Campus honors victims of Holocaust, other genocides

A pile of shoes and diary entries of Holocaust victims were just part of yesterday's Holocaust Remembrance Week, a week to remember and honor those who fell victim to this horrific event," Schlachtman said. The shoes, which were donated by students, community members, and Goodwill, were piled on Dexter lawns to represent the victims who were stripped of everything they owned, their houses out of poverty. Hillel president and business senior Inna Treyger said, "The reason Holocaust museums have shoe piles is because shoes are such a personal belonging. Imaging how vulnerable you would feel without your shoes," she said. After completion of the event, Hillel will donate the shoe pile to Goodwill.

Additionally, the club put up six posters featuring personal stories and diary excerpts from victims in the Holocaust. Treyger said the club picked stories of everyday people turned victims in the hopes that the message will resonate with Cal Poly students. "We hope that people stop and think for a minute. Genocide is still occurring throughout the world. I think it's really important to raise awareness to combat current and future genocides," she said. She thinks giving the victims names and faces will bring students closer to the victims. "These were real people, no different than any of us, who fell victim to this horrific event," she said.

Black bear hunting remains illegal in SLO County — for now

Wildlife advocates in San Luis Obispo celebrated yesterday after learning that black bear hunting would not be permitted in the county — at least this year. The Fish and Game Commission unanimously decided to postpone any changes to the state's bear hunting regulations after the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) said they needed more time to address concerns from the public. The proposed expansion of hunting regulations has attracted controversy since the CDFG announced Feb. 17 in plans to allow for the first time the hunting of black bears in San Luis Obispo County, as well as the state-wide elimination of a regulation which says the hunting season ends once the number of black bears killed reaches 1,700.

Currently, the hunting of black bears, Ursus americanus, is illegal in San Luis Obispo County and the state's hunting season ends the last Sunday of December, or after hunters turn in 1,700 bear tags. "We're very pleased," said Jeff Kyper, executive director of Los Padres Forest Watch, a nonprofit advocacy organization for the protection of public lands in the Central Coast. "We'll continue to track the process as it will probably come back again."

(The decision) certainly took us by surprise," he said. "If the commission had approved it, they would have been open to lawsuits and public outcry, so they made the correct decision today.

The Commission agreed to postpone any further decisions until next spring. "We certainly expect it to come up again," Kyper said. "And when it does, we'll start the process all over again."

According to CDFG bear program coordinator Doug Updike, the commission began receiving public recommendation from San Luis Obispo County residents asking to expand bear hunting in the county since 2007. The CDFG spent two years researching logistics and possible effects on the local bear population, deciding earlier this year that the proposal would have little impact.

The black bear population statewide has more than tripled," Updike said. "As a result of that analysis, the kind of hunting that is being proposed show no signs of a significant impact on the local population."

The plans were discussed at an April 9 Commission hearing in Lodi, where a number of California residents voiced their opposition. Critics of the proposal said the CDFG failed to adequately research and find an estimate of the number of bears in San Luis Obispo County, a step they say is necessary before making any decision. Many also said they were morally opposed trophy hunting of the bears.

Last week, a coalition of more than 40 advocacy groups, including Big Wildlife, the Humane Society of the United States, Los Padres Forest Watch and more sent a letter to the Commission urging them to reject the proposal. Bruce Vincint, communications director for Big Wildlife, an Oregon-based organization that opposes trophy bear hunting, wrote that bears are not just hunting trophies, but ecosystem engineers, such as bears, cougars and coyotes, asked the commission to postpone their decision until a

Obama urges citizens to undertake national service

WASHINGTON (AP) — Calling on Americans to volunteer, President Barack Obama signed a $5.7 billion national service bill Tuesday that triples the size of the AmeriCorps service program over the next eight years and expands ways for students to earn money for college.

"What this legislation does, then, is to help harness this patriotism and connect it to needs," said Obama, a former community organizer in Chicago. "It creates opportunities to serve for students, seniors and everyone in between," he said. "And it is just the beginning of a sustained, collaborative and focused effort to involve our greatest resource — our citizens — in the work of remaking this nation."
Bears continued from page 1

The forum could be held in the affected region and locals had the chance to voice their opinions.

"We oppose this for a number of reasons," Vincent said shortly before Tuesday's hearing. "California currently has only approximately 290 game wardens and that's a lot of land to cover. It makes very little sense to expand hunting when there's already very little enforcement and poaching is going up. Not only is what is being proposed cruel, but it's also environmentally harmful." Vincent also said the way bears are hunted is inhumane and that if more people knew how, there would be even more opposition.

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"I'm asking you to help change history's course, put your shoulder up against the wheel," Obama said. "And if you do, I promise you your life will be richer, our country will be stronger, and some day, years from now you may remember it as the moment when your own story and the American story converged when they came together, and we met the challenges of our new century."

Bolstering voluntary public service programs has been a priority of Obama, who credits his work as a community organizer in his early 20s for giving him direction in life. The president cited his work in Chicago as an example of how one person can make a difference.

"All that's required on your part is a willingness to make a difference," Obama said. "And that is, after all, the beauty of service: Anyone can do it." Obama and first lady Michelle Obama joined Clinton to plant trees at a national park site along the Anacostia River in northeast Washington.

At the Kemmeter Bark and Aquatic Gardens, Obama rolled up his sleeves with volunteers from the Student Conservation Association and local public schools.

"Somebody forget my bow, Obama joked to the students.

Obama on Tuesday also nominated Nike chief executive officer Maria Eitel to lead the federal agency that oversees the country's national service programs.

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WORD ON THE STREET

“Do you feel safer now that the Cal Poly University Police have Segways?”

“Wikipedia says sharks are afraid of Segways, so I guess I feel a little safer from sharks.”
- Elliott “Kip” Kipper, software engineering junior

“Absolutely not. I can’t take anyone seriously if they’re on a Segway.”
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Criteria: teaching excellence, outstanding professional development, and outstanding service.

Please provide specific examples that support your nomination and include the name of the nominee and department as well as your name and department and contact information.

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Med student held without bail in Craigslist death

Melissa Trujillo
Associated Press

Prosecutors said Tuesday they found a semiautomatic weapon at the home of a Boston medical student who has been ordered held without bail on charges he shot to death a massage therapist he had lured to a hotel through Craigslist.

Philip Markoff said nothing during the brief hearing in Boston Municipal Court. Authorities said they followed a computer trail to Markoff, linking an account used to set up appointments on Craigslist with two women who were attacked at his address in Quincy.

They say a search of his home found the gun, ammunition and materials exactly matching those used in an attack on another massage therapist in a Boston hotel.

Markoff is charged with murder and armed robbery in the other assault. The second-year Boston University medical student lives with his fiancé, who claims police have the wrong man.

"He could not hurt a fly," Megan McAlistar said in an e-mail to ABC's "Good Morning America. "All I have to say is Philip is a beautiful person, inside and out," she said in the e-mail read on Tuesday's program.

Markoff's attorney, John Salsberg, did not immediately comment. Authorities have said there could be more victims.

"Our top priority is holding Philip Markoff accountable. He's a predator," Suffolk District Attorney Daniel Conley said Monday night in announcing Markoff's arrest earlier in the day during a traffic stop south of Boston.

An e-mail message sent to McAlistar via her Facebook page was not immediately returned Tuesday. The McAlistar family did not respond to knocks on the door of their Little Silver, N.J. home Tuesday.

State Briefs

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Some nice things to say about “Nothing Nice to Say”

Let's be honest with ourselves. I'm sure that a lot of us from suburban areas considered ourselves to be “punk rock” (at some stage of our adolescent development). Perhaps it was the allure of unadulterated rebellion, the raw energy or the off-the-wall fashion, but nonetheless, the mystique was there.

I'm sure that the “real” punks just thought we were a bunch of posers. By “real,” I mean they were more dedicated, and were “punks” 24/7, rather than the typical nine to five shift. It is for these “real” punks that Mitch Clem dedicates his wonderful comic “Nothing Nice to Say.”

Like a lot of comics these days, “Nothing Nice to Say” started out on the Web. Yes, the infamous Web comic. But now it is in a lovely collected volume, printed by Dark Horse.

This first collection in print is volume two, but through a series of strange events, volume one may never be printed. Confusing, I know, but the comic reads just fine by itself. Hey, it's comedy here, not a continual narrative!

Clem's comic is centered on two punks from Minneapolis, Blake and Fletcher. As Clem describes them, “Fletcher’s favorite bands all broke up in the early ’80s. Blake’s favorite bands all sound like Screeching Weasel. They both have a lot of growing up to do.”

The comic centers on poking fun at the general humorlessness that the punk rock scene generally has. From safety pins to dumpster diving, mosh pits and yes, even hating the government, all are poked fun at in this great comic.

Clem also pokes fun at other music genres and scenes too, from emo and indie kids to psychobilly. He warned: Hardly any music scene that takes itself the least bit seriously is safe in this comic. So if you are generally insecure about your choice in music scene, you may want to steer clear of this comic.

The great thing about this comic is that even though Clem ridicules the majority of the tenants of punk rock, it is obvious it comes from his love for the genre and scene. Clem just enjoys making fun of all those who take themselves too seriously and have no sense of humor.

If you like to play your music loud enough to wake up the elder god Cthulhu, I know that you will love “Nothing Nice to Say.” Even if you hate punk rock and you wish it would have never existed, you will still probably like it. Be sure to check out Clem's Web site, and the origin of this comic at www.mitchclem.com/

Now I know I promised that I would do something a bit different this week, but I've just been really into this comic. As promised, I will do a review of one of my favorite comic book writers and illustrator’s first book, “Good-Bye, Chunky Rice” by Craig Thompson. That book is so cute, it almost makes me want to die.

Jon Monteith is a history major and the Mustang Daily’s comic book columnist.
Slightly Bookish

New exhibit in Kennedy Library

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

If only textbooks could be as interesting as the pieces of literary art that are currently on display at Cal Poly, in an exhibit that focuses on turning books into practical and artistic objects.

"Slightly Bookish" is located in the Learning Commons on the second floor of the Robert E. Kennedy Library. The goal of the exhibit is to display Cal Poly's fine printing and graphic arts collection to campus and community members. The exhibit includes pieces from local presses, artists, current students, faculty and alumni.

The tagline of the event, "You never know where a book may lead," is well demonstrated. Books on display have been artistically torn up, altered, rearranged and transformed.

"These are very unusual book formats," special collections curator Catherine Trujillo said. "You think of a book as something you put on your lap and read, but the books on display are very unusual."

Architecture students submitted many of the pieces. As part of a kinetist motion project for professor Tom Fowler's architecture classes, students had six days to turn discarded library books into pieces of furniture. One project, constructed out of books and wood pieces, resembles a therapist's chair.

Students also made large, cylindrical seats out of folded books. When folded correctly, large quantities of books are strong enough to support a person's weight.

"They had to create a lot of different furniture, so I thought it was interesting that they kind of related some structural things with books," library curator and city and regional planning senior Justin Leveque said. "You don't necessarily think of books having structural properties to them so I thought that was kind of neat."

Also on display is "A Peace Library," a collection that started in 2003. Inspired by the war in Iraq, a group of artists contributed book art about war and peace. These pieces depict scarring and emotional imagery of battle, wounded and dying soldiers, renditions of typography and letterpress works. "Bookish." A section of the ex-

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Dawson plays Mitchell Park

Singer/songwriter Kimya Dawson played a show at San Luis Obispo's Mitchell Park last Thursday. The event, which doubled as a potluck, was sponsored by Do It Yourself SLO and was free for the public. Dawson, a former member of The Moldy Peaches, was recently featured on the soundtrack to the movie "Juno." Michael Cera and Ellen Page sing her song "Anyone else but you" at the end of the film.

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DICTATORSHIPS OR DEMOCRACIES: ALL GOVERNMENTS ARE EVIL

Once upon a time, there was a schoolyard which, typically enough, was flooded with children at every recess. As children are inclined to do, a great deal of bickering went on. There were always already at the most predictable fashion. There was in this school a assembly a bully, a shy but blessed with an early growth spurt. He was always the last, the deciding and the overruling vote. Of course, the other children secretly reviled him, but nene dared to allow such feelings to surface. The well-wishing teacher observed the children's predilection and decided to intervene for their betterment. She strode across the playground and forcefully instructed the children that she had an infinitely better method for electing their games. The teacher sauntered back to her classroom, sanctimoniously scolding the children that they were living excesses with mountains of oppressive debt as failed 

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Above the influence or avoiding the issues?

While I enjoy laughing at commercials that compare stop- smoking marijuana to taking off a series of T-shirts as much as the next, I can't help but wonder what anyone really gets out of this disarming line: "Marrying a guy will sideline all your obvious lack of creative direction, the few "Above the Influence" commercials I've caught have solely focused on mari­ jana. Most don't seem to be doing. Aside from the obvious lack of creative direction, the few "Above the Influence" commercials I've caught have solely focused on marijuana. Most don't seem to be doing anything. In these spots, marijuana is depicted as the antithesis of drug use, and it's often shown in a humorous context.

Long-term consequences of marijuana use are not laughable. According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, marijuana use can lead to a variety of negative health outcomes, including but not limited to:

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3. **Health Risks**: Long-term use of marijuana can lead to respiratory problems, increased risk of heart disease, and cognitive decline.
4. **Legal Consequences**: Marijuana use can have legal implications, leading to fines, imprisonment, or loss of employment.

Furthermore, the circumstances surrounding this law reveal the paradoxical nature of the Afghan Constitution. The 2004 constitution guarantees women's rights, including the right to education, work, and political participation. However, the law in question appears to contradict these provisions in several ways:

1. **Constitutionality**: The law is in direct violation of the Afghan Constitution, which guarantees equal rights for women. The Supreme Court has already ruled that the law is unconstitutional.
2. **Gender Equality**: The law disproportionately affects women, potentially undermining the progress made in promoting gender equality.
3. **International Obligations**: Afghanistan is bound by international human rights agreements that protect women's rights, including the right to receive education, work, and participate in politics. The law appears to undermine these commitments.

In conclusion, the promotion of harmful laws and the restrictions they impose on women's rights are not only a violation of the Afghan Constitution but also a violation of international law and human rights standards. It is crucial that the international community continues to monitor these developments closely and work towards ensuring the implementation of laws and policies that promote gender equality and women's rights.
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30. K. to do
31. Orange feature
32. Bates's
33. Video shower, for short
34. Direction from K.C. to Denver
35. Stir up
36. "I'm a..."
37. Group with a feather
38. Direction from business, in film
39. Video shooter, for short
40. Employment in New York City
41. Miming dances
42. Top end of a column
43. Mining dances
44. "I'm a..."
45. Choir voice
46. Winter coat
47. Inflate, in a way
48. Spilled the beans
49. Soprano Gluck
50. "I'm a..."
51. Tolkien beasts
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53. Sausage
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Sunday after the Dodgers finished off an undefeated homestand with a 14-2 thrashing of the Colorado Rockies, "but to get off to this kind of start is pretty good."

Yeah, not bad at all. The best part, though, may be what Torre is running in New York.

Garritty is in that hot seat now, the wolves eyeing him warily and his tenure as manager at risk if the Yankees fall short of anything but winning the World Series. Girardi is the one who has to explain now why a team with a $200 million payroll was embarrassed on opening day, then humiliated a few days later when the Cleveland Indians scored 14 runs in one inning.

Torre spent a dozen years of his life doing that, though it was easy at first because the Yankees won four World Series titles in his first five years there. It became more difficult when his team collapsed and lost four straight to the Red Sox in 2004, and even winning two more division titles wasn't enough to keep the Sunfishes believing in him with an offer he could refuse.

He wanted one last chance to find out whether managing could be fun again. He had made up his mind not to find out that maybe it could. The addition of Ramirez helped make it that way. catapulating the Dodgers to a strong finish last season and a surprising sweep of the Cubs in the first round of the playoffs.

But this year's team isn't all about Manny. The Dodgers have a loaded lineup from Rafael Furcal at the top to Casey Blake at the bottom, and they deployed it on the homestand that ended Sunday to fans not accustomed to seeing such things at pitcher-friendly Chavez Ravine.

In six games they had 77 hits and scored 56 runs. There were 11 home runs and 33 walks, and the team batted a collective .367.

They looked a lot like the guys in pinstripes used to look like. And why not? Torre, after all, wrote the book on them.

There will be no book on these Dodgers, because Torre's contract forbids it. But, assuming the pitching staff that isn't as good as it has looked so far this season doesn't totally collapse and Manny remains happy, there could be another chapter written in his managerial history.

Unfortunately, it could be the final chapter.

Torre turns 69 in July and is the oldest manager in the majors. He told the Los Angeles Times recently that should the Dodgers win the World Series this year he would consider stepping down, even with a year still left on his contract. If so, it will be a quick trip to the Hall of Fame. Winning five titles gets anyone there, even if Torre enjoyed the benefit of the $200 million payroll along the way.

Torre would rather talk about his days as a player in the 1960s than his managing the Yankees. About the only thing he'll say is he doesn't miss the zoo that was in the Bronx.

The rest, of course, is in the book. It's a star in a city of stars, but the one thing that hasn't changed from New York is that he's still expected to win. So far the Dodgers are doing that, and more.

And baseball is fun once again. Tony Dibrell is a national sports editor for The Associated Press.
Cal Poly freshman Nora Sobczak (29) is greeted by her teammates during Power in Pink day on April 4.

The Cal Poly softball team raised more than $1,700 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society during its first Power in Pink Day on April 4 against UC Santa Barbara.

This is the third year the Mustangs have raised money for cancer awareness. Combined with previous efforts, known then as Strikeout Cancer Day, the team has raised over $6,700.

“We were honored as a program to be able to donate to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society,” Cal Poly head coach Jenny Clindon said in a statement. “It’s an incredibly important cause and we enjoy any opportunity we can to help.”

The event, sponsored by Under Armour, saw Mustangs wearing pink jerseys that were auctioned off during the doubleheader alongside a raffle to help secure the donations.

Lymphoma survivor Monica Robinson tossed out the ceremonial first pitch before watching the Mustangs sweep UC Santa Barbara.

Winning at home has been commonplace for Cal Poly, special cause or not. The Mustangs (31-9, 10-2 Big West Conference) remain undefeated at home having lost just once at Baggett Stadium this year.

Torre having fun again with Dodgers winning big

Los Angeles manager Joe Torre has his Dodgers hitting the long ball. The Dodgers have scored more runs than any National League team.

Tim Dahlberg

If Joe Torre hadn’t been low-balled by the Yankees, he might have spent the weekend watching up close as balls flew out of the new Yankee Stadium seemingly every time someone swung a bat. Instead, he was at Dodger Stadium watching his Los Angeles Dodgers win 8-4.

Joe Torre has been hitting them.

The Mustangs, sitting in second place in the Big West Conference, maintained their lead as they defeated UC Santa Barbara, 5-0.

The Mustangs swept UC Davis Saturday completing a six-game winning streak. The Mustangs sit at 27-10, 10-2 Big West Conference.

For the Mustangs, winning at least one match at all six singles positions over the course of the year, eventually moving up to, and competing at the No. 1 slot at year’s end.

Pacific sophomore Moritz Starke and UC Santa Barbara sophomore Alex Kongsfield would share the Co-Player of the Year Award. The Mustangs would also secure doubles honors as junior Robert Fen, who was also a singles honorable mention, and senior Darwyn Young made first team doubles for the second-consecutive season while Gerst and sophomore Alexander Sonesson were named to the second team.

The first team honor came for the third-consecutive season for Blalock who was also named Big West Freshman of the Year in 2007. She finished the year with a 23-10 overall record and was rated as high as 72nd in the nation.

Juniors Brittany Blalock and Suzie Matzenauer were named to the All-Big West First Team in both singles and doubles on Tuesday.

Cal Poly (11-10, 3-2) have risen more than $1,700 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Cal Poly head coach Jenny Clindon currently has a 23 game streak, just behind Lee.

The Mustangs, sitting in second place in the Big West Conference, are looking to secure their first regional bid.

Cal Poly returns to action on Friday when they begin a three-game series at UC Santa Barbara.

women’s tennis

Cal Poly freshman Andre Dome became the first player in program history to be named Big West Freshman of the Year on Tuesday.

Dome, who was celebrated as one of the biggest recruits to ever arrive at Cal Poly, took the award after a season in which he was named Big West Athlete of the Week twice.

Dome also claimed First Team singles honors. Senior Andrew Gert and sophomore Drew Jacobs were named to the second team.

Dome finished as the only Mustang with a winning record this season after going 8-7 overall. He was 5-7 playing exclusively at No. 1 singles, including a win over No. 99 Patricio Alvarado of Southern Miss.

Dome had been 8-4 in his first 12 matches at Cal Poly before suffering an injured ankle that would hamper him for the rest of the year.

Gerst finished 9-12 overall and led the team with six victories at the No. 2 slot. He was named to the first team a year ago.

Cal Poly junior Stephanie Yocum won the Big West Conference women’s individual championship Tuesday afternoon at the San Luis Obispo Country Club.

Yocum highlighted the Mustangs’ performances finishing with a nine-over 225 total, three strokes ahead of four golfers who shared second place.

The Cal Poly softball team raised more than $1,700 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society during its first Power in Pink Day on April 4 against UC Santa Barbara.

8-4 Big West Conference continue to dominate at home having lost just once at Biggott Stadium this year.

Cal Poly has already surpassed last year’s win total and have swept four series this season.

Senior outfielder Ryan Lee broke the school’s hitting streak record on Sunday, connecting on a hit in his 26th consecutive game. Freshman second baseman Matt Jensen currently has a 23 game streak, just behind Lee.

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