When it's all over: Recycle Yourself

Amanda Samonte

Recycle Yourself, a Cal Poly transplant advocacy group, visited the Bodyworlds exhibit in Los Angeles where human remains are encased in plastic. The plastination process preserves bodies for scientific study.

"quelling rumors and myths" about organ donation.

For example, just because there is a donation sticker on an ID, does not necessarily mean that organs will be donated. People do not have their license with them when they go to the hospital. A release form for the Living Bank has to be signed and turned in to ensure donation.

Another common misconception is that medical care is inferior for donors, singing up will never interfere with care received. Doctors do not even know about possible donation until after a patient death.

"We set up booths at open house, farmer's market WOW work and UU hour to get the word out (about the pros of organ donation)," Angel said.

San Luis Obispo resident and Cal Poly graduate Pam Hasler received a kidney transplant five years ago. She now volunteers for the California Transplant Donor Network.

"The last quarter of college I began to feel so tired. A trip to the doctor showed kidney failure," she said. "I spent five years on peritoneal dialysis and just as my peritoneum was wearing out I received the call (for a transplant)."

"Being a transplant recipient has opened the door to a full appreciation of life and in itself. I am thankful for each and every day," Hasler said.

She now organizes activities in San Luis Obispo County advocating organ donation.

Every day, 16 people die waiting for a transplant. One donor can save the lives of up to eight people and enhance the lives of 50 others.

Angel said that the biggest issue is "When they called me, I could not believe it. Oh, I screamed for sure," she said. "In fact, when I came to bring the car in, the last two bolts I had on my bumper loosened up on the freeway. It was bad. Since then I've had to burn rides from my mom to get to work."

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The entire interior and exterior of the car was stripped down and new parts were installed. Local businesses also put in a custom center console, 20-inch chrome rims and tinted windows.

Norton admitted one of the biggest difficulties was juggling all the work, plus homeschool and school.

"Seeing the final product is amazing. I think she'll be happy," he said.

Santa Maria resident, Teresa Badillo, had her shabby 1979 Chevrolet Blazer overhauled by local businesses

Kristen Osto

No, Xzibit wasn't there, but the scene at Absolute Autosound was no less exciting. Jan. 29 marked the unveiling of a complete vehicle overhaul for one lucky car owner, courtesy of the Central Coast's very own "Wild My Ride" contest.

The winner was Santa Maria resident Teresa Badillo, owner of a 1979 Chevy Blazer.

"I've had my baby for three years," Badillo said. "I would not call it the prettiest thing in the world."

The contest was put on by several sponsors, including WILD 106.1 FM. The contest began two months ago when more than 200 listeners came to the station and digital photos were taken of their vehicles.

Each entry was then posted on the WILD 106.1 Website to be voted on by listeners.

Jesse Norton, a Cal Poly industrial technology senior and owner of Absolute Autosound, estimates Badillo's car was worth around $500 prior to the makeover.

"That car was in definite need of work; there's no question about it," Norton said.

When she was notified, Badillo was ecstatic.

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Exhibit shows rights denied to homosexuals

Business junior Eric Hubbs and architectural engineering senior Blake Gallagher designed and constructed this display to demonstrate the rights denied to homosexuals. Hubbs said they want students to determine for themselves whether marriage should be a right for all couples. There will be a panel discussion about gay marriage today at 7 p.m. in building 52, room E27.
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The estimated worth of the Chevy Blazer is now $20,000, with materials and labor.
When the car was unveiled, Badillo’s reaction was animated.
“It looks so clean,” she said. “I love it! I love the rims; everything looks tight. I’m going to drive it everywhere now. It’s my car! I’m so happy. I really appreciate all of these guys who helped put it together.”
San Luis Customs and Collision, San Luis Auto Interior, Quality Window Tinting and The Tire Store also contributed to the project.

FEELING LIGHTHEADED?
Reading the Mustang Daily increases brain cells lost over the weekend. Enjoy!

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The Party Is Over.
It’s simple: Mardi Gras weekend in SLO will be different this year. Violence and property damage will not be tolerated. Out-of-town visitors are not welcome. Gatherings on streets, sidewalks and parking lots near campus and downtown will not be allowed.

Count on:
• Nearly 400 law enforcement officers on duty the weekend of February 4th
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• Possible expulsion for student violators

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A MESSAGE FROM THE COMMUNITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO
STATE NEWS

VENTURA — A third white teenager who admitted participating in the beating of a black youth in a racially motivated attack was sentenced to eight months in custody in juvenile Hall.

The 15-year-old boy whose name was withheld because of his age, tearfully read a statement Monday apologizing to 17-year-old Jim King for the Dec. 6 attack outside a Simi Valley store. King was selling newspapers.

King said later that he forgave the youth; one of four white teens who shouted racial slurs and punched and kicked him while he was trying to sell newspaper subscriptions in a shopping center parking lot.

MONTEREY — Divers on Tuesday tried to salvage a 62-foot vessel that sank in a federally protected marine sanctuary while carrying 1,700 gallons of diesel fuel. The Albion, which was headed from San Diego to Oregon, was being towed by a tug Tuesday when it sank about two miles west of Del Monte Beach in about 180 feet of water. No injuries were reported, and the cause of the accident is still under investigation, the U.S. Coast Guard said.

FRESNO — The court that hosted Scott Peterson's murder trial is facing funding shortfalls in the case's aftermath because the county where the trial originated hasn't fully repaid the costs. A San Mateo County Superior Court judge said Tuesday.

The six-month trial, and three additional months of jury selection, cost San Mateo County Superior Court more than $790,000 — of which only $400,000 has been reimbursed, said presiding Judge George Miram.

—Associated Press

NATIONAL NEWS

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers and military officials said Tuesday that President Bush's proposal to boost government payments to families of U.S. troops who die while training for other war zones was a good start but too narrow.

Republicans suggested that those who die while training for combat missions also should be eligible for the increased death benefits. Democrats argued that the benefits should extend to all military personnel who die while on active duty.

FORT HOOD, Texas — A former Abu Ghraib guard pleaded guilty Tuesday to battery and two other charges in the Iraqi prison abuse scandal as part of a deal with prosecutors on the eve of his trial. Sgt. Javal Davis, 27, also pleaded guilty to destruction of duty and making a false official statement to Army investigators after photographs of naked and abused prisoners became public last spring.

Davis, from Roselle, N.J., will not face other charges in the Iraqi prison for having sex with his first wife, Linda Kunz, in 1985 when she was 13 years old.

Green appealed, arguing the statute of limitations had run out. He also claimed the trial court lacked jurisdiction because the alleged rape occurred in Mexico.

—Associated Press

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

ROME — Pope John Paul II, suffering from breathing problems and the flu, was rushed to the hospital Tuesday night, Vatican officials said.

The 84-year-old pope has been suffering from the flu since Sunday and apparently suffered a "breathing crisis," a Vatican official told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's interim president said Tuesday that tens of thousands of people may have been unable to vote in the country's historic weekend election because some polling places — including those in Sunni Arab areas — ran out of ballots.

As clerks pounded vote-count tallies into computers to compile trial results, President Ghazi al-Yawer also said chaos and a power vacuum in Iraq mean U.S. forces need to stay for now, even though a new government will be formed after the results are announced.

UNITED NATIONS — U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan selected former President Clinton on Tuesday to be the U.N. point man for tsunami reconstruction, saying no one could better ensure that the world doesn't forget the needs of the countries devastated by the Dec. 26 disaster, which killed more than 157,000 people and displaced millions of others.

Clinton said he will continue to focus on his work with Bush "to urge people to contribute to this cause, and the two of us hope to visit the region together later this month."

—Associated Press

IN OTHER NEWS

WILLMAR, Minn. — Police say a man lost his cool and hit off a third of his younger brother's finger on Thursday night after a vicious family dispute.

A criminal complaint filed in the case said Jose Juarez, 45, got into a fight with his younger brother, Roy Juarez.

Witnesses said Jose Juarez insulted his brother's daughter, and the fight began. At some point, Jose allegedly bit off a piece of the finger on his right hand.

According to the complaint, police said Jose appeared to be quite drunk.

Jose Juarez on Sunday night acknowledged that he bit his brother and that alcohol was a factor.

"Yeah, I'm not proud to say I did, but it happened so quick," he told KMSP-TV of the Twin Cities.

"We were both kind of intoxicated," he said. "I didn't sit there chewing or gnawing or anything like this."

Roy Juarez was taken to Rice Memorial Hospital where doctors reattached the piece of finger. It's too early to tell if the operation was successful.

Jose Juarez was charged on Friday with two counts of assault and one count of domestic abuse.

He was released on his own recognizance.

His next court date is Wednesday.

—Associated Press

UNDER FOUR? OR TRYING TOO HARD?

76% of students drink the same or less during Mardi Gras. The average CP student drinks less than 4 in a sitting.
Following the Rules: Part Two

In Art Beat, our intrepid Singleton followed the questionable dating guide The Rules by dressing extra-girly, acting coy and generally confusing all her friends. Then she decided to break all the Rules and ask out a man. In the conclusion, she does the deed, faces a blind date from hell and does a lot of hairspray psychoanalysis.

Day 4 — Saturday

My phone rings at 5 a.m. It's a very inebriated friend. "I need a cab!" he declares. I am less than sympathetic (or awake). I am woken again at 10 a.m. by women at my floor brandishing religious pamphlets. This means that, before breakfast, I have twice been confronted with unwanted information. This does not bode well for my new plan.

I impulsively call the cute guitar player and leave a nonchalant message on his answering machine. One hour, two hours, three hours ... I do not hear from him all day, which leaves me irritated. By The Rules' logic, I should just write him off forever. However, I don't — this pessimism is hardly how I want to view people, and the slight embarrassment I feel is nothing traumatic. I certainly don't wish myself dead, as Rule #30 suggests I might.

"Maybe he ate some moldy bread and got sick," offers my friend Kimi. I suppose The Rules are designed to help women avoid these uncertain situations. Now that the man appears to be doing my job and playing hard to get, I competitively dashe him more. It's a true textbook case, just with the genders reversed.

Man, maybe The Rules work after all.

Day 5 — Sunday

My blind date is 25 minutes late. I stare angrily at my door. He finally appears, wielding a bottle of water for himself and no apology for me. I ask sweetly what took him so long. When he answers, "You know, stuff," I realize the afternoon I'm in for.

A Rules girl is supposed to be mysterious and reserved on a date (Rule #15). I find this easy to follow, as I'm given no opportunity to speak anyway.

At lunch, his monologue still seems nowhere near completion. When I can take no more, I throw down my chicken skewer and excuse myself to the bathroom, where I pull out my copy of The Rules and curse it heartily. Then I realize my revenge: I'm here to follow The Rules, so why don't I see Art Beat, page 5
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love them ... right over the edge?
Back at the table. I'm not sure he's even noticed my absence. Eventually, he asks me my interests and I breathily intone, "Oh, I don't know. I'm just a girl." I punctuate every inane sentence with a high-pitched giggle that resembles a car alarm (Rule #9 — "Be sweet and light"). He asks me what I like and I chirp, "Pink!" and flutter my eyelashes. In short, I set the women's movement back 5 years, but Sport-o actually seems to find it attractive. And that's when I call in Rule #11 — "Always end the date first."

Day 6 — Monday
Apparently, the world doesn't stop for academic holidays. I venture outside to see the world and sample wintry weather. Later, I run into the Music Man.
Our conversation consists of a guarded apology for "forgetting" to call me back. On the Planet Rules, he'd probably be lying in a gutter with his eyes gouged out for that excuse, but I accept his words. Really, what else is there to do? I can't assume the worst when I don't think it of myself. In fact, The Rules are far from my mind. I depart, explaining that if he's game to meet up, he knows my number.

Later that night, I am struck with a horrifying thought: In that earlier exchange, I followed The Rules exactly without even realizing it. I talked to him only in reciprocation (Rule #2), kept my mouth fairly shut (Rule #3), ended the interaction first (Rule #6), saw him indifferently (Rule #13) and encouraged his free will (Rule #16).

The Rules have taken over my brain. They must die.

Day 7 — Tuesday
With my pastel investigation over and a long week passed, I stare at my bright red nails in contemplation. If The Rules positively enforced anything, it was that every woman is worth romantic effort and she should only settle for a man who goes the distance. Their mores, however, can't override the unique behavior of each personality. If they did, women would be clones — and few men play with Barbies. The Rules are meant to protect women from disappointment, but in doing so they take away the most exciting parts of dating: The emotional ride of being vulnerable and the tenacity of going for what you want. That was my way during my mid-week crisis; I'm glad for it.

So my story ends where I began — with a song in my heart, a gleam in my eye and a book I will throw back into the nether regions of my closet. I don't expect a call from the telecommunications-challenged boy. Not particularly. Actually, I reason that my phone will enjoy some silence after my neurotic escapades. But I do know this: The best rule, it seems, is to act in a way you can be proud of. Someday, someone else will be proud of you, too.

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political rhetoric

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down. Everything appears to be the same, but the differences are quite
catives are liberals (at least their language says so).

- increased spending among tax breaks.

towards terrorism and that it is our duty to

Others falsely claim that the

right is intolerant. Sure, those on

help themselves and believe in tra-
ditional Christian values over a

welfare state or non-traditional val-

ues, but this doesn’t make the right

 intolerant. Others claim that the

right doesn’t believe in global

arming. However, many on the

right actually do believe in global

arming, but they don’t believe in

the catastrophic effects that many

on the left link it to. In fact, these

Republicans believe this way based

on actual scientific evidence (no

way?).

I suggest reading “Methow: The

Predictable Distortion of Global

arming by Scientists, Political

Media” by Patrick Michaels for addi-

tional information.

I think I am just an intolerant

conservative to most liberals read-

ing this, but I hope you realize that

conservatives actually aren’t illogical or as intolerant as you

might have assumed. Instead, you

might try changing your own

judgments by being more tolerant

to those on the right before you

start labeling them (yikes).

Brian Eler

Material engineering freshman

A conservative response
to the liberal top 10

Paula, land should stay open
to the public.

2. Because special interest
groups are useless.

3. Because humans have

right things that aren’t, not the other

way around.

4. Instead of protesting, I make

constructive use of my time.

5. My inspiration doesn’t come

from a song.

6. Communism doesn’t work.

7. Because I idea of saving the

world doesn’t involve a sticker and

a TV show.

8. I enjoy driving a truck that

gets 10 miles per gallon.

9. I didn’t have to take off my

helicopter.

10. I enjoy driving a truck that

gets 10 miles per gallon.

David Goree

Agricultural Systems Management

Terrorists will keep doing

what they are doing

This is a response to Jonathan

Allen’s “Terrorists are human beings...” article.

1. I think you misunderstood

my letter. I never said the terror-

ists should be destroyed or burned.

2. In fact, I said they can’t be stopped with love,

compassion or any other mortal

word.

Matt Randle

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING SENIOR

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appreciate your membership and are

delighted to have the chutzpah
to deliver almost every question Senators asked of her.

Sad! there could be something even scarier than "Bush World." Republicans continue to
talk like liberals but continue to act neither liberal nor conserva-
tive. They’re just plain reckless and refuse to acknowledge any mistakes

They will just keep doing what they are doing until they get

held, or like I said, the world can’t be stopped with love,

compassion or any other mortal

word. Just like Seinfeld, “Bizarro World” is driving me crazy. Republicans con-

continue to talk like liberals but continue to act neither liberal nor conserva-
tive. They’re just plain reckless and refuse to acknowledge any mistakes

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ERA

Mustang field-starters will be Brett Berglund at first, Brent Walker at second, Jimmy Gardner or Gilbert Gil at shortstop, Josh Lansford (hitting a team-high .500) at third, Matt Cooker in left, Brandon Rushmore in center, Jimmy Van Ostrand in right, Kyle Blumenthal or Jonathan Woodcox at catcher and JJ Owen or Sean Alexander as designated hitter.

The returning Spartans start include senior shortstop Anthony Contreras, who hit .305 and knocked in 19 runs in 2004. The pitching staff will likely include junior right-handers Corey Cabral (6-8, 5.47 ERA), junior southpaw Brandon Drewing (1-9, 3.66 ERA) and senior left-hander Brad Kilby (4-1, 1.71 ERA), primarily a reliever.

Cal Poly was ranked No. 38 in the recent preseason Baseball America poll. The Mustangs won 38 games a year ago, one more than the 1997 squad, and opened Big West play in 2004 by winning five of its first six games, moving 20 games over the .500 mark (33-13-1) for the first time in 11 seasons.

The Mustangs were in playoff contention for much of last season, but were swept by eventual national champion Cal State Fullerton, Big West runner-up Long Beach State and fourth-place UC Irvine on consecutive weekends to fall out of contention.

Several players from last year's Cal Poly team are gone, including those who were drafted last June. However, one returnee for the Mustangs is Shull, who stunned a contract offer from the Arizona Diamondbacks after being drafted in the eighth round to return for his senior season.

The Mustangs opened this sea- son with 8-6, 10-6 and 10-6 victories over San Diego.

Then, after rain forced a one-day postponement of the opener at UCLA, Cal Poly dropped the first game of Saturday's doubleheader 7-4, then bounced back for a 2-1 victory in the nightcap and an 8-3 triumph in Sunday's series finale.

Next weekend, Cal Poly will travel to Malibu to face Pepperdine in a three-game series, beginning Friday at 2 p.m. and continuing Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m.
cal Poly baseball is back.

Off to its best start since 2001, the team will host San Jose State this weekend for the first home series of 2005. Cal Poly is 5-1 following a series sweep at University of San Diego, Jan. 21-23 and a series win at UCLA last weekend. Friday's game starts at 6 p.m., followed by 1 p.m. contests Saturday and Sunday.

Last season, Cal Poly won the final two games of its series at San Jose State while the series-opener was halted after eight innings due to darkness with the score tied 6-6. The Spartans have a 44-33-1 lead in the all-time series, which dates back to 1947.

San Jose State, coached by Sam Pirzan, will be opening its season this weekend.

The Spartans return 12 lettermen, including six position-starters and two starting pitchers, from the 2004 squad that posted a 23-31-1 record and finished fifth in the Western Athletic Conference with an 11-19 mark.

Right-hander Jimmy Shull (0-1, 4.38 ERA) will start for Cal Poly on Friday. Shull will be followed in the rotation, on Saturday by southpaw Garrett Olson (1-0, 3.46 ERA), who earned a win in eight strong innings against UCLA. On Sunday, the Mustangs will start right-hander Bud Norris (1-0, 3.38 ERA). See Baseball, page 7.