An absurd world of senseless communication is shattered as the actors reveal true, intimate secrets about themselves. Directed by Al Schnupp. Curtain time is 8 p.m. in the Spanos Theatre Thursday through Saturday, Nov. 20-22. For more information, visit http://www.calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2008/November/Soprano.html and http://www.pacslo.org or call the Theatre and Dance Department at ext. 6-1111.

Show your family how grateful you are this Thanksgiving by bringing home a unique gift basket full of sweet treats. All the chocolate is hand made by students, and profits benefit the Food Science and Nutrition Department. A variety of sizes and prices are available this Friday only, Nov. 21 in the Food Processing building, down the hall from Cal Poly Meats. Limited quantity available. For more information, contact Tom Neuhaus at tneuhaus@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-2240.

Campus Dining is offering fresh baked pies for the holiday season. Select from an assortment of traditional Dutch Apple or Sweet Potato Pie to a more gourmet Poly Pecan Pie, available with 24 hours notice for pick up or delivery to your office. For more information, visit http://www.calpolycorporation.org/holidaypies.

The Work Schedule for the 2009 Calendar Year has been approved by President Baker. The Work Schedule lists all holidays and campus closures for the remainder of 2008 and for the entire 2009 calendar year. Access the Work Schedule through the Human Resources Web site under Employee Information, visit http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/hr/employee/WorkSchedule2009.pdf, or contact Human Resources for copies at ext. 6-2236.

International Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. This joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education is part of an effort to promote programs that
prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn and exchange experiences in the United States. More information can be found at http://iew.state.gov/.

International Education and Programs celebrates the 8th annual International Education Week by collaborating with other departments and programs on campus to heighten international awareness. For a schedule of IE Week events on campus Nov. 17 - 21, visit http://iep.calpoly.edu/mainpages/IEW.htm.

“BI-RACIAL IDENTITY IN CONTEXT” IS TOPIC OF TALK NOV. 19

Psychology professor Julie Garcia will present "Bi-racial Identity in Context: How Viewing Race as a Social Construction Affects the Daily Meaning of Race" from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, in the Graphic Arts Building, Room 10. In her talk, Garcia will discuss what situational cues lead people to feel good about themselves. Some research suggests that the number of other racially similar people in any given moment affects feelings of belonging and positive well-being, according to Garcia. For more information, visit http://calponews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2008/November/race-perceptions.html and/or http://cla.calpoly.edu/wgs/lecture_series.html.

PHYSICS COLLOQUIUM SET FOR NOV. 20

Check out a Physics Colloquium in the Science Building, Room E46 on Thursday, Nov. 20 at 11:10 a.m. David Hafemeister and Pete Schwartz will review the results of a sustainable energy conference held last year at UC Berkeley. Hafemeister will focus on policies for sustainable energy and energy use in buildings, appliances and industry. Schwartz will focus on energy use in automobiles and electricity from renewable energy. For more information, contact the Physics Department at ext.6-2448.

GIS DAY 2008 SLATED FOR NOV. 20

Robert E. Kennedy Library and the SLO GIS Users Group will host "GIS Day 2008 at Cal Poly" from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20. Held annually worldwide, GIS Day celebrates geographic information systems (GIS) technology and its many uses. For more information, visit http://calponews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2008/October/GIS.html and/or http://lib.calpoly.edu/collections/gis/gisday/2008/.

IEP RECEPTION SET FOR NOV. 21

International Education and Programs will host a reception as a culmination to events celebrating International Education Week. IEP staff members wish to recognize and show appreciation for faculty and staff who have contributed to international education at Cal Poly. The Cal Poly International Educator Award recipient will be honored at this event. IEP also welcomes all international faculty and researchers on campus. The reception will be held on Friday, Nov. 21 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Mathematics and Science
Building, Room 114. RSVP by contacting Miriam Rabban at ext. 6-6161 or marabban@calpoly.edu.

For more information on International Education Week and the schedule of events, visit http://iep.calpoly.edu/mainpages/iew.htm.

NEXT WEEK IN MUSTANG ATHLETICS

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Women's Basketball vs. UCLA, Wednesday, Nov. 26, 7 p.m. Mott Gym

For more information, call Athletic Box Office at ext. 6-5806 or visit http://www.gopoly.com.

POINSETTIA SALE TO START DEC. 1

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Poly Plant Shop’s annual poinsettia sale, featuring more than 2,500 plants with 30 varieties and many colors, begins Dec. 1 and continues through mid-December at Poly Plant Shop. The holiday flowering plants are grown by students in the university’s Poinsettia Agriculture Enterprise Project. This year’s poinsettia project offers traditional reds and whites as well as many novelty colors such as pinks, oranges, marbles, and maroons. Painted and glittery poinsettias will be featured as part of this year’s crop. Painted colors include blues, purples, and yellows.

For more information, visit http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2008/November/Poinsettia.html or http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/

COMMENT ON NEW INFORMATION SECURITY POLICIES BY DEC. 3

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Faculty, staff and students have until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 3, to review and comment on new information security policies and standards drafted by the CSU that are intended to help individual campuses protect sensitive information and privacy. Consultative committees have been asked to review and comment on behalf of their constituencies but anyone can submit comments. Topics of interest include responsible use, privacy, incident response, awareness and training, and roles and responsibilities.

The CSU draft documents and instructions for submitting comments are available at http://security.calpoly.edu/docs/csu/. NOTE: Since these drafts are for internal CSU use only, they can only be accessed from on-campus. If you have problems accessing the site, please notify security@calpoly.edu or call ext. 6-2966.

DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARSHIP AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE DEC. 5

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Students, faculty and alumni are encouraged to nominate faculty for the Distinguished Scholarship Awards. These awards recognize the scholarship and creative activity of both
junior and senior faculty across all disciplines represented at Cal Poly. For a nomination form and more information, visit http://www.calpoly.edu/~acdsen/dsa.html.

DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE DEC. 5
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Nominate your most outstanding and inspiring professor by Dec. 5. Any student may submit one or more nominations, which include the professor's name, department, and a supporting statement containing evidence of merit based upon criteria for this year's Distinguished Teaching Award. The nomination period began Oct. 27 and ends Friday, Dec. 5. For more information and the nomination form, visit http://www.calpoly.edu/~acadsen/dta.html.

TOM ZUUR RETIREMENT RECEPTION SET FOR DEC. 10
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Join the Office of Academic Records and Academic Affairs to celebrate the retirement of Tom Zuur, registrar and director of OAR. After 26 years at Cal Poly, and serving 40 years in the public sector, Tom is heading off to weed-whack tumbleweeds and ride his tractor. Tom’s final Cal Poly shindig will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 10 in the Farm Shop from 2-4 p.m.

HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE 2008 NOW UNDER WAY
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Faculty and staff are invited to participate in Holiday Gift Drive 2008, put on by Student Community Services. Go to Room 217 in the UU and pick a child's gift wish off the holiday tree. Student Community Services is working with several local agencies, which have identified low-income children to be the recipients in the drive. Those agencies include Big Brothers Big Sisters of San Luis Obispo County, Pacheco Elementary School, the Housing Authority of the City of San Luis Obispo, the county Department of Social Services, and the Economic Opportunity Commission. Return gifts by Dec. 10.

Student Community Services will work with the individual agencies to distribute the gifts. For more information, contact gift drive organizer Austin Helton at 758-8445 or ahelton@calpoly.edu. For more on Student Community Services, visit http://studentlife.calpoly.edu/scs/.

ORDER CHEESE HOLIDAY GIFT PACKS THROUGH DEC. 12
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The historic Cal Poly Creamery is once again offering gift packs of its student-made cheeses for the holidays. The seven varieties for sale are Gouda, Smoked Gouda, Mustang Cheddar, Smoked Cheddar, Chipotle Jack, San Luis Lace and reduced-fat Lace. The Gouda and San Luis Lace are award-winning cheeses. All are available for order through Dec. 12 at www.calpolycheese.com.

OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR ORGANIC FARM VEGGIES
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The Organic Farm is accepting new members for the winter season of its Community Supported Agriculture Program, which provides participants with a weekly box of the farm's harvest. The 12-week season runs from Dec. 15 through mid-March. Along with fresh produce, members will receive a weekly newsletter with recipes highlighting that week's bounty. For more information, visit http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2008/November/Organic.html.

RESTRICTION OF CAMPUS ACTIVITIES REQUESTED ON COMMENCEMENT DAYS

The Commencement Committee requests that the campus community be alerted to the days during the 2008-2009 academic year when campus activities should be restricted to those directly related to commencement. The Committee asks that competing activities not be scheduled for the campus on Saturday, Dec. 13, 2008 or Saturday and Sunday, June 13 and 14, 2009. Fall Commencement will be in the Rec Center on Dec. 13 and will require full use of the Rec Center and the surrounding areas.

For Spring Commencement, Saturday and Sunday, June 13 and 14, held in the Stadium, the Committee has requested that no competing activities be scheduled for any on-campus locations when some 30,000 commencement participants, candidates, and guests will be on campus. This number taxes all campus facilities, especially parking and roadways.

STATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The official listing of staff and management vacancies is posted on http://calpolyjobs.org
To apply, go online and complete the application form. For assistance, call Human Resources at ext. 6-2236.


CORPORATION EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Cal Poly Corporation is a separate corporation operating in concert with the university to provide a diverse range of services and resources to students, faculty and staff. For an application, visit Human Resources in the Foundation Administration Building, check the Web site at http://www.calpolycorporation.org or call ext. 6-7107.

Senior Dairy Ingredients Applications Specialist, Dairy Products and Technology Center, $45,604-$66,170/year. Requires MS/PhD in applicable science with three years related experience or BS in Dairy/Food/Culinary Science or related field and five years of related experience. Advanced knowledge/experience in formulation, manufacture, and properties of milk and dairy ingredients/foods. Excellent benefits.

FACULTY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
Candidates are asked to visit our online employment Web site at http://calpolyjobs.org to complete an application and apply for any of the positions shown below. Please submit all requested application materials as attachments to your online application, unless otherwise specified in the ad.

#101724–Tenure Track Position, Analytical Chemistry and Inorganic Chemistry, Chemistry Department, College of Science and Mathematics, ext. 6-2694. Reviews begin: Dec. 11.

#101774–Tenure Track Position, Mathematics Education, Mathematics Department, College of Science and Mathematics, ext. 6-1227. Reviews begin: Nov. 24.

#101775–Tenure Track Position, Microbiologist/Immunologist, Biology Department, College of Science and Mathematics, ext. 6-5242. Reviews begin: Nov. 24.

#101781–Tenure Track Position, History of Philosophy, Philosophy Development, College of Liberal Arts, ext. 6-2042. Closes: Mar. 23.

#101784–Department Chair, Aerospace Engineering, Aerospace Engineering Department, College of Engineering, ext. 6-7524. Reviews begin: Feb. 15.

#101786–Tenure Track Position, Humanities and Social Sciences Librarian, Public Services, Library, ext. 6-5785. Reviews begin: Jan. 5.

#101792–Tenure Track Position, Agribusiness Management, Agribusiness Department, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences, ext. 6-5001. Reviews begin: Dec. 21.

#101793–Tenure Track Position, U.S. History, History Department, College of Liberal Arts, ext. 6-2670. Reviews begin: Jan. 5.

#101794–Full-Time Lecturer, German, Modern Languages and Literature Department, College of Liberal Arts, ext. 6-2269. Closes: Dec. 16.

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