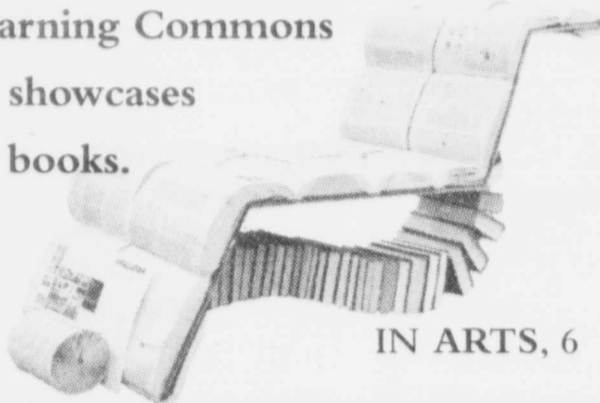


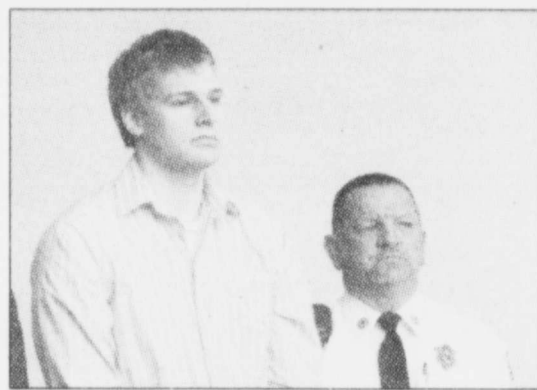
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Campus honors victims of Holocaust, other genocides

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A pile of shoes and diary entries of Holocaust victims were just part of yesterday's Holocaust memorial and served as a stark reminder of the horrors committed during genocides, both past and present.

The event was part of Holocaust Remembrance Week, a week to remember and honor the victims of the Holocaust, said computer science graduate student Mathew Schlachtman who is president of Hillel, the campus Jewish club that sponsored the event.

Hillel members spent the day reading the names of some of the Holocaust victims. Even though they read names for eight hours straight, only a small portion of victims were named, testament to the sheer number of victims.

"We want to honor those who passed. We put this event out to make sure people never forget what happened," Schlachtman said.

The shoes, which were donated by students, community members, and Goodwill, were piled on Dexter lawn to represent the victims who were stripped of everything they owned, Hillel vice president and business senior Inna Treyger said.

"The reason Holocaust museums have shoe piles is because shoes are such a personal belonging. Imagining how vulnerable you would feel without your shoes," she said.

After completion of the event, Hillel will donate the shoe pile to Goodwill.

In addition to the shoe pile, the club put up six posters featuring personal stories and diary excerpts from victims in the Holocaust. Treyger said the club picked stories of everyday people turned victims in the hopes that the message will resonate with Cal Poly students.

"We hope that people stop and think for a minute; genocide is still occurring throughout the world. I think it's really important to raise awareness to combat current and future genocides," she said.

She thinks giving the victims names and faces will bring students closer to the victims. "These were real people, no different than any of us, who fell victim to this horrific event," she said.



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Architecture sophomore Alicia Ginsberg read names of Holocaust victims as part of Remembrance Week.

This year, Hillel is using the event to raise money for Kiva, a nonprofit organization that provides loans to underprivileged citizens in developing countries. The recipients use the money to start small businesses and lift themselves out of poverty.

Treyger said Kiva was pertinent to this event because in Judaism, the most honorable kind of charity is to help someone become independent. "It's not just about giving someone money. You are giving them the opportunity to be sustainable and to make something of themselves," she said.

Treyger said the tagline for the event was "never again, never forget," because, as the famous saying by Edmund Burke says, "those who don't know history are destined to repeat it."

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Black bear hunting remains illegal in SLO County — for now

Matt Fountain

MUSTANG DAILY

Wildlife advocates in San Luis Obispo celebrated yesterday after learning that black bears would not be hunted in the county — at least this year.

The Fish and Game Commission unanimously decided to postpone any changes to the state's bear hunting regulations after the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) said they needed more time to address concerns from the public.

The proposed expansion of hunting regulations has attracted controversy since the CDFG announced Feb. 17 its plans to allow for the first time the hunting of black bears in San Luis Obispo County, as well as the statewide elimination of a regulation which says the hunting season ends once the number of black bears killed reaches 1,700.

Currently, the hunting of black bears, *Ursus americanus*, is illegal in San Luis Obispo County and the state's hunting season ends the last Sunday of December, or after hunters turn in 1,700 bear tags.

"We're very pleased," said Jeff Kyper, executive director of Los Padres ForestWatch, a nonprofit advocacy organization for the protection of public lands in the Central Coast. "We'll continue to track the process as it will probably come back again."

"(The decision) certainly took us by surprise," he said. "If the commission had approved it, they would have been open to lawsuits and public outcry, so they made the correct decision today."

The Commission agreed to postpone any further decisions until next spring. "We cer-

tainly expect it to come up again," Kyper said. "And when it does, we'll start the process all over again."

According to CDFG bear program coordinator Doug Updike, the commission began receiving public recommendations from San Luis Obispo County residents asking to expand bear hunting in the county since 2007. The CDFG spent two years researching the logistics and possible effects on the local bear population, deciding earlier this year that the proposal would have little impact.

"The black bear population statewide has more than tripled," Updike said. "As a result of that analysis, the kind of hunting that is being proposed show no signs of a significant impact on the local population."

The plans were discussed at an April 9 Commission hearing in Lodi, where a number of California residents voiced their opposition. Critics of the proposal said the CDFG failed to adequately research and find an estimate of the number of bears in San Luis Obispo County, a step they say is necessary before making any decision. Many also said they were morally opposed trophy hunting of the bears.

Last week, a coalition of more than 40 advocacy groups, including Big Wildlife, the Humane Society of the United States, Los Padres Forest Watch and more sent a letter to the Commission urging them to reject the proposal. Brian Vincent, communications director for Big Wildlife, an Oregon-based organization that opposes the hunting of carnivores such as bears, cougars and coyotes, asked the commission to postpone their decision until a

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Obama urges citizens to undertake national service

Ann Sanner

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Calling on Americans to volunteer, President Barack Obama signed a \$5.7 billion national service bill Tuesday that triples the size of the AmeriCorps service program over the next eight years and expands ways for students to earn money for college.

"What this legislation does, then, is to help harness this patriotism and connect deeds to needs," said Obama, a former community organizer in Chicago.

"It creates opportunities to serve for students, seniors and everyone in between," he said. "And it is just the beginning of a sustained, collaborative and focused effort to involve our greatest resource — our citizens — in the work of remaking this nation."

Joining Obama was Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, who has been battling brain cancer. Kennedy championed the legislation with Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, and the bill was named in honor of the Massachusetts Democrat.

Kennedy told the audience that included former President Bill Clinton, New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and former first lady Rosalyn Carter that Obama's efforts echoed those of his late brother, President John F. Kennedy.

"Today, another young president has challenged another generation to give back to their nation," Kennedy said, citing his brother's advocacy for the Peace Corps.

The service law expands ways for students and seniors to earn money for college through their volunteer work. It aims to foster and fulfill people's desire to make a difference, such as by

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KRISTEN HAYS MUSTANG DAILY

A pile of shoes memorializing the victims of the Holocaust will be donated to Goodwill.

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forum could be held in the affected region and locals had the chance to voice their opposition.

"We oppose this for a number of reasons," Vincent said shortly before Tuesday's hearing. "California currently has only approximately 200 game wardens and that's a lot of land to cover. It makes very little sense to expand hunting when there's already very little enforcement and poaching is going up. Not only is what is being proposed cruel, but it's also environmentally harmful."

Vincent also said the way bears are hunted is inhumane and that if more people knew how, there would be even more opposition.

"This is trophy hunting, so some guy can have a rug next to his fireplace. This is not about feeding a family," he said. "The bear doesn't have a chance. They use hounds to chase it up a tree and then shoot it. Where's the sport? It's like shooting fish in a barrel."

Vincent also took issue with California hunting laws, which allow hunters to use bow and arrows to kill black bears. "That is completely inhumane; it can take hours for the bear to die. I don't think Californians support this type of trophy hunting, so there is a moral issue here."

In addition to animal rights groups, the majority of San Luis Obispo County Supervisors sent letters to the Commission. Supervisors Bruce Gibson, Adam Hill and James Patterson, of Districts Two, Three and Five, respectively, sent separate letters saying they were "in strong opposition" and even "offended by" the proposed expansion of hunting into the county.

"Well, from what I looked over, it looked only like trophy hunting," County Supervisor Bruce Gibson told the Mustang

Daily. "There were two things I noticed: first, (CDFG) didn't have a good sense of the population, and also the bears are not much of a danger to humans, with minimal interaction, as far as I know."

"I just didn't see sport hunting of them is justified and that's what prompted me to speak up," Gibson said. "Otherwise, I usually wouldn't get involved in these issues."

One of the main areas of contention for critics of the expansion was what they saw as a lack of research into a clear population figure in the county. The CDFG spent two years conducting 'bait station' samples, where cans of fish are hung up to measure bear activity in a certain region, as well as studying hunting results in neighboring Santa Barbara County, where bear hunting is legal.

Cal Poly assistant professor of biology John Perrine, who has worked with bait stations, said they are indicators of activity but not useful for estimating population.

"Bait stations are just to figure out where the bears are, not their population," Perrine said. "It's a can of fish you open at the top and hang in a tree and leave it there. The only animal that can take it down and chew it up is a bear, so you have confirmed activity."

Perrine said estimating a population within a region is difficult and, ironically, one of the best tools that the CDFG has to estimate are the hunters themselves.

"Once shot, the hunters must take the bear to a check station," he said. "If they make 20 tags available and the first weekend 20 bears are shot, we know we have a dense population. If not, that tells the state the population is not very abundant."

Officials estimate that statewide, the black bear population has grown dramatically since they began arriving in the 1950s. Between 25,000 to 30,000 black bears are estimated to occupy roughly 52,000 square miles in California.

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"We really hope that history won't repeat itself, not only for the Jewish people, but for any-

one," she said. "Our generation is the last one to hear Holocaust survivors speak so we really feel it's our responsibility to carry on their stories and remember this dark period of history," she said.

—Ashley Ciullo contributed to this report.

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mentoring children, cleaning up parks or buildings and weatherizing homes for the poor.

"I'm asking you to help change history's course, put your shoulder up against the wheel," Obama said. "And if you do, I promise you your life will be richer, our country will be stronger, and someday, years from now, you may remember it as the moment when your own story and the American story converged, when they came together, and we met the challenges of our new century."

Bolstering voluntary public service programs has been a priority of Obama, who credits his work as a community organizer in his early 20s for giving him direction in life. The president cited his work in Chicago as an example of how one person can make a difference.

"All that's required on your part is a willingness to make a difference," Obama said. "And that is, after all, the beauty of service: Anybody can do it."

Obama and first lady Michelle Obama joined Clinton to plant trees at a national park site along the Anacostia River in northeast Washington. At the Kenilworth Park and Aquatic Gardens, Obama rolled up his sleeves with volunteers from the Student Conservation Association and local public high schools.

"Somebody forgot my boots," Obama joked to the students.

Obama on Tuesday also nominated Nike Inc. vice president Maria Eitel to lead the federal agency that oversees the country's national service programs.

Eitel, who's also president of the Nike Foundation, would have to be confirmed by the Senate to become CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Congress passed the bill last month with largely bipartisan support and Obama is seeking \$1.1 billion to fund it next year. Some Republicans complain it is too costly and is an unnecessary intrusion by government into something Americans already do eagerly and in great numbers — helping their neighbors and communities.

The legislation provides for gradually increasing the size of the Clinton-era AmeriCorps to 250,000 enrollees from its current 75,000. It outlines five broad categories where people can direct their service: helping the poor, improving education, encouraging energy efficiency, strengthening access to health care and assisting veterans.

AmeriCorps offers a range of volunteer opportunities including housing construction, youth outreach, disaster response and caring for the elderly. Most receive an annual stipend of slightly less than \$12,000 for working 10 months to a year.

AmeriCorps has seen a recent surge in applications, according to the Corporation for National and Community Service, which oversees the program.

In March, the organization received 17,038 online AmeriCorps applications, nearly double those received in the previous month and nearly triple the 6,770 received last March.

The bill also ties volunteer work to money for college.

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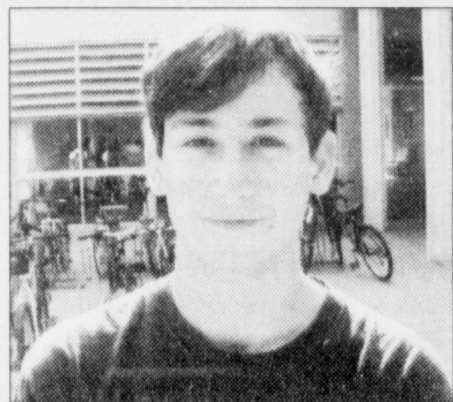
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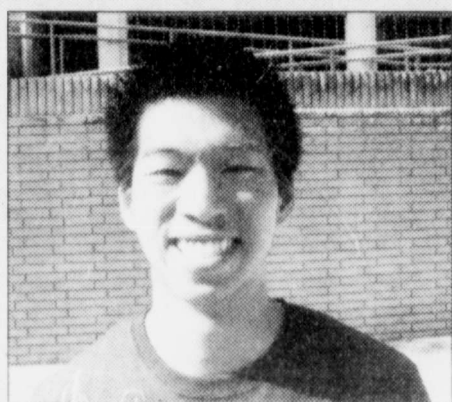


"Wikipedia says sharks are afraid of Segways, so I guess I feel a little safer from sharks."

-Elliott "Kip" Kipper,
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-Henry Phan,
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Med student held without bail in Craigslist death

Melissa Trujillo
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Prosecutors said Tuesday they found a semiautomatic weapon at the home of a Boston medical student who has been ordered held without bail on charges he shot to death a masseuse he had lured to a hotel through Craigslist.

Philip Markoff said nothing during the brief hearing in Boston Municipal Court.

Authorities said they followed a

computer trail to Markoff, linking an account used to set up appointments on Craigslist with two women who were attacked at his address in Quincy.

They say a search of his home found the gun, ammunition and materials exactly matching those used in an attack on another masseuse in a Boston hotel.

Markoff is charged with murder in the death of Julissa Brisman of New York City and kidnapping and armed robbery in the other assault.

The second-year Boston University medical student lives with his fiancée, who claims police have the wrong man.

"He could not hurt a fly," Megan McAllister said in an e-mail to ABC's "Good Morning America." "All I have to say is Philip is a beautiful person, inside and out," she said in the e-mail read on Tuesday's program.

Markoff's attorney, John Salsberg, did not immediately comment.

Authorities have said there could

be more victims.

"Our top priority is holding Philip Markoff accountable. He's a predator," Suffolk District Attorney Daniel Conley said Monday night in announcing Markoff's arrest earlier in the day during a traffic stop south of Boston.

An e-mail message sent to McAllister via her Facebook page was not immediately returned Tuesday. The McAllister family did not respond to knocks on the door of their Little Silver, N.J. home Tuesday.

State Briefs

SACRAMENTO (AP) — California air regulators are taking another step to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, considering first-in-the nation standards to require the use of so-called low-carbon fuels.

California Air Resources Board, which will debate the regulation a Thursday, considers the regulation a framework for a potential national policy advocated by President Barack Obama on the campaign trail last year. Democrats have included a goal for low-carbon fuels in the latest climate bill they have introduced in Congress.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Owners of mobile homes destroyed by a San Fernando Valley wildfire last year will receive millions of dollars in additional insurance money.

California Insurance Commissioner Steve Poizner says Tuesday that insurer AIG will provide as much as \$125,000 more for each owner to rebuild.

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — A new study finds that the number of college students taking out private student loans has risen sharply in recent years.

The report released Tuesday by the Berkeley-based Project on Student Debt found that the percentage of all undergraduates who took private loans rose from 5 percent in 2003-04 to 14 percent in 2007-08.

At for-profit colleges and universities, the percentage of students taking out private loans jumped from 13 percent in 2003-04 to 42 percent in 2007-2008.

Officials at the Project on Student Debt say the trend is worrisome because private loans are typically more expensive to pay back than federal student loans. The study says a quarter of private loan borrowers in 2007-08 didn't take out federal loans even though almost all students are eligible.

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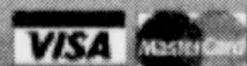
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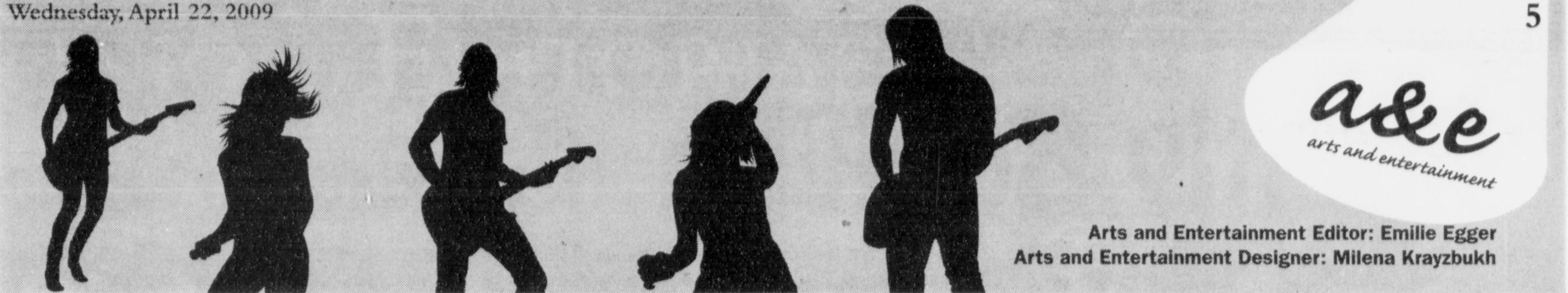


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Some nice things to say about "Nothing Nice to Say"

Let's be honest with ourselves. I'm sure that a lot of us from suburban areas considered ourselves to be "punk rock" (at some stage of our adolescent development). Perhaps it was the allure of unadulterated rebellion, the raw energy or the off-the-wall fashion, but nonetheless, the mystique was there.

I'm sure that the "real" punks just thought we were a bunch of posers. By "real," I mean they were more dedicated, and were "punks" 24/7, rather than the typical nine to five shift. It is for these "real" punks that Mitch Clem dedicates his wonderful comic "Nothing Nice to Say."

Like a lot of comics these days, "Nothing Nice to Say" started out on the Web. Yes, the infamous Web comic. But now it is in a lovely collected volume, printed by Dark

Horse.

This first collection in print is volume two, but through a series of strange events, volume one may never be printed. Confusing, I know, but the comic reads just fine by itself. Hey, it's comedy here, not a continual narrative!

Clem's comic is centered on two punks from Minneapolis, Blake and Fletcher. As Clem describes them, "Fletcher's favorite bands all broke up in the early '80s. Blake's favorite bands all sound like Screeching Weasel. They both have a lot of growing up to do."

The comic centers on poking fun at the general humorlessness that the punk rock scene generally has. From safety pins to dumpster diving, mosh pits and yes, even hating the government, all are poked fun at in this great comic.

Clem also pokes fun at other music genres and scenes too, from emo and indie kids to psychobilly. Be warned: Hardly any music scene that takes itself the least bit serious is safe in this comic. So if you are generally insecure about your choice in music scene, you may want to steer clear of this comic.

The great thing about this comic is that even though Clem ridicules the majority of the tenants of punk rock, it is obvious it comes from his

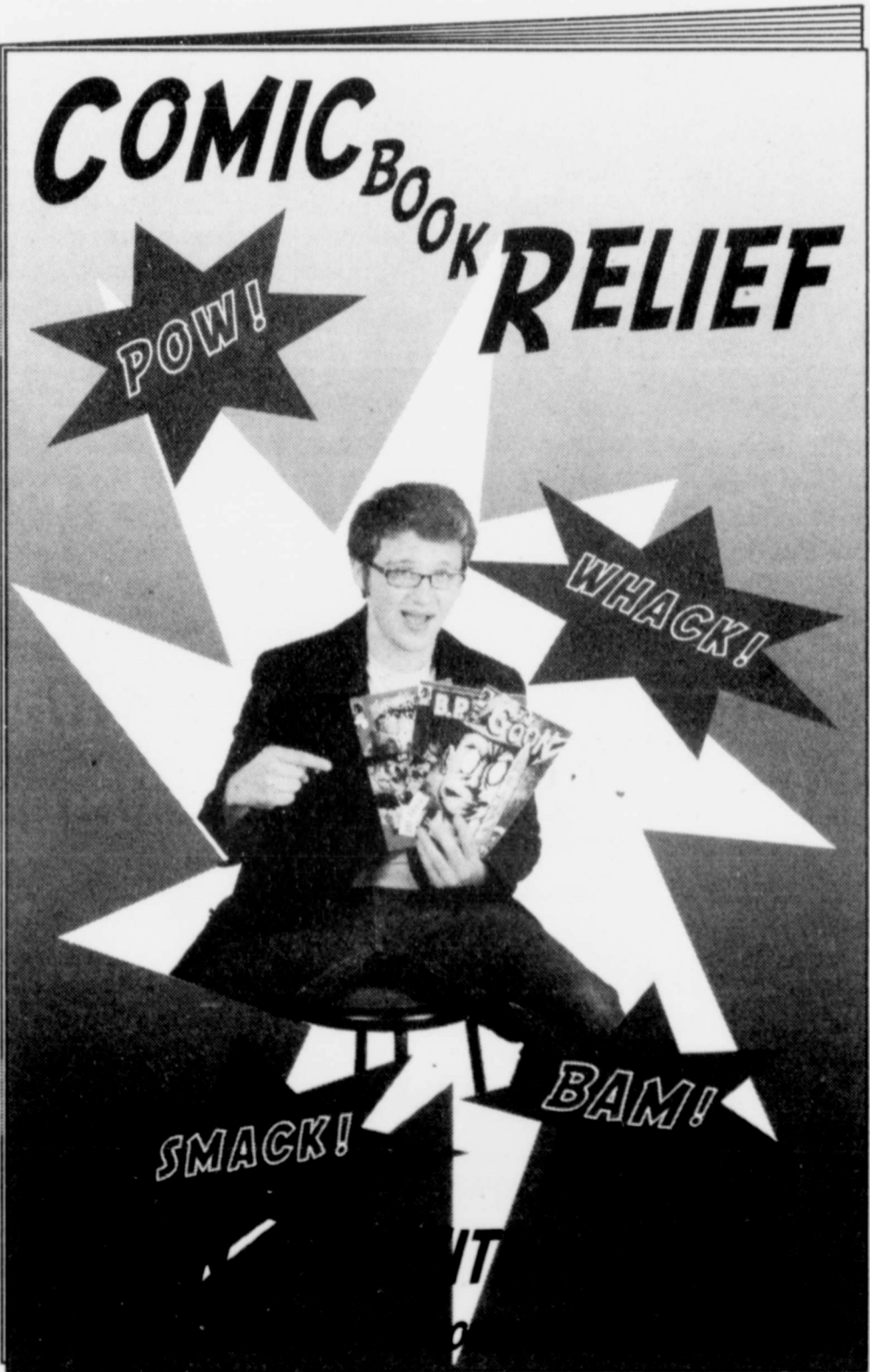
love for the genre and scene. Clem just enjoys making fun of all those who take themselves too seriously and have no sense of humor.

If you like to play your music loud enough to wake up the elder god Cthulhu, I know that you will love "Nothing Nice to Say." Even if you hate punk rock and you wish it would have never existed, you will still probably like it. Be sure to check out Clem's Web site, and the origin of this comic at www.mitchclem.com/

nothingnice.

Now I know I promised that I would do something a bit different this week, but I've just been really into this comic. As promised, I will do a review of one of my favorite comic book writers and illustrator's first book, "Good-Bye, Chunky Rice" by Craig Thompson. That book is so cute, it almost makes me want to die.

Jon Monteith is a history senior and the Mustang Daily's comic book columnist.



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Slightly Bookish

New exhibit in Kennedy

Chris Jagger

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If only textbooks could be as interesting as the pieces of literary art that are currently on display at Cal Poly, in an exhibit that focuses on turning books to into practical and artistic objects.

"Slightly Bookish" is located in the Learning Commons on the second floor of the Robert E. Kennedy Library. The goal of the exhibit is to display Cal Poly's fine printing and graphic arts collection to campus and community members.

The exhibit includes pieces from local presses, artists, current students, faculty and alumni.

The tagline of the event, "You never know where a book may lead," is well demonstrated. Books on display have been artistically torn up, altered, rearranged and transformed.

"These are very unusual book formats," special collections curator Catherine Trujillo said. "You think of a book as something you put on your lap and read, but the books on display are very unusual."

Architecture students submitted many of the pieces. As part of a

kinetic motion project for professor Tom Fowler's architecture classes, students had six days to turn discarded library books into pieces of furniture. One project, constructed out of books and wood pieces, resembles a therapist's chair.

Students also made large, cylindrical seats out of folded books. When folded correctly, large quantities of books are strong enough to support a person's weight.

"They had to create a lot of different furniture, so I thought it was interesting that they kind of related some structural things with books," library curator and city and regional planning senior Justin Leveque said. "You don't necessarily think of books having structural properties to them so I thought that was kind of neat."

Also on display is "A Peace Library," a collection that started in 2003. Inspired by the war in Iraq, a group of artists contributed book art about war and peace. These pieces depict searing and emotional imagery of battle, wounded

and dying soldiers, renditions of the Typography and letterpress work. "Slightly Bookish." A section of the exhibit.

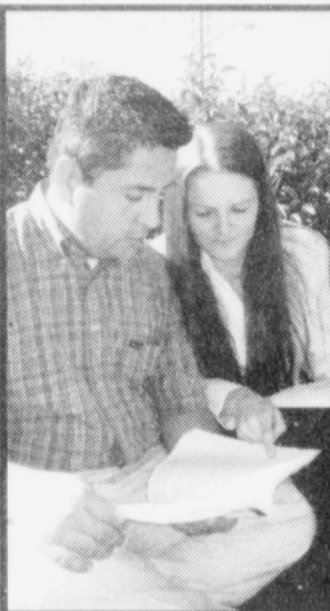
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Library features artistic books

American flag and war nostalgia. Another aspect of "Slightly Bookish" highlights work created at the student-run Shakespeare Press Museum. The graphic communication department uses this museum to showcase historic printing presses.

The exhibit features a letterpress manufactured in 1890, as well as printed examples of its capabilities. A

graphic communications professor was also brought in to lecture about typography and how the process works.

One of the more mystifying pieces of art, "Her way: a girl's world," was submitted by art and design faculty Charmaine Martinez. A poem, printed via letterpress, travels across 12 pairs of underwear hung up on a clothesline and draped over one side of the exhibit. A word used to describe women is printed on both sides of each pair such as "sexy," "seductive" and "voluptuous."

According to Trujillo, students appreciate the bold, artistic nature of the exhibit.

"We've had a lot of positive feedback from students," she said. "The learning commons is a very open area. You might have someone studying soil science or English. To have that opportunity to look up and see something that you might not know about, and to learn more about a medium that is unfamiliar to your major is kind of exciting to students."

The grand opening for "Slightly Bookish" was held on April 11. Approximately 125 students, faculty and community members attended the introduction of the exhibit, which featured a guest lecture from renowned book artist Julie Chen, who also contributed some of her work to the project. The exhibit will remain intact

until June 5. With

hands-on instruction being a major

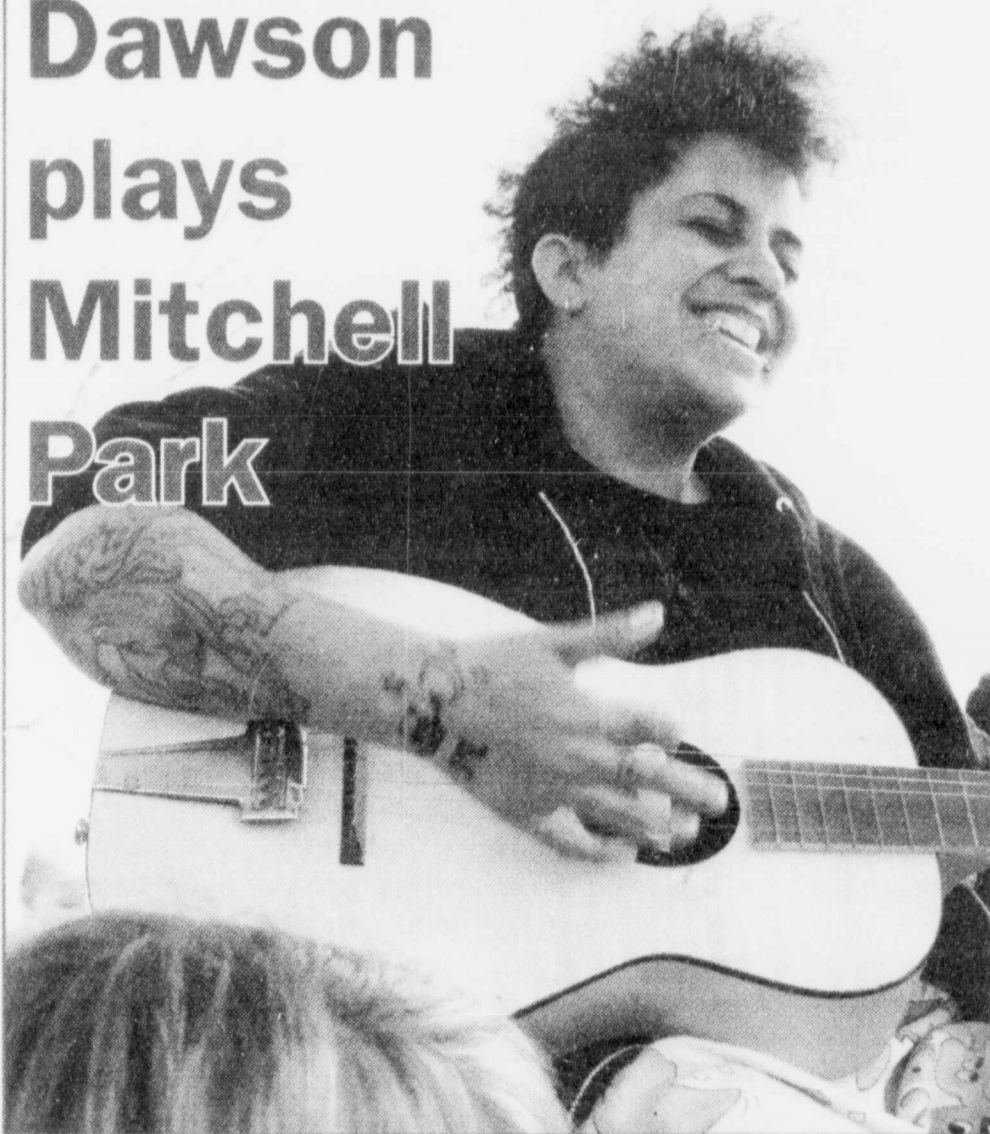
theme of the event, workshops will be held at the exhibit from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, April 23 and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 17. Participants will learn how to make personal journals using recycled books.



KRISTEN HAYS MUSTANG DAILY

Bookish Exhibit in the Robert E. features unusual uses for books, (above). The exhibit, which opened in on display in the Learning Com- floor of the library, until the month

Dawson plays Mitchell Park

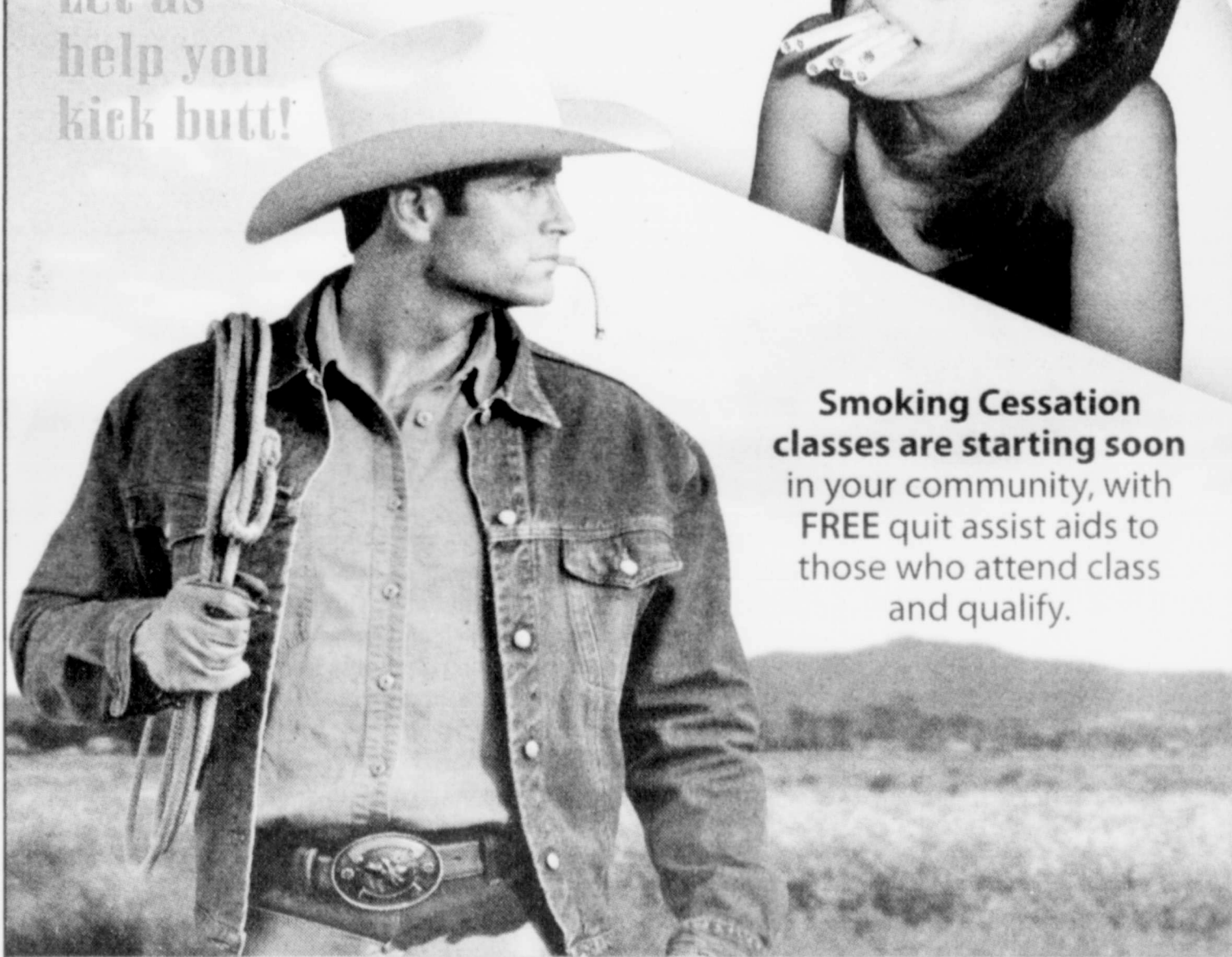


PATRICK FINA MUSTANG DAILY

Singer/songwriter Kimya Dawson played a show at San Luis Obispo's Mitchell Park last Thursday. The event, which doubled as a potluck, was sponsored by Do It Yourself SLO and was free for the public. Dawson, a former member of The Moldy Peaches, was recently featured on the soundtrack to the movie "Juno." Michael Cera and Ellen page sing her song "Anyone else but you" at the end of the film.

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political column

Dictatorships or democracies: all government is force

Once upon a time, there was a schoolyard which, typically enough, was flooded with children at every recess. As children are inclined to do, a great portion of recess was devoted to arguing over which particular game to play.

Unfortunately, this assembly of children had little reason to debate as their deliberations were always decided in the most predictable fashion. There was in this assembly a school bully, a surly boy blessed with an early growth spurt. His was always the last, the deciding and the overruling vote. Of course, the other children secretly reviled him, but none dared to allow such feelings to surface.

One day, a well-wishing teacher observed the children's predicament and decided that she would intervene for their betterment. She strode confidently across the playground and moralistically informed the children that they were living oppressed, miserable lives under the thumb of a schoolyard tyrant. She forcefully instructed the children that tyrants were not the sort of people that would be allowed on her playground and told the children that she had an infinitely better method for electing their games.

"Democracy," she said. "It's the enlightened way and all the cool kids are doing it. Democracy will solve your bully problem. Henceforth, votes are not to be determined by body weight or looks or skills. Each child, from the meekest wimpling to the belligerent bully, is awarded one vote when it comes to selecting their game of choice."

The children, even the bully, all agreed that democracy was a very inspiring and admirable idea and agreed to give it a try. The teacher sauntered back to her classroom, suffocating from good feelings about herself.

Now, the good part of the story is that the children were quite earnest and sincere about giving the whole democracy thing a go. The bad part is that on the particular day that the children adopted democracy as their system of governance, the only two games that the children decided were worth voting on were hopscotch and hanging the redheads. There were 20 children and only one of them was a redhead, and he happened to be the bully.

That regrettable day, democracy was a vehicle which permitted 19 children the chance to wreck sweet revenge on the object of their hatred. What the visionary teacher failed to account for is that the process of deciding is frequently, if not always, secondary to what is being decided. Dictators can occasionally be perfectly reasonable, even kind, rulers. Democratic majorities can sometimes be ruthless, even murderous mobs. It's not unheard of.

Unfortunately, children, even college students, are taught to kneel unquestioningly at the altar of democracy. And because ours is a democratically elected government, we are by implication, expected to display a similar deference to our elected

officials.

A monstrous lie that enjoys the currency of truth is that democracy is the great achievement of our advanced age, a magical and mysterious guarantee against encroachments of our liberty by the omniscient and beneficent "will of the people."

It's rubbish. But many people, especially Americans, suffer the juvenile delusion that government is something nice, the originator of good things like free speech, schools, etc. Americans would do well to recall the words of their first president who soundly condemned such a notion, saying that "Government is not reason, it is not eloquence, it is force."

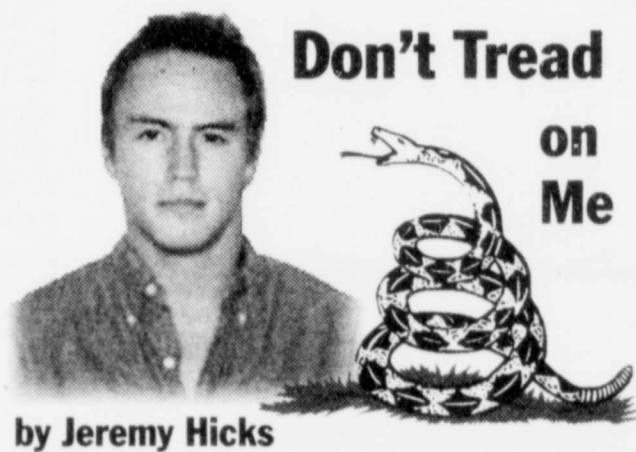
We do well to fear the potential dangers inherent in any government, whether such government is of a tyrant or the fictitious "will of the people." The offended reaction evoked by the recent tea party protests was an embarrassingly public display of this crude idiom which defers so readily to the democratic process. The tea partiers, I admit, were not altogether homogeneous, and many of them bore the unsettling appearance of neoconservative hacks briefly assuming the sheep skins of limited government for political gain (as they did during the Clinton administration).

But it has been truly disappointing to hear my fellow Americans and the talking buffoons of the media sanctimoniously scold Americans to "put up and shut up." Such people tell us that our country is a democracy and that the will of the people cannot be ridiculed. Therefore, Obama's reckless administration cannot be lashed with the scorn it properly deserves. As far as anti-American sentiments go, this could quite possibly be the lowest and most insolent point our country has ever sunk to.

Government, even democratically elected government, is always the same. It is force, a force which can be used for good or bad, right or wrong. Presently, the force of government is being used to bankrupt this nation and saddle future generations with mountains of oppressive debt as failed companies fleeing bankruptcy assume the yoke of governmental control for the promise of security.

Americans have every right to be mistrustful of and even outraged at their government. Still, there are those who insist that we must all hold hands trustingly as our great ship sinks. The oppressiveness of unity is the last curse we need at this developed stage of our decline. Let's hope that the present discontentment boils into a fury that resists being soothed over and forgotten at the next election. That's a hope and a change our country would greatly benefit from.

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by Jeremy Hicks

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Zach, thanks for such an insightful and logical article on controlling the cost of healthcare. I hope that your suggestion is taken seriously, but unfortunately, I doubt it will. You see, the idea that you have just proposed has been a major push of the Republican Party for the last 10 years, at least. So, for Mr. Obama to accept this idea would go against everything that he stands for. Perhaps, some day, we will live in a country guided by reason and logic; in which people will be grateful for medical care that surpasses that of the rest of the world. Maybe, just maybe, people some day will be happy that their lives were saved by modern medicine and will stop looking for a free-ride for an injury when they could have been dead instead.

— Phil Coleman

Response to "The first step to affordable healthcare"

A sex column, Carrie Bradshaw style, includes nothing about informing college students about STDS, pregnancy contraceptives, etc. That is what the Health Center is for! There are ads in the paper, Jenna, for the Center or even articles about seeking help when pregnant... duh. Denise's column was an entertaining and humorous approach to the often sssh sssh topic.

Let's face it. People in college have sex! You should reevaluate your post if you think that all sex columns should have information about it. People like real stories and a real take on it, not just facts being spilled at you like your doctor would. Also, the campus community does not need an entire sex column dedicated to the LGBT community on campus. That is something for the club to do on its own, not for the whole school! That would be simply ridiculous!

— Gertrude

Response to "How to do it right: new column aims for inclusiveness"

I loved this introduction and I'm really looking forward to your future columns.

While groups like the LGBT community are a minority, it would be great to see them represented more and hear stories from their end.

I also can't wait to see a sex and dating columnist who isn't afraid to take a stand on an issue, or just tell it like it is. Doctors dispensing information can only go so far... a columnist who can bluntly weigh the pros and cons of contraception methods and actually recommend one and treat STIs with the seriousness they deserve. Previous columns have featured cheesy writing that insulted my intelligence as a reader, and I can't wait to read your writing that is witty, edgy and just plain memorable.

— Rachel

Response to "How to do it right: new column aims for inclusiveness"

guest commentary

Above the influence or avoiding the issues?

While I enjoy laughing at commercials that compare stopping smoking marijuana to taking off a series of T-shirts as much as the next, I can't help but wonder what good anyone really thinks these commercials are doing. Aside from their obvious lack of creative direction, the few "Above the Influence" commercials I've caught have focused solely on marijuana rather than touching on more pressing, or even causes of the mentioned, social issues. Whatever

happened to that anti-meth ad with the scab-covered girl scrubbing her bathroom with a toothbrush? Or the "Me not Meth" campaign? Those, I remember, stayed with me until at least the next commercial break. Plus, they touched on the growing problem that is exemplified by the fact that in 2003, the National Survey on Drug Use and Health reported that 12.3 million Americans aged 12 and up, with the majority between 18 and 34, had tried meth at least once.

Why aren't we seeing any sexually transmitted infection public service announcements? Rather than a 30 second blurb about talking to your child about holding off on sex until marriage, simply stating that one in two sexually active persons will contract an STI by age 25 seems tremendously more compelling. Or how about those "know-your-status" HIV commercials? They used powerful messages and well known faces to articulate how much HIV/AIDS can change your life. It seems

South Park is right in assuming AIDS has become a non-issue; I can't remember the last time I've seen one of those. And don't even get me started on those Truth commercials. While reading alleged quotes from tobacco moguls is slightly entertaining, it's not going to prevent much. OK, so they don't care about the general public. Neither do many big businesses, so where are the quotes from CEOs of the companies who've

allowed thousands of jobs to go to the toilet while keeping their own astronomical salaries? Smoking a cigarette requires personal choice; being laid off is often a result of poor decision making at the expense of the majority.

Recently, I was sickened to learn recently that only 33 percent of the United States population believes evolution is real. Let that sink in a minute. I personally would sleep better at night knowing a commercial with a brief summary of the fossil findings and its obvious meaning was being run.

It's not that I'd like being bombarded with the truth as I sit and try to let my brain be mushed by reality television, but creating a straw bully out of tobacco or marijuana isn't only laughable but detrimental in the sense that it draws away from larger issues. Point the finger at D and no one pays attention to A, B or C. Even as I sit and write this, MTV is shoving that one commercial where the kid is playing basketball, then goes off to smoke weed and "leaves part of himself behind" down my throat. I'm not trying to imply it's perfectly OK for everyone to run around smoking weed constantly — yes, he may be leaving some lung capacity behind — but MTV, along with all other television stations, companies that exercise control over television and commercials, and decision-making figures within the industry, should take responsibility to stop distracting the public from pressing issues. Considering the average American watches over four hours of television a day, commercials should be used to create a slightly more informed population.

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Protecting women throughout the world

Carolyn Witte

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Pandering for votes seems to be an inevitable part of politics. However, Hamid Karzai, the current president of Afghanistan up for reelection this coming fall, has crossed the line from political ingenuity to violating human rights.

Last month, Karzai signed a Shi'ite Personal Status Law, which the United Nations Development Fund for Women has interpreted as legalizing marital rape. Moreover, the law — which has yet to be publicly released — includes a provision that requires a woman to gain permission from her husband to work outside the home or to go to school. Thus, this law, approved by Karzai and both houses of parliament, significantly endangers the gains Afghan women have made since the Taliban were ousted in 2001.

The law applies to Shi'a Muslims — the valuable swing vote minority block who make up an estimated 20 percent of Afghanistan's 30 million people. Critics say that in signing the law devised by Shi'ite clerics, Karzai hopes to gain support from the powerful Shi'a ulema who will prompt voter support from the ethnic Hazaras — the Shi'a Muslim minority that generally disapproves of Karzai.

Fundamentally, though, Karzai has failed to recognize the potential expansion of this law and the long-term consequences for Afghanistan's greater political stability. Though the legislation technically applies to Shi'ite women only, it is not unlikely that a similar law could arise to apply to Sunni Muslim women as well. Furthermore, Afghanistan is notoriously unstable and has been fighting an ongoing battle against Islamist extremists. With Taliban insurgents gaining ground in rural Pakistan along the Afghan border, Karzai cannot afford to push Afghanistan towards this slippery slope for mere political gain.

Yet, the core controversy seems to be more about interpreting the law than the reasons for its passing. In defense of the law, the Shi'ite cleric Ayatollah Mohammed Asef Mohseni who spearheaded the legislation insists it does not sanction marital rape, but only permits men to deny food to their wives if they refuse sex. Yet, Article 132 requires a woman to "obey her husband's sexual demands," neglecting consent all

together. Thus in effect, women are legally required to sexually please their husbands. Though theoretically, Afghan women could refuse sex and support themselves, the employment and education restrictions the law includes largely prevents economic self-sufficiency from being a reality, particularly in rural Afghanistan where many Shi'a live.

Furthermore, an additional provision makes it illegal for a woman to refuse to "make herself up" or "dress up" at her husband's request. This dehumanizing stipulation seeks to create a conception of women as conveyors of sexuality, but not sexual beings themselves. In blatantly defining men and women's roles as providers of food and sex respectively, the law reinforces the notion of women as asexual beings — a false manifestation that contributes to women's oppression worldwide. Additionally, Article 132 states that a man has the right to have sex with his wife "at least once every four nights." If Islam regards women as the chief conveyors of honor and purity — having equated impurity with sexuality — mandating sex and specifying how frequently and in what ways couples should have sex is a blatant contradiction to the Quran from which Islamic law is derived. Therefore, it is not Islam that oppresses women, but rather, particular aspects of Islamic law that have been falsely cited as justified in the name of God.

However, it is important to recognize the differences between various sects of Islam. The Shi'a school of thought — from which this legislation stems — is reinforced by a hierarchical clergy system that the majority orthodox Sunni sect rejects. This strict, clerical structure gives supreme authority to Shi'a Imams and clerics whose legitimacy permits them to develop laws, deem them "Islamic" and implement them with little opposition. Mohseni is representative of this exclusive class of Shi'a scholars. Therefore, the Personal Status Law is not a reflection of Islam, but of the Shi'a clergy.

In addition to infringing on women's rights, supporters of the law have violated Afghan women's constitutional right to demonstration. Women protesting the Shi'a Law in Kabul this month were spat on and stoned by men shouting, "Get out of here, you whores!" So apparently chastity is equivalent to promiscuity? Seems like a bizarre conclusion to me, but Mohseni disagrees. In a recent interview, Mohseni told Reuters: "Why should a man and woman get married if there is no need for a sexual relationship? Then they are like brother

and sister." Supporters of the law say that mandating marital sex reduces men's temptation to engage in extramarital relations, thereby protecting women's honor. However, this extremely weak claim is ultimately a way of circumventing the real conflict between human sexuality and morality.

Furthermore, the circumstances surrounding this law reveal the paradoxical nature of the Afghan constitution. The 2004 constitution guarantees equal rights for men and women, yet defers to Islamic law in areas that don't have specific provisions. Moreover, despite the equality, liberty and human dignity clauses the constitution includes, the constitution also states that no law can contradict Islamic law. For this reason, human and women's rights legislation is significantly weakened and can easily be nullified by superior Islamic law. It is along these lines that Karzai justifies permitting the Shi'a Muslims to have their own, distinct Personal Status Law.

Though Karzai denies that this law marks a return towards Taliban-style rule, the international community largely disagrees. In response to significant criticism, Karzai called for the Ministry of Justice to review the provisions of chief concern, but has yet to make a strong statement suggesting that he will repeal the legislation. Therefore, it is imperative that President Obama send a powerful message to Karzai, who is in great need of US support in the upcoming election. The Personal Status Law is not only contradictory to the Afghan constitution, but opposes some of the main goals stated in the US mission to Afghanistan — to pursue human rights and help liberate women from religious oppression.

Yet what kind of action Obama should take remains unclear. At this point, he has only casually approached this issue, publicly referring to the law as "abhorrent," but has yet to take a stronger stance. Moreover, the law comes at a time when Obama is seeking NATO support to plan for more resources in Afghan's war against terrorism. Exerting influence in Afghanistan's personal affairs could be perceived as presumptuous and could even worsen the situation for Afghan women if not done correctly. However, tricky diplomatic waters is not an excuse for silence. Obama must send a clear message to both Karzai and the Afghan people that the US has not given up on democracy and human rights in Afghanistan. It is in the interest of US national security that we stand by the courageous Afghan women who have risked their lives fighting for their personal and national dignity.

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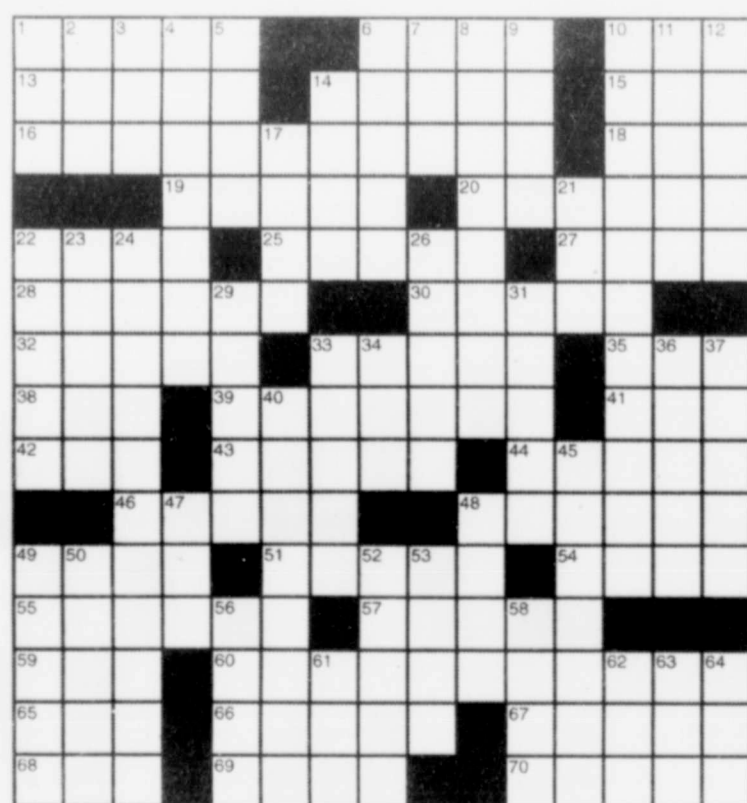
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 - 16 Mystery desserts?
 - 18 Thing to roll over, in brief
 - 19 East ___, U.N. member since 2002
 - 20 Central part
 - 22 Oscar winner Sorvino
 - 25 Acquired relative
 - 27 Musical with the song "Mr. Mistoffelees"
 - 28 Equal to, with "with"
 - 30 O.K. to do
 - 32 Orange feature
 - 33 Bates's business, in film
 - 35 Video shooter, for short
 - 38 Direction from K.C. to Detroit
 - 39 Stir up
 - 41 ___, Ida (Tater Tots maker)
 - 42 Top end of a scale
 - 43 Miming dances
 - 44 Visibly frightened
 - 46 Bucky Beaver's toothpaste
 - 48 High-hats
 - 49 Soprano Gluck
 - 51 Refrain syllables
 - 54 "Spare me!," e.g.
 - 55 Place for a lark
 - 57 Winter coat feature
 - 59 Diamond corner
 - 60 Sculler's affliction?
 - 65 Time of anticipation
 - 66 First-rate
 - 67 Many an art film
 - 68 ___ judicata
 - 69 Hebrides isle
 - 70 Take as one's own

- Down**
- 1 Flight board abbr.
 - 2 Samoan staple
 - 3 Byrnes of TV's "77 Sunset Strip"
 - 4 Reason for a long delay in getting approval, maybe
 - 5 Arias, e.g.
 - 6 Motorist's headache
 - 7 Calligrapher's buy
 - 8 Period of seven days without bathing?
 - 9 Gaelic tongue
 - 10 What the sky might do in an inebriate's dream?
 - 11 Everglades denizen
 - 12 Belfry sounds
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- 33 Place for a crown
- 34 In vitro items
- 36 Mountain ridge
- 37 Group with a meeting of the minds?
- 40 Employment in Munchkinland?
- 45 Choir voice
- 47 Inflate, in a way
- 48 Spilled the beans
- 49 Honey-hued
- 50 Take a powder
- 52 Sitcom with the catchphrase "Kiss my grits!"
- 53 ___ sausage
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Torre

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Sunday after the Dodgers finished off an undefeated homestand with a 14-2 thrashing of the Colorado Rockies. "But to get off to this kind of start is pretty good."

Yeah, not bad at all. The best part, though, may be what Torre is missing in New York.

Girardi is in that hot seat now, the wolves eyeing him warily and his tenure as manager at risk if the Yankees fall short of anything but winning the World Series. Girardi is the one who has to explain now why a team with a \$200 million payroll was embarrassed on opening day, then humiliated a few days later when the Cleveland Indians scored 14 runs in one inning.

Torre spent a dozen years of his life doing that, though it was easy at first because the Yankees won four World Series titles in his first five years there. It became more difficult when his team collapsed and lost four straight to the Red Sox in 2004, and even winning two more division titles wasn't enough to keep the Steinbrenners from insulting him with an offer he could refuse.

He wanted one last chance to find out whether managing could be fun again and he came west to find out that maybe it could. The addition of Ramirez helped make it that way, catapulting the Dodgers to a strong finish last season and a surprising sweep of the Cubs in the first round of the playoffs.

But this year's team isn't all about Manny. The Dodgers have a loaded

lineup from Rafael Furcal at the top to Casey Blake at the bottom, and they displayed it on the homestand that ended Sunday to fans not accustomed to seeing such things at pitcher-friendly Chavez Ravine.

In six games they had 77 hits and scored 50 runs. There were 11 home runs and 31 walks, and the team batted a collective .367.

They looked a lot like the guys in pinstripes used to look like. And why not? Torre, after all, wrote the book on them.

There will be no book on these Dodgers, because Torre's contract forbids it. But, assuming the pitching staff that isn't as good as it has looked so far this season doesn't totally collapse and Manny remains happy, there could be another chapter written in his managerial history.

Unfortunately, it could be the final chapter.

Torre turns 69 in July and is the oldest manager in the majors. He told the Los Angeles Times recently that should the Dodgers win the World Series this year he would con-

sider stepping down, even with a year still left on his contract.

If so, it will be a quick trip to the Hall of Fame. Winning five titles gets anyone there, even if Torre enjoyed the benefit of the \$200 million payrolls along the way.

Torre would rather talk about his days as a player in the 1960s than his days managing the Yankees. About the only thing he'll say is he doesn't miss the zoo that was in the Bronx.

The rest, of course, is in the book. He's a star in a city of stars, but the

one thing that hasn't changed from New York is that he's still expected to win. So far the Dodgers are doing that, and more.

And baseball is fun once again.

Tim Dahlberg is a national sports columnist for The Associated Press.

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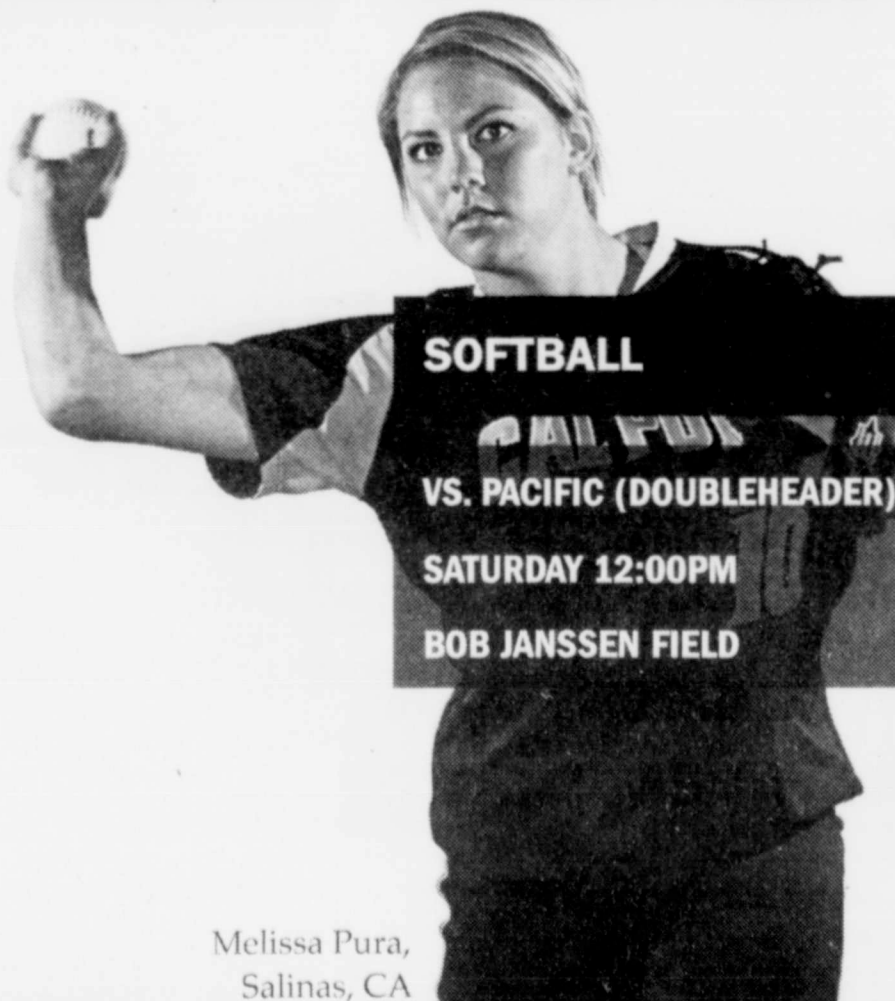
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*Jersey Day and Senior Day for Mustang Softball

All youth, 13 and under, receive free admission by wearing a jersey to the game and the Mustang Senior class will be honored prior to the game!



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MUSTANG **round-up**

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Cal Poly freshman Nora Sobczak (29) is greeted by her teammates during Power in Pink day on April 4.

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

softball

The Cal Poly softball team raised more than \$1,700 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society during its first Power in Pink Day on April 4 against UC Santa Barbara.

This is the third year the Mustangs have raised money for cancer awareness. Combined with previous efforts, known then as Strikeout Cancer Day, the team has raised over \$6,700.

"We're honored as a program to be able to donate to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society," Cal Poly head coach Jenny Condon said in a statement. "It's an incredibly important cause and we enjoy any opportunity we can to help."

The event, sponsored by Under Armour, saw Mustangs wearing pink jerseys that were auctioned off during the doubleheader alongside a raffle to help secure the donations.

Lymphoma survivor Monica Robinson tossed out the ceremonial first pitch before watching the Mustangs sweep UC Santa Barbara.

Winning at home has been commonplace for Cal Poly, special cause or not. The Mustangs (31-9, 10-2 Big West Conference) remain undefeated at home winning all 16 contests at Bob Janssen Field. They return to action on Saturday completing a six-game road trip with a three-game series at UC Davis.

golf

Cal Poly junior Stephanie Yocum won the Big West Conference women's individual championship Tuesday afternoon at the San Luis Obispo Country Club.

Yocum highlighted the Mustangs' performances finishing with a nine-over 225 total, three strokes ahead of four golfers who

shared second place.

The Mustangs finished fourth as a team, 16 strokes behind champion Long Beach State. Senior Hannah Brabb finished seventh overall, eight strokes behind Yocum.

On the men's side, Cal Poly junior Geoff Gonzalez settled for a ninth-place finish after being tied for third heading into the final round. He finished three shots behind UC Davis' Austin Graham and Ramie Sprinkling. Graham would go on to win the individual championship in a playoff.

The men's team finished seventh overall 34 shots behind clear victor UC Davis. The Aggies were the only team to shoot under par, finishing with a three-under 861.

men's tennis

Cal Poly freshman Andre Dome became the first player in program history to be named Big West Freshman of the Year on Tuesday.

Dome, who was celebrated as one of the biggest recruits to ever arrive at Cal Poly, took the award after a season in which he was named Big West Athlete of the Week twice.

Dome also claimed First Team singles honors. Senior Andrew Gerst and sophomore Drew Jacobs were named to the second team.

Dome finished as the only Mustang with a winning record this season after going 8-7 overall. He was 5-7 playing exclusively at No. 1 singles, including a win over No. 99 Patricio Alvarado of Southern Miss.

Dome had been 8-4 in his first 12 matches at Cal Poly before suffering an injured ankle that would hamper him for the rest of the year.

Gerst finished 9-12 overall and led the team with six victories at the No. 2 slot. He was named to the first team a year ago.

Jacobs played a versatile role

for the Mustangs, winning at least one match at all six singles positions over the course of the year, eventually moving up to, and competing at the No. 1 slot at year's end.

Pacific senior Moritz Starke and UC Santa Barbara sophomore Alex Konigsfeldt would share the Co-Player of the Year award. The Mustangs would also secure doubles honors as junior Robert Foy, who was also a singles honorable mention, and senior Darryn Young made first team doubles for the second-consecutive season while Gerst and sophomore Alexander Sonesson were named to the second team.

Cal Poly (11-10, 3-2), which achieved its first national ranking earlier this season, fell to UC Irvine in the Big West Championship Semifinals.

baseball

The Cal Poly baseball team was ranked as high as 11th in one collegiate poll. The Mustangs (27-9,

BASEBALL
NCAA TOP 25

TEAM	RECORD
1 Arizona State	28-8
2 Rice	27-10
3 Georgia	31-8
4 Texas	29-8
5 UC Irvine	26-10
6 North Carolina	31-10
7 Georgia Tech	26-8
8 LSU	28-12
9 Cal State Fullerton	24-11
10 Arkansas	26-11
11 Cal Poly	27-9
12 Baylor	25-12
13 Florida State	25-12
14 Oklahoma	29-11
15 Virginia	30-8
16 Mississippi	28-11
17 Miami	26-13
18 Oregon State	23-9
19 Texas A&M	25-14
20 San Diego State	26-15
21 TCU	23-11
22 South Carolina	26-14
23 Florida	26-14
24 Alabama	27-13
25 Kansas State	29-11

8-4 Big West Conference) continue to dominate at home having lost just once at Baggett Stadium this year.

Cal Poly has already surpassed last year's win total and have swept four series this season.

Senior outfielder Ryan Lee broke the school's hitting streak record on Sunday, connecting on a hit in his 26th consecutive game. Freshman second baseman Matt Jensen currently has a 23 game streak, just behind Lee.

The Mustangs, sitting in second place in the Big West Conference, are looking to secure their first regional bid.

Cal Poly returns to action on Friday when they begin a three-game series at UC Santa Barbara.

women's tennis

Juniors Brittany Blalock and Suzie Matzenauer were named to the All-Big West First Team in both singles and doubles on Tuesday.

Blalock, who was joined by Steffi Wong on the doubles team for the second-consecutive season, had the biggest victory in Cal Poly history when she defeated No. 8 Maria Sanchez of USC earlier this year.

The first team honor came for the third-consecutive year for Blalock who was also named Big West Freshman of the Year in 2007. She finished the year with a 23-10 overall record and was rated as high as 72nd in the nation.

Matzenauer, a transfer from Northwestern, finished the year with a team-best 24-9 record. She also thrived in doubles, alongside sophomore Amy Markhoff. The duo went 18-3 including wins over the No. 51 and 59 doubles teams in the country during the season.

Blalock along with Matzenauer and Markhoff are hoping to be invited to the NCAA tournament when brackets are announced on April 29.

MUSTANG DAILY
CORRECTIONS

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

• An article in the April 4 edition of the Mustang Daily incorrectly reported that the Cal Poly football team's spring game will be played at 5 p.m. this Saturday. The game will actually be played at 2 p.m. on Saturday in Alex G. Spanos Stadium. We sincerely apologize for the mistake.

Torre
having fun
again with
Dodgers
winning big

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Los Angeles manager Joe Torre has his Dodgers hitting the long ball. The Dodgers have scored more runs than any National League team.

Tim Dahlberg

ASSOCIATED PRESS

If Joe Torre hadn't been low-balled by the Yankees, he might have spent the weekend watching up close as balls flew out of the new Yankee Stadium seemingly every time someone swung a bat. Instead, he was at Dodger Stadium watching them sail out of what is normally a pitcher's paradise.

In perhaps the most unusual twist of events since Torre went all Hollywood, it's his Dodgers who have been hitting them.

Two by Manny Ramirez on Saturday, along with a pair by Andre Ethier. Two more by Matt Kemp on Sunday, one of them a grand slam.

Thirteen games into the young season the Dodgers have scored more runs than anyone in the National League. Their pitching staff, meanwhile, has let up the least.

Let Joe Girardi put up with the suffocating pressure of managing the New York Yankees. Torre is doing just fine on the West Coast, where the surf is always up and the writers don't sharpen their claws on the clubhouse door.

No, he's not driving a convertible and drinking wheat grass, as one of his commercials suggests. He doesn't go wakeboarding.

But he does crack an occasional smile in the dugout. And he appears to be having fun with his players, something that seemed impossible in later years in New York.

Winning by big margins, of course, helps.

"I felt pretty good about this club leaving spring training. I just felt we were going to score runs," Torre said

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