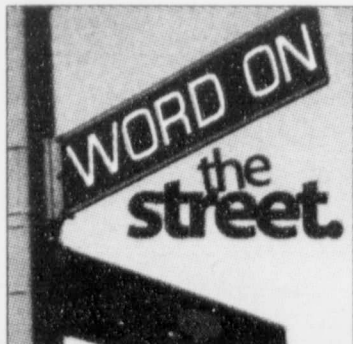


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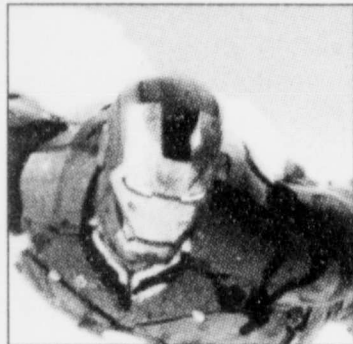
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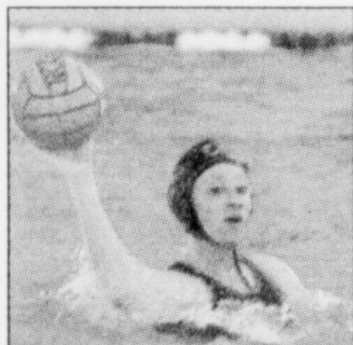
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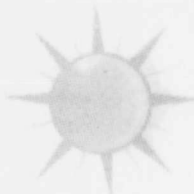
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Kramer wins ASI presidency

Political science junior captures 47.6 percent of initial votes, 57.2 percent of runoff votes

Patrick Barbieri
MUSTANG DAILY

After what seemed like an agonizing half-hour delay, Associated Students Inc. representatives announced to an anxious crowd in the University Union Plaza that Angela Kramer had been elected ASI president for the 2008-09 school year.

Since none of the candidates obtained 51 percent of the initial votes, there was a runoff election between the top two candidates, Kramer and Melissa Lema, to determine the outcome.

Kramer came out ahead with 2,906 first- and second-choice votes, which accounted for 57.2 percent of the runoff votes.

"It's amazing; it feels so perfect," said an ecstatic, teary-eyed Kramer while receiving hugs from friends, family and supporters. Lema was close behind with 2,152 runoff votes.

"I'm very proud of how many students voted this year," Lema said. "I congratulate Angela for her victory. I have a lot of hope for Cal Poly and feel we're in good hands with her."

The third candidate, Arvand Sabetian, received 1,274, or 24 percent, of the initial votes, thereby not allowing him a place in the runoff category. This is Sabetian's second-consecutive unsuccessful run for ASI president.

"It felt worse last year," Sabetian said. "Seeing as how I know many of the people who were elected on the Board of Directors, it's unfortunate that I will not be able to

work with them."

For students who voted in this year's election, key issues were sustainability, experience and reshaping ASI for the year ahead.

Biomedical engineering freshman Ben Icard voted for Kramer based on the fact that she was "eco-friendly" and a "good liberal."

Computer engineering sophomore Estevan Whitfield, on the other hand, said he connected with Lema's student services-oriented campaign.

"The other candidates had big ideas, but didn't really have anything to offer students here and now," Whitfield said.

Some students were shocked at the results.

Economics senior Jenn Kent felt that Sabetian had the election in the bag. For her, issues like attacking the CSU budget crisis and alleviating the economic burden on students were key in her decision.

"I voted for Arvand because I don't want the funding cut-backs to trickle down and cramp my ability to afford my education," Kent said.

Going into the election results, Kramer was optimistic. "We did everything we could with this campaign, and stayed true to our ideals," she said. "Everything happens for a reason, so I'm fine with any outcome."

Sabetian shared similar optimism before hearing the results. "It's hard to really know what's going on outside of your own campaign, but I'll be happy either way," he said.



LAUREN RABAINO MUSTANG DAILY

Newly elected ASI President Angela Kramer speaks to a CPTV reporter after the winning candidates were announced in the UU Plaza Thursday night.

ELECTION NUMBERS

Overall election:

Angela Kramer 47.6%
Melissa Lema 29.1%
Arvand Sabetian 24%

Run-off vote:

Angela Kramer 57.2%
Melissa Lema 42.4%

Voter turnout: 27%

2007: 14% for run-off, 25.5% overall
2006: 22.5%
2005: 15%

San Diego State students facing lengthy sentences

Allison Hoffman
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO — An honors student pleaded not guilty Thursday to charges that he sold cocaine in an undercover operation that culminated in massive drug busts at San Diego State University.

Kenneth Ciaccio, the suspected leader of a cocaine trafficking ring at the 34,000-student campus, is accused of selling cocaine twice to government agents.

He faces up to six years and four months in prison if he is convicted.

His mother wept behind her hand as he was led out of the courtroom in shackles.

Ciaccio, 19, was among 13 fraternity members arrested in early-morning raids Tuesday at fraternity houses and off-campus housing. University officials said 33 students have been suspended as a result of the busts.

Federal officials said 128 people, including at

least 75 SDSU students, were arrested during the five-month investigation.

Some students detained for minor drug offenses or other infractions turned in informants for federal agents.

Ciaccio and six other students pleaded not guilty Thursday before Superior Court Judge David Szumowski to selling an array of drugs including marijuana, Ecstasy, hallucinogenic mushrooms and cocaine.

All but one remained in custody in lieu of bonds ranging from \$10,000 to \$150,000 for Ciaccio.

Deputy District Attorney Shawn Tafreshi said Ciaccio bragged to undercover agents that he could procure a quarter-pound of the drug for \$2,300.

According to court papers, he sent a mass text message to clients advertising cut-rate specials before leaving town for the weekend.

Ciaccio's lawyer, Michael Messina, said he had not seen any evidence proving that his client was

at the center of the ring purportedly operating out of the rundown fraternity house, a block off Fraternity Row.

"I do not believe he's the main guy," Messina said after the court hearing.

A 21-year-old member of the Delta Sigma Pi fraternity suspected of dealing drugs including Ecstasy from a university parking lot across the street from Fraternity Row was held in lieu of \$25,000 bond.

According to court papers, Thomas Watanapun made no effort to conceal the cash he made from dealing, driving directly from one deal to a bank to deposit \$400.

"It's a matter where, due to peer pressure and poor judgment, he finds himself in this predicament," said attorney Nathan Aguilar in court.

Another student found with two semiautomatic weapons along with \$15,000 worth of marijuana and cocaine could be sentenced up to 11

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESULTS

COLLEGE OF AG, FOOD AND ENV. SCIENCE

3,846 VOTES

Kelsey Rugani
Megan BrownellShawn Cooper Nate Sandler
Wes Carlson

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

2,381 VOTES

Jessica Patton
Kayvan ChinichianKendra Searle Kelly Griggs
Sara Hunt

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

2,019 VOTES

Laura Gunderson
Nima SalkeAshley Singer
Jesse Schwartz

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

3,773 VOTES

Alyssa Habing
Kaitlin SpakMatt Agnitch Kelley Wigton
Russell Taylor

COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE

792 VOTES

Katie Groth

Theresa Swen Sean Christy

COLLEGE OF SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

993 VOTES

Adam Marre

Josh Lazarus Sunil Patel

Drugs

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years and eight months, said Deputy District Attorney Damon Mosler.

Lawyers for two students who pleaded not guilty to marijuana charges Wednesday said their clients should not have been lumped in with those involved in trafficking.

"It seems a little heavy handed to go into a college campus with DEA agents to ferret out students who are selling small amounts of marijuana," said attorney Gretchen Von Helms. Her client, 19-year-old Joshua Matsuda, faces up to 3 years and eight months in jail if convicted on charges of possessing marijuana for sale.

His roommate, Jarrod Skippon, faces similar charges after agents allegedly found marijuana and 30 vials of hash oil at their apartment. Skippon's lawyer, Marc Carlos, said a female undercover agent asked

his client to sell her pot after they met at a party.

"We're talking about a 19-year-old," Carlos said. "So they're caught in the sting, and they're being asked to put agents in touch with sellers."

The students, both freshmen, have each been released on \$10,000 bail.

Other colleges in the San Diego area have also been targeted by authorities investigating drug sales.

The San Diego Sheriff's Department said about a dozen San Diego gang members set up shop in a luxury apartment building next to the Cal State San Marcos campus, about 40 miles north of San Diego. Sheriff's Sgt. Gary Floyd said the group sells marijuana, methamphetamine and Ecstasy.

Deputies have made seven arrests since late February, but the sergeant says the gang is still active. The gang members are believed to be part of a southeast San Diego gang forced out of town by an injunction.

MUSTANG DAILY CORRECTIONS

The Mustang Daily staff takes pride in publishing a daily newspaper for the Cal Poly campus and the neighboring community. We appreciate your readership and are thankful for your careful reading. Please send your correction suggestions to mustangdaily@gmail.com.

• The guide to the 2008-09 Board of Directors published in Thursday's paper incorrectly referred to College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Science candidate Shawn Cooper as a man. Cooper is a woman.

The Mustang Daily apologizes for this mistake.

THIS WEEK IN CAL POLY ATHLETICS



Robyn Kontra, Senior
Valencia, CA

Work Hard.

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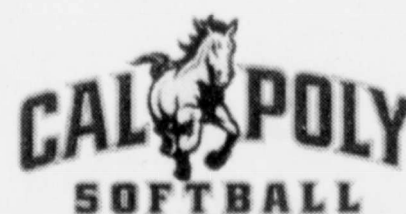
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Briefs

State

ALTADENA (AP) — Authorities say an elderly woman was found dead in a burning home in Altadena, but most of her injuries were unrelated to the blaze.

Los Angeles County Fire Department spokesman Sam Padilla says the 90-year-old victim was found on the kitchen floor of the home, lying in a substantial pool of blood. He says she had suffered significant physical trauma.

Padilla says the fire was reported around 10 a.m. Thursday. It burned two rooms of the home in the foothills northeast of Los Angeles.

Investigators are looking into the cause of the blaze and trying to determine why the woman died.

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GUALALA (AP) — Another abalone diver is dead after suffering a medical emergency while pursuing the mollusk off the North Coast of California.

The Sonoma County Sheriff's Department responded to a call for help Thursday after friends of the unidentified man observed his medical distress near the Sea Ranch. The man was dead by the time firefighters arrived. Officials believe the cause of death was a heart attack or some other medical emergency.

Earlier this week, a 39-year-old man from San Leandro drowned while abalone hunting just north of Mendocino.

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LANCASTER (AP) — A 61-year-old man was sentenced to six years in prison for kissing a preteen boy in an Antelope Valley elementary school restroom.

Jorge Aparicio pleaded no contest to felony committing a lewd act on a child. Prosecutors said Aparicio kissed the 11-year-old boy on the lips in the Joshua Hills Elementary School cafeteria restroom.

The boy told school officials he was approached eight different times by Aparicio, who allegedly gave the boy \$10 for a kiss, then \$2 for a second kiss.

National

CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) — President Bush stuck out his right elbow Thursday, jokingly demonstrating how he'll escort his daughter down the aisle at her wedding this weekend.

He made the gesture at Andrews Air Force Base before boarding Air Force One for the flight to Texas, where Jenna Bush will be married Saturday before about 200 guests at the family's 1,600-acre, secluded ranch. Asked if he was excited, the president smiled and gave a thumbs-up.

"He's looking forward to it," White House spokesman Gordon Johndroe told reporters aboard the plane as it flew from rainy Washington to sunny Texas. "He's excited like any proud father is to see one of his daughters get married."

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NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A rare international alert seeking a man shown in dozens of raw child porn images quickly led to the arrest of a small-time actor who painted faces at children's parties and performed as "the best Santa Claus anyone has ever seen."

Wayne Nelson Corliss told authorities he had sex with three boys in Thailand six years ago, an experience he described as "euphoria," a prosecutor said Thursday at Corliss' first court appearance.

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CHICAGO (AP) — There's a grim, rarely talked-about twist to all that medical know-how doctors learn to save lives: It makes them especially good at ending their own.

An estimated 300 to 400 U.S. doctors kill themselves each year — a suicide rate thought to be higher than in the general population, although exact figures are hard to come by.

Some doctors believe the stigma of mental illness is magnified in a profession that prides itself on stoicism and bravado. Many fear admitting psychiatric problems could be fatal to their careers, so they suffer in silence.

International

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, responding to fresh accusations that he illegally accepted hundreds of thousands of dollars from a U.S. citizen, on Thursday said he will step down if he is indicted.

Olmert said he never took illegal campaign contributions, responding to a corruption case that also has the potential to derail delicate peace talks with the Palestinians.

Olmert made his statement in a nationally televised speech from his official residence late Thursday after a gag order was lifted from the case.

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MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico's acting federal police chief was shot dead Thursday outside his home — a brazen attack that comes as drug traffickers increasingly lash back at a nationwide crackdown on organized crime.

Edgar Millan Gomez was shot 10 times after he opened the door to his Mexico City apartment complex, where at least one gunman was waiting for him before dawn, the Public Safety Department said. Two bodyguards were also wounded. Millan died hours later in a hospital.

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BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Running gunbattles raged in parts of Beirut on Thursday after the leader of Hezbollah accused Lebanon's Western-backed government of declaring war on his Shiite militant group. At least four people were killed and eight wounded in the capital.

In a grim reminder of Lebanon's devastating 1975-90 civil war, factions threw up roadblocks and checkpoints dividing Beirut into sectarian enclaves on the second day of clashes between Sunni Muslims loyal to the government and Shiite supporters of Hezbollah.

A top Sunni leader went on television urging Hezbollah to pull its fighters back and "save Lebanon from hell." The army, which has stayed out of the sectarian political squabbling that has paralyzed the country for more than a year, did not intervene in the battles.

WORD ON THE STREET

"How much does your vote count in the ASI elections?"

Compiled and photographed by Donovan Aird

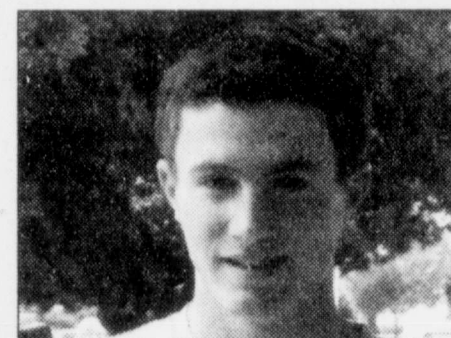


"Everyone's is powerful. It's not about mine — all of ours are."

— Brian Kwa,
general engineering senior

"I think it plays a big part. On the national level, there are so many votes out there it may not make a huge difference, but at this level, there's an influential impact."

— Ross Majewski,
architecture freshman



"I don't really think it counts for much. Other people's might more because they're more involved and passionate about politics."

— Alisha Rodriguez,
business freshman



"Every voice makes a difference — it's definitely important to vote."

— Julia Reid,
art and design junior



Obama gets big welcome in Capitol

Nedra Pickler
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sen. Barack Obama got a front-runner's welcome back at the Capitol Thursday, pressing congressional "superdelegates" to support him in a visit that had the look and feel of a campaign victory lap.

On the House floor, he was quickly surrounded by well-wishers calling him "Mr. President" and reaching out to pat him on the back or shake his hand. The glad-handers included a few Republicans and supporters of his Democratic presidential rival, Hillary Rodham Clinton.

He picked up the superdelegate support of at least two lawmakers: Rep. Brad Miller of North Carolina, where Obama handily won the primary on Tuesday, and Rep. Rick Larsen of Washington state.

Obama predicted he would lose the next two contests to Clinton — West Virginia and Kentucky — but said he expected to win other states. His presence here underscored the nomination math: The remaining six primaries and their 217 delegates are not what matters most in the winding-down campaign.

More important are the 260-plus superdelegates who are yet to be claimed and are not bound by the outcome of any state's vote. Although Obama cannot be caught in the race for primary delegates, neither can he win the nomination without the backing of more superdelegates.

"Our goal is going to be to try to be to bring the party together as soon as possible," Obama said as he walked through the Capitol after his visit to the House with a swarm of reporters jostling to question him. "But we still have contests remaining, and so in no way am I taking this for granted. We're going to have to keep on working."

About a third of the undeclared superdelegates are members of Congress, which is why Obama spent the day away from the campaign trail on Capitol Hill.

"My main message is that whichever way you want to go, the sooner that superdelegates make their decision the sooner we will have a sense of who the nominee will be and sooner we can focus on John McCain," Obama told the Fox News Channel outside his Senate office.

The Associated Press contacted nearly 100 undeclared superdelegates since the Tuesday elections and found that many see Obama as the likely nominee but are reluctant to make a public commitment until after the final states hold their votes June 3.

"There are no undecided superdelegates, there are really only undeclared superdelegates," uncommitted Democratic National Committee member Edward Espinoza of California said in an interview with AP Television. "And what many people have to deal with in this process is grappling professional and political interests when they make a declaration."

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Movie guide

film	grade	cast & crew	the big picture
Baby Mama (PG-13) 96 min.	A-	Tina Fey, Amy Poehler, Greg Kinnear, Dax Shepard, Romany Malco, Maura Tierney, Holland Taylor, Sigourney Weaver; directed by Michael McCullers	Summary: Unable to get pregnant, successful business woman Kate Holbrook can't wait any longer to have a baby. But when she hires a surrogate mother, she gets more than she bargained for. The Good: The Fey/Poehler duo is dynamite, but the supporting actors make the film even stronger. The Bad: Unsurprisingly, a plausible main character in the company of completely unrealistic people. <i>(Kristen Marschall)</i>
Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed (PG) 90 min.	—	Ben Stein, Jason Collett; directed by Nathan Frankowski	Summary: In this documentary Ben Stein travels the world in search of scientists and scholars being discriminated against for their lack of faith in Darwinism, revealing the misfortunes they encounter. The Good: Addresses an interesting aspect of the evolution vs. creation debate. The Bad: Strong bias and lack of factual evidence does little to further Stein's argument. <i>(Metacritic.com)</i>
The Forbidden Kingdom (PG-13) 113 min.	—	Jet Li, Jackie Chan, Michael Angarano, Collin Chou, Crystal Liu Yi Fei, and Li Bing Bing; directed by Rob Minkoff	Summary: Jason Tripitakas is hurtled back in time to ancient China, where he must free a fabled warrior held captive by an evil warlord. A wise kung fu master teaches him what he needs to get home. The Good: Impressive special effects and fight scenes, playful humor and a fresh take on an age-old genre. The Bad: May not live up to the expectations of kung fu purists. <i>(Metacritic.com)</i>
Forgetting Sarah Marshall (R) 111 min.	B+	Jason Segel, Kristen Bell, Mila Kunis, Bill Hader, Russell Brand, Jonah Hill, Paul Rudd, Liz Cackowski; directed by Nicholas Stoller	Summary: After being dumped by his girlfriend of five-and-a-half years, Peter Bretter (Segel) escapes to Hawaii. But in a sick turn of fate, Sarah (Bell) and her new beau happen to be staying at the same resort. The Good: Clever one-liners and awkward situational humor in this "ultimate romantic disaster" movie. The Bad: If you don't like full-frontal male nudity, be sure to close your eyes (four times). <i>(Janelle Eastridge)</i>
Harold & Kumar Escape From Guantanamo Bay (R) 102 min.	B+	John Cho, Kal Penn, Rob Corddry, Roger Bart, Neil Patrick Harris, Kal Penn, Rob Corddry, and Roger Bart; directed by Jon Hurwitz and Hayden Schlossberg	Summary: After Kumar's bong is mistaken for a bomb on an international flight, he and Harold are thrown into and escape Guantanamo Bay. Their subsequent life on the run yields random adventures. The Good: Running jokes from the first movie, political (mixed with pot) humor, unicorns and NPH. The Bad: Don't see it if you're easily offended by anything. It pushes the R-rated envelope. <i>(Giana Magnoli)</i>
Iron Man (PG-13) 126 min.	B+	Robert Downey Jr., Terrence Howard, Jeff Bridges, Gwyneth Paltrow, Leslie Bibb, Shaun Toub, Faran Tahir; directed by Jon Favreau	Summary: Robert Downey Jr. plays Tony Stark, a brilliant head of a large weapons company who creates a suit of metal to get out of the desert after being taken hostage. Gwyneth Paltrow plays his sassy assistant. The Good: The acting and special effects are stellar. The Bad: The plot lacks much forward movement. <i>(Christina Casci)</i>
Made of Honor (PG-13) 101 min.	B-	Patrick Dempsey, Michelle Monaghan, Kevin McKidd, Kathleen Quinlan, Sydney Pollack; directed by Paul Weiland	Summary: Tom and Hannah have been best friends since an awkward college encounter. Ten years later, Tom realizes he's in love with Hannah when she leaves for Scotland — and returns engaged. The Good: Cute moments and clever jokes with a guaranteed happily ever after. The Bad: Full of cliches and very predictable. Plus, Dempsey plays a very unconvincing man's man. <i>(Kristen Marschall)</i>
Redbelt (R) 99 min.	—	Chiwetel Ejiofor, Alice Braga, Tim Allen, Emily Mortimer, Rodrigo Santoro, Rebecca Pidgeon, Randy Couture; directed by David Mamet	Summary: Set in the fight- and crime-laden world of L.A.'s west side, Mike Terry is a jujitsu teacher who's avoided the prize-fighting circuit for years but must now enter the ring to pay off debts and regain his honor. The Good: Ejiofor shines, bringing his calm magnetism and beatific serenity to the big screen. The Bad: Unraveling at the end amid a simplistic climax, the film leaves many questions unanswered. <i>(Metacritic.com)</i>
Shine a Light (PG-13) 122 min.	—	Keith Richards, Mick Jagger, Bill Clinton, Ron Wood, and Charlie Watts; directed by Martin Scorsese	Summary: This documentary captures the raw energy of a Rolling Stones concert in a way never before seen by the world using a legendary team of cinematographers. The Good: Perhaps the most well-crafted documentary of any live concert to date. The Bad: All about the Rolling Stones. If you don't like them, you won't like this film. <i>(Metacritic.com)</i>
Speed Racer (PG) 129 min.	—	Emile Hirsch, Christina Ricci, John Goodman, Susan Sarandon, Matthew Fox; directed by Andy and Larry Wachowski	Summary: A natural behind the wheel, Speed Racer turns down an offer to join Royalton Industries, which wants to increase its profits. He participates in the racing world's pinnacle event against stiff competition. The Good: At its best, the film is buoyant pop entertainment focused on speed, racing and cool colors. The Bad: A so-so storyline with minimal character development. <i>(Metacritic.com)</i>
The Visitor (PG-13) 103 min.	—	Richard Jenkins, Oliver Bokelberg, Hiam Abbass, Maggie Moore; directed by Thomas McCarthy	Summary: The film follows Walter Vale, a disillusioned Connecticut econ professor, as he is transformed by a chance encounter and newfound connections in New York City. The Good: The film goes more or less where you think it will, but still manages to surprise. The Bad: Afraid to take a political stand, the film seems to avoid hard-hitting questions. <i>(Metacritic.com)</i>
What Happens in Vegas (PG-13) 99 min.	—	Cameron Diaz, Ashton Kutcher, Rob Corddry, Treat Williams, Dennis Farina; directed by Tom Vaughan	Summary: After a rowdy weekend in Los Vegas, strangers Jack Fuller (Kutcher) and Joy McNally (Diaz) find themselves hitched, then must try to survive six months of "wedding bliss" to keep their Vegas earnings. The Good: An exceedingly bright comedy with smart lines and superb comic acting. The Bad: The stars lack the classic sparring-but-meant-for-each-other mentality. <i>(Metacritic.com)</i>
The Year My Parents Went on Vacation (PG) 110 min.	—	Michael Joelsas, Daniela Piepszyk, Liliana Castro; directed by Cao Hamburger	Summary: In Brazil's 2007 Oscar contribution, a young boy is separated from his parents, who are forced to leave the country because of political turmoil, and moves to a Jewish neighborhood. The Good: Poignant and surprisingly tender at times. Plus, the film's climax is definitely worthwhile. The Bad: A film about a childhood trauma presented in a timid and sanitized manner. <i>(RottenTomatoes.com)</i>
Young@Heart (PG) 110 min.	—	The Young@Heart vocal group; directed by Stephen Walker	Summary: A documentary tracking the progress of the Young@Heart vocal group, comprised of elderly men and women who sing covers of songs by Bob Dylan, The Clash and others, as they prepare for a major gig. The Good: An enjoyable film with a built-in cute factor (70- and 80-somethings singing good music...). The Bad: Some claim it "reeks of commercial calculation;" lacks the grit of the group it follows. <i>(RottenTomatoes.com)</i>

FRIDAY SHOWTIMES

Fremont Theatre

Speed Racer 1:30, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30
Forgetting Sarah Marshall 2:10, 4:45, 7:15, 10:00
Harold & Kumar Escape from Guantanamo Bay 2:25, 4:50, 7:10, 9:45
The Forbidden Kingdom 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:55

Downtown Centre Cinema

Iron Man 1:30, 3:00, 4:15, 5:45, 7:15, 9:00, 10:15
What Happens In Vegas 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
Made of Honor 2:10, 4:30, 6:55, 9:45
Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed 1:45, 4:45, 7:45, 10:30
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Baby Mama 2:45, 5:15, 7:50, 10:20

Sunset Drive-In

Iron Man 8:00
Drillbit Taylor 10:20

Palm Theatre

Shine a Light 6:45, 9:15
The Visitor 4:15, 7:00, 9:15
The Year My Parents Went on Vacation 4:15
Young@Heart 4:15, 7:00, 9:15

'IRON MAN' LACKS SOME METTLE



Starring Robert Downey Jr., "Iron Man" proves to be visually stunning but lacks full character development and any sort of resolution.

COURTESY PHOTO

Christina Casci
MUSTANG DAILY

Superhero movies tend to either impress their audiences or let them down completely. Too much technology or far-fetched plot lines are the factors that make comic book creations flop in theaters. Then there are those movies that get all the hype, the recently released

"Iron Man" being one of them. It has dazzled audiences nationwide, but does it really deserve it?

Robert Downey Jr. plays child prodigy Tony Stark, who has taken over his father's multimillion-dollar weapons company. When visiting a Middle

Eastern country to promote a new powerful weapon, his car blows up. To save him, a doctor must put a magnetic device in his chest to keep the shrapnel from his heart. He creates a metal suit to escape the cave the Middle Eastern extremists are keeping him in.

To be completely honest, Downey Jr. has come out of nowhere and played a riveting role. The character is complicated and simple at the same time. He seems like one of those cocky businessmen who gets whatever he wants, but proves he actually cares about important issues later in the movie. He is smoking hot with a phenomenal body, and he's 43 years old.

Downey Jr.'s co-star is Stark's funny and sassy red-headed assistant Pepper Potts, played by Gwyneth Paltrow. I don't know where Paltrow has been, but thank you "Iron Man" casters for bringing her back. She does an awesome and impressive job in the role.

The plot is what lacked in the end. It started off pretty good with the character development, but once the story got to the cave, it started to get slow. It's not that it dragged, it just didn't move forward. The whole movie seemed to be character development with one really cool battle scene at the end.

Those who have read the comic book say that it stayed true to the story, and that's why it went slowly. Another argument for its static nature is that it was setting up for a sequel. Both of these points don't make sense. People go see a movie to be entertained, not to read the comic book. Other outstanding superhero movies go beyond the comic book and create something extra; that's why they are superior.

The latter argument is just confusing. Just because there is going to be a sequel does not mean there can't be an ending. The movie needed some closure — the main aspect "Iron Man" was missing.

The cinematography was impressive, and the special effects were super. There are a few scenes that keep viewers on the edge of their seats. All of the technology is super advanced, and every boy in the audience probably wanted to steal it.

In general, the movie was entertaining. There were cool objects being built and relationships forming, but when it started to get near the end, it was a bit lacking. If the characters had some forward movement in their relationship, it would have been satisfactory, but there was almost none. Plus, the last line Stark says kind of ruins the superhero thing.

However, the stellar casting and eye-catching graphics overshadowed the lack of momentum the plot offered, creating a superhero movie that's not necessarily great but is still one of the better ones to come out of Hollywood.

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• An article in Thursday's arts section incorrectly reported in the subhead that the Cal Poly Symphony and the San Luis Obispo Youth Symphony would be performing together in a concert Thursday night.

The concert will actually take place tonight at the Christopher Cohan Center.

'Day' provides delicious liberation

Stephanie Dickrell

MINNESOTA DAILY (U. MINNESOTA)

Prolific writer Elizabeth Berg used to stash Halloween candy under her mattress, but her secret snacking never rivaled the escapade of the main character in her new book's title story. Her decision to eat her way through the day is the book's first act of liberation.

"The Day I Ate Whatever I Wanted," a collection of short stories, is a departure from the novels that Berg has written for more than 10 years.

Berg considers the book a palate cleanser, a way to clear out all of the little ideas she's had during the past few years. After more than 10 years of writing novel after novel, short stories were a welcome break.

But the title story was never more than fiction. Berg called it "a fantasy fulfilled on the page."

The fantasy starts when the nameless narrator arrives at a Weight Watchers meeting, only to find a blind woman and a thin, elderly woman who could barely walk — both with "no visible blubber" — weighing and critiquing themselves. The main character thought it was too ridiculous to witness and decided to take the day off from her weight-loss regimen, opting instead to eat anything and everything she wanted. She started at Dunkin' Donuts, ordering her coffee with heavy cream.

The spirit of the book would be clearer if the original title was kept: "The Day I Ate Whatever I Fucking Wanted." However, Berg's characters speak their minds and commit their own little acts of defiance nonetheless.

For instance, the main character in the title story commented in detail

about the woman behind the counter at Dunkin' Donuts being fat.

"Anyway, Sigrid's fat looked good, truly. Every now and then you see a person who wears fat well," the character explained.

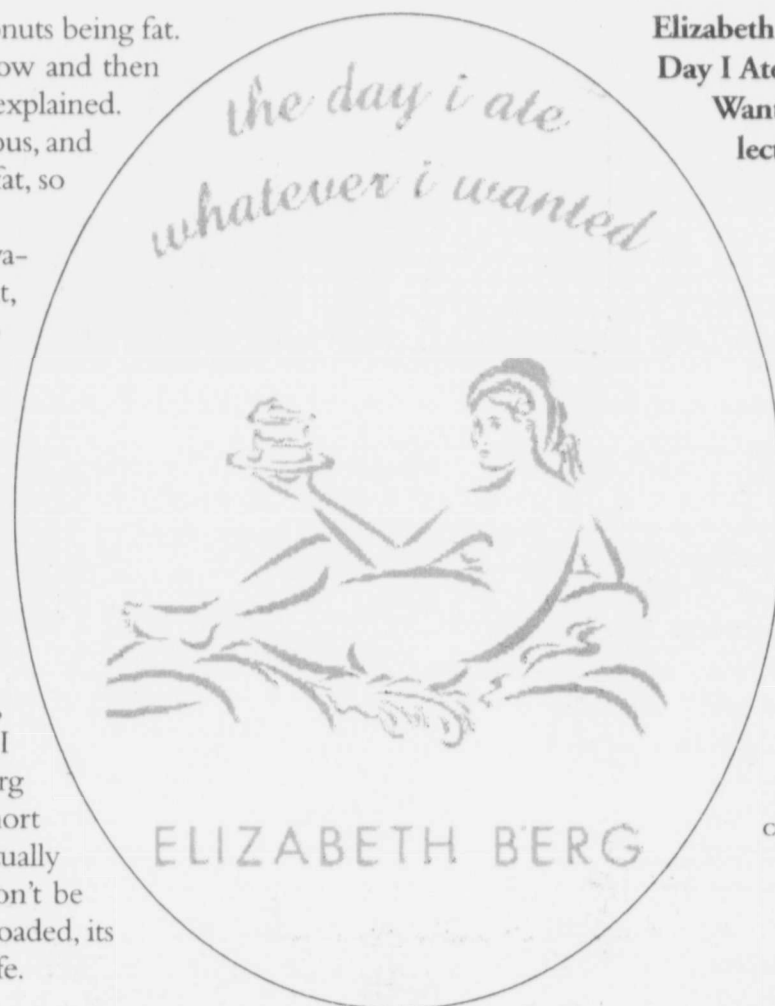
"It is that tight fat and just really looks kind of delicious, and also their attitude is just great, like in your face: I'm fat, so fucking what? Get over your sanctimonious self."

The bravado it takes to confess these little observations makes the stories entertaining. Berg's style is light, comfortable and conversational, and she manages to portray the lives of women from pre-teens worried about breasts and bras to elderly women wistful about teenage loves.

Berg is an award-winning author and has been on The New York Times best-sellers list multiple times. Even more to her credit, she has met Oprah three times. Oprah even chose Berg's novel "Open House" in 2000 as a selection for Oprah's Book Club.

While packed with themes of weight, children, love and growing up, "The Day I Ate Whatever I Wanted" manages to stay lighthearted and fun. Berg explained that she likes the easy-to-read format of short stories that allows a busy reader to feel like they actually finished something without too much effort. But don't be deceived by the casual style because the language is loaded, its underside exposing subtle critiques about everyday life.

Elizabeth Berg's "The Day I Ate Whatever I Wanted" is a collection of short stories that manage to explore the complexities of weight and self-perception while still remaining light-hearted and fun.



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"RAAAAA BANANA!"

Raising environmental awareness: The timing is ripe

More than ever, the time is ripe — ripe for the campus community of Cal Poly to "promote the environmental stewardship, protection, enhancement and sustainability" of our natural resources of Poly Canyon and Brizzolara Creek, as suggested in Cal Poly's Master Plan 2003.

The timing is ripe for several reasons:

First, Cal Poly has a great opportunity with Poly Canyon Village (PCV) coming into fruition fall 2008. PCV is a student housing project with 2,700 apartment spaces for students, and is situated on the banks of Brizzolara Creek north of Poly Canyon. Will the new village increase human interaction with Brizzolara Creek? The answer is inherently yes. Can the influx of students around Brizzolara Creek have a negative impact on the biophysical health of the creek? The answer is also inherently yes. Consequently, these students will walk over Brizzolara Creek every trip to campus and back, and although we may recognize there will be an increase in human interaction with the creek, we fail to recognize "how will the students interact with the creek?" Determining how Cal Poly wants to promote student interaction with Brizzolara Creek is the BIG question.

So how do we want students to interact with the creek? The creek's accessibility and proximity poses a great opportunity in providing an aesthetically valuable environment for students and campus community members to enjoy intrinsically, recreationally, as a wildlife habitat and as a "living laboratory" learning facility. On the flip side, 2,700 students interacting with the creek poses a potential threat by raising exposure to unprecedented numbers. Will they interact with the creek in a fashion that could detract from the aesthetic value or the wildlife habitat? The failure to instate a program to guide the desired outcome decided by Cal Poly could lead to the degradation of one of the valuable "living laboratory" resources Cal Poly prides itself on.

Secondly, it would behoove us to as a polytechnic university to provide the student community not only a living experience, but an educational

experience away from the classroom. We can provide a living environment that is healthy and beautiful, a place to study and walk trails, a place where they are provided opportunities to understand their local environment in a way that empowers them to take personal responsibility. We can also provide a responsibility for something greater than themselves, an ecosystem they never knew existed, an ecosystem they never understood how they and their peers affect, an ecosystem that relies heavily on the protection of us, and society. To provide these opportunities would allow growth in understanding that they are a small but integral part to the health of the local environment.

Lastly, a growing interest in the environment has prompted a flood of student groups, faculty and Cal Poly administrators to become more environmentally conscientious in several ways. To help boost these efforts, a program should be drafted to promote the master plan guidelines in order to fulfill the need for Cal Poly to lead the charge in preparing students to make informed decisions regarding our environment, how we interact with it, and how we can preserve it. Environmental philosopher Andrew Light suggests our relationship to nature is shaped locally. As our generation inherits a world of pollution damage, resource depletion and an ever-growing population, the way we face these issues is dependent on how well-educated we are. How well do we know our local environment? Poly Canyon Village provides a great chance to educate students who will be living in a natural resource rich area. Will we take advantage of this educational outreach opportunity?

In an effort to bolster positive interaction between the campus community and Brizzolara Creek, Cal Poly's first annual Creek Day will be held May 15. Cal Poly Creek Day provides a forum for public participation in environmental restoration and rehabilitation projects.

Kevin Waldron is city and regional planning senior and a guest columnist for the Green Spot.

GUEST COMMENTARY

To the 'Make out and peace out' philosophy...

As stated in the "Make-Out and Peace Out" article a few weeks ago, "In a college environment, sex is increasingly becoming a nonchalant act that carries little thought of what happens the next morning," and I agree. I also think it extends further to actually dating someone, whether or not "liquid courage" is involved. It seems that the dating world has become a free-for-all in which one or both partners are likely to come down with a case of what I affectionately call "Sudden Asshole Syndrome," a plague of sorts that seems to be sweeping the current dating generation.

This new dimension surrounding miscommunication seems to be a growing phenomenon, one that I will henceforth refer to as S.A.D. (S.A.S. just didn't seem to cut it). This syndrome, as the name implies, occurs suddenly and without cause, when someone we date just seems to drop off the face of the earth. I mean, come on! At least have the decency to say, "I'm sorry, it's just not working out; I was run over by a tractor and broke all the bones in my body, and don't want you to see me in this state."

Instead, men (and admittedly, some women) just seem to disappear without a trace, like they never existed (although the pictures may prove otherwise). For example, a close friend of mine dated a guy for a little more than a month. Things were going well, and "exclusivity" was even established. Then, one night, my friend called said guy to hang out, as per routine (they hung out/went on dates two or three times per week), and he never responded. After hearing nothing for two weeks, he sent her a cowardly

and ridiculous text message that read something to the effect of "Sorry I haven't gotten back to you ... been busy with finals" (I was previously unaware that finals at Cal Poly lasted for two weeks and left no time for a text or phone call — my mistake). After responding in a courteous fashion, she literally never heard from him again.

OK, you think, so it was one instance. Surely this isn't some sort of epidemic. Witness Exhibit B: I recently dated a guy for almost two months. Things were going fine. We saw and/or called each other often, and he was absolutely wonderful. Then something happened. I'd tell you what, but I really don't know. He stopped calling as much, which I mistakenly took to mean he was busy. However, I ran into him a couple of times during Poly Royal weekend and he acted really odd, as in a "what are you doing here on the campus you attend?" kind of odd, and I didn't hear from him for several days afterward. I called him, merely wondering what was up, and he brushed me off, saying he would call back later (mind you, he had always kept his word before). That was a couple of weeks ago.

In my mind, this boy tucked his tail between his legs and ran for the border of S.A.D.-ville. I was positively befuddled that he had just canned our relationship (I really wasn't sure, but by the third day that's what I was counting on). Well, fine. I'm a big girl. I can handle something like that. The relationship had "ended" (and by "ended," I mean it didn't really. I had to make my own closure by writing this article).

Thus, I would like to bring to attention the

potentially idiotic and cowardly problem of Sudden Asshole Syndrome ... daters beware! Don't put up with this bullshit. And to those suffering from Sudden Asshole Syndrome? Grow a pair and have the courage to tell someone you don't want to see them again. If you think you're letting women off easy by being non-confrontational, you're wrong. Oh, and P.S., if you think you'll never account for your actions, think again. For instance, the guy that my friend was dating? Well, let's just say that in-hall run-ins have been highly uncomfortable. Still not convinced? The guy I was dating is going into a field that requires attendance at a certain academy ... where my beloved father currently teaches. Yeah, karma's a bitch. Good luck with that one, buddy.

For whatever reason, people deem it socially acceptable to fall off the face of the earth. Let this be a lesson: it is not OK, it will never be OK, and all it does is label you as a coward and an asshole. I know it's difficult, but have the courage to communicate that you don't want to see someone anymore. Be accountable for your actions, and the worst anyone can say about you is that you "lost out" (which is what any party being broken up with will tell themselves if they're trying to get over someone). As for myself? I know good men still exist and I'm holding out for one. To those men, I tip my hat (or I would if I wore hats) and raise my glass; you are my heroes in this world full of idiots.

Lindsey Lott is a Cal Poly alumna and a guest columnist for the Mustang Daily.

GUEST COMMENTARY

Think about the young mothers this Mother's Day

Mother's Day is different this year.

For me, the Hallmark holiday used to be about going home to have brunch with my mom, or at least sending her a card.

I used to see motherhood as this distant thing, something that was a way off for my friends and me.

On Sept. 5, 2007, one of my best friends back home gave birth — at 19 years old — to a baby boy and Mother's Day will never be the same.

Kayla's pregnancy wasn't typical. On the first day of her sophomore year in college, she found out she was two weeks away from delivering. Welcome to the "motherhood" — no time to rent; you've already signed the lease.

Kayla had no signs of being pregnant other than gaining weight in her mid-section. When she saw her campus doctor about it, she was diagnosed with kidney problems and given a prescription — let's hear it for the campus clinic. She found out about her pregnancy when she went to her family's physician for a second opinion.

Kayla pretty much went from dorms to diapers, though handling it beautifully.

She moved home — boyfriend and baby in tow — finished the semester and carried on with her college career, plus one.

Kayla's story is by all means bizarre, but college-aged mothers are not very uncommon. We have at least one here at Cal Poly.

It seems that society still ostracizes teenage or young mothers, assuming they promiscuous or irresponsible. However, it's not 1952; there really is no scandal to be had and it's not much of a secret that college students have sex.

The reality is that romance happens, condoms break, birth control fails and babies are born. Whether it be in a delivery room or a dormitory bathroom — it happens and it could just as easily happen to you.

Kayla doesn't fit the stereotype of teen mothers. In high school, she was a straight-A honor student, three-sport athlete and a homecoming queen nominee. She's been with her boyfriend since 10th grade, and worked part-time while majoring in engineering during her freshmen year. If anything, becoming a teen mother has made her resume more impressive.

There is no college course that teaches how to be a good parent, but if there were, my buddy would have aced it.

Being a full-time student is difficult within itself; Kayla's studying is now interlaced with diapers, bottles, tears and teething. How many "Poly dollies" can imagine that?

College life isn't exactly conducive to being a mom or dad. Aside from day care services offered on campus, having a child and deciding to raise it comes with a lot of sacrifice. Parties and Pampers don't exactly go hand in hand.

Kayla and her boyfriend have embraced parenthood as frat boys embrace naive freshmen. When I've gone home to visit, I'm in awe of her as she is two years younger than me and handling more than I could ever imagine.

When I complain about being tired from studying or partying I think to myself, "Bridge, you don't even know what tired is."

The judgmental looks my friend receives when she runs errands with her son irritate me. I wish people could see how well she's done and how hard she works. In all honesty, she deserves a round of applause, not a dirty look.

For most students, having a baby in college isn't ideal, but it isn't the end of the world.

So this Mother's Day, when you're out to brunch with your mom or putting the stamp on her card, acknowledge and appreciate the fact that some of your peers are parents, and someday that you might be too.

And to the young woman that gave birth on campus, know that wherever you are, you are not alone.

Happy Mother's Day.

Bridget Veltri is a journalism junior and a guest columnist for the Mustang Daily.



From my understanding, with current agricultural practices (i.e. even with biofuel production), there is enough food produced globally to feed the world's population (6.8 billion give or take) more than 2,400 calories per day. I can agree with you on the detrimental impacts of corn production and its chemical runoff, and I agree that ethanol production from corn isn't the most environmentally sound idea. I think you are wrong, however, in criticizing politicians of a particular party when nearly all U.S. politicians, both left and right, as well as American consumers (like you Miss Chiappe) are key components in the dysfunctional system of global food distribution and resource allocation that is fueling world hunger and regional food shortages.

—J
Response to "Look who's eating now"

J — I agree with you. We are all most definitely responsible. It is quite frustrating, however, when politicians state the obvious about this problem and simply saying that nothing is being done about it. I'm glad that there at least is discussion occurring, but if there are certain politicians now out recognizing the negative impacts of it to the media, they should also be doing something about it. Also, part of my point in mentioning politicians at all is that many environmental groups and politicians of certain parties were heavily pushing biofuels, and now we are seeing the repercussions. However, it seems that all politicians got on board with it because ethanol has universal appeal. I encourage you to read another article from the Associated Press on the matter at http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/E/ETHANOL_FOOD?SITE=NMALJ&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT. My article was about the shortage that IS occurring in supermarkets to the consumers globally, and the ties that biofuel production has to that shortage. Your point brings up another great discussion — if there is enough to feed the world, why is even our own country experiencing food rationing? There is a wheat shortage, however as far as other crops go. One example is in a recent article written by a Canadian news source, The Star, addressing the fact that some of Canada's farmers are paid to cut down fruit trees and destroy swine basically to ensure that they don't get sold. Government officials are making it more beneficial financially for farmers to destroy their crops than to sell them. Check out www.thestar.com/Canada/Columnist/article/418590.

— Christina Chiappe
Response to "Look who's eating now"

What a waste of a term. So he brought us Starbucks? Please.

— Ebullient
Response to "A platform in progress"

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Shawn Cooper ... a man?

I was sitting on the throne and reading the guide of the 2008-2009 ASI Board of Directors. I thought I was reading valuable information until I stumbled upon an article about my good friend, Shawn Cooper.

Shawn Cooper is a very sweet girl; that's right, he is actually a she. I was very displeased to see that Shawn was referred to as a male. I think a little more research should have been done on your end.

The fact that it seems like whoever it was at the Daily actually spoke to Shawn in person was the icing on the cake. This is yet another prime example of the first-class effort being performed at the Mustang Daily.

Alex Holland
BRAE major

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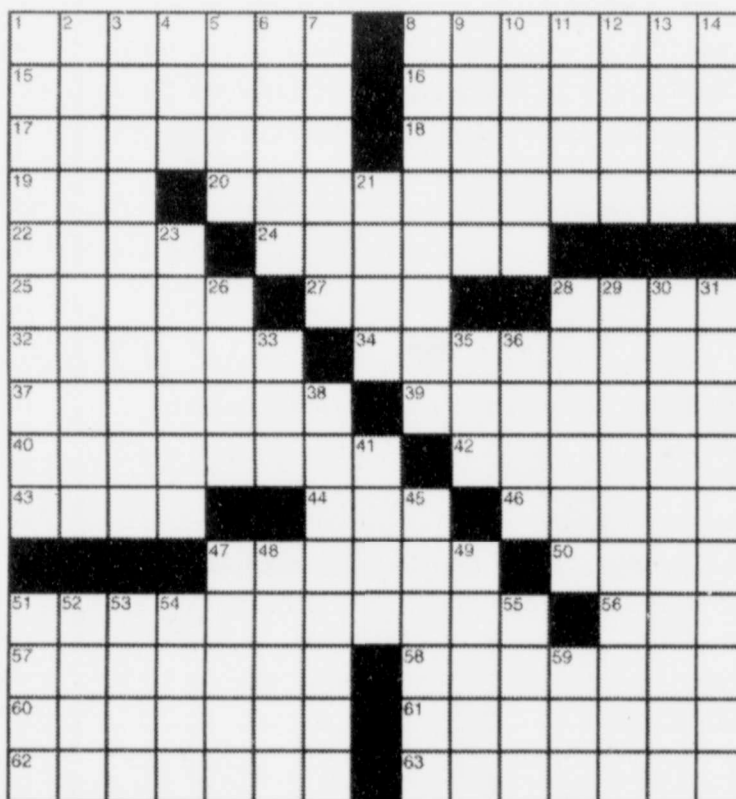
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 - Layer that scratches
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 - Make a point of
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- Its scores range from 120 to 180: Abbr.
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- Ringleaders' nemeses
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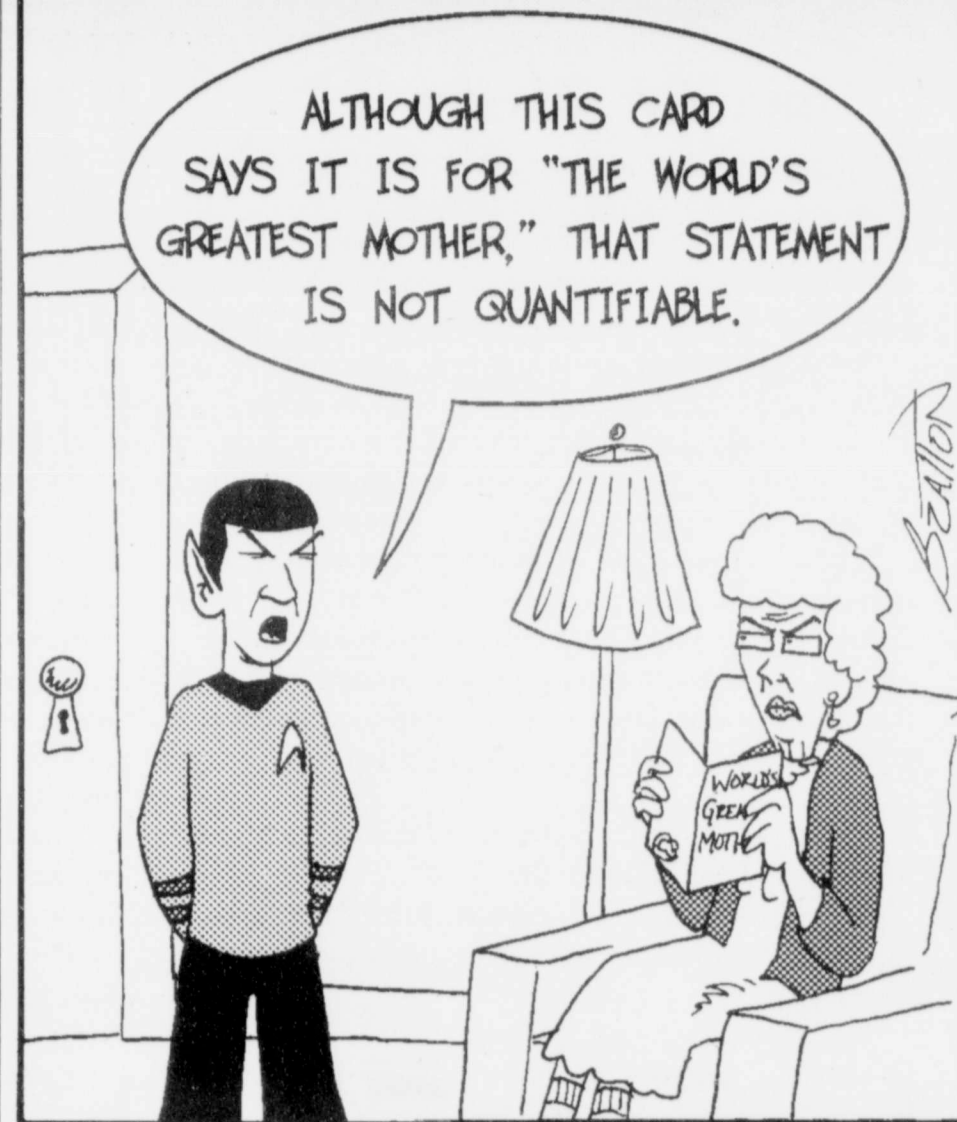
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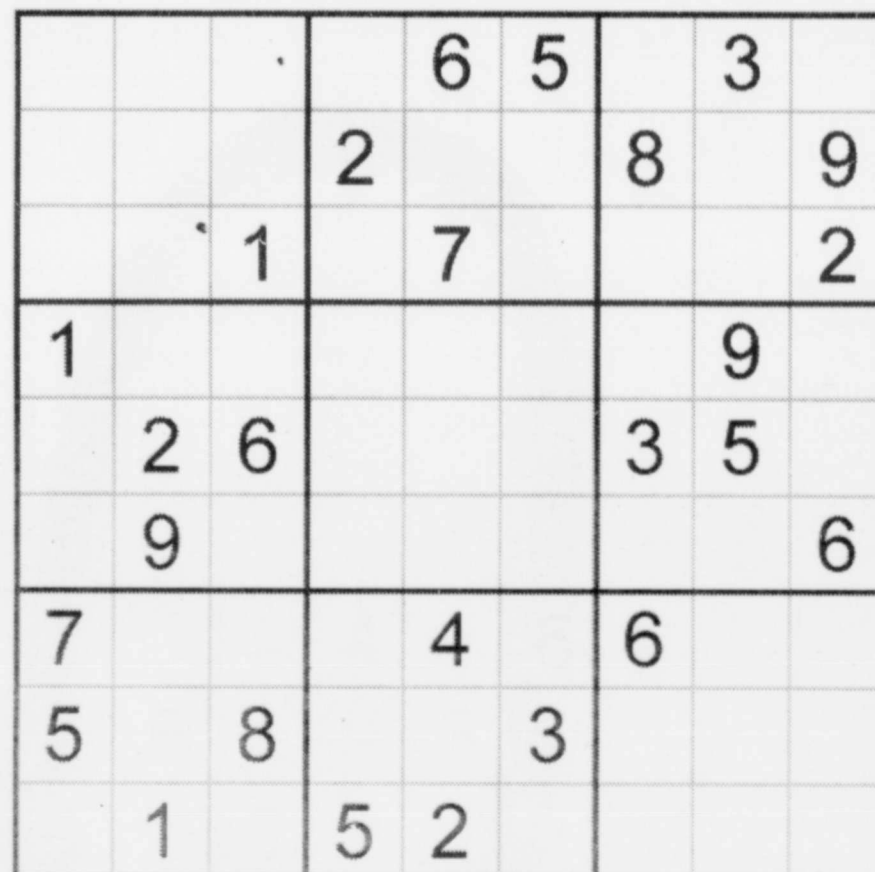


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Giants

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hit .174 in April, then lined a single to right just over the outstretched arm of a leaping Eugenio Velez.

"I'm just kind of getting to where I'm confident against left-handers again," said LaRoche, who has a six-game hitting streak but was hitting only .143 against lefties. "It's nice to get in and get a big hit."

Pittsburgh has won 13 of its last 15 games against San Francisco and swept three-game series from the Giants in three straight seasons, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. San Francisco has lost four in a row overall.

Franquelis Osoria (2-1) pitched a one-hit seventh, and John Grabow and Tyler Yates combined on a one-hit eighth. Matt Capps finished for his eighth save in as many chances, striking out pinch-hitter John Bowker with a runner on second to end the game.

"There's been so many games we were coming back in, but we haven't been getting that last hit," Pittsburgh manager John Russell said. "A huge key for us today was that we went ahead and got that extra hit that put us over the top."

Sanchez had three hits and scored

twice, and Bay went 3-for-4 with a run and an RBI.

Ryan Doumit hit a two-run single in the third, but San Francisco took a 4-2 lead in the fourth when Emmanuel Burriss and Steve Holm had consecutive hits that drove in their first major league RBIs.

Burriss chopped a single off the glove of Maholm with two on and two outs, and Holm hit a two-run double over centerfielder Nate McLouth. Cain, who was 2-for-3, followed with an RBI single up the middle.

Cain gave up five runs and nine hits in 6 1-3 innings.

"He pitched a good ballgame, but there at the end he just made a couple mistakes," Bochy said.

Pirates starter Paul Maholm allowed four runs and six hits in six innings.

"If I don't touch that ball, we're talking about a shutout or a good performance," Maholm said, referring to Burriss' infield hit. "I tried to make the play. It didn't work out, and they had a couple hits after that."

Pittsburgh had lost 13 of 18 entering the series, including three of four in Washington over the weekend.

"We felt like we should have played better in Washington, so to come out here and take three from these guys is a good momentum booster for us," Sanchez said.

Lacrosse

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This year, the top-seeded Gauchos have been the Mustangs' biggest rival, said senior defender and co-team captain Jaime Oetman, also an All-American Second Team honoree.

"They are undefeated — we lost to them in double overtime by one point in our league finals," she explained. "They're a good team, but we're right there."

Chandler also voiced confidence in the Mustangs' chances.

"They have always been a rival over the years, but in the past, we've beaten them when it counts at nationals," she said.

Chandler said the Mustangs' strategy will remain much the same throughout the tournament.

"We just like to play our style no matter the opponent because we know that we can beat them," she added. "Our zone defense is really strong because no other team plays zone."

Cal Poly advanced to the semifinals by routing 12th-seeded Michigan State 16-5 Wednesday and upsetting No. 4 seed Michigan 11-5 Thursday.

Over the years, the Mustangs have had many coaches, but they say their commitment has kept the program strong.

"It's a player-run program," Chandler said.

Oetman, who explained that the Mustangs fund themselves and drive themselves to games, agreed about the reasons for the team's success.

"It's amazing, honestly, that we've won seven years in a row just because that doesn't happen for teams that do

everything themselves," she said.

Chandler said many actually come to Cal Poly after hearing how successful the team has been.

"Even though it is only a club, we've been so successful on the West Coast that it's an attraction for players," she said.

Key to Cal Poly's run has been its consistent ability to rise to the occasion, Oetman stressed.

"If we play well, which we tend to during nationals, we'll be in the finals," she said. "There's just something that clicks for our entire team, and we step up and perform to the best of our ability."

The winner of the Mustangs-Gauchos 2:30 p.m. match-up will take on the winner of the first semifinal, played two hours earlier between No. 2 seed Colorado State and No. 3 seed Colorado. Saturday's championship will begin at noon.

Diaz lifts Braves over Padres in ninth inning

ATLANTA — The Braves finally won a one-run game when Matt Diaz hit a bases-loaded single in the ninth inning.

Atlanta, which beat San Diego 5-4, was the first team since the 2000 Houston Astros to lose its first nine one-run games. The Braves were the only team in the major leagues without a one-run victory.

Atlanta (18-15), which trailed 4-1 after five innings, has won six straight games, all at home.

The Padres (12-23), who lost their fourth straight, committed three errors that led to four unearned runs. Joe Thatcher (0-4) was charged with the loss.

Manny Acosta (1-1) recorded one out to get the win.

— Associated Press

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Cal Poly women's water polo team captures national championship

Ur wins MVP, Erzen garners Coach of Year honors at tournament as Mustangs claim fourth Women's National Collegiate Club Championship

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MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly women's water polo team won the National Collegiate Club Championship on Sunday in Portland, Ore. by defeating Oregon in a double-overtime final, 7-6.

With 12 seconds left in the first of the three-minute extra periods, freshman 2-meter Sarah Ur scored to break the tie.

"Everyone was pretty nervous," Ur said. "But we just kind of kept our cool and pulled through in the end."

Oregon opened by scoring first before second-seeded Cal Poly responded with four unanswered scores in the last six minutes of the first period, thanks to one goal apiece by senior 2-meter Colleen Scheitrum and sophomore utility player Roxanne Eastwood, and two courtesy of Ur.

The No. 7 seed Ducks, however, scored with a minute and 27 seconds remaining in the period to cut the margin to 4-2.

Eastwood tallied another goal in the second, but Oregon countered with three of its own to claim a 6-5 advantage with about seven minutes left. Oregon's slim lead was short-lived, however, with Eastwood scoring yet again to tie the affair with just more than six minutes remaining.

Ur's decisive tiebreaker was sent into the left side of the cage on an exclusion opportunity.

"I was really nervous," Mustangs senior goalkeeper Jenny Austin said. "It was definite-

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The amount of goals Cal Poly's Sarah Ur and Roxanne Eastwood combined to score in a 7-6 win over Oregon at the tournament final



Left, members of the Cal Poly women's water polo club team celebrate a 7-6 win over Oregon on Sunday at the Women's National Collegiate Club Championship in Portland, Ore. Right, Mustangs senior 2-meter Colleen Scheitrum passes against Arizona in Saturday's semifinals.

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ly a nail-biter."

The championship hadn't gone into overtime since 2002, when Michigan State edged Cal Poly 7-6.

"It was a very exciting game," said Mustangs head coach Bobby Erzen, who was awarded Coach of the Year after the tournament. "A lot of parents and friends came out there to support us."

After the Mustangs arrived in Oregon on May 1, Erzen was able to schedule a last-minute practice at 8 that night.

"That was good to get the nerves out," he said.

The following morning, in what Erzen called "a pretty impressive win," the Mustangs topped No. 12 Chico State 11-6.

Following a 13-1 rout of No. 19 Middlebury College on Saturday, they charged into the semifinals, where they would vanquish No. 5 Arizona 11-5.

"As a whole, we played really well," Eastwood said. "We just came out with so much energy."

Ur was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. She and Scheitrum made the all-tournament first team, and Austin, who compiled 12 saves in the final, earned second-team distinction.

"We have so many good players on our team, I was surprised more of us didn't make the all-tournament team," Ur said.

Cal Poly won its fourth national crown, adding to its titles in 2003 (won against

Michigan State), 2004 and 2005 (each against Dartmouth).

The Cal Poly men also won a national championship this season, making for the first time in four years that both squads have achieved the feat.

Ur, while excited about the possibility of repeating, remains mostly grounded in the moment.

"I think we have the potential to leave even more of a legacy," she said.

"But right now I think most of us are still drinking in the win."

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The amount of saves made in the final by Cal Poly senior goalkeeper Jenny Austin, who made the All-Tournament Second Team

Mustangs advance to semifinal round with win over Michigan

Brittney Clyde
MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly women's lacrosse club team does not shy away from competition.

The Mustangs, in search of their eighth consecutive Women's Division Intercollegiate Associates National Championship, will take on UC Santa Barbara in the WDIA semifinals today in Denver.

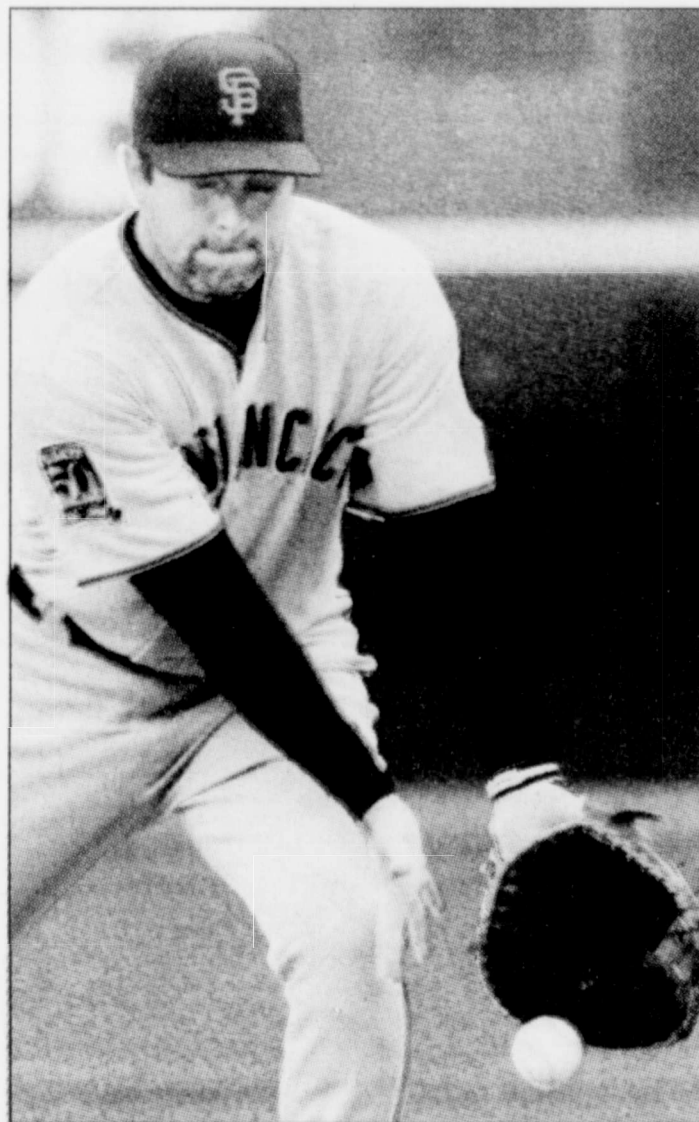
Cal Poly senior midfielder Kaitlin Chandler, a co-team captain and All-American Second Team member, said the Mustangs don't mind being perceived as the team to beat.

"I know our team is really pumped because this year there's been a lot of talk by other teams and coaches that are psyched to beat us," she said. "They think they'll take our title from us because we have such a young team, but we're ready to prove them wrong again."

Five of the seven times Cal Poly has won, it was considered the underdog, Chandler said.

This year, since UCSB won a final league tournament, it received an automatic bid to nationals. Cal Poly received an at-large bid as the tournament's fifth seed.

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San Francisco Giants first baseman Rich Aurilia commits an error against the Pittsburgh Pirates during the Giants' 5-4 loss Thursday in Pittsburgh.

LaRoche single propels Pirates to sweep of Giants

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — San Francisco was fuming over its latest loss to the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Adam LaRoche hit a go-ahead single in a three-run seventh inning, and the Pirates rallied for a 5-4 victory Thursday and a three-game sweep.

The rally started when pinch-hitter Nyjer Morgan bunted down the third-base line and was ruled safe at first by umpire Ron Kulpa for a single. Replays appeared to show Morgan did not beat the throw.

"I had a great view of it and there was no doubt in my mind that he was out," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. "It's a huge call. Instead of getting the first out there, now they have a rally going."

The Pirates trailed 4-2 against Matt Cain (1-3) when Morgan — who was optioned to Triple-A after the game — reached against Matt Cain (1-3).

"When we watched the replay, it looked like he was out to us," Cain said.

Freddy Sanchez, 7-for-13 after being moved to the leadoff slot for the first time this week, followed with a ground-rule double and Nate McLouth hit sacrifice fly to score Morgan.

Jason Bay's double tied the score, Jack Taschner relieved and, one out later, NL RBIs leader Xavier Nady was intentionally walked. LaRoche, who

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