Marijuana stolen in local house robbery
Kelly Cope
MUSTANG DAILY

Authorities are conducting an investigation into a home invasion robbery which occurred on Nov. 26 at about 10 p.m. on the 1200 block of Frederick Street.

According to a press release, three masked, black males entered the residence of the four victims, one holding a baseball bat and another a rifle.

One of the masked men then made one of the victims open a locked safe containing about two pounds of marijuana and a substantial amount of cash.

The suspects also stole personal items from the victims. No injuries on the part of the victims were reported.

Authorities do not consider this a random robbery; they believe the suspects knew what was in the residence and went after the victims based on this information.

One of the victims appears to be a legal provider of marijuana for the Central Coast Compassionate Caregivers in Morro Bay. He was in possession of the marijuana for the dispensary.

Anyone with information on this crime should call the San Luis Obispo Police Department at 7317 or Obispo Police Department at 781-7317 or Crime Stoppers at 549-7867.

A whole new SLO
Liza Mansion
MUSTANG DAILY

A Cal Poly civil engineering class has created plans to improve public transportation in San Luis Obispo.

The "SLO South 2050: Sustainable Mobility" exhibition took place Wednesday night at the City-County Library.

Sustainability means "to create a world where our children can also live, and not just us," civil engineering professor Eugene Jud said. This refers to an environment friendly city with less air pollution.

Presentations by Cal Poly students were on display showing various future transportation plans on posters for CE 424. public transportation, a technical elective taught by Jud.

The plans were geared specifically toward south San Luis Obispo, which included the Dalidio property, Prado Road, Margarita and airport areas, and the Damon Garcia Sports Complex.

Some plans included trams, buses and networks for bicycle routes in response to the upcoming changes that will be made because Measure J was passed.

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Rare dinosaur nest up for auction in LA

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LOS ANGELES — An extremely rare and well-preserved dinosaur nest containing fossil eggs with the embryos exposed goes up for auction this weekend, but at least one scientist is demanding the artifact be returned to a museum.

Auction house Bonhams & Butterfields estimated the ancient dino nest, belonging to a predatory raptor, will fetch between $180,000 and $220,000 at auction Sunday.

"To have a wonderful complete nest like this is amazing," said Thomas Lindgren, director of the natural history division at Bonhams.

The Cretaceous-era dinosaur nest was unearthed in the southern Chinese province of Guangdong in 1984 and has been privately sold in Asia. In 2003, an American collector on the East Coast bought the nest and restored it to museum quality.

The nest contains 22 unhatched eggs arranged in a circular pattern along the edge. Embryonic remains were uncovered in 19 eggs and one egg was removed for scientific study. Some eggs were so well-preserved that one can see the embryos curled inside.

Gerald Greflet-Tintner, a dinosaur expert at the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, said such a fossilized nest is a "bonanza" find that can tell scientists a great deal about the newSLO

U. Penn professor: Newborns come with all languages built in

Rebecca Kaplan

PHILADELPHIA — Have you always struggled with foreign languages?

University of Pennsylvania linguistics professor Charles Yang suggests it may not be your fault in his new book, "The Infinite Gift: How Children Learn and Unlearn the Languages of the World."

Yang taught at Yale University for six years and worked on his book for two years before coming to Penn three months ago.

His book is based largely on Massachusetts Institute of Technology professor and Penn graduate Noam Chomsky's theory of "universal grammar," which suggests that all children are born with a set of innate principles and constraints that apply to all languages.

Yang takes this theory one step further by suggesting that babies are born with the ability to learn all languages.
Dinosaur

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the growth and development of dinosaurs.

Judging by the nest size and egg shape, Grellet-Tinner said he suspects the dinosaur is probably an oviraptor, a meat-eater with a large head. He won't know for sure until he can inspect the embryos and determine the nest size, he said.

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Plans for "mixed use" include commercial and residential areas, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and a Bus Rapid Transit Hub (BRT).

"I'm totally outraged," he said. "A lot of scientific information will be lost." Lindgren said the collector's son has been examining the nest as part of his graduate thesis and is preparing a scientific paper for publication next year.

Besides the rare dinosaur nest, Bonhams & Butterfields will also auction off a fossilized garfish and a scientific paper for publication next year.

Other groups included plans for a pre-emption ability to change traffic lights to green. The bus would run 24 hours a day.

Newborns

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any language, but, as they learn their native language, they must learn other languages.

Humans learn language in phrases that have certain boundaries, he said. For instance, a child speaking in incomplete sentences may use the phrase "for cookies," as in the sentence, "that milk is for cookies." The child would never use the phrase "cookies for," as in, "Cookie Monster has cookies for supper," because that breaks the phrase boundary.

"Language happens to be, I think, one of the hardest things we learn," Yang said. "The emergence of your native tongue is at the expense of other languages."

The "mistakes" that children make as they are learning to speak may actually be perfectly formed phrases — in other languages. A child might say, "I don't want no spinach," which is incorrect in English because of the double negative, but is grammatically correct in Spanish, for example.

Other common "mistakes" that children make are repeating an interrogative in a sentence, which is a convention of German grammar, or omitting the subject of a sentence, which is common practice in Chinese or Japanese.

He also addressed several myths about babies' language, including the idea that sounds like "mama" and "dada" are actual words.

Furthermore, parents can't really correct their children's errors when they are learning to speak; they learn more by hearing than by being corrected, Yang said.
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FRESNO (AP) —

Differences over the Bible and

sexuality within the Anglican

faith may push the Diocese of

San Joaquin to become the first

in the nation to split with the

Episcopal Church.

Bishop John-David

Schofield, who refuses to ordain

women and gays, has publicly

accused the church's newly

elected female leader of pro-

testing "heresy." Under his

leadership, the Fresno-based

diocese has already stopped

sending most funds to the

national church and has

considered a plan to affiliate with an

Anglican diocese in Argentina.

Should delegates decide to

formally break with the national

church at a convention Saturday,

all parties expect a protracted legal battle over the
diocese's millions of dollars in real estate.

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

A man who taped and killed a

teenager by stabbing her dozens of times moved a step
closer to execution Thursday when a federal appeals court
here rejected his appeal.

Lawyers for Dood Raley, 45, said they would appeal to the

U.S. Supreme Court. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals
said Thursday it would not reverse its April decision that

Raley had adequate legal repre-

sentation at trial.

South Africa becomes

first country on continent
to legalize gay marriages

Clare Nullis

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAPE TOWN, South Africa

(AP) — South Africa Thursday

became the first country in Africa, and only the fifth in the world,
to legalize same-sex marriages.

The Civil Union Act goes into
effect a day ahead of a Dec. 1
deadline set by the country's

Constitutional Court, which

required the marriage law be

changed to ensure equality for gays

and lesbians.

Gay rights groups have wel­
come the law, although they criti­
icized provisions allowing clergy

civil marriage officers to turn

away gay couples if their con­

sciences prevented them from mar­

rying them.

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Government quietly applies computerized terrorism ratings to millions of travelers

Michael J. Sniffen
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Without notifying the public, federal agents for the past four years have been assigning computerized scores rating the risk they pose of being terrorists or criminals.

The travelers are not allowed to see or directly challenge these risk assessments, which the government intends to keep on file for 40 years.

The scores are assigned to people entering and leaving the United States after computers assess their travel records, including where they are from, how they paid for their tickets, how many times they paid cash, past one-way travel, seeing preference and what kind of meal they ordered.

The program's existence was quietly disclosed in November when the government put an announcement detailing the Automated Targeting System, or ATS, for the first time in the Federal Register, a government compendium of federal rules. Privacy and civil libertarians charge the system would spoil personal data and allow government officials to come to conclusions that could prevent someone from traveling.

The Homeland Security Department notified the court in a program "one of the most advanced targeting systems in the world." The department said the nation's ability to protect itself and other countries "would be critically impaired without access to this data.

Still, privacy advocates view ATS with alarm. "It's probably the most invasive system the government has yet deployed in terms of the number of people affected," David Sobel, a lawyer at the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a civil liberties group devoted to electronic civil liberties, said in an interview.

"This targeting system goes beyond traditional border watch lists, border agents compare arrival names with watch lists separately from the ATS analysis," he said.

In a privacy impact assessment posted on its Web site this week, Homeland Security said ATS seeks to identify "high-risk individuals who may not have been previously associated with a law enforcement action or otherwise be noted as a person of concern to law enforcement.

Ahern said ATS does this by applying rules derived from the government's knowledge of terrorist and criminals to the passengers' travel patterns and records.

For security reasons, Ahern declined to disclose any of the rules, but a Homeland Security document on data-mining gave an ominous example of a risk assessment rule: "If an individual sponsors more than one fiancee for immigration at the same time, there is likelihood of immigration fraud."

In the Federal Register, the department exempted ATS from many provisions of the Privacy Act because it is intended to protect secret, possibly inaccurate government sources. As a result, it said, travelers cannot and in general cannot challenge their perations. The government has yet to deploy in terms of the number of people affected," David Sobel, a lawyer at the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a civil liberties group devoted to electronic civil liberties, said in an interview.

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But Jayson P. Ahern, an assistant commissioner of Homeland Security's Customs and Border Protection agency, said the ATS ratings simply allow agents at the border to pick out people not previously identified by law enforcement as potential terrorists or criminals and send them for additional searches and interviews. "It does not replace the judgments of homeland security's Privacy Office, noted that the department pledged to review the exemptions over the next 90 days based on the public comment received. As of Thursday, all 15 public comments received were negative, some outright or criticalized the redress procedures.

The Homeland Security privacy impact statement added that "an individual might not be aware of the reason additional scrutiny is taking place, nor should he or she" because that might compromise the ATS system.

Nevertheless, Ahern said any traveler who objected to additional scrutiny could speak to a supervisor to complain. Homeland Security's privacy impact statement said that if asked, border agents would hand complaining passengers a one-page document that describes some, but not all, of the records that agents check and refer complaints to Custom and Border Protection's Customer Satisfaction Unit.

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"There is no procedure to correct the risk assessment and associated rules stored in ATS as the assessment will change when data from the underlying data sources is updated," the statement said.

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The department says that 87 percent of the 1.5 million people a year entering the country by air and 309 million enter by land or sea. The government gets advance passenger and crew lists for all flights and ships entering and leaving and all those names are entered into the system for an ATS analysis. Ahern said. He also said the names of vehicle drivers and passengers are entered when they cross the border and Antrak is voluntarily supplying passenger data for trains to and from Canada.

Ahern said that border agents concentrate on arrivals more than on departures because their departures are limited. "If this catches one potential terror, this is a success," Ahern said.

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South African leaders, deter-
mined to bury all forms of dis-
 crimination, recognized the rights of gays and lesbians in the consti-
tution drafted after the end of apartheid in 1994.

That constitution, the first in the world to prohibit discrimina-
tion on the basis of sexual orien-
tation, provided a powerful legal tool for gay rights advocates, even though South Africa remains conser-
vative on issues of sexuality.

Influential traditional leaders said the legislation violated African cultural norms.

The Roman Catholic Church and Muslim groups denounced it as violating the sanctity of mar-
riage. In the days leading up to the signing of the new law, radio talk shows aired strong opposition to the legislation.

The public reaction, said Judge of OUT, "forced us to confront the deep-seated prejudice and intolerance against gays and les-
bians. It's a day-to-day reality.

It's been quite a frightening process to see the level of hatred that has been openly expressed against this minority."
Former high school teammates to face off in Cal-LSU first-round match

Steffi Cham
DAILY CALIFORNIA (UC BKF.KKLLEY)

Just a few years ago, high school volleyball players Ellen Orchard and Kyna Washington played together on the Texas Tornados club team in Houston.

The two have since gone their separate ways, gracing volleyball teams on opposite sides of the country — Orchard to the Cal volleyball team in 2004, Washington to LSU in 2005.

But the two players will soon meet again — only this time on opposite sides of the net — when the No. 14 Bears take on No. 15 LSU on Friday at Mott Gym at 6 p.m. in San Luis Obispo in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

“I haven’t talked to her since high school, but we were good friends,” Orchard said. “I’m pretty excited. I expect us to win.”

After sailing through the nonconference schedule undefeated, Cal (20-9) had somewhat of a rollercoaster season in the Pac-10, ending at the .500 mark. But its performance was still good enough to earn the Bears an at-large bid to the NCAA’s for a school-record fifth consecutive year.

Built around Orchard’s strong output and the returning middle blocker’s strong defense, Cal hopes to advance deep in the tournament this year.

But before the junior middle blocker can think about Texas, the Bears must get through not only LSU but the winner of the Michigan-Cal Poly matchup. With a win Friday, Cal will play the second round of the NCAA’s on Saturday.

“I think we’re in a really good place right now,” Feller said. “We have a couple good practices this week. We’ve got a really tough draw, but I feel good about the way we’re playing.”

The Bears have won three of their last four matches, and Orchard has recorded 39 kills in that span, including a team-leading 13 in Cal’s sweep of Washington State.

While her offensive consistency and defensive prowess may often be overshadowed by the flashier performances of the outside hitters, Orchard’s contributions have been anything but insignificant.

The middle blocker leads the Bears and ranks fifth in the Pac-10 with a .305 hitting percentage. She is also third in the conference and first on the team with 1.49 blocks per game.

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No. 14 Cal Poly (22-5, 13-1)

What: NCAA Tournament first-round volleyball match
Where: Mott Gym
When: 8 p.m. today
Radio: ESPN Radio 1280
Tickets: Student tickets for today can be purchased for $5. A two-day student pass costs $6. Both can be bought at the ticket office.

About the opponent: Michigan
Location: Ann Arbor, Mich.
Founded: 1817
Enrollment: 37,306
School colors: Maize and blue
Gym (capacity): Cliff Keen Arena (1,800)
Head coach (record/experience): Mark Roskin (139-111/Eighth year)
2005 record: 13-16, 7-13

Quotes from the sideline: "We don't train for how we'll attack them on offense. We train for the match, every match we play," said Jackson, who leads Cal Poly with 15th in kills and is also in the title game since 1984, "We've got a very difficult draw, every match we play," Stevenson said. "We've got a very strong Michigan team. It's not going to be easy."

The Mustangs entered a national ranking this year for the first time since 1999.
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tested, but Michigan State took it
after freshman Megan Bower failed
to handle a vicious Spartan spike.
From there, Michigan State took
total. While the defense domi-
nated the tempo of the game, the
offensive attackers, mainly
Johnson, hummed Michigan into
aggressive spikes.
"The first game went pretty
well, but there were just five or six
plays that we messed up small,
isignificant things," Michigan
coach Mark Rosen said. "We
weren't getting after free balls and
stuff like that, and we started to get
frustrated. You can't play this game
if you let that get to you, so it's
going to be a long night if you get
discharged." The Wolverines haven't
lost the State Pride series —  a trophy
won by the winner of the matches
played between the two schools —
to the Spartans in five years. Rosen
said that after being upset about the
winning the big match, he
remained that momentum.
"It's all even in a tournament,"
Rosen believes his team will be
prepared for the stiff competition it
will face in the NCAA
Tournament. "It's all even in a tournament,"
Rosen said. "I think the conference
has prepared us for it, because we
won't see teams that are better than
what we're already faced."
Cal Poly shot well from three-point range but struggled from the foul line, making 11 of 24 attempts.

Tyler Wise
MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly men’s basketball team provided 1,289 fans at Mott Gym on Wednesday night with an aggressive and overall dominating performance in an 81-62 victory against Division III Occidental. The Mustangs (4-2) never allowed the Tigers to gain a lead, the Mustangs allowed an early tie at 12-12, in which the team took a timeout with 15:32 to play. “I told the team that the game was more of a mental challenge and that they had to have respect for their opponents, no matter if they’re Duke or Occidental,” Bromley said. The next game for the Mustangs is Sunday at San Jose State. “San Jose State is hungry for their first W; they’ve not exactly a name that sends fear down their spine,” Bromley said. “Last year they were in the hunt for the championship, and we had no answer for them. “The Spartans are really going to come at us and we need to be prepared to play at our highest level. If we can play with the same intensity, then we’re going to be successful.”

Poly wrestling team heads to Las Vegas for tournament

The Mustangs are led by 133-pound Darrell Vasquez, who was the team’s leading scorer last season with a feeling they’ll always remember. Azevedo said the team has a number of top-ranked wrestlers, so he expects the team’s performance to be one he’s proud of. “The guys have been getting their work in,” he said. At their only tournament of the season so far, the 198-pound ranked Mustangs topped team standings at the Fullerton Open on Nov. 18. Cal Poly will compete this weekend with schools such as Arizona State, Oregon State, Michigan, Nebraska, Harvard, Boise State, Cal State Bakersfield and others for a total of about 50 teams.

Competition begins today at 9 a.m. with a short pigtail round, then at 10 a.m., rounds one and two begin, and consolation matches for the pigtail round will be held at the same time as the Star of the Desert Arena.}

Good Luck & Congratulations to the Cal Poly Women’s Volleyball Team

Mustang men’s hoops squad pounds DIII Occidental, 81-62

The Mustangs (4-2) never allowed the Tigers (2-4) to take a lead. “All of our starters did a great job and were able to stretch out a good lead considerably early in the game,” Cal Poly head coach Kevin Bromley said.

Coming out strong in the first half, the Mustangs were able to secure a 10-point lead (24-14) with 11 minutes, 59 seconds left in the first half. They eventually closed the period with a 51-26 lead against Occidental.

Cal Poly began the second half with a 7-0 run, eventually securing a game-high 29-point lead with 15:55 to play. Individual leaders for the Mustangs included a 15-point performance from starting senior forward Derek Stockalper, who made five of his six floor shots. Tyler McGinn added 11 points for Cal Poly.

Though the Mustangs dominated the scoreboard, the team did have its struggles, particularly with free throws, Bromley said. The Mustangs shot well enough from the field, making 29 of 59 field-goal attempts (49 percent), twelve of which were 3-pointers (12 for 26).

Cal Poly shot only 45 percent from the foul line, sinking only 11 of 24 attempts. “It was definitely one of the poorer aspects of our game, but we took enough shots and made enough baskets to keep us well out in front,” Bromley said.

Bromley also alluded to the Mustangs’ early defensive struggles. Though they never allowed the Tigers to gain a lead, the Mustangs allowed an early tie at 12-12, in which the team took a timeout with 15:32 to play. “I told the team at that point to have more pride in their defense and get really locked into them (Tigers),” Bromley said. “I told them that the game was more of a mental challenge and that they had to have respect for their opponents, no matter if they’re Duke or Occidental.”

The UCLA Bruins trudged off the Coliseum field following a 66-19 loss to Southern California last season with a feeling they’ll always remember. And Bruins coach Robert Chai believes that’s a good thing. “I remember thinking as I stood in the tunnel, ‘I don’t ever want to feel this again,’” Chai said. “I don’t want anyone on this team to forget what that felt like.”

The outcome might have been expected, but the margin of victory wasn’t. USC entered with an 11-0 record and UCLA was 9-1. “All year long, you talk about USC, you talk about UCLA, you talk about U.S.C., you talk about US.C.,” Bruins cornerback Trey Brown said. “This is our opportunity to shut people up and earn some respect. It’s been way too long. It’s got to stop sometime.”

While the Bruins may have been thinking about the Trojans for some time, as Chai said, that apparently hasn’t been the case at USC. Coach Pete Carroll believes every game is a championship game, and his players have embraced that philosophy.

Now that it’s their week, though, Carroll and his players are free to speak on the significance of playing the Bruins. “We love this matchup and we love playing it, whether it’s at the Coliseum or at the Rose Bowl,” Carroll said. “We don’t get to play another game for a long time — this is the last game we get to play this year.”

“Next year, we get to play another game, so we will deal with that when the time comes.”

No. 2 USC (10-1, 7-1 Pac-10) can clinch a berth in the BCS title game with a victory — just like it did last year. If the Trojans lose, they’ll play in the Rose Bowl game.
Killer whale returns to San Diego performance tank after attack

Allison Hoffman
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SAN DIEGO — Some days, killer whales just wake up on the wrong side of the pool.

A 211/2-ton orca that dragged a trainer underwater during a show at SeaWorld may have been put out by a spat with another whale, grumpy because of the weather or just irritable from a stomach ache, according to marine mammal experts.

"Some mornings they just wake up not as willing to do the show as others," said Ken Balcomb, director of the Center for Whale Research in Friday Harbor, Wash. "If the trainer doesn’t recognize it’s not a good day, this will happen."

The whale, Kasatka, was back in the water Thursday for a lunchtime performance that went off without a hitch. But the show was limited to tricks that did not involve trainers getting in the water.

Meanwhile, experts from other SeaWorld parks and marine centers converged in San Diego to review Wednesday’s incident and figure out what set the whale off.

The trainer, Ken Peters, 39, underwent surgery Thursday on a broken bone in his foot but was otherwise in good spirits, said Mike Scarpuzzi, vice president of zoo­logical operations at SeaWorld San Diego and a former killer-whale trainer.

Kasatka, a 30-year-old orca that is about 17 feet long and weighs well over 5,000 pounds, twice held Peters underwater for less than a minute each time during the finale of a show at Shamu Stadium.

The act called for the orca to leap out of the water so Peters could dive off her nose. Instead, as several hundred spectators watched, Kasatka grabbed Peters’ foot in her mouth and dragged him toward the bottom of the 30-foot-deep tank.

"When they came up, Feters tried to calm the animal by stroking its face, but it grabbed him and plunged down again. The whale finally released him and Peters was able to surface and swim away. He emerged from the tank with one leg of his wet suit torn."

Kasatka and Peters were involved in a scrape in 1999, when the whale tried to bite the trainer during a show, Scarpuzzi said. Peters hopped out of the tank and was not injured. The whale also tried to bite a different trainer in 1993, Scarpuzzi said.

Peters has 16 years of experience as a trainer, including 12 years in Shamu Stadium.

Scarpuzzi pointed out that the animals perform as many as eight times a day, 365 days a year, "so this, even if it’stc can be expected because they are killer whales, it is definitely abnormal."

Killer whales are predators that are originally called whale-killers because they occasionally eat other whales and dolphins.

"In the wild they’re not dangerous to humans and there’s no inci­dences of them attacking humans unprompted," Balcomb said. But in captivity, "they’re dangerous because they’re big and sometimes they’re not happy with their situa­tion."

Park spokesman Dave Koonz said a different whale went under with a trainer’s foot in its mouth two or three weeks ago but obeyed commands to release the trainer and return to the side of the tank.

The trainer was not injured.

The most serious attack at SeaWorld came in 1987, when a whale leaped onto a trainer as he rode a second whale during a stunt before a full house. The trainer was hospitalized with a broken pelvis, ribs and upper leg.

Kasatka made headlines in 2001 when she became the first killer whale to successfully give birth in captivity after being artificially inseminated.
HUMOR COLUMN
How to tell better jokes with Mike's advice


If you don't have the setup, you could also try to have a joke. Here is an example of some topic-related humor. You could have heard about how Saddam Hussein is appealing his sentence to be hung. So I set it up with what seemingly is a serious concern, even showing that I actually do know what is going on in the world. But then, all of a sudden, watch out. "Cause here comes punch line: "Hey, well, I never thought I would ever have to give some advice to Saddam saying "Hey! And Whammy!" I play a word on sound so that Arabo-Arabic and how you aud­ience laugh uncontrollably on the garbled sound.

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doesn’t lack for futility and a bit
of ironic seeing as how Knowles has
been compared to Diana Ross her entire
career and "Dreamgirls" is loosely based
on Diana Ross and the Supremes.

Our Hudson has a riveting, breakheart
performance as Effie White, the lead singer
pushed side because of her weight and
looked and replaced with backup singer
Demis (Knowles); Hudson bust out hun-
dreds for the role of White including
Fontino, who took the crown of "American Idol" the season Hudson was
a finalist. Audiences will fall in love with the story
because of its crossover appeal. Although it focuses on the finger-snapping, feel-good
soul of the late ’60s, the central story of
a group trying to survive a manipulat-
ing manager and the pressure of appear-
ce in dozens will remain true today. The
film’s musical numbers kept the audience
dancing in their seats while Hudson’s
breathtaking rendition of “And I’m Telling You I’m Not Going” left the audience giving a standing ovation.

The film, which was the source of Oscar buzz since a preview at the
Cannes Film Festival, deserves whatever
accolades come in its way. Courteney
Cox wrote and directed an exceptional movie with an exceptional cast that will have
Hollywood, once again, buzzing over the musical-theater genre.

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Ludacris speaks out on AIDS

Ludacris, in a recent interview, spoke
about the importance of AIDS awareness and
the need for young people to be educated about
the disease. "It's not just something that
happens to other people," he said. "It could happen
to you. We need to start taking this seriously and
learning about it." Ludacris's message resonated
with many young people, who are often
disengaged from information about health and
safety.

Ludacris is not the only celebrity
who has spoken out about the importance of AIDS
prevention. Other celebrities, such as
Jennifer Lopez and Will Smith, have
also used their platforms to raise awareness
about the disease. Their efforts are important,
but more needs to be done to address the
epidemic.

In addition to individual efforts, there
are also many organizations working to fight
AIDS. The AIDS Foundation USA, for example,
has been working for over 30 years to provide
services and support to those affected by
the disease. They offer a range of programs,
including support groups, counseling,
and treatment for those with HIV.

It is important to remember that the
fight against AIDS is not over. While
progress has been made, there is still a lot of
work to be done. Let us all remember to
take care of ourselves and to educate others
about the importance of safe sex and
practical steps to prevent the spread of the
disease.
Imagine a holiday show that pairs outrageous lyrics with skin acted out in Shakespearean dialogue. Gale McNeeley has managed to combine them both in his new show, "Gale McNeeley and the Satiricals." The show is over an hour of singing, dancing and acting out songs originally by Tom Lehrer and the comedic material of Johnny Wayne and Ashley Flannegan, while Hetty McNeeley and the Satiricals. The thought of combining the three artists came to McNeeley because they all were popular around the 1960s and used the same type of humor.

Cal Poly students are familiar with 'Weird Al Yankovic, but what about Tom Lehrer? Lehrer was popular during the late 1950s and into the 1960s. The Harvard mathematics student would record satirical songs on social and political events in his spare time. Popular Lehrer songs include "Pollution" and "I Hold Your Hand In Mine," which is about a lover cutting off his girlfriend's hand to nibble her fingertips. Lehrer's first CD, "Songs by Tom Lehrer," had an initial release of 400 copies that were dispersed in and around the Harvard campus before winter break. Lehrer joked that students spread the music "like herpes" which caused a demand for more CDs. Round two saw 350,000 copies sold.

Even if people aren't familiar with Shakespeare, people know pop culture and will understand the humor. Gale McNeeley

Gerrick Lewis
THE EASTER (OHIO STATE U.)

Director and screenwriter Bill Condon had a lot at stake when he began working on the film version of "Dreamgirls." The movie, like the original production, follows the story of the Dreamettes: Effie, Deena and Lorrell — as they rise from being discovered by an ambitious manager to being in the spotlight as the Dream girls set against the backdrop of the turbulent late 1960s and early 70s.

A Broadway Tony-Award-winning more than 25 years ago, Condon needed to bring the same magic to this film that he did for "Chicago" in 2002, which spawned Hollywood's new-found obsession with musicals. This obsession was short-lived after the 2005 flop, "The Producers."

Condon assembled a dream cast, each with their own baggage and something to prove.

Jamie Foxx needed to show he wasn't a one-trick pony and distance himself from the Oscar-winning role of Ray Charles in "Ray," a role he parlayed into a successful music career, channeling Charles in a number of songs, most notably Kanye West's hit "Gold digger."

Beyonce Knowles — without a doubt one of the biggest names in music — needed to prove she could act. After roles in not-so-successful films "The Pink Panther" and "The Fighting Temptations," this is her chance to show she can hold her own.

Eddie Murphy had the most at stake; could he portray the same role of James "Thunder" Early, and sing? Murphy had an ice-cold music career in the '80s. Could he make his audience forget about the painful "Party All The Time," and his string of lackluster films starting with "Showtime" and ending with "Pineapple Express." Jennifer Hudson, on the other hand, needed to show the world she could bounce back after being boot ed off of "American Idol." She showed she had the voice, but does she have the chops to fill the shoes of Effie White? Can she stand her ground against Knowles? With all these problems can Condon make this movie a hit? Not only does Condon successfully pull the film off, but each character shines in their role and proves their baggage isn't as heavy as it appeared to be. Foxx fits perfectly as the cunning and controlling manager, Curtis Taylor, Jr. Murphy is electrifying as Early, the flamboyant owner who carries on an affair with Lorrell (Tony Award winner Anika Noni Rose of Broadway's "Caroline or Change"). Knowles hasn't been this sharp since the days of "SNU" and "Coming To America."

Knowles surprises and gives a defining performance as Deena Jones. On her latest album, "B'Day," Knowles said "Dreamgirls" was the film of her life. With her background as the leader of Destiny's Child, seeing her rise from shy background singer to lead ...