The Supreme Court stood divided over the combination of drugs used in lethal injections.

football star considers future while team welcomes familiar coach back into fold.

Police arrest bank robbery suspect

Jennifer Hall

The San Luis Obispo Police Department arrested the suspect of a bank robbery Friday after an investigation that led them to Fresno.

Gregory Raymond Romero, 45, allegedly robbed the Rabobank on Santa Rosa Street Dec. 31 at 11:53 p.m.

The suspect reportedly threatened to harm bank employees if they did not cooperate with his demands, then fled the scene before police arrived.

The suspect was identified as a Santa Maria resident after a photograph was captured by a bank camera and broadcast by local media. However, the suspect was not home when officers arrived to give him a warrant. An extensive search of the area was inconclusive.

SLOPD received information Jan. 3 that the suspect was seen in the Fresno area. With the help of the Fresno Police Department, the suspect was found Jan. 4, in his vehicle and was arrested without incident and later booked into the San Luis Obispo County Jail. No weapons were found in his vehicle or on his person.

However, officers discovered $3,500 in Romero’s pocket and at least one of the bills matched those stolen from the Rabobank. The total amount stolen from the bank remains undisclosed.

SLOPD does not think Romero is the infamous “Mutton Chop Bandit,” who is wanted in connection with numerous Central Coast bank robberies that have occurred over the past six months, Lt. Bill Prell said.

The “Bandit,” so-named because of his fake sideburns and mustache disguise, is the suspect in the Aug. 6 robbery at the Washington Mutual Bank on Madonna Road in San Luis Obispo, the Aug. 13 robbery at the Mid-State Bank & Trust in Nipomo, the Sept. 12 robbery at Mid-State Bank & Trust in Lompoc, the Nov. 29 robbery of the First Bank of San Luis Obispo on Higuera Street and an additional bank robbery in Santa Maria.

SLOPD and the FBI will continue their investigation for the “Bandit,” Prell said.

Car smoking ban, minimum wage hike among new state laws

Steve Lawrence

SACRAMENTO — Lighting up behind the wheel will become an expensive habit in California if there are kids in the car.

Since Jan. 1, motorists can now be hit with fines of up to $100 for smoking in a vehicle containing a child.

The ban is among hundreds of changes in state law that took effect with the new year. Others include the second increase in the minimum wage in 12 months and measures to require more efficient lights, promote solar water heaters and ease the way for more rooftop solar.

Another change in law that will limit motorists’ activities — a ban on the use of handheld cell phones while driving — takes effect July 1. For drivers under the age of 18, the prohibition extends even to handsfree use of cell phones.

The new year also brought a pay raise for the 1.4 million California workers who make minimum wage.

California’s ban prohibits smoking in a vehicle containing anyone under 18, but the traffic stop would have to be made for another offense, such as speeding, before a vehicle’s occupant could be cited for smoking.

The measure’s author, state Sen. Jenny Osepe, D-Long Beach, agreed to that concession to assure its approval by the state Assembly, said her spokesman, Ray Sotero.

A new bill will require cities and counties in the Central Valley to follow new flood protection requirements.
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pace with inflation, will have the highest at $8.07 an hour.
The California increase is part of a two-step ad-
justment approved by law-makers in 2006. The wage
jumped from $6.75 to $7.50 last Jan. 1.
Here are some of the other laws that took effect
with the start of the new year:
LIGHTS, WATER — Legislation by Assembly-
man Jared Huffman, D-San Rafael, gives the California
Energy Commission until the end of 2008 to develop
tougher efficiency standards for general purpose lights.
Other Huffman bills authorize a $250 million subsidy
program to encourage installation of solar water heaters
and require the Energy Commission to establish water-
efficiency standards for the design of new buildings.
HOMELESS SHELTERS — A new law written by
Sen. Gil Cedillo, D-Los Angeles, is intended to remove
roadblocks for homeless shelters by requiring cities and
counties to designate areas where shelters can be lo-
cated without obtaining a conditional use permit.
IDENTIFICATION DEVICES — Legislation by Sen.
Jae Smithian, D-Palo Alto, prohibits an employer
or anyone else from requiring a person to have a radio
frequency identification device inserted under the skin.
The devices, about the size of a rice grain, can be used
to track and transmit personal information about the user.
FLOOD CONTROL — Cities and counties could be
forced to cover a share of the damage caused by
flooding if they approve new development without
considering flood risks, under legislation by Assembly-
man Dave Jones, D-Sacramento. A related bill by
Mike Machado, D-Linden, will require cities and coun-
ties in the flood-prone Central Valley to follow new
flood protection requirements in making land-use de-
cisions.
GANG PARENTING — Courts could require the
parents or guardians of gang members to attend par-
enting classes under legislation by Assemblyman Tony
Mendoza, D-Artesia, that attempts to prevent first-time
juvenile offenders from committing additional crimes.
ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS — Legislation by As-
ssemblyman Charles Calderon, D-Whittier, prevents
cities and counties from requiring landlords to serve
a surrogate border patrol agent by obtaining and re-
porting the immigration status of their tenants. The
measure also prohibits ordinances preventing landlord-
s from renting to illegal immigrants.
HV TESTING — A law written by Assembly-
woman Patty Berg, D-Eureka, makes it more likely
that people will be routinely tested for HIV and AIDS.
The measure drops a requirement that patients fill out
a form to have the tests. They only would have to give
a doctor verbal consent to add HIV to other conditions
for which they are being tested.
SPERM CLEANSING — Legislation by Sen. Car-
ole Migden, D-San Francisco, allows sperm from a man
with HIV to be used to artificially inseminate a wife
or partner who does not have the disease if the woman
consents and the sperm is processed to minimize the
possibility of infection.
IRAN INVESTMENTS — The state's two giant
public pension funds, the California Public Employees'
Retirement System and the California State Teachers'
Retirement System, will be prohibited from investing
in companies that have defense — or nuclear energy —
related business with Iran. The bill is by Assemblyman
Joel Anderson, R-La Mesa.
PHONY MUSIC — Assemblyman Anthony Por-
tantino, D-Los Angeles Flintridge, is the author of a law
that attempts to ensure that music fans who buy tickets
to oldies concerts are not victims of deceptive advertis-
ing. The legislation requires performing groups to meet
at least one of several standards to be able to legally use
the name from the groups' recording days. An example
the group must include at least one member who has the
legal right to use the name. Bands also can avoid lawsuits by acknowledging they are a salute or tribute
to the original recording group and had a name that
did not confuse ticket buyers.
GIFT CERTIFICATES — A law written by Sen.
Ellen Corbett, D-San Leandro, allows shoppers to cash
gift certificates that have less than $10 left in value.
Consumer advocates say that will prevent stores from
benefiting from an "undeserved bonanza" generated by
unsunghastened gift certificates that stores have refused to
trade for cash.

Golden Globes eyeing new format after actors threaten boycott
Lynn Elber
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LOS ANGELES — The Hollywood Foreign Press Association said yesterday that the traditional Golden Globe Awards ceremony has been canceled and will be replaced with a news conference format.

"We are all very disappointed that our traditional awards ceremony will not take place this year and that millions of viewers worldwide will be deprived of seeing many of their favorite stars celebrating 2007s out-
standing achievements in motion pictures and television," said Jorge Ca-
mariza, president of The Hollywood Foreign Press Association.

"We take some comfort, however, in knowing that this year's Golden Globe Award recipients will be announced on the date originally sched-
uled," he said.

The show had been set to air on Sunday.

Faced with a threat by actors to boycott the ceremony rather than
cross picket lines, the association and NBC said they would adopt another
approach for the ceremony that provides the unofficial kickoff to the
Hollywood awards season.

The association will forgo the typical network payment it receives for the
broadcast, reported to be $5 million, said a person close to the show
who was not authorized to comment and requested anonymity.

But NBC will have exclusive electronic rights to the show and will be
able to sell advertising for it, the person said.

Members of the Writers Guild of America picket in Los Angeles on Monday.
"What was the best thing you did over break?"
Compiled and photographed by Christina Casci

"Visited my brothers in Walnut Creek and Simi Valley."
— Kim Rudnick, graphic communication senior

"Where da trout at?"
— Nicole Weiner, art and design senior and Kay Ruthe, civil engineering senior

"Went to Tahoe with my roommates and got stuck in a snowstorm."
— Brittany Gavin, biology junior

"I went skydiving."
— Molly Choma, art and design senior

State

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Striking Hollywood writers have reached a deal with Tom Cruise's production outfit United Artists Films to resume working on films while the strike continues against other studios.
The deal announced Monday was the first reached with big-screen producers by the Writers Guild of America, which has been on strike since November. Terms were not disclosed.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Television's "Dr. Phil" McGraw has pulled the plug on plans for a one-hour show that was to examine Britney Spears' latest public meltdown.
In a statement posted Monday on his Web site, McGraw said the 26-year-old pop star's situation was "too intense" for him to go forward with the show. He didn't say whether he planned to re-schedule.

SPEARS was hospitalized Thursday night after a child custody dispute with ex-husband Kevin Federline resulted in an hours-long standoff with police. On Friday, a court commissioner gave sole physical and legal custody of 1-year-old Jayden James and 2-year-old Sean Preston to Fed-
edline.

National

CORALOPOLIS, Pa. (AP) — A high school gym teacher accused of sending nude photos of herself to a 14-year-old freshman at her school has admitted to hav-
ing sex with the boy, police said Monday.
Beth Ann Chester, a 26-year-old health and physical educa-
tion teacher at Moon Area High School in suburban Pittsburgh, was jailed on charges of sexual abuse of children, corruption of minors and related counts for sending the teen nude pictures and salacious text messages, authorities said.

CONEJOS, Colo. (AP) — Six snowmobilers missing in the mountains for 2½ days while a howling blizzard swirled around them were rescued Monday — hungry and cold but unhurt — after taking shelter in a cozy cabin and calling 911 on a cell phone when the storm eased up.
The group, consisting of two couples and two teenagers, broke into the cabin, where they huddled around a gas grill and dozed on popcorn and chicken bouillon they found inside.
"We counted 18 blankets. We were cozy," 31-year-old Shannon "McGraw said the 28-year-old pop star's situation was "too intense" for him to go forward with the show. He didn't say whether he planned to re-schedule.

International

BAGHDAD (AP) — The head of a key U.S.-backed Sunni group was killed Monday in a double-suicide bombing that claimed at least 11 other lives and highlighted the deadly precision of attacks on Sunni leaders choosing to oppose al-Qaeda in Iraq.
The main target — a former police colonel who led resistance to al-Qaeda in one of its former Baghdad strongholds — was first embraced by a bomber posing as a friend. Seconds later, the attacker stepped back and triggered an ex-
plosion, a witness said.
A suicide car bomber then struck as rescuers tried to evacuate the wounded.

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Eight tribesmen al-
lied with the government against al-Qaeda-linked foreign fighters were killed in northwest Pakistan, authorities said Monday.
No one took responsibility for the attacks in the South Waziristan region, but those killed were loyal to pro-government tribal leader Maulvi Nazir, a rival of local Tali-
bans leader Baitullah Mehsud. The government has accused Mehsud of involvement in the assassina-
tion of opposition leader Benazir Bhutto as well as a string of other attacks.
Supreme Court appears divided over drugs used in lethal injections

Mark Sherman  
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The Supreme Court appeared divided Monday over whether the drugs commonly injected to execute prisoners may cause excruciating pain in violation of the Constitution.

Several justices indicated a willingness to preserve the three-drug cocktail that is authorized by three dozen states that allow executions. Such a decision would allow lethal injections, on hold since late September, to resume quickly.

Justice Antonin Scalia said states have been careful to adopt procedures that do not seek to inflict pain and should not be barred from carrying out executions, even if prison officials sometimes make mistakes in administering drugs.

"There is no painless requirement" in the Constitution, Scalia said.

Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Samuel Alito also indicated their support for the states' procedures.

Other members of the court, who have raised questions about lethal injection in the past, said they are both divided Monday over whether the court should allow death-row inmates to use different drugs or tighten their procedures to reduce the risk that prisoners will suffer excruciating pain during their executions.

Death-row inmates are asking the Supreme Court to order states to use different drugs or tighten their procedures to reduce the risk that prisoners will suffer excruciating pain during their executions.

"I'm terribly troubled by the fact that the second drug is what seems to cause all the risk of excruciating pain and seems to be almost totally unnecessary," said Justice John Paul Stevens. "I do think the states' response is going to be to knock out, paralyze and kill prisoners."

"The argument against the three-drug protocol is that if the initial anesthetic does not take hold, a third drug that stops the heart can cause excruciating pain. The second drug, meanwhile, paralyzes the prisoner, rendering him unable to express his discomfort."

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Justice Stephen Breyer seemed to capture the discomfort of the court, which has upheld the constitutionality of capital punishment.

"There is a risk of human error generally where you're talking about the death penalty, and this may be one extra problem," Breyer said. "But the question here is can we say that there is a more serious problem here than with other execution methods?"

Donald Verrilli, a Washington lawyer who is a veteran of capital cases, offered the court examples of executions in California and North Carolina in which inmates appeared to suffer pain as they were being put to death.

He said the best way to avoid repetition was to switch to a single-drug, as veterinarians commonly do in putting animals to sleep.

Roy Englebrecht, who typically argues business cases before the Supreme Court, said on behalf of Kentucky that the one-drug method has never been used in executions. The Bush administration also took Kentucky's side.

Englebrecht also defended the state's practices as humane.
"Girls Gone Geek," a weekly online technology show, both re-defines and embraces geekiness from a feminine perspective. Above: the hosts of "Girls Gone Geek."

Michelle Norgan  
VUJSIANO DAILY

"Girls Gone Geek" is a popular new technology show that lets women explore their own interests in technology. Somewhat like a potential offspring of "The View" and the G4 television network, the show is a hybrid of feminine talk show and technical know-how for a world where most technology shows are made by men for men.

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"Girls Gone Geek" is a weekly half-hour audio podcast available on the Podango network at http://girlsgonegeek.podango.com. Listeners can also interact through the show’s Web site and blog, located at http://girlsgonegeek.tv.

"We take traditional categories that are associated with women and look at them with a technological angle," said Staci Degagne, one of the show’s five hosts.

Degagne said this ability to look at everything from the most attractive new stopwatch to use while running to software and games means that the show can appeal directly to women and their approach to technology.

"Women look at technology differently than men in some respects," Degagne said. "A lot of the podcasts you hear that are created by men and aimed toward men are about trading specifications, whereas women, although they are into that a little, want to know 'how is this applicable to my life?' How can I use this in a productive way?"

One of Degagne’s favorite episodes was when one of her co-hosts brought together her hobby of cross-stitching and technology. Playing off this idea that women look for technology’s pragmatic uses, her co-host took images from the Web and, after altering the photos into a low-resolution image, made them into cross-stitch patterns.

"It shows this old-world hobby that is traditionally done by women and how she blends technology in a very cool way to make unique pieces," Degagne said. The show aims to make technology seem much more accessible to women, and the hosts employ the term "geeky" to describe the varied ways in which they use technology.

"We’ve tried to redefine geeky a little bit," said Liana Lehua, a co-host on the show. "Geeky would be whatever we are passionate about."

Lehua, who describes herself as having the most traditional background in technology with previous jobs in the industrial technology field, said they address topics on the show that the hosts are interested in exploring. Since the hosts share ideas in a weekly meeting, this means that sometimes the women will also get to delve into new topics.

Among their shows, Lehua mentioned several that included more fun and different topics than those that might be seen on other shows. One included a segment that featured karaoke machines, which Lehua (a big fan of karaoke) said was a great show that dealt with the hardware as well as the entertainment end of the machines. Another was a segment that explored several Web sites that highlighted techniques to get rid of a creative block.

"We wanted to find a way to talk about things that might seem too geeky or not geeky at all, and we needed to make it so technology seems more accessible," Lehua said.

Lehua said that part of the show’s mission is to help women feel confident in expressing their own desire to learn about technology and their passion for it. They want to not only inspire women to feel confident in being a geek but to inspire men as well. Their show focuses more on women because of the five female co-hosts and because they feel women are mainly touched on the fact that the show is meant to appeal to people with varying levels of technology experience. The hosts of the show themselves reflect this array of experience levels.

"With our show, you don’t have to be a geek to listen," Degagne said. "We are called 'Girls Gone Geek' because we are women trying to be geeks. We are trying to represent all types of women, and we’re a learning environment."

"With this in mind, the girls will host a free podcast-production seminar on Jan. 14 from 1 to 5 p.m. at San Francisco State University. The event will be sectioned into two parts: “Geek Out! A Podcasting How-To” and “I’m a Geek, You’re a Geek, We’re All a Bunch a Girls Geeks.”

"This is an awesome way to empower and inspire our audience to go geek," Degagne said in a press release. "By offering tips on podcast production, they too can share and talk about their interests and whatever they want to ‘go geek’ about."
Everyone has their reasons

Novelist-screenwriter David Benioff creates eclectic characters and absorbing stories in his collection of short stories, 'When the Nines Roll Over & Other Stories'

Given the increasing prevalence of hyphenates in the entertainment field — actor-photographer-author, singer-actor-painter, and so on — in which proven accomplishment in one area allows for vain indulgence in others, it's both refreshing and heartening to see a genuinely multitalented multitasker emerge. Such is the case with novelist and screenwriter David Benioff, author of both the book and the film "The 25th Hour," the Brad Pitt epic "Troy" and the short story collection "When the Nines Roll Over & Other Short Stories."

Comprised of eight short stories, the collection offers an eclectic gallery of characters and situations ranging from a record company talent scout wooing a singer away from her band to a man who becomes increasingly fascinated with the legend of his girlfriend's late father to a trio of Russian soldiers in Chechnya, from a pair of gay lovers dying of AIDS, and so on. Though there are no formal or thematic links between the stories, all appear to have been informed by Jean Renoir's dictum, "Everyone has their reasons." Indeed, Benioff's great strength as a storyteller is his ability to economically shade the emotions and explore the nuances of all his characters. Some may be more honest than others, some more selfish or even more mentally disturbed than others, but everyone has their reasons.

The stories' prose tends to be fluid, lean and direct. Benioff knows how to put a sting into a sentence and has a gift for metaphor, but he's not a stylistically flashy writer; he would rather absorb than dazzle us as we enter the characters' worlds. The one exception to this approach is the darkly humorous "De Composition," a tale which will have you initially wincing that a few typos made their way into a published book before realizing they're part of a skillful narrative strategy and essential to the story's memorable punchline.

Benioff is not always above the de rigueur twist ending (that's really not that much of a twist) which has plagued many an otherwise fine short story. But he never gives in to either forced or easy irony, preferring instead to highlight the emotional weight and psychological implications inherent in the twist in a way that's both honest and empathic. Nowhere is this truer than in "The Barefoot Girl in Clover," the ending of which centers upon a briefly mentioned, almost trivial, incident earlier in the story, the significance of which neither the story's narrator nor reader can fully comprehend until it's too late. With a magician's sleight of hand, Benioff deftly transforms a poignant, simple and seemingly complete story into a complex and haunting tragedy all in the final two paragraphs.

With two books and four screenplays (including the psychological thriller "Stay" and the recent screen adaptation of "The Kite Runner") to his credit, David Benioff has proven himself a worthy hyphenate. But, please, no art exhibits or albums next.

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The year 2007 was one of the rise and dominance of the "ringtone rapper" — one who can't manage to put together a quality album from beginning to end. They formulate a sing-song single that garners an annoying amount of airplay and earns the artist the highly coveted Master King-tone Sales Award, in which the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) recognizes the artist for a high amount of ringtone downloads.

While ringtone-rapper Soulja Boy earned a Grammy nomination for his single "Crank That," 2006's "Breakout Man of the Year" Lupe Fiasco's sophomore effort "Lupe Fiasco's The Cool" gives hope that in 2008 rappers won't sell their souls to create the next hottest ringtone.

Inspired by the song "The Cool" from the lyricist's 2006 debut album "Lupe Fiasco's Food & Liquor," "Lupe Fiasco's The Cool," among other concepts, advances the story of a hustler who is killed but comes back to life, digs himself out of his grave and ventures back to his old neighborhood.

Lupe once again digs into his bag of tricks, finding brilliant metaphor after metaphor and challenging listeners to do just that — listen. Of the 19-track album, Lupe uses five to explore the tale of the resurrected hustler "The Cool." "The Cool," creatively enough, is married to a temptress and seductress named "The Streets."

Lupe pushes the boundaries of music even further by bringing in different sounds and genres rarely linked to that of hip-hop.

"Hello/Goodbye" is the emcee's rock 'n' roll singing debut. The track features and is produced by Unkle, a London-based hip-hop, techno and DJ group. The eclectic track is an unexpected, yet hittable, curveball.

Perhaps the most lyrically complex song on the album is "Dumb It Down." The record pairs three over-the-head verses with a hook of the exact opposite. Lupe almost pokes fun at himself as he is repeatedly asked to "dumb down" his music because he is not reaching enough people. The comical yet impressively done track finds Lupe rebelling against the "ringtone rapper."

This time around, don't expect an album executively produced by Jay-Z or even a verse from the hip-hop veteran. There is no beatsmith work from Kanye West or Linkin Park and Fort Minor's Mike Shinoda. Songstress Jill Scott will not be on the next single and there is no skateboard. Besides an appearance from Snoop Dogg on the track "Hi-Definition" and production from Fall Out Boy's Patrick Stump on "Little Weapon," Lupe sticks to lesser known acts to accompany him on the album; the majority of which are from his 1st & 2nd Productions record label.

Compared to the debut, "Lupe Fiasco's The Cool" is much darker from the overall concept of the album to such topics as death, the outcasts of society and children in war.

True hip-hop music is alive and Lupe proves it with every passing track. According to the 25-year-old emcee, his next album "LupeEND" will be his last. Until then, don't overdose on "The Cool."

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Don't let proposal redesign California politics

Aaron Richardson

Tuesday, January 8, 2008

You may have heard some naysayers loudly ask how California's electoral votes could be counted this election. A man named Dave Gillard is pushing a petition to divide California's electoral votes by district, with two votes going to the winner of California's popular vote. If you're a Democrat, this means losing approximately 20 electoral votes to a political party that has supported one of the more unpopular presidents in American history.

If you're a Republican, you probably feel that you've been ignored in California because your voice is not reflected when all 55 votes go toward the opposing candidate, even if the split among voters was 54-44 in the 2004 election.

But objectively, this proposal will do exactly the opposite of what its supporters claim. It will make California about as unpredictable as presidential elections. There will be approximately five "swing districts" in California, reducing our state's electoral influence to that of New Mexico. In a close election, the winner-take-all allocation in California means that a small shift in the voting could win a candidate 53 votes.

Under the proposed system, the best a candidate could hope to swing would be five votes, assuming he managed to individually win each district. However, if there was a close election in Ohio or Florida, a candidate standing to win 20 or 27 electoral votes by a percent change in the state's popular vote. If a candidate has to choose resources to win either California's five contested votes or 20 or 27 votes in another state, it's clear that California will be ignored in favor of the other state.

Furthermore, by dividing the votes by district, Gillard also opens up the possibility of electoral influence to corrupt political practices. Gerrymandering is the practice of drawing up districts to disenfranchise a political party. In fact, there is another recipe for failure. Rather than expecting ourselves to make a change right away, we can instead learn about what we need to do to make a successful change. Whether your goal is to take a multivitamin daily, floss your teeth more, run a marathon, start weightlifting, stalk the latest episode of "House," join a club on campus, or whatever your goal may be, the point is the more specific you are, the more likely you will stick with it. Good luck and have a healthy, happy new year!

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The tragic assassination of Benazir Bhutto rocked both Pakistan and the world. An articulate, charismatic, Harvard and Oxford-educated leader who was the first female elected leader of a Muslim nation, Bhutto has been eulogized by the international media as a saintly figure who was Pakistan's greatest hope. Yet while there is no question that her death was an unfortunate event that has thrown Pakistan into disarray, Bhutto was not the panacea that many remembered her to be.

As prime minister, Bhutto was a reformer and a strong advocate of women's rights. While in office from 1988 to 1990 and again from 1993 to 1996, she dramatically reduced Pakistan's budget deficit, undertook widely acclaimed privatization programs and encouraged foreign investment. Her efforts in many areas, such as women's rights, were often hampered by traditionalist opponents, but she left an indelible mark on Pakistan politics and was beloved by many.

But her tenures were also marked by rampant corruption and her failure to carry through some ambitious reforms. Her government was twice dismissed because of accusations of corruption and national security issues. Even on the Harvard campus, Harvard Right to Life has begun a campaign against the legality of gender-selective abortion in the United States in Bhutto's honor.

ThePast week has seen the continual distortion of Bhutto's legacy by politicians and media desperate to make her death fit their agenda. Musharraf's government has sought to deflect its abolition in South Asia was but a tiny portion of dumping kids out of foster care, which is now forbidden in our state. The problem is that some people see themselves and others as pieces of shit, pardon my slang.

The potential dangers of Iraq. I am suspect of anyone who would want the job actually. Look at the difference between speeches of FDR, or John Kennedy and then look at Mitt Romney or Barack Obama. It is some kind of money game. No wonder kids are depressed and see themselves and others as pieces of shit, pardon my slang. Until people are valued more than money, we will continue to have depression turn into violence in our country.

Maryanne deGoede
Agriculture education graduate student

Let's get something with a purpose. This is interesting that we, that is our leaders, focus on some things to solve and other things just are ignored or pushed under the proverbial rug. The problem of dumping kids out of foster homes onto the streets without community or family support is something that actually has gotten some interest lately. But it receives nowhere near the amount of interest generated by, say, the potential dangers of Iraq.

Our own country is no full of problems that are ready to blow up in our faces literally. Yet, we pursue the problems of another country vigorously. My dentist, who is Korean, said, "What happened to America?" Indeed, that is the question. I think our leaders do not offer any good example of idealism. They are the worst of us usually. They are found to be a great disappointment, morally, intellectually and strategically. I would say that no one decent wants to be president. I am suspect of anyone who would want the job actually.
Girls & Sports by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

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Barden contemplates soon turning pro

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While most of the country has watched the college football season play itself out, Cal Poly's leading receiver has spent much of the time considering getting an early start on his professional future.

Ramses Barden, who has recently been named to several Football Championship Subdivision All-American first teams following his junior season, could declare his NFL Draft eligibility search a success Monday.

"Right now I'm gathering as much information as I can, and learning what (possible suitors') impressions of me are, all their critiques and that kind of stuff," Barden said. "It's about what I want to do for my future, my family and my team. Those are all things weighed in the decision."

The 6-foot-5, 228-pound school record holder for receiving touchdowns in a game (four), season (18) and career (32) said that so far, he's been told he could be chosen anywhere from the second to fifth round, depending on workouts and a possible scouting combine invitation.

Listed at nearly 230 pounds, Barden could possibly be viewed by some talent evaluators to project to the next level as a tight end, and while the Altemada native says he would be comfortable doing whatever a team asked, he feels his strengths are in playing apart from the offensive line.

"You take advantage of whatever opportunity you get," Barden said. "But as far as what I believe, if you were to line up two columns (for wide receiver and tight end) for what my strengths are, it'd be one-sided, all at receiver."