Local businesses come to the aid of tsunami victims

Private donations by individuals and groups in the United States far exceed the U.S. government's pledge of $350 million.

Natural disasters.

Meethead Movers, Inc. and other local businesses have joined forces to raise money for the tsunami relief effort in Asia.

Bus4Relief brings businesses together to pledge money to various tsunami relief organizations throughout the world.

Aaron Steed, marketing and sales director and co-owner of the moving company, decided to create a Web site for the Bus4Relief philanthropy in order to give individuals in the community a place to view how the philanthropy is progressing.

“Our Web site puts everything in one place,” Steed said. “This way, people can view what’s going on and recognize the efforts of local businesses.”

Bus4Relief.com shows what each company intends to pledge and the charity organization they decided to support. Their goal is to raise $100,000.

Most of the participating businesses, such as Kennedy Club Fitness and Mother’s Tavern, are donating a portion of their products and services to Direct Relief International, a nonprofit organization working to improve the quality of life for people in need.

Other businesses, such as Clear Channel Radio and Mid State Bank and Trust, chose to donate to charities including the American Red Cross and the United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund.

Local bars have also pledged their services. The Library, Frog and Peach, Bull’s and Blue are just a few who have decided to donate all cover charge proceeds from this Friday and Saturday night to the philanthropy.

The philanthropy has raised $5,600 as of Wednesday.

Merciless storms kill at least 28

LAURA WIDES ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Nearly a week of record-setting rainfall has given way to clear skies and typically mild Southern California temperatures, though it is likely to be weeks before the region diggs out from a series of brutal storms that killed at least 28 people.

Five back-to-back days of torrential rains finally ended Tuesday, but not before triggering a deadly mudslide in the coastal hamlet of La Conchita. The storms also triggered fatal traffic accidents all across the state, knocked out power to hundreds of thousands, imperiled hillside homes and caused flash floods.

The devastation was most stunning at La Conchita, a small community of houses sandwiched between the Pacific Ocean and the hills south of Santa Barbara. At least 10 were killed and 10 injured when a rain-soaked hillside came crashing down on more than a dozen homes Monday afternoon.

Rescuers found the bodies of three children and an adult woman in the pile of mud and rubble before dawn Wednesday, the wife and children of La Conchita resident who had dug alongside the crew since the slide. Crews using cameras, trained dogs and microphones continued to dig around the clock to find about a dozen other lost as missing.

“We have not given up hope on any of the people,” said Ventura County Fire Chief Bob Roper.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger surveyed the devastation Wednesday morning. After a tour by helicopter, he walked into the disaster zone, where he met with groups of weary rescuers and residents.

He said he came to see the magnitude of the damage, thank rescue workers and give his condolences to residents who lost family and friends.

“I am going to help them so they can come back here,” he said of the evacuated residents. “We will do everything that we can to make it a safe area.”

National Weather Service forecasters said clear skies were expected to remain through at least the weekend following days of almost continuous rainfall. High temperatures in many areas were expected to be back in the 70s by the end of the week.

Emergency workers use a plastic tarp to hide the recovery operation of the bodies of three children and one adult, after a mudslide in La Conchita.

The mudslide left at least 10 people dead and 15 homes damaged.

Search for WMDs called off

KATHERINE PFLEGER SHRADER ALEXANDER WANG

WASHINGTON — The White House acknowledged Wednesday that its hunt for Iraqi weapons of mass destruction, a two-year search costing millions of dollars, has closed down without finding the stockpiles that President Bush cited as a justification for overthrowing Saddam Hussein.

Bush’s spokesman said the president had no regrets about invading Iraq.

"Based on what we knew today, the president would have taken the same action because this is about protecting the American people,” said Press Secretary Scott McClellan.

The Iraq Survey Group, made up of as many as 1,500 military and intelligence specialists and support staff, is ending its search of military Installations, factories and laboratories where it was thought that equipment and products might be converted to making weapons.

McClellan said the active search had virtually ended. “There may be a couple.

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Events Calendar

What: How Diversity Affects Teaching, Learning. Lloyd Elm, professor of Native American studies at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, will present “How Diversity Affects Teaching and Learning” at a breakfast program. The presentation is part of the university’s Provocative Perspectives series, which brings educators, authors and other innovative leaders to campus to stimulate discussion on a variety of issues.

Where: Today, 7:30 a.m.

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More Info: Call Liz Coffer at 756-0327.

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Only two weeks after a devastating tsunami hit Indonesia and neighboring countries, the death toll has surpassed 150,000 and is expected to continue to rise, according to MSNBC News.

The 9.0 magnitude earthquake that rocked the west coast of Northern Sumatra, Indonesia on Dec. 26 triggered massive tsunamis that affected several countries throughout South and Southeast Asia and also Somalia, Tanzania and Kenya in East Africa.

The death toll continues to mount as thousands more bodies are found in the wake of the Indian Ocean tsunami. At least 18,000 people are still missing in tsunami-affected areas.

The U.S. State Department said 18 Americans have been confirmed or presumed dead as of Jan. 11. They are working to resolve the 800 U.S.-based inquiries involving missing loved ones.

Officials said there are growing fears that without adequate care, delivered quickly, tens of thousands of survivors of the catastrophe may succumb to infections and disease.

On the first day of the new year, there would be a risk of infectious disease outbreaks that could kill as many people as the tsunami’s direct impact.

This week, many countries kicking off another week of pledges for tsunami relief and reconstruction. Some 50 countries pledged more than $1 billion at a summit in Jakarta last Thursday, with the biggest amounts coming from Australia ($810 million), Germany ($674 million), Japan ($500 million), and the United States ($350 million).

According to ABC News, the U.S. responded with $350 million pledge after allegations that its initial pledge of $15 million in aid was inadequate.

"Slingstone" has turned into generosity in the global efforts to help the victims of the worst natural disaster in recent history.

President George W. Bush said at a press conference Monday that the U.S. relief effort was entering a "second phase" with its new pledge.

"You should count on our tsunami relief effort as extra help to help solve the problems so that we do not short-change the needs for compassion elsewhere in our country and the world," Bush said in a press conference.

However, according to MSNBC, recent figures could be misleading.

The U.S., although fourth on the donor’s list, has seen private donations by American individuals and groups that far exceed the government’s pledge of $350 million.

Local businesses on the Central Coast, in addition to Buc-By-Chef, have also jumped on the bandswagon to help raise money.

Woodstock's Pizza and the Salvation Army have teamed up to assist tsunami victims. For the entire month of January, Woodstock’s will offer a large, one-topping pizza certificate for every $25 donated.

Kate Ferguson, public relations director for Woodstock’s, said that every cent of each donation will go directly to relief efforts.

"The Salvation Army is working specifically in South Asia to help tsunami survivors receive clean food, water, clothing and shelter," Ferguson said.

Woodstock’s Pizza restaurants throughout California are participating in the fund-raiser including the San Diego, Chico, Davis, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo locations.

Businesses located downtown San Luis Obispo have also joined forces to help "buck up" the fund-raiser on Sunday, Jan. 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Soda 544 owner Sherry Jimenez said she came up with the idea when her mannequin offered to donate half of her profits to the relief effort. "At first I thought that maybe we could involve a few other businesses in the area," Jimenez said. "Then the idea just skyrocketed." Sherry said she plans to continue the sale for two more weeks.

Sherry 544 will be hosting a "cut-a-thon" where all proceeds will benefit the Save the Children, focusing particularly on children who have fallen victim to the tsunami.

Cal Poly also decided to join relief efforts when the administration approved to support an aid drive for the tsunami victims.

Harold Kerbo, social sciences department chair, said that the aid drive is focused on Thailand because of the close relationship the university had over the past 10 years due to the Thai-land Study Program.

"We are acting to help the children," Kerbo said. "They need special attention to help them with their needs, particularly safe drinking water, are not met by the end of this month."

According to the graphic communication industry, Author Frank Komano to Speak. 756-5839

Author Frank Komano will speak on trends that influence printing and publishing market. The event is free and open to the public and is co-sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts, the graphic communication department, Cal Poly’s Graphic Communication Alumni Chapter and the Graphic Communication Center at Cal Poly.

When: Thurs. Jan. 19, 8 p.m.
Where: UU 229
More Info: Call the graphic communication department at 756-1108

What: Events Team Training. Join the ASI "Events Team" to help guide the decisions about what entertainment ASI Events brings to campus and to get hands-on experience at events.

At the Events Team training you will learn about exciting opportunities for the upcoming year, important information every Events Team member needs to know will be included. Lunch will be provided.

When: Sat. Jan. 22, 10 a.m.
Where: San Luis Obispo Senior Center, 1455 Santa Rosa St., adjacent to Mitchell Park.
More Info: Call Kathy Pederson at 756-6749.

What: Student piano recital. Cal Poly piano students will perform in recital, and the performance is free and open to the public.

When: Wed. Jan. 26, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Davidson Music Building, room 218
More Info: Check out our website at www.asi.calpoly.edu

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STATE NEWS

SANTA MARIA — The judge in the Michael Jackson child-molestation case ruled Wednesday that arguments over admissibility of evidence about past allegations of sex abuse will not be held in secret.

The ruling by Superior Court Judge Rodney Melville was a victory for the news media and the prosecution, which both opposed a defense motion to hold a hearing on the issue in chambers.

Melville said he will schedule the arguments over admission of past abuse allegations after the jury is selected. He also said that if the evidence is admitted into the trial it would be presented to the jury after the prosecution presents its case on the current allegations.

OAKLAND — The Oakland City Council has voted against landuse American Indian tribe's plans for turning a spawling parking lot into Oakland International Airport into a casino resort.

The council made its decision Tuesday — despite the Lower Lake Rancheria-Koi Nation's pledge of $50 million a year for 20 years to the city. Five council members opposed the plan, saying they were unsure whether the casino's economic benefits would outweigh the costs of crime, traffic and gambling addictions.

WASHINGTON — A split Supreme Court threw the mudslide in California leaving a path of destruction in other Western states. Bringing flooding that has gobbled up houses and roads and forced hundreds of people to flee. The heaviest flooding was concentrated in the area where Nevada, Arizona and Utah meet.

No serious injuries were reported, but one man was missing in Utah.

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Christine Gregoire, winner of the closest governor's race in Washington history, was inaugurated Wednesday, but faces an immediate court challenge that could make it a short-lived honor.

Democrat Gregoire, 57, a three-term attorney general who took on the tobacco industry and polluters, took the oath of office before a joint session of the state Legislature. Republicans, who continue to push for a statewide recount, say widespread irregularities, including votes cast by felons and dead people, spoiled the election to the point where it's impossible to truly know who won.

Gregoire lost the first count in the Nov. 2 election by 261 votes and a machine recount by 42 votes. But she pulled ahead in a final hand recount ordered by Democrats, winning by just 129 votes out of 2.9 million ballots cast.

The council made its decision Wednesday, but another expert called such traces can be deposited even if a person has not fired a gun.

Los Angeles — Small particles of gunshot residue were found on actor Robert Blake's boot after his wife's killing, a criminalist testified Wednesday, but another expert said such traces can be deposited even if a person has not fired a gun.

Criminalist Steven Downell told of testing Blake's clothing and boots for gunshot residue days after Bonnie Lee Bakley was found shot in Blake's car on May 4, 2001.

IN OTHER NEWS

OSLO, Norway — Arild Tøtke and Kaare Heggdal know that recycling pays, but they weren't quite prepared for the jackpot that a scrapped cash machine contained. It was still full of cash. Enough to buy a house and take a luxury vacation.

The two Norwegians ran a recycling company in the western Norwegian town of Arendal, and had been hired by the Sparebanken Moere bank to remove an outdated automatic teller machine, or ATM, from a gas station, media reported Wednesday.

Tøtke, 30, said the woman on duty at the gas station was more than a little skeptical when two men showed up with a muley and a truck, wanting to remove her ATM.

"She calmed down when I explained that the machine was empty and that we had a contract to pick it up," Tøtke said.

During their rounds to pick up more scrap, they got a call saying a security guard was seeking the machine.

"The guy was apparently a bit agitated," said Tøtke. "He was very eager to empty the cash from the machine."

The cash was removed. The bank — which blamed the incident on a communications mix-up — didn't say how much was in the ATM. But Tøtke said the guard who emptied the machine told him it was enough to buy a house, take a luxury vacation and still have money to burn.

— Associated Press

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Thursday, January 13, 2005
One man’s search for family in mudslide ends in despair

Hours after searching through the ruble of his destroyed home, a man finds the bodies of his wife and three daughters.

Greg Rising

Associated Press

LA CONCHITA — Jimmy Walker moved to this oceanside town with his wife and four daughters in search of an easier life.

On Wednesday, he identified the bodies of all but one child — pulled from the tangled heap of rubble blasted by tons of liquid earth that tumbled down from the bluff above.

No one lost more than Walker in the mudslide, which has killed at least 10 people. And, driven by the frantic hope of finding his family, no one bought more to claw through the debris and help pull out survivors.

Eventually he had to stop digging and waited, trying to be optimistic, deep deprrived and taking drugs from a Bringdown friend who had been there.

Rising three months ago his family began living in a house of 10 people, including Charles Womack, a 53-year-old musician who was also killed.

Walker, a 37-year-old construction worker whose thick dreadlocks crown a lean frame, would play his own blues to get his family through the beach town about 70 miles northwest of Los Angeles in the wake of a series of storms.

Residents of La Conchita described him as an attentive father who sang with his kids, took them to the beach and sometimes walked about town with his wife, Hannah, on his shoulders.

They were incredible beautiful children. They had those sparkling, intelligent, deep soulful eyes, just incredibly loving," said Det. Long said Michelle Walker didn’t work outside the home and described her husband as a "powerful soul," and Jimmy Womack had been returning from a walk to get some ice cream when Monday’s downpour triggered the mudslide. He watched the moment curve toward his block, and ran home, only to find it smothered.

Insest took over and he began to dig, helping rescue two people. Ventura County fire officials credited him with helping map out likely locations of destroyed homes.

“The most frustrating part was that he couldn’t do more,” said Ventura County Fire Capt. Central Quantam.

“When Walker returned late Monday night with six friends, rescue workers let them dig five hours in the rain at a rate of 15 yards where they thought the four- to six-year-old might be.”

Walker was spread throughout it, but I know that’s where they are," Walker told the at the time. His face, shirt and shoes caked with mud. "I hope everything... all right."

In the next breath, he acknowledged he was no longer hearing sounds from beneath the debris.

After leaving to rest Tuesday morning, Walker returned to dig but was stopped after he crossed police lines — rescue workers had changed shifts and didn’t recognize him, the sheriff’s department said Walker, was surprised by being handcuffed and started yelling, but was later released from authorities realized who he was.

That frustrated, angry Walker wasn’t the man friends knew.

Enraged over his home’s front gate were the words "House is lost" and his garage was always full of melodies. "All he cared about were those girls and his guitar. That’s all needed to live," Long said. "They were good, good people.”

Rescuers continue search for missing skier

Don Mitchell

ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER — Crows in a helicopter, on snowmobiles and on snowshoes searched again Wednesday for a cross-country skier missing for almost two days in the forests of a western Colorado plateau.

A second skier missing since Monday in the same area was found safe after a search helicopter crew spotted him Tuesday night and radioed volunteers to help.

Dan Walker, 23, left his wife and daughter Tuesday night after they got stuck in an avalanche and couldn’t find his wife and daughter.

He hasn’t been seen since, and a full-scale search began at about 10 a.m. Wednesday, said Susan M. Barnes, the county sheriff’s deputy.

Rescue groups from Debra Walker, 23, were found dead shortly after 4 p.m. Tuesday.

The women were picked up at a tiny hut near the east end of the Mosquito Lakes, about 380 feet after huddling together with their dog under a tree.

They were taken to St. Mary’s Hospital in Grand Junction, where a spokesman said Camille was treated and released. Debra Walker was listed in fair condition.

Dan Walker told his family he had seen some ear lights and was going to get help. McBain said.

"He did leave a lot of gear with us just in case we didn’t know how much more gear he had for the trip," he added.

Rescue workers and snowmobiles Tuesday to search for Walker and set up a radio to call residents to an area near the ski resort to check remote buildings on their property.

Rescuers were in a race with time to turn back. In the cold they arrived in Colorado on Wednesday with severe temperatures.

"We knew we were in the conditions for the past two nights," McBain said. "The longer we can hold him, the longer we can hold him."

Many west Colorado neighborhoods have been slammed by a series of storms. More than 10 feet of snow has fallen in some areas of the mountains, including 8 feet on the 10,900-foot mesa 170 miles west of Denver since Sunday.

Heavy snow was falling on Grand Mesa again late Tuesday, with winds gusting to 30 mph — enough to rule out a helicopter search.

"The terrain is really tough, the snow is very deep and windy and snowy," McBain said. "It makes it very difficult to keep following up any tracks that they might find.

Boulds boardsperson Howard Paul said each survival situation is unique. He said it was unclear whether Walker should have separated from his family.

"Or I can’t decide that because we’re not there," he said. "I think it is a case where the party decided to separate, you have to ensure that both these now-separat­ ed groups of people are prepared to deal with the worst time they’m in.”

One Step Above Marketing
Disaster aid flows from grateful Southern California surfers

Professional surfers and other surf-industry professionals rally support for villages struck by tsunami

Ben Fox
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Long before Asia's devastating tsunami, many of the hardest-hit coastal communities of Sri Lanka and Indonesia were beloved for a different kind of wave: the perfect breakers that draw surfers from around the world.

Now, the bond that surfers feel with those remote villages has prompted many to dig deep into their board shorts to raise money for victims of the catastrophe.

"Almost all the main places that were hit are places where we've been and met people," said Keith Malloy, a Southern California surfer who helped organize a fund-raiser last week that generated about $14,000. "It kind of hit home for us."

One organization, SurfAid International, which runs a health program in Indonesia's Mentawai islands even before the disaster, has collected more than $500,000 — a figure expected to grow after this weekend's Action Sports Retailer convention in San Diego, which industry groups plan to sell black bracelets made of neoprene — to raise money for tsunami victims.

"There has been a groundswell of support from the surfing community beyond anything I could have imagined," said Robert Gerard, a Laguna Beach lawyer who is chairman of SurfAid's board of directors. "The total is expected to grow after this weekend's Action Sports Retailer convention in San Diego, which industry groups plan to sell black bracelets made of neoprene — a material used for wetsuits — to raise money for tsunami victims. Organizers hope to make the bracelets available at surf shops and on the Internet.

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Apple unveils iPod shuffle, Mac mini

May Wong
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Seeking to make inroads against lower-cost competitors, Apple Computer Inc. introduced a cut-rate computer the size of a paperback and a tiny iPod that starts at $99 but holds far fewer songs than the company's hard drive-based music players.

The new products were introduced Tuesday by Apple CEO Steve Jobs at Macworld Expo.

The Mac mini computers go on sale Jan. 22 and represent Apple's first foray into the budget desktop PC market, and company executives say they're aiming with the Mac mini to woo PC users who may have felt Apple's products were too high-priced.

"This is also a great second or third computer in the home," said Jon Rubinstein, an Apple senior vice president. "People who are thinking of switching will have no more excuses," Jobs said. "It's the newest and most affordable Mac ever."

Apple has just a 3 percent share of the U.S. computer market, and company executives say they're aiming with the Mac mini to woo PC users who may have felt Apple products were too high-priced.

The iPod shuffle, on the other hand, seeks to build on Apple's heady success in the portable music business while appealing to people seeking flash memory-based players, which are more durable and lightweight than those using hard drives for storage, and thus better suited as exercise partners.

The shuffle is smaller than most packs of chewing gum, weighs less than an ounce and is a third of an inch thick.

Unlike its larger cousin, the iPod mini, the shuffle lacks a display. There's a scroll wheel for the controls so stored songs can either be played sequentially or automatically shuffled in random order.

Apple is selling two versions of the iPod shuffle.

The smallest-capacity model will have 128 megabytes of storage, which holds up to 120 songs, and costs $99. A one-gigabyte version, which holds up to 240 songs, will sell for $149.

Until Tuesday, the lowest cost iPod was the mini, at $249 for four gigabytes, enough to store about 1,000 songs.

Like other iPod models, the new players are designed not to play songs purchased from online music stores that compete with Apple's iTunes.

In the past year, the Cupertino-based company's stock has tripled on strong sales of the iPod, which is emerging as one of the first cultural icons of the new century.

Jobs said Apple sold 4.5 million iPods in the fourth quarter and more than 10 million since its debut in October 2001.

Because many rival flash-based players have just 256 megabytes of storage, Apple is "sticking to its cut-above position," said Susan Kwoke, an industry analyst with Cross Research.

"There are plenty of people who want an iPod but haven't been able to afford the $249 Mini, so offering these lower-priced players allows Apple to attract not just new users but those who already own an iPod but want an even smaller version," she said.

Investors seemed unimpressed. Apple shares fell nearly 6 percent Tuesday on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

Analysts were expecting about 4.5 million iPods to be sold in the fourth quarter, so the fact that the company didn't outperform expectations disappointed Wall Street.

"Apple suffers a lot because the expectations for the company around their announcements are so high," said Shannon Cross, a financial analyst at Short Hill, NJ-based Cross Research.

The stock may have also taken a hit because of the Mac mini, the company's new, $499 computer. Profit per machine is likely to be lower on the bare-bones mini.

Cross estimated the profit margin to be as high as 19 percent. More expensive Macs have profit margins of 25 percent or higher.
Home brewing beer is a tasty, inexpensive and fun alternative to buying beer in the store.

Amanda Samonte
MUSTANG DAILY

The most common beer in a college town is usually something inexpensive. Natural Light, anyone? It's seen at parties, in 12 packs and even 30 packs. It doesn't taste great, but people drink it anyway.

But there is a cheap alternative: Home brewing kits. Homebrew kits are becoming popular among students for their affordability and novelty.

"You can make quality beer for a lot less money," general engineering sophomore Drew Murphy said. "It actually comes out tasting better than most people would expect."

Kits start at $90 at Doc's Cellar, a San Luis Obispo homebrew vendor. Each batch runs from $25 to $30 and makes 48 12oz bottles. The cost per beer is about 50 cents; however, recycled bottles from store-bought beer can be used after they are sterilized. Used bottles should be boiled in hot water or placed in a dishwasher.

Homebrewed beer can also make a quality present.

"Homemade beer makes inexpensive gifts for the holidays," said agriculture business sophomore Andrew Nelson.

"It's like a social thing to do," he said. "People come over and drink beer while making beer."

Beer is created with a fermenter, bottling bucket, siphon and thermometer with a combination of ingredients that can be purchased in stores and online, even by minors.

Initially the beer takes less than an hour — this includes boiling water, adding desired hops, malt and yeast and putting it into the first fermenter.

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Beer takes three to four weeks to ferment, for particles to settle and foam to rise. The finished product can either be stored in a keg or in bottles.

"The process takes a while," Nelson said. "It takes patience, but in the end it's all worth it."

"Homebrew kits can make pretty much every kind of beer from spiced ale to pilsner."

"Trying the first beer of each batch is always very exciting," Murphy said.

By slightly adjusting the temperatures or mix of ingredients, the beer can be altered to fulfill specific desires. For low-carb beer, halfway through the fermentation, add an enzyme-destroying tablet such as Beano. The tablet breaks down complex carbs that yeast cannot normally ferment.

Lowering the temperature while heating and adding sweet, highly-fermentable products such as honey or sugar will create a beer with higher alcohol content. Homebrew is generally stronger in flavor and alcohol percentage than store-bought beer, even without modifications.

The most important tip for brewing tasty beer is keeping materials and the work area clean.

"If you're not real clean when you are brewing, it is easy to get some bacteria in the beer that will start growing," said Charles "Doc" Foreman, owner of Doc's Cellar. "It won't hurt you, but it will make your beer taste awful."

Simply soaking tools and fermenters in an anti-bacterial solution before use can prevent bacteria exposure.

Despite taking necessary bacteria precautions, students say that homebrew is easy, delicious and fun to make (and drink).

"I have a certain amount of pride when I make my own beer," said Murphy. "Anyone that enjoys a good beer will enjoy brewing their own."
The price we must pay for PeopleSoft

Since the tsunami struck Southeast Asia on Dec. 26, 2004, the international community has faced the biggest ever humanitarian relief effort. The tsunami was one of the worst natural disasters ever, not only because of the death toll, but also because of the geographical scope and the number of countries it struck. There is a Chinese proverb that accurately describes the situation in Southeast Asia: "When there is chaos under the heavens, the world is simple too."

Professor George W. Bush pledged $50 billion in aid from the United States, which is the fourth-largest amount on the donation list. The United States is the most powerful nation in the world, and its citizens must hold the country accountable for its actions. By contributing private donations to relief agencies or getting involved with participating businesses in San Luis Obispo, Cal Poly students can pay the world the real nature of American good will.

The Mustang Daily encourages our readers, in whatever way they see best, to support the local tsunami relief efforts and help alleviate the suffering of our neighbors.

--- Mustang Daily editorial staff

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cal Poly tour gives hope to eighth grade student

Hello, my name is Sarah Wilson. I recently took a trip to your university with my eighth grade class.

I have always wanted to attend Cal Poly ever since after taking the trip to Cal Poly. I want to attend it even more. I think I would have a great college experience if I attended Cal Poly. You university seems like a lot of fun.

Thank You

Sarah Wilson

Bakersfield

Terrorists cannot be stopped with love or compassion

This letter is in response to Dave Greerman's article, "America should lead the world with love." I agree that love and compassion are the ultimate means by which we can attain peace in this world. However, I think that peace and freedom is an impossible goal for two reasons:

1. This world is simply too crowded. Everywhere you go (besides Antarctica), there will be somebody else with conflicting beliefs. Since most people think that their way is the right way, there are bound to be disputes.

2. This world is filled with a bunch of crazy, head-case believers. I don't think we should give in to these people's opinions. It is better to just stand up and say, "I don't agree with you, but I will respect your opinion just as you respect mine."

We must teach children the bad history with the good

I would have to agree with Matt Busman in his commentary, "Removing God from our history," that we should not censor our history. We must teach children that "the influence a Christian God has had in American history." But, remember, we are not censoring history. So, we must tell the bad with the good. Teach children about the genocide of the Native Americans and how God was used in the process. Do that to support this heinous act. Although Spaniards, Muslims and many good things, we must also teach how Natives were taken from their families, enslaved and treated as less than human, all in the name of God.

In response to your question, "Why do we force kids to learn about other religions..." it's to broaden their horizons so that they may empathize with people different from themselves and hopefully avoid the wars of the past. Perhaps, St. Bushman, you could use a seventh grade history lesson on "the pillars of Islam and the journeys of Muhammad," which you mocks.

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Whiten, along with Nick Enwerie and Mike Tischael, is shooting daily-puzzle players, near 50 percent this season. Whiten makes 67.9 percent (28-59) while

Enwerie is at 47.9 percent (23-48). Both have to combine to take a majority of the team's three-pointers, but Tischael has made 50 percent of his long range shots, making eight of 16. UCSB, playing short handed on the road trip with seven players, lost to Utah State by 10. Guard Joe Sco scored 26 points on the game when he made eight of 12 three-pointers. Christmon Oliver added 12 points and Josh Davis 10 in the loss. Against Idaho, Olivers led the team with 12 points in the loss with Derek Rup adding 11.

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even legal supplements and that he took more of those while at Cal Poly.

- Richardson spent the majority of this season on the sideline. Still, Mustang strength and conditioning coach Chrisholder said he saw Richardson on screen during many games, because he would often intentionally stand near a corner of Jack Rios, where TV cameras would continually focus.

I must admit that the story itself stemmed from Richardson calling me last week, like I had requested in September.

Richardson's call also opened up another possibility, as in my cell phone interview with Brown for the feature, Brown told me he was at the 'crème-de-la-crème' of coaching conventions, the thing he goes to every years besides a couple of small clinics.

Brown said pretty much any big name in and college coaching ranks could be found at the convention. Perhaps he and Ellison made names for themselves. I'm glad they took the initiative to become better coaches. I only hope they return with good lessons to impart on the Mustangs.

After all, Cal Poly could not afford to be held up by other coaching teams.

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The Mustangs split their games over the weekend.

Speed is not a problem, but height is something the Mustangs will have to address against the Gauchos.

The Mustangs are being out-rebounded 41.5 to 38.6, butouting their foes 64.6 to 59.0, leading the Big West in scoring margin, turnover margin and number of other categories.

Cal Poly's defense is holding opponents to 92.2 percent shooting from the floor and forcing 24.7 turnovers a contest.

Senior post player Katy Paterson, a second-team All-Big West selection a year ago, is Cal Poly's leading scorer to date with a 10.9 average and also is the top rebounder with a 5.2 mark. Jessica Eggleston averages 7.2 points while Courtney Cameron contributes 6.8 points, 4.5 rebounds and 2.4 assists a game for the Mustangs who do not have a top 10 rebounder, scorer or assis lead en force.

Stayed tuned for a report from the East-West Shrine game in Wednesday's edition.

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History says it's more than just a game

Even as both the Cal Poly and UC Santa Barbara basketball teams struggle in the Big West, the rivalry lives on.

Both teams meet in Santa Barbara today in a Big West Conference game at 7 p.m. today. Neither team has seen as much success as it has in years past before the two threw up the ball, but if history serves fans right, this game means a little more than any of the others.

Cal Poly enters the game with a 3-9 overall record and 1-4 mark in conference play while the Gauchos are 4-8 and 2-3. Both teams lost games this past weekend, falling to Idaho and Utah State.

In the past, tempers have brewed in the central coast rivalry primarily due to the personal feuds shared between former Mustang Varnie Dennis and Gaucher Brandunie Fullove. In the past, Dennis and Fullove have fought out the rights to the Big West MVP. The two have moved on, but their story remains.

Two seasons ago, Dennis and Fullove checked out the Big West office. Dennis and Fullove have settled down, but that doesn't mean the program has technically wrapped up their 9-2 season more than six weeks ago, evidenced of the limbo period called the one-game suspension for violation of team rules.

In a new quarter and although there's been academic pandemonium, I find the Mustang sports scene moving slower than usual.

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Joe Henry hit the floor hard and was shaken up considerably in a controversial foul against rival UC Santa Barbara last season. The Mustangs face Santa Barbara tonight.

The Mustangs are 12-13 against the Gauchos, destroyed Cal Poly at home, but, once again, tempers flared after Fullove fouled forward John Manley hard enough to leave his jersey number imprinted on his back after he hit the floor. The trio returned Saturday but the memory remains.

Santa Barbara has typically defeated the Mustangs handily, but two seasons ago, the Mustangs took two-of-three from the Gauchos including the game that eliminated them from the Big West Tournament.

This year, the Mustangs have been led by freshman Dawn White with a 12.2 point per game average. White has been the team's top scorer in four games this season including where he turned in an 18-point performance against Utah State. White has started in eight games, playing in all 12.

A mighty test awaits women's basketball

The UC Santa Barbara Gauchos women's basketball may not be the team it was last year, but it's plenty stocked.

The Cal Poly women's basketball team (7-4, 2-2 Big West) faces Santa Barbara (5-7, 3-1 Big West) today in Mott Gym and will face UC Davis on Saturday.

Last year, the Gauchos hovered around the top 25 in the national rankings, finishing 29th in the USA Today/ESPN Poll, and made it to the Sweet Sixteen in the NCAA Tournament before falling to the eventual national champion, the University of Connecticut Huskies.

Santa Barbara, coached by Mark French, has appeared in eight consecutive NCAA Tournaments, has won 20 or more games nine years in a row and has won nine straight Big West regular-season titles.

The Gauchos went on another 11-0 run midway through the second half and have outscored their foes 67.5 to 66.7 and outrebounded them as well 40.8 to 36.6.

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