19-year-old local veteran honored for tour in Iraq

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Assemblem man Sam Blakeslee honored veteran and San Luis Obispo native Lance lunker Friday.

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Central Coast veterans of all ages were honored for their service Friday in a casual gathering organized by local assemblyman Sam Blakeslee, with San Luis Obispo mayor Dave Romero also in attendance. Spotlighted at the gathering was San Luis Obispo native Lance lunker, 19, who was the youngest veteran honored at a May 7 State Assembly meeting in Sacramento. Blakeslee said. "They serve their country in perilous times and dangerous places." When lunker spoke, he was humble and honored to be in the presence of so many distinguished veterans. "You guys are the reason I joined the military," he said. He served in an airborne infantry unit for nine months before being seriously injured and is now continuing his recovery process with the Wounded Warriors program in Augusta, Georgia.

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The Cal Poly softball team was chosen for postseason play. The event is designed to give the LGBT community, as well as allies (straight students who support the community), the kind of prom they never had in high school; it's also an opportunity to socialize with each other. "A lot of LGBT students didn't get to go to their high school prom, or didn't get to go with their partner. This gives them the prom they maybe didn't have," said Jessica Cresci, a recreation administration sophomore and Pride Center student coordinator.

Ever since Tortilla Flats closed two years ago, there has been no place for the LGBT community to socialize at night. So, the Pride Center started hosting the prom. This year, the Pride Center teamed up with students from REC 210, introduction to program design class, to do the planning. Business junior Lindsey Walker was part of the planning committee. She was one of four recreation, parks and tourism administration students who worked all quarter to plan the event. "It's exciting to be part of the committee to help students get to experi-...
School districts start to face sanctions under landmark law

Juliet Williams
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

THERMAL CAFÉ—At Las Palmas Elementary School, nestled between rundown homes and fields of grapes, peppers and dates in Southern California, 99 percent of students live in poverty and fewer than 20 percent speak English fluently.

Las Palmas and other schools in the Coachella Valley Unified School District are just the tip of the policy makers' concerns, because the entire district faces sanctions for the first time.

“We have handworking, dedicated, trained teachers like everybody else. They've got to teach a language, they've got to teach the content, and they've got to counter poverty,” said Foch Tutu Pens, the district's superintendent. “We are the poster child for NCLB.”

California has 97 school districts that failed to meet their goals under the law for four years, more than twice as many failing districts as any other state so far. Kentucky has the next highest number facing sanctions, with 47.

Nineteen of the districts 21 schools—including Las Palmas—have not met the federal law’s performance benchmarks for four years. Now the entire district faces sanctions for the first time.

“The state has ordered districts to undergo everything from reporting how they are implementing the federal law to having a team of specialists review every aspect of their operations. In the most extreme cases, California districts could be subject to a state takeover.”

How California and the other states will turn around those struggling districts is unclear.

“No one, on a large scale, has figured out how to solve the achievement gap,” Pens said. “Everybody's looking for that answer.”

If they need better teachers and administrators, it's not apparent where they will come from. Some federal money is available, but it's unlikely it will be enough to cover all the failing districts.

Many states already are losing revenue due to the aging economy. California's budget deficit for the fiscal year that begins this summer is projected to be anywhere from $15 billion to $20 billion.

No Child Left Behind sought to close a chasm referred to as the achievement gap, which is the gap between scores of poor and minority children and those of white and Asian peers in performance, a gap that is referred to as the achievement gap.

In the end, it will be the students who will bear the brunt of the cuts, and the cuts are likely to be severe.

He proved his age when he referred to a Vietnam veteran he spoke to in Sacramento as “an old soul,” and he was grateful to be able to listen to fresh voices from the crowd.

“When I was escorted back to my house the first time I was here they cleared the route for me so I knew I was safe,” he said.

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**State Briefs**

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — San Francisco police say a teenager has died after being punched in a fight outside a San Francisco Giants game at ATT Park.

Authorities said the Redwood City 19-year-old was pronounced dead at San Francisco General Hospital on Saturday following the fight Friday night. His name was not released.

Police said the teen fell and struck his head on the ground after being punched just outside the stadium’s gates during a game against the Philadelphia Phillies. At least one arrest has been made.

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**SANTA CRUZ (AP)** — Authorities say a protest by Santa Cruz cyclists turned hostile after a rider collided with a motorist during a ride to remind drivers to share the road.

Santa Cruz police Lt. Rick Martinez said about 100 bicyclists swarmed the streets near the city’s waterfront around 10 p.m. on Saturday night.

Police said a 20-year-old Santa Cruz woman suffered minor injuries when she came out from between two parked cars on her bicycle and into the path of an incoming car.

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**SANTA MARINA (AP)** — Building inspectors are halting work on a Buddhist group’s national headquarters.

The “stop work” order on Tzu Chi Foundation’s new national headquarters complex was placed last week near Santa Marina.

Neighbors complained that as many as 10 oak trees were removed from Walnut Creek County Park without permission, and construction activities extended well into the night.

Tzu Chi Foundation spokesman Robert Hsu says the Buddhist group is seeking the necessary permits.

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**INGLEWOOD (AP)** — A shootout in a Pir N’s Town parking lot on Sunday left one person dead and another injured following an officers-involved shooting in Inglewood.

Police officers heard gunshots about 1:40 a.m. and saw a man running through a strip mall parking lot, police Sgt. Jeff Steinbock said.

Wounded soldiers wait for President Bush to visit a physical therapy lab at the Center For The Intrepid at the Brooke Army Medical Center.

**Number of disabled veterans rising**

Jennifer C. Kerr

Increasing numbers of U.S. troops have left the military with damaged bodies and minds, an ever-larger pool of disabled veterans that will cost the nation billions for decades to come — even as the total population of America’s vets shrinks.

Despite the decline in total vets — as soldiers from World War II and Korea die — the government expects to be spending $59 billion a year to compensate injured warriors in 25 years, up from today’s $29 billion, according to internal documents obtained by The Associated Press. And the Veterans Affairs Department concedes the bill could be much higher.

Why?

Worse wounds. More disabilities. More vets aware of the benefits and quicker to file for them.

Also, ironically, advanced medical care. Troops come home with devastating injuries that might well have killed them in earlier wars.

Time is also a factor when it comes to disability compensation costs. Payments tend to go up as veterans age, and an increasing number of soldiers from the Vietnam War will be getting bigger payments as they get older and are less able to work around their disabilities.

The number of disabled veterans has jumped by 25 percent since 2001 — to about 1.4 million — and the cause is not mystery.

“World War II and Korea veterans are dying in large numbers,” says Steve Smithson, a deputy director at the American Legion. “We’ve been in a war in Iraq for five years now, and the war on terror since 9/11.”

VA and Census Bureau figures show the previous six-year period, before hostilities in Afghanistan and Iraq, saw a more modest increase of 4 percent in the number of disabled vets. Veterans can make claims for disability benefits long after their military service has ended.

Today’s veterans — disabled or not — number nearly 24 million. That population is projected by the VA to fall under 15 million by 2030, mostly because of dying World War II and Korean War vets. But costs are expected to rise.

Inflation accounts for a big chunk of the increase. But even when the VA factors out inflation, the compensation for disabled veterans would still grow from $29 billion to $33 billion in today’s dollars — a more than 10 percent increase.

And the department acknowledges the estimate could rise by 30 percent.

VA officials were not eager to talk about reasons for the increases. They declined several requests for interviews. In a written response to a handful of questions, the agency noted a few factors at play in the rising costs, such as the aging veterans population, an increase in the number of disabilities claimed and the severity of injuries sustained.

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National Briefs

WACO, Texas (AP) — President Bush spent much of his day joking about being a father of the bride, but on Sunday he was downright serious about giving his daughter Jenna away to her longtime beau.

"I think my daughter, married to a really good guy, Henry Hager," Bush said, standing next to Mrs. Bush at an airport in Waco where he boarded Air Force One for his flight back to Washington. "The wedding was special. It's just — it's what we could have hoped for."

Unlike other first family weddings that have been broadcast live, the Bushes didn't share their daughter's nuptials with the nation.

The day after, however, they briefly shared their joy.

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Cheeseheads don't need to be bleu; the Hushes don't share their daughter's nuptials with the nation. Cheeseheads don't need to be blue; they take their cheese Monday in Las Vegas. They are the nation's top cheese producer.

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BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — The Golden State and its happy families claiming that, given the beekeeper's death, the couple will attempt to show the boys that they take their cheese Monday in Las Vegas. They said.

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My friends, my co-workers, everyone is getting this, said Harry Dahl, who opened his “little girl, Jenna, married to a really good guy, Henry Hager," Bush said, standing next to Mrs. Bush at an airport in Waco where he boarded Air Force One for his flight back to Washington. The wedding was special. It's just — it's what we could have hoped for."
Clinton went from inevitable to on the ropes

Calvin Woodward and Nancy Benac (Associated Press)

Hillary Rodham Clinton began her presidential quest armed with talent, tenacity, money, and a team that knew how to win.

Many people believed her victory in the Democratic nomination battle was a sure thing. Her ultimate falling may have been in believing it too.

Clinton had one big problem out of the gate: 40 percent or more of Americans said they'd never vote for her. She was too polarizing. It's love her or hate her.

Clinton powered through that hurdle in state after state, showing grit that earned her the valuable political currency of being merely admirable.

White men, blue-collar workers, socially conservative Democrats — however you slice the electorate, she brought many of those people to her side, over time, and took the edge off the Hillary haters.

Voters, whose No. 1 concern had been ending the Iraq war, started worrying more about the economy.

Despite all that, her campaign is on the ropes. Clinton is fighting for a first prize: four more contests. She can win again, barring some game-changing development.

Clinton's fortunes rose and fell like a fever chart. She was down in Iowa, up in New Hampshire, down in South Carolina. Then, after a roughly even finish with Barack Obama on Super Tuesday, she suffered a string of unanswered losses that, almost before Clinton noticed, put Obama so far ahead in the delegate hunt that, almost before Clinton noticed, put Obama up ahead of the delegate gap.

Clinton once said she is the most personable person no one knows, meaning Americans don't really get her.

Sixteen months after she opened her campaign sitting on a couch in a couch online video, it's questionable whether even people who ever discovered the authentic Clinton.

Is she the whiskey-downing pit bull of Indiana? The near-left stalwart of New Hampshire?

The technocrat of health care reform or the populist who drummed up policies works out as out-of-touch elitist?

"They know that I can make decisions," she said in New Hampshire, but "I also want them to know I'm a real person."

Many even of the New York senator's supporters thought she would say anything to win, or be anyone.

These are some of the paradoxes and puzzles of opportunities that will be examined by the cottage industry sure to arise to explore the what-ifs of Clinton's campaign.

By now, it's common knowledge she planned to plow up the nomination in early February. It was a reasonable assumption in 2007 but there wasn't much of a Plan B when that didn't work out in 2008.

"Her inevitability was based on a concept that no one would have the gumption or the resources or the drive to get in — anyone with serious money," Dick Harpootlian, a former South Carolina Democratic chairman and Barack Obama supporter, said after her Super Tuesday strategy fell short.

"They had an inevitability strategy, which was sort of a political Maginot line. It was illusory."

You just went around it, and, you know, Barack Obama did that."

David Gregory, a senior adviser to a succession of presidents from both parties, thought she was not well served by her team, citing "elements of malpractice in this campaign."

Any failed campaign is a combination of what the fallen did wrong, what the victor did right and happenstance.

Clinton was on a springtime roll until Tuesday, when she lost big in North Carolina and barely prevailed in Indiana. Obama has reaped several worse days than that and cruised on.

A supporter holds up a sign as presidential hopeful, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks during a campaign event in Hauppauge, N.Y., on Sunday.

"One storm victim's child was initially reported missing, but at least five of them were children."

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"I'm a real person."
Bone-crashing riffs, pounding double-bass, scathing vocals and haunting synthesizers do not typically come to mind when thinking of a Christian worship band. But for the six guys who comprise See The Light, heavy metal couldn’t be a better expression of their love for God.

"Metal music is defined by passion," said the band’s singer and Cal Poly art and design sophomore Barrett Cailvin, who also handles the band’s artwork. "Screaming and playing our hearts out like this is a way for us to express what we’re passionate about." And what the members of See The Light are passionate about are their Christian beliefs.

With three members attending college and two still in high school, the group has come a long way since turning only two years ago, despite numerous lineup changes. Ask the band members, and they’ll tell you that it wasn’t for the grace of God, they wouldn’t be where they are today.

"The whole purpose of this band is to glorify God," said keyboardist and Cuesta College student Mike Kircher, who along with drummer Teddy Ramirez is one of the band’s founding members. “He’s the reason we’re even able to do this. I know we wouldn’t be where we are now unless he was behind us.”

Earlier this year, the group independently released their first album, “Father, This Is For You.” With lyrics that are actually verses pulled straight from the Bible, the band’s live performances are less of a show and more of an intimate ministry between the musicians and their audiences, similar to what one might find at a Sunday church service.

"Our music is straight-up worship," Cailvin said. "We’re not trying to force anything down peoples’ throats; we’re just doing what we believe in and see Metal, page 8
If you want to know the epitome of the modern trend, look no further than the phenomenon of blogging. I mean, honestly, there are so many blogging blogs in cyberspace these days, and they're all made by blogging bloggers who love nothing more than to blog about their blogging lives, right? Not exactly.

There are a ton of crappy blogs out there that are nothing more than somebody's personal rants on what happened to them at work, the "life-changing" Mexican food they had last week or how excited they are to have bought new socks. No matter how much we all love new socks (if you don't, you need to have your head checked because they're tighter than bicycle shorts), there's nothing really redeeming about reading these kinds of blogs unless you know the person. Still, it seems like people want to be cyber-celebrities to the point of acting like their own paparazzi, posting candid pictures of themselves online alongside descriptions of their daily activities. I say save something for your autobiography. Nobody's going to buy it if they can read it on your blog for free.

But not all blogs are trivial. Some reach into a deeper human experience that can be expressed with simple pictures and short captions. I'm talking about blogs such as icanhascheezburger.com and failblog.org. These may sound like random Web sites, but I assure you, if you have not visited the pages of these sites yet, you will lose days of productivity scrolling through them.

On icanhascheezburger.com, you will find a picture of a cat holding a Rubik's cube with the caption "color blind cat never wins" and a picture of a panda with his arms around a tree stump with the caption "tree-hugger panda is too late." The fact that the content is entirely user-generated means there is proof comedic genius can come from a place other than Hollywood. Then again, if you saw "Corky Romano," you probably gave up on Hollywood long ago.

Then, as an ode to the great missteps of modern world history, there is failblog.org. Rather than ingenious captions, though, one word can suffice for every picture: "fail." The site features pictures of people failing to catch footballs and getting hit in the face, a stained-glass window in a church that inadvertently portrays a priest doing inappropriate things with a child and even a picture of a giant, inflated Pokémon that kids enter through a flap in the crotchular region — all glorious fails.

Then there's the Internet celebrity fail boat: everyone's favorite klutz. It's hard not to love the fail boat's flaws. It's done everything from break-
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...ing in half and sinking to getting stranded in a desert or forest. You can say it's one hell of a failure, but you can't say that it doesn't fail with style, or to the benefit of our collective procrastination efforts.

So check out these sweet picture and caption blogs, stop blogging to strangers around the world about your doctor appointment this morning, and don't repeat this advice to the TRENDASAU- RUS, because he'll just tell you he doesn't give a blog.

Brian McMullen is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily columnist.

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hopfully people respond.”

At any See The Light show, God is given pri-

on. Every show begins with a prayer by the band members asking for God's presence, and sermons are delivered between songs to ensure everyone's hearts and minds are in the right place. Band members maintain they're playing music for one reason only to praise God's glory.

"When you're on stage, it's natural to want to take glory for yourself," said Shadi Majzoub, bass and Cal Poly business sophomore. "By focus-
ing our hearts and minds, everyone knows this is not about us. We're doing this to praise God." See The Light plays a style of metal the band can only describe as "mystical."

While frenzically heavy most of the time, the group's songs also include moments of intricate guitar melodies and symphonic keyboards. It's an interesting mix that conveys not only downfall and destruction, but also the tragedy and sadness that follows.

Being a Christian metal band is never an easy task. On one hand, the majority of mainstream music listeners view metal as evil. On the other hand, there are the heavy metal purists who feel there is no place for religion within the genre. But See The Light has been well received by both heavy metal enthusiasts and church mem-

bers. In fact, the guys' pastor is one of their big-
members supportive of the band and its message. See The Light even played a Christmas show at a band member's high school last December.

"This is our ministry, our mission," Majzoub said. "We don't claim any kind of genre; this is the music we love to play. Everyone's entitled to their own opinions. If people take our music the wrong way, we just respond out of love."

The band has received several breaks recently, such as free recording at Rockwell Studios, promo-
tional pictures and video shoots, and landing a spot on June's Summer Slam festival in Southern California. The band is even hoping to play in the Vans Warped Tour this year, but still needs votes.

Some might call the young band's success a miracle, but members say they're simply following a chosen path. Their only goal is to have fun playing music and to continue performing God's work on earth here.

"This band will do whatever God wants it to," Ritter said. "I don't know what he has in store for us, but we're open to anything. If he wants us to get big, then it will happen, but if he wants us to stay how we are now, that's perfectly fine with us."
Monday, May 12, 2008

ideas of invasion

A villager fishes near a destroyed boat in Pyapon, a town in the Irrawaddy delta of Myanmar, on Sunday, a week after devastating Cyclone Nargis slammed into the low-lying region and Yangon.

The aftermath of last week's horrendous Cyclone Nargis in Burma (officially Myanmar) has turned into the most serious humanitarian crisis since the 2004 Asian tsunami. So far, there have been an estimated 100,000 deaths with more dying each day, and more than 1 million people are homeless. Left unaided, the situation could send the death toll as high as that from the genocide in Darfur.

The biggest problem with the situation is that the escalating death toll is preventable. Through the endless regulations imposed by the Burmese government, international relief planes, boats and workers have been halted from delivering their supplies, food donations have been seized and funding has been refused. If Burmese authorities loosened their grip on their international support policies, millions in need could be helped.

What is so strange about the situation is that the military-run country, the largest nation in Southeast Asia, originally stated it would accept outside aid. However, its frustrating position on foreign relations led officials to say that the aid was unnecessary, and that they were capable of addressing the crisis themselves. The large amounts of offered support and monetary pledges have been left to stick together to try to exceed societal limitations on a global level and get aid operations from commencing.

If Burma continues to stop a larger impact from foreign governments and non-profits, the already terrible situation will inevitably get worse. Under this assumption, many aid workers and diplomats have begun to contemplate an invasion of Burma.

According to TIME Magazine's article "Is It Time to Invade Burma?" the Bush administration has rejected the idea thus far and I originally agreed with their decision. However, as the death toll continues to climb, and as aid workers have expressed difficulties getting supplies and funding to those in need, the more an invasion seems like a plausible idea. The United States and other world leaders have delivered aid without governmental consent before, more recently into Sudan, and bypassing Burma's ruling junta would be the most effective step in assisting the Burmese people.

Most Americans, especially right now, probably cringe at the thought of another invasion spearheaded by the United States. Maybe I am wrong, but when I consider a Burmese invasion, I think of big relief planes dropping necessary supplies from far overhead. But can it be that simple? And would it really help?

As the idea gathers more support, maybe the United States, or other countries, should consider implementing the forcible relief.

Referring to the TIME article, the United States has only allocated a little more than $3 million to assist in the Burmese crisis, roughly $897 million less than what it pledged during the 2004 tsunami. While I agree that we should limit our funding until a more progressive form of relief is put into operation, the backup of more promised support could help convince the junta to open the floodgates for international aid.

Invasion or not, Burma is in desperate need of help. The aftermath of the cyclone, coupled with the poor health and social services of the Burmese people, is creating a whole new humanitarian crisis that has nothing to do but escalate. By stopping it now, more deaths can be prevented and the Burmese people can begin to rebuild their broken country.

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Penis and vagina: the best of both worlds

For those of you who read that headline thinking I was coming out as bi-sexual you are wrong. I only date men so far, but I also have a true respect toward my own gender. In today's war, women need to stick together to try to exceed societal limitations on a global level and here in the United States.

Equal pay was set into law in 1963 in the United States, however, this law has not yet been strongly enforced. Women are still paid less than men 45 years later, even with similar education, skills and experience.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, in 2007 women made 77 cents for every dollar men were paid. Why is gender inequality still a major issue in our country, a country based on grand constitutional rights of equality and freedom? Why is it that African American women earn only 68 cents for every male-earned dollar, while Latinas earn even less at 57 cents?

These questions will go unanswered until there is reform in public policy by leaders we choose to elect.

For example, the predominantly male U.S. Supreme Court ruled in May 2007 that women must file within 180 days when denied equal pay and discriminated against. By putting a statute of limitation on this, it restricts the rights of women to voice violations of pay.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the only woman on the U.S. Supreme Court, said the majority opinion "overlooks common characteristics of pay discrimination." Without representation, anyone's individual rights will go unanswered.

On a global level, it is easy to say women are hit the hardest economically. According to the U.N. Development Fund for Women, women work mostly in low-skill, low-wage jobs with longer hours, and are paid less than men in nearly every country in the world.

Looking at the numbers, women make up 70 percent of the world's population living in poverty, while 45 percent of women are in the world's workforce. Unlike men, women are more likely to face additional threats on the job such as sexual abuse, sexual harassment, or mandatory pregnancy exams, and let's not leave out discrimination.

Writer, activist and feminist Gloria Steinem put it best when she said, "There are really not many jobs that actually require a penis or a vagina, and all other occupations should be open to everyone."

Steinem could not be more right in saying this. This is why I am making the call to tackle public policy head-on: writing local, state and national representation and voting for candidates who will do their best to represent our constituency. But as women, we need men too. This may sound contrary, but we need men to represent our rights as women, too. Men can be feminists. However, everyone can take on the role of humanity.

Take time to join human and women's rights groups, read up on the latest feminist movements or create different ways to support the causes set to prevent gender equality.

It is clear that there is an ongoing war of men vs. women. This will only be solved when women unite and men join in the movement to demand women's suffrage.

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Jazz

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at the end of regulation but was
blocked by Fisher, his teammate a year
two years before. The Lakers' momen­
tum stopped there as the Jazz re­

gained their composure.

"Forsythe's been in over­
time games. It's just another five
minutes added to the clock," Wil­
hams said.

The Lakers struggled in the ex­
tra period and didn't score until a
layup by Bryant with 1:10 remain­
ing cut Utah's lead to 112-110. Los
Angeles almost forced the Jazz into a
shot clock violation before Kyle
Korver got off a shot from the cor­
ner just in time. The ball bounced
off the rim right to Okur, who passed
it back outside to Williams and
Utah was able to earn some
before Williams dipped a pass to
Kirilenko, who dunked it while
getting fouled by Lamar Odom.

Kirilenko made the free throw to
put Utah up by five and the Jazz
but the rest of their free throws to
clinched it.

Utah backup guard Ronnie
Price also had a big game, de­
finishing with four points and two
assists. Price had to get four stitches
for a layup or dunk after a missed
three-pointer by Price, who caught
for a layup or dunk after a missed
three-pointer by Price, who caught

a layup or dunk after a missed
three-pointer by Price, who caught

the rebound. Williams said.

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time games. It's just another five
minutes added to the clock," Wil­
hams said.

The Lakers cut Utah's lead to 120-112 before opening a three-game Big West
Conference series 12-9.

Although the Mustangs compiled 15
hits, they committed a season-high five
errors resulting in six unearned runs.

The Cal Poly comeback began in the
fifth inning when J.J. Thompson and
Josh Thomas blasted solo home runs.

In the sixth, Ryan Lee and Kyle Smith
singled before Thomas homered again to
the tie the affair at 7-7.

First-place Cal State Fullerton (32-
17-5) took back advantage in its half of
the frame, though, as all three of
its scorers were unrelated due to

national championship comes to an end.

A seven-year run as U.S. La­
coder's Women's Lacrosse

league Associate national

champions came to an end Saturday for
Cal Poly women's lacrosse
team, which lost the

National Championship at Inves­
co Field in Denver to Colorado
State, 2-0 in overtime.

The defeat also brought to a close the Mustangs' 28-game

winning streak, Colorado State, which became the

first WDIA champion besides


State Fullerton's Goodwin Field, drop­
ning the conclusion of a Big West Con­
ference series 12-9.

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Cal Poly senior Sharon Day broke the Big West Conference heptathlon record while winning the title Saturday afternoon at Cal State Northridge.

Day’s 5,424 points not only earned her a third career individual title at the conference meet and automatically qualified at the NCAA Championship level, but edged Idaho’s Manuela Karrer’s, 5,412 conference total of 5,614.

“It’s pretty sweet,” Day said. “I feel like it’s really an accomplishment that adds to my résumé.”

In the process of breaking the conference mark, the easily sur­passed the Cal Poly pinnacle of 5,412, set in 1987 by Sha­ron Hansen, who became one of eight Olympians in Mustangs history.

After tal­ling a con­ference-leading 3,418 Friday, in Saturday’s last three events, Day chalked up 708 for her long jump of 18 feet, 9 inches, 416 for her win­ning 122-6 javelin throw and 840 for a 2-minute, 18.77-second time in the 800 meters.

The performance came a day after the set a personal best in the 100 hurdles (14.57) and cleared 6 feet in the high jump to amass more than half of her first-day score.

“I was most satisfied with how I did in the hurdle race because I set a personal record by finishing fourth (of a second),” Day said. “I wish I would’ve jumped higher.”

Coming in fourth and sixth, respectively, on behalf of the Mustangs, were Katie Robbins and Sara Klein.

Robbins’ 4,645 and Klein’s 4,631 were both personal bests.

In the decathlon, Cal Poly’s Corbin Duer gathered 6,206 to finish seventh, even though he fouled out of the discus throw.

Chris Richardson of Long Beach State won the event with 7,461.

Duer collected personal bests in the 110 hurdles (15.91), the pole vault (15.1), and for first, the javelin (180-10) and the 1,500 (4:34.43).

Day said she likely won’t part­take in the heptathlon nationally in order to be at her best for the high jump.

Day, Robbins, Klein and Duer will join the rest of the Mus­tangs at the conference champi­onships’ conclusion, May 16-17, which the local team will try to add to their 19-19 advan­tage over the hosting, defending champion Matadors.

Doug Alden

Salt lake City — The Utah Jazz played plenty of chances to crunch and nearly did.

They let a 12-point slip away in the last four minutes and faced overtime against league MVP Kobe Bryant and the Los Angeles Lakers. Instead of withering, Utah played its toughest defense of the playoffs and pulled out a 123-115 victory on Sunday, tying the Western Conference semifinals 2-2.

The Jazz held the Lakers to two field goals in overtime and went 9-for-9 from the foul line while outscoring the Lakers 15-7.

“We never have any doubts in our confidence,” said Utah’s Andre Kirilenko, who blocked Bryant twice in overtime and converted a three-point play with 35 seconds remaining to help the Jazz pull away.

After opening the series with two losses in Los Angeles, the Jazz came home and answered with two wins to make it a best-of-three series, starting Wednesday at the Staples Center. Game 6 will be Friday back in Salt Lake City, where the Jazz are 4-1 in the playoffs.

Deron Williams had 29 points and 14 assists, while Carlos Boozer scored 12 of his 14 points in the second half and grabbed 12 rebounds. Mehmet Okur added 18 points and 11 rebounds, and Kirilenko finished with 15 points and five blocks—stuffing Bryant twice as the Lakers tried to rally in overtime.

Bryant, who said he was fighting back spasms from early in the first quarter, finished with 33 points and 10 assists. “No excuses for me,” Kirilenko did a great job,” Bryant said. “They did a terrific job. They did big plays when they needed to.”

And Los Angeles helped by sending the Jazz to the foul line 20 more times than the Lakers, who made it worse by missing 11 of 25 foul shots.

Lamar Odom had 26 points and 13 rebounds, and Pau Gasol scored 23 and pulled down 10 boards for the Lakers. Derek Fisher finished with 15 points, scoring 10 straight as the Lakers rallied in the fourth, but had no assists and got in early foul trouble.

Lakers coach Phil Jackson said the Lakers were depending too much on Bry­ ant.

“I still thought he went to the basket hard at the end,” Jackson said. “He was still able to get to the basket and do what he wanted to do. He was out there to make plays.”

Utah was 40-for-76 (53 per­ cent) and had a huge advantage at the foul line, making 37 of 45 free throws. The Jazz reserves also domi­ nated the Lakers, outscoring them 39-16.

“Our bench stepped up and pro­ vided with a lot of scoring and a lot of energy,” Bryant said. “We’re confident now but we still need to prove we can win on the road.”

Williams had a chance to win

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Jazz tie series with physical overtime win over Lakers

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