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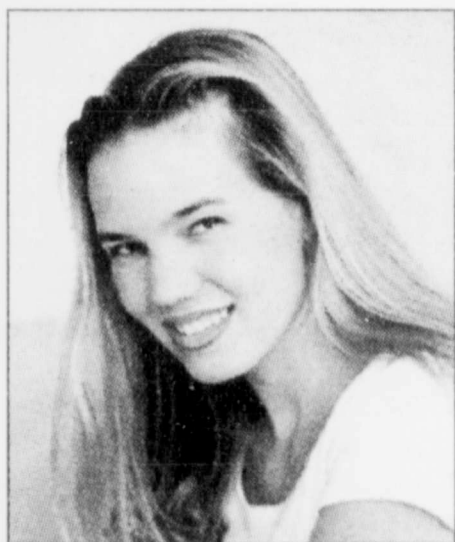
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Billboard seeks new information in 1996 missing student case

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A billboard about Kristin Smart, the Cal Poly student who disappeared from San Luis Obispo on May 25, 1996, will go up on U.S. Highway 101 this week in a new effort by her parents to discover what happened to their daughter nearly 13 years ago.

The billboard, which will be up for about six weeks, can be

seen near the north side of the Madonna exit, facing southbound traffic.

Proceeds from a fun run at Kennedy Club Center held for Smart by her parents Stan Smart and Denise Smart two years ago are helping to support the billboard.

"When you have a missing child, the nightmare is never over. We have tried to do something different every year, and for a couple of years we've wanted to do a billboard," she said.

In an effort to reach out to the community with the hope that people will share the information with family and friends, the Smart family hopes this billboard will help them obtain new information regarding their daughter.

Kristin Smart, 19-years-old at the time of her disappearance, attended another student's birthday party the night she went missing. After leaving the party, Kristin was helped home by four other students from the party, including

Cheryl Anderson and Tim Davis. Another student, Paul Flores, walked with Smart to his dormitory, Santa Lucia Hall, and allegedly left her to walk by herself the rest of the way to her dorm at Muir Hall. This was the last known sighting of her. Though Flores was extensively questioned, he was never charged with anything related to Smart's disappearance.

Someone in the community is the one to find the missing person in 90 percent of such cases, Denise Smart said.

"It's a vigilance of the community, whether it's out walking and noticing something or reporting something that they saw or heard," she said.

San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Department public information officer Rob Bryn said that the Kristin Smart case continues to be an active, open investigation.

"The Sheriff's office is pleased with anything that generates a

lead and provides fresh information to investigators," he said.

"Anytime that somebody refreshes a story on an open investigation, there's always a chance that we may get a lead that we haven't had before."

Bryn agreed with Denise Smart that the majority of students attending the university and those working when she disappeared are no longer in the area.

"A lot of the students that are currently at the university have no knowledge of the case, where others perhaps traversing the freeway may," he said.

The important part is not just observing the billboard, but letting other people know that it is there, Denise Smart said.

"I think it is going to take the village to bring her home. That's the goal and we just can't give up," she said.

The family is hoping to get the billboard sent across the internet to spread the word, with the intention that the person or people

who have been withholding information would come across it wherever they are now and be ready to share their knowledge.

Information regarding the billboard and a link to a Facebook page can be found on kristinsmart.com, which has a direct link to her Wikipedia page. The site has a video of her life, a guest book and place for tips sent anonymously.

Denise Smart said it only takes one person sharing information to help end their nightmare.

"The billboard says 'be a hero,'" Denise Smart said. "And I guess the bottom line is that that is what we are looking for. Thirteen years is just 13 years too long," her mother said.

The greatest gift, Denise Smart said, is to have Kristin remembered.

"We want the opportunity to lay her to rest in the presence of God and her family and know that she is in a beautiful place," she said. "We're just a little force so we need the village."

US eases Cuban travel, money restraints

Robert Burns
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WASHINGTON (AP) — In a measured break with a half-century of U.S. policy toward communist Cuba, the Obama administration lifted restrictions Monday on Cuban-Americans who want to travel and send money to their island homeland.

In a further gesture of openness, U.S. telecommunications firms were freed to seek business there, too. But the broader U.S. trade embargo remained in place.

The White House portrayed its changes, which fulfilled one of President Barack Obama's campaign promises, as a path to promoting personal freedom in one of the few remaining communist nations. They also marked another major step away from the foreign policy priorities of the Bush administration.

But the moves fell far short of the more drastic policy adjustments that some — including Republican Sen. Richard Lugar — have argued are required to promote U.S. in-

terests in Latin America and to bring about change in Cuba. For most Americans, Cuba remains the only country in the world their government prohibits them from visiting — a barrier to potential travelers as well as to the Cuban tourist industry that would like to see them.

Cubans welcomed the changes but said more should be done.

"It's help that the people really need," Fermina Gonzalez, a 46-year-old housewife in the leafy Havana neighborhood of Vedado, said of the ending of limits on money sent by Cuban-Americans. "Right now, we have to work lots of jobs just to make ends meet."

But few Cubans expect Obama to end the trade embargo or allow American tourists to visit the island without limits.

"He should do more and lift travel restrictions for all Americans," said Alberto Sal, a 68-year-old retiree. "Until he does that, I don't think he's doing much."

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A man sits in an old car as he waits for tourists in Havana on Monday. President Barack Obama is allowing Americans to make unlimited trips and money transfers to family members in Cuba to usher in a new era of U.S. openness toward the island nation.

Cuba

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Lifting or substantially easing the economic embargo, as set forth in the Cuban Assets Control Regulations and administered by the Treasury Department, would require legislative action by Congress. The White House made no mention of any intention to seek such changes; Obama said as a presidential candidate that the embargo was a form of leverage to press for democratic reforms in Cuba.

Julia Sweig, director of Latin studies at the Council on Foreign Relations, described Obama's changes as "teensy, weensy" and said they appear to be driven more by domestic political calculations than by foreign policy considerations.

"This is a cautious first step by a president whose political advisers are looking at the Florida electoral vote," she said in a telephone interview, "and who are not looking at this as a matter of foreign policy. That's the big problem with Cuba

policy. We have a policy toward Miami and not toward Havana."

Sweig added, however, that Obama's decision to authorize more telecommunications links with Cuba was a "potentially significant opening," particularly if the Cuban government follows through and allows those connections.

Jose Miguel Vivanco of Human Rights Watch welcomed the Cuba announcement but said more should be done.

"If President Obama is serious about promoting change in Cuba, this executive order must be part of a larger shift away from the U.S.'s unilateral approach toward the Cuban government," Vivanco said.

Taking the other side, three Democratic lawmakers wrote in a letter to Obama on Monday that his decisions would have "devastating consequences."

They said the Cuban government takes 30 cents of every dollar in U.S. remittances that enters the country as a usury fee.

"This income facilitates the regime's finance of its repressive state



White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs, left, listens to Dan Restrepo, President Barack Obama's senior adviser on Latin America, speak about the changes in America's Cuba policy, Monday, in the pressroom at the White House.

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security apparatus," they wrote. The letter was signed by Reps. Debbie Wasserman Schultz of Florida and Albio Sires and Robert Andrews of New Jersey. They recommended a more calibrated approach: doubling

the amount of allowable money transfers to family members in Cuba rather than allowing unlimited transfers.

American policy toward Cuba has been frozen since 1962, when the Kennedy administration broadened a partial trade embargo imposed by the Eisenhower administration the previous year. The original aim was to bring down Fidel Castro's Marxist government at a time when U.S.-backed exiles mounted the failed Bay of Pigs invasion and Soviet missiles in Cuba pushed the world close to nuclear war.

Sporadic congressional efforts to end the embargo since then have failed, largely due to the political influence of powerful Cuban exiles, mostly in Florida, who are determined to isolate Cuba, strangle its economy and force Castro out.

Castro, now 82, ceded the presidency to his brother last year due to illness. Raul Castro, 77, shows no sign of making any fundamental changes.

The White House portrayed the lifting of travel restrictions and money transfers to family members in Cuba — coupled with the telecommunications changes — as steps to bridge the gap among divided Cuban families.

"All who embrace core democratic values long for a Cuba that respects the basic human, political and economic rights of all of its citizens," White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said in announcing the decision. "President Obama believes the measure he has taken today will help make that goal a reality."

It had been known for more

than a week that the White House would announce the Cuba changes in advance of Obama's attendance this weekend at a Summit of the Americas in Trinidad and Tobago. Cuba is excluded from that gathering of 34 heads of government, but a number of participants are expected to use the session as an opportunity to press the U.S. to improve relations with Havana.

There has been a growing chorus of congressional advocates for change in U.S. policy toward Cuba. In February, Sen. Lugar, R-Ind., issued a report based on a Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff visit to Havana that called for a repeal of the family travel and money transfer restrictions.

Lugar's report also urged congressional action to remove all United States travel restrictions, not just those for Cuban-Americans. Further, it advocated lifting travel restrictions on Cuban diplomats in Washington, who are not allowed to journey outside the capital area. It said this would encourage a reciprocal lifting of Cuban restrictions on U.S. diplomats, improving the U.S. government's ability to understand more fully the conditions that exist on the entire island.

Separately on Monday, a U.S. religious freedom watchdog group said it had been forced to call off a fact-finding trip after the Cuban government did not issue visas to its delegation. The U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom said the visas had been applied for weeks earlier and it had received no explanation for why they were not granted.

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Health and Human Services Secretary-designate, Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius photographed at her Congressional hearing on April 2, 2009.

Sebelius lowballed money donated from abortion doctor

Erica Werner
ASSOCIATED PRESS

President Barack Obama's health secretary nominee got nearly three times as much political money from a controversial abortion doctor as she told senators.

The Health and Human Services Department said Monday that the omission was an oversight that Kansas Gov. Kathleen Sebelius would correct.

In a response to questions from the Senate Finance Committee made public last week, Sebelius wrote that she received \$12,450 between 1994-2001 from Dr. George Tiller, one of the nation's few late-term abortion providers.

But in addition to those campaign donations, records reviewed by The Associated Press show that Tiller gave at least \$23,000 more from 2000-2002 to a political action committee Sebelius established while insurance commissioner to raise money for fellow Democrats.

Sebelius did not tell senators about that additional money, although Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., asked specifically about any Tiller donations to her PAC.

"There was an oversight in the initial answer provided to the com-

mittee," HHS spokesman Nick Papas said Monday. "Obviously donations to the PAC are a matter of public record. The governor is updating the answer to this question and will resubmit it to the committee."

It was the second time in her confirmation process that Sebelius had to explain a financial oversight to the Finance Committee. Earlier, she corrected three years' worth of tax returns and paid more than \$7,000 in back taxes to fix improper deductions.

Anti-abortion groups have sought to make an issue of Sebelius' pro-abortion stances and her ties to Tiller, who was acquitted last month of misdemeanor charges stemming from procedures he performed but is now under investigation by the state medical board.

Opponents have criticized Republicans on the Finance Committee for not asking Sebelius about Tiller or abortion when she appeared for her confirmation hearing April 2. Senators raised the issue only in written questions submitted to Sebelius after her hearing, which were released last Thursday along with her responses.

"Can you describe your relationship with Mr. Tiller?" Kyl asked. "Has he ever contributed to your cam-

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Mexico insulted by Burger King in ad

Mark Stevenson
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mexico is protesting what it says is a whopper of an insult.

An advertisement for Burger King's Texican Whopper burger that has run in Europe, shows a small wrestler dressed in a cape resembling a Mexican flag. The wrestler teams up

with a lanky American cowboy almost twice his height to illustrate the cross-border blend of flavors.

"The taste of Texas with a little see Mexico, page 4



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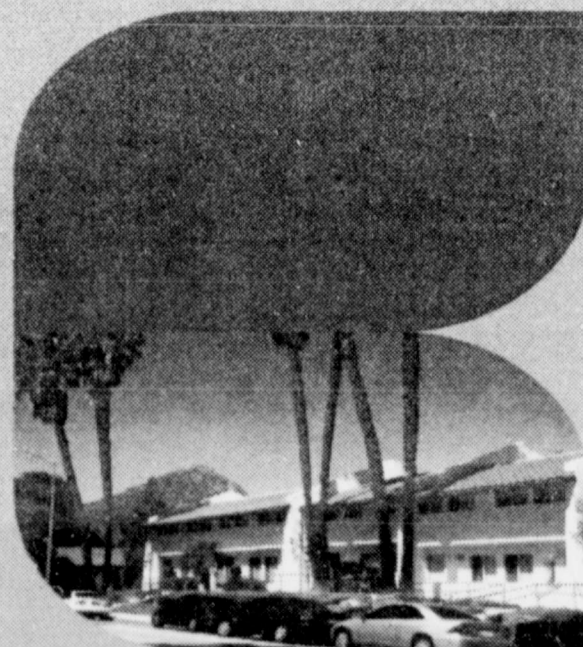
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State Briefs

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— The killers who decapitated a sea otter and elephant seal at Morro Strand State Beach are being sought by California wardens.

Department of Fish and Game wardens say the headless mammals were found on the beach this week. An agency biologist says the decapitations took place Monday evening or Tuesday morning.

Sea otters and elephant seals are protected under the Marine Mammal Protection Act. The sea otter is also listed as a fully protected species under state law and as a threatened species under the federal Endangered Species Act.

There are no arrests.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)

— A nettlesome computer program that tormented Twitter over the weekend is another reminder of the challenges facing the rapidly growing online communications service.

The mischievous program, known as a "worm," targeted Twitter's network with four different attacks starting early Saturday and ending early Monday, according to Twitter co-founder Biz Stone.

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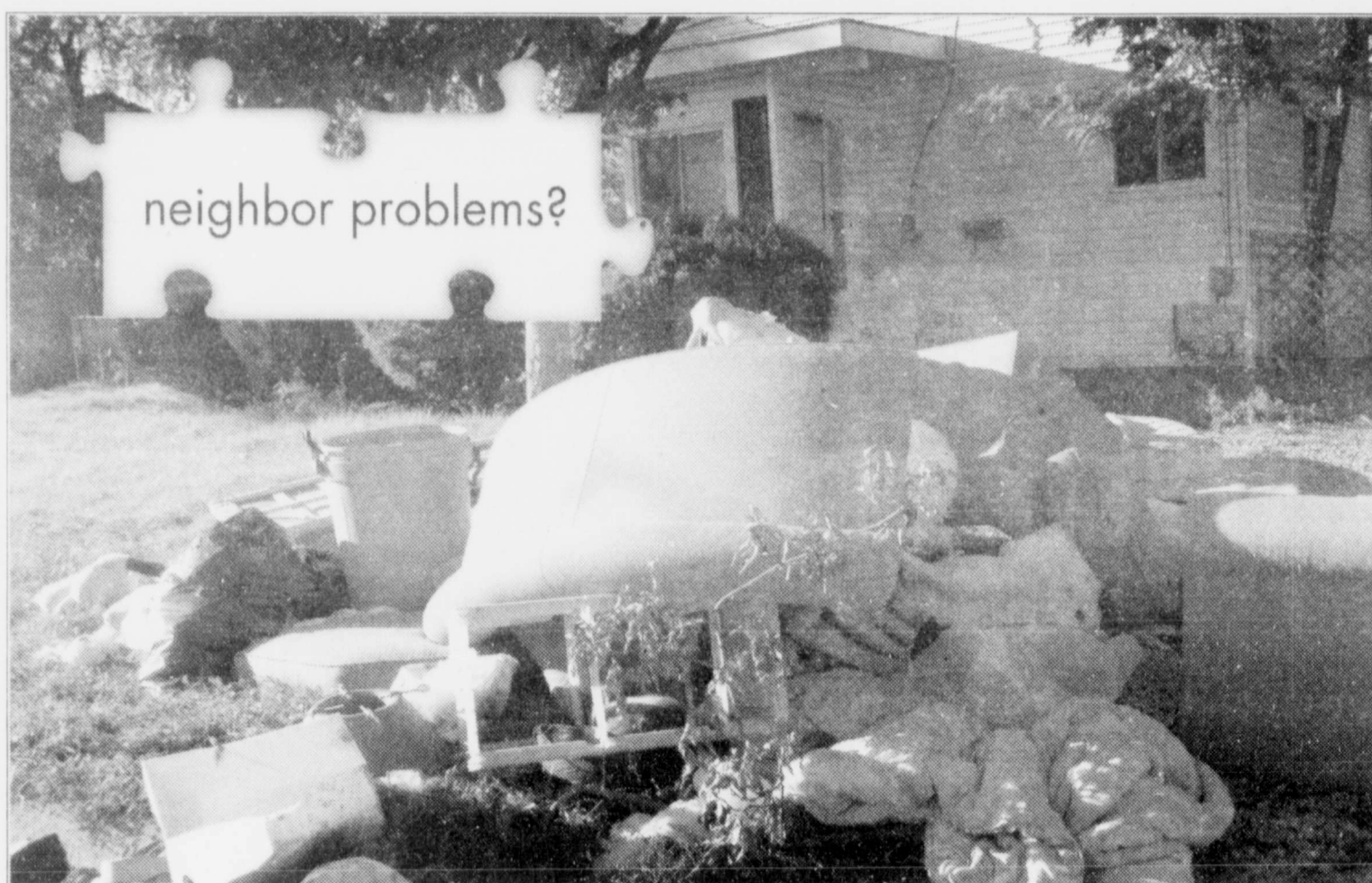


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spicy Mexican," a narrator's voice says.

The taller cowboy boosts the wrestler up to reach high shelves and helps clean tall windows, while the Mexican helps the cowboy open a jar.

Mexico's ambassador to Spain said Monday he has written a letter to Burger King's offices in that nation objecting to the ad and asking that it be removed. Jorge Zermeno told Radio Formula that the ads "improperly use the stereotyped image of a Mexican."

Press officials at Burger King Corp. offices in Miami, Florida and Madrid, Spain, did not immediately respond to requests for comment. Burger King is known for its signature Whopper hamburger.

One of the things that most angered Mexican officials was a print

edition of the ad showing the wrestler wearing what appear to be a Mexican flag as a cloak.

"We have to tell these people that in Mexico we have a great deal of respect for our flag," Zermeno said.

Mexico has very strict rules about using the flag. In 2008, the government fined a foreign-owned publishing house, Random House Mondadori SA, for showing disrespect to the country's flag in a video posted online.

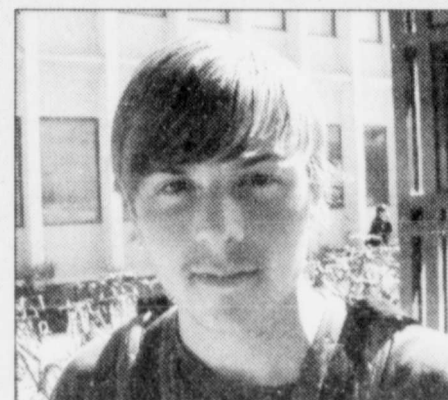
The video showed a literature fan wearing a Mexican flag like a cape as he barges into a book signing and rips a piece of cloth from the coat of Brazilian writer Paulo Coelho.

It is not the first time that fast-food outlets have offended Mexican sensibilities.

In the 1990s a Taco Bell ad featured a controversial pint-sized talking Chihuahua that spoke with a Mexican accent.

WORD ON THE STREET

"Does the Kristin Smart case make you think twice about walking home alone at night? Why or why not?"

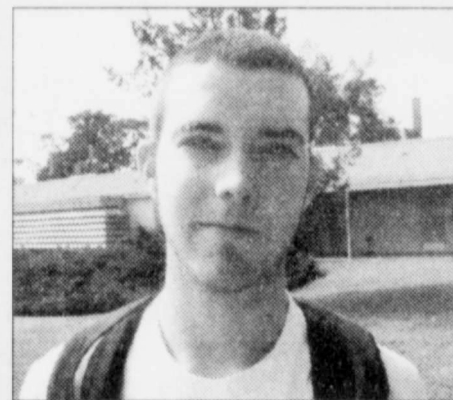


"No, not at all. That's a pretty tragic case, but has no bearing on my decision to walk alone at night."

- Jason Anderson
civil engineering senior

"No, because I'm a guy. I feel like if I was ever confronted, I could defend myself."

- Andrew Longabaugh,
business senior



"It would, but I was always taught to not walk alone. So, it just reinforces what I was already taught."

- Kando Oguhrinola,
environmental engineering
freshman



"I thought twice about walking alone anyways, but when I get closer to campus I feel safer."

- Jessie Ysuhza,
nutrition freshman



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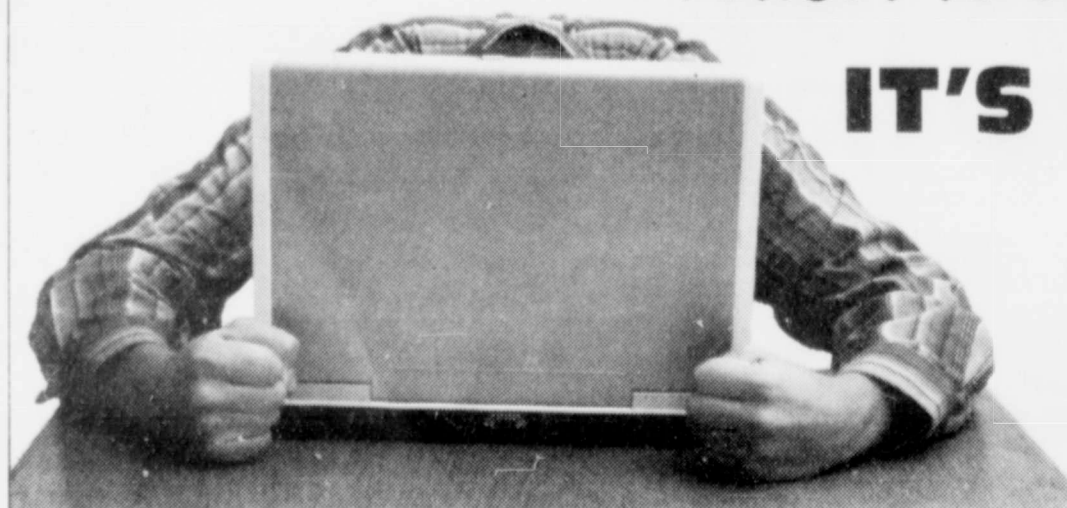
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paign or has your PAC ever received money from Mr. Tiller or a PAC related to Mr. Tiller?"

Sebelius responded: "I have been familiar with Dr. Tiller for many years because he lives and works in Kansas. Dr. Tiller, like many Kansans, contributed to my campaign for insurance commissioner. I received \$12,450 over an eight-year period (1994-2001), which represented 1 percent of my total contributions during that time. Since that time, I have received no donations from Dr. Tiller or any PAC related to him."



Arts and Entertainment Editor: Emilie Egger
Arts and Entertainment Designer: Milena Krayzbukh

Cal Poly students get creative *sew what?*

Jennifer Titcomb
MUSTANG DAILY

It all started when his mother gave him a sewing machine for Christmas. Within weeks, art and design junior Adam Wirdak taught himself to sew and started a customized T-shirt line with a friend. Splat, the brainchild of art and design junior Barrett Colvin, is simple yet customized for everyone's personal taste.

They begin with a cotton T-shirt and cut a V-neck. Then, the sides are cut and re-sewn to make it more form-fitting. From there it's up to the customer to specify their custom look. Color of thread, fabric tag, shirt and splatter paint are selected. Colvin does the initial cutting and packaging while Wirdak sews.

Since Splat's February debut, business cards and a MySpace page have been created. The response has been positive; several orders have been placed by the Cal Poly community and beyond.

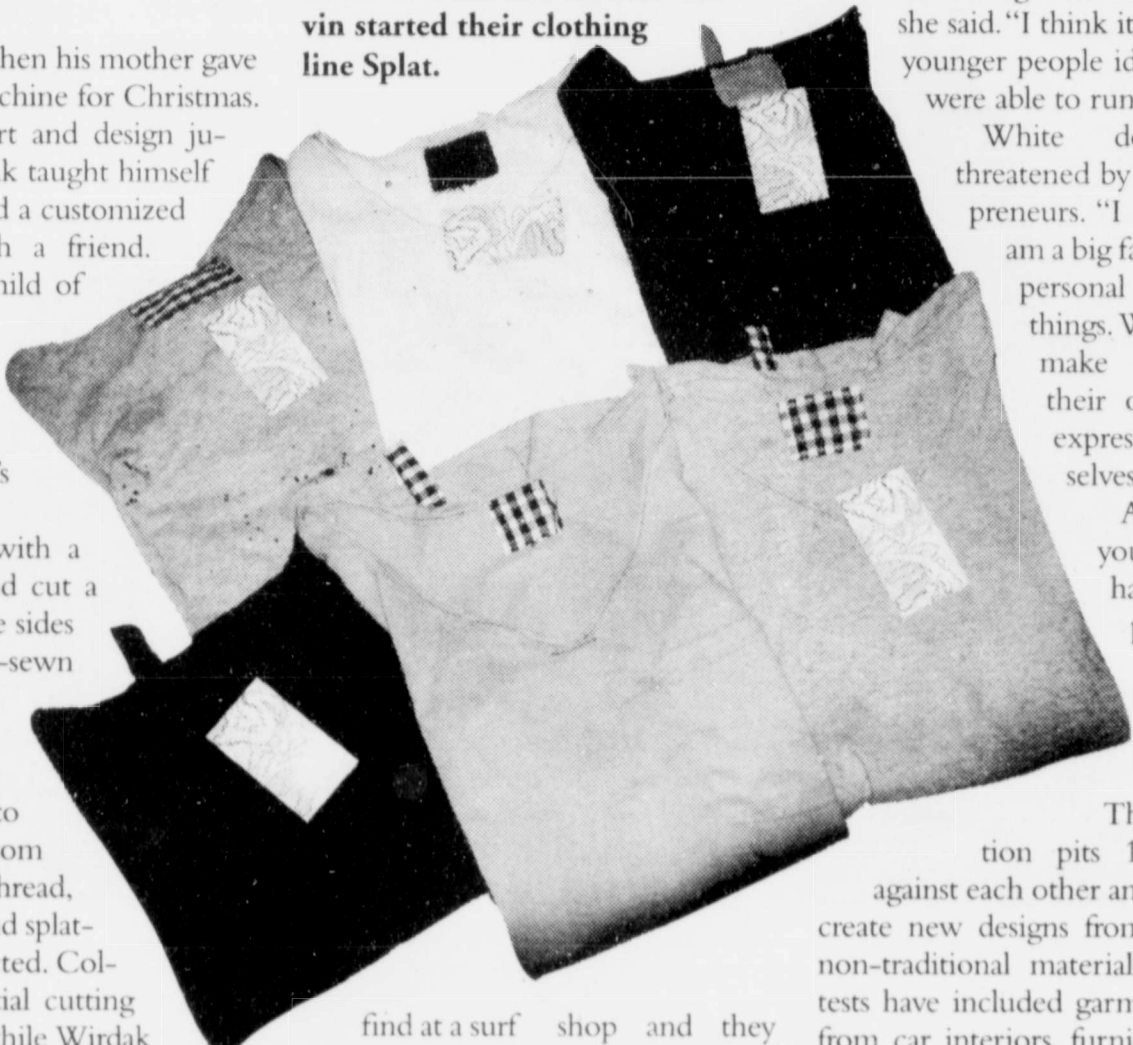
"Recently we got an order for \$40 from some kid in Mexico. It's kind of fun to see who buys it," Wirdak said.

Whether it's the economy or the popularity of Bravo's reality show "Project Runway," Wirdak, Colvin and other college students are inspired and using their creativity to profit.

"I think it's a trend and a rather good one. It's always kind of nice getting something that is hand-made," Wirdak said. "It makes you feel good and it's relatively cheap."

Colvin adds, "Maybe it's because kids are sick of the normal shirts you

Adam Wirdak and Barrett Colvin started their clothing line Splat.



find at a surf shop and they want something that will be noticeable."

Local clothing designer Kate White has noticed an increased desire among her peers for a more individual look.

"A few years back you could tell when Urban (Outfitters) started taking vintage pieces and mixing and

matching and cutting and re-cutting and sewing them back together," she said. "I think it gave a lot of younger people ideas and they were able to run with it."

White doesn't feel threatened by other entrepreneurs. "I support it. I am a big fan of people's personal outlook on things. When people make clothes it's their own way of expressing themselves."

A do-it-yourself culture has emerged perhaps inspired by shows like Project Runway.

The competition pits 12 designers against each other and each week create new designs from fabric and non-traditional materials. Past contests have included garments created from car interiors, furnishings, recyclable materials and food. According to Nielson ratings the show has 3.63 million viewers.

"It's really inspirational and it's very nice to see other people with creativity," said history, modern languages and English senior and Mustang Daily arts editor Emilie Egger. "I definitely start sewing when I watch it."

Wirdak also enjoys the show. "Because I'm an art major it's always good to watch other forms of art. It's kind of nice to see what they do and it's creative. It's cool to watch and learn from."

Project Runway challenges incorporate non-fabric materials to appeal to a more green conscience society. People are reinventing clothing by recycling fabrics.

"I like to look in the unexpected; like weird things I have of my grandma's, curtains or bed sheets or old clothes," Egger said.

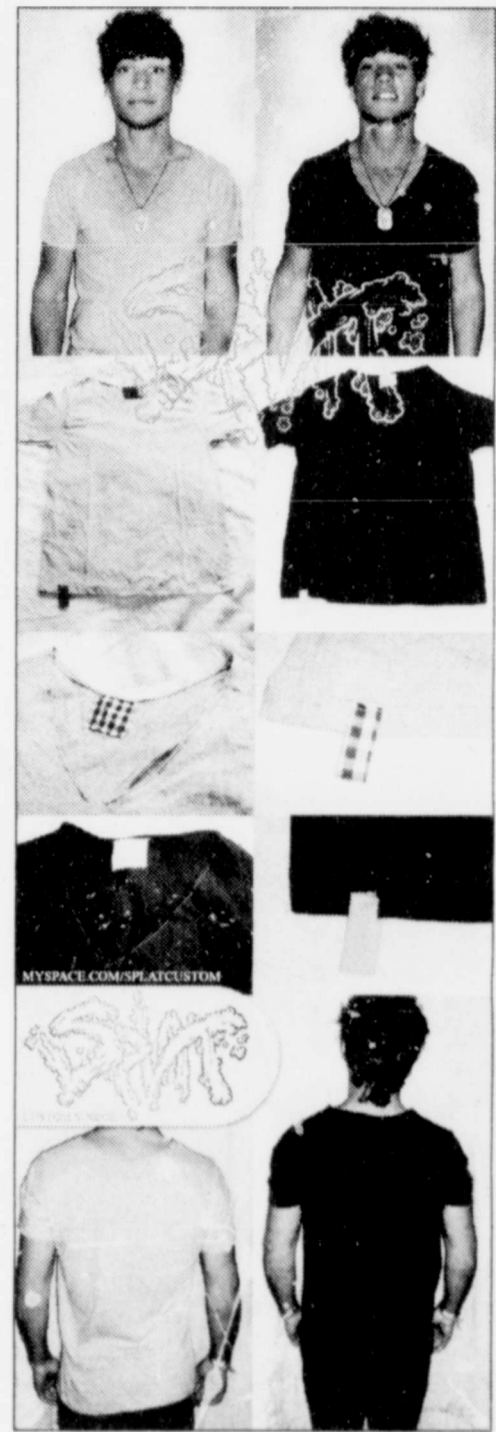
White explained one reason she began sewing, "It was just the whole idea of being able to utilize the things I made instead of having to outsource, go in and purchase things."

In tough economic times, whether the creator saves money or not depends on the cost of the materials. "The chain stores have really good fabric but usually more expensive," Egger said. "I've been down to the garment district in L.A. and you can really find good stuff there if you bring someone that is good at bargaining."

Although Egger doesn't call herself a seamstress, and said she's still learning, she has been commissioned to make scarves and has sold bags before. In the future she plans on selling her work on Etsy.com.

The Web site features over 30

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categories of hand-made items from artists. Products range from jewelry to art, bags and clothing. The site is a helpful tool for entrepreneurs to sell their creations, as well as place consumers can go to find something truly unique.

Central Coast Surfboards, 855 Marsh St., has a reputation for being a

local hot spot for budding designers, a place to showcase their talent. White left the busy Big Apple for San Luis Obispo where he is an assistant manager and designer for CCS.

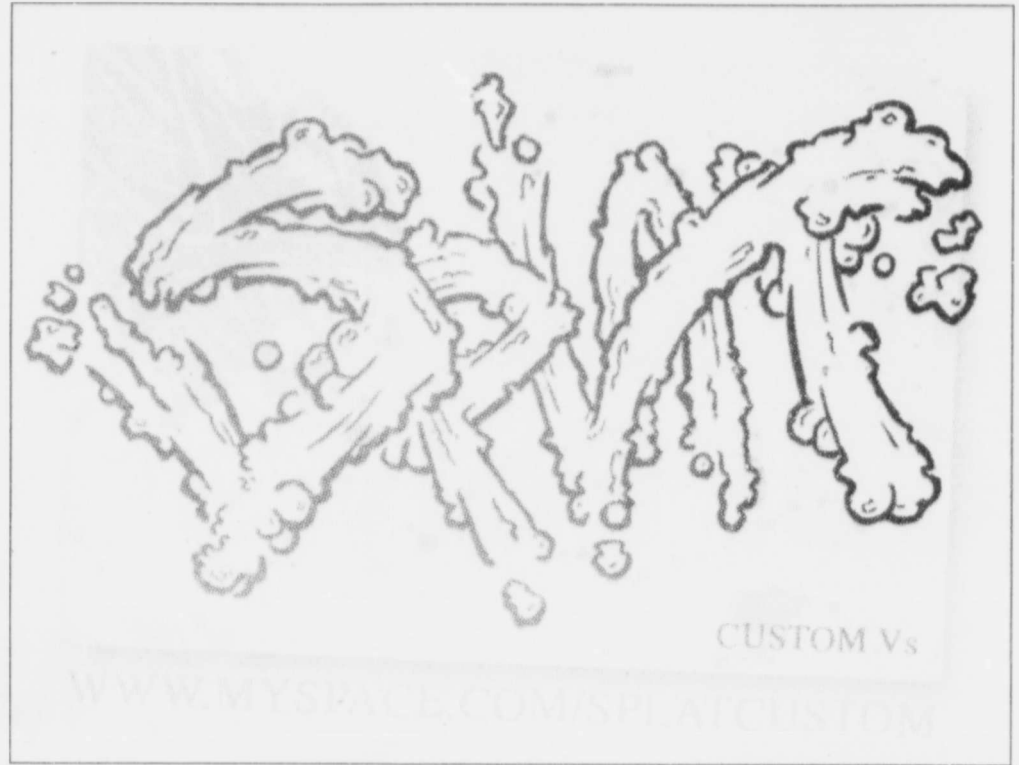
"They were a good stepping stone for a lot of people and anyone that has gone ahead from this area has worked for CCS at one point," she said.

Her line, SCISSOR, is completely handmade. "I have a feeling I'll have to find some form of manufacturer in the next few years. As of right now, I sew everything; but I kind of like

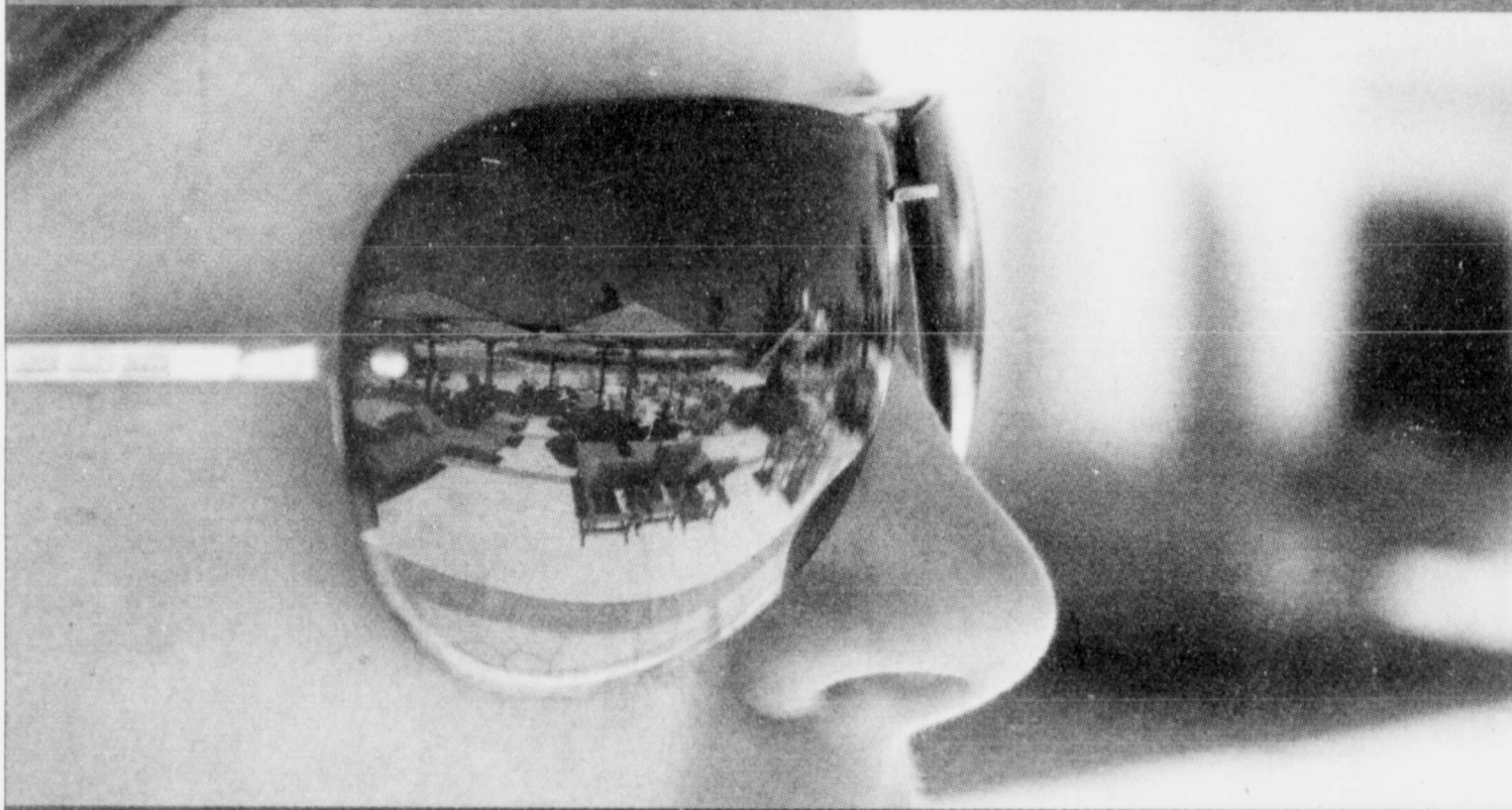
that and I can keep it at a small level," she said.

For White, making clothing is more of a fun hobby than work. "So many people when they work are doing something just to pay the bills. I am doing something so much more than that and it just so happens to pay the bills."

It is a hobby with a relaxing nature. "I like just doing something by myself and it's quiet and I listen to music. And I do it in the middle of the night and it calms me down," Egger said.



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Cal Poly students have joined in on this therapeutic craft, too. Suzanne Wardman, coordinator and facilitator of classes at Beverly's Fabric store, has noticed an increase in student participation from middle school to college ages.

According to Wardman, the students that come to Beverly's pick up sewing quickly and have original ideas. "They are very creative."

Classes range from sewing basics to more advanced classes focused on specific garments. "All the schools did away with home economics. But there is still a need for learning those skills," she said.

Not everyone has aspirations of taking their work to Bryant Park. Wardman said some students come in to work on school projects or costumes for parties.

Sorority members are no stranger to Beverly's. "Any time there is a party on campus we know it first," Wardman said. "We will see two or three groups and we will say 'what's the theme tonight?' There's a lot of fun and foolishness; it's a learning process when they come in."

Whether it be costumes just for fun or crafting wearable pieces people can take pride in their work. "It's just kind of fun to wear your own stuff and be creative. The only way I really see it in my life is everyday living and being creative and expressing my own style," Egger said. "I don't really expect



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Barrett Colvin poses in clothing from his line Splat. He has sold many of his items to Cal Poly students and San Luis Obispo residents.

to be (the next) Marc Jacobs but it is fun to wear your own things, it's part of who you are and it's not just buying things from Target, even though they have cute clothes."

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You've seen '17 Again' again and again

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LOS ANGELES — "17 Again" is one of those movies that requires you to suspend all disbelief and assume that someone who looks like Zac Efron could, in 20 years, turn into someone who looks like Matthew Perry.

(Those must have been some rough years — either that or Rob Lowe wasn't available.)

Can't do it, you say? Well, that detail is just about as implausible as the film's premise itself: Mike O'Donnell (Perry), a miserable father of two on the brink of divorce, gets a chance to relive his high school days and improve his future by becoming 17 in the present day, all thanks to the magical powers of a mystical janitor (Brian Doyle-Murray).

It's always some odd figure on the fringe who brings about this kind of fantastic transformation, isn't it? This guy literally says to Mike: "I bet you wish you had it to do all over again."

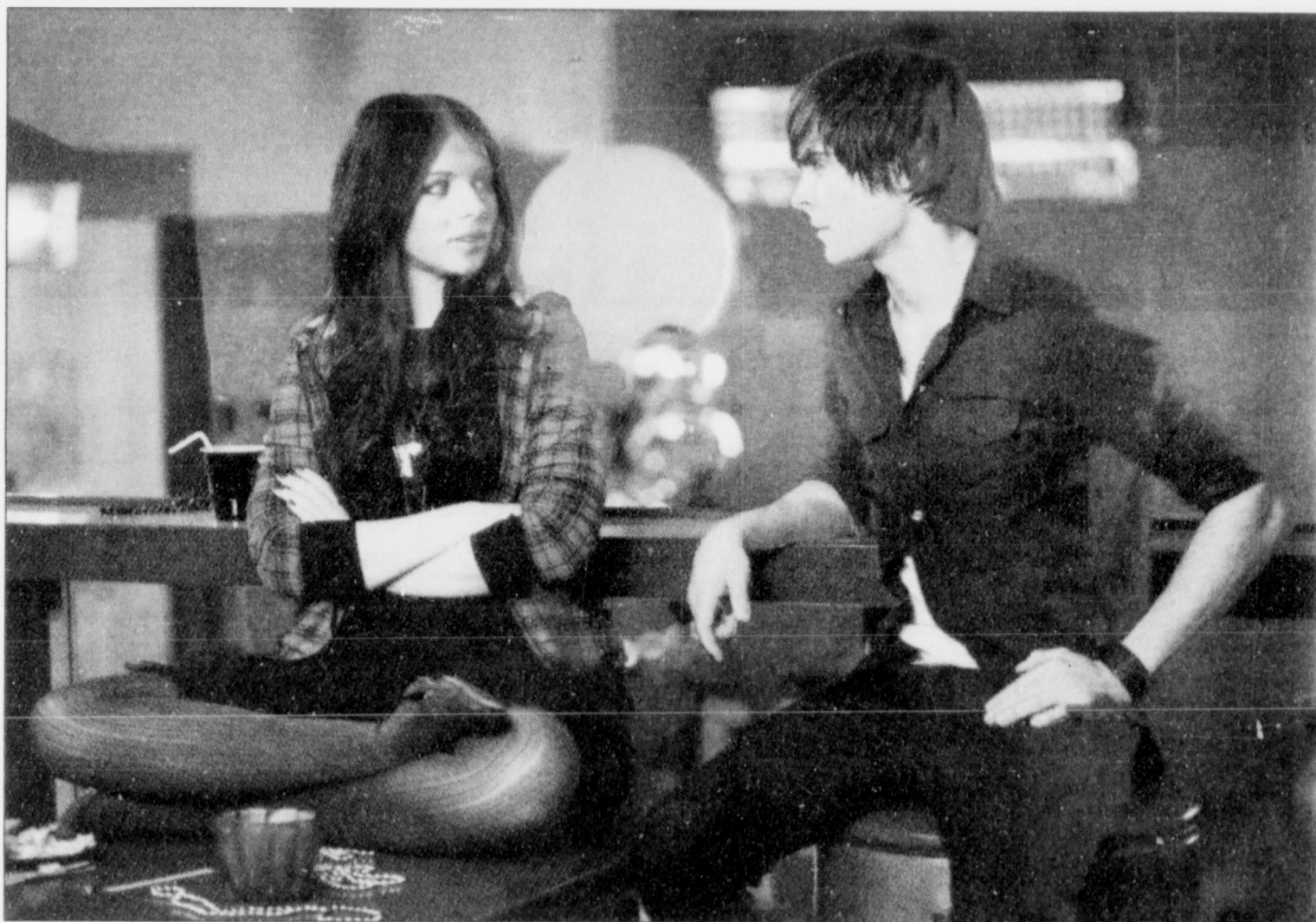
Well yes, there are a lot of elements in "17 Again" that feel awfully familiar. Director Burr Steers, a long way from his darkly comic, coming-of-age debut "Igby Goes Down," takes you places you've been before — many times — in more charming movies like "Big," "13 Going on 30," "Freaky Friday,"

"Never Been Kissed" and even "Back to the Future." The idea of going back to high school is so overdone, there was even an entire episode of "Family Guy" that parodied it. (Jason Filardi is credited with writing "17 Again.")

But rather than changing his decision to abandon his dreams of basketball stardom and marry the girlfriend he knocked up, Mike realizes his true purpose is to reconnect with his wife, Scarlet (played as an adult by Leslie Mann), and teenage kids Maggie and Alex (Michelle Trachtenberg and Sterling Knight). The result is facile and feel-good, not engaging or insightful.

Efron maintains the dreamy presence that made the tweens scream in the "High School Musical" series — those eyes! those cheekbones! — which is on full display when Mike-as-adult-as-kid gets a makeover from the K-Fed get-up he initially dons in a feeble attempt at fitting in. He steps out of a Porsche, purchased by his nerdy childhood best friend Ned (Thomas Lennon of "Reno 911!") who grew up to make it big as a computer geek, and with his aviator sunglasses and devil-may-care shag haircut, he looks like ... well, he looks like Zac Efron. At least Steers knows how to capitalize on his star's strongest attributes.

Efron also enjoys a couple of amusing scenes here as a grown-



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Zac Efron, right, and Michelle Trachtenberg are shown in a scene from, "17 Again."

up delivering uptight diatribes in a boy's body, and he connects with Mann in a way that surprisingly isn't all that creepy. But he still seems too pretty and lightweight to be a persuasive leading man capable of carrying a film. It'll happen, though. There's time.

It certainly doesn't help his cause

that he's been given such a cliched depiction of high school life in which to function. The jocks (the leader of whom is conveniently dating Mike's daughter), the nerds, the awkward cafeteria moments and an out-of-control house party — they're all there, with nothing new to give them fresh life.

It makes the singing-and-dancing hijinks of the East High Wildcats look downright subversive by comparison.

"17 Again," a Warner Bros. Pictures release, is rated PG-13 for language, some sexual material and teen partying. Running time: 98 minutes. Two stars out of four.

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"It's all gangsta, like I'm Donovan."

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Even bad economy can't crush spirit of a (green) entrepreneur

It is not the best of times for the green industry. We are sometimes susceptible to that pervasive feeling of dread and doubt that hovers over us like a thick blanket of Los Angeles smog.

With the prolonged credit crisis, there has been a significant drop in funding for sustainability-related enterprises. The Wall Street Journal reported a 53 percent decrease in venture capital investments towards the renewable energy sector for this quarter. The companies with the best balance sheets are doing their best to weather out the financial storm while many others go under. The zeitgeist (German for 'spirit of the times') of our generation has yet to be defined.

We face much uncertainty. The number of failed and failing states across the globe is staggering (add Thailand to that list). California is facing a severe water crisis. There is an island of plastic garbage in the Pacific Ocean the size of Texas. In the next 24 hours, deforestation will release as much CO₂ into the atmosphere as eight million people flying from New York to London. It is easy to fall prey to apathy when we are overwhelmed with a convergence of crises, both financial and ecological.

But regardless, I am always seeking to embody the spirit of the entrepreneur — an ambitious sense of rational optimism, a pulsing dissatisfaction with the status quo, and an understanding of the true power of innovation. In contrast to the Mustang Daily's libertarian column, I feel that it is important to provide a viable counterbalance of inspiration. Our general outlooks are not diametrically opposed; we are both aware of the inherent value of the individual. But we focus our energy in different directions. I hold the strong conviction that we need to transition America towards a solutions-based economy. That is why I felt so at home when I got involved with the Empower Poly Coalition. From policy wonks to permaculture warriors, we are a diverse group of students who are seeking practical and appropriate solutions to the plethora of problems we are facing this century.

More than just a respectable career, a mission to help others is what motivates me most. But in recent years I have found that I have formed many strong opinions on business, environmentalism (an outdated term in my opinion, but I'll use it in the general sense) and politics as well, to the point that I feel I have so many things to contribute, or at least a desire to test things out and see if my ideas and opinions could advance these causes, or bring people together to push the world forward.

In two weeks, Empower Poly will be hosting the California Student Sustainability Coalition's sixth annual Spring Convergence (CSSC for short). The CSSC is the largest student sustainability group in the nation, and on April 24 to 26, these future leaders of America will be convening at Cal Poly to attend workshops, network with other students and learn how to affect positive change in their communities. It's a great chance for you to get involved and make lasting connections across the state. Humanity needs a bright green future, a future that transforms our collapsing system through innovation and creativity, and finds a new path towards a sustainable prosperity that can be shared by all. That future is not a pipe dream. That future is the last best hope of humanity. Seeking that future is what I aspire to do every day.

As the now-clichéd symbol goes, 'danger' plus 'opportunity' equals 'crisis' in Chinese. First of all, the Chinese symbol for 'crisis' is not one symbol but two. The symbols for crisis in Chinese are made up of these two words: wei ji. Wei means 'danger; peril,' and ji means 'opportunity; crucial point.' So literally wei plus ji equals 'danger' plus 'opportunity.' In this sense, the Chinese symbol for 'crisis' can mean 'opportunity' in a time of 'danger.' A dangerous situation can be inverted if wei ji becomes zhuan ji. Zhuan ji means 'turn for the better.'

We are at a crux in history. Our generation has the amazing opportunity to turn society's wei ji into zhuan ji. And so this is my wish: that I will fiercely follow my passion (sustainable business development), a source of inspiration to last many years. And I wish this for you too, you brave and curious souls who happened upon this article.

So stoke the fire, find your burning passion, my friends. The Greeks didn't write obituaries, they only asked one question after a man died: "Did he have passion?" Find passion and you will find the secret to life that the Greeks once knew, and so many people have since forgotten. It doesn't hurt to have a healthy appreciation and participation in rebellion, because rebellion is an ultimate sign of passion and conviction. May all of your dreams be fulfilled.

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Just based off the level of writing in this piece, I'm shocked you not only made it to college but that the Mustang Daily editors let this be printed. Second, give up comparisons, you're really no good at them. Third, while your loose premise somewhat describes the ways in which California voters vote, it does not represent the goals Obama has presented. He has made it clear from the beginning that the path we've elected to go down will require sacrifice from all of us. Personally, I want my country to be great, not subpar so I can keep my wealth and only idiots that have wealthy parents can get healthcare and higher education. If we did that, well, all articles would read like this one.

— Lola

Response to "21st century cave-men"

I think the connection is pretty obvious. Jeremy is not saying that taking taxes is the same violent act as murdering others with a club. He is saying that in a state of nature, savages take things simply because they want them and use clubs to do so if violence is necessary. The club he is referring to is that our government is the weapon of taxes; specifically those with less money who use taxes as a club to steal from the wealthy. Our society feels entitled to free and subsidized everything: education, healthcare, unemployment, mortgages for irresponsible homeowners, etc. So what do we allow to happen? Well, the rich have money to spare, so let's legislate (club) the money out of them so we can pay for all the stuff we are entitled to.

The entire point of the article is that legislation is the modern weapon of theft. That would be the area to criticize if you disagree, not that Jeremy chose to use a club as his metaphor.

— Mike

Response to "21st century cave-men"

Nice column. Unfortunately, you forgot to mention just how patriotic Obama's appointees have been. I believe the count is now up to five that did not pay their patriotic fair share of the taxes.

If the people raising our taxes aren't willing to pay them themselves, maybe we should all start making "innocent" mistakes on our tax returns.

— Bastiat

Response to "April 15 is the new July 4"



Use of force needed to stop modern day piracy

We can put a man on the moon, we are working on a cure for cancer and we can even take a tumor out of your brain through your nose, but we still can't stop pirates?

There has been a flurry of reports this past week about pirates ravaging international waters off the coast of Somalia. After capturing an Italian-flagged tugboat, another set of swashbucklers took over an American Maersk cargo ship and took the captain hostage on one of the ship's lifeboats.

With these scourges pillaging the high seas, it brings me to really wonder — how far have we come as a human race if we still can't stop pirates? Of course, these aren't your stereotypical silver screen pirates, but weren't we having problems with piracy 200 years ago? We can put a man on the moon, we are working on a cure for cancer, and we can even take a tumor off your brain through your nose, but we still can't stop pirates?

Let's compare, shall we, the maritime marauders of yesteryear to today's open-water terrorists. The garb is much different. Unlike the pirates of centuries past, who were "all in a gowne of falding to the knee," as Chaucer describes in "The Canterbury Tales," today's seafaring scourges can be seen in anything from camouflage fatigues to denim jeans and windbreakers like those photographed on the Maersk Alabama.

Weaponry has surely changed as well; today's pirates aren't going to loot your boat with cannons from their sail boats and ships, swords or hooked hands anymore. Instead, they utilize automatic machine guns and motor boats. Still, modern warfare tactics the Navy now employs highly outweigh the skill and scheme of any current pirates. They shouldn't be considered any more of a threat than the sword-bearing pirates that existed as far back as the 1500s.

Unlike the pirates of the 1800s, many of which hailed from Morocco, modern pirates have no initiative other than money. The Moroccan pirates that captured the U.S. merchant ship *Betsy* in 1784, and those like them, saw piracy as a type of jihad. Their religious views pushed them to plunder boats and siege ships because the American and British people were viewed as sinners. However, these Somali pirates, it is reported, have no religious or political motive. Money is their main concern and they will do whatever it takes to get it.

"This is a business to them. They are not intended on carrying what cargo we're carrying. All they want to do is see a dollar figure," said John Harris, CEO of HollowPoint Security Services,

which specializes in maritime security.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton called for international actions against these terrorists.

"We think the world should come together to end the scourge of piracy," she said.

There is no question that piracy is an issue which must be dealt with considering the high amount of sea trade that the entire world relies on to import and export goods. But what good is having a Navy and enough firepower to blow up a state on each vessel if we can't save Captain Richard Phillips of the Maersk Alabama from a lifeboat that's still in open water within hours of arrival?

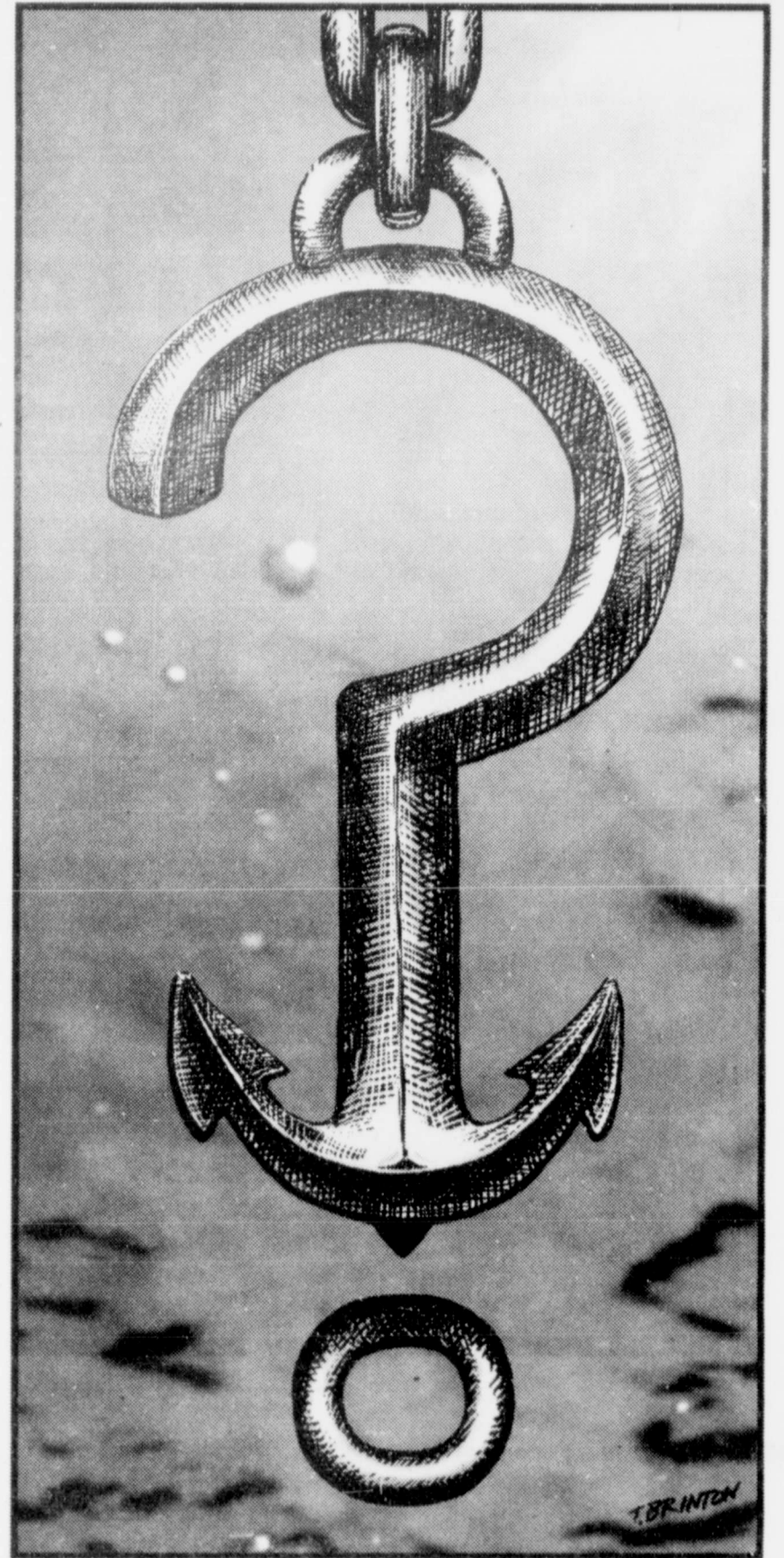
Phillips gave himself up to the pirates as a hostage in exchange for the safety of his crew during the takeover of his ship last Wednesday. It was with the authorization of President Obama that the Seals were told to act accordingly if they felt Phillips was in imminent danger. After being presented with the opportunity, and seeing Phillips with a gun pressed to his back, Navy Seal snipers worked together and took their shots.

Thankfully, the captain was rescued Sunday when he jumped overboard the lifeboat he was being held on, and the snipers shot and killed three of the pirates holding him hostage. A fourth pirate is being held in custody on the USS Bainbridge.

President Obama spoke Monday to a group at the Transportation Department saying that he was proud of the United States Navy and other agencies that helped in the rescue of Captain Phillips. President Obama also said that he aims to "halt the rise of piracy in that region."

Unfortunately, Somali pirates have vowed revenge on the Americans and French sailors they come across. The French military stormed a yacht that pirates had taken over on Friday. In the invasion, two pirates as well as one hostage was killed. In an interview with Reuters, a Somali pirate known only as Hussein said Monday, "we do not kill but take ransom." He threatened, "The French and Americans will regret starting this killing."

Obama has a lot on his plate at this point. In the midst of a war in Afghanistan, as well as trying to pull military groups out of Iraq, this pending feud with pirates off the Horn of Africa could prove to be a dangerous and fatal venture on the part of the Ameri-



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can government. Well thought-out and strategic precautions will need to be implemented quickly to ensure the safety of our shipping boats and their crews.

"Piracy may be a centuries-old crime, but we are working to bring a 21st-century response," Clinton said.

I respect that the government is doing what they can to keep these plunderers at bay. However, though there has been some effort made to protect the shipping lanes off the coast Somalia and other major ports, there has to be a way to stop pirates completely from attacking ships. This is an age-old brand of terrorism that should have been thoroughly dealt with 200 years back.

The human race needs our governments to realize that these nautical terrorists can be stopped and should have been a long time ago. I think we should call on the governments of the world to evolve, rise to this occasion and put piracy to an end.

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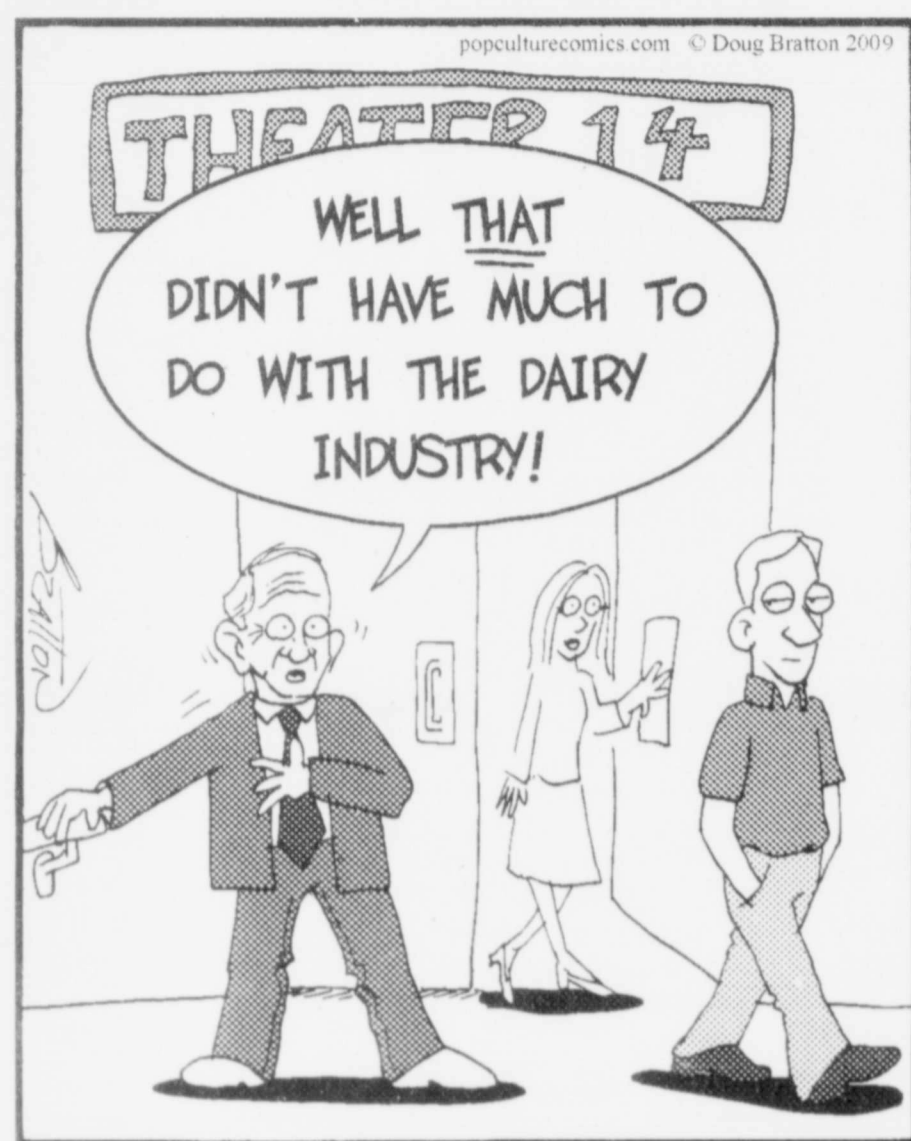
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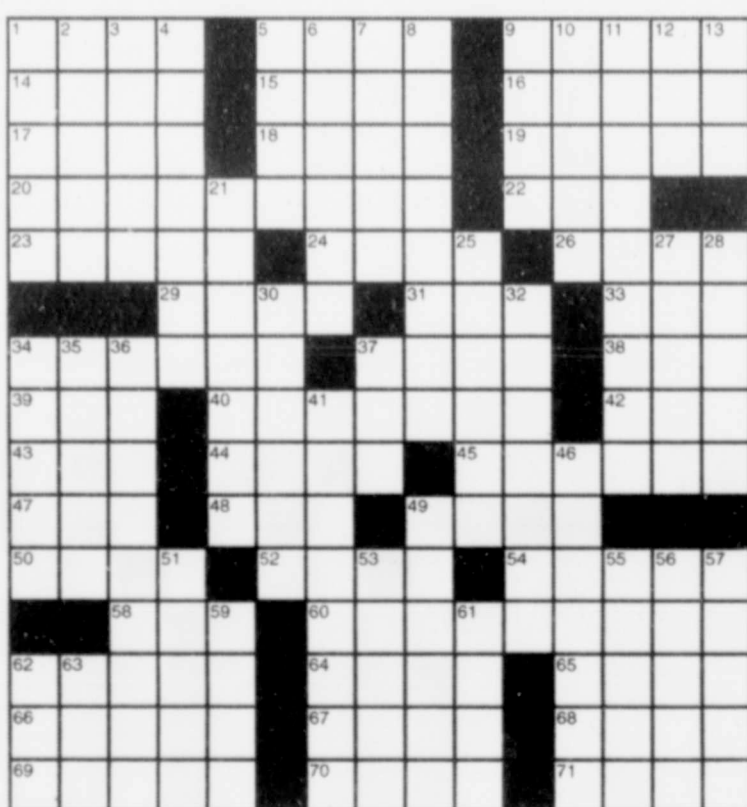
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one run and five hits in seven innings. The right-hander struck out 11 and walked none in the first home-opener start of his career.

"I wasn't expecting this," he said. "It was great to get out and jump on these guys."

Johnson (0-2) gave up seven runs and eight hits in 3 2-3 innings, struck out five and walked three.

Hudson's second homer of the season gave the Dodgers a 1-0 lead. The Giants tied it on Travis Ishikawa's RBI single in the fourth.

Both of Ethier's homers came on the first pitch. His first came off Johnson and gave the Dodgers the lead for good at 2-1. Rafael Furcal added a two-run single with two outs in Los Angeles' six-run fourth.

"After you throw 10 pitches to the guy before (Russell Martin), you're not expecting that he's going to swing at the first pitch," Johnson said. "It's not brain surgery. It hasn't been since I started pitching. I just go out there and pitch the best I can. Sometimes it works, but it obviously didn't go well today for us."

Hudson's RBI double made it 5-1. Johnson then intentionally walked Manny Ramirez and loaded the bases with another walk to Loney before he was pulled.

Martin followed with a two-run single off Merkin Valdez, extending the Dodgers' lead to 7-1.

They added a run in the sixth on Loney's RBI single, and tacked

on three more in the eighth on Ethier's second homer.

Billingsley improved to 4-0 in 11 career games against the Giants.

"He hit the spots, he knows where he's throwing the ball, he knows where to get you out and he goes and attacks that area," San Francisco catcher Bengie Molina said. "He has four pitches that can get you out at any time, so he just went out there and mixed it up and beat us."

The Dodgers were introduced numerically instead of by the starting lineup, so Ramirez, who wears No. 99, could trot out last from the left-field pavilion. The crowd of 57,099 — the largest in stadium history — saved its loudest cheers for the slugger, who can opt out of the two-year deal he signed in March at season's end.

Ramirez nearly homered in his first at-bat, sending Johnson's first pitch deep to right field before Winn snared it at the wall. Ramirez was 1-for-2 with two walks, one intentional, and he scored a run.

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ended in the second round, cementing their perceived status as hockey's biggest head cases, unable to maintain the mental focus that got them to the postseason.

Rookie coach Todd McLellan, the man in charge of those heads, resisted any urge to deliver grand motivational gestures or gut-checks this season, even while San Jose slowed to average levels of success in the final weeks before the postseason. The Sharks are just 12-10-2 since late February, and they backed into the Presidents' Trophy with back-to-back losses to non-playoff teams to finish the regular season.

McLellan's roster includes several veterans imported largely for their past Stanley Cup successes, and general manager Doug Wilson expects

that collective experience to start paying off immediately.

"The regular season is important for getting in the right playoff position and for developing good habits, but it's also like starting all over again," said 43-year-old Claude Lemieux, who might sit in favor of enforcer Jody Shelley early in what seems certain to be a contentious series against the Sharks' biggest rivals.

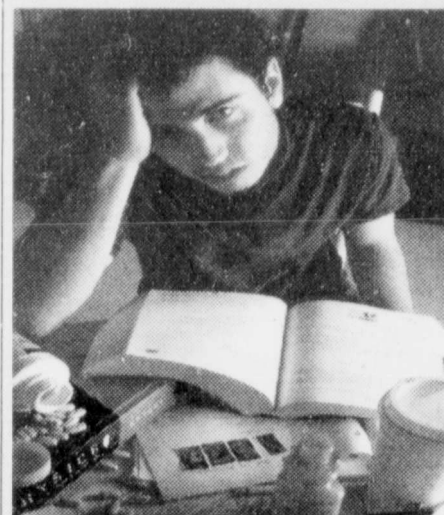
Sharks center Jeremy Roenick learned what McLellan is trying to teach almost two decades ago. He was with the Chicago Blackhawks when they won the Presidents' Trophy in 1991, only to lose their first-round series with the Minnesota North Stars.

Of the 22 teams to win the trophy since the league began awarding it, only seven won the Stanley Cup.

"You can be proud of playing well and happy that it put you in the position to have the Stanley Cup come through your building, but that's

about it," Roenick said. "Nobody is here is resting on anything that we did. You don't have that luxury in hockey."

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Mustangs set to take on streaky Santa Clara

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In a season of ups and downs, the Santa Clara baseball team is currently on an up.

After a stretch in which they lost 10 straight games, the Broncos (13-17) have now won three straight and are trying to turn their season around.

Cal Poly (24-8) stands in the way and will travel to play Santa Clara tonight at 6 p.m. in Stephen Schott Field.

The Mustangs, currently ranked as high as No. 14, are coming off a weekend in which they took two of three at Pacific and have moved

into a three-way tie for second place in the Big West Conference, three games behind UC Irvine.

Freshman right-hander Jeff Johnson (0-1, 7.88 ERA) will make his third start for Cal Poly this year opposite Santa Clara right-hander Steve Kalush (1-3, 6.75 ERA).

Catcher Geoff Klein, who is batting .371 on the season with 15 doubles and 37 RBI, leads the Broncos in hitting this season.

The Mustangs may have redemption on their minds after losing two of three at home to Santa Clara last season, but this is a different team than the one that finished 24-32 a year ago.

Cal Poly's offense is lead by freshman second baseman Matt Jensen, who is just one of seven Mustangs hitting above .350 this season. He also leads the team in doubles, walks, homeruns and RBI.

The Cal Poly offensive attack has delivered against one of the nations toughest schedules. College baseball websites BoydsWorld.com and WarrenNolan.com have the Mustangs playing among the 20 most difficult schedules this year.

After the Tuesday game, Cal Poly will host Big West Conference foe UC Davis starting Friday at Baggett Stadium.

BIG WEST STANDINGS 4.14.09

TEAM	BIG WEST	OVERALL
UC Irvine	8-1 .889	22-9 .710
Cal Poly	5-4 .556	24-8 .750
Cal State Fullerton	5-4 .556	22-9 .710
UC Santa Barbara	5-4 .556	19-10 .655
Pacific	5-4 .556	12-18 .400
Cal State Northridge	3-6 .333	14-20 .412
UC Riverside	2-4 .333	20-9 .690
Long Beach State	2-4 .333	14-17 .452
UC Davis	1-5 .167	6-23 .207

Jensen named Player of the Week

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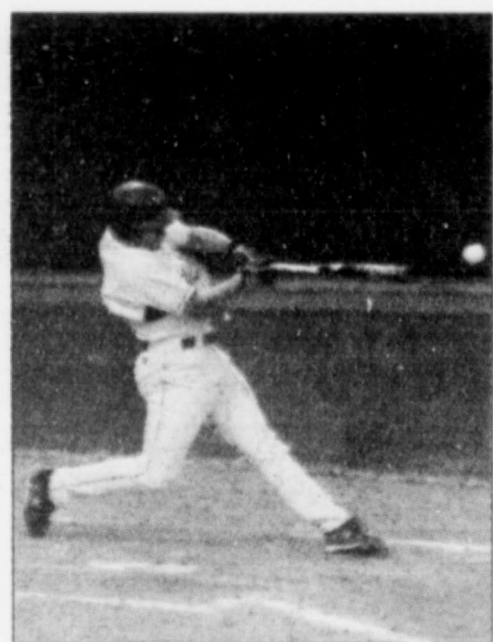
Cal Poly freshman second baseman Matt Jensen continues to pile on the accolades as he was named co-Big West Player of the Week on Monday.

Jensen had another solid weekend for the Mustangs (24-8, 5-4) as they took two of three games at Pacific. He went 5-of-12 against the Tigers (12-18, 5-4), with all five hits of the extra base variety.

Jensen, who had three doubles and two homeruns, drove in six runs over the weekend. He also scored three runs in helping Cal Poly to a 3-1 record over the week.

The Clovis East High School graduate has been consistent at the plate, collecting a hit in 19 straight games. He is currently leading the Mustangs in doubles (12), home runs (9), walks (23) and RBI (42).

Cal State Fullerton junior outfielder Khris Davis shared the award with Jensen. Davis went 6-of-14 over the weekend. He drove in six runs while scoring four times and also hit a homerun. The Titans went 2-2 during the week.



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Cal Poly freshman second baseman Matt Jensen, seen above, was named co-Big West Player of the Week on Monday.

Dodgers beat Giants 11-1 to win home opener



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Dodgers second baseman Orlando Hudson slides into third base, successfully completing the first cycle for Los Angeles in nearly 30 years.

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LOS ANGELES — Orlando Hudson grinned like a Little Leaguer as he held up a keepsake ball with his rare accomplishment written in black ink on it.

Hudson impressed fans of his

new team by hitting for the cycle, Andre Ethier drove in four runs with a pair of homers and the Los Angeles Dodgers beat Randy Johnson and the San Francisco Giants 11-1 to win their home opener on Monday.

"Dodger fans can't expect this every day," said Hudson, who

agreed to a free-agent deal in February after three seasons in Arizona. "The cycle is very hard. First of all, getting a hit is hard."

Johnson, Hudson's former teammate in Arizona, lost at Dodger Stadium for the first time in his 22-year career, falling to 7-1 in just his second start in Los Angeles since 2004. He was denied his 296th career victory, although the 45-year-old left-hander earned his 4,800th strikeout in the third inning against James Loney.

"It was their first home game, so I was kind of trying to keep them at bay a little bit and get us off to a good start," he said. "Obviously, I just continued with what's transpired on this road trip."

The Giants were swept in a three-game series at San Diego before coming to Los Angeles.

Hudson completed the majors' first cycle since Sept. 1, 2008, with a sixth-inning triple off Brandon Medders. He slid into third ahead of a throw by right fielder Randy Winn, got up and pointed to the sky.

"My man, Mr. Jackie Robinson, took care of me," he said, referring to the Dodger who broke major league baseball's color bar-

rier on April 15, 1947. "It's a heck of a day. I didn't know I had the cycle going on."

Neither did some of his teammates, including Ethier and Juan Pierre.

"It's a great accomplishment and shows the rarity of it," Ethier said.

Hudson singled in the first, homered in the third and doubled in the fourth — all off Johnson — and became the first Dodger since Wes Parker on May 7, 1970, and the ninth in franchise history to complete the cycle.

"Congratulations to Orlando," Parker said in a statement issued through the Dodgers. "I hope he appreciates he's in a very unique club. I can't believe only two people in 51 years (in Los Angeles). It's great fun to have a game like that. He'll be on a high for two weeks."

Hudson is the first Dodger to do it at Dodger Stadium; Parker accomplished the feat at New York's Shea Stadium. Hudson's parents, wife and his young daughter and son were in the stands.

Chad Billingsley (2-0) allowed

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Sharks start over after record-setting season

Greg Beacham
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SAN JOSE, Calif. — And just like that, the greatest regular season in San Jose Sharks history is an unspoken memory.

When the Sharks showed up at work Monday for their first post-season practice, nobody talked about the Presidents' Trophy they earned over the weekend by finishing with the NHL's best regular-season record. Nobody soaked in the glory of their unmatched 32-5-4 record in the Shark Tank, or the yawning 26-point margin by which they won the Pacific Division title over Anaheim.

The Sharks are thinking about the Ducks, all right — but only as their opponents in a first-round playoff series that could be the NHL's best opening matchup. The series pits two

sometimes-bitter rivals against each other in the postseason for the first time.

"When you're in the same division with two California teams going at it, that's what it's about," said Sharks forward Travis Moen, who arrived in a trade with Anaheim just last month. "Definitely these teams have had some big games in the past, and we've already had some big games since I came up here. That's what's great about the playoffs. It's a whole new challenge now."

Discounting any achievement from the regular season ranks right up there with playoff beards among the post popular spring rituals in hockey. Still, for a franchise that's never been past the Western Conference finals since joining the NHL in 1991, this regular season was something remarkable for the Sharks.

San Jose finished with a franchise-record 53 victories and 117 points, winning the conference's top spot by five points over the defending champion Detroit Red Wings. The Sharks clinched their fourth Pacific title with several weeks left in the season, eventually finishing with the biggest margin among the league's six division champs.

"We're proud of what we accomplished, but there's enough guys in this locker room who know that what you do in the regular season doesn't always reflect on the playoffs," defenseman Rob Blake said.

Indeed, the regular season hasn't been a problem for the Sharks for about a half-decade now. After their run to the 2004 conference finals, their last three postseasons have

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San Jose goalie Evgeni Nabokov stops a shot against the Los Angeles Kings during the Sharks regular season finale last week.