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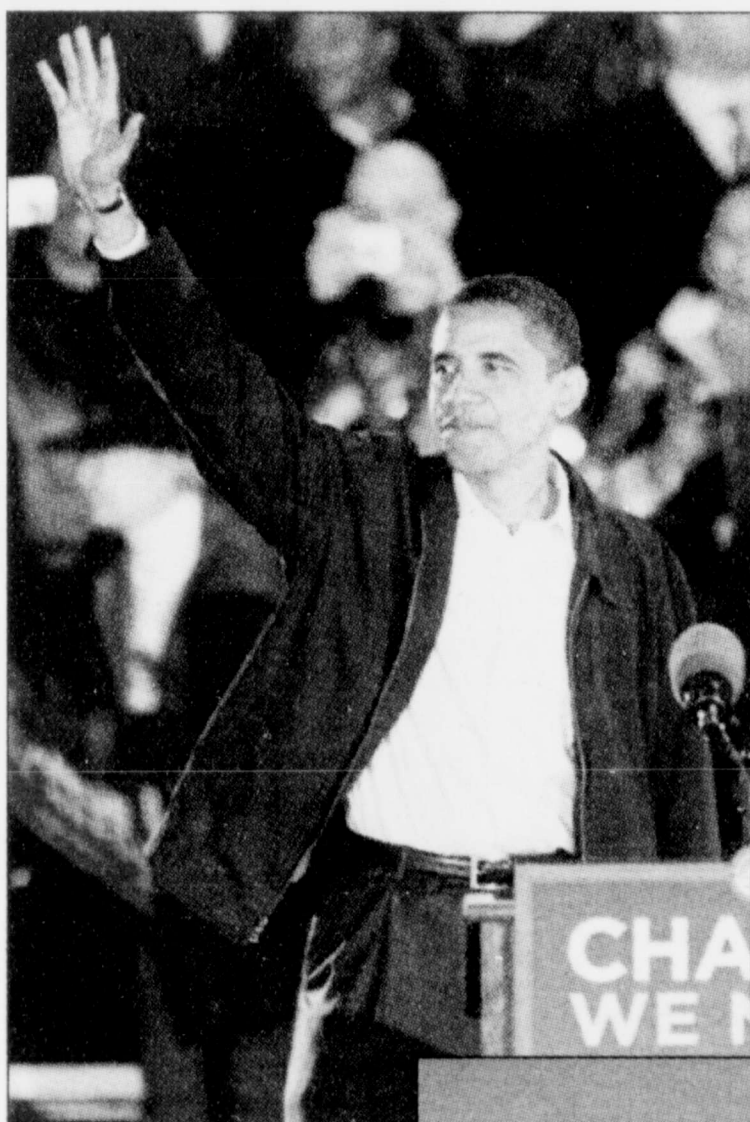


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Obama, McCain both promise change if elected



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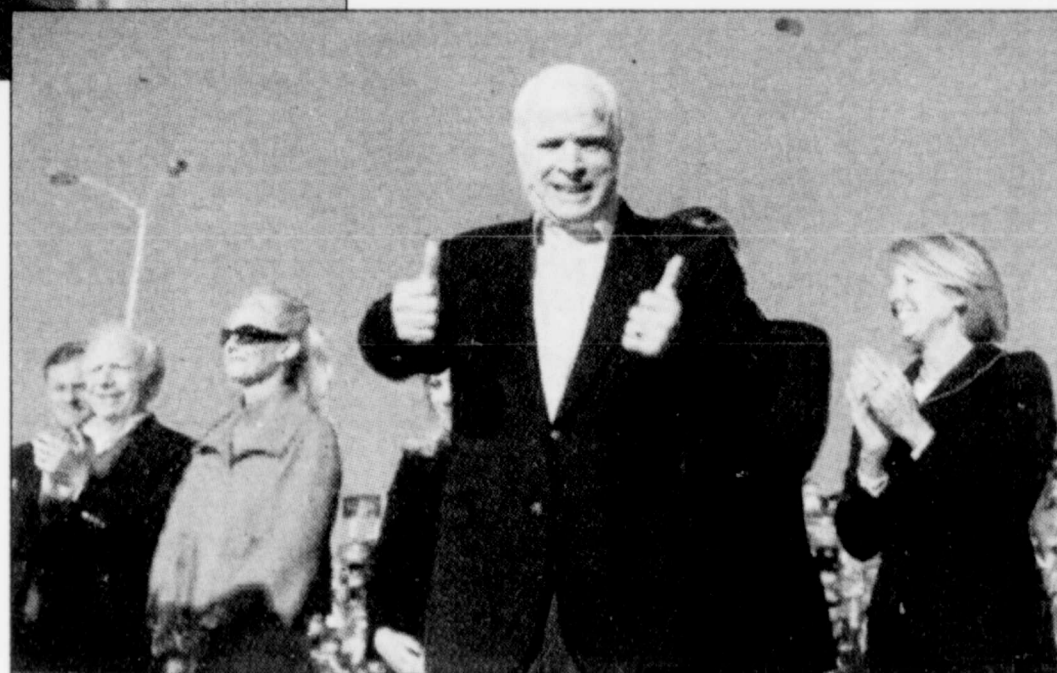
TAMPA, Fla. — Barack Obama radiated confidence and John McCain displayed the grit of an underdog Monday as the presidential rivals reached for the finish line of a two-year marathon with a burst of campaigning across battlegrounds from the Atlantic Coast to Arizona.

"We are one day away from change in America," said Obama, a Democrat seeking to become the first black president — a dream not nearly as distant on election eve as it once was.

McCain, too, promised to turn the page of the era of George W. Bush, and he warned about his opponent's intentions. "Sen. Obama is in the far left lane" of politics, he said. "He's more liberal than a guy who calls himself a Socialist and that's not easy."

Republican running mate Sarah Palin was even more pointed as she campaigned in Ohio. "Now is not the time to experiment with socialism," she said. "Our opponent's plan is just for bigger government."

Late-season attacks aside, Obama led in virtually all the pre-election polls in a race where economic concerns dominated and the war in Iraq was pushed — however temporarily — into the background.



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Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill. (above), waves to supporters after speaking at a rally at the University of North Carolina, Monday.

Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz. (right) gives a thumbs-up as he stands on stage at an airport rally in Indianapolis Monday.

While the overall number of early votes was unknown, statistics showed more than 29 million ballots cast in 30 states and suggested an advantage for Obama. Democrats voted in larger numbers than Republicans in North Carolina, Colorado, Florida and Iowa, all of which went for President Bush in 2004.

Democrats also anticipated gains in the House and in the Senate, although Republicans battled to hold their losses to a minimum and a significant number of races were rated as tossups in the campaign's final hours.

By their near-non-stop attention to states that voted Republican in 2004, both Obama and McCain acknowledged the Democrats' advantage in the presidential race.

The two rivals both began their days in Florida, a traditionally Republican state with 27 electoral votes where polls make it close.

Obama drew 9,000 or so at a rally in Jacksonville, while across the state, a crowd estimated at roughly 1,000 turned out for McCain.

The frontrunner also choked up on the campaign's final day as he told a crowd in North Carolina of the death of his grandmother from cancer. Madelyn Payne Dunham was 86.

"She died peacefully in her sleep with my sister at her side," he said of the woman who had played a large role in his upbringing. "And so there is great joy as well as tears. I'm not going to talk about it too long because it is hard for me to talk about."

McCain and his wife issued a statement of condolence.

One day before the election, no battleground state was left unattended.

But Virginia, where no Democrat has won in 40 years, and Ohio, where no Republican president has ever lost, seemed most coveted. Together, they account for 33 electoral votes that McCain can scarcely do without.

Democratic volunteers in Maryland, a state safe for Obama, called voters in next-door Virginia, where McCain trailed in the polls. The Democratic presidential candidate's visit to Virginia during the

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Despite Obama lead, Calif. expects record turnout

Juliet Williams
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SACRAMENTO — Even as Democrat Barack Obama is expected to have California's 55 electoral votes in the bag, voters are projected to turn out in record numbers Tuesday as they weigh in on a long list of contentious and costly races.

A measure to amend the state Constitution to ban gay marriage has drawn the most attention and inflamed passions across the state just as the presidential race has done nationally.

That initiative has raised a record \$73 million in donations for a social measure, with much of the money coming from out of state. Polls have shown it to be a virtual tossup, as the campaigns for and against same-sex marriage have flooded the airwaves with contentious spots about what its passage might mean for California.

Voters in several legislative and congressional districts also have been bombarded as Democrats see opportunities to gain seats in the state Legislature and perhaps even some in Congress.

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Got organic milk? Win awards

Scott Silvey
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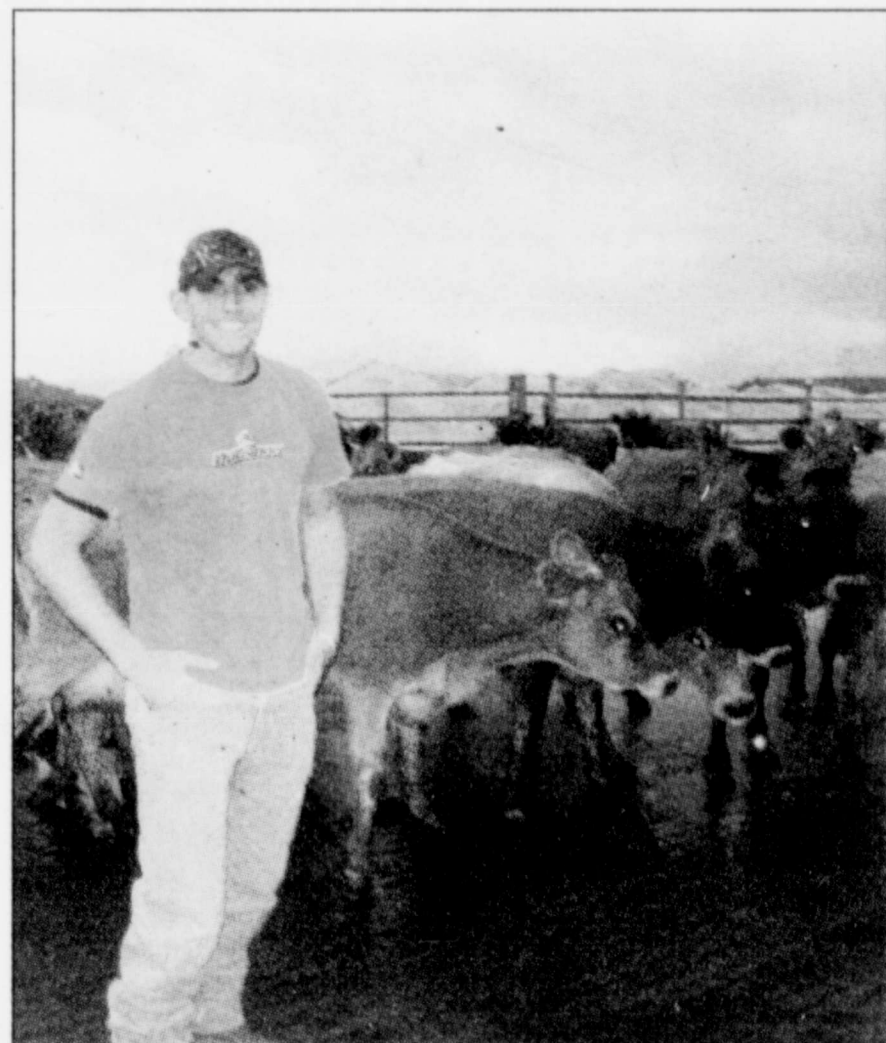
The organic food industry has soared in popularity in recent years as shown by the grocery stores entirely devoted to health food products.

And one Cal Poly student is leading the way for organic food processing to become the norm.

"Organic has started to become a big thing," said agriculture business sophomore Colton Brodt.

Brodt, who is minoring in dairy science, was one of four nationwide recipients of the Horizon Organic Producer Education (HOPE) Scholarship for 2008.

Horizon Organic is one of the nation's largest producers of organic milk and was the first certified organic brand in the U.S. The certification states that they make all of their dairy products including milk, cheese and yogurt to meet the strict organic standards set forth by the United



COURTESY PHOTO

Agricultural business sophomore Colton Brodt won the Horizon Organic Scholarship for the second year in a row.

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day was his 11th since he clinched the nomination.

Unwilling to concede anything, McCain's campaign filed a lawsuit in Richmond seeking to force election officials to count late-arriving ballots from members of the armed forces overseas. No hearing was immediately scheduled.

Several hundred miles away in Ohio — the state that sealed Bush's second term in 2004 — voters waited as long as three hours in line to cast ballots in Columbus, part of heavily contested Franklin County. Poll workers handed out bottles of water to sustain them.

Lori Huffman, 38, a supervisor at UPS Inc., took the day off to vote early for her man, McCain. "It's exciting isn't it?" she asked, gesturing toward the long line of waiting voters.

"This is happening all over the state, from Cleveland to Dayton," said Gov. Ted Strickland, a Democrat trying to deliver his state to Obama.

Obama hoped so, after more than a year building an elaborate get-out-the-vote operation, first for the primary campaign, now for the general election.

The Democrat flew from Florida to North Carolina to Virginia, all states that went Republican in 2004, before heading home to Chicago on Election Eve.

Twenty-one months after he launched his campaign, he allowed, "You know, I feel pretty peaceful ... I gotta say."

On a syndicated radio program, the Russ Parr Morning Show, he said, "The question is going to be who wants it more," he added. "And I hope that our supporters want it bad, because I think the country needs it."

If wanting it were all that mattered, the race would be a toss-up.

McCain, behind in the polls, set out on a grueling run through several traditionally Republican states that he has failed to secure. Florida, Virginia, Indiana, New Mexico and Nevada were on his itinerary, as was Pennsylvania, the only state that voted Democratic in 2004 where he still nursed hopes. His last appearance of the long day, past midnight, was a home state rally in Prescott, Ariz. Obama has been running television commercials in Arizona in the campaign's final days.

The surrogate campaigners included Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton for the Democrats and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney for the Republicans. Both lost races for their party's presidential nomination earlier in the year, and both could be expected to try again if their ticket loses the White House.

Not so, President Bush.

Deeply unpopular, the man who won the White House twice was out of public view, an effort to help McCain.

Palin was racing through five Bush states Monday — Ohio, Missouri, Iowa, Colorado and Nevada — in an effort to boost conservative turnout for McCain. The Alaska governor has been a popular draw for many GOP base voters, and already, there was speculation about a future national campaign should Republicans lose in 2008.

Joe Biden, Obama's running mate, campaigned in Missouri, Ohio and Pennsylvania. "We are on the cusp of a new brand of leadership," he assured supporters.

Biden didn't say so, but he was as close to guaranteed a victory as any politician in America. Whatever the fate of the Democratic presidential ticket, he was heavily favored to win a new Senate term from Delaware on Tuesday.

California

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A surge in Democratic voter registration, largely credited to the excitement over this year's presidential race, led two counties — Ventura and Stanislaus — to flip from Republican to Democratic majorities.

It also encouraged the Democratic Party to spend heavily in hopes of winning six Assembly districts now held by Republicans.

If they were to capture all six and hold on to their current seats, Democrats would have a two-thirds majority in the Assembly for the first time since 1978, giving them control over the state budget and any tax proposals.

Republicans also were playing defense in several California congressional districts that were considered safe because of the state's highly gerrymandered system.

With the state's voter polls ballooning to 17.3 million, election clerks statewide were bracing for heavy turnout, potentially as high as 80 percent in some counties. More than 40 percent of voters were expected to cast mail-in ballots, and many of those were expected to come in on Election Day, a last-minute flood that registrars said could delay final results in some races.

But the National Weather Service was forecasting rain throughout the Los Angeles area and in some parts of the Sierra Nevada in Northern California, potentially throwing a wrench in voters' plans.

The presidential contest in California has taken a backseat to local and statewide issues this year, as polls show Obama widening his lead among likely voters over Republican candidate John McCain. The gap has grown to more than 20 percentage points, according to two recent surveys.



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Actor Sacha Baron Cohen holds up a sign during a Yes on Prop. 8 rally, Sunday in Los Angeles. Cohen was apparently at the rally shooting a movie as Bruno, one of his characters. Proposition 8 would overturn the California Supreme Court's decision earlier this year to legalize same-sex marriage.

Eight of the 12 propositions on the statewide ballot ask voters to invest millions or billions of dollars in state money on everything from a high-speed rail system to a bond to help build children's hospitals.

All could be a gamble for voters, who have been battered with bad news about the economy and are fed up after months of partisan bickering over California's budget deficit, said Mark Baldassare, president of the Public Policy Institute of California.

"I think that all of this will factor into not only the way people are weighing their own money ... but how they're approaching spending in a more general sense," he said. "The case will have to be made by the 'yes' side that (the) spending is not only prudent and necessary but that somehow it's going to be an economic stimulus, somehow going to lead to a greater economy."

In addition to their division over same-sex marriage, voters appeared split on another attempt to require parental notification for minors seek-

ing abortions, two initiatives to boost the state's use of alternative energy and three to address crime and punishment.

A measure sponsored by the Humane Society of the United States to give farm animals more space had a lead in pre-election polls. Opponents said it would force major egg producers to move out of state if approved.

Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, his own image slipping in public opinion polls, was appealing to voters to help make California's highly gerrymandered political districts more competitive.

Proposition 11 would take away lawmakers' power to draw the boundaries of state legislative districts, giving that authority to a bipartisan panel. Congressional districts would not be affected.

The governor has sought such reforms since he took office in 2003. His campaign committee has largely financed the effort, and Schwarzenegger spent most of the final week before Election Day campaigning for it.

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"Today we rely on more than 475 family farms, over 400 of which have herds of fewer than 100 cows to produce our products," Vice President of Industry Relations

and Organic Stewardship of Horizon Organic Kelly Shea said.

Horizon Organic created the HOPE scholarship in order to reward members of those small family-run dairies who are pursuing higher education. Brodt, who is the grandson of Horizon Organic producer partners Jimmy and Bonnie Walker, also won the scholarship in 2007.

"We were always a conventional dairy," Brodt recalls of the family pasture in Ferndale, Calif. "It has been in the family since before I was born. But the transition to organic was an easy one."

Horizon Organic is hoping that the transition is one that more families are willing to take when pasteurizing milk.

"We want to ensure that smaller family farms continue to thrive and supply the best milk possible," Shea said of the reasoning behind the \$2,500 scholarship award. "We want to do everything possible to help farmers along the way."

Brodt speculated that the healthier lifestyle aspect has caused the organic food movement to take off.

"People think it is healthier — a better health choice so it has become more popular over the years," Brodt said.

While he is glad that organic farming promotes a healthier lifestyle, it has other positive effects on the environment.

"Our company's farming efforts have kept more than 17 million pounds of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizer out of the environment," Shea said.

Still, in rough economic times, a more measurable reason exists for future organic dairy farmers like Brodt.

"The transition makes it really easy for you get more money for your milk," Brodt said.

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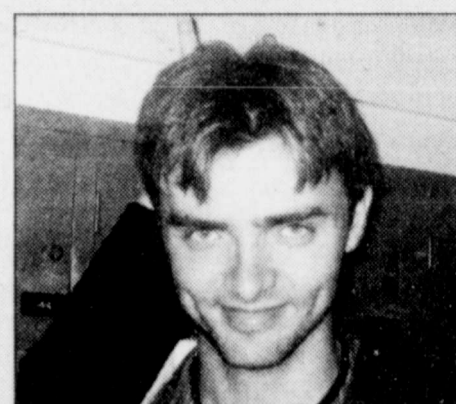


"Healthcare because we've got one of the crappiest healthcare systems."

-Robin Connick,
music junior

"I think the energy crisis because I think it's important to stop polluting and start using cleaner energy."

-Grace Wetmore,
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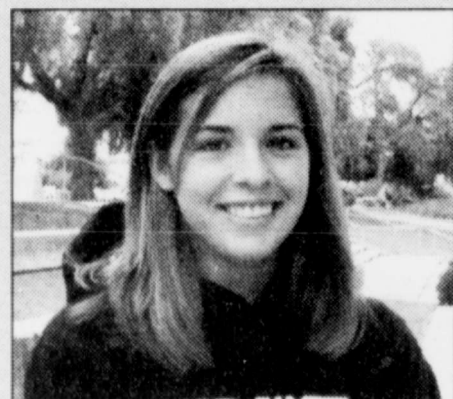


"Energy because (we) need a way to get cheaper, more efficient energy."

-Zack Newman,
music junior

"How the president is going to be rebuilding the economy."

-Danielle Cain,
communications sophomore



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Briefs

State

MADERA, Calif. (AP) — Authorities said Monday they have positively identified some of Steve Fossett's remains: two large bones found a half-mile from where the adventurer's plane crashed in California's Sierra Nevada.

Madera County Sheriff John Anderson said DNA tests conducted by the state Department of Justice positively identified the bones as the remains of the millionaire aviator who disappeared last year.

Anderson has declined to say what bones were found, saying he didn't want to cause the family further anguish.

SACRAMENTO (AP) — One day before Election Day, state highway authorities are removing political signs from freeway overpasses and pedestrian bridges.

They want voters to focus on the road, not politics.

While it's legal to stake political signs and banners in most places, they are considered a public nuisance on overpasses. The California Highway Patrol says the signs could distract motorists.

In Sacramento, officials pulled political signs from pedestrian overpasses on Interstate 80 and Highway 50 Monday morning.

State law allows the Department of Transportation, the CHP and local authorities to take down the signs without notice.

National

WASHINGTON (AP) —

The government, raising cash to pay for the array of financial rescue packages, said Monday it plans to borrow \$550 billion in the last three months of this year — and that's just a down payment.

Treasury Department officials also projected the government would need to borrow \$368 billion more in the first three months of 2009, meaning the next president will confront an ocean of red ink.

The nonpartisan Committee for a Responsible Budget estimates all the government economic and rescue initiatives, starting with the \$168 billion in stimulus checks issued earlier this year, total even more — an eye-popping \$2.6 trillion.

WASHINGTON (AP) —

It's no coincidence President Bush has been out of the public's eye in recent days — that's the way the Republican Party wants it.

White House press secretary Dana Perino said Monday the incumbent's invisibility is by design — because "the Republican Party wanted to make this election about John McCain."

The president knows there are people in this country who want change and are looking for something new, Perino said.

"We're realistic about the political environment that we are in," she said. "What keeps him going is knowing that he's done the right thing."

International

KIBATI, Congo (AP) —

Refugees who haven't eaten for days cheered when the first humanitarian convoy in a week arrived Monday at their camp, but the jubilation turned into anger when U.N. workers dumped soap and jerry cans instead of food and sped on past rebel lines.

U.N. officials admit hunger at the Kibati camp, where tens of thousands of refugees have sought safety, is dire but say their first priority is resupplying clinics looted by retreating government troops.

"Are we supposed to eat this?" asked Boniface Ndayumujinya, an elderly man who waved a bundle of spring onions delivered by a friend. He said he was with eight family members who had had nothing to eat in five days.

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) —

Pakistan on Monday urged the American general taking charge of the war in Afghanistan to halt missile attacks on militants in its border badlands to avert a backlash against the U.S. in this vital ally in the war on terrorism.

Gen. David Petraeus met President Asif Ali Zardari, army chief Gen. Ashfaq Parvez Kayani and other officials on his first international trip since taking over U.S. Central Command three days earlier.

Petraeus, who now oversees the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, told CNN he had heard criticism over the U.S. attacks on militant targets on the Pakistani side of the border with Afghanistan.

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Man with gun and flag shuts US 101, then gives up

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A masked man waving an American flag and a revolver on a Highway 101 overpass near Santa Barbara brought traffic to a halt for more than three hours Monday before he surrendered peacefully to police.

Crisis negotiators coaxed Edward Van Tassel, 28, to give up. After dropping the weapon, Van Tassel asked for a Barack Obama campaign sign, which authorities provided and he attached it to the overpass along with the flag, police said. The gun was found to be unloaded.

Van Tassel, an Iraq veteran from Santa Barbara, was taken into custody without incident, said police Sgt. Lorenzo Duarte. The sergeant said Van Tassel had been in the Army, but he did not have any details of his Iraq service.

As for the man's motive, Duarte said, "The reason appears to be anti-war, but I don't know the specifics."

The freeway, which was shut down in both directions during the morning rush hour, was reopened after the arrest.

Police continued to investigate a duffel bag and the man's car at the scene but "we have no credible threats or any threats of explosives," Sgt. Jim Pfleging said.

Pfleging said Van Tassel would receive a mental health evaluation.

Police also arrested a second man, Aaron Levy, 33. Investigators alleged Levy drove Van Tassel to the scene and "was aware of what was going to happen," Duarte said.

Van Tassel was booked for investigation of possession of a concealed firearm, possession of an illegal weapon, conspiracy, resisting arrest, brandishing a weapon, disturbing the peace, wearing a mask for the purpose of committing a crime and allowing an unlicensed driver to drive.

Police investigating the standoff also alleged that Van Tassel carried a weapon into a local radio station last week. He was booked for investigation of burglary, brandishing a weapon and possession of a concealed weapon in connection with that incident.

Levy was booked for investigation of conspiracy, possession of a dangerous weapon and driving on a suspended license.

Van Tassel, wearing a ski mask and brown fatigues, held the flag in one hand and the gun in the other when officers arrived on the La Cumbre Avenue overpass shortly after 7 a.m. in Santa Barbara, 90 miles northwest of Los Angeles.

During the hours-long negotiation, a police



MIKE ELIASON SANTA BARBARA NEWS-PRESS

A man identified by police as Eddie Vantassel, 28, an Iraqi War Veteran, dressed in army fatigues was armed with a revolver hangs a Barack Obama campaign sign on a highway overpass Monday morning, Nov. 3, 2008, in Santa Barbara, Calif. Law enforcement SWAT teams and the bomb squad surrounded the man, who they say had a gun and American flag, for three hours, before he gave up.

special weapons and tactics team and a crisis negotiation team used a bullhorn to communicate with Van Tassel.

Nearly three hours into the siege, Van Tassel put the revolver down, asked for an Obama sign, which was delivered by a bomb squad robot. Van Tassel later walked backward to officers, who took him into custody shortly after 10:30 a.m. No shots were fired during the incident.

Telephone directory assistance had no listing for Van Tassel.

The freeway, a major route along the California coast, was completely shut down west of downtown Santa Barbara during the incident and the Highway Patrol reported at 10 a.m. that traffic was backed up at least three miles in each direction.

Motorists stuck on the freeway got out of their vehicles and chatted or waved at media helicopters.

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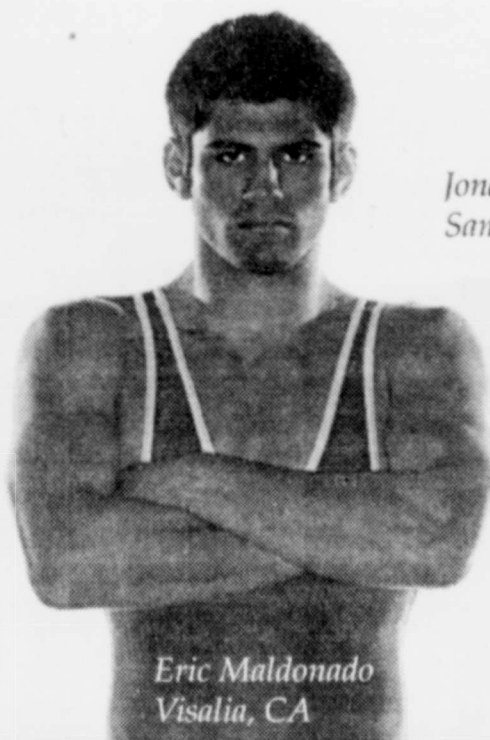
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Instant "Karma": Reddi's beautiful story collection a quick read

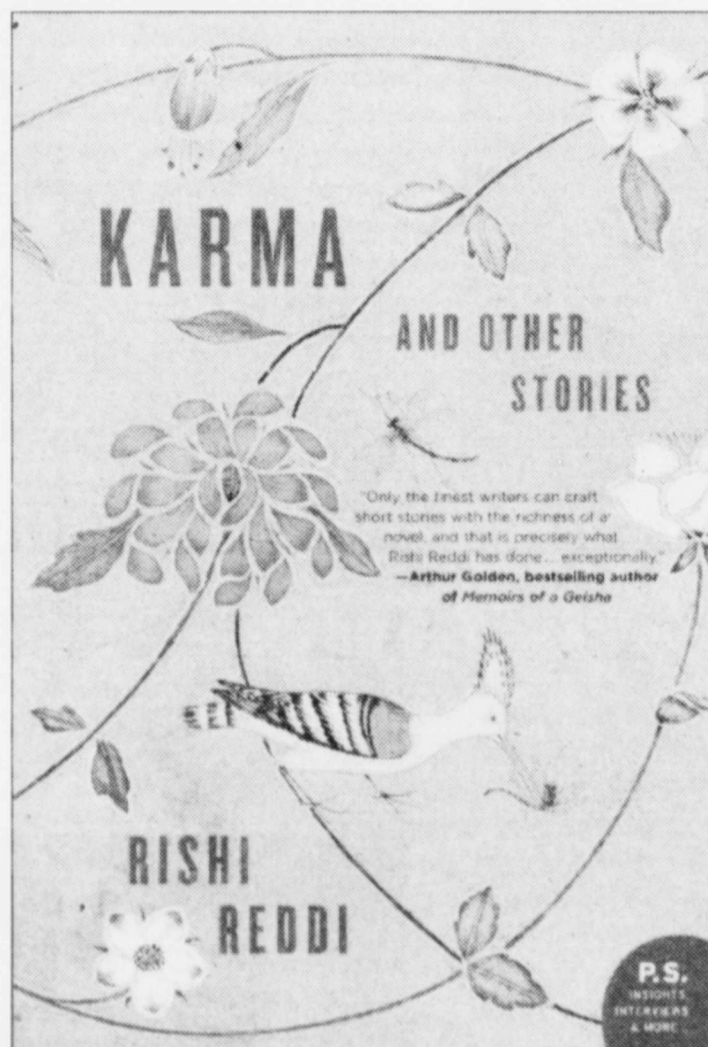
This past week I have had the pleasure to read a truly beautiful collection of short stories. "Karma and Other Stories," by Rishi Reddi is a delicately-written look into the Indian culture and the struggles and triumphs one community faces in their American lives. Set mostly in Boston, with the exceptions of Kansas and Hyderabad, India, the native land of the characters, the seven stories have the common theme of balancing traditional ways and values with the demands of a sometimes ruthless America. The collection is comparable to Jhumpa Lahiri's Pulitzer Prize winning collection, "Interpreter of Maladies," mostly because of the indirect dramatic tone of the prose and the ability to concoct the richness of a novel in the presence of a short story.

By far, my favorite story of the collection was the first, "Justice Shiva Ram Murthy," which also appeared in "The Best American Short Stories 2005" begins the book with the tale of two men who have been friends, "since we were small boys growing up in Mozamjahi Market." Justice Murthy repeats several times when he speaks of his friend Manu. Both men have moved to America to live with their grown children after becoming widowers in India. In Indian customs it is not uncommon for an elderly parent to live with their children, which in modern times, can mean moving out of one's comfort zone. Murthy and Manu have a routine of walking to a meeting spot, and then taking lunch together. The old men find a familiarity within their constant bickering with

each other, and through the eyes of Murthy, we see a situation unfold that causes both men to access their relationship. Full of vivid imagery, the old men lead us through a story, sad at times, of love, loyalty and the upkeep of tradition.

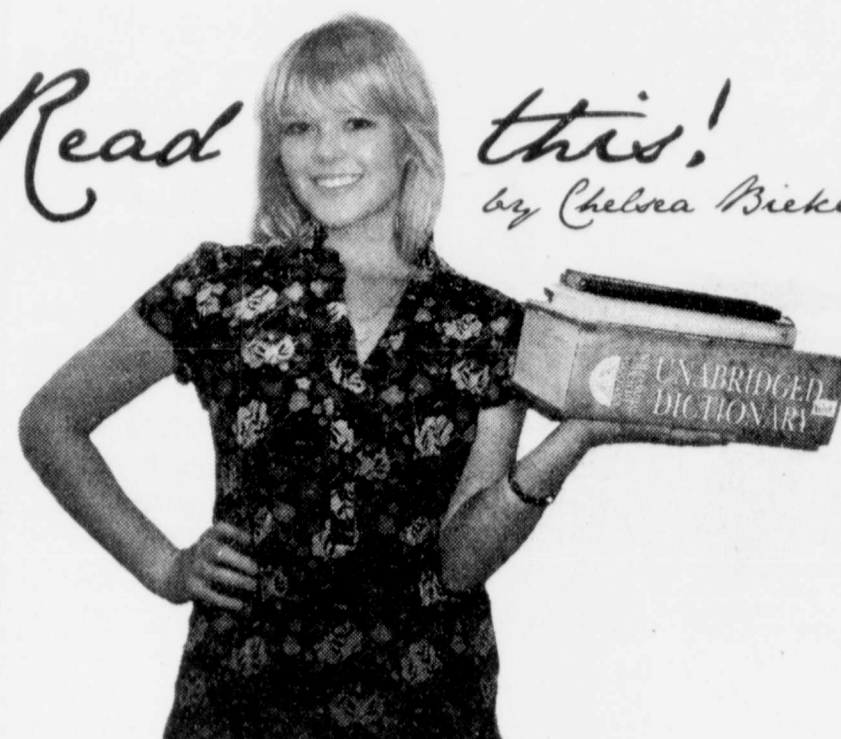
Reddi has a mysteriousness to her writing that makes each thumbnail sketch of these interconnected lives seem so real. The stories themselves are not full of action, in fact many times nothing truly significant comes from the tales. However, I love when stories read like this, with their seductive veils intact. Sometimes less is certainly more, and this grouping of stories is an excellent testament to that idea.

At the end of many of the stories, I found myself longing for more information. In "Karma," I wanted to know what was going to happen to the main character, far beyond the confine of the last line. Usually I am content to forge my own ending, but on this one I really felt like I was robbed. It was undoubtedly an intricate tale of class discrimination within a family, which I had never read about before in this collection or in any other like it. The brothers find that their difference in merits and jobs wedge an irreparable void in their relationship, ultimately ending in a separate existence in the same foreign town. It was heartbreaking and oddly inspirational all at once. But, as I said, I wanted more from it. Perhaps it was be-



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Read this!
by Chelna Bieker



cause it is easy to become immersed in the beauty in Reddi's writing, and a sudden ending is like someone ripping a lollipop from your mouth after you are halfway finished. In any case, it was still a gorgeous story and worth reading.

In "The Validity of Love," I found the traditional struggle of a modern Indian American woman vying for her own ideas of true love, while struggling against the confines of her family's expectations of an arranged marriage. This story was a standout in the collection, namely because I believe it to be the most in-depth look at the inner workings of a character's thoughts and feelings. It was not a happy story, but rather a story of a lesson learned the hard way. It was at times frustrating, paralleling with the acquirement of knowledge of a culture. It is so interesting to see what goes on in the mind of a quiet woman trying to respect her family. Ultimately, her respect becomes her worst enemy.

Reddi's stories work so many themes into each story that they come out as a patchwork of intricate issues and the fight for independence. The difficulties of adjusting to America are so clear in these stories, that after reading this book, I have a new view of my own ways and traditions.

There wasn't one story that I disliked in this collection. At times I wanted more evident connections between the characters, and I thought much of the connection was no more than a reorganization of names from story to story. Still, the book was honest and offered no reserve. I would recommend, "Karma and Other Stories," to anyone, of any age. With each story capturing a segment of a different age and stage of life, there is, for lack of a better phrase, something for everyone.

Palin takes prank call from fake French president

Charmaine Noronha
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TORONTO — Sarah Palin unwittingly took a prank call Saturday from a Canadian comedian posing as French President Nicolas Sarkozy and telling her she would make a good president someday.

"Maybe in eight years," replies a laughing Palin.

The Republican vice presidential nominee discusses politics, the perils of hunting with Vice President Dick Cheney, and Sarkozy's "beautiful wife," in a recording of the six-minute call released Saturday and set to air Monday on a Quebec radio station.

Palin campaign spokeswoman Tracey

Schmitt confirmed she had received the prank call.

"Governor Palin was mildly amused to learn that she had joined the ranks of heads of state, including President Sarkozy and other celebrities, in being targeted by these pranksters. C'est la vie," she said.

The call was made by a well-known Montreal comedy duo Marc-Antoine Audette and Sebastien Trudel. Known as the Masked Avengers, the two are notorious for prank calls to celebrities and heads of state.

Audette, posing as Sarkozy, speaks in an exaggerated French accent and drops ample hints that the conversation is a joke. But Palin seemingly does not pick up on them.

He tells Palin one of his favorite pastimes is hunting, also a passion of the 44-year-old Alaska governor.

"I just love killing those animals. Mmm, mmm, take away life, that is so fun," the fake Sarkozy says.

He proposes they go hunting together by helicopter, something he says he has never done.

"Well, I think we could have a lot of fun together while we're getting work done," Palin counters. "We can kill two birds with one stone that way."

The comedian jokes that they shouldn't bring Cheney along on the hunt, referring to the 2006 incident in which the vice-president shot and injured a friend while hunting quail.

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The Masked Avengers, a radio pairing notorious for prank calls to celebrities and heads of state, prank called Republican vice presidential candidate Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin on Saturday, Nov. 1, 2008. Palin unwittingly took the call Saturday from a caller posing as French President Nicolas Sarkozy.

Beyond the stereotypes: Native American Culture Month

Samantha MacConnell
MUSTANG DAILY

During the month of November, Cal Poly's Multicultural Center, along with the American Indian Student Association (AISA) and American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) will celebrate Native American Heritage Month in hopes of educating other students on campus about their culture.

"One of the purposes (of the month) is to bring cultural awareness to the students who wouldn't necessarily know about what it means to be Native American or about Native American culture," said Renoda Campbell, coordinator of programs and services at the Multicultural Center.

While Native American Culture Month is relatively new at Cal Poly, the response from students who participated last year shows that the event is appreciated among the campus community.

"It was very well received by students," Campbell said. "A lot of students say they have a greater knowledge and greater appreciation of the particular culture for the events they attend."

AISA and AISES are two campus cultural clubs working together to volunteer and facilitate the upcoming events.

The mission of AISA, which is sponsoring two Native American Heritage Month events, is to help promote multiculturalism and educate students about Native American beliefs, culture and lifestyle. They are continually seeking new members regardless of their backgrounds. AISES focuses on providing opportunities for American Indians and Native Alaskans to study in science, engineering or technology fields.

"(Native American Heritage Month) benefits students because they will be able to understand how people lived before and how we live now in this dominant American culture," said Joseph Sanchez, aerospace engineering senior and AISA club president. "Students will get a real introduction to Native American culture and what it actually means to be a Native American in the USA and at Cal Poly."

The theme for Native American Heritage Month is Redefined, because these events are hoped to redefine the Native

Native American Cultural Month Calendar of Events

Soup and Substance
University Union 220
Tues., Nov. 4, 12 p.m.

Storyteller
Allan Salazar
University Union 221
Wed., Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m.

**Native American
Literature discussion**
with Dr. Inez Talamantez
Building 8, Room 123
Tues., Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m.

**Film Screening of
"Imprint"**
Building 52, Room E27
Thurs., Nov. 20, 7 p.m.

American community.

"A lot of the time, people think cowboys and Indians and folklore," Campbell said. "We're trying to bring a contemporary spin to it."

"I think it's important and relevant because we live in Native American territory right here on the Central Coast and it is a particular culture that a lot of people don't know about," Campbell added. "Unfortunately, there are a lot of negative images with regards to Native Americans and we want to make sure that there are also positive images throughout the campus and throughout the community."

Native American Heritage Month will feature several events designed to include all students on campus.

The first event, Soup and Substance, will take place on Nov. 4. Soup and Substance is a monthly campus event designed to give the community an opportunity to discuss current world and local topics. This month's event will feature Michael Lucas, a professor from the College of Architecture and Environmental Design, who will discuss Native American architecture, including reservations.

Soup and bread will be provided to visitors as they listen and participate in the discussion. It will take place University Union Room 220 at 12 p.m.

On Wednesday, Nov. 12, Allan Salazar, a traditional Chumash storyteller, will lead a discussion about world history and storytelling in today's world. The discussion will take place in UU Room 221 at 7:30 p.m.

On Nov. 18, Dr. Inez Talamantez, a linguistics and comparative literature professor at the University of California Santa Barbara will speak about Native American religion. The lecture will take place in room 123 in the Bioresource and Agricultural Engineering Building beginning at 7:30 p.m.

On Nov. 20, a screening of the film "Imprint" will bring an end to the Native American celebrated events. "Imprint" is a feature full-length thriller that won best picture, best actress and best supporting actress at the American Indian Film Festival. The film brings contemporary Native American issues to light.

"Imprint" will be shown in the Science Building Room E27 at 7 p.m.

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Prank

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"I'll be a careful shot," responds Palin.

Playing off the governor's much-mocked comment in an early television interview that she had insights into foreign policy because "you can actually see Russia from land here in Alaska," the caller tells her: "You know we have a lot in common also, because... from my house I can see Belgium."

She replies: "Well, see, we're right next door to different countries that we all need to be working with, yes."

When Audette refers to Canadian singer Steph Carse as Canada's prime minister, Palin replies: "Well, he's doing fine and yeah, when you come into a position underestimated it gives you an opportunity to prove the pundits and the critics wrong. You work that much harder." Canada's prime minister is Stephen Harper.

Palin praises Sarkozy throughout the call and also mentions his wife Carla Bruni, a model-turned-songwriter.

"You know, I look forward to working with you and getting to meet you personally and your beautiful wife," Palin says. "Oh my goodness, you've added a lot of energy to your country with that beautiful family of yours."

The Sarkozy impersonator tells Palin his wife is "so hot in bed" and then informs her that Bruni has written a song for her about Joe the Plumber entitled "Du rouge a levres sur une cochonne," which translates as "Lipstick on a Pig."

Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama

derided his Republican challenger John McCain's call for change in Washington as "lipstick on a pig," days after Palin made a lipstick joke at the Republican convention. The McCain-Palin campaign then released an ad implying Obama was calling Palin a pig with that remark.



COURTESY PHOTO

The Masked Avengers of CKOI-FM prank called vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin Sunday.

The caller asks Palin if Joe the Plumber is her husband and adds: "We have the equivalent of Joe the Plumber in France. It's called Marcel, the guy with bread under his armpit."

He also tells the Alaska governor that he loved the "documentary" made about her and referred to a pornographic film with a Palin look-alike made by Hustler founder Larry Flynt.

She answers tentatively, "Ohh, good, thank you, yes."

The callers then reveal the prank and identify themselves and their radio station.

"Ohhh, have we been pranked?" Palin asks before handing the phone to an aide who ends the call.

"Governor Palin was mildly amused... in being targeted by these pranksters."

Tracey Schmitt
Palin spokeswoman

Obama's campaign spokesman Robert Gibbs, commenting on the prank, said: "I'm glad we check out our calls before we hand the phone to Barack Obama."

Tuesday's new releases

New DVDs:

"Get Smart"

starring Steve Carell, Anne Hathaway, Dwayne Johnson, Alan Arkin and Terrence Stamp

"Kung Fu Panda"

starring Jack Black, Dustin Hoffman, Jackie Chan, Ian McShane, Lucy Liu, Angelina Jolie, David Cross and Seth Rogen

"Project Runway"

Season 4

starring Heidi Klum, Tim Gunn, Nina Garcia and Michael Kors

"Reaper" Season 1

starring Bret Harrison, Tyler Labine, Rick Gonzalez, Missy Peregrym, and Ray Wise

"Spin City" Season 1

starring Michael J. Fox, Barry Bostwick, Alan Ruck, Michael Boatman, Richard Kind, Connie Britton, Alexander Chaplin, and Victoria Dillard

New Books:

The Joker

by Brian Azzarello

Harry, A History: The True Story of a Boy Wizard, His Fans, and Life Inside the Harry Potter Phenomenon

by Melissa Anelli, introduction by J.K. Rowling

New Music:

"Folie a Deux"

by Fall Out Boy

"Season of Poison"

by Shiny Toy Guns

"Limbo Panto"

by Wild Beasts

"Live from Texas"

by ZZ Top

"First Rodeo"

by Honey Honey

"Twilight Soundtrack"

by Various Artists

"Play"

by Brad Paisley

Local gardens serve as community's backyard

Emilie Egger
MUSTANG DAILY

Two streets from downtown, in between a church, a park and two rows of houses, lies the Emerson Community Garden. With its various wind chimes, birdbaths and tool benches, and an occasional scarecrow and pumpkin thrown in for fall, the gardens function as a sort of backyard for a city whose narrow streets leave much to be desired in terms of growing space.

The San Luis Obispo Community Gardens, which operate under the city's parks and recreation department, provide planting plots for local residents who don't have enough space at home to grow their flowers or produce. Located on the corner of Nipomo and Pismo streets, on Laurel Lane and North Broad Street, the gardens are a convenient option for downtown residents, as well as those who have to come from farther away.

The gardens began as an Eagle Scout project over a decade ago and were designed to provide available growing space for the community. The annual \$24 rent covers all the water required throughout the growing season. While gardeners are expected to maintain their plots, there are no rules as to what can or cannot be grown. "As long as it doesn't cast shade on someone else's garden...they have the ability grow anything they'd like," said Amy Voorhies, of the San Luis Obispo Parks and Recreation Department.

While the plots average 10-by-10 feet in size, each space is unique in terms of shape and harvest. Some are rectangular slices of earth featuring neat rows of vegetables, while others are horseshoe-shaped areas overflowing with seasonal wildflowers.

The demographics of the approximately 70 gardeners who have plots at the three locations vary. "I have college students who have plots. I have families, I have seniors," added Voorhies.

For many, the gardens serve as a main source of produce. Christine Wallace, who works for the parks and recreation department and oversees the operations at the gardens, said that the majority of the gardeners she sees use their plots to grow food. "In my opinion, it's primarily vegetables to supplement their table."

Speaking of the garden's benefit to those with smaller incomes, Wallace added, "Some folks that come are low income or fixed income. They're eating what they grow."

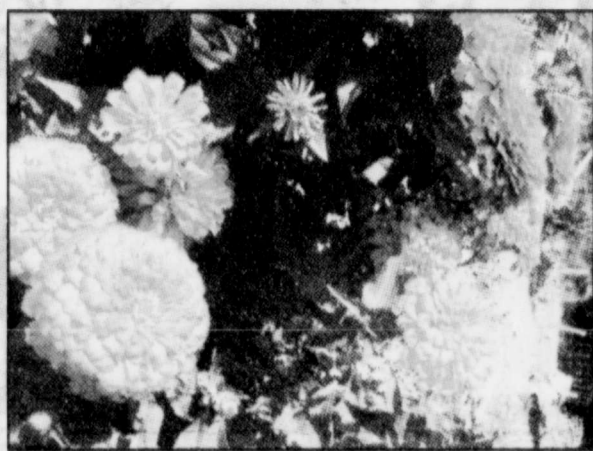
San Luis Obispo resident Janet Santacqua has had a plot in the Community Gardens for three years. She and her husband who live nearby don't have room at their residence to grow produce.

Santacqua's extensive plot contains mostly vegetables, although she also has a few flowers. "I'm growing kale now, I have broccoli planted and cabbage and strawberries," she said, pointing to her plot at the Emerson Garden.

For Santacqua, the sense of community among the gardeners is another valuable aspect of using the gardens. While acknowledging that some gardeners are "more involved than others," she said that, over time, she and her husband have gotten to know many of the people who grow in the neighboring plots. "We have potlucks in the summertime," she said. "You learn about other people."

The locations are frequented by many members of the community, even non-gardeners. Cayucos resident Gail Martin says she visits the Emerson Garden when she comes to San Luis Obispo to do errands. "I just meditate and look at all the beautiful things," she said. "I like all of it, the arches, sitting here with the water; the little birds."

The gardens have become impacted as more people become aware of them, causing many would-be gardeners to put



BRYAN BEILKE MUSTANG DAILY

their plans on hold. "We have ridiculously long waiting lists," Wallace said, citing the garden's popularity among downtown residents, the majority of whom have small yards. Voorhies added that the average waiting time is about a year.

Although there are no specific plans to expand at this time, Wallace says that the parks and recreation department is always looking for new sites. "We're in the process of identifying and investigating some additional locations," she said.



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Don't be blue because the economy's in the red We hold the key to a green future

"Trick or treat?" I asked myself on Halloween night. I could trick out to the holiday festivities, or treat myself to a little civic participation four days before the election. Fully equipped with door hangers informing voters to choose a candidate that supports green jobs, climate justice, and clean energy, I embarked on a late night dorm storm. The goal was to simply remind on-campus residents to vote. Four or five buildings later, I realized that almost every student I encountered told me they had already cast their ballot. "This must be a holiday gag," I thought, because students don't vote. Or do they?

This election has certainly defied all notions of the expected. An elaborate electoral system is now easy to get involved with using two-way media and online networks. Perhaps the Facebook generation has put their technology to good use. Whichever way the election swings, civic engagement has ultimately proven the greatest lesson in this race.

So what's next? Today, America will decide its new leader, and now is our chance to push issues forward that have remained dormant on the national level for far too long.

At Cal Poly, we learn our respective trades well enough to join the workforce out of college, but we are entering at an unprecedented economic downturn affecting many sectors. Concurrently, we have the international science community warning us of impending doom from climate change. Are these two competing issues at odds with one another? The best solutions can be found in mutually benefiting efforts: economic growth that helps the environment, head-of-household jobs that promote fair and just causes, and renewable energy that gives our nation clean, affordable and secure supplies.

These aren't just pipe dreams. Hundreds of thousands of students

across the nation have pledged to hold their elected officials accountable to make a clean and just future for America. We have the ears of politicians more than ever before. This election is an historic moment for young voters, where politicians realize that they must listen to the demands of the rising generation. And it is our job to continue this level of engagement to take knowledge into action.

We are the future workforce of the green economy. We are the future engineers of our renewable energy infrastructure. We are the future architects renovating our inefficient buildings. We are the future planners building our innovative public transit networks. We are the future farmers providing local organics to our urban food deserts. We are the future economists identifying true costs of our goods and services. We are the future social scientists finding what makes great places for us to live and work. We are the future stakeholders that will have to reckon with our changing world.

Whether we like it or not, America is going to change. We asked for it and we will get it. As graduating students entering the workforce, it is easy to accept the highest paying job offered to us. It takes courage to turn down a job that does not meet our expectations of clean, just and fair employment. In this economic crunch, we must select jobs that will promote the upsurge of green economy. So, the message is this: work for jobs that are fully engaged in sustainability — not a portion, subsector, department or percentage — but proactively making decisions that align with environmental constraints and social concerns.

Nancy Cole is a city and regional planning senior and the former vice-president of the Empower Poly Coalition.



guest commentary

What does "marriage" actually mean?

I must take issue with Angela Kramer's column on Oct. 7, "The (un)constitutionality of Prop 8."

By expressing a disinterest in discussing the definition of marriage and focusing on the "threat to equal protection," Angela effectively refuses to take an overt position on the central issue of the debate but then proceeds on the assumption that her implicit position is an established fact. While refusing to state a position undoubtedly reduces the effectiveness of counterarguments ("You can't challenge my claim, because I didn't claim anything"), it is not rational to refuse to state a premise and then base the rest of the argument upon that premise. The definition of marriage is undoubtedly at the center of this debate.

Roughly, marriage is either between a man and a woman, or it is between two people, gender irrelevant. If it is simply between two people, then gays have been denied civil rights and equal protection — along with straights, who were also prevented from marrying someone of the same sex. If marriage is between a man and a woman, then gays had the same legal opportunities to marry as straights did — even though they had no interest in exercising them. In either case, while the derived satisfaction from the law was different for straights and gays, the law itself did not distinguish between them. Therefore, the question is not whether the law is discriminatory, but

whether it justly reflects reality.

It is not the name that matters, but reality. If I were to call myself President of the United States, would I therefore be entitled to veto power over \$700 billion bailout bills? Indeed not. "But we're both called 'president,' and I'm as good as he!" Perhaps so, but it's not the name that matters, it is the reality that matters. If marriage is between a man and a woman, then the term "gay marriage" serves rather to deceive than to enlighten, for it is not marriage at all. And if it is not marriage, then its

riage" is something that truly exists, like love, justice and the Rock of Gibraltar, or whether it is something we just made up and can alter as the mood strikes us, like healthcare and my backyard garden. But again, this comes down to truth, and not our inclinations or preferences.

It has been said that Prop 8 forces the beliefs on one group onto another. Indeed it does. But so does the legalization of gay marriage. There is no neutrality here; either the one group prevails, or the other.

What does it matter that Prop 8 would dissolve thousands of same-sex unions? If it is not marriage, then it is not marriage, and inconvenience is not a compelling argument against reality.

It may be argued that Prop 8 is an outlet for homophobia. In some cases, I think that's true — but it is irrelevant. The truth of a statement does not hinge upon the motives for making that statement. Some people may support Prop 8 for the wrong reasons, but that does not affect whether or not Prop 8 is right.

What matters here is not motive, wish or preference. What matters is truth. If marriage is truly between a man and a woman, as it has been understood since the dawn of humanity, then that is simply the way it is. If not, then not. That is the crux, the heart of the matter, and it is the topic that deserves our focus.

Eric Baldwin is an electrical engineering senior and a Mustang Daily guest columnist.



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proponents cannot complain about it being treated unequally, because it is simply not equal.

So, if marriage is between a man and a woman, then why not simply redefine it? Perhaps we can, perhaps we can't. It depends on whether "mar-

guest commentary

Those offended by intolerant acts should stand up for their values

We, as the on-campus affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), acknowledge the First Amendment rights of all American citizens. It is unconstitutional to punish for the use of protected pieces of free speech. However, hanging a noose, at all, demonstrates the intent to intimidate. Louisiana state law asserts that a noose, "historically used in execution by hanging, symbolizes racism and intimidation." Louisiana is the third state, after Connecticut and New York, to ban the noose.

This brings into question the display of the noose in context with the alleged sign and Confederate flag witnessed on campus. Does this incident qualify as a misdemeanor federal hate crime (U.S. v. Munsen, 2007)?

We, like many of you, are both dismayed and appalled by the recent actions of certain members of our campus. The words and imagery that were posted are beyond acceptable. They are a horrid, shameful reminder of our nation's history of prejudice. It is an unfortunate fact that some members of the Cal Poly

community share their ostensible views. It must not be tolerated.

It is important that, as citizens of these United

The words and imagery that were posted are.. a horrid, shameful reminder of our nation's history of prejudice.

— Civil Liberties Alliance

ed States, we must denounce threatening acts of hatred whenever they arise. Unfortunately, this mentality of ignorance and malice is still present in the 21st century – even in California and our own university.

We write this letter not to those who posted the sign, Confederate flag and noose but to the majority of our community who are infuriated by the intent to intimidate. We must not sit silent in our anger. We must live by example. Each and every time we are confronted by bigotry, racism and hatred, we must not stand idly by but denounce it.

We must embody our values. Too often the opinions and comments of bigots are left unchallenged. Let the actions of these individuals not be a blemish on our campus but let this be a rallying point for our community.

These events will be best remembered by a positive and overwhelming response from the majority of Cal Poly, rather than the vile acts of a few. In order to end racism, we must teach the truth of acceptance. We must come together and make the world that we desire to live in a reality.

The Civil Liberties Alliance is the affiliate club at Cal Poly for the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California.

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• In the staff commentary "Protest proves Cal Poly's passion" on Monday the Mustang Daily incorrectly stated that New Times had reported that a sign saying "No niggers, no fags, no hippies" was displayed at the on-campus crop science student housing. To clarify, the original New Times article cited in the commentary only reported that school officials had confirmed that a racist sign was posted at the house during a recent party. John Peterson, head of the Department of Horticulture and Crop Sciences, was quoted by New Times confirming the existence of the sign. However, the exact wording of the alleged sign is still in question and university officials only confirmed in the New Times article that it read "no niggers" and had a similar slur against gays.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sarah Palin will rock D.C.

As a 77-year-old re-energized foot soldier I can only say that Sarah Palin is a breath of fresh air to the country. She has electrified the United States and the electorate and her nomination as vice president has done more than if we had built ten new power plants.

This accomplished and beautiful woman caused the British to say 'and send her over here!' We need another Margaret Thatcher. Sarah Palin's wit, intelligence and humor, as evident by her acceptance speech at the Republican Convention, was dynamic. With the exception of Ronnie Reagan, I never thought I would live to see another unifying force enter the political arena and never thought it would be a woman – one capable of bringing independents, decline-to-state, Democratic women and others together.

The only thing they can do is attack her in a shark-like feeding frenzy as is customary when the snobist elite liberal media and entrenched politicians show how low and gutless like they can become, attacking her family and daughter when they have no substance and can only respond to Sarah Palin by being vitriolic in their newspaper and television diatribe.

God bless the hand that rocks

the cradle! I hope she does a lot of rocking when she gets to Washington.

Alan Martyn
Los Osos resident

Everyone should get to marry who they love

I've begun to wonder if humanity will ever change. Will we continue to argue over civil rights every time the world changes a little bit?

In the 20th century we argued over women's rights and racial rights. In the 21st we're arguing about homosexual's rights. I'll predict that in the later part of the 21st, we'll argue about genetically modified human's rights, in the 22nd we will argue about robot rights and in the 23rd, alien rights.

Now you're thinking I'm a crazy person who just wants hot alien robotic sex. Maybe... but I'm trying to make a point. And besides, the issue is not about sex. It's about love and marriage. Otherwise people would be up in arms about blow-up dolls.

In response to something like gay marriage, people against it often bring up the slippery slope argument. They ask what prevents someone from marrying their sister or a horse? Well, the first is actually genetically damaging. But if you weren't to have children, one could

argue for it, though it seems psychologically disturbing to me. The second (the horse) isn't sentient or able to communicate at the level necessary for meaningful love or marriage.

So, if the requirements for marriage are sentience and the ability to communicate then there's no reason people won't be marrying robots and aliens in the future. And there's no reason homosexuals shouldn't be able to marry now.

Arlo White
Application Management/ITS

Vote no on Prop 8 to take next step in civil rights

In 1967, laws against interracial marriage were declared illegal. This was less than 20 years before many Cal Poly students were born. This is recent history. We hope no one at Cal Poly is against interracial marriage, but 20 years ago, it would not have been odd.

We ask all the people against Proposition 8: where you would have been then? Would you have fought alongside us for equal rights? Marriage rights have constantly been progressing. The appeal to tradition as an argument is not enough. We, as a society, have always progressed towards granting all people equal rights. This is the

fight we wage today.

Proponents of proposition 8 claim that gays will still have the same rights as straight people, that "marriage" is just a word. So what we are arguing about is a word. There are powerful words, words that have been used to oppress and disparage many groups of people. If Proposition 8 passes, then "marriage" will be another symbol of oppression. It will be another way we separate gay people from straight, another way to divide the human race into groups with different rights.

Forty-one years ago, society took a step forward in human rights. We think it's time that we took another. Join us so that you can look back and tell your children and grandchildren that you stood up for equality. Gay or straight, Christian or not, on Nov. 4 we take the next step in civil rights, by voting no on Proposition 8.

The Progressive Student Alliance, The Civil Liberties Alliance, The Cal Poly Brights, and The Secular Society of Cal Poly

Local religious members call for respect for all

As ministers, leaders and faculty advisers representing diverse religious groups and campus ministries

at Cal Poly, we write with a united voice in denouncing the slurs and symbols posted by students at the crops house a few weeks ago.

The faiths we each represent teach that the way we treat one another should be the way we ourselves would want to be treated. Hate and prejudice undermine community and are not tolerated by our religious traditions.

The Interfaith Campus Council at Cal Poly, of which we are each a part, strives to promote respect and understanding between religious groups on campus. Together we call on Cal Poly students, faculty, and staff to extend that respect to one another, regardless of religious belief.

Rev. Jana Schofield, Lutheran Campus Ministry;

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Berkeley Johnson, Canterbury Ministry;

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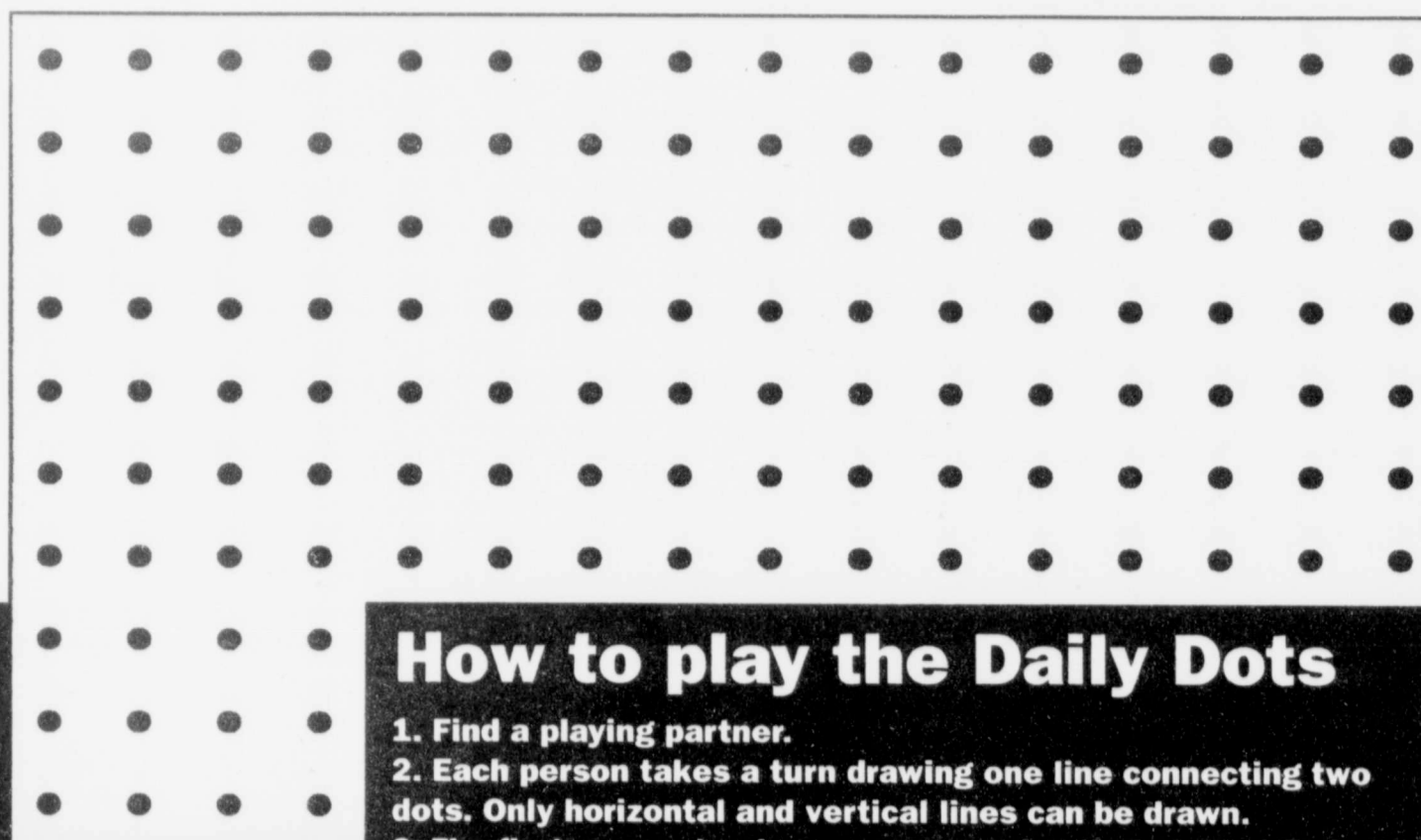
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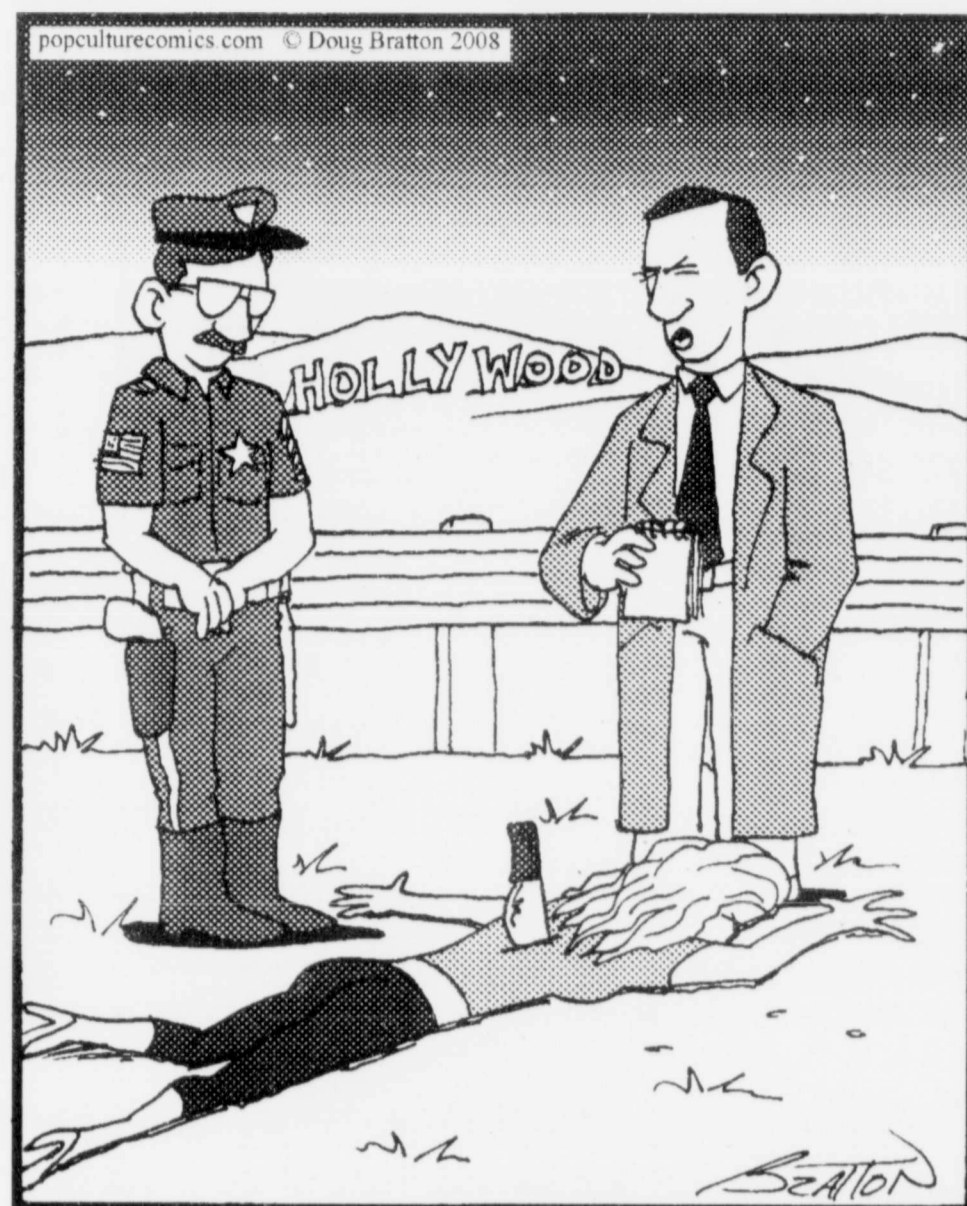
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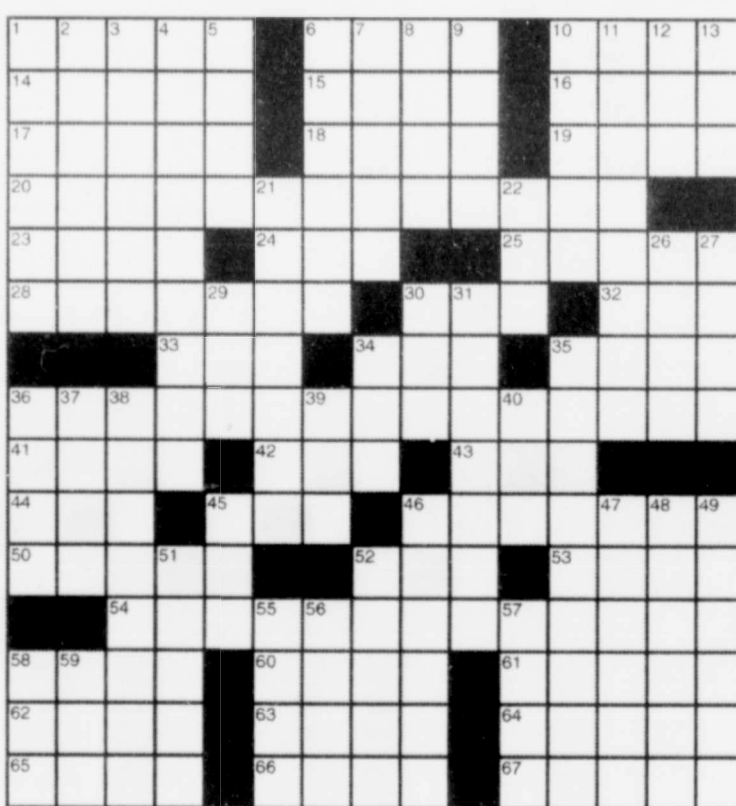
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 - 16 Baseball exec Minaya
 - 17 Wide receiver Michael, nicknamed "the Playmaker"
 - 18 Lo-cal
 - 19 Keeping the eyes and ears open
 - 20 Particle-detecting device
 - 23 "The Nazarene" novelist Sholem
 - 24 Saturn model of 2003-07
 - 25 Polygon calculations
 - 28 Western topper
 - 30 Outback bird
 - 32 However, briefly
 - 33 Canal locale
 - 34 Glass of public radio
 - 35 Auto roof option
 - 36 "Sic semper tyrannis!" crier
 - 41 Coughs up, so to speak
 - 42 Tip of a wingtip
 - 43 Wildcatter's find
 - 44 J.F.K. posting: Abbr.
 - 45 Raven's call
 - 46 Be subjected to
 - 50 Belgian treaty city
 - 52 Singer DiFranco
 - 53 Go for a part
 - 54 Chemistry class poster, perhaps
 - 58 Winter Palace figure
 - 60 Fr. ladies
 - 61 Organic compounds
 - 62 Rustler's target
 - 63 Carpet feature
 - 64 The 40 of "the back 40"
 - 65 Tattooist's stock
 - 66 Classic R&B record label
 - 67 Home of Barack Obama's father
- Down**
- 1 Early Commodore computers
 - 2 Most trifling
 - 3 "Dear Abby" offering
 - 4 Grows more intense
 - 5 Swim meet division
 - 6 Atlanta griddier
 - 7 Bargainer at strike talks
 - 8 Caesarean rebuke
 - 9 Property claim
 - 10 Word before tie or lunch
 - 11 Almond-flavored liqueur
 - 12 Airport rental
 - 13 Give it a go
 - 21 Abbott and Costello movie based on a Ziegfeld musical
 - 22 Cross shape
 - 26 "There'll be ___ time ..."
 - 27 Jayvee player, maybe
 - 29 Creator of a branch division?
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 - 34 Hurricane of 2008
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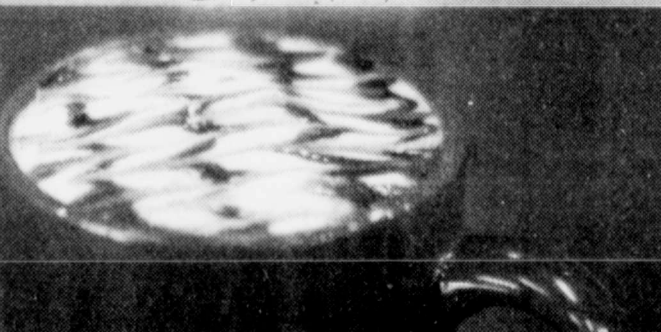
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Maryland duo stands on opposing sides of election

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THE DIAMONDBACK (MARYLAND)

The competition between Maryland Terrapin quarterbacks Chris Turner and Jordan Steffy is heating up midseason, even with Turner firmly cemented in the starting job.

Turner is a Democrat who supports Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.), and Steffy is a Republican who supports Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.). The two signal callers frequently trade barbs during practice, becoming the most well known debaters on a team where politics is a regular discussion topic in the locker room.

"We talk about the oddest things in the locker room," Turner said. "Politics is probably one of the biggest."

Turner, a University of Maryland fourth-year government and politics major, can deftly analyze Obama's and McCain's different campaign strategies, and he said he already sent his absentee ballot back to his native California.

While he says he doesn't support celebrity endorsements of candidates, Turner likes to wear the Obama T-shirt he bought at the Democratic candidate's February rally at Comcast

Center, even if it doesn't fit him all that well.

"I follow (politics) about as closely as anyone would want to follow it," Turner said. "At this point in the election, it's just a lot of the same things over and over again."

But while many of Turner's teammates take turns testing his political knowledge and arguing their own opinions, the Terps say they don't let politics get in the way of team unity.

"Guys talk about it a lot," defensive tackle Olujobemi Otulaja said. "But you don't want it to be anything that divides the team."

When things do get heated, Dean Muhtadi is often one of the major instigators.

Several Terps said they thought the defensive tackle was a McCain supporter, but Muhtadi said he is still undecided, and whether he votes for McCain or Obama on Tuesday is likely going to be an "Election Day decision."

Muhtadi gives a right-leaning impression because he said he likes to make inflammatory comments to the most passionate Obama supporters — such as Turner and defensive end Jared Harrell — and then walk away and sit

back as the arguments begin.

"I just like to make sure that people can defend who they're voting for," Muhtadi said. "I want to make sure that people are voting because of the issues."

The Terps said the economy is the most important issue to many of them, and in that regard, many of them favor Obama's policies. Otulaja said he thought that if it were an NFL locker room, the suddenly wealthy players might be more likely to vote for McCain.

With many not registered to vote on the campus, several Terps said they planned to vote Tuesday in a variety of different ways.

Muhtadi said he would drive home to Alexandria, Va., Tuesday morning to make his final decision and cast his ballot.

Otulaja said he is registered to vote in College Park and will use the voting booth at the Stamp Student Union Tuesday to vote for Obama, while Harrell said he has already sent in his absentee ballot with an Obama vote to his hometown of Milton, Mass.

"If I had to guess, I'd say about 60 percent of the team is planning to vote," Muhtadi said.

Players said members of the coaching staff usually stay out of the political discussions, and head coach Ralph Friedgen would not specifically say last week who he was going to vote for Tuesday.

Friedgen said he gets the impression that most of his players are interested in the election, and he doesn't seem to mind a little healthy debate.

Friedgen offered a hint into his politics when he said he jokingly called Canadian-born defensive back Michael Carter a Socialist — which Carter later insisted he is not — when the sophomore tried to con-



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Presidential candidate Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), left, debates with fellow candidate Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.), right, Oct. 15 in Hempstead, N.Y.

vince Friedgen about the merits of Obama's health care program.

"I guess if Obama gets elected, I can retire and still buy my own health care," Friedgen said skeptically.

So while there are several opinion-

ated potential politicians in the Terps' locker room, their discussions remain civil, and their focus remains on football.

"It's friendly," Turner said. "It's just healthy political dialogue."



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Maryland quarterback Chris Turner (10) throws a pass during a 27-24 win over North Carolina State on Oct. 25 in College Park, Md.

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Money from Wisconsin game could fund locker room, field upgrades



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Camp Randall Stadium in Madison, Wis., above, will be the venue for the Cal Poly football team's regular-season finale Nov. 22. Wisconsin agreed to pay Cal Poly \$500,000 for playing the game.

Alex Kacik
MUSTANG DAILY

Wisconsin's offensive linemen outweigh Cal Poly's defensive counterparts by about 60 pounds each, and the three-time Rose Bowl champion Badgers lured 81,746 fans per home game last season compared to Cal Poly's 9,644.

Many have inquired why Cal Poly will face Wisconsin on Nov. 22 at Camp Randall Stadium in Madison, Wis. Aside from competitive spirit, it's all about the money.

Wisconsin paid an appearance fee of \$500,000 to Cal Poly.

It was the highest amount ever paid by a Football Bowl Subdivision (formerly Division I-A) school to Cal Poly, a Football Championship Subdivision (I-AA) program.

"They do that because they have upwards of 80,000 seats and the revenue they would generate from that home game far exceeds what they are paying us," Cal Poly athletic director Alison Cone said. "They don't want to go on the road; they want to be at home and it's hard to get home games."

Not only are the Badgers looking to gain revenue, but they are "looking to buy a win," Cone continued. "We take great pride in up-setting that."

Cal Poly, which experienced difficulty trying to fill out its schedule with FCS teams because of the program's recent success and the lack of fellow FCS teams in the West, used the money to fund two of its "guaranteed games," Cone said.

Cal Poly paid Idaho State and North Carolina Central a total of \$205,000 to venture

to Alex G. Spanos Stadium, she said, and traveling to Wisconsin will amount to approximately \$130,000.

About \$50,000 from Wisconsin, Cone said, went to upgrading technology, helmets, shoulder pads, gloves, cleats and sideline communication with improved headsets.

The remainder will be used to fund improvements to either the team's locker room or practice fields.

"We are hoping to roll some of the money to the locker rooms in the gym," Cone said.

The Mott Gym locker room facility is in the transition of going to Crandall Gym, Cal Poly Athletics media relations director Brian Thurmond said.

"They split locker rooms between Mott and Crandall Gym," he said. "Without question, (improvements will help) because when you have a better locker room facility, it will boost team morale and help recruiting."

Although Cone said the team's practice fields haven't caused any injuries, they're also in need of a makeover, and she stressed that players' safety is the highest priority.

Yet there is not enough money to renovate both the locker rooms and practice fields adequately, so she'll negotiate with the program to determine "how good we can get the field if we don't put money into it."

Depending on a marquee match-up can be a risky strategy, she warned.

"I don't want to build a budget around that kind of game because that is not a game you can get every year," Cone said. "If you start building your operating budget around those games and don't get them, you are in trouble."

With the state's recent budget cuts, money is scarce throughout the university, and Cal Poly's athletic department is no exception.

"Athletics has the same list of needs that academics does," Cone said. "We all have our laundry list of needs, and ours is really lengthy."

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Cox, Field likely out

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Two starters on the Cal Poly football team's offensive line will likely miss Saturday's game against North Carolina Central due to injuries they suffered in last week's game, Mustangs head coach Rich Ellerson said Monday.

Sophomore center Jason Cox injured his left knee during the third quarter of a 49-10 win over Idaho State at Alex G. Spanos Stadium on Saturday night.

Only a few plays later, his replacement, senior left guard Stephen Field, who was a three-time All-Great West Conference starter at center before making room for Cox last season, limped off the field with an injured left ankle.

Cox's knee and Field's ankle were both wrapped, and neither returned.

"I can't comment specifically on what their ills are," Ellerson said at the school's weekly athletics news conference. "I do not expect that either will be available for this Saturday."

In the team's official weekly depth chart released Monday, redshirt freshman Stash McGuinness was listed as the first center, followed by:

"or" freshman Matthew Bertole "or" sophomore Hal Kelley. None of the three was bolded like every other Cal Poly starter.

Redshirt freshman Maurice McClure was bolded as the top left guard.

"We feel good about those guys and some other guys that'll find themselves in the mix," Ellerson said.

Cal Poly (6-1), ranked third in the Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division I-AA) coaches and media polls, hosts North Carolina Central (2-6) at 4:05 p.m. Saturday.



Jason Cox



Stephen Field

New pool a watershed for Cal Poly

Jennifer Titcomb
MUSTANG DAILY

The day when the Cal Poly swimming and diving team can compete on campus in an Olympic-size pool is finally becoming a reality.

Anderson Pool, located behind Mott Gym, is being replaced with a new pool that will meet Division I regulations.

Construction on the new pool was originally planned for January 2008, but the entire process took longer than expected, head coach Tom Milich said.

Now, with construction under way, the pool is planned to open in May 2009, although Milich said the contractors believe they are ahead of schedule and could actually finish in April.

The total cost of the project is expected to be \$2.39 million. The money was allotted to Cal Poly from the state for the replacement of the natatorium at Crandall Gym.

Nothing will be torn down to make room for the pool, which will double in size.

"It basically fits in the same footprint of the existing pool area," Milich said. "It is just that the pool will take up pretty much the entire pool area."

The new pool will consist of eight 50-meter lanes, or if lane lines are put in the other direction, 18 25-yard lanes. It will be the same depth throughout, allowing diving and swimming to take place at the same time at opposite ends.

Team workouts have been altered due to construction.

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This season's home meets will be at Sinsheimer Park.

The team practices at the Rec Center's pool in the afternoons and takes to the weight room in the mornings. A group of distance swimmers have a morning practice once a week at Sinsheimer Park as well.

Milich said one reason the old pool didn't meet Division I standards was that it had only six lanes instead of eight, and they were less than 7 feet wide instead of 8-foot-2.

More lanes will help practices become more efficient, allowing the team to split up for different stroke work with fewer people in each lane.

"It was very difficult to get the work in that you needed to do because there were so many people in one lane," senior swimmer Amy Speer said. "There was so much wake from everyone else."

Fellow senior Brent Summers agreed.

"You had to make sure you weren't going to get run over or run someone over," he said.

As if that weren't enough, the pool had no lines or crosses on the bottom to let the swimmers know where they were. The markings are critical to swimmers going into their flip turns in order to know their distance to the wall.

Perhaps most importantly, a new pool will allow the team to host meets on campus.

"I think the student body will support us if it's convenient and can come walk on campus," Milich said.



OMAR SANCHEZ MUSTANG DAILY

The site of the Cal Poly swimming and diving team's on-campus pool, shown Monday, is in the process of being retrofitted.

The program is now actively recruiting Olympic Trials swimmers, he added.

"I am excited to see what it is going to do for this program," Summers said. "We are finally going to be able to bring in recruits and it will be a nice facility, and we will be able to compete with some of the other schools that have nice facilities."

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