-3 power play and added an assist. Joe Thornton, the NHL's second-leading scorer with 114 points, and Marleau each had two assists for San Jose. Matthew Carle, Mike Grier and Milan Michalek scored a goal each.

San Jose has won five straight playoff games against Nashville.

## Eventful weekend awaits Poly track team



SHEILA SOBCHIK FILE PHOTO

Shown during her sophomore season in which she won an NCAA Outdoor title in the high jump, Cal Poly senior Sharon Day is one of six Mustangs who will compete at the Mt. San Antonio College Invitational this weekend. She was second at the Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays at 6 feet last Friday.

Angel Pacheco  
MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly track and field team is gearing up for the Rafer Johnson/Jackie Joyner-Kersey Invitational at UCLA and the Mt. San Antonio College Invitational in Walnut this weekend.

Six team members will be heading to Mt. SAC Friday through Sunday, and will compete with athletes from Cal State Fullerton, Cal State Northridge, Long Beach State and more.

The rest of the track and field team will compete at UCLA on Friday and Saturday, where it will

meet with UC Riverside and UC Santa Barbara.

There is a lot of attention on senior high jumper Sharon Day, who will compete at Mt. SAC. Day placed second Friday at the Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays, where she cleared 6 feet.

Mustangs head coach Terry Crawford said Day is making a strong comeback after a foot injury suffered before last season.

"I think my jumping has been getting better and better every day," Day said.

Javelin thrower Aris Borjas, who will be competing at Mt. SAC, is also a top competitor and has been throwing consistently, Crawford

said.

"Look forward to a big throw from him this weekend," Crawford said.

The Mustang distance relay team is also making great progress, most notably Phillip Reid and Evan Anderson, she said.

The distance crew of Anderson (1,600 meters), Chris Frazier (400), Mike Perez (800) and Reid (1,600) finished third at the Texas Relays on Saturday with a time of 9 minutes, 54.5 seconds.

Julie Dufresne (shot put and discus) is also showing promise.

"I think Julie is another competitor having a breakout compe-

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## Johnny in the Box



## Lessons learned

John Middlekauff  
SPECIAL TO THE MUSTANG DAILY

As I sat back and reflected on what was the world of sports, I began to realize there is just too much going on. There are just too many stories to cover. How can I possibly spend all my time on one thing?

How am I supposed to choose between Tiger Woods, Don Imus and Adam "Pacman" Jones making it rain? There is just a lot going on. So I decided to hit a bit of everything.

Let's start with "a tradition unlike any other," also known as the Masters. I love Tiger and am still unhappy he didn't win. Even though he didn't win, he is the sole reason for which 95 percent of the Masters' viewers tuned in and will continue to watch golf.

I've always been drawn to greatness. Tiger is my favorite athlete for countless reasons. His focus is unmatched. Here's a great example. Around hole 12, I turned to my roommates who were watching the tournament with me and asked if they thought Tiger's beautiful Swedish model wife popped into his head once during his final round. Both looked at me and responded "no."

Then I started thinking just how many times different guys around the country watching the tournament had probably thought about her. Pure focus. Man, Tiger's impressive.

The scary thing is, Tiger didn't even play that well and he still only lost by two strokes. If he is his usual self, he wins by five, and don't worry — Tiger will win the U.S. Open running away.

That was just the start of a week that turned out to be pretty interesting. Imus, who has a national talk radio show, opened his mouth a little too wide. He is known for his blunt comments and say-anything-to-get-a-laugh mentality.

While discussing the NCAA women's basketball title game between Tennessee and Rutgers on "Imus in the Morning," he crossed the line. He referred to the Rutgers team as "nappy-headed hos." Then he went on "The Al Sharpton Show" and referred to Sharpton and a caller as "you people."

Then he came out and said, "I'm not a racist or a bigot." Sure Imus, keep telling yourself that, because you're the only who could possibly believe that statement.

I also heard John Rocker is  
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## COMMENTARY

# NFL Draft: Where Super Bowl teams are built

Donovan Aird  
SPECIAL TO THE MUSTANG DAILY

Every September, the NFL season officially begins. The journey really begins, though, in late April, when all 32 teams take turns selecting their futures.

This year's NFL Draft, which will be conducted from April 28 to 29, is headlined by early entrants — particularly on the offensive side of the ball. One of them, Calvin Johnson of Georgia Tech, could be the greatest wide receiver prospect ever. The Biletnikoff Award winner this past season wowed at the NFL Scouting Combine, measuring in at 6-foot-5 and 239 pounds before running the 40-yard dash in 4.35 seconds...in shoes he borrowed from an East Carolina quarterback.

While the first few teams at the top of the draft order probably

won't draft a receiver, don't be surprised to see someone trade up for him.

Meanwhile, LSU quarterback JaMarcus Russell is something of an athletic extraordinaire in his own right. After a Sugar Bowl MVP performance in a 41-14 victory over Notre Dame, the 6-5, 255-pound signal caller came out early. He reportedly can throw the ball roughly 80 yards flat-footed, and about 50 yards sitting down. Not just a physical marvel, though, Russell dramatically improved his completion percentage and touch-down-to-interception ratio in each of his seasons, hitting on 68 percent of his passes for 28 scores and eight picks as a junior.

Nearly as prodigious is Oklahoma running back Adrian Peterson. Standing at 6-2 and 217 pounds, Peterson rewrote rushing records in

his three seasons as a Sooner and has everything a team could want in a running back. Much like Johnson, however, he could fall because of teams' needs more than his own merits — unless, of course, someone trades up for him.

Here is a mock draft of the first round (99 of the 255 picks and three of the seven rounds take place on the first day):

1. Oakland — Russell
2. Detroit — OT Joe Thomas, Wisconsin
3. Cleveland — QB Brady Quinn, Notre Dame
4. Tampa Bay — Johnson
5. Arizona — DE Gaines Adams, Clemson
6. Washington — DE Jamaal Anderson, Arkansas
7. Minnesota — S LaRon Landry, LSU

8. Atlanta (from Houston) — DT Amobi Okoye, Louisville
9. Miami — OT Levi Brown, Penn State
10. Houston (from Atlanta) — Peterson
11. San Francisco — DT Alan Branch, Michigan
12. Buffalo — ILB Patrick Willis, Mississippi
13. St. Louis — DE Adam Carriker, Nebraska
14. Carolina — TE Greg Olsen, Miami (Fl.)
15. Pittsburgh — OLB Paul Posluszny, Penn State
16. Green Bay — RB Marshawn Lynch, Cal
17. Jacksonville — S Reggie Nelson, Florida
18. Cincinnati — CB Leon Hall, Michigan
19. Tennessee — WR Robert

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