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Alcohol, hazing led to freshman's death

Marlize van Romburgh

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The death of Cal Poly freshman Carson Starkey last quarter has been determined to be the result of alcohol poisoning. Police have further confirmed that his death was as a result of hazing and the party Starkey had attended the evening before his death was an initiation event for the fraternity Sigma Alpha Epsilon, which he was pledging.

Starkey's recently released autopsy reveals that he suffered from respiratory arrest due to Acute Ethanol Toxicity, or alcohol poisoning. Starkey's blood alcohol level ranged between .39 and .44 percent — a level exceeding the effects of surgical anesthesia.

When blood alcohol levels exceeds such a high percentage, the brain stops functioning due to toxic overloads of alcohol, Cal Poly health center medical doctor David L. Harris explained.

"It's impossible for the body to metabolize that much alcohol, overwhelming the capacity to function," Harris said. "The brain tells your body to stop breathing and a number of organs in the body shut down."

Starkey, 18, passed away the morning of Dec. 2, 2008 at Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center. At 6:24 that morning, a 911 call was received from a house on Highland Drive where Starkey was subsequently found unresponsive. Investigators have since performed numerous interviews and conducted search warrants on nine separate locations, concluding that his death was the result of alcohol-related hazing at the fraternity's initiation party held at the house.

With the investigation ongoing, police are not yet proceeding with criminal charges at this time, although hazing is considered a crime, said San Luis Obispo Police Captain Dan Blanke.

"We will definitely keep this story in the spotlight because of the high profile tragic event that occurred in our community," Blanke said.

Following Starkey's death last quarter, SAE's charter was suspended from all activity first by the university and later by the fraternity's national organization. The chapter's char-

ter has since been completely revoked by Cal Poly, meaning it is no longer affiliated with the university.

Stephan Lamb, associate director of Student Life & Leadership, said university officials have known for some time that alcohol was a likely factor in Starkey's death, but that it was unclear just how much alcohol he had consumed until the autopsy results were released.

Cal Poly has launched its own on-campus judicial investigation regarding the incident which is separate from the criminal investigation conducted by police. Following the first exploratory investigation, which includes interviewing fraternity members, judicial action could be taken against the individuals found to be responsible, Lamb said.

"There are things happening in the greek community and throughout the rest of the community that need to be examined," he added.

Following Starkey's death, a greek summit was held in Cambria on Jan. 9 to 11 to discuss the future of Cal Poly greek life activity.

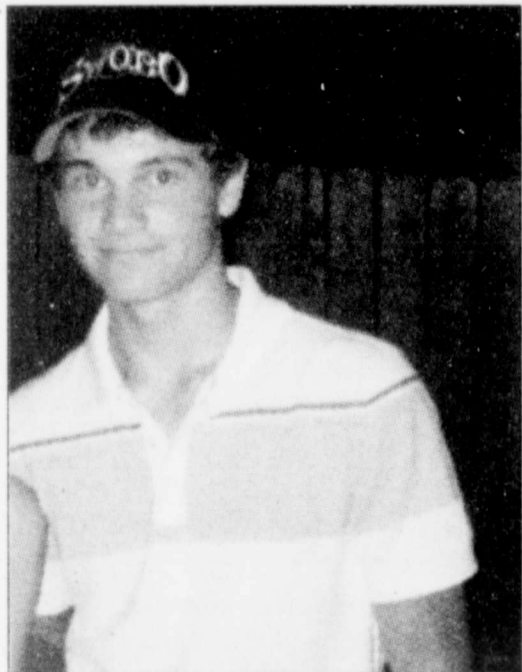
"The whole greek community knows it's under very close scrutiny right now," Lamb said.

SAE's risk management contract includes sections on alcohol, drugs, sober rides and sexual assault. It states that "any and all pledge and/or new member activities will be dry" and "no member will force any other member to drink." It also prohibits underage drinking, requires the fraternity to have "at least two sober brothers" at every event and every member will be a "true gentleman" around women at all times.

In addition to the death of Starkey, SAE has had several incidences in which they had to attend meetings with Student Life and Leadership including alcohol violations, destruction of property and the alleged drugging of a sorority member with the date rape drug GHB.

The investigation surrounding Starkey's death is continuing and police are not releasing further information at this time. A call made to the Starkey home in Texas was answered by an unknown family member who declined to comment because of the ongoing investigation.

— Genevieve Loggins and Giana Magnoli contributed to this report



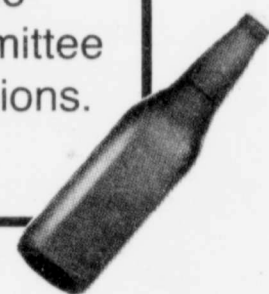
COURTESY PHOTO

Carson Starkey, shown in his Facebook photo, passed away Dec. 2.

Previous SAE issues:

April 2006

Members of SAE consumed alcohol prior to a Greek Week event lip-sync. They were required to participate in community service and apologize to the Greek Week Committee and several greek organizations.



February 2007

SAE sponsored a party at the Morro Bay community center that lead to damaged hardwood floors. The police report states that police showed up to find several intoxicated subjects vandalizing the property. They were arrested for public intoxication. SAE was later placed on social probation.



October 2007

A member of a sorority alleged that she was given GHB at a SAE and Alpha Omicron Pi exchange. The incident allegedly happened at a home where members of the fraternity lived. The woman proved positive for the date rape drug GHB in a report from Cal Poly's health center. The perpetrators were not discovered. SAE was placed on social probation.



Cal Poly students package green future

Matt Fountain

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Three Cal Poly programs have launched a program that has students working with major companies to deal with environmental issues facing the packaging industry.

Cal Poly's industrial technology department in conjunction with the Orfalea College of Business and the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences started Cal Poly's Consortium on Packaging Science and Technol-

ogy to offer research and development services to an impressive list of companies, including Microsoft and Safeway, to design packaging materials that are sustainable and eco-friendly.

"One of the issues of sustainability is what happens after whatever's in the package is utilized and you've got the packaging left over. Where does it go?" said industrial technology chair Louis Tornatzky, a founder of the program.

"There are different options: you can throw it in the dumpster and it goes in a landfill. And maybe, you think,

it can then just go away, that there's nothing left after five years," he said. "But what we're finding with historical packaging is that stuff that went in the dump a hundred years ago is still pretty good. This program is using various research techniques to understand if these materials are biodegradable, are sustainable."

Participating companies pay the university an annual fee

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Obama's whirlwind first day: economy, war and more

David Espo
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a first-day whirlwind, President Barack Obama showcased efforts to revive the economy on Wednesday, summoned top military officials to the White House to chart a new course in Iraq and eased into the daunting thicket of Middle East diplomacy.

"What an opportunity we have to change this country," said the 47-year-old chief executive, who also issued new ethics rules for his administration, hosted a reception at the presidential mansion for 200 inauguration volunteers and guests selected by an Internet lottery and even took the oath of office again after it was flubbed Tuesday.

After dancing at inaugural balls with first lady Michelle Obama past midnight, Obama entered the Oval Office for the first time as president in early morning. He read a good luck note left behind by President George W. Bush, then began breaking cleanly with his predecessor's policies.

Aides circulated a draft of an executive order that would close the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, within a year and halt all war crimes trials in the meantime.

Closing the site "would further the national security and foreign policy interests of the United States and the interests of justice," read the draft prepared for the new president's signature. A copy was obtained by The Associated Press, and an aide said privately that

Obama would sign a formal order on Thursday.

Some of the 245 detainees currently held at Guantanamo would be released, while others would be transferred elsewhere and later put on trial under terms to be determined.

Obama's Cabinet was moving closer to completion.

At the Capitol, the Senate confirmed Hillary Rodham Clinton as secretary of state after a one-day delay forced by Republicans. The vote was 94-2, and spectators seated in the galleries erupted in applause when it was announced.

Treasury-designate Timothy Geithner emerged unscathed from his confirmation hearing, apologizing for having failed to pay \$34,000 in taxes earlier in the decade.

To the evident anger of Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Republicans on the panel invoked long-standing rules to postpone a vote on Eric Holder's appointment as attorney general.

Counting Clinton, seven Cabinet members have been confirmed so far, as have the two top officials at the Office of Management and Budget.

Obama's schedule for the day included separate sessions on the economy and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The new president has pledged to take bold steps to revive the economy, which is struggling through the worst recession since the Great Depression. Last week, he won approval to use \$350 billion in

leftover financial industry bailout funds.

He presided over the White House meeting on the economy as the House Appropriations Committee moved toward approval of \$358 billion in new spending, part of the economic stimulus package making its way to his desk.

The new commander in chief

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country.

—Barack Obama

President of the United States

held his first meeting in the Situation Room, where he, Vice President Joe Biden and senior military and foreign policy officials discussed war in Iraq and Afghanistan. Obama campaigned on a pledge to withdraw U.S. combat forces from Iraq within 16 months, and to beef up the commitment in Afghanistan. Obama asked the Pentagon to do whatever additional planning necessary to "execute a responsible military drawdown from Iraq."

The new White House press secretary, Robert Gibbs, said

Obama's phone calls to leaders in the Middle East were meant to convey his "commitment to active engagement in pursuit of Arab-Israeli peace from the beginning of his term."

Gibbs also said that in conversations with Israeli, Palestinian, Egyptian and Jordanian leaders, the president emphasized he would work to consolidate the cease-fire between Israel and Hamas in Gaza.

Not everything was new at the White House.

In the Oval Office, Obama worked at a desk built from the timbers of a British naval vessel, the HMS Resolute, and used off-and-on by presidents since the 1870s, including Bush. It also appeared that the carpet that Bush used in his second term, a yellow sunbeam design, was still in place.

"As of today, lobbyists will be subject to stricter limits than under any ... other administration in history," Obama told reporters as he signed the new rules. The restrictions included a ban on gifts by lobbyists to anyone serving in the administration.

He also imposed a pay freeze for about 100 White House aides who earn \$100,000 or more. Its implementation was unclear, since none of them was on the payroll before Tuesday's noontime inauguration.

On Tuesday, within hours of Obama's inauguration, his administration froze last-minute Bush administration regulations before they could take effect.

Among them was an Interior Department proposal to remove

gray wolves from Endangered Species protections in much of the northern Rocky Mountains, and a Labor Department recommendation that would allow companies that manage employee retirement plans to market investment products to plan participants.

On Wednesday night, Chief Justice John Roberts administered the oath to Obama at the White House — a rare do-over. The surprise moment came in response to Tuesday's stumble, when Roberts got the words of the oath a little off, which prompted Obama to do so, too.

The White House reassured that Obama has still been president since noon on Inauguration Day. But Obama and Roberts went through the drill again out of what White House counsel Greg Craig called "an abundance of caution."

Obama also dropped by a party for his staff at a packed DC Armory, telling his supporters that they deserve credit for his historic election victory, in part because they didn't know any better. "Grant to Barack Obama, president of the United States, and to all in authority your grace and good will. Bless them with your heavenly gifts, give them wisdom and strength to know and to do your will," prayed the Rev. Andy Stanley, one of numerous clerics from several religions to speak.

Obama and his wife also played host and hostess for a select 200 at an open house.

"Enjoy yourself, roam around," a smiling Obama told one guest.

"Don't break anything."

Packaging

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in exchange for these services, which range from sustainable initiatives and analysis of current products to actual packaging development.

According to Keith Vorst, assistant professor of industrial technology, the purpose of the program is to advance the use of alternative, greener materials, as well as develop packaging that uses less materials.

"For example," Vorst said, "you go out and buy a Microsoft mouse. We look at designing packages that use less materials to ship that mouse or use materials that is recycled or biodegradable."

The group is led by Tornatzky, Vorst and Jay Singh from the industrial technology

department as well as Wyatt Brown from the horticulture and crops sciences department.

The consortium will focus on four projects in its first year. Tasks include analysis and evaluation of packaging materials set for distribution by the participating companies as well as development of single and multi-layer films for modified atmospheric packaging.

One such project is known as life-cycle inventory, where industry partners send in proposed packaging solutions and the teams, through various software programs and research techniques, will pick the proposals apart and deliver an estimate on that package's sustainability performance.

Another project deals with how best to use radio frequency identification (RFID), a receiver/transmitter used to monitor packaging objects in transit. RFID tags, which

can be smaller than a grain of rice, can hold more information than barcodes and give companies and researchers a clearer understanding of where these materials go after a product's use.

This program marks the first time Cal Poly has launched this type of joint public-private enterprise and substantial benefits for the university and students.

"This will make the students involved imminently hire-able, hot commodities," Tornatzky said.

"Having this consortium is a real coup for us because we're much more nationally visible and we may be actually solving significant real problems that affect all of us."

Cal Poly is not the only benefactor of this program. The 12 participating companies also get substantial R&D work for significantly less money, as well as access to

a pool of potential student hires and early access to results.

"These companies get research done at a very inexpensive rate compared to hiring an outside consulting firm," Vorst explained. "They can outsource at a much cheaper rate while supporting education."

The consortium program, though only in its first year, is expected to grow in size and scope.

According to Tornatzky, with the benefits inherent for the university and industry leaders — as well as our physical environment — more companies are already looking to get involved.

"This is an innovation for Cal Poly. I think we should do more of this," he said. "We should be working with industry in ways that they're enhanced, we're enhanced, the world's enhanced."



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WORD ON THE STREET

"What do you think about Obama's decision to close Guantanamo?"



"I'm on the fence. I don't have a strong opinion either way. I'm sure he has his reasons. I'm sure Bush has his too."

-Suzie Abramont,
food science senior

"I think it exemplifies the impression Obama wants to make in the global community."

-Kristy Carnarius,
civil engineering senior



"I hope he goes about it with the right process and deals with the prisoners correctly."

-Elisa Daus,
landscape architecture senior

"I don't think it should have been open in the first place. There are a lot of legal issues and it doesn't fall in our jurisdiction."

-Cedar Lampe,
political science senior



Sources say Obama will order Guantanamo closure today

Lara Jakes and David Espo

ASSOCIATED PRESS

President Barack Obama will begin overhauling U.S. national security policy Thursday with orders to close the Guantanamo Bay detention center, review military trials of terror suspects and end harsh interrogations, two government officials said.

Together, the three executive orders and a presidential directive will reshape how the United States prosecutes and questions al-Qaida, Taliban or other foreign fighters who pose a threat to Americans.

A senior Obama administration official said the president would sign an order Thursday to shutter the Guantanamo prison within one year, fulfill-

ing his campaign promise to close a facility that critics around the world say violates domestic and international detainee rights. The aide spoke on condition of anonymity because the order has not yet been issued.

A draft copy of the order, obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press, notes that "in view of significant concerns raised by these detentions, both within the United States and internationally, prompt and appropriate disposition of the individuals currently detained at Guantanamo and closure of the facility would further the national security and foreign policy interests of the United States and the interests of justice."

An estimated 245 men are being
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Briefs

State

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — A big welcome home is planned for the Danville pilot who safely landed a jetliner in the Hudson River.

"I can think of at least one hundred and fifty-five reasons why our town should join together to celebrate our neighbor and friend and his family," Mayor Newell Arnerich said in a statement, referring to the fact that all 155 people aboard the plane survived.

US Airways Pilot Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger has been acclaimed across the country for gliding Flight 1549 to an emergency river landing in New York on Jan. 15 after reporting a birdstrike and loss of engine power.

In Washington, Rep. Jerry McNerney, D-Pleasanton, introduced a Congressional resolution on Wednesday honoring Sullenberger and the crew.

National

BLACKSBURG, Va. (AP) — A fatal stabbing on Virginia Tech campus has triggered a crisis alert system that was revamped after a deadly mass shooting there in 2007.

Students were warned Wednesday night to stay in place in an alert sent by e-mail and text message. After a suspect was taken into custody, students were told about an hour later they could resume normal activity.

The killing took place at the Graduate Life Center. A University news release says the suspect is a male graduate student and the victim is a female graduate student. Police found a knife they believe was the murder weapon.

The alert system was revamped after gunman Seung-Hui Cho took 32 lives before turning the gun on himself in an April 2007 rampage. The alert system has been used before.

International

HAVANA (AP) — Fidel Castro watched the U.S. inauguration on television and said Wednesday that Barack Obama seems "like a man who is absolutely sincere," according to Argentina's president, who met with the ailing Cuban icon.

"Fidel believes in Obama," Cristina Fernandez said.

The meeting with Fernandez, just before she ended a four-day visit to Cuba, dispelled persistent rumors that the 82-year-old Castro had suffered a stroke or lapsed into a coma in recent days.

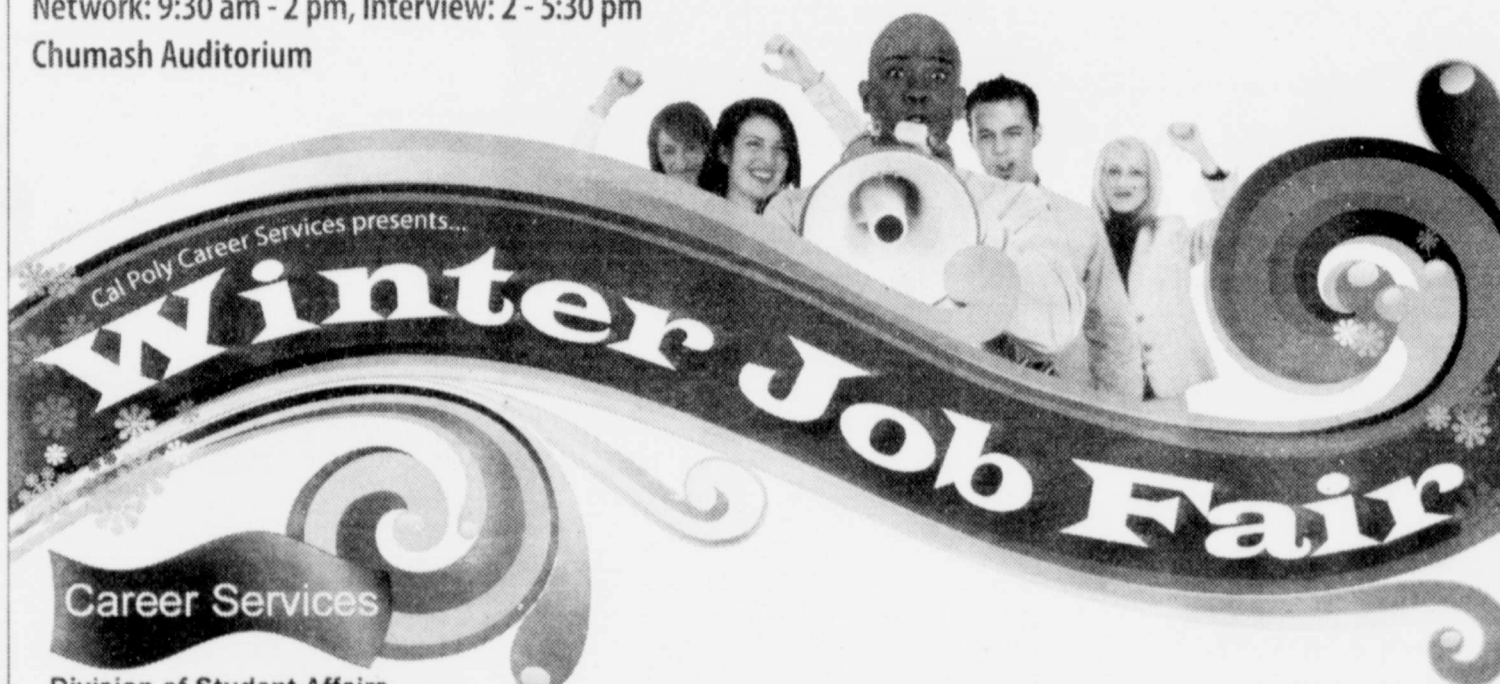
"I was with Fidel about an hour or more," she told reporters at the airport as she left. "We were chatting, conversing. He looked good."

Fernandez said Castro wore the track suit that has become his trademark since he fell ill in July 2006 and vanished from public view. A spokesman said the two met alone.

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Senate confirms secretary of state

Anne Flaherty

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The Senate confirmed Hillary Rodham Clinton as secretary of state Wednesday as President Barack Obama moved to make his imprint on U.S. foreign policy, mobilizing a fresh team of veteran advisers and reaching out to world leaders.

The Senate voted 94-2, with Republican Sens. David Vitter of Louisiana and Jim DeMint of South Carolina opposing.

Republicans and Democrats alike said her swift confirmation was necessary so that Obama could begin tackling the major foreign policy issues at hand, including two wars, increased violence in the Middle East and the threat of a nuclear-armed Iran.

"It is essential that we provide the president with the tools and resources he needs to effect change, and that starts with putting a national security team in place as soon as possible," said Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee.

Obama's presidential rival, Sen. John McCain, was among those who spoke in Clinton's favor.

"This nation has come together in a way that it has not for some time," said the Arizona Republican, on the Senate floor for the first time since the inauguration.

Voters "want us to work together and get to work," McCain said.

As the Senate debated Clinton's appointment, Obama wasted no time in his first day at the White House. According to a White House spokesman, Obama placed telephone calls to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, Jordan's King Abdullah II and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

Big-rig truck accident on local beach



BRADY TEUFEL SPECIAL TO THE MUSTANG DAILY

Surfers view the site of a accident at base of Silver Shoals Drive in Pismo Beach, Calif. on Wednesday, after the truck coasted down the street and plummeted off the cliff. Go online to mustang-daily.net for video.

Calif. has large number of salmonella victims

California health officials are reporting the second-largest number of food poisoning cases in a salmonella outbreak linked to peanuts. A total of 486 people have been sickened in the outbreak, which may have contributed to six deaths. California's Department of Public Health confirmed Wednesday that 62 of those cases are in this state.

Food and Drug Administration officials say more than 125 products have been recalled in the investigation of peanuts, all of which were made with peanut paste or peanut butter manufactured at a Georgia plant owned by Peanut Corp. of America. Investigators say tests have found salmonella in the plant.

Consumers are being warned to avoid eating cookies, cakes, ice cream and other foods containing peanut butter. No major brands of peanut butter sold in jars are implicated.

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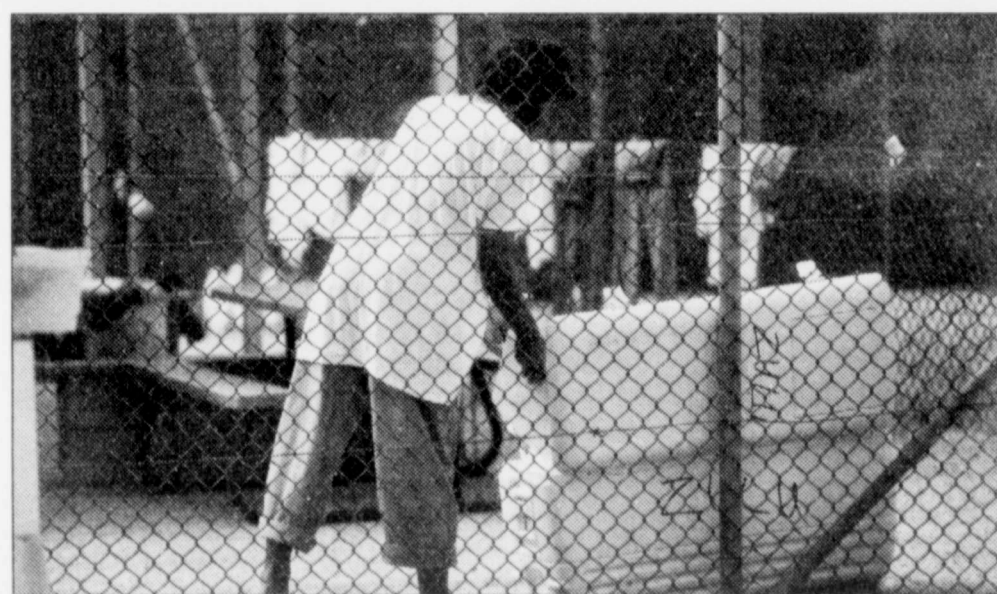
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In this photo reviewed by the U.S. Military, a Guantanamo detainee opens a cooler in the open yard at Camp 4 detention center on the U.S. Naval Base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Wednesday.

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held at the U.S. naval base in Cuba, most of whom have been detained for years without being charged with a crime. The administration already has received permission to suspend the trials at Guantanamo for 120 days pending a review of the military tribunals.

Two other executive orders and a presidential directive also are expected Thursday, according to the administration official and an aide to a House Republican lawmaker who was briefed on the plans Wednesday by White House counsel Greg Craig. They include:

—An executive order creating a task force that would have 30 days to recommend policies on handling terror suspects who are detained in the future. Specifically, the group would look at where those detainees should be housed since Guantanamo is closing.

—An executive order to require all U.S. personnel to follow the U.S. Army Field Manual while interrogating detainees. The manual explicitly prohibits threats, coercion, physical abuse and waterboarding, a technique that creates the sensation of drowning and has been termed a form of torture by critics. However, the administration also is planning a study of more aggressive interrogation methods that could be added to the Army manual, a second Capitol Hill aide said.

—A presidential directive for the Justice Department to review the case of Qatar native Ali al-Marri, who is the only enemy combatant currently being held on U.S. soil. The review will look at whether al-Marri has the right to sue the government for his freedom, a right the Supreme Court already has given to Guantanamo detainees.

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Miss America moves into reality TV territory

Kathleen Hennessey
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LAS VEGAS — It's been slow and not necessarily painless, but Miss America is moving into the 21st century — one well-practiced, high-heeled step at a time.

Last year, she got a reality show complete with absurd challenges and snarky judges. Then she was given an updated look, courtesy of the makeover specialists at the cable network TLC, her current television home.

This year, she's moving closer to the viewer-voting format that made "American Idol" a star.

For the first time, four contestants will be voted into the pageant finals by viewers of "Miss America: Countdown to the Crown," the four-part reality series culminating Friday on TLC. The viewer favorites will be named along with 11 other finalists at the pageant airing live at 8 p.m. EST Saturday from the Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino.

"America's going to have a much greater impact than they've ever had before," said Brent Zackey, vice president for production and development at TLC. "We thought it would be great to really make the whole scheme of the reality show about America getting to know these women and letting them focus in on the women they would vote in to the finals."

In another time, this could have been pageant heresy.

The 88-year-old Miss America pageant is more than a television show for some. To its most die-hard devotees, it's a venerated source of scholarships for polished young women across the country. Its judges are trained how to evaluate young beauties for poise, talent and smarts. Its participants are prepped on how to measure up to those benchmarks.

The masses aren't supposed to pick the princess.

Miss America Organization President Art McMaster said he assured the pageant faithful there would be an upside to the new arrangement. More contestants

are getting a shot at the crown.

"With pageant people, we just explained to them that rather than having a top 10, we're going to have a top 15. It's a win-win for both sides," he said.

Pageant fans have had to learn to roll with the punches in recent years.

The change is just the latest in the continuing search for a new audience for a venerable institution. After years of sinking ratings, ABC dropped the pageant in 2005, forcing it to uproot from the Atlantic City Boardwalk in New Jersey to the Las Vegas Strip. The pageant also moved to cable television, where only a fraction of the revenue and viewers were waiting.

Without a network television contract, the amount of scholarship money awarded plummeted. In 2007, the Miss America Organization distributed \$445,000 in scholarships, less than half the total four years earlier, according to the nonprofit's federal tax returns. This year's winner takes a \$50,000 scholarship along with a year of travel and public appearances.

Last year's pageant was a bright night for Miss America. The number of viewers rose 50 percent over the previous year's airing on Country Music Television. The lead-in reality series "Miss America: Reality Check" appeared to have drawn new viewers by promising to make over and mock the contestants' dated style. Updates to the live pageant broadcast loosened things up.

A favorite moment for those involved: When Miss Utah 2008 Jill Stevens, an Army medic who was voted into the finals by viewers, dropped and gave the crowd push-ups. It wasn't exactly a YouTube moment, but it flashed a rare hint of spontaneity in a show that has in past years offered few unpracticed moments.

TLC is hoping for more Miss Utahs this year. Clinton Kelly, the sharp-tongued star of the network's "What Not to Wear," will make a return appearance to pull some unscripted conversation from contestants. "Extra" host Mario Lopez will be master of ceremonies. He previously hosted the pageant in 2007.

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Titus Andronicus gives universal middle finger to life's troubles

Full disclosure: I got "removed" from The Library this weekend and although that sounds real harsh, you have to understand that means I've been ejected around .01 percent of the times I've been there. Surprising, considering 10 percent of the time (a conservative estimate) I am unsure of how I get home from The Library. Either way, I refused to take elbows from broskies and delivered my favorite gesture, the middle finger. Nothing is more instantly gratifying or freeing than a middle finger. I take that back; peeing on gigantic trucks when you're drunk or stealing senseless things like remote controls is probably equally fulfilling.

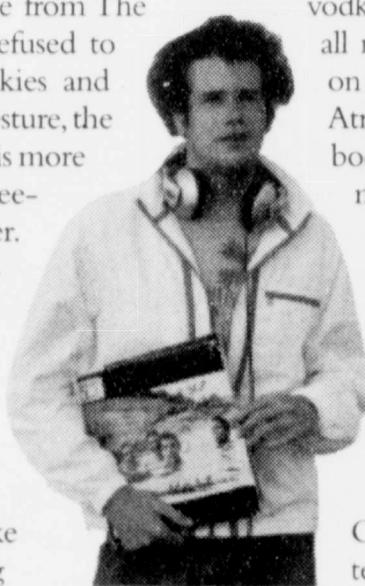
It's because times like these are so fulfilling that Titus Andronicus officially take the cake for me as album of the year for 2008. Six months of regular listening (at least two times a week) and I still haven't tired of it, just like I haven't tired of the malt energy beverage craze. Both manage to combine the perfect amount of self destruction, awareness of corporate injustice and overall sense of meaninglessness of life with large quantities of overindulgent celebration.

The album comes chock full of the meat of life: realizing that everything you do is meaningless, stupid and pointless and that most likely burning down a McDonald's and pissing all over it in ecstatic drunken dance while shooting down a forty of Old English would be the most positive thing you could do (more positive than voting for Barack Obama). The album opens with "Fear and Loathing in Mahwah, NJ," a "slow" song that makes you think of good Bright Eyes. Halfway through the song Patrick Stickles peacefully says, "The world screams out in agony and you don't care, but should the shit hit the fan, I just pray you will not be spared." Then the whole band yells, "Fuck You!" louder than I've ever heard anybody yell it and we get out of mopesville and into the real world where we solve problems by destroying everything and turning up our guitars real loud and playing drums as fast as we

can.

That single moment describes this entire damn album. It's all a gigantic middle finger to anything and everything. Nothing feels better than that and moping sucks at solving your problems. Broke up with your girlfriend? Why not shoot down a fifth of vodka and kick over trashcans all night? Here, try this. Put on their song "Arms Against Atrophy" and just throw your body erratically around. I mean, like really lose your shit. Somewhere close to Stickles delivering the line "So please don't whisper sweet nothings in my ear when the sound of shredding vocal chords is what I want to hear" like Conor Oberst with a pair of huge testicles you will reach zen state. Or as they put it: "All the pretty horses, all flowers and trees, they will all mean less than nothing when it all has come to be."

You're in college so I assume on some level your life is unsatisfying: angsty relationships, general apathy, rampant abuse of drugs or just a really awful job. This album will make you feel good. It made me feel good every morning for three months that I had to get up as a college graduate at four in the morning and stock tampons and douches in Los Osos. It can solve anything.



Hipster Bullshit

by Graham Culbertson



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Titus Andronicus released its self-titled album last year.



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Miss District of Columbia Kate Grinold, center, waves as she introduces herself during the arrival ceremony at the Planet Hollywood hotel and casino in Las Vegas, Thursday, Jan. 15, 2009.

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Early Music Ensemble to perform lost treasures from California missions



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Cal Poly's Early Music Ensemble's performance of "Masters of the Mission" will feature music that was widely heard in missions throughout California during its early history. The concert will take place on Jan. 24 at 8 p.m. in the Christopher Cohan Center.

The Early Music Ensemble consists of 15 students with significant singing experience. The chorus specializes in performing the technique and style of music written before 1750. Cal Poly music professor Craig Russell researched and reconstructed original pieces of music during the time he spent visiting California missions, several of which the ensemble will play.

"It's like going into a kitchen and finding ingredients to make a recipe. I'm like a detective trying to find out what music sounded like in the California missions hundreds of years ago," Russell said.

Cal Poly music professor Thomas Davies will conduct the performance. "We come as close as we can to performing music as it might have been done at that time," Davies said. "The joy the students have for being able to do something that they love to do is wonderful. After all of the rehearsing, the performance will be exciting."

A small chamber, consisting of baroque guitar, violinists, cellists and harpists will accompany the Early Music Ensemble.

As a music scholar and California mis-

sion historian, Russell searched for possessions that were eventually located and now remain in consolidated centers throughout the state. When westward orchestra expansion in the United States disrupted the mission system, entire treasures including musical manuscripts, were either physically separated over time or vanished, he said.

The Santa Barbara, Santa Clara and San Fernando missions were some of the ones Russell frequented. He kept a detailed catalog of where specific parts to pieces of music were located and, after numerous visits to a variety of missions throughout California, found enough preserved elements of musical manuscripts to reconstruct some of the original written work.

The music of the time period encompasses several moods and styles. Songs to be performed at the performance include "Ya Se Heriza," "Credo" from the "Misa En Sol" and "Agnus Dei" from the "Misa En Sol." Music written by Fray Juan Bautista Sanchez, recognized for bringing modern classicism to California missions, will also be performed.

"Since we didn't grow up playing music during this time, we can't experience the same feelings, since a large part of it has to be learned culturally," Russell said. "But we can get a taste of what it would have been like. Having put this together and rehearsed it, I have a better understanding of what it means to be a Californian. Music is an audible photograph of what people value. This music is amazingly magnificent."

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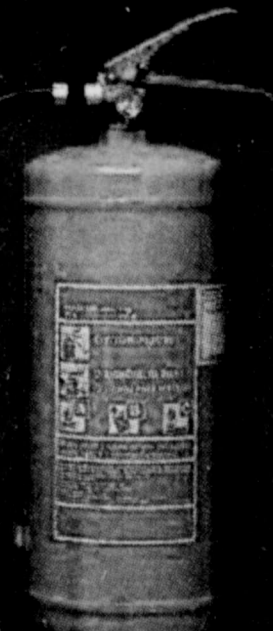
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Myers' 'Love Guru' proves endearing at Razzies

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LOS ANGELES — Voters for 2008's worst movies love Mike Myers. They really love him.

Myers' comedy flop "The Love Guru" led the field Wednesday for the Razzies with seven nominations, among them worst picture and worst-acting slots for Myers, Jessica Alba, Verne Troyer and Academy Award winner Ben Kingsley.

The number of nominations for "Love Guru" was appropriate given what a personal project it was for Myers, who not only starred but also co-wrote and produced the movie, said John Wilson, founder of the Razzies, an Oscar spoof that dishes out "dis-honors" for the lousiest stuff Hollywood dredged up the previous year.

"This is one of those auteur-of-the-awful situations," Wilson said. "I think people are tired of him in general. He hasn't really made a good movie in quite some time."

The other worst-picture contenders were "Disaster Movie" and "Meet the Spartans," Hollywood spoofs that shared a nomination for a "badly beaten dead horse of a concept"; the fright flick "The Happening"; Paris Hilton's romantic comedy bomb "The Hot Chick"; and the sword-and-sorcery fantasy "In the Name of the King: A Dungeon Siege Tale."

Razzie "winners" will be announced Feb. 21, the day before the Oscars.

Hilton had three nominations, worst actress and worst screen couple alongside her co-stars in "The Hot Chick," plus worst supporting actress for "Repo! The Genetic Opera."

Eddie Murphy, named worst actor, supporting actor and supporting actress last year for multiple roles in "Norbit," has two nominations this time, as worst actor and screen couple alongside himself for dual roles in his sci-fi comedy dud "Meet Dave."

Cameron Diaz also picked up two Razzie nominations for the romance "What Happens in Vegas," as worst actress and worst screen couple alongside co-star Ashton Kutcher.

Along with Kingsley, Oscar winner Al Pacino had a worst-actor nomination for his crime thrillers "88 Minutes" and "Righteous Kill."

The stars of the remake "The Women" — Annette Bening, Eva Mendes, Debra Messing, Jada Pinkett Smith and Meg Ryan — shared a worst-actress nomination. Joining them, Alba, Diaz and Hilton in the worst-actress category was Kate Hudson for "Fool's Gold" and "My Best Friend's Girl."

Besides Murphy, Myers and Pacino, worst-actor nominees were

Larry the Cable Guy for "Witless Protection" and Mark Wahlberg for "The Happening" and "Max Payne."

"In the Name of the King" filmmaker Uwe Boll had three nominations for 2008 movies, worst director for that flick and "1968: Tunnel Rats" and "Postal," supporting actor for playing himself in "Postal" and screen couple alongside "any actor, camera or screenplay."

Boll — whose movies include such horror or action tales as "Bloodrayne," "Alone in the Dark" and "House of the Dead" — also was selected by Razzies voters to receive a special prize for worst career achievement as "Germany's answer to Ed Wood," the leg-

endary bad filmmaker responsible for "Plan 9 From Outer Space."

"It's pretty insulting to Ed Wood. Although Wood didn't understand how to splice two frames together, there was a joy of incompetence in his work," Wilson said. "Uwe Boll's like our Meryl Streep. As long as he continues to work, he will get nominated, just like Meryl Streep does with those other awards."

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In this image released by Lionsgate Pictures, Paris Hilton portrays Amber Sweet in a scene from, "Repo! The Genetic Opera."



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In this file image originally released by Paramount Pictures, Mike Myers is shown in a scene from "The Love Guru."

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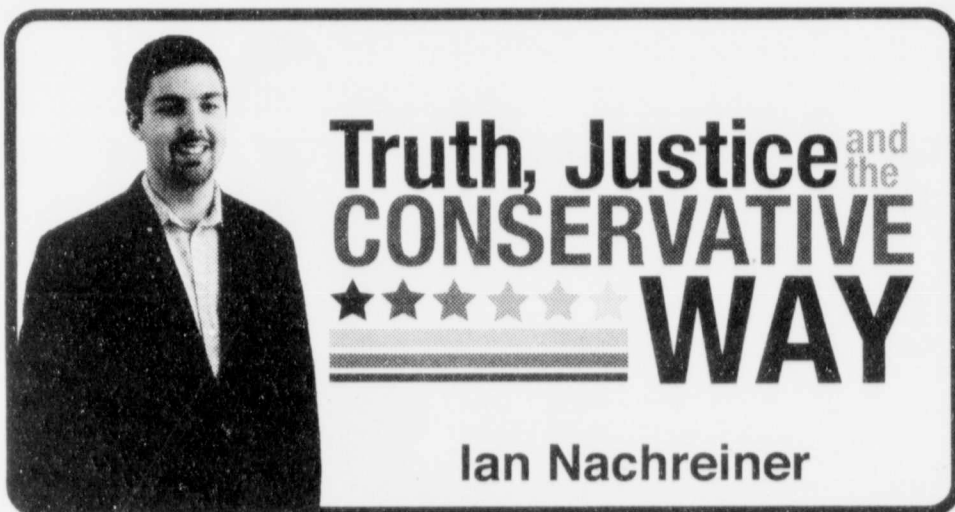
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political column

Will it still be change we can believe in four years from now?



On Tuesday, history was made as our nation swore Barack Obama into office. I am proud of this moment in history. I am glad our country has moved forward to a point where he has been elected and is serving as our president. However, we must remember he's just a man, and caution ourselves about tying a social movement to the policies of one man.

I am referring to latching on to an empty message of hope. Many have clung onto the coattails of Obama and his message of change, and yet this message lacks clear definition. Liberal groups have praised the election of Obama and "change we can believe in." But what does that change entail? Is Obama president today because he had the more favorable policies than John McCain? Is he president today because he isn't George Bush? Or is Obama president because of political correctness? There is no simple answer; I contend that it is a combination of these factors.

In his inaugural address Obama proclaimed, "Starting today, we must pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off and begin again the work of remaking America." President Obama, America is not broken. There may be disagreements as to how things are being done, but in the grand scheme of things this is not a broken nation, and it does not need remaking. The notion that America needs remaking is a faulty one and it is empty rhetoric that leaves the perception that America is not on sound footing. Yes, our nation is facing many challenges, but those challenges do not diminish the strength of our nation.

In his speech, Obama also contended that, "Cynics fail to understand that the ground has shifted beneath them — that the stale political arguments that have consumed us for so long no longer apply." Forgive me if I'm wrong, but

for eight years the cynics — who argue that dissent is the highest form of patriotism — have challenged our nation and the policies ruling it. However, now that the tables have turned we are all supposed to fall in line and lock step with policies and positions that we disagree with? I will proudly remain a cynic, who challenges the conventional wisdom.

Such challenges improve policies. Isn't the objective to make the country better, not to stomp out opposition?

These next four years will be interesting times. I predict that people will largely be disappointed with Obama's record when it comes time to reelect him more than three years from now. It's not that liberal agendas will not be pursued, because they will. It's that Obama has been elevated to a god-like status. People believe he is their savior, yet he is just a man. He cannot save your mortgage, find you a job or cure your illnesses.

A friend of mine, who is a staunch Obama supporter, asked me how I felt about Obama being president and how frustrated I was. I have joked that I would douse myself in gasoline should this day come. This is far from the correct approach. Obama's status as president marks a new day in American history. But Obama is just a man. His policies will present many challenges for our nation. We need to look beyond his messianic following, which will fade in time, to what is the best solution for our country. As a conservative, I will always argue that

less government influence over our lives is better than more.

On a different note, this will be my last column for the Mustang Daily. Few realize the time and energy it takes to write a weekly column. I have been honored to have the opportunity to present the conservative message, but this column does not pay the bills. I've enjoyed challenging the hearts and minds of our campus and community.

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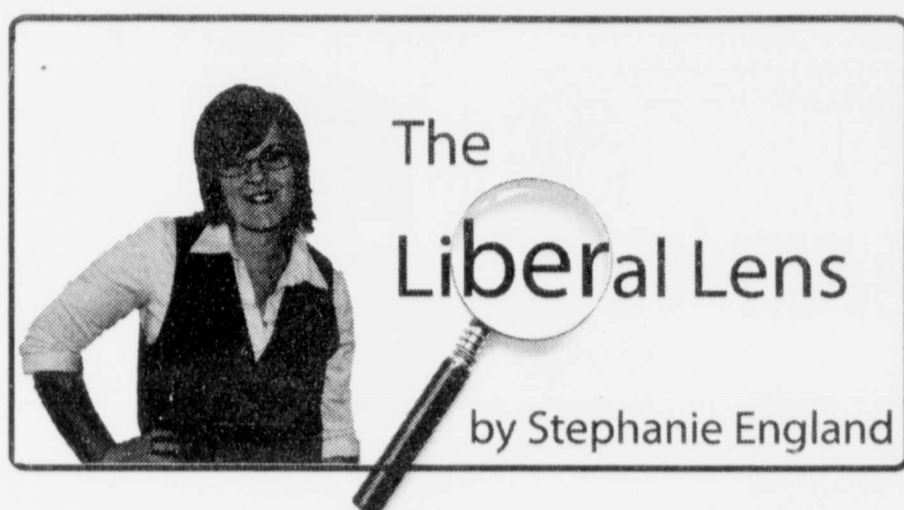
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So long Bush administration, and thanks for all the fish



January 20, 2009 will be a day dearly remembered by Americans and the world for more reasons than the intensity of swearing in the first black president of the United States.

It will be remembered for more than a re-lighting of the lamps of freedom and justice behind the doors of the Oval Office.

It will be remembered for more than Barack Obama's moving inaugural speech, and the picturesque snapshots of our new president and first lady slow dancing among decorated soldiers and exuberant young people.

Tuesday will be remembered for the millions of people who huddled in 15 degree windchill among our national symbols of liberty to help make history and to hear freedom ring out with their own ears from a microphone miles away.

It will be remembered for those of us who believed in change, who helped bury the ghosts of both our distant and recent past and for those of us who "listened to our hopes instead of our fears," in the words of Michelle Obama during the 2008 Democratic Convention.

In his inaugural address, President Obama said, "What the cynics fail to understand is that the ground has shifted beneath them, that the stale political arguments that have consumed us for so long no longer apply."

Those saying we swore in a mere mortal and not a god, and who would tell us not to expect change too quickly, need not patronize their audience or seek to lower our expectations. I ask those who might claim that President Obama is only one man who can't possibly change the things he promised in his first term to consider re-

cent presidential history.

By forcing elections in Gaza, one man gave Hamas the opportunity to launch rockets into Israel, killing innocent civilians and instigating a war. One man's adherence to an ideology of deregulation helped ruin our economy. During Hurricane Katrina, one man's carelessness and cronyism led to over 1,300 preventable deaths. One man's words helped take a nation's soldiers to war and to their graves.

If George W. Bush has caused so much ruin in the world and America, surely Obama can influence even more good.

In his speech, Obama offered an answer to the Republican dogma of limited government when he said, "The question we ask today is not whether our government is too big or too small, but whether it works, whether it helps families find jobs at a decent wage, care they can afford, a retirement that is dignified. Where the answer is

yes, we intend to move forward. Where the answer is no, programs will end."

In this time of setting aside childish things, as President Obama said in his inaugural address, fiscal responsibility should no longer mean less government spending for the simple reason that tax dollars belong to the American people, nor should we reject the necessity of spending for the common good. In this era, fiscal responsibility means that we invest tax dollars wisely. Likewise, leadership should no longer be defined by the political party that brandishes the meanest, loudest words.

I think the one issue that might pervade Obama's administration will be how we receive his speeches in contrast to the backdrop of media spin. Obama can accomplish as much as we the people allow. If we oppose his plans, our disapproval will trickle into the polls and influence our legislators.

If we oppose the president's plans for legitimate reasons, then our system of government will be affirmed. If we disapprove of his proposals because of the rigid ideologies of pundits and politicians who would oppose his plans regardless, then our system has become more corrupt than any of us can put into words.

That said, the ground certainly is shifting beneath our feet. As we tell Bush "so long, and thanks for all the fish," we also embrace the hope that, with our collective hard work and commitment, we will help make the world what it should be.

It may take eight years or four years, but we can and will get there.

What we do with this moment in history and how we collectively approach it is entirely up to us. Some will no doubt approach it with the belief that everything we can do for this country and in the world will be wrong, or they will continue to say that Obama is a radical or a socialist; they will be left behind to surf the AM radio waves. The rest of us will approach this time with the knowledge that not everything proposed will work right away, but that we have to try. And in the pursuit of finding what works, we will be on our way to forming a more perfect union.

We are now on our way to an America where we can have universal health care, we can return Iraq to the Iraqi people responsibly, we can lessen the financial burden of a college education for families, we can transition to green energy, and we can reach out to the poor and exploited at home and abroad.

Yes, we can.

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JENNIFER KOHNKE NEWSART



Yes, President Obama is just a man. But his platform of hope and change has more to do with our country's spirits than our policies. Try being a minority in this world, a world where we can now say that anyone can be president. Regardless of who our president is today, whether it had been John McCain or Hillary Clinton, they would have inherited our foreign and domestic disasters. To assume that so many people see President Obama as the "cure" for what

ails this country makes it seem like we are naive, or well, stupid. Give us more credit than that. To truly understand why citizens are holding Obama on a pedestal is because he is a dream realized. Our dreams realized.

— Kaytee

Response to "Today we inaugurate a man, not a God"

Arabs are a semitic people, so tell me how they can be anti-semitic without hating themselves. I think what irks me the most about the people supporting Isreal around here is that they never want to admit Israel has guilt in this, too. They seem to see Israel as a pervasive good that can do no wrong, and that is very incorrect.

At least the Palestinian supporters agree that Hamas had a role, too. And a quote that I rather like, especially in regards to the two intifadas that happened in the past, but also to this incident: "If I was throwing rocks at your door, would you answer with a machine gun?"

— George

Response to "Hamas has some blame in recent conflict"

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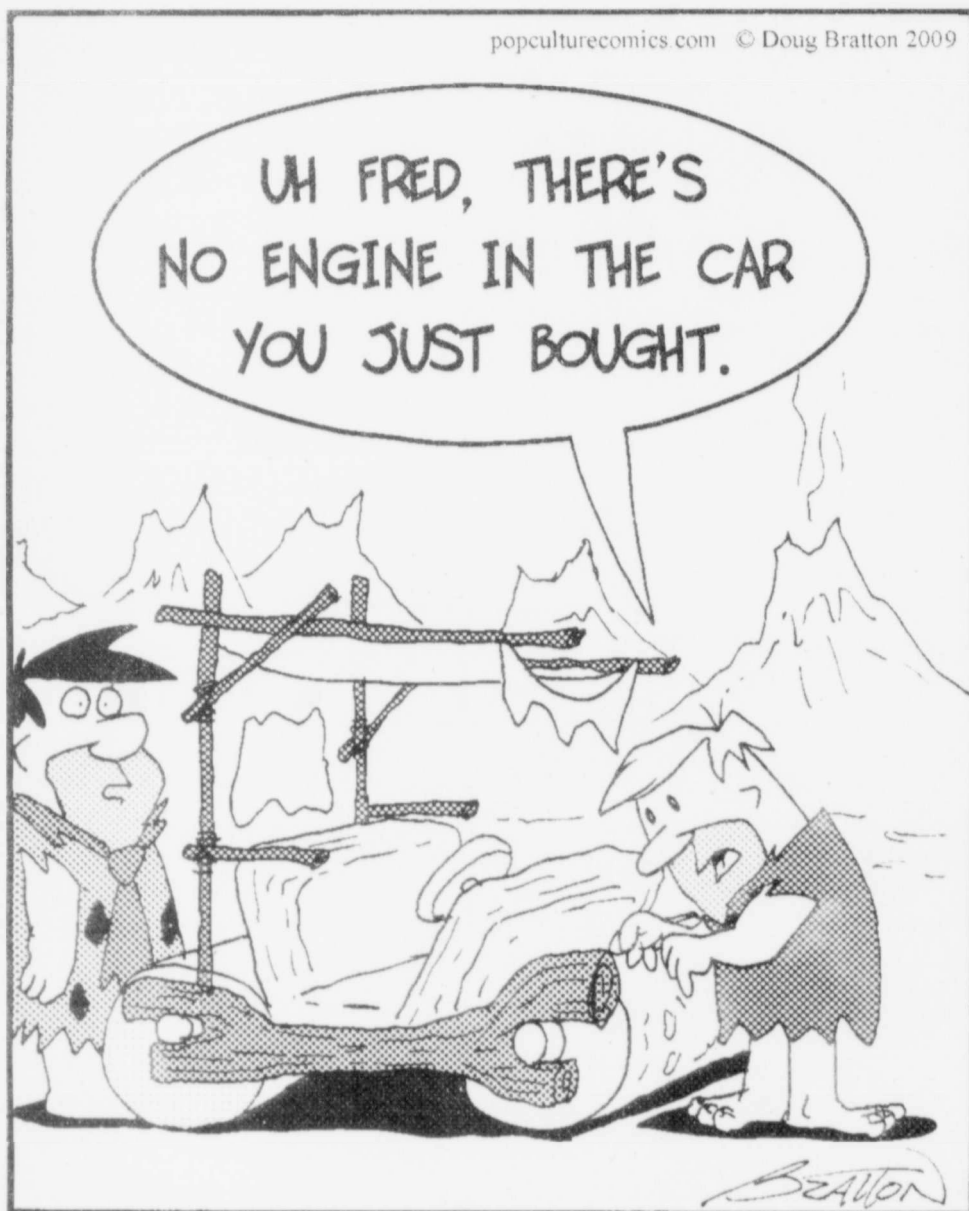
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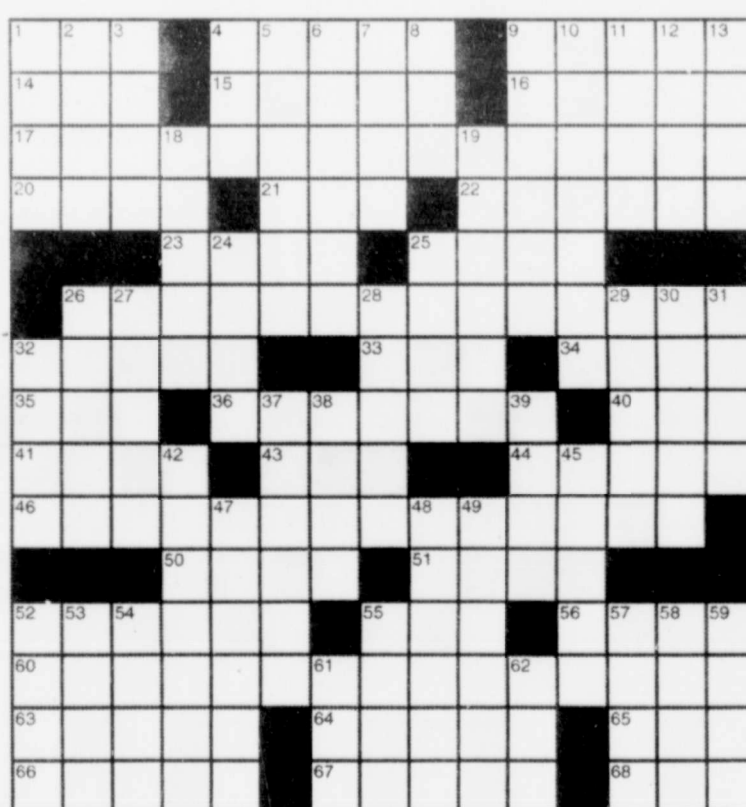
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no survivors. Tollner's wife heard that while she was playing cards with the wives of other Cal Poly players.

The next day, Madden returned to the Cal Poly campus to console friends and families. He played there in 1957-58 before going to coach at Hancock Junior College. Over time, stories spread that he was on the plane, and that the crash triggered his aversion to flying.

"Neither one is true," he said. "I didn't like getting on planes before that. I got claustrophobic, and it got worse over the years."

Cal Poly canceled its final three games of the season. Shaken by the crash, Bowling Green decided to avoid air travel and instead took a train to its next road game — a 2½-day ride to play Texas Western in El Paso.

After the crash, the Arctic-Pacific company lost its certificate and the FAA reviewed its procedure on take-offs under certain conditions of poor visibility.

Five wives in the Cal Poly family lost their husbands and nine children lost their fathers. Many of the survivors spent months in Toledo hospitals and left with burns and crippling injuries.

By the following spring, a game was in the works. Pulitzer Prize winner Jim Murray of the Los Angeles Times endorsed it in his column:

"On Thanksgiving morning this year in the Coliseum, a 'Mercy Bowl' benefit game will be played to help San Luis Obispo write off its obligations to the tragedy victims, the children they left behind them, and the survivors.

"My feeling is, it is not only their obligation. It is the obligation of all of us interested in athletics. I can think of no better way to give thanks on that day that we are here and healthy, than to contribute to those who are alone with only memories on that day."

Bowling Green was picked to play because of its association with the crash. Fresno State College earned its spot by winning the California Collegiate Athletic Association — among the teams the Bulldogs beat was Cal Poly, which decided to continue its program in 1961 with 10 crash survivors on its team and went 5-3.

A day before the Nov. 23 game, JFK wired a telegram to the president of the Fresno State student body.

"Your efforts to aid survivors and families of victims are most commendable and merit support. Heartiest congratulations to the Mercy Bowl game and best wishes to the participating schools," it said.

While a 26-station radio network broadcast the game and asked for donations, Beau Carter threw two touchdown passes and ran for two scores. Fresno State won with a unique strategy, sending in 11 new players midway through each quarter — substitution rules at the time stated that once a player exited, he couldn't return until the next quarter.

Years afterward, Tollner visited a Fresno State team reunion.

"He told us how much it meant to them," Carter said. "I think it really hit us later, when it was all over. I still live here in the Fresno area, a lot of us do. I still run into people who tell me they were at the game and how much it meant."

Tollner was there, too. At halftime, he helped unveil a memorial plaque to the 1960 Cal Poly team that remains at the Coliseum. He often passed it when he coached at Southern California.

"There are so many bowls now, I have trouble keeping track of all of them, and I'm in the business. I've been lucky and gotten to coach at a lot of bowl games. Head coach at a Rose Bowl win," he said. "But I don't think any of them were any more meaningful than the Mercy Bowl."

All the proceeds went to the memorial fund, providing \$278,000 to those affected. In 2006, Tollner spoke at the dedication of Mustang Memorial Plaza on the Cal Poly campus, honoring those killed.

In 1971, there was a hastily arranged Mercy Bowl II, with Cal State Fullerton beating Fresno State 17-14 in Anaheim. The game was a benefit for the children of three Cal State Fullerton assistant coaches and a pilot killed in a plane crash a month earlier.

"You know, it wouldn't be a bad idea to play a game like that again," Madden said. "Hold a bowl game for a cause. There are a lot of good ones. I'd like to see that."

— Associated Press researcher Rhonda Shafner in New York contributed to this report.

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The Mercy Bowl remembered

Cal Poly alumni Ted Tollner and John Madden reflect on the game that benefitted victims' families of the 1960 plane crash that left 16 players dead.

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Exactly how high the plane got off the ground is hard to say. No one could really be sure that foggy night in Ohio nearly a half-century ago. Some folks swear the old C-46, a leftover from World War II, never lifted off at all.

Ted Tollner, a quarterback at Cal Poly, was sitting over the left wing, on the side where the engine gave out. "After we hit, it was all a blur," he said.

The Arctic-Pacific charter split in two and caught on fire at Toledo Express Airport on Oct. 29, 1960. It was the first airline crash involving a U.S. sports team. Of the 22 people killed, there were 16 Cal Poly players, a manager and a booster.

The next year, with support from Bob Hope and a blessing from President Kennedy, a game was held at the Los Angeles Coliseum to offset burial costs, pay medical expenses and set up an educational fund for the victims' families and survivors.

They called it the Mercy Bowl.

Almost 50 years since that game, the college postseason is now filled with 34 bowls that make millions of dollars for the schools and conferences that participate. None is held to solely benefit a greater cause.

Today, most fans don't even recall the Mercy Bowl or why it was played.

"It did get lost," said NFL Hall of Fame coach John Madden, who anchored Cal Poly's lines in the late 1950s. "It's like it just went away."

A crowd of more than 33,000 turned out to see Fresno State beat Bowling Green 36-6 that Thanksgiving Day in 1961. Check eBay and it's easy to find ticket stubs — stamped with "Benefit Cal Poly Plane Crash Fund" — and souvenir programs for sale.

Tollner was there as a spectator, still nursing the right ankle smashed in the accident.

He went to a life of coaching in the NFL and college, always wondering why he was allowed to survive.

Shortly before the flight, Curtis Hill asked Tollner to switch seats. The gifted receiver became ill on the trip to play at Bowling Green, and figured he'd do better near the front of the plane going back home to San Luis Obispo.

Tollner traded, moving back a few rows. Minutes later the pilot, flying with a license that had been revoked by the Federal Aviation Administration, tried to take off.

"I was pretty much the cutoff," said Tollner, now the quarterbacks coach for the San Francisco 49ers. "About 100 percent of the people sitting in front of me were killed. Curtis was one of them. The people in my row and back mostly survived."

"A lot of things go through your mind when you get an extra bonus of 48 years to live. Why me? Why not them? You don't know why. You think about those things when you've been spared," he said.

Those tied to that day find it puzzling how the details faded so quickly.

Many fans are well aware of air disasters that impacted sports.

Knut Rockne, Roberto Clemente and Thurman Munson were killed in plane crashes, the U.S. figure skating team was lost in 1961, as was the Marshall football team in 1970, inspiring the movie "We are Marshall."

But during this blitz of almost three dozen bowls, chances are the old Astro-Bluebonnet will get mentioned more than a game that raised over a quarter-million dollars for a tragedy.

"You hear 'Mercy Bowl' and it sounds dreadful," said Bernie Casey, a former Bowling Green star who became a Pro Bowl receiver in the NFL. "You think of bowls of being a celebration. We're going to the Whoopee Bowl or Good Times Bowl."

"I don't have a clue why it didn't get more attention," he said. "It should have."

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—Ted Tollner

former Cal Poly quarterback



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The broken hull and wreckage of a chartered plane that crashed in Toledo, Ohio is shown. Sixteen Cal Poly players were killed when the plane split in two just moments after takeoff.

An accomplished athlete, actor and artist, Casey was among the nation's best collegiate receivers in 1960.

11.23.61

The date of the Mercy Bowl.

33,000

The attendance of the Mercy Bowl played at the Los Angeles Coliseum.

36-6

The final score of the Mercy bowl as Fresno State tops Bowling Green.

26

The number of radio stations covering the Mercy Bowl game.

278,000

The dollars raised for Cal Poly memorial fund.

see him out there."

Already it had been a busy day for the C-46 plane, a military transport. Earlier it carried the Youngstown University team back from a game in Connecticut, then flew to Toledo.

"It was real foggy, real hard to see," Tollner said. "I've heard that some of the guys said, 'Let's give it the ol' college try.' They might've, but I didn't hear that."

There was zero visibility, in fact, the Civil Aeronautics Board later concluded.

The pilot got to make the final call on whether to take off, and Donald Chesher decided to roll with 48 people on board shortly before midnight. According to an FAA timeline, his license had been revoked for several violations. He kept flying, pending an appeal. This turned out to be his last flight.

The twin-engine plane slammed into the ground on its left side, broke apart and wound up in an orchard. Several passengers were thrown from crash, strapped to their seats.

"Some of the people on the plane could walk, some couldn't. I couldn't," Tollner said.

"The ones that could tried to go back in to help. Finally, some people started shouting that you couldn't go back in, the plane's on

fire and is about to blow. It did, soon after that."

Back at Bowling Green, Casey was hanging out with teammates when someone burst in with the horrific news. They ran to their cars and drove to the airport.

To this day, Casey is struck by one image. "At the terminal, the people that couldn't be saved, their bodies were wrapped in blan-



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Cal Poly students and faculty bow their heads in a moment of silence during a memorial service at the school gymnasium on Nov. 10, 1960.

kets and stacked up. Not disrespectful, but they had nowhere to put them," Casey said. "And they were right under a sign that said 'Get Your Insurance Here.' I'm not sure why I remember that, but I do."

Out West, the initial report said there were

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Firemen probe through the wreckage of a chartered plane that crashed on Oct. 29, 1960, killing 22 people, including a manager and a booster in Toledo, Ohio.