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**Their shot at ‘SportsCenter’**

For those who want their pretty mug on television, their chance to shine was Tuesday afternoon, the place was Dexter Lawn and the event was the Cal Poly Television guest sports anchor tryouts.

The two winners will get their chance at fame as they guest anchor a four minute sports segment. This was an added incentive to those who wanted to get more experience before they sat behind the anchor desk on SportsCenter.

All 12 of the participants did an on-the-spot segment where they got one read-through of a pre-written script and then were thrown in front of the camera with only cue cards to guide them.

The event was put on by CPTV with the help of a group of students in a beginning public relations class as a way to get more students informed and excited about the show, which is produced every Thursday and runs throughout the weekend.

The two winners will get their chance at fame as they guest anchor a four minute sports segment. This first one is scheduled to appear on this week’s show and the other will follow next week.

**Journalism department denied accreditation**

By Katherine Gerhardt

The Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (ACEJMC) supported an earlier committee’s recommendation that the Cal Poly journalism department should not be re-accredited.

The ACEJMC is affiliated with the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (AEJMC).

The council reached its decision after reviewing information from an ACEJMC group that visited Cal Poly earlier this year, and the ACEJMC accrediting committee that later convened in Chicago.

Harold Hellenbrand, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, attended the council’s meeting in Washington, D.C., on May 3. He said that because of the number of schools the council was considering, Cal Poly was only discussed for about 10 minutes.

Hellenbrand said that Jannette Dates, a member of the ACEJMC group that visited Cal Poly, presented her team’s findings, and then another told see JOURNALISM, page 7

**Helping youth, not partying is focus of mentor group**

By Justin Ruttkay

Cal Poly students are often recognized in the community as a bunch of raging, out-of-control individuals whose ultimate goal is to find the next party.

However, a group of Cal Poly students and alumni have created a new stereotype for the college student — one that tries to help and mentor kids just for the sake of doing something positive for someone else. The group is called YoungLife, and it has received much attention from junior high and high school students within the San Luis Obispo community.

Whether skateboarding at the local skate park or engaging in a few frames of bowling, members of YoungLife try and find fun and productive activities for kids to participate in.

The organization was established in order for community youth to have an opportunity to spend time with college students who want to help them mature and grow as individuals.

see YOUNGLIFE, page 2

**Speaker provides inspiration for underdog**

By Sarah E. Thien

Those who complain about the lack of diversity at Cal Poly weren’t in Chamish Auditorium on Monday night when people of all races, ages, gender and sexual orientation gathered to hear Sabrina Sojourner speak.

About 150 people attended the opening ceremonies of CommUNITY Pride Week to hear keynote speaker Sojourner, who was the first openly gay woman to be elected to the U.S. Congress. She was the U.S. Representative to Congress from the District of Columbia from 1997 to 1999, elected by an overwhelming 83 percent of the vote.

Sojourner is currently acting as the director of diversity programs and Women of Color programs for the National Organization for Women.

During her speech, Sojourner touched on many topics, but her favorite subject was self-worth. She said that if she had to focus on only one issue, it would be to help people see their own self-worth and beauty.

Sojourner also had a message for any student, gay or straight, who may be interested in pursuing a career in politics.

“Don’t be afraid to be who you are,” she said. “It’s important to own who you are, because if you own who you are, they can’t use it against you.”

Monica Martinez, an agricultural science sophomore and vice president of Gay, Lesbians, and Bisexuals United, helped bring Sojourner to Cal Poly. She said the GLBU had been planning the event since October. Students came to hear Sojourner speak for different reasons.

For Martinez, Sojourner is one of her inspirations.

“‘She’s amazing,'” she said. “She shows the potential of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people everywhere. I want to be just like her.”

Economics freshman Dianne Hardcastle said she came to see a “cool” speaker, hear about politics and possibly expand her horizons.

Hardcastle said she will try to make it to as many CommUNITY Pride Week events as possible, especially since they are all presented to students at no cost.
By Dawn Rapp

Bicyclists riding to school on Foothill Boulevard can now feel a little bit safer. Recent changes have been made to the temporary bridge crossings so that cyclists now have their own lanes. Bikes are no longer allowed to travel on the vehicle bridge crossing, but are instructed to use the new designated lanes.

"We want to alert people that bicyclists are now prohibited on the bridge," said Larry Tolson, project coordinator. Tolson said that the changes were made a few weeks ago to make it safer for drivers and bikers. Bicyclists initially had to cross the narrow vehicle bridge that aren't designed for cyclists or pedestrians. The vehicle bridges are made of wooden planks that are dangerous for bike riders, Tolson said. Pedestrians and bikers now have walkways and lanes on both sides of the road. The bike lane that heads away from campus now directly leads the biker onto a designated walkway. Bicyclists are supposed to walk their bikes on the designated walkway, but Tolson said he hasn't seen that happen.

"I haven't seen bikers following the signs to walk," Tolson said, "but that isn't really a major concern to us."

Mechanical engineering sophomore David Huang said that he rides his bike along Foothill Boulevard regularly and is happy about the changes.

"I thought it was unsafe, the way they had it before. Cars don't slow down for bikers on the bridge."
National Briefs

Priest accused of molestation was shot on Monday

Baltimore — A Roman Catholic priest was shot and wounded outside his Baltimore home, police said Tuesday. Rev. Maurice Blackwell admitted to having sex with one teenage boy and was shot by a second alleged sex-abuse victim, Donna Stokes, 26. Stokes admitted to shooting Blackwell, 56, in the wrist and torso Monday at about 6 p.m., a police spokeswoman said. Stokes had been arrested recently, she said Tuesday. Rev. Maurice Blackwell was temporarily suspended last week after the shooting and was charged with attempted murder and first- and second-degree assaults.

Blackwell has been on a permanent leave of absence from the church since 1998 and is in stable condition at the Maryland Shock Trauma Center, a hospital spokeswoman said. The affair that Blackwell admitted to allegedly occurred before his 1974 ordination. Recently, he has been working as a drug treatment counselor in Washington, D.C.

Police said Stokes accused Blackwell of molesting him in 1993. Blackwell was temporarily suspended for the offense.

— Reuters

Corporal punishment sought by British teacher

London — Laws barring corporal punishment in schools have been challenged by a British headmaster. Phil Williamson, head teacher at the independent Christian Fellowship School in Liverpool, will ask the Court of Appeals to overturn laws which forbid teachers to hit students who misbehave.

Corporal punishment was banned from British schools in 1986. Four years ago, the law was extended to private schools.

Williamson, who is backed by a group of teachers and parents, centers his case on biblical passages, such as "Your rod and staff they comfort me," which he says supports the right of Christians to impose corporal punishment as part of their religious beliefs.

Judges have ruled that there is no defense for teachers who physically punish children and that parents are not entitled to delegate the function of administering corporal punishment to a teacher.

— Reuters

Briefs compiled from various news services by Mustang Daily contributor Anne Guilford.

Study: Allergies may protect against brain tumors

NEW YORK — The risk of a particular type of brain tumor may be reduced in those who have allergies and autoimmune conditions such as lupus and multiple sclerosis.

Although researchers are still unsure why allergies and autoimmune diseases protect the brain against tumors, the results suggest that immunological factors may be involved. Both allergies and autoimmune diseases occur when the immune system is dysfunctional, and involve conditions where the immune system launches attacks against the body's own tissues.

In general, the causes of brain tumors are still a mystery. Hereditary conditions account for only 5 percent of all brain tumors.

The study is being performed by a team from the National Cancer Institute. The report was published in the International Journal of Cancer.

The report stated that the risk for glioma tumors and meningiomas appear to be reduced by allergies and autoimmune diseases, but other types of brain tumors are not.

— Associated Press

Billions slated for China reforestation program

BEIJING, China — In hopes to repair decades of environmental damage and slow the spread of deserts that threaten farmland, China has revealed plans for a $12 billion effort to plant 170,000 square miles of trees.

The project is schedule to take place over a 10-year period, and will cover land that is equal to the area of Spain.

Chinese forestry officials said Tuesday that they anticipate the planting will reverse ecological damage that is blamed for chronic droughts, deadly flooding and loss of farmland due to erosion.

In some cases, farmers will be paid to turn their croplands into forests.

Some estimates say that only a small percentage of China's land has its original forests, and only 16 percent of the country has any trees at all.

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Food

New show boasts gourmet finds on strict travel budget

By Jennifer Thomson

Rachel Ray may not be able to serve a five-course meal to a dozen of her closest friends like Martha can, and she probably isn't qualified to stir up a medley dish and then "kick it up a notch" like Emeril, who turns ordinary foods into an incredible delectable dish and then "kick it up a notch" only $40 a day on fixxt. Of course, like Martha can, and she probably does offer some gtxtd information for the average college student could not realistically travel on this extravagant budget, but the show does offer some good information for the future, once the college debt is paid off.

The Food Network's latest catch phrase, "$40 a Day," teaches viewers how to spend less than $40 a day on meals while traveling. Ray's helpful tips include visiting local farmers' markets and making friends with the locals because they know about all the great inexpensive places to eat.

The show attempts to spend under $40 a day while traveling but notes that calculations do not include tips and taxes because of the widely varying nature of those costs. Ray also reminds viewers that the $40 is spent on one person dining out while traveling, eating three meals a day and a snack.

On a recent episode, Ray began her jaunt in Los Angeles and promised to show viewers the "real L.A." She then traveled up the coast, seeking the best food the towns had to offer without going over budget.

In true Los Angeles style, Ray hopped in her red convertible and headed off to the Graubuetzta Palms Restaurant, where she spent just $35.40 on a ramen breakfast. Ray said that seeking out little known Mexican food restaurants in a good way to get more for your money while enjoying the flavors of Mexico. Ray cautioned not to blow your entire budget early in the morning with two more meals to go, but to save to eat a hearty breakfast.

Heading up the coast to Neptunes Net in Malibu, Ray was quick to point out that the local fish market was featured in the Hollywood movie, "Fast and the Furious." She said that she hoped the food was as good as the movie and ordered fish and chips, fresh steamed shrimp and a Bud Light. Ray spent $9.01.

The show's travel includes tips for spending $40 a day on meals.

Late-night drug causes concern

By Adrienne Figueroa

(W.L.B.) LONG BEACH, Calif. - With finals just a few weeks away, students who have not been studying in steady increments since January may find themselves burning the midnight oil in an attempt to cram an entire semester's worth of information into one night.

This raises concern among health care professionals who have seen young people reach for over-the-counter or prescription drugs to assist them in staying awake. In a recent article in the Stanford Daily, a question was raised about the possible availability of a prescription drug to students which keeps both the mind and the body alert and awake for long periods of time.

Provigil, short for "promotes vigilance," is the name of this wakefulness-promoting agent, which was approved by the Food and Drug Administration in December 1998 and is currently sold by Cephalon Pharmaceuticals.

Unlike caffeine or amphetamines, Provigil cannot be classified as a stimulant, said Agusta Robinson, medical information specialist for the pharmaceutical company.

The drug works by increasing neuronal activity in the hypothalamic arousal region of the brain, an area that regulates normal wakefulness in patients, she said.

Although doctors are able to prescribe the drug at their discretion, it has only been FDA approved for the treatment of narcolepsy, a condition characterized by a compulsive tendency to episodes of deep sleep.

Provigil, a drug which side effects include headache, nausea, anxiety and insomnia, is not designed for those who wish to engage in an all-night study session.

"This is not recommended for college students staying up all night to cram," Robinson said.

Student Health Center pharmacist Alba Thompson warns students on the side effects of these products, which include shaking and heart palpitations. Caution should be exercised when taking Sudafed or another decongestant at the same time as these over-the-counter caffeine pills because both of these drugs are likely to occur.

"I wouldn't want to feel that yucky," Thompson said.

The pharmacist added that she does not want to lecture students, but hopes that they will be able to make informed decisions in favor of their health.

If a cognitive boost is necessary, an herbal alternative to coffee may be worth taking into consideration.

Madonna Morrissey, vitamin manager at Papa Joe's Natural Market and Cafe on Second Street, recommends one tablet of Turbo Charge, an herbal supplement containing ginseng and other natural products.

"This gives you energy without making you edgy," she said.

However, Morrissey said she does not suggest that it be used in conjunction with a study-filled, sleepless night.

"I don't know how well you would do on the test the next day," she said.

The vitamin specialist advises that students try to get a good night sleep and maintain proper nutrition.

Consider making a compromise with an herbal supplement will be much healthier and easier to digest than fast food during cram sessions, especially when periods of stress and physical inactivity are prevalent, she added.

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- 1/4 cup celery, chopped
- 1/4 cup flour
- 12 ounces of beer, pale ale
- 1 quart chicken stock
- 8 ounces white cheddar cheese, grated
- Salt and pepper

Garnish:
- Chopped parsley
- 1/2 cup small diced toasted croutons

Brown the bacon in the soup pot. Remove excess grease. Add the butter, onions and celery to the pot with the bacon and cook for five minutes over medium heat. Dust the flour over the vegetables and bacon, cook, stirring for three minutes. Stir in the beer, then the stock.

Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer for 10 minutes. Add the cheese and season with salt and pepper. Ladle into bowls and serve with chopped parsley and croutons.

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Racism persists because of emphasis on diversity Editor,

No one will disagree that racism exists in most societies worldwide. Unfortunately, those who have the influential power to solve our racial problem are those who eat the premium chicken. As a result, our nation’s racial profile is devoid of any hope. One need need only look at a few location-based boards or Mustang Daily issues to find our one relevance or another to diversity and its importance on campuses and in the nation at large.

The basic argument constantly focused upon us is this: “Only through diversity can we truly accept each other.” Diversity is shown out of its purity is just a statistical/marriage experiment with the power to shape thoughts and beliefs. The logic in this philosophy is non-existent.

This great nation was founded upon the idea that from many we would become one, not that from many we would remain many and somehow live in peace. A mere glance at any page from American history can reveal that the product, with its right and privilege, $6.99 to $9.99 for an eight-pack. Each jellyatin cup has made a yummy hatch of “Jel-O shots.” Of nights out with friends and fun with no regrets.”

America claims that Zippers are not marketed in America, but why should this case be any different? As Brooks pointed out in a USA TODAY article, if kids can’t be separated, why should this case be any different?

While like-minded people may say “fun with no regrets,” I disagree with Brooks. I don’t wonder why he would purposely be marketing his product to kids in the first place. The packaging on the product is clearly marked with a government alcohol warning and a picture of a baby with a red slash through it, indicating that the product is not for kids.

However, school officials and parents are worried that this new product will make it easy for children to sneak alcohol in their drinks. Without the label that states the product contains alcohol, it looks just like JeI-O.

I understand where the concern among parents is coming from, but it’s the parents who should be more responsible in making sure their offspring don’t drink alcohol or Zippers. After all, if they take the trouble to make JeI-O, it would be rather difficult for them to purchase the product.

It’s my assumption that Brooks and his buddies chose the packaging because people associate their product with the familiar JeI-O descent, which persuades them into buying Zippers. Now that’s good marketing! Studies show that consumers tend to relate to products that are familiar with, so why should this case be any different?

It may be that kids mistake Zippers for JeI-O, but as Brooks pointed out in a USA TODAY article, if someone leaves a jam and dikes on the table, a kid might mistake it for coke and drink it. Kids don’t know any better, but they need to be educated.

I think this is a great new product that will bring in an unbelievable profit margin. As long as the company does what it can to avoid marketing to kids and parents do what they can to protect and educate their children, then there should be no controversy about Zippers.

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Tuesday night hoops at the Rec

Mechanical engineering freshman John Padilla, right, practices his crossover moves on graphic communications senior James Sabían before the two played in an intramural basketball game.

By Nick Hopping
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

In the 29-year history of the California State High School wrestling tournament, there have been eight athletes who have won three titles. This elite group includes former NCAA champs and Olympic gold medalists. However, there has never been a four-time champ until last March. And he’s coming to Cal Poly.

Darrell Vasquez, one of the biggest recruits to come out of California as named by numerous athletes and coaches alike, signed a national letter of intent with Cal Poly on May 2.

“It’s a credit to the direction Cal Poly wrestling is headed.” — Lennis Cowell

Cal Poly wrestling head coach him that my whole life, and now it’s for real,” he said.

“Coach John,” as in first-year assistant wrestling coach and former Olympian John Azvedo, has known Vasquez since he was in elementary school.

The Bakersfield High School senior became the first four-time California State Wrestling Champ last March, completing a stellar career that included 201 wins and just seven losses. Vasquez, who will compete at 125 pounds for Cal Poly, was named to the prestigious Aces-Tiger All-American wrestling team after placing second at the National High School Wrestling Championships.

He earned the Dave Schultz Award twice, in 2001 and 2002, and was also the first four-time winner of the Five Counties Invitational Tournament.

“(Vasquez) has an ability to compete at a high level,” Azevedo said. “He has the right mental approach to the sport and the desire to be a champion.”

There’s a photo of Vasquez on the CIF wrestling Web site, adorned in a blue and white singlet and headgear, on his knees, fists clenched, arms raised parallel toward the heavens after winning his third state title.

It was taken after the most highly anticipated finals match-up in California high school wrestling history, pitting Vasquez against three-time state champ Jacob Palominos of Independence, Calif. They met under the spotlight at the University of the Pacific arena floor, in front of a standing-room-only crowd of more than 8,000. Hyped up for months, this was the main event.

Each athlete had defeated the other once earlier in the season and had the chance to dodge each other by switching weight classes, which would virtually guarantee that they both be four-time champs.

Instead, they put it all on the line.

Something had to give. Vasquez won 5-2.

So, when asked if he had a list of his credentials for a press release, Vasquez quickly responded.

“What credentials?”

He sounded as if he has bigger things in mind.

By Joel Sartan
THE DAILY ATFC

(U-WIRE) SAN DIEGO — San Diego State did what it had to do at the University of New Mexico on Sunday, surviving.

San Diego outlasted New Mexico by a 15-11 count in a game that saw the two teams combine for 45 hits. In doing so, the Aztecs clinched the Mountain West Conference regular season title and the top seed at the MWC Tournament set for May 22-25 in Provo, Utah.

Jake McIntock and Carlo Cota paced San Diego’s 24-hit attack with four RBI’s score. McIntock was 3-for-4 on the day with a homer and two runs scored while Cota was 3-for-5 at the plate.

Anthony Gwynn gave the Aztecs a four-run cushion in the top of the ninth inning with his first career home run. He finished the day with three RBI. Josh Hill had three doubles and three runs scored in the win.

Joe Caraque (7-3) picked up the win in the clincher.

Saturday’s score looked like it came from a game that would get San Diego State into a bowl game.

Instead, it guaranteed San Diego at least a tie for first place in the Mountain West Conference.

Losses by Air Force and BYU combined with the Aztecs’ 21-15 win at New Mexico on Saturday clinched SBSU at least a share of the regular season MWC title with four games remaining.

As he became the norm at UNM, winds gusting to 35 mph made life difficult for pitchers on both teams. Aztecs starter Chris Dunwell gave up 10 runs (four earned), but still went into the seventh inning to pick up his eighth win of the year.