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Campus preps for open house

The annual event is set for April 15 to 17

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Thousands of prospective students will be on campus from April 15 to 17 to take in all Cal Poly has to offer during Open House. Presented by Student Life and Leadership, the three-day event showcases the campus to families, students and community members.

The slogan of Open House is "To Cal Poly and Beyond," which promotes the opportunities Cal Poly provides.

Matt Justus, co-chair of the Open House

Committee, said the main goal of the weekend is to show all sides of the university to prospective students.

"Our biggest focuses are to have them see the local community so they could know what it would be like to live in San Luis Obispo," Justus said. "Then, we want to show them how strong Cal Poly academics are and the type of education they would get. Finally, we want to show them how strong of a person they can become by getting involved at Cal Poly."

Kelsey Hayes, the other chair of the Open House Committee, said the committee has focused on presenting ev-

everything Cal Poly can offer students and not just one aspect of life here.

"We really just want to give them a view of the best-of-the-best that Cal Poly has to offer," Hayes said. "Whatever they are interested in, they can find something here for them."

The weekend kicks off on Thursday, April 15 at Farmers' Market where 25 clubs will be represented downtown. The event is de-

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Memorial planned for Matthew Hurlbutt

Mustang Daily Staff Report

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Friends of Cal Poly industrial engineering junior Matthew Hurlbutt have planned a memorial service for tomorrow, April 13 on Dexter Lawn at 11 a.m.

More than 230 people are planning to attend, according to the Facebook event SLO Celebration of Matt. There will also be a service honoring Hurlbutt in his hometown

of Upland, California this month. His family has planned to establish a scholarship for industrial engineering students in his name.

Hurlbutt died early the morning of April 4 while walking on Highway 101, where he was struck by a Toyota Tacoma. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The incident remains under investigation; the coroner's report will be released after 8 a.m. today, according to a representative from the San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Office.

Club raises more than \$3,000 for school in Darfur

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Last week members of Cal Poly's SLO for Darfur club demonstrated what life is like in a Darfur refugee camp by camping on Dexter Lawn from April 5 to 7.

The "Live Like a Refugee" event proceeds help a refugee camp school in Chad, a region in eastern Darfur. The club chose the school through

the sister school program that which connects American universities with Darfuri refugee camp schools.

The club's goal was to collect \$3,528 in donations to send directly to the school to buy a book for each of the 588 students. The money will also train teachers and pay for other supplies like desks. The club asked for donations from students and sold club

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Students, faculty march to honor César Chávez

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Cal Poly's Movimiento Estudiantil Xicana/o de Aztlan (MEXA) student organization held its annual march to honor Mexican-American civil rights activist César Chávez last Thursday.

A group of about 20 students and faculty marched from Dexter Lawn along Via Carta during UU Hour. The event also featured two speakers and a traditional Aztec dance.

MEXA is a national student organization that promotes the rights of Chicanos in the United States and encourages Chicano students to continue their education and become politically active.

Vanessa Soto, the Cal Poly chapter's vice president, said the march is an important event for all Cal Poly students.

"Many people forget about the scope of César Chávez's accomplishments and think that the struggle for Latinos in America is over, but it's not true," Soto said. "It's important to call attention to the needs of a demographic that makes up such a

large part of our country."

The march honors Chávez's commitment to the rights of migrant farm workers in California. Chávez was born into a family forced to become migrant workers and experienced the struggle of Mexican-American farm workers. He dedicated his adult life to supporting and encouraging farm workers to fight for their rights through non-violent means. In 1962, Chávez founded the National Farm Workers Association to support American migrant farm workers.

The march began at 11 a.m. on Dexter Lawn, where several members dressed in homemade costumes and performed a traditional Aztec dance. Then the group marched down Via Carta carrying signs and shouting chants like "Viva Chávez!" and "The people united will never be divided!"

When the marchers reached Campus Market, club president Daniella Castro spoke about Chávez's life and accomplishments and Dr. Alberto Pulido of University of California, San Diego, spoke about the impor-

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Members of Cal Poly's chapter of MEXA marched around campus to honor Mexican-American civil rights activist César Chávez. The event also included a traditional Aztec dance and speeches by the club's president and Dr. Alberto Pulido of University of California, San Diego about Chavez's life and the importance of education.

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signed for students who get into town early to experience open house and campus life.

The event continues Friday with the University Welcome speeches, including an address by President Baker. Then students are broken up into their respective colleges where they get to learn more about their majors and the academic side of the university.

Jason Mockford, the assistant coordinator of orientation programs, said Friday is geared more towards academics because classes are in session. Some colleges are even open to visitors interested in sitting in on a college-level course. Also, he said the students and parents can deal with many of the business aspects that need to be taken care of such as financial aid or housing.

Friday concludes in the University Union with the "Friday Nite Invite" in which admitted students meet other prospective students. Justus said the invite gives those visiting a chance to meet current students and organizations to learn more about what Cal Poly students think about the university. Also, the admitted and prospective students' parents can meet each other.

On Saturday, the showcase begins with a Poly Royal parade on campus.

President Baker will serve as grand marshal for the parade and will then address those visiting on Dexter Lawn. Mockford said making Baker the grand marshal was one of the ways the program wanted to honor his support of Open House.

Following his speech, more than 200 clubs will set up in booths around campus to show the variety of ways students can become involved. Mockford said Saturday is open to the public since the campus is being showcased for community members and alumni along with the incoming students. The day concludes at night with the Cal Poly rodeo club's annual rodeo.

Mockford said he enjoys seeing all the parents and students getting off of the shuttle from the parking area and how anxious they are to view campus. He said he wants all visiting students to get a good idea of the entire campus so they can make the best decision for themselves on where to attend school. The deadline for admitted students to decide whether they will come to Cal Poly is May 1.

"I want them to get a feel for what campus life is like and a feel for what their particular department program will be like so they can make an informed decision about where they want to go to school," Mockford said.

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products like T-shirts and bracelets. As of Thursday the club had exceeded their goal and raised about \$3,600.

The SLO for Darfur Club was formed last quarter by students who are passionate about changing the bleak situation in Darfur.

Biological sciences senior Tony Silvestri helped organize the club.

"We wanted our first event as a club for Darfur to really show how students here were connected with students over there," Silvestri said. "Camping out on Dexter Lawn isn't exactly 'roughing it,' but I think that the people who participated got a sense of how it feels to live in a refugee camp."

Darfur is a region in western Su-

dan, a country in northeast Africa. Since the beginning of the conflict in 2003 between the Darfuris and the Janjaweed, Sudan's government, more than 200,000 Darfuris have tried to escape to refugee camps. According to the club, more than 300,000 Darfuris have been killed by the Janjaweed.

On Monday about 30 students camped out on Dexter Lawn and on Tuesday about 20 participated. Biochemistry sophomore Dayton Pickering said when she heard about the event she was very enthusiastic about joining the club and camping with Tuesday's participants.

"I've always thought there should be a club like this at Cal Poly. I think this event helped people see how people in Darfur live," Pickering said. "It was really cold and windy, but I think that just added to the experience and got people's attention."

Student organization Raise the Re-

spect and the club's faculty adviser, geography professor Meg Streiff, helped organize the event. Streiff has taught in the social sciences department for five years and is a strong advocate for helping the people of Darfur.

"I'm excited to help this club in any way I can. The members are really motivated about the cause even though everyone is from different majors," Streiff said. "This sister school project is a fantastic start for the club. I think we reminded people of the real problem that's still as serious today as it was when it began."

The club's creators were very pleased with the week's earnings as well as the number of people who camped.

"A lot of the people who began the club are close to graduating, so we need younger students to take over the club. I think this event brought people in who will keep the club going," Pickering said.

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tance of education in serving others as Chávez did.

The club also circulated a petition to boycott produce from Giumarra Vineyards, a grape-growing company in Bakersfield that MEXA claims is abusing workers and violating their rights.

Some members of Cal Poly faculty participate in the march every

year. Modern Languages and Literatures professor Gloria Velasquez served as the MEXA faculty adviser for many years and considers herself the group's mentor.

"This event is very important to the Chicano population at Cal Poly. Not only is it about commemorating César Chávez's life, but our speakers address today's issues. In 2006 we focused on an immigration bill that was very racist toward immigrants coming from Mexico," Velasquez said.

This year the event focused on re-

minding people of the impact Chávez made on the lives of California's farm workers. The club's current adviser Jose Montelongo said the march also reminds people of the educational needs of Chicanos in America.

"Latinos are barred from many opportunities that other groups are given, and it starts with education. Segregation like this needs to be stopped if Latino students are to reach their potential and help bring change that Latinos need. The MEXA students are very committed to these goals," Montelongo said.

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Surge in campus hate crimes challenges notion of a post-racial America

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ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

ST. LOUIS — It's tempting to think of college campuses as islands of enlightenment, places where students embrace new ideas, people and cultures without the specter of hate hanging overhead.

Tempting. But it's not always the case, as demonstrated by events on campuses across the nation in recent months.

There were cotton balls scattered outside the black cultural center at University of Missouri-Columbia. There have been racial slurs and a threat of lynching at St. Louis University. There was a swastika scrawled on a bathroom wall near a Jewish studies center at the University of Miami. There were death threats against black students left on a bathroom wall at Hocking College in Nelsonville, Ohio. And a white fraternity sparked an uproar at the University of California San Diego, when it sponsored a ghetto-themed "Compton Cookout" to mock Black History Month.

To be sure, such events have always been part of the American landscape. But campus and diversity experts say they've seen a surge in the past year, poking yet another hole in what increasingly appears to be the myth of a post-racial America.

"I guarantee that any given campus in the nation will have small incidents like these in a given year," said Darnell Cole, an associate professor of education at the University of Southern California who studies diversity issues.

But Cole and others see a correlation between a rise in campus hate crimes and the increasingly nasty exchanges taking place among our nation's politicians and leaders — on both sides of the political spectrum. It would be naive, they say, to not expect

that discord to show up on campuses.

The nation's first black presidency, he said, has simply provided "kindling for the fire."

It's difficult to know just how much hate crime is occurring on college campuses. Justice Department data suggest that 12 percent of hate crimes occur on either college or school campuses. The numbers aren't broken down to show how much of it happens at universities. And experts say many instances of racial or sexual slurs are never reported.

Even so, they say incidents reported in the news and through their own professional organizations point to a pattern.

"At least anecdotally, there seems to have been an increase. But we don't know for certain because reporting is so bad," said Brian Levin, director of the Center for the Study of Hate & Extremism at California State University, San Bernardino.

A search for examples need go no further than St. Louis University, which has witnessed a series of incidents in recent months. Racial slurs have been found scrawled on walls or shouted at black students. A student in early February reported being threatened with lynching during a confrontation with another student. And a cross belonging to a support group for gays and lesbians was stolen.

University investigations have resulted in punishments handed down in two incidents, but officials say privacy laws restrict how much they can say.

"All I can tell you is that two of the students who were involved are no longer enrolled at the university," said Kent Porterfield, the university's vice president for student development.

Of course, not every incident with racial overtones rises to the level of hate crime. But even the lesser transgressions can cause hurt feelings and, for some students, doubts about their fu-

ture on the campus.

Such was the case for Erin Whitley, a freshman at SLU who learned earlier this year of a Facebook group for members of her dorm floor. Among the discussion threads on the social networking site was a post about things overheard on the floor: "There's nothing I hate more than black people," it said.

The comment was later deleted. And several people involved apologized to her in writing. But the damage was done: "I thought we were all really close. But then to see their true feelings. It made me feel really uncomfortable."

One of the more frustrating aspects of these incidents, from a college administrator's viewpoint, is the fact that colleges are composed of students with a wide range of backgrounds.

"Sometimes people think of college campuses as these isolated and protected environments, when in fact they are a microcosm of our broader society," said Roger Worthington, the chief diversity officer at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

The Columbia campus had its own brush with racism in the early-morning hours of Feb. 26, when two white students scattered cotton balls outside the Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center. The students were arrested and suspended.

Lori Brown, associate professor of sociology at North Carolina's Meredith College, said campus dynamics are further complicated by students of different backgrounds not always understanding one another and how painful their actions might be.

"I do think a lot of white America doesn't understand that you can't play around with things like 'lynching,'" Brown said. "There's just no humor in that."

Body of president is returned to Poland; thousands quietly mourn

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LOS ANGELES TIMES

WARSAW, Poland — The body of their president was finishing a long journey home on Sunday, and by the tens of thousands, Poles poured into the streets of a paralyzed capital to watch it pass. It seemed as if nobody could bear to sit at home, as if they had to take some physical part in a national tragedy that happened in a place that was braided into Polish psyche — and yet lay distant, on the far side of a geographic border and an ideological boundary.

The remains of President Lech Kaczynski were salvaged from the site of the plane crash in Russia that killed 96 people Saturday, including many top Polish officials and iconic figures from the nation's recent history.

Kaczynski and his delegation were on their way to the bone-littered forest near the Russian town of Katyn. The president's plane crashed while the pilot was attempting to land on a perilously foggy morning.

The group was en route to a commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the massacre of thousands of Polish prisoners at the hands of Soviet secret police, an atrocity blanked out of Soviet history and treated as taboo until after the collapse of the USSR.

The Polish officers, intelligentsia and boy scouts who were rounded up and killed by the Soviets never made it home again. Their bodies still lie in mass graves in Katyn and other sites in the former Soviet Union.

Except for the president, the other victims of Saturday's crash were still in Russia, including Kaczynski's wife, Maria. Also killed aboard the president's Tupolev 154 were the army chief of staff, the head of the National Security Bureau, the national bank president and other high-ranking officials and members of parliament.

Most of the remains were taken to Moscow to be examined by forensics experts before being returned to Poland.

But Kaczynski's body was returned with full military dignity and public honor. His daughter waited on the tarmac. So did Jaroslaw Kaczynski,

the former prime minister, who had flown to Russia the night before to identify his twin brother. One by one, they knelt down before the coffin and pressed their foreheads to the wood.

Then soldiers loaded the coffin into a hearse, heaped it with daffodils and roses and set off on a slow and twisting path through the city to the presidential palace.

The people of Warsaw lined up as though a parade were going to pass. They came early and stayed put for hours, waiting. They perched on the edges of planters full of pansies, jostled for a front-row spot on the curb, stretched their cellphones as high into the air as they could to photograph the sweep of the crowd.

"I'm not sure what God was trying to tell us," said Michael Wlodkowski, a 19-year-old student. "But I know this is a very important moment in the history of our nation."

They hunched over special editions of the newspapers, which usually don't come out on Sunday but scrambled after the crash to produce detailed biographies and photographs of the dead.

The crowd was very, very quiet. People spoke under their breath. They stared into space. On many crowded blocks, the only distinctly audible noise was the sound of footfalls on stone.

"This is our tragic history," said Eva Wiczerynska, 62, a retired mechanical engineer. "The Polish elite were killed there in Katyn 70 years ago, and the consequences lasted for decades. Now, in a very awkward way, history has come full circle."

When they got tired of waiting, somebody in the crowd would phone a relative watching television at home and ask where the body was. The news passed in whispers: It had crossed out of Russian airspace, it had landed at the airport, it was in the hearse, it was drawing closer and then it was there.

As the hearse pulled up before the presidential palace, the crowd broke out into the Polish national anthem.

"Poland has not yet perished," they sang, "as long as we still live."

Behind the public ceremony, Poland was moving, quickly and quietly, to reconstitute its gutted leadership.

Presidential elections, originally



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Soldiers carry the flag-draped casket with Polish President Lech Kaczynski's body during a farewell ceremony at Severny airport of Smolensk in Russia. Kaczynski died in a plane crash that killed 96 people.

scheduled for October, are now expected in June. Bronislaw Komorowski, speaker of the lower chamber of parliament, has taken over as interim president as mandated by the constitution, and active military leaders also have been appointed.

On Sunday, the Polish Central Bank also appointed an interim president.

Back in Russia, the Polish relatives of those killed in the crash were arriving in Moscow to identify bodies. The Russian government, which had taken pains to avoid alienating Poland in its handling of the crash, announced that hotel rooms and grief counselors would be waiting for the bereaved Poles.

Aware of the sensitivity of the investigation, Russian Prime Minister Vladimir V. Putin is personally heading the investigation. Mixed teams of Russian and Polish experts were working in Smolensk, where the plane

crashed, and Moscow.

Under the supervision of Polish prosecutors, investigators have begun work to decipher the data on recorders recovered from the plane, Russian transportation minister Igor Levitin said.

"Our Polish colleagues asked us not to remove the plane until the middle of the week, and we agreed to leave them to work there under police protection," Levitin said. "We held a meeting in the morning and fulfilled all Polish requests."

In downtown Moscow, hundreds of people took part in a Mass to honor those killed in the crash.

"Let's hope that the blood of Poland's president and other innocent victims of that flight will now bring our peoples close again," said Viktor Skvortsov, a 52-year-old Russian teacher who attended the Mass.

There has been talk of whether the crash would worsen the long-strained

relations between the two countries. Moscow, in particular, has sounded distinctly nervous about appearing too opaque or callous in the investigation.

But in the streets of Warsaw, there was little evident animosity toward Russia. On the contrary many Poles said the Russian reaction to the crash had been compassionate and comforting.

When Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk finished praying at the crash site Saturday night, Putin hugged him, some mourners pointed out. Others said they approved of the emotional condolences offered by Russian officials.

"I think it had a great effect on Russians and their feelings toward us," said Kristina Kwiatek, a psychologist who joined the throngs placing flowers.

Once banned Muslim scholar speaks in Chicago

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CHICAGO TRIBUNE

CHICAGO — Six years after being barred from coming to the U.S. to teach at the University of Notre Dame, the Muslim scholar Tariq Ramadan spoke in Chicago suburb on Saturday, attributing his presence to new "channels of dialogue" between the U.S. and Islamic scholars and telling American Muslims to treat the U.S. as their home.

The Swiss academic was denied a visa to the U.S. in 2004 by the Bush administration, who accused him of supporting terrorist causes. But the State Department reversed that decision in January, saying he did not pose a threat to the U.S.

"It is quite clear they don't want to follow in the footsteps of the Bush administration, especially when it comes to freedom of expression and scholars coming," Ramadan said. "They want to open new channels for dialogue."

Ramadan, who has written extensively about Western Muslims,

told the largely Muslim audience at the CAIR event to contribute to American society and uphold the American right to criticize their own government. He said they should change society through promoting ethics and justice not by proselytizing and converting the masses.

"You are at home in this country," Ramadan said. "This is your home. And the American people are your people. And anyone who is going to the mosque, speaking about Americans by saying 'Them who are not us,' is nurturing something, which is the starting point of the problem, the 'us versus them.'"

Ramadan was first barred from entering the United States under a provision of the Patriot Act that kept out anyone suspected of espousing or endorsing ideas that supported terrorism. The Bush administration later said Ramadan had contributed about \$1,000 to a Swiss-based charity that funneled money to the militant Palestinian group Hamas.

Ramadan says he never intended the money to reach Hamas. He said

the organization to which he gave the money was not designated a terrorist organization by the U.S. Treasury Department until a year after he made the donation.

At the dinner Saturday, he asserted he had been banned from the U.S. because of his views.

"I said and I repeated that the war in Iraq was a mistake. It was illegal, and I criticized the foreign policy of the previous administration," he said.

In January, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton signed orders ending the exclusion of Ramadan and another Muslim professor from South Africa. U.S. officials said neither were threats.

So far on his tour, Ramadan has been stirring controversy at every step. Critics dispute he is a moderate Muslim, and some continue to link his thoughts to the Muslim Brotherhood, a once-violent political group in Egypt.

On Thursday in New York, he was questioned by a fellow panel member about his grandfather's pro-


Nazi and anti-Semitic views. But on Saturday, Ramadan denounced violence and denied he was a member of the Muslim Brotherhood.

During the Chicago Tribune interview, he said people have misquoted his grandfather, who actually believed fascism and Nazism were the "distortion of a wrong understood nationalism."

Ramadan says the attacks against him are largely from critics worried about "the Muslim presence" in the West and how that might change Western policy to be "more critical of the unilateral support of the (U.S.) toward Israel."

M. Cherif Bassiouni, a DePaul University professor of law emeritus, said Ramadan's talk at times seemed addressed to another audience.

"He was addressing the American authorities," Bassiouni said. "He was addressing an American public (by saying): 'You thought I was radical, well, here I am. I'm at the other end of the spectrum and you didn't even realize it.'"



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State

SAN LUIS OBISPO (MCT)— County retirement costs are busting the budget of the San Luis Obispo city government. Paying retirees is a growing cost to the county, which faces a projected budget deficit of \$19 million for the 2010-11 fiscal year. Its budget is \$467.7 million and pension costs are an estimated 11.2 percent of that.

The general fund budget accounts for the most unrestricted spending decisions made by an elected governing body. It doesn't include money restricted for specific programs by state or federal laws.

FAIRFAX (MCT)— Bicycle advocates and Fairfax officials are touting an ambitious new plan to build a connecting series of bike paths linking Fairfax with downtown San Rafael.

Bike supporters are confident that city officials in Fairfax, San Anselmo and San Rafael will be able to find the \$8.1 million it would cost to build the 15 recommended projects; adding signs and improving intersections to building a dedicated bike path along Center Boulevard in Fairfax.

Members of the Fairfax council, which will consider accepting the plan on May 5.

National

WASHINGTON (MCT)— Families earning more than \$250,000 and individuals making more than \$200,000 will not only pay new health care-related taxes, but also face the likely expiration of upper-income tax cuts enacted under President George W. Bush. As a result, these Americans could be tapped for about \$650 billion in additional taxes over the next 10 years, a prospect that is loaded with both political opportunity and peril.

FLORIDA (MCT)— Shawn Tundidor, who publicly defended his older brother last week, was a key witness in linking his brother and their father to the slaying of college professor Joseph Morrissey, according to a police affidavit released Sunday.

On Sunday morning, Randy Tundidor Sr., 43, was formally charged with first-degree murder in the stabbing death of the Nova Southeastern University professor. Later Sunday, police said Randy Tundidor Jr., 21, will be formally charged with the same crimes at a Monday morning court appearance.

A 12-page affidavit details the chain of events that led police to arrest and charge him with murder, armed robbery, armed kidnapping, home invasion robbery and arson.

International

GREECE (MCT)— European finance officials agreed Sunday to make about \$41 billion in loans available to Greece to help the Mediterranean nation stave off the threat of default.

The loans would be charged at below-market rates to enable Athens to keep its borrowing costs down as it struggles to raise money to finance its runaway public debt. Global markets have punished Greece in recent days with high interest rates, reflecting widespread anxiety over Athens' creditworthiness.

AFGHANISTAN (MCT)— Senior American officials on Sunday sought to smooth over a sharply quarrelsome interlude in U.S.-Afghan relations, with the special U.S. envoy to the region describing President Hamid Karzai's administration as "a government we can work with."

Speaking to reporters in Kabul, Richard Holbrooke, the special representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, pointed to Karzai's participation in a major planning conference with Afghan, American and coalition officials.

Obama himself sent Karzai a letter of thanks last week for having hosted him during an unexpected visit late last month and speaking of the importance of the U.S.-Afghan partnership.

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What do you listen to when you study?



"Usually classical music."



"Classical or light rock."

-Tjiska Courotto, *biological sciences freshman*-Mark Rotenstein, *biological sciences freshman*

"Usually the Fray."



"Coldplay and Bob Dylan."

-Alana Shelling, *ethnic studies freshman*-Claire Lindsay, *food science and nutrition sophomore*

"Reggae on Pandora."



"I prefer that it is quiet when I study."

-Christian Marron, *bioresource and agricultural engineering freshman*-Casey Nakamura, *industrial technology junior*

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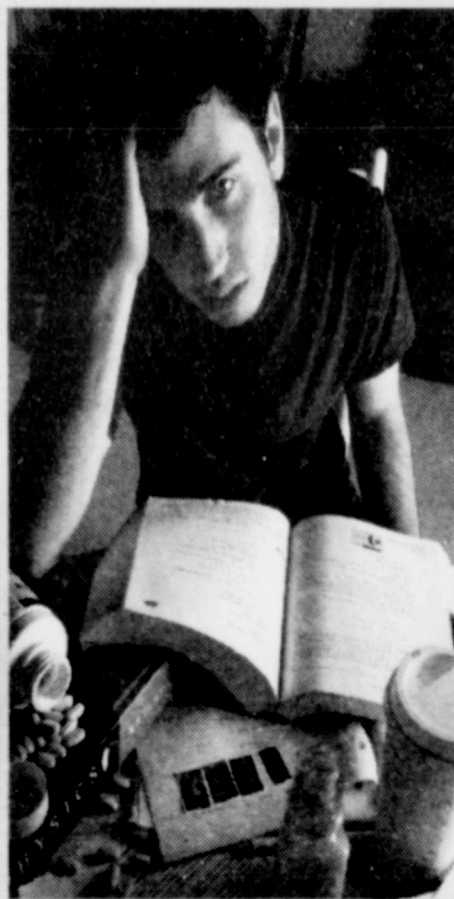
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'Paulette' case more gripping than drug war

Ken Ellingwood
LOS ANGELES TIMES

MEXICO CITY — A 4-year-old girl goes missing from her bedroom, and her well-to-do parents and two nannies fall under suspicion. Then, nine days later, the girl's decomposing body is discovered in her own bed, even though the home supposedly has been sealed off by police.

The state prosecutor first declares the death a homicide, but stokes confusion by saying the child, who suffered developmental disabilities, may have asphyxiated by accident. After he releases the suspects, political opponents clamor for his ouster.

Never mind Mexico's raging drug war, last weekend's powerful earthquake on the U.S. border or an economy that continues to sputter. The mystery of what happened to little Paulette Gebara Farah, reported missing March 22 and found dead in her family's apartment more than a week later, is the tale that has thoroughly captivated Mexicans.

The drama is both whodunit and who-screwed-it-up-so-badly, with all the suspenseful elements of a TV crime show and Mexico's troubled criminal-justice system smack in the bull's-eye of the controversy.

The parents, businessman Mauricio Gebara and attorney Lisette Farah, received lots of support when they appeared on television to report Paulette had disappeared after she was put to bed in their apartment in Interlomas, a suburb of Mexico City, on March 21. Supporters publicized the case through Twitter and Facebook and on billboards along some of Mexico City's biggest avenues.

The parents and the two nannies were subsequently placed under a kind of house arrest in a hotel outside Mexico City while police investigated.

Then came a most startling twist: On March 31, as investigators reconstructed events in the high-rise apartment, they found Paulette's body under blankets at the foot of the bed, where a wooden base extended beyond the mattress.

The discovery ignited a flurry of water-cooler speculation and Internet chatter: How could the girl's body have gone undetected by the parents, nannies, investigators and countless others who traipsed through the home? Was it planted there? If so, by whom?

Moreover, will anybody believe authorities if they claim to have solved the mystery?

For more than two weeks, the case has dominated television, radio and the newspapers, reduced by revved-up Mexican media to one word: Paulette. It is hard to remember a recent case that has so caught the public attention.

Each day's news brings new salacious tidbits, even if they're not always confirmed. Suggestions of marital infidelity. Armchair analyses about the apparent lack of emotion from the mother, Farah (including speculation she may have grown tired of caring for Paulette, who could not walk well or speak).

There have been reports of jaw-dropping investigative lapses, and details of the not-so-happy lives of some of Mexico's privileged citizens.

Adding to the spectacle, pretty much everyone involved in the case, including the two nannies, has gone on-air with accounts that don't always match.

Paulette's parents have publicly set upon each other in dueling broadcast interviews with conflicting versions of the circumstances when they reportedly last saw the girl. Farah has even accused her husband of "hiding something." Gebara's family, meanwhile, has taken custody of the couple's other daughter, Lisette, who is 7.

The messier the case has gotten, the more Mexico is enthralled.

"There is nothing that compares in ratings, readership, hits on the Web and social networks that compares with the Paulette story," columnist Ciro Gomez Leyva wrote Thursday in the daily Milenio newspaper. "What has made it such a box-office success?"

Gomez suggested Mexicans are no longer shocked by the nation's rising violence, which has left more than 18,000 people dead in a 3-year-old drug war that features beheadings and frequent gun battles between troops and cartel men.

"That is the daily landscape," Gomez wrote. "The 4-year-old girl is, instead, extraordinary."

Whatever the reason, the case has fed talk shows and Internet chatter with theorizing, amateur psychoanalysis and, inevitably, talk of conspiracy.

Commentators have dissected the conduct of the parents, with some straining to find ties between Gebara and the attorney general of Mexico state, Alberto Bazbaz, that might offer possible protection from prosecution.

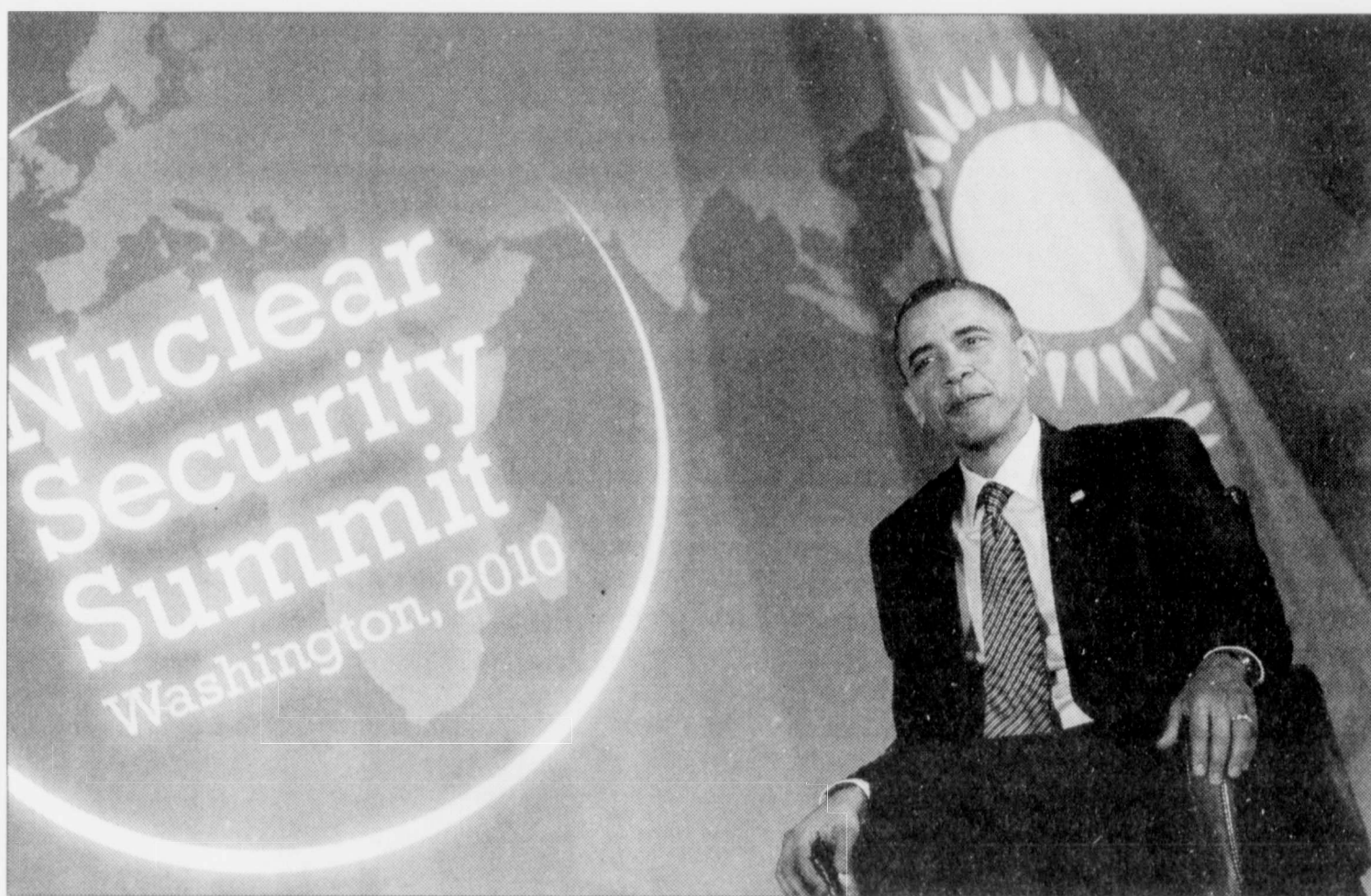
The case has also taken on political meaning. Politicians with Mexico state's two opposition parties, the conservative National Action Party and left-leaning Democratic Revolution Party, are taking aim at Bazbaz's handling of the case and, by extension, the competence of the state's ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI.

Bazbaz's boss, Gov. Enrique Pena Nieto, is widely considered the front-runner for president in 2012 and the case could prove an embarrassment for his administration. Mindful of growing public dismay, Mexico state authorities invited FBI agents to help them Friday as they examined the apartment once more.

On Saturday, Mexican news Web sites reported that Farah was being questioned anew by state investigators.

Though Mexican news media, and many viewers and readers, continue to hang on every new wrinkle in the case, there are signs that some people have had quite enough, thank you. One Twitter user wrote of the saturation coverage: "Turn the page already."

On eve of nuclear summit, U.S. crafts common position for world powers



VLADIMIR ASTAPKOVICH MCCLATCHY

U.S. President Barack Obama met with world leaders in advance of the Nuclear Security Summit, at the Blair House in Washington, D.C. The two-day summit is the biggest of its type since the UN conference in 1945.

Paul Richter

TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — As they prepared for a summit on nuclear security starting Monday in Washington, Obama administration officials were quietly crafting a common position for world powers that remain sharply divided on the best way to safeguard bomb-making materials.

The two-day summit is being billed by the White House as the biggest conference of its type in the U.S. since the 1945 conference to create the United Nations. The arrival of leaders of more than 40 countries, including President Hu Jintao of China and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh of India, is expected to snarl traffic and attract demonstrations.

The meeting is a matter of personal prestige for President Barack Obama, who campaigned on a promise to secure "loose nukes" within four years. He pledged last week that this meeting will yield a concrete plan and not just "some vague, gauzy statement."

Obama conferred with several arriving leaders on Sunday, adamantly underscoring the stakes he saw. Going into a meeting with South African President Jacob Zuma, Obama said militant groups such as al-Qaeda could one day obtain unsecured nuclear material.

"If there was ever a detonation in New York City, or London, or Johannesburg, the ramifications economically, politically, and from a security perspective would be devastating," Obama said. "And we know that organizations like al-Qaeda are in the process of trying to secure a nuclear weapon — a weapon of mass destruction that they have no compunction at using."

Yet foreign diplomats involved in the discussions said U.S. officials have focused on areas of common ground and airbrushed differences while they wrote a joint communique that was mostly completed days before the summit even began. The statement was to be released Tuesday afternoon.

The meeting "is going to give a new visibility to an issue that hasn't gotten enough attention. It will push

people to do more," said one diplomat close to the talks. But in an attempt to persuade countries to take new steps, such as developing common standards for physical security, he said, the administration has sidestepped many touchy issues.

Many countries are highly sensitive to foreign powers' intrusions in their nuclear programs, and they would resist international efforts to force them to give up closely held information or allow inspectors to monitor their facilities. India, China and Russia, for example, have been wary of international efforts to learn about their nuclear programs.

Some countries, such as the United States and Russia, believe the threat of militant groups acquiring nuclear weapons should be the priority. But some European leaders are more concerned about so-called dirty-bomb radiological materials, which would be much more easily acquired, said Sharon Squassoni, a former U.S. official at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu canceled plans to attend, aides said, because he feared Egypt and Turkey were going to embarrass Israel with complaints about the unacknowledged nuclear program Israel is widely

assumed to have.

A senior Arab official involved in summit planning insisted Friday that the Arab countries had no such plans.

"There was no intention to politicize the outcome of the summit," said the official, who declined to be identified.

Nevertheless, the issue is expected to come up this week. On the agenda for Obama's bilateral meeting with King Abdullah of Jordan on Monday, for example, is a discussion of Middle East peace.

Also high on the list at the president's series of meetings with heads of state and government which runs through Tuesday is how to impose sanctions on Iran to curb its nuclear program.

Deputy national security adviser Ben Rhodes predicted Sunday that individual nations will make specific commitments, similar to a recent decision by Chile to ship high enriched uranium out of the country.

"The reason that the president felt that this demanded really an unprecedented gathering of world leaders was to instill a greater sense of urgency about the need to take action," Rhodes said. "The consequences of an act of nuclear terrorism are so significant that we cannot afford to delay action."

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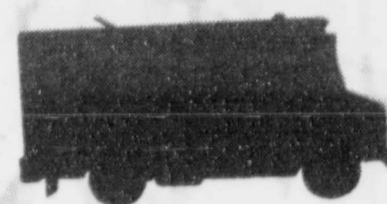
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Rock legend Elvis Costello headlines concert at Cal Poly

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Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee Elvis Costello is scheduled to play a solo concert at Cal Poly's Christopher Cohen Performing Arts Center (PAC) tonight for a nearly sold out audience. More than 30 years after the release of his first album, the rock and roll legend is coming back to play at the PAC.

It will be the first time he has played at Cal Poly in nearly 30 years.

Peter Wilt, program manager for Cal Poly Arts, said it has been difficult to get Costello to play at Cal Poly.

Cal Poly teamed up with other schools in the state like California State University, Chico and the University of California, Davis in order to be able to book him, Wilt said.

"We weren't offering him enough

money and it's going to be a smaller show for him," Wilt said. "Since we were a group, we could offer him multiple shows and he finally found time to play here."

Director of Cal Poly Arts Steve Lorian said that Cal Poly and the community of San Luis Obispo are very fortunate to host a show of this magnitude.

"I'm sure he will include some of his older work," Lorian said. "But I would imagine he is more interested in singing and playing his newer compositions."

Costello has been making music and touring with a wide variety of bands musicians and orchestras. He has performed with Paul McCartney, Bruce Springsteen, Dave Grohl and Billie Joe Armstrong from Green Day. Armstrong, among other artists, was a part of an episode of "VH1's Decades Rock Live" television show

which paid tribute to Costello in 2007. He and Costello performed songs by both Green Day and Costello.

Known for his work with bands the Attractions and the Imposters, Costello has been performing and writing music spanning many genres for more than three decades. His first single, "Less Than Zero," a politically-driven song lashing out against fascism, was released in 1977 by Stiff Records.

Costello once said he wrote the song about Oswald Mosley, a former fascist British politician who he called "despicable." The song gained some success in both the United Kingdom and the United States.

Costello and one of his bands, the Attractions, were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in March 2003.

Costello's fame has transcended



COURTESY PHOTO

Elvis Costello's latest album "Secret, Profane and Sugarcane" debuted at No. 13 on the Billboard Top 200. He will perform at Cal Poly tonight.

into movies as well. He has appeared in the television show "Frasier," movies such as "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me" and "Talladega

Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby," as well as Stephen Colbert's "A Colbert Christmas."

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Mocked musical television shows make an unexpected comeback

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Once upon a time, a celebrated producer put his clout behind a one-hour series about competing cliques who share a passion for spontaneously breaking into rap, gospel, R&B and power ballads.

It was called "Cop Rock." Stephen Bochco's short-lived 1990 experiment — the "Ishtar" of network TV — convinced the industry that characters on dramas and sitcoms shouldn't even whistle, much less sing and dance.

But 20 years later, brash newcomers have turned a deaf ear to history — and reaped the rewards. Disney Channel and Nickelodeon have built empires on programs like "High School Musical," "Hannah Montana" and "Big Time Rush," bland sitcom fare enlivened by karaoke-quality performances. "How I Met Your Mother" and "Scrubs" haven't been afraid to allow their characters to slip into la-la land where they float through choreographed song-and-dance numbers. "Family Guy" got much media attention in February for an off-handed reference to Sarah Palin, but the episode's real jaw-dropping moment was baby Stewie's four-minute musical extravaganza entitled "That Down Syndrome Girl."

The hands-down breakout star of the new trend is Fox's "Glee," which returns Tuesday to open the second half of its toe-tapping, heart-string-plucking freshmen season, an unprecedented musical-comedy sensation — "My So-Called Life" imagined by Baz Luhrmann — that already has triggered a Golden Globe win, two best-selling CDs, a planned national tour and millions of downloads on iTunes.

"We're like little kids in a candy store, getting to do all these songs," said Kevin McHale, who plays the wheelchair-bound character Artie Abrams. His mopey, moody take on

"Dancing With Myself" made you think Billy Idol may have spent some time on Tin Pan Alley. "It's not only the amount of songs and different kind of songs. It's how they're used in the scenes that make them special every time."

Don't expect the music to die down anytime soon. Fox will air a reality series this summer in which contestants will vie for three new slots in the "Glee" cast. Late last month, Nickelodeon's "Victorious," in which a 16-year-old girl tries to hit all the right notes at a performing-arts high school, debuted to six million viewers, making it the second-most-watched cable program that week. Disney Channel just announced the fourth installment of the "HSM" franchise in which Ashley Tisdale's Sharpay will bring some bite to the Big Apple.

"Glee" executive producer Ryan Murphy said a lot of musical-based pitches are being made around Hollywood — including several to his own company.

Murphy, who also helmed "Nip/Tuck" and "Popular," isn't the first series producer to strike up the band. "The Monkees" and "The Partridge Family" both encouraged viewers to c'mon get happy. The small-screen version of "Fame" hung around for six seasons. But no other musical-based series could have drawn 2,000 screaming fans during a promotional visit in Australia, or earned a coveted spot on the cover of Entertainment Weekly.

Murphy acknowledges that early Web buzz helped create an initial audience, and bulletin boards contributed to building viewership. The music videos from "How I Met Your Mother," CBS's hit sitcom about twentysomethings looking for love, have also brought in new viewers, according to Cobie Smulders, who plays a TV anchor who had a short, embarrassing stint as a Debbie Gibson-esque teen star in Canada.

"We shot these entire videos and,

like, only a quarter of them were on the show. The rest was online," Smulders said. "It's great that you can use the Internet that way. As for shooting it, it's what I enjoy doing the most."

Cable executives are also aware the large majority of their viewers spend hours each day on the computer, developing a different approach than their parents had to discovering music.

"We always want to follow where the kids are, and kids do love music," said Marjorie Cohn, executive vice president for programming at Nickelodeon. "I think the Internet has been a big part of that because the sharing of music has opened up."

The upside to this, at least when it comes to "Glee," is that kids who may have normally fed chiefly on junk-food pop — Britney Spears, Justin Bieber, Lady Gaga — are getting hooked on music's "fruits and vegetables." True, the next three episodes feature teen staples like Christina Aguilera's "Beautiful" and All American Rejects' "Gives You Hell," and next week's installment is nothing but Madonna tunes, but there are also touching versions of Burt Bacharach's "A House Is Not a Home" and "Home," the curtain-closing number from "The Wiz."

Other Broadway touchstones this season have included "And I Am Telling You" ("Dreamgirls"), "Don't Rain On My Parade" ("Funny Girl") and "Defying Gravity" ("Wicked"). It's hard to imagine any of those songs being on most teenagers' playlists without the stamp of approval from a hit series.

Murphy said he was particularly thrilled to see their version of "Maybe This Time" from "Cabaret" land a spot on iTunes' top 10 list.

"To me, that says that a whole new group of kids who have never seen the movie are discovering it," he said. "When we did 'Sweet Caroline,' it entered the charts the next day for the first time in, like, 25 years. This show, more than anything, is just a tribute to the artists that we love and the fact that some people, young people in particular, are discovering these people for the first time is really thrilling and unexpected."

(The reverse is also true: Murphy says his brother became a Kanye West fan after the show incorporated "Gold Digger.")

Some of the creative forces behind this growing trend are interested in more than expanding one's musical tastes. They believe it might just encourage schools to spend more time and money on the performing arts. Murphy has already agreed to testify to Congress this summer on the importance of arts education.

"I think our generation really is pushing the arts in general once again," said James Maslow, one of the young stars of "Big Time Rush," in which four hockey-loving Minnesotans attempt to make it as a boy band. "If we can come and help that by incorporating music in our show, that's very cool."

"Rush" just may have the power to get that accomplished. It set a record earlier this year with the most-watched live premiere in Nick's history.

With those kind of numbers, everyone on TV may soon be breaking into song — including cops.

Costello

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Although he has appeared in both movies and television, Costello's musical career has certainly not come to an end. His latest album, "Secret, Profane and Sugarcane" debuted on the Billboard Top 200 at No. 13.

Lisa Woske, Cal Poly Arts public relations official, said she's excited to see Costello playing without a band.

"I'm looking forward to seeing him solo," Woske said. "It's an interesting way to see him, it's new and fresh."

Chris Hammer, 28, a resident of Santa Margarita, said he has been listening to Costello ever since he discovered one of his albums at a used record store.

"I had heard of him but didn't really know his music. I found a double disc of his hits that Rhino Records put out," Hammer said. "Every song on it was gold."

Hammer said he is looking forward to seeing how his live performances compare to his albums.

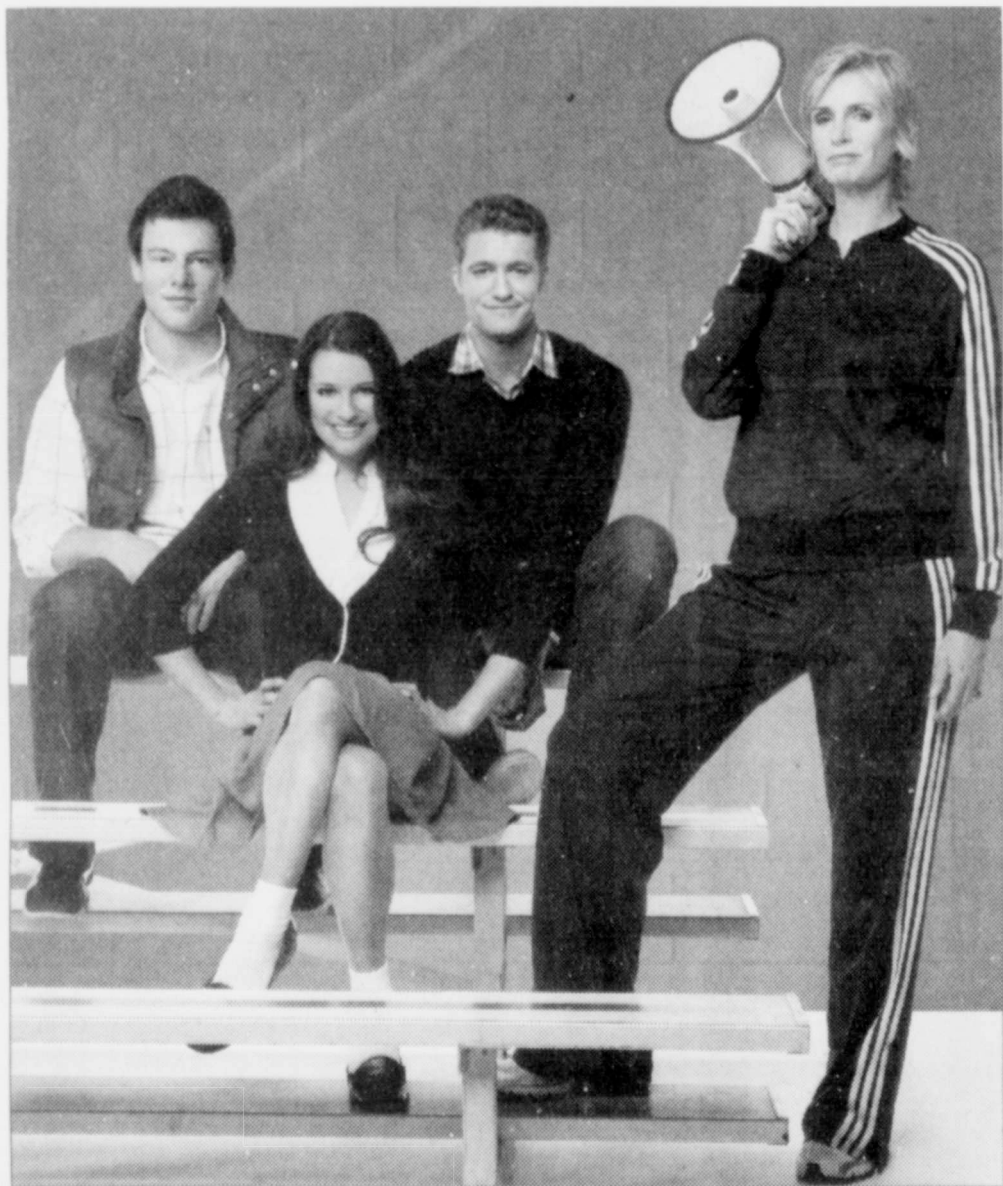
Hammer called Costello one of the most important artists that rock and roll has seen.

"I put him right up there with the Beatles," Hammer said. "He's not going up on stage and putting on something fake, it's a genuine thing. He's comfortable with who he is and he's true to himself and his songs. He's real rock and roll."

Tickets are available through the Performing Arts Center Ticket Office and range from \$56 to \$74. Doors for the show open tonight at 8 and Cal Poly Arts officials said they expect the show to sell out.



picture of the day
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"Lonely Bridge"



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New Directions returns in all-new episodes of "Glee," premiering at a special time, April 13, following "American Idol," on FOX. Pictured from left: Cory Monteith, Lea Michele, Matthew Morrison and Jane Lynch.

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WikiLeaks links classified Iraq war video



An organization called WikiLeaks recently posted a classified video to YouTube showing a U.S. Apache Helicopter opening fire on people in Iraq in 2007 (www.collateralmurder.com). Among those killed were two Reuters journalists and among the injured were two children. Among those killed were two Reuters journalists and among the injured were two children. I found the video to be quite heavy. There has been a great amount of discussion as to the justification for the U.S. pilot opening fire; some believe he was perfectly justified and the casualties are just a fact of war while others believe there wasn't justification and the video is an example of U.S. aggression. WikiLeaks has released the classified Rules of Engagement for 2006, 2007 and 2008 and the military says the soldiers involved were in accordance with the rules of engagement.

While the discussion of the video has mostly centered around this topic, I wish to take a step back. Regardless of the justification (or lack thereof) of the event, it is merely a single incident in what has become a lengthy and costly war, in terms of money and lives. My hope would be that people would consider the context of the video. Regardless of whether or not the pilot was justified in opening fire, I

think the question of whether or not the U.S. should be in Iraq in the first place is the bigger question.

I believe this video is the most up close and personal video I've seen from the Iraq war. Every now and then you see a car bomb go off on the news with a huge explosion and perhaps some following coordinated explosions, but for me they tend to look more like special effects than people actually dying. Sure we've heard the body counts, but I don't think numbers ever do justice in representing lives. Hearing about the number of deaths is so impersonal and detached from the gravity of people being killed. It seems as the war goes on longer and longer, the less and less we hear about it. Perhaps that's a good thing because it means less troops are dying, but even if nobody is dying, we still need to be constantly reevaluating what our mission is and if our presence is necessary.

The video also opens up some other topics of discussion, like why the video was classified in the first place and had to be

leaked, rather than having the Freedom of Information Act request that Reuters submitted be fulfilled. I think that's a really good question. It does surprise me that the video is classified. I don't think any of the technol-

ogy used in the video is secretive. If the enemy just typed "U.S. Apache helicopter" into a search engine I'm sure pretty they'd be able to read about all the technology used in the video.

The only reason I can see for this video being classified (and I could be wrong on this, so please let me know if you have any other ideas) is that it would be a bad public relations move for it to be released. It reminds me of the big issue that was made out of taking pictures of returning soldiers coffins. I think of all the things our tax money goes to and what we should be educated about is money that goes towards fighting wars and ultimately ending many, many lives. Topics of war should not be taken lightly and part of that is being informed. The government is clearly in the position of trying to positively spin wars. So much for "mission accomplished."

WikiLeaks, the organization that released the video, is a very interesting organization. It has leaked more than a million documents relating to "political, diplomatic, historical or ethical interest." In March 2010 it released a secret U.S. Department of Defense report on WikiLeaks that discusses how to marginalize it. I can definitely see why our government (as well as many others) would like to see an end to WikiLeaks but at the same time I try to be an informed citizen. In that respect, I see WikiLeaks as invaluable. Freedom of the press is paramount for a free society, and while I recognize certain government documents should remain sealed, overall I see WikiLeaks' actions as being beneficial in keeping us informed on very important topics.



Aaron Berk is a computer engineering junior and Mustang Daily political columnist.



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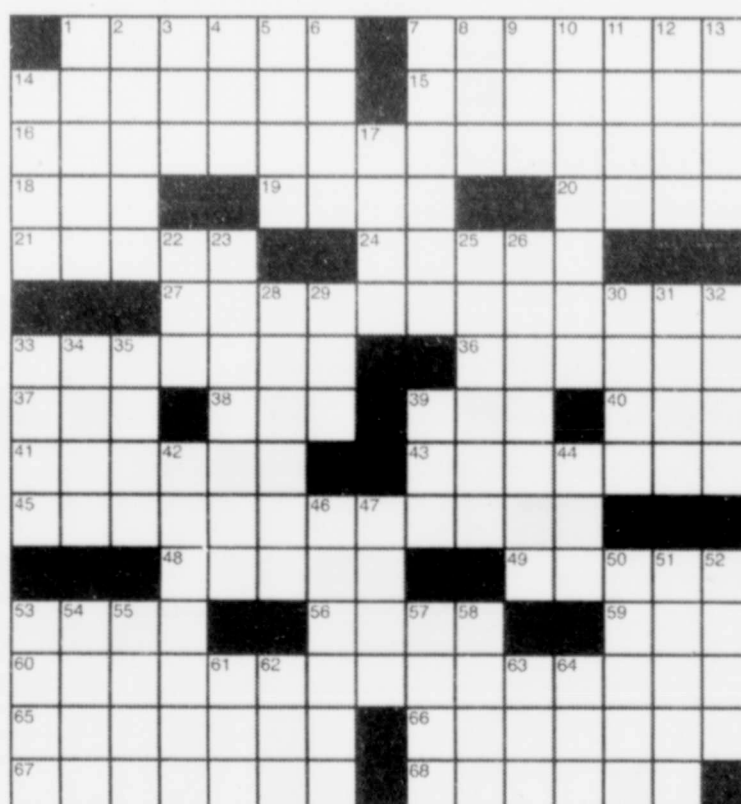
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 - Chimney grime
 - Fit _____ (be perfect on)
 - State that was once a republic
 - Letters after epsilons
 - Vampire slayer of film and TV
 - Brit's goodbye
 - Nephews' counterparts
 - Once around the track
 - Service charge
 - Santa _____ winds
 - Stetson or sombrero
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- Show to be true
 - Watch with a flexible wristband

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- Make over
- Social divisions in India
- Swiss peak
- Camera type, for short
- "I have no problem with that"
- River of Florence
- Bright northern star
- Aide: Abbr.
- Rapper/actor on "Law & Order: SVU"
- Seeping
- Honest _____ (presidential moniker)
- Overabundance
- Path for a mole
- In a cordial way
- Big Spanish celebration
- Enemy
- Sound heard in a canyon
- Front's opposite
- Old trans-Atlantic jets, for short
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- Esoteric
- Huckleberry _____
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- Law school course
- Middling
- Not quite shut
- Ear part
- Sci. course for a doctor-to-be
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baseman Kendal Hennings homered during both ends of a Saturday afternoon doubleheader and Cahn tossed a complete-game two-hitter in the second game as the Mustangs put together 7-2 and 3-0 wins.

With the opening-game victory, Cal Poly produced its first road win of 2010 and snapped a four-game losing streak at Campus Diamond that dated to the 2006 campaign.

The Mustangs led Saturday's opening game from the onset. Hennings opened game No. 1 by drawing a full-count walk against UC Santa Barbara starting pitcher McLinda Matsumoto (4-10) before advancing to third base

after a single by Cary. With two outs, freshman right fielder Dana Perez provided the Mustangs a 1-0 lead by singling to plate Hennings.

The Mustangs doubled their lead an inning later. Gerhart drew a two-out walk before later scoring after sophomore left fielder Nora Sobczak's dumped a single into center field.

After pushing just one baserunner into scoring position during the initial two innings against starting right-hander Rebecca Patton (3-4), UC Santa Barbara cut Cal Poly's advantage in half during the third as designated player Katie McWhirter produced a run-scoring groundout that plated first baseman Jessica Ziegler.

The Gauchos deadlocked the scoreline an inning later as Ziegler, the Big West's second-leading hitter,

singled with two outs to plate shortstop Keilani Jennings.

Cal Poly loaded the bases with two outs during both the fourth and fifth innings, but Gerhart capped each occasion by grounding out to Matsumoto.

Hennings, however, opened the sixth by belting her second homer of the season over the center field fence. Freshman shortstop Trista Thomas drew a bases-loaded walk to force home Sobczak before freshman second baseman Shea Williams unloaded the bags by driving the first pitch she saw from relief pitcher Lindsey Correa into center field.

Patton finished the opener with four strikeouts against two walks to earn her second-consecutive victory.

In the second game, Cal Poly stranded seven runners through the initial three innings before Hennings provided the Mustangs a 2-0 lead and scored pinch runner Mendonca by homering over the left field fence in the fourth. Two batters later, Cary increased Cal Poly's lead to 3-0 by swatting her team-best fifth homer of the season to left center field.

During the seventh as sophomore pinch hitter Capri Ruiz dropped a double down the right field line to bring home Cary and sophomore pinch runner Nicole Lund.

Cahn, who faced just three Gauchos over the minimum, tossed 58 pitches as she finished with five strikeouts against zero walks.

The Mustangs will return to the field when they take on Cal State Fullerton in a three-game home conference series next weekend at Bob Jansen Field.

men's tennis

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

The Cal Poly men's tennis team secured the No. 1 in the Big West Conference Tournament with a 6-1 win over the UC Riverside Highlanders on Sunday. With the win the Mustangs improve to (7-12, 4-1 Big West) with the Highlanders falling to (3-14, 0-3).

"I'm really proud of the guys," head coach Justin McGrath said in a release. "This puts us in a good position going into the conference tournament."

The match opened with the Mustangs sweeping the doubles point. Alexander Sonesson and Jordan Bridge teamed to defeat John Park and Quoc Doam 8-2 to open the match at No. 1 doubles. Matt Fawcett and Robert Foy defeated Austin Andres and Mike Conroy at No. 2, 8-5 while Brian McPhee and Blake Wardman won in convincing fashion, 8-0, over Ryan Stanbury and Sean Peterson in the three position.

In singles play the Mustangs again won five of the six for the second match in a row. Bridge defeated Doam 6-1 and 6-4 at the No. 1 slot while Sonesson defeated Andres 7-2, 7-6 (10-6) at No. 3.

Jacobs dominated at No. 4 winning 6-3 and 6-4 over Mike Conroy in the No. 4 position with McPhee winning 6-0 and 6-1 at No. 5.

The Mustangs will play a non-conference match on April 15th when the team travels to Fresno State.

SCORES FROM THE WEEKEND

APRIL 7TH

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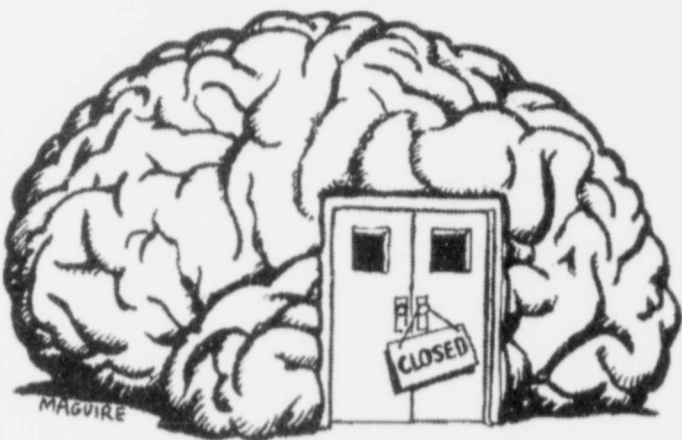
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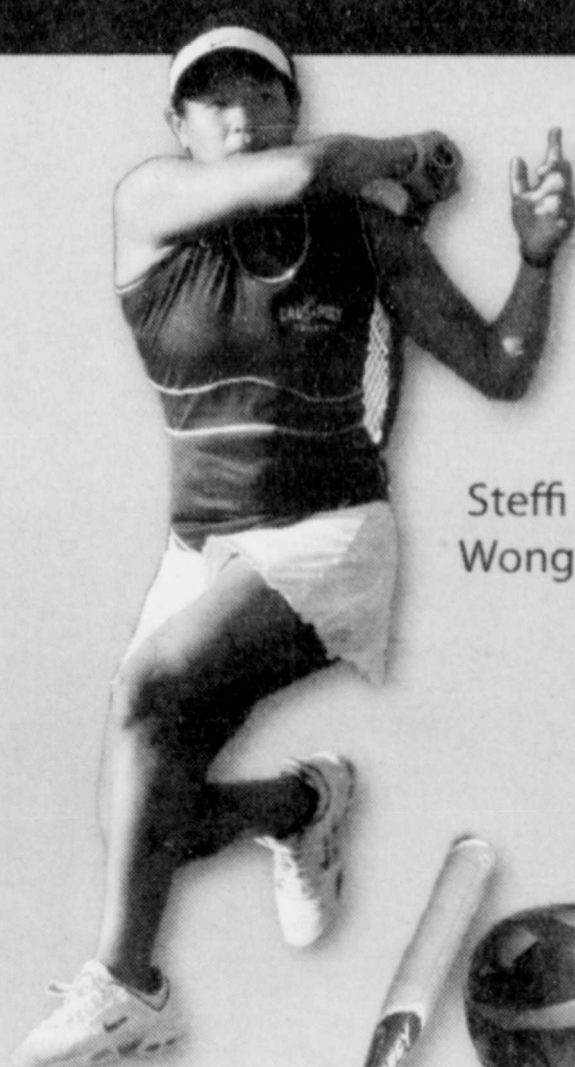
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CAL POLY 3,
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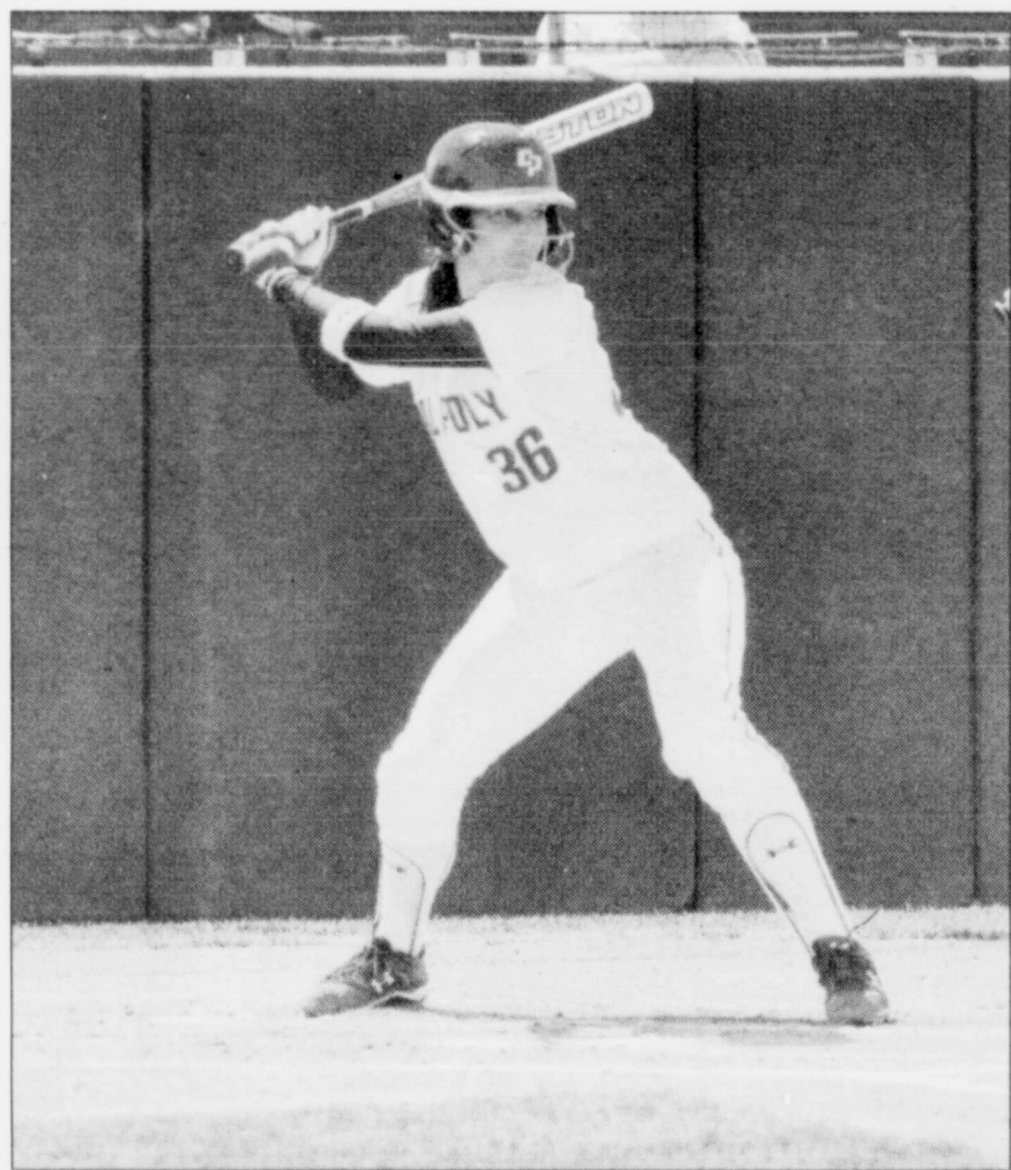
No lead is safe with the Cal Poly baseball team.

The Mustangs (9-21, 2-4 Big West) held a two-run lead going into the seventh inning against UC Santa Barbara (14-12, 2-1), but first-time starter Eugene Wright ran out of gas and the bullpen imploded. Despite allowing one run and four hits through six innings on a blustery Sunday afternoon, Cal Poly gave up seven runs in the seventh en route to a 10-3 loss at Baggett Stadium.

"I just got tired, lost control — not mental control — but I couldn't spot up as well, started missing pitches," said Wright, who allowed six earned runs on seven hits through 6 1/3. "Going into the seventh, I was getting tired. I just said f*** it, lets go after them and see what happens."

When head coach Larry Lee was asked if the team is confident that it can maintain leads in late innings, he simply replied, "No." History indicates differently, Lee said. Cal Poly is 1-16 when trailing after the seventh inning.

"We're so far along in the season that we've seen the results," he added. "We've gotten better in certain situations but as a whole, we are not good enough to consistently close out games."



RYAN SIDARTO MUSTANG DAILY FILE PHOTO
Junior catcher Stephanie Correia (above) posted the first hit for the Mustangs in Sunday's ball game with a single up the middle to score Mackenzie Mendonca.



RYAN SIDARTO MUSTANG DAILY FILE PHOTO
Starting pitcher DJ Mauldin (above) allowed seven runs in the first inning of Saturday nights contest against UC Santa Barbara, but only allowed one more run for the rest of his start. He finished with seven earned runs through 6 1/2 innings.

Lee said the team lacks a quality and deep pitching staff that usually translates to a loss on the last game of a series.

The Mustangs couldn't stop the bleeding in the seventh inning. As Wright pitch count neared 100, his location suffered, which meant getting behind in counts. The inning began with a leadoff walk, immediately followed by a double and RBI ground out. With the lead narrowed to 3-2,

the defense shifted in only to get a closer look at Ryan Tregoning's game-tying single. After Wright plunked the next batter, Gunnar Terhune roped a two-run double past left fielder Luke Yoder. With four runs in, reliever Jeff

"We are not trying to put the weight of losing on our shoulders so we don't throw in the towel," he said. "We still have 20 or so games left."

In the first game of the series, Yoder took some of the weight of the

"We are not trying to put the weight of losing on our shoulders so we don't throw in the towel."

— Luke Yoder
Baseball senior outfielder

Johnson came in with one out and a runner on second.

"We had one bad inning," Lee said. "Eugene gave us six good innings; conditions were definitely geared toward the pitching end of it, it's very surprising that we gave up 10 runs ... We needed to put a stop to it and make it a four-run inning instead of a seven-run inning."

Johnson retired the first batter he faced in three pitches. He didn't retire another batter as the Gauchos mounted a two-out rally. Johnson hit the next batter, gave up an RBI single and walked the last batter he faced before Frankie Reed came in relief with the bases loaded. Reed gave up a two-RBI single to Mark Haddow, to make the score 8-3. UCSB starter Jesse Meaux (5-1) had a commanding performance, throwing a three-run complete game. Yoder described the team's recent play as disheartening.

team's shoulders with 10th-inning heroics. He drove in the winning run the bottom of the inning and was met by swarming teammates as he rounded first base. The win went to Jeff Johnson who pitched 3 1/3 innings and struck out seven for his second victory on the season, despite blowing a save.

Johnson allowed a game-tying single in the ninth to deny another decision from Cal Poly's most consistent starter, Matt Leonard. Leonard allowed two runs and seven hits in 6 2/3 innings. He has allowed two earned runs over the last three weeks and has given up just three walks in 31 innings.

In Saturday's contest, the Gauchos answered by mustering a game-winning run in the top of the ninth inning, after a see-saw 10-9 win.

Cal Poly will embark on a six-game road trip, starting with Cal

State Northridge on Friday.

—Patrick Leiva and Anthony Pannone contributed to this article.

softball

GAME 1:
CAL POLY 7,
UCSB 2
GAME 2:
CAL POLY 5,
UCSB 0
GAME 3:
CAL POLY 5,
UCSB 0

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

The Cal Poly softball team returned to its winning ways against UC Santa Barbara last weekend. After losing eight of their last nine games, the Mustangs (15-17, 4-2 Big West) swept their three-game conference series against the Gauchos (9-28, 0-6) last weekend.

In the third game of the series Sunday afternoon, junior lefthander Anna Cahn allowed just four hits to record her second-successive shut-out of UC Santa Barbara leading her teammates to a 5-0 win.

Despite putting seven players on base during the first three innings, Cal Poly (15-17, 4-2) was held hitless by UC Santa Barbara starting pitcher Lindsey Correa (3-10). Junior catcher Stephanie Correia singled up the middle in the fourth to score freshman pinch runner Mackenzie Mendonca.

Cal Poly extended their lead to 4-0 during the fifth, as senior designated player Sara Kryza belted her second home run of the year over the left field fence to bring home senior first baseman Krysten Cary and freshman pinch runner Nicole Lund.

The Mustangs, who swept UC Santa Barbara (9-28, 0-6) for the second-successive season and furthered their road winning streak against Big West opposition to 13-straight games, finalized the scoreline during the sixth as sophomore left fielder Nora Sobczak plated freshman Whitely Gerhart by dropping a single into short center field.

Cahn (10-9), who allowed just two Gauchos past second base, retired nine of the final 11 batters she faced. The lefthander, who failed to yield a walk against UC Santa Barbara during 14 innings of series work to lower a Big West-leading ERA to 1.70.

On Saturday, sophomore third

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