Poly students’ western show clip-clops into Paso

Cassandra Keyse

There’s a lot of kids in the class who had never done it and they say “Wow, that’s pretty neat.” According to animal science sophomore Tricia Harlan, not only are there a variety of majors involved, but there are also numerous ways to be involved with Western Bonanza.

“It’s how the students get to be involved and show there’s such a big range of different opportunities in Western Bonanza that it kind of matches whatever you’re into,” said Harlan, who is the group’s media and publicity chairman. “If you were really involved in showing beef cattle, then you can be on the beef committee, but let’s say that you were never involved with animals at all and came from a city.

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‘It’s grown from just a senior project to a class which currently has 52 students and 26 chairmen and management positions, so over 100 kids are part of it,” agricultural science graduate student and Western Bonanza intern Shannon Aguilar said.

The management team begins planning for the show in the fall and is then joined by the students enrolled in Livestock Show Management, ASCI 212. The class contains students from all colleges and experience levels.

“We have a variety of majors — business, crop science, people that have never touched an animal before, and people that have been showing cattle or goats for years,” agricultural science senior and Western Bonanza marketing manager Megan Brownell said.

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“Western Bonanza intern and animal science senior Wyatt Scott agreed, saying that a major reason students enroll in the class is to learn how a livestock show runs.

“To be part of Western Bonanza, you don’t have to be competitive and to be a part of the management team, you don’t have to have a background in any kind of livestock at all,” Scott said. “The whole point of the class is to learn these different programs.

Scientologist speaker aims to clear up misconceptions

Scientologists discover their inner spirituality through one-on-one “auditing” sessions with counselors. During these sessions, an “E-Meter” is used to locate troubled areas of the human psyche by pinpointing changes in electric currents running through the body.

These teachings are hard for some people to accept.

“It would be hard for this presentation to change my mind about Scien­tology,” said architectural engineering junior Dan Loechle. “I’ve heard that Scientologists need to donate a lot of money and in return learn about spaceships.

Holzinger wants to explain these concepts as well as clear up other misconceptions people have about the religion.

“There are a lot of people who criticize Scientology but don’t know much about it,” said Lloyd-Moffett. “People should understand what the religion is all about before they judge.”

San Luis Obispo is a historically significant location for Scientology. According to Lloyd-Moffett, L. Ron Hubbard spent his last 10 years of life on a ranch in Creston, a community located in San Luis Obispo County. He died at the age of 74 in 1986 at Sierra Vista Medical Center in San Luis Obispo.

The arrow, a student club associated with the religious studies minor, is hosting the presentation. Each quarter Theists brings in speakers from different religions to talk about their beliefs.

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Scientology has been the subject of intense controversy since its inception as a religion in 1952 by American science fiction writer L. Ron Hub­bard. But in recent years, it has gained more notoriety by becoming popular with celebrities including Tom Cruise, John Travolta and Isaac Hayes.

The religion is based on the idea that people are immortal, spiritual be­ings known as Thetans who lived on other planets in the past but have now been reincarnated in human bodies.

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Judith Lin

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"When all four leaders left last night, they said they were getting close but there's still more work to do," Sa­
brina Lockhart, spokes­woman for the Republican caucus in the Senate, said Wednesday. "Nothing has changed this morning."

While few details were being made available, the tax measures un­der discussion are a temporary 1-cent increase in the state sales tax, a hike in the fee for licensing vehicles to 1.15 percent and an unspecified increase in the personal income tax.

The steps to boost revenue were expected to generate about $12 bil­lion.

In exchange, a Republican-sought spending cap would limit the amount the state can spend each year based on a predetermined formula. In good years, extra money would be skimmed off the budget and saved for later.

Such a change would require voter approval in a special election sometime this year.

Voters also will be asked to autho­rize the state to sell bonds based on the lottery's projected future revenue. That plan was approved as part of budget negotiations last year and as­sumed the lottery bonds would bring in $10 billion over the next two fiscal years.

The budget proposal being dis­cussed this week also calls for $35 bil­lion in spending cuts, ranging from public schools to programs for the poor and disabled.

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background, you can always work on entries and turning in entries for the show, or media and publicity.

Exhibitors at Western Bonanza are between 9 and 25 years old and show goats, sheep, swine, steers and hikers. Aside from monetary and material prizes at stake, exhibitors compete for points awarded from the Cali­fornia Junior Livestock Association (CJLA) which they will accumulate throughout the show season. CJLA is a scholarship-based program, which encourages and rewards junior livestock exhibitors.

What sets Western Bonanza apart from other junior livestock shows is its A and B show format. In most shows, animals will only be seen by one judge, but with the two-show format, two judges will evaluate each animal, allowing exhibitors to earn double points towards CJLA.

"There's a saying in show world, 'It's that judge's opinion in that hour in that minute,' and all that can change if those animals go to the next ring," Brownell explained. "It's a really neat opportunity from an audience prospective to evaluate a group of animals and then under­stand and take into consideration another judge's perspective of why they appreciate that bone structure versus another judge's perspective of w  hy they would hit nearly every aspect of state government.

Across the country, people recognize Western Bonanza and have come from education, but the cut would hit nearly every aspect of state government.

Western Bonanza isn't just known in California, Aguilar said. "In just a big circle where people are always saying 'I saw someone wearing a Western Bonanza jacket in Texas' or 'I just that the last that won this class from WPB, it just continues.'"

According to agricultural busi­ness junior and the group's corporate sponsor manager Kim Kimmich, Western Bonanza's 25th anniversary is a testament to how much the show has grown over the years.

"We've all seen a lot of shows come and go over the last 25 years so the fact that this is still rolling is what sets us apart from other shows," Kimmich said.

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When you aggressively ask if you aggressively seek out new opportunities, brawling isn't what they mean.

Thomas Cheapshto

Progressive Student Alliance presents five bands:

State workers would continue taking two days off a month with­out pay under Schwarzenegger's flat­-looph order, saving $1.3 billion. The proposed cuts also eliminate two of 14 payroll state holidays and limit some overtime pay, according to a spread­sheet provided by a source close to the negotiations.

The source did not want to be identified because public distribution of the negotiating points was not au­thorized.

According to the internal docu­ment, 10 percent would be cut from the prison system's medical budget at the same time the state is engaged in a legal battle with the court-appoint­ed receiver who oversees health care reforms at the state's 33 adult prisons. The receiver, J. Clark Kelso, has pro­posed the state sell as much as $8 bil­lion in bonds to build seven inmate medical facilities.

Meanwhile, the poor are likely to feel the brunt of the state's cuts.

California would not give cost­saving increases to families on welfare, low-income seniors and dis­abled people. If California does not receive more federal money from President Barack Obama's economic stimulus package, the legislative lead­ers have agreed to make deeper cuts.

Those would be made to courts, the state's health insurance programs for the poor, welfare-to-work, in-home support for seniors and other social service programs.

The University of California and California State University systems would see $427.6 million in cuts, starting with the fiscal year that be­gins in July.

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Participants from last year's show include Cal Poly students, community members and local schoolchildren.
WORD ON THE STREET

“When do you do you think of when you hear the word Scientology?”

“I think of Tom Cruise jumping on the couch on ‘Oprah.’”

-Mariianne Rittenburg, communication studies senior

“I think of a lot of protests, Tom Cruise and sketchy religion.”

-Sam Reynard, English sophomore

“249,000 miles to the moon.”

-Jason Lindo, English senior

“People (who) believe in like planets and aliens and things.”

-Eugenia Solitermen, biology sophomore

“2 big satellites collide
500 miles over Siberia
Marcia Dunn
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two big communications satellites collided in the first-ever crash of two intact spacecraft in orbit, shooting out a pair of massive debris clouds and posing a slight risk to the international space station.

NASA said it will take weeks to determine the full magnitude of the crash, which occurred nearly 500 miles over Siberia on Tuesday. "We knew this was going to happen eventually," said Mark Matney, an orbital debris scientist at Johnson Space Center in Houston.

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State

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Top administrators from California State University will be speaking at African American American churches throughout the state this weekend as part of their campaign to encourage more black students to apply to its 23 campuses.

CSU trustees, campus presidents and Chancellor Charles Reed will appear at 41 churches in the San Francisco Bay area this Sunday and 26 churches in the Los Angeles area the following Sunday. They will talk to students, parents and community members about topics such as preparing for college, applying to CSU and obtaining financial aid.

Officials say CSU has seen a significant increase in black student enrollment since the university began its first “Super Sunday” outreach event four years ago.

National

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A federal law-enforcement building in El Paso has been evacuated after two people in the mail room were exposed to an unknown white powder.

FBI spokeswoman Andrea Simmons said the powder was found Wednesday in mail addressed to a “national public official” whose name she did not know.

NEW YORK (AP) — A van traveled for nearly an hour over busy New York City roads before its driver discovered the horrific cargo it had dragged almost 20 miles: the partially scraped-away body of a man who was plowed over by an SUV just before he got caught under the van.

Police said the gruesome episode was accidental and that they have no plans to charge the drivers at this time.

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International

KABUL (AP) — Taliban militants killed 20 people in a coordinated attack on three government buildings in Kabul Wednesday, launching the assault after sending text messages to the leader of their terror cell in Pakistan, the head of Afghan intelligence said.

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Do you know what you’re doing this summer? Don’t just spend your summer on the couch or at the beach—now is the time to start making plans that will help you land a great job when you graduate.

Ideally, consider a job or internship that relates to your career goals. Internships provide valuable experience, and can help you determine if you are on the right career path. Through an internship you will also begin to build your professional network, and summer positions can often open doors for future job opportunities.

Especially in this job market, employers seek candidates with experience. Using your summer to gain experience can set you apart from your peers when you graduate.

Even if you don’t take a position related to your future career, make the most of your summer. Any part-time job or work experience can help you financially or professionally. Use the time to move you toward graduation more quickly, or volunteer in your community. These are just a few of the ways you can keep your mind stimulated, and they all provide numerous career-related benefits in the long run.

Whatever you decide to do, don’t delay. Many other universities end their academic year in May, so don’t get beaten to the punch. Now is the time to start making your plans.

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NASA believes any risk to the space station and its three astronauts continues from page

The Indium craft weighed 1,235 pounds, and the Russian craft nearly a ton. No one has any idea yet how many pieces were generated or how big they might be.

"Right now, they're definitely counting dozens," Matney said. "I would suspect that they'll be counting hundreds when the counting is done."

As for pieces the size of micrometers, the count will likely be in the thousands, he added.

There have been four other cases in which space objects have collided accidentally in orbit, NASA said. But those were considered minor and involved parts of spent rockets or small satellites.

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I ed. 22, officials said, but that will be re-evaluated in the coming days.

The collision involved an Indium commercial satellite, which was launched in 1997, and a Russian satellite launched in 1993 and believed to be functioning. The Russian satellite was out of control, Matney said.

Nothing to eat.

Wildlife rescue officials on Wednesday worked frantically to help the animals that made it through Australia's worst-ever wildfires but they said millions of animals likely perished in the inferno.

Scores of kangaroos have been found around roads, where they were overwhelmed by flames and smoke while attempting to flee, said Jon Randall, president of the rescue group Wildlife Victoria.

Kangaroos that survived are suffering from burned feet, a result of their territorial behavior. After escaping the initial flames, the creatures — which prefer to stay in one area — likely circled back to their homes, singeing their feet on the smoldering ground.

"It's just horrific," said Neil Morgan, president of the Statewide Wildlife Rescue Emergency Service in Victoria, the state where the raging fires were still burning. "It's disaster all around for humans and animals as well."

Some wombats that hid in their burrows managed to survive the blazes, but those that are not rescued face a slow and certain death as they emerge to find their food supply gone, said Pat O'Brien, president of the Wildlife Protection Association of Australia. The official human death toll stood at 181 from the weekend's deadly fires and authorities said it would exceed 200. While the scope of the wildlife devastation was still unclear, it was likely to be enormous, Rowdon said.

"There's no doubt across that scale of landscape and given the intensity of the fires, millions of animals would have been killed," he said.

Hundreds of burned, stressed and dehydrated animals — including kangaroos, koalas, lizards and birds — have already arrived at shelters across the scorched region. Rescuers have doled out antibiotics, pain relievers and fluids to the creatures in a bid to keep them comfortable, but some of the severely injured were euthanized to spare any more suffering.

In some of the hardest-hit areas, rescuers used vaporizing tents to help creatures whose lungs were burned by the scorching heat and smoke. One furry survivor has emerged a star a koala, nicknamed "Sam" by her rescuers, was found moaning gingly on scorched paws by a fire patrol on Sunday. Firefighter David Tree offered the animal a bottle of water, which she eagerly accepted, holding Tree's hand as he poured water into her mouth — a moment captured in a photograph seen around the world.

Local CFA firefighter David Tree shares his water with an injured Australian Koala at after wildfires swept through the region on Monday.

Kangaroo corpses lay scattered Wednesday, in Sweeney Canyon, Wyo. The mysterious project has riled some neighbors who value the solitude of their remote community.

The Scientology project raises concern

Scientists said the project, which is under a mysterious cover, raises concern.

Some of the earliest, scientists believe, were carried out at the ranch near Sweeney Canyon.

Some have even questioned if the project was a pseudoscientific "star" of the church's efforts to cultivate interest in alternative medicine.

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Coraline's animated storyline proves delightful

Movie Review: Coraline – 2009

(**** stars [out of possible 5])

Director: Henry Selick

Starring: Voices of Dakota Fanning, Teri Hatcher, Ian Meshane

Animated features depict kid friendly, happy adventures that always leave a moviegoer with a warm and happy feeling inside, right? Wrong... well at least not when the movie in question is directed by acclaimed filmmaker Henry Selick.

"Coraline" is the new film by Selick, who applies the same mastery of 3D stop motion animation he used when making the much-loved films "The Nightmare Before Christmas" (1993) and "James and the Giant Peach" (1996). The innovative technique of stop motion only adds to the film's already eerie and gloomy feel in which time after time, wend characters are engaging in even weirder antics.

There were definitely times where I felt genuinely disturbed while watching this movie, however the fact that it is surprisingly aimed at traditional and delicious family dinners every night. In fact, the one thing that seemed to leave Coraline, (and myself) a little unsettled is the fact that in order to stay in this dream world, she must also have her eyes replaced with black buttons. The people that will enjoy this film the most will obviously be those who are fans of the film art and unique stop motion techniques that Selick has previously used in so many of his movies. In my opinion, this movie would not have survived as a live action film, only because the storyline and characters are so strange that animation was definitely the right choice as a result of its ability to adapt frightening situations into pleasing images. Other fans may also be supporters of Neil Gaiman, whose award winning graphic novel served as the basis for the film.

Personally, I consider myself a fan of the film mostly because it is entertaining to look at. Also, unlike other animated features, the actors who voice the characters succeed in creating dark tones and refuse to let go of their roles. From there, it is just a mile long walk talking about how we deal with life's rejections and how "I never thought I would come of age, let alone on a moldy page" or they way "you're taking too long with your Viscidin, something sweet to finish about him... but wishes there was a" or how "we can hardly even notice their own tribulations of a Fuesday," But come Saturday, you'll come to stay. You'll come to sway in my heart. Who cares if there's a Party Somewhere? We're going to stay in." Because if you don't, you'll just end up with somebody you're platonically involved with, then you'll just end up with someone who doesn't understand like death and being in love. He is an innocent, but wishes there was a dark side to him. That's why the debut self-titled album from "Pains of Being Pure at Heart" has become this month's favorite album.

Sonically speaking, the album is not too far off from the noise pop jams that have also been recently released from Slumberland Records like "Crystal Stilts" and "caUSE co-MOTION!" That is to say that it is noisy, poppy and cute. The album is kind of like that time you look around and half jokingly talking about staying the night and then making out to a song about sister and brotherly love in "This Love Is Fucking Right!" Just because it's scary and dangerous doesn't mean you shouldn't just go for it. I mean, let's face it, if you don't end up with somebody you're platonically involved with, then you'll just end up marinated in noise pop jams... not exactly what I would call a favorite album. In "Come Saturday," boy and girl sing together about the trials and tribulations of a Tuesday; "But come Saturday, you'll come to stay. You'll come to stay in my arms. Who cares if there's a Party Somewhere? We're going to stay in." Because if you don't, you'll just end up "A teenager in love with Christ and heroin" not caring about the friends who actually would stand with you. And it's these youthful sincerities, yet ultimately naïve lines that have convinced my inner 8-year-old to give "Pains of Being Pure at Heart" a shot at my love.

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A while back, my good buddy who gets me into comics let me borrow his copy of "The Goon: Nothing but Misery." I thanked him but it sat on my floor for a while gathering dust as I wasn't particularly inclined to pick it up.

At the time I was reading a lot of "Hellboy" and felt very serious about my comic reading, so I didn't really feel like reading anything else. Don't get me wrong, Hellboy is amazing and his quite a bit of comedy thrown in there, but it is above all a serious comic.

Before too long though, I finally picked up "The Goon." In the first page, I was hooked. I mean, with a story titled "Die, Fish, Die!" and a zombie poking a severed head with a stick on the first page, the Goon and his pal Franky cracking dirty jokes over few beers, and a giant hand from the sky crushing a new reporter through-out, how could I not pick it up? You don't see that every day! "The Goon" is a glorious mixture of 1940s culture and terminology, with film-noir elements, puns, lovecrfian horror and some good old fashion violence. Just imagine a noir detective film without the detective and a guy who looks like he'd work at the docks swapped in, and, instead of your typical gangster of the'30s, some green zombies and that would pretty much be "The Goon."

I wouldn't say that The Goon himself is a crime fighter or even that he is one of the good guys. But he and his little sidekick Franky certainly know how to beat the crap out of the bad guys, by which I mean gangs of fish creatures and hordes of zombies led by an evil zombie priest without a name.

I don't really know how to categorize this series. I wouldn't call it horror, though there are loads of horror elements in it, but I wouldn't call it purely a comedic comic either. The stories are incredibly witty, check full of wonderful one-liners, fake ads and some great comedic violence. Eric Powell, the writer and artist of "The Goon," really knows his stuff. The art is perfect for the series, too.

Let me just ask you a few questions, just in case "The Goon" doesn't already seem appealing to you. Do you enjoy gratuitous amounts of comedic violence, such as a fish-man getting a brick stuffed down his throat? Do you like zombies, but not just normal ones, but the kind that can sing and dance? Do you like stories of haunted houses and hidden loot? Do you like such 1930s phrases as mooks, dame or dirty egg-sucking dog? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then without a doubt, you will enjoy "The Goon." Shoot, even if you didn't answer yes to any of those, you will still like "The Goon," even though there is probably something seriously wrong with you.

Be sure to check next week's article on Alan Moore's highly acclaimed "The Watchmen," soon to be released as a movie next month, which I am totally stoked for.
Tired of the same dinner and a movie date? Do you need to mix it up this Valentine’s Day? Whether you and your sweetheart have been together for a long time, are in the beginning stages of dating or you simply have friends whom you love, San Luis Obispo and the surrounding areas are providing fun and unique alternatives.

Before the big day arrives, students can get in the spirit on-campus. Delta Sigma Pi, a professional co-ed business fraternity, will be selling Valentine’s Day candy grams through Friday. At $1 per candy gram, deliveries can be made on and off-campus, but it must be within San Luis Obispo. Proceeds go toward the fraternity.

“It’s a pretty good turnout considering it’s the beginning of the week and people aren’t thinking too much about Valentine’s Day yet,” said business sophomore Julie Hughes Tuesday afternoon.

Candy grams can be purchased every day between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. in the University Union Plaza.

Leading up to the weekend, students and community members can enjoy Thursday evening’s Farmer’s Market with a twist. Sweethearts Night will be an addition to the market on Garden Street.

The market will offer an old-fashioned photo booth where couples can have photos taken with a heart around their face, in black and white or color, for $5 apiece. Instead of the usual four photos that are dispensed, each couple will leave with one heart and a photo book that couples can have photos taken with a heart around their face, in black and white or color, for $5 apiece. Instead of the usual four photos that are dispensed, each couple will leave with one heart and a photo book that can be made on and off-campus.

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Along with the photo booth, the Gold Coast Chorus will sing a cappella every day, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the University Union Plaza.

The event will take place Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Arroyo Grande City Hall Parking Lot.

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fall victim to typical monotonous voiceovers. In particular, I enjoyed the funny and aged Russian man on the top floor, Mr. Bobinsky (voiced by respected veteran actor Ian McShane), who runs his own mouse circus and lives off a singular diet consisting only of beets. This is a smart movie with a rather complex plot that can be understood by both children and adults, which is why it will find success as people hear more and more about it.

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By Freya Wilkerson, promotions assistant at the Mustang Daily

Valentine’s Day festivities

University Union Plaza

every day, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

$1 each

Sweethearts Night

Garden Street

Thursday, 6 p.m.

Photo Booth

Gold Coast Chorus will sing a capella

Valentine’s Swing Dance

Grover Beach Grange Hall

Friday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

$18 or $20 at the door

Jimmy Enos Combo will perform

Moonlight Movie Night

“Sleepless in Seattle”

Arroyo Grande City Hall

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How to destroy the dollar

Debt and inflation can bring down even the world's greatest economy

The Senate passed Obama's proposed economic stimulus plan Tuesday after a week of prodding from the White House. The bill will now proceed to negotiations between the House and Senate to iron out the $20 billion difference. The Senate version increased spending to $838 billion. Where will this stimulus money come from? The answer is simple: The federal government, in collusion with the Federal Reserve, will create it.

I am sure we all know the Law of Conservation of Matter. Matter cannot be created or destroyed, only rearranged. Money essentially is the substance that embodies energy so it can be moved around an economy efficiently. Neither energy nor matter can be created, and the same applies to money. Increases in the money supply must come at the expense of something, and that something is principally your pocketbook.

A consequence of Obama's Keynesian experiment on the American people will become apparent to many in the near future. Just how soon inflation will rise significantly is difficult to predict, as it will depend on how quickly the dollars hot-off-the presses are dumped into the pocketbook.

For a common example, take the price of a loaf of bread. In 1970, the average price was about 2.5 cents. Today it's around $2. You're lucky if inflation doesn't climb any faster than it did or you might have starved to death.

A graphic case study of the dangers of inflation due to the government's mismanagement of the money supply does exist in the 21st century. Labor and inflation can bring down even the world's greatest economy. We have already seen this happen, and the consequences in business. The destruction of a currency is complete. Operating on a fiat currency system identical to the U.S. dollar, the Zimbabwe government printed its way out of war and foreign debts. Due to a snowballing multiplier effect, this injection of "money" into the economy led to the devaluation of the currency.

For now, the U.S. government is ignoring the problem of the $10.7 trillion national debt and the $720 million being spent daily on foreign wars. But the day of reckoning to pay these debts will soon come, and combined with the entitlement gap of $50 trillion, the future of the dollar is precarious.

Besides raising federal taxes or inflating their way out of the problem, the only option the U.S. government has to balance the budget would be cutting total federal spending by over 60 percent. Does that look likely based on Obama's campaign promises and current spending plans? Don't count on it.

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A tragedy proves Reno's toughness

I have never felt about Reno the way Carrie Bradshaw does about her beloved New York City. But I now have a newfound respect for my hometown, and it didn't come in the form of a man, but did I have to trapeze around in a pair of $500 shoes to find it. I didn't even have to be there to understand what my hometown was made of. I witnessed it from afar.

As I went home for the holidays this Christmas, Brianna Denison didn't. It has been a little over a year since the 19-year-old college student's body was found in a field just eight miles away from where she was taken. Autopsy results indicated that she had been strangled and raped and murder is scheduled to go on trial next year, facing the death penalty.

James Michael Biela is accused of kidnapping Denison from her friend's house, where she was sleeping on the couch the night the victim went missing. The police are still searching for any trace of Denison or any DNA samples.

The investigation, as estimated $291,163 was raised from 233 donors to speed up processing of backlogged DNA samples. Over 101 people and businesses are mentioned on the Justice for Bri Web site along with her obituary, songs written in her honor and links to news articles past and current. The Bringing Bri Justice Foundation has been established in her honor to raise awareness about the prevention of violent crime.

I am not naive to the fact that Denison was not the only woman to be abducted and murdered in Reno or anywhere else, and that women often do not disappear in the sensational, headline-friendly circumstances of Denison or the case of Honoria. Most women don't come from families that have the resources to push and pressure authorities into continuing the search. Yet all of these tragedies, whether they receive adequate media attention or not, are scary and sobering.

Chances are that I will never live in Reno again, but I am grateful for my newfound respect for the city, and it puts me at ease to think that if I had been Brianna Denison and disappeared at age 19, that my community would have done their best and times it takes a tragedy to really appreciate where you come from. Reno may be tacky, but it's tough.

This week, Obama held town hall meetings in states that have been hit particularly hard by the recession and loss of jobs. Tuesday he spoke with people in Florida, and the public's belief in Obama was visible. They clamored for the microphone to ask questions and tell him about their personal struggles.

A passionate young man who said he had been working at McDonald's for four years and going to community college, asked Obama how the administration could help him get more benefits at his job.

Henrietta Hughes tearfully asked the President for help to find a home. She and her son have been homeless, living in a pick-up truck for the past year. Moved with compassion, President Obama hugged the woman and told her that his staff would try to help her after the meeting ended.

By the end of Tuesday, Henrietta Hughes had been given a home.

While I was moved by several stories that emerged from the town hall meeting, I was mostly struck by people's sincere belief that Obama can help them personally. These people believe that Obama can change things in their lives, that he can help them in their struggles.

This was not a crowd of rigid ideologues. They were more likely people who had no knowledge of political philosophy. Yet they affirmed a principle unique to the Democratic Party — namely that government is here to help.

When life begins to spin out of people's hands and even neighbors are under financial distress, who remains to help Henrietta Hughes or to ensure that the young college student has the job benefits he deserves? Big corporations like McDonald's and banks who offer people home loans do not exist as charitable organizations. They exist to make a profit. Period.

This is why people like Henrietta Hughes and her son — and thousands like them — can live homeless for a year with no hope of receiving a home from charity churches, or non-profit organizations. People simply fall through the cracks, from lack of knowledge about available resources or simply lack of access.

Denying the government's role in helping the poor — yes, using your tax dollars — is heartless and devoid of compassion. We pay taxes so that America can be what it was created to be a more perfect union.

The Liberal Lens by Stephanie England

Uncle Sam's here to help

I would not be so-naughty to deny a poor or middle class person a tax cut when they will spend it on food and shoes, while for the past eight years rich people have received tax cuts and apparently stuffed the money in an offshore account in the Cayman Islands — because they sure haven't been spending to help our economy.

In the past three weeks there have been many changes in the way our government is run. At the town hall meetings that Obama is holding to gain support for his stimulus plan, no one is screened before they are let in to the building.

Only weeks ago, because my loyalties lay pretty close to the left border of the political arena, I would not even be considered as a guest at a town hall meeting with President Bush, let alone be given access to a micro­phone to rake him over the coals.

I cannot recall a more coherent Presidential press conference than the one we witnessed last Monday. Ample time was given to those questions that deserved an answer — and the press conference ran longer than expected!

So, Colin K. is, Obama the next FDR? Absolutely! Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal kept people from starving in America at a time when many people were jobless, hopeless and helpless.

FDR was also a three term president. He must have done some things that people liked. And he marked a renewal in people's belief in the idea that this is a gov­ernment "of the people, by the people, for the people" as Abraham Lincoln once said. People believed that FDR could help their situation that he could bring real change to America. And he did bring change through the New Deal.

Tuesday the same day the president's stimulus package passed the Senate, Floridians like Henrietta Hughes showed the rest of the United States that they believe Obama will too. And that gives me reason to be optimis­tic about the future with President Obama at the helm.

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The Curious Case of Benjamin’s Buttons

Girls & Sports by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

I had no idea that being single in this day and age was so hard. It’s like I’ve never been in prison for 24 years and the world’s passed me by.

Between managing my Facebook and checking my e-mailing, texting and typing, it’s all too much!

That reminds me, your Twitter status is being a little stale.

On second thought, it might be OK for a few more days!

How to play the Daily Dots

1. Find a playing partner.
2. Each person takes a turn drawing one line connecting two dots. Only horizontal and vertical lines can be drawn.
3. The first person to close a square, wins that square. To keep track, place winners initials in the box.
4. Once one square is closed, that player gets to go again. They continue until no more squares can be closed.
5. Player with the most squares wins.

Across

1. Weakness
2. 87 Wf. of advice from a tennis coach
3. 41 Bridge supports
4. 42 Work on the street
5. 43 Be proactive
6. 44 Bed-mouth
7. 45 Monroe’s “Done!”
8. 46 Nabor’s role
9. 47 Sci-fi novelist
10. 48 Like some floors
11. 49 R&B singer with “Thong Song”
12. 50 Bridge positions
13. 51 Sage and thyme
14. 52 Monet’s “Done!”
15. 53 Congregation member
16. 54 Duke’s quarters?
17. 55 Healing balm
18. 56 Exigency
19. 57 Final?
20. 58 Potter’s mystery
21. 59 From gentle to steep for some playground equipment?
22. 60 Bridge supports
23. 61 34th U.S. President
24. 62 Move, in Realtor-speak

Down

1. Come clean, with “up”
2. Hurry
3. One can be shown to you
4. Nancy’s aunt in Nancy Drew mysteries
5. Go after
6. Working out just fine?
7. Maura
8. Stick
9. “That ___ so bad”
10. Fast
11. Sage and thyme are in it
12. N.F.L. Hall-of-Famer, Matson
13. More decisive
14. Not too quick
15. "Porgy" novelist
16. “Come on!”
17. Potr’s purchase
18. Target retailer
19. The Jets, e.g.
20. Once called

Puzzle by Joe Treflan

30 Stripped
31 Target retailer
32 Sonic the Hedgehog
45 Standard 28-Down purchase
46 The id is in it
47 So it’s novel
48 Like some foods and legs
49 R&B singer with the hit “Thong Song”
50 Bridge positions
54 Last name in a comedy
55 Healing balm
56 Exigency
58 Curly whacker
60 Only Super Bowl won by the Jets

Free Betta Fish

It’s the best thing since sliced bread.
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Russell applauded the efforts of Mimnaugh and her team especially for their dedication not just against cancer, but for their efforts within the community. “They’ve done an incredible job,” Russell said. “It’s just another great thing that they’ve done with a community outreach program.”

Mimnaugh has come a long way from the graduate assistant that Yo was initially hired in June of 1988. But her respect and admiration for the legendary coach was immediate. “When I went to college, the coach kind of gave me the ball and let me do whatever I wanted — it was fairback,” Mimnaugh said. “We never had much structure. But coach Yo had a lot of structure. She wanted the fairback run a certain way. She had every play diagrammed.”

But cancer always loomed in the background. Yo had just been diagnosed two years previously and had already gone through a mastectomy.

Despite the hardship, Yo worked through it. Through the chemo, through the year in and year out, she was there for her team — and she was there for Mimnaugh. “She knew that I was dirt poor,” Mimnaugh recalled. “She would have me come over to her house and walk her dogs to help me get a little bit of extra money in my pocket.”

When initially hired as a graduate assistant, Mimnaugh received tuition, room and board, but no other compensation.

“The only cash I had was working the Jo Yo camp in the summer,” Mimnaugh said. “But she would ask me to come over and I could actually stay in her house and watch her dogs when she was away.”

“So she allowed me to stay in more than a six-by-eight room in a dormitory somewhere. She gave me use of her phone. I could have anything in the fridge or watch her big screen TV. Back then I didn’t even own a TV.”

Yo would eventually promote Mimnaugh to assistant coach, a paid position that put her on track towards a career that seemed unfathomable years earlier as she toiled in Australian professional leagues.

“I would not be here at Cal Poly if not for Yo Yo,” Mimnaugh said. “I probably would not have had an opportunity to Division I basketball at all had it not been for coach Yo. She saw a woman in me.”

Mimnaugh continues working. The Mustangs are in the midst of their best season in nearly 20 years.

“Here at Cal Poly, the team’s success takes a backseat to the fight against cancer. With the battle ongoing, people like Yo, Mimnaugh and Condon are leading to the frontline.”
Jets QB Brett Favre to retire — again

By Dennis Wazak Jr.  

NEW YORK — Brett Favre informed the New York Jets on Wednesday he will retire after 18 seasons, ending a record-setting career in which he was one of the NFL's premier quarterbacks.

The 39-year-old quarterback told general manager Mike Tannenbaum and fired coach Eric Mangini he is "tired of fighting the deadly disease."

"Softball head coach Jenny Condon has put together a game over the past several years called "Strike Out Cancer," in which the teams wear pink jerseys and raise funds through a raffle to donate to the American Cancer Society. The games have raised nearly $2,500 in the past few years," Favre said in the e-mail. "My teammates — Thomas Jones and Kerry (Rhodes) included — were a pleasure to play with. Eric could not have been any better. I enjoyed playing for him. My time with the Jets was short, but I am honored to be given that chance."

"When we acquired Brett, we knew we would get everything he had," Tannenbaum said. "We've got some kids on the team now who have gone through it. (Senior shortstop) Melissa Piza's dad is a cancer survivor. He threw out the first pitch at last year's game.

"It was an honor to coach against Brett over the years," Ryan said. "He's not the best quarterback ever, but he's certainly in the conversation. I have great admiration for him as a player and a person. It was wish him only the best in his life after football."

"When we acquired Brett, we knew we would get everything he had," Tannenbaum said. "He took the time to mentor younger players and his competitiveness and enthusiasm at practice and during games was contagious. I spoke with him this morning and told him that he will be a friend of the