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BANANA MAN: Singer songwriter Harry Belafonte, 72, is scheduled to perform in the PAC tonight at 8 p.m.
Prof gets set for bike ride of her life

Valerie Barboza gathers up community donations for AIDS Ride 1999 event

By Joellen Smith
Mustang Daily

A Cal Poly lecturer hopes to use her love of bicycling to help those affected with AIDS.

Valerie Barboza, an active 50-year-old English teacher, recently pledged to raise at least $2,500 for California AIDS programs so she can be a cyclist in the 1999 California AIDS Ride.

The California AIDS Ride, an annual fund raiser in which cyclists tour from San Francisco to Los Angeles last seven days (560 miles). The event begins June 6.

In order to participate, each of the more than 2,000 cyclists must raise at least $250 a month before the event. Pledges total $85,000 last year.

So far, Barboza is the only cyclist representing Cal Poly at this event.

She hopes cyclists from the campus and San Luis Obispo will join her.

Barboza decided to ride in memory of friends who died from AIDS.

"People have come up to me and said, "I would like to do this and challenge myself, because I feel strongly committed that together we can find a way to cure (AIDS).""

In order to meet and exceed the pledge minimum, Barboza said she needs the community's help.

"The larger cities have many, many riders, and each one matches to raise the money," Barboza said. "I think it would be really sad to not be able to raise $250 because of lack of community support."

Some Cal Poly students expressed their admiration for Barboza for taking on the challenges of the AIDS Ride.

"I think that's really impressive," said Ami Lewis, a liberal studies junior. "That shows a lot about her as a human being."

B. Lewis, who supervises the climbing wall at Poly Escapes, said she knows a lot of people would pursue the AIDS Ride if they had the time.

"I would have liked to do this, that would be so much fun," said Don Chen, an industrial technology junior.

Barboza said she is seeking donations from local businesses and individuals that would like to help fund AIDS Donation. And background information about the AIDS Ride is on her web page at http://www.calpoly.edu/~barboza.

"This is something we can do that goes beyond our neighborhood, beyond our borders," Barboza said.

CSEA must approve 5.5 percent raise

SACRAMENTO (AP) — The Davis administration and California's biggest public employee union reached an agreement Tuesday that would give about 50,000 state workers 5.5 percent pay raises.

The agreement, reached after six bargaining units of the California State Employees Association would take effect when ratified by the units members and run through June 30, the end of the state's current fiscal year. The raises would take effect April 1.

"We anticipate that this is the beginning of real progress between this union and the Davis administration," said Cathy Hackett, the CSEA's deputy civil service division director.

"State workers deserve more, and this agreement goes some way to start negotiating a fair long-term contract to begin in July," she said.

State workers' pay hike gets OK

Most state employees have been without a cost-of-living raise since Jan. 1, 1995.

Three CSEA units representing about 9,200 state workers are still in contract negotiations with the state.

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the cool, dry winter that often follows an El Niño year. "This is what's called a 'La Niña,'" which is kind of like an El Niño in reverse," he said. "Warmer ocean temperatures result in the warmest, not (El Niño) winters, but in a La Niña, instead of the systems moving toward us, they stay away. The net result is not a lot of rainfall." Brown said the fruits and vegetables grown on campus are irrigated by water pumped in from area reservoirs, and as a result the lack of rainfall, has not been a major problem. "Most of our crops are irrigated, so we don't really depend on the rain — we depend on the reservoirs," he said. "I would definitely consider this a drought year — but I think people were expecting it to be less." According to Sharon Graves, Meteorologist for ESBY, San Luis Obispo has had 7.20 inches of rain so far this season — well under the 18.68 average of the end of February. "This is the driest season since 1990-91," she said. "That year we had the March Miracle with 12 inches of rain in March." Brown said the lack of rainfall could become a problem if the current drought continues. "The water we use comes from the reservoirs, but the reservoirs are replenished by rain," she said. "So next year it swings back."

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Grove of towering redwoods that were
in the ground more than 2,000 years ago have been saved by a middle-of-the-night deal that includes environmental protections on the rest of a timber company's vast holdings in the soggy coastal hill of Northern California.
The 7,475-acre Headwaters Forest, which includes redwoods as tall as 220
story buildings, is now officially in government hands and will become a public preserve.
The deal also forces Pacific Lumber Co. to follow new timber cutting and habitat preservation restrictions for the next 50 years on another 352 square miles of timberland. That includes 12 "lessor critical" stands of redwoods dating back 1,000 years.
The agreement was completed two minutes before a $250 million federal authorization would have expired at midnight Monday, imperiling $250 million in state money as well.

Last-minute deal rescues ancient California forest

Cal Poly Associated Students Inc.

UU Hour Question of the Week — What are your opinions about the Cal Poly Plan? Please stop by the ASI Booth in the University Union every Thursday to respond.

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**Editorial**

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Student group raises concerns

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formed voice," is the new "Student Action

Council," or S.A.C., on campus headed by philosophy

major Jon Wilson. The group's mission is to criticize

the administration for bending over backwards, pump-

ing through hoops, and expending more energy than

necessary to determine how we "feel."

Wilson says he wants the Poly Plan determined by a

student group, not the administration. His reasoning

is that the university is doing this to serve student

opinion on the matter, such as departmental roundtable

meetings, departmental e-

mills, college e-mails, and that everythin

a tew "cost vs. revenue" charts might make

things more clear.

And if Wilson and his little gathering honestly believe

doubling student dues would make some sort of clash

fund for Baker, or as he calls it "Baker's Poly Plan,"

I would really encourage them to, "Put the buying- down!"

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Alan Dunton is a journalism senior.

Still a virgin, and proud of it

Editor:

I wanted to express how impressed I was

with Andrea Parker's opinion piece pro-
moting charity. While I strongly believe

that all people are entitled to their own

sexual values and practices, and that far

be it from me to impose my own values on

others, I would ideally like to wait until I

am married, or at the very least in a rela-
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The death penalty won't make everything alright

Daily Utah Chronicle (U-WIRE)

White Supremacist John William King was recently sentenced to death for dragging James Byrd, an African-American, by a pickup truck last June. Interrupting and mutilating his body. An admitted racist, King was convicted and sentenced by an almost entirely white jury.

King should and will pay dearly for his crime. However, one death does not right another. Byrd will still be dead and hate crimes will still exist. Capital punishment is a morally laden form of retribution that should be abolished due to its ineffectiveness at addressing the core problem of violent crimes.

The logistics of capital punishment reveal its weaknesses. The first mistake is letting states decide whether or not to put capital punishment into effect. This inevitably leads to disproportional application of the death penalty.

The states which employ the death penalty spend too much money and time killing convicted felons. By the time the appeals process is exhausted, killing someone ends up costing more than keeping someone alive. Ironically, most criminals sentenced to death now die from age before they even make it to the death chamber.

Money would be better spent if directed toward more maximum security prisons and rehabilitation. Society needs to start owning up to its role in violent offenders' actions. If people continue to kill each other, we must question what is wrong or needs to be improved in society.

This dead and naive approach to problems show an unequal application, as well. Members of minority groups have a higher chance of receiving the death penalty, and a middle class man will be more likely to escape the situation at hand. C.J. Simpson showed that being African American, rich, and well educated is not enough to be declared not guilty. No one has the ability to look beyond superficial criteria and dollar signs to judge the worth of our lives.

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Today the government is building a wall in nature, with the help of your tax dollars. This waste of money goes by the name of Drug War. Plants that have grown for thousands of years before we were here have only in the last 65 years been outlawed. Why? Because of lies, racism, fiscal interests and politics. Now the government claims it has a new tool in the drug war, gene manipulation. By introducing seeds in the drug war, instead of flowers in the coca, opium and marijuana plants, they hope to defeat Mother Nature. The plan calls for planting the seeds in the United States. Just in case something goes wrong, we won't be directly affected.

Sometimes we forget we are children of nature. We cannot manipulate it to fit our political ideas, fiscal interests or our cowardly racist schemas that still plague this nation. Yet our representatives are still determined to defeat Mother Nature at all costs because of anti-Hispanic sentiment and competition to alcohol and tobacco. I suppose if the government is dead-set on beating Mother Nature, at least it could attempt to eradicate poison oak.

Please don't let me wrong. I am not telling anyone to overthrow the government or promoting people to start smoking marijuana. Truthfully, I just plainly encourage common sense. But as king of the world, we can set policy for the world with little common sense and get away with it. Mother Nature always has, is, and always will win, no matter what we do. The Call of the Wild's on Highway 1, the ads in eastern Washington from Mr. St. Helen's and the fire-charred remains from the charpaler brush all demonstrate that Mother Nature always wins.

As I am leaving, I have one last thing to write. Spoken by Chief Sealth (Seattle), he stated, "The Earth does not belong to us, we belong to the Earth." Mother Nature will win, and you can tell that to the Drug Enforcement Agency.

Benjamin Ross is a graphic communications freshman.
Baker finally shows all-star form

SACRAMENTO, (AP) — For the first time since his rookie season, on the hardwood. Baker was getting bashed as a hero by teammates. The sense of relief was clear on the face of Baker, a four-time all-star whose poor shooting had left him in the doghouse.

"This was definitely my best game of the year," Baker said after getting 15-fo to-19 from the field and scoring 31 points in the Seattle SuperSonics' 105-102 victory Monday night over the Sacramento Kings. "I'm just glad to have been able to contribute."

He also was important to the Sonics, who have been struggling recently after starting the season with six straight victories.

"He's been coming along," Seattle coach Paul Westphal said. "It was inevitable he was going to have a game like this in which he broke out, and we needed every point of his tonight."

Gary Payton, who has averaged 18.5 points per game in a career that included four seasons in Milwaukee and last season in Seattle, was averaging just 11.3 points a game this season heading into the contest against the Kings.

He sat alone in his hotel room Monday afternoon and tried to bolster his confidence by saying, "I have got to be the game for me — just thinking about it and just going out and playing."

Then he did just that. The Kings focused on point guard Gary Payton, who drew attention away from him by trying to post up. That gave Payton the chance to swing the ball outside to Baker, a 6-foot-11 forward.

"It was obvious they weren't going to go right at me. After a while you think they might adjust, but they didn't," Baker said. "I've proved and worked more than anybody in the league. I'm just glad it is starting to pay off."

Now Baker just has to hope that carries over to the foul line, where he continues to struggle.

A 63 percent career shooter at the line, he began the season 2-for-18 from the field and 61 percent from the foul line, he began the season 2-for-18 from the free throw line.

Under the agreement, Robinson would have faced a maximum penalty of about 60 days in jail.

"It would save this is the standard resolution for solicitation cases," said Dan Unger, spokesman for the Miami-Dade County State Attorney's Office. "We hope that Mr. Robinson will do what he needs to do on pretrial diversion, and he and his office can move on."
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It's harder than part is that you can't
afraid to get thrown out," Elam
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to not risk," and every time I get on
base, I try to recite that.

unknown Mark Ellis Big West
at the onset of last season. Mustang
quickly turned heads with his speed and
tendency to swipe bases.

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to keep your head up and keep working hard and let things fall into place.

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MUSTANGS

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Cal Poly pitcher Preston Rice
missed the play a first, allowing the
runner to advance to second.
Peppenridge third baseman G.J.
Ramirez drove a high fly ball into
left field center field gap, bringing
another run. Then Pinney stepped up
and hit a sacrifice fly to score
double plays for the

Mustangs.
On his 51st. Shwam threw a
wild pitch, allowing Waves catcher
Dane Sardinha to score and first base-
man Jared Pinney to advance to third.
With two outs, Shwam then gave up
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"If we lose, (Elam) really takes it hard. He's a
team guy, not a me-me guy."

Billy Joe Richardson
third baseman
Elam steals leadership role

By Chris Arn
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Elam has helped the Mustangs concentrate on teamwork and handle small things that make the team a better entity.

"If you had a son, you would want to buy a ticket and bring him out to a game to watch Matt. He plays as hard as you can play," said head coach Ritch Price.

"It's not that big of a deal to me," Gardner said. "I don't try to be too vocal. I try to be quiet and do my job."

Gardner had a strong finish, deepening the team's rotation for the rest of the season.

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She said the ability to jump well comes from more than just physical training; an athlete has to prepare the mind as well.

"If I want to do good, I cannot be stressed out," Seranno said. "I relax and know that because I trained hard, I can perform to the best of my abilities."

Calling pole vaulting her part-time job, Seranno trains about four hours daily. Her workout activities include gymnastics, weight training, sprinting on the track, rope-swing, medicine ball work, and of course, pole vaulting.

"Pole vaulting is probably our hardest working pole vaulter out there," said Shelden Blockburger, a pole vaulting coach at Cal Poly. "She is definitely also the most dedicated."

After long days of workouts, most nights are spent icing down sore muscles, Seranno said. Despite this inconvenience, all the training is worth it, she said.