Students, faculty protest budget cuts
Public education advocates turn out for March 4 events nationwide

Former Israeli soldier speaks on hope for peace in Middle East

Israel captured multiple territories in the region including the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Since then, Israel has periodically moved settlers into those territories. According to Halper, this transportation of settlers creates a need for stability in the region.
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budget cuts affect students.

Not everyone was on-board with the walk-out or missing class for the day's events. Jason Iijima, a biomedical engineering senior, said 'walking out of class was not the most effective solution to make a statement about our education system.

"If the problem is that we're not getting as good of an education with budget cuts and what not, to walk out on class is to further deprive ourselves of education," Iijima said. "When you're taking out thousands of dollars for loans, your classes seem a little more valuable."

Iijima said he found out about the day of action from a flyer he was handed while standing in a line of roughly 300 students and faculty who waited for hours to get free burritos at the restaurant Chipotle's mock grand opening. Most of the students were throwing the flyers on the ground, Iijima said.

On March 4, the crowd waiting for free burritos was larger than they anticipated. Some points included the CSU system cutting 40,000 students from enrollment and students paying 182% more for their education since 2000.

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conflict for housing space among Palestinian and Israeli settlers. This involves housing demolition, a tactic used by the Israeli Defense Force in the occupied territories.

"Israel has demolished about 24,000 Palestinian homes (in the region) so far and on an attempt to actually drive the Palestinians out of the country or at least confine them to little islands within the country," Halper said.

This is why Halper co-founded the Israeli Committee against Housing Demolitions (ICHD), which according to its Web site is a "non-violent, direct-action group originally established to oppose and resist Israeli demolition of Palestinian houses in the Occupied Territories."

Cal Poly history instructor Man­ zar Forooshan moderated the event.

She said Halper's message comes from a mediated perspective.

"He is an Israeli Jew, he served in the Israeli army for 40 odd years. Nobody else could question his commitment to the state of Israel," she said. "But at the same time he is a peace activist, and that's one of the messages I want students and people to take away from this." The first in a series of lectures, Halper outlined how American support is detrimental to the peace process and America itself. He argued that being seen as Israel's main ally threatens America from Muslims around the world. Israel has less motivation to seek a peaceful resolution because it's backed by one of the most powerful countries in the world.

"The American people have got to say to congress, 'Look, this is an issue that concerns us, it really is compromising American interests in the world and we want you to do something about it.'" Halper said. "Members of congress want to get reelected so as long as they feel that people are pro-Israel, they are not going to speak out. So we have to let people know that this occupation should be ended in general, but it also should be ended because its in the interest of the United States to end it."

The second part of his speech chronicled the work of ICHD, in which Halper told an emotional story of a Palestinian family that had their house bulldozed and destroyed four times. Halper and his team helped rebuild it. Helping is the only way to begin to understand their situation, he said.

"I'm not just some guy that has his opinion, but I've been in the occupied territories. I've been in the Israeli army. I've lived in Israel for 40 some years, so I know what I'm talking about," Halper said. "The Palestinians are living under occupation and they're caught between a rock and a hard place. If they resist, they're called terrorist and they're anti-semantic and if they don't resist and simply accept oppression then they will be oppressed forever."

Religious studies professor Ste­ phen Volkmann added the short amount of time allotted for his speech made it difficult to grasp the issue. However, he added that Halper played on people's emotions too much.

"Halper comes with an activist agenda that necessarily simplifies the narratives in order to have people to a conclusion, which is irresolvable in some cases in the course of an hour talk," he said. "But his goal is not for people to understand the complexity of the issues but to illicit an emotional response in order to create action."

Halper said individuals should perform their own research and come to their own conclusion about the conflict.

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WASHINGTON — Pamela M. Prah, M.D., a licensed cosmetic surgeon for 44 years, says Michigan’s proposed tax on hair salon services could further hurt a recession-damaged industry and push more stylists to foreign competitors. lounge services could states consider, “how does that help?”

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2000 report. A handful of states, among them Arkansas, Connecticut, Ohio and Nebraska, do levy sales taxes on additional services as they began to recover from the 2001 recession, but the changes were largely increment, not comprehensive like the plans in Michigan and Pennsylva- nia.

States back then took the slow approach because taxing services is political explosive and a few well- publicized debates have made others leery of trying.

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No one knows the battles over service taxes better than Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm, who is once again trying to levy a sales tax on certain services — even though her 2007 tax on some services lasted just six hours before it was dumped.

Granholm, a Democrat who is in her last year in office because of term limits, says her new plan will hopefully have a better shot, because it “is modeled after something the business leaders of Michigan have said is something they would like to see happen.” But she admits, “it’s going to be a tough sell.”

On the other hand, the Business Leaders for Michigan, a group of top executives from the state’s largest job providers, says Granholm’s proposal doesn’t go far enough, fast enough to make it more competitive.

 Likewise, state Rep. Tonya Saha- maker, a Republican, says the governor’s proposal is better than her earlier attempt, but the latest version still “places a target on the back of every taxpaying, the people who are struggling most in this economy, which I can least af­ ford a tax hike.”

Kentucky and North Carolina are among other states where taxing services is on the agenda this year.

Kail Padgett, an economist with the Tax Foundation, says that, in theory, most economists support a broader tax base and lower rates. “But it’s very political how it is done,” which brings up the issue of fairness. A sales tax, he says, should tax final sale, not a good or service in a business’s supply chain. For example, a sales tax on a financial service that a business pays would get added to the price of that busi­ ness’s product, which essentially then would result in a tax on a tax, he says.

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Pennsylvania Governor

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Sheera Frenkel
McCook Newsman

JERUSALEM—Vice President Joe Biden is scheduled to arrive in Jerusalem Monday, toppling off a string of high-profile visitors who appear to have succeeded in pushing reluctant Israeli and Palestinian leaders back to the negotiating table — or at least to separate tables.

Palestinian leaders announced over the weekend they had approved a proposal for indirect negotiations with Israel through U.S. mediators. Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu voiced his support last week in a statement to the Knesset, Israel's parliament, saying the "time was ripe for peace."

The two parties are expected to issue a declaration within days announcing their participation in four months of peace talks, a deadline the Arab League set last week.

"We've been working hard in the region for several months to create the kind of political support that the parties will need if they make the decision to enter into discussions," State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said after the Arab League voted to back negotiations.

Although they'll end a 14-month hiatus in negotiations, there's a biblical flood of skepticism about the talks, in large part because this is the first time in 16 years that Israeli and Palestinian leaders won't talk to one another directly, but instead rely on the Americans to carry messages between them.

Both sides face serious internal divisions, as well. Netanyahu leads a largely right-wing coalition that has resisted the concessions that would be required to move down the internationally recognized road map for creating an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza.

Palestinian Authority Chairman Mahmoud Abbas is balancing the political schism that was created when the militant Islamic group Hamas took over the Gaza Strip in June 2007, effectively different Palestinian governments in Gaza and the West Bank.

In an article called "Talks to Nowhere" in the newspaper Yediot Aharonot, veteran commentator Shimon Shifffer wrote that the proximity talks "only demonstrate just how high runs the wall of alienation between them. It is difficult to believe that the mediator is going to succeed in bridging the deep chasms that separate them in the four months that have been allocated."

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Biden leads U.S. push to revive Mideast peace talks

Israeli leaders said they have faced intense U.S. pressure to reenter negotiations.

"There has been fantastic pressure placed on us by the Americans," said a Foreign Ministry official, who spoke anonymously because he wasn't free to discuss the talks before they've been announced. "This is clearly something that the Obama administration feels needs to happen, and they are frustrated that they have not yet gotten everyone smiling around a table."

Netanyahu, the official said, had accepted the principle of two states, but he opposes many of the concessions to a future Palestinian state that previous Israeli administrations had tabled.

While former prime minister Ehud Olmert said at the end of his term that Israel would need to recognize a Palestinian state "around the 1967 borders," Netanyahu has resisted discussing any Israeli withdrawal from Jewish settlement blocs on land earmarked for a future Palestinian state.

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State
SAN LUIS OBISPO (MCT) — Officials in two South County cities want to use redevelopment money to help build a shelter to serve the homeless population in the region.

But first, those in organizations working toward helping the hundreds of homeless people living in the South County have to determine what should be built, where it should be constructed and how it will be funded and maintained.

Another need is to win state support to take funds set aside for low- and moderate-income housing and allow the money to be used instead to fund emergency shelters.

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LOS ANGELES (MCT) — Federal officials said Sunday that they have shut down the Los Angeles bus company involved in a crash that killed six people in Arizona as records revealed that the company had skirted government regulation, amused a poor safety record and was operating off the books.

Tierra Santa Inc. President Cayetano Martinez signed a consent decree Friday acknowledging that his company never had federal authorization required to transport passengers over state lines, according to court documents released Sunday.

National
NEW YORK (MCT) — Cablevision said Sunday afternoon it is willing to enter into binding arbitration to help end an impasse that has left 3 million viewers in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut without access to WABC on the eve of the Oscars.

“Senator Kerry and other public officials have suggested that arbitration is appropriate in this highly unusual situation,” Cablevision said in a statement.

Under binding arbitration, both parties would agree to whatever a government-appointed overseer determines is a fair retransmission agreement.

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WASHINGTON (MCT) — When Joe Jacobazzi got a flat tire about 20 years ago on a cold night, he didn’t hesitate to call Jeffrey Kramer at 2 a.m. and ask for help.

Kramer, who owned an auto repair shop, immediately sent someone out to fix Jacobazzi’s flat.

Since the deaths on Tuesday of Kramer, 50, his wife, Lori, 48, and their son Michael, 20, Jacobazzi said the crime has been “eating me. I there’s no rhyme or reason.”

That sentiment resonated with the hundreds of people who paid their respects Sunday for the Kramers, who were shot to death in their west suburban Darien, Ill., home.

International
AFGHANISTAN (MCT) — Simmering divisions between rival Islamist groups erupted into open warfare in northern Afghanistan this weekend as Taliban forces battled fighters from one of their main allies, Afghan officials said Sunday.

With their leader pursuing tentative peace talks with the Afghan government, more than 90 Hezb-i-Islami militants fighting the Taliban put down their weapons and surrendered to Afghan government forces, said officials in Baghlan province, where the battles broke out.

The battle in northeastern Afghanistan came as President Hamid Karzai paid his first visit to Marjah, the former Taliban town in southern Afghanistan where U.S. Marines have led a major offensive.
Sandra Bullock arrives for the 82nd Annual Academy Awards at the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood. The actress won the award for Best Actress in a Leading Role for her role in "The Blind Side."

Jeffrey Fleishman
Los Angeles Times

ROME — The governor made off to a monastery after having affairs with transsexuals, but not before the cops video-taped a try, all flesh and white powder, and offered to sell copies to a magazine owned by the prime minister, who, at the time, was rumored to be entangled with an underage Neapolitan model.

Then one of the transsexuals, a Brazilian named Brenda, turned up naked and dead, her laptop computer submerged under a running tap. The drug dealer who supplied coke to the governor and Brenda would meet his own demise. It's an odd coincidence.

Piero Marrazzo, a married former governor and one-time crusading TV reporter, was having a dalliance with Natalie on a July afternoon when four cops burst into her apartment and began recording with a cell phone camera. Marrazzo, blushing in his skivvies, found himself the victim of blackmail, while Natalie, a transsexual with an artistic flair for makeup, hit YouTube and the talk show circuit.

Marrazzo resigned his government post and reportedly sought refuge in a Benedictine monastery. The police officers were arrested before negotiations got very far. Berlusconi, 73, has denied allegations of an affair with the teenage model, saying that nothing "spicy" happened. He has also suggested he was unaware that women at his villas, some romping naked, others dressed as Santa Claus, were cocaine. His wife wants a divorce.

In a speech last month, the prime minister said, "When I see women, you know, I lose the thread of the conversation. But do you prefer people like me or the other ones, Marrazzo, for example?"

Brazilian transsexual prostitutes peeked from doorways; it was after noon and they had yet to put on their working faces. China, as she called herself, said, "Brenda could have been murdered. There's lots of fear. It's a big mess. Oh, and by the way, I only grant interviews if I get paid."

"But then she started seeing Marrazzo," she said. "He came here many afternoons, and Brenda told me, 'Alessia, we have no problems anymore.' So we went shopping." Alessia glanced down at her ripped coat and unpainted nails: "I become more beautiful at night."

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Chipotle opens to large crowds

The line for free Chipotle burritos spanned multiple streets Wednesday. Restaurant-goers waited on Chorro Street and wrapped around the block from the new restaurant.

Chipotle Mexican Grill hosted its grand opening last Friday in downtown San Luis Obispo. On Wednesday the restaurant offered a free burrito to anyone who came with a Cal Poly ID. The line spanned three blocks and it took some restaurant-goers hours before they reached the entrance to claim their burrito.

More than 3,000 free burritos were given away Wednesday night. The restaurant located on the ground floor of the Wieman Building on the corner of Higuera and Chorro Streets, opened after a planning process began last summer.

The opening occurred after more than 1,500 people in the city signed an online petition via Facebook.com that was aimed at bringing Chipotle to the Central Coast.

Wednesday's free burrito offer caused a line that wrapped around see Chipotle, page 11
Music fans upset over Coachella ticket policy

Todd Martens
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — The decision on the part of Coachella organizers to no longer sell single-day tickets for the three-day 2010 event has provoked the ire of many a fan.

“Make it fair for all us people who obviously want to attend but cannot afford $269,” reads a note on the Facebook group created by 22-year-old San Diego resident Brian Lozano.

In a shift from prior years, AEG/Goldenvoice opted to forgo the single-day ticket option for the 2010 edition of the Coachella Valley Music & Arts Festival. Only a three-day pass retailed for $269, which ultimately comes to $90.60 once various service fees have been added, is being offered for this year’s festival.

In an earlier interview, Goldenvoice leader and festival architect Paul Tollett said his primary goal was bettering the experience for those who opt to buy three-day passes, pointing to a lack of hotel rooms in the Indio area as well as increased festival traffic for those coming down for just one day.

“We’re really trying to make it great for the fans,” Tollett said. “We understand it will affect some people who want to go for one day, but we have to protect the three-day people. It was a complex decision. We put some thought into it, and we’re trying our best to make it a good experience.”

Lozano started his “Coachella petition” on his Facebook page and said he had about 300 members. As of this posting, the number has increased to more than 3,000.

“My heart was broken,” Lozano said when he read that single-day tickets would not be available.

“I saw that, and I thought, ‘Well, I guess we’re not going to go! I’m not really able to make it Friday or Saturday, and I was only looking forward to going on Sunday. So what can I do?’”

Lozano’s Facebook page continues to provoke discussion on the topic, as do the Coachella forums. An earlier Los Angeles Times post has generated close to 50 comments on the matter. For his part, Lozano has been accepting applications for a Facebook group created by 22-year-old San Diego resident Brian Lozano.

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Coachella festival architect

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— Jack LaPorte
KCRW DJ and "Hipster Bullshit" contributing columnist
New book gives “Alice” a darker side

Jane Henderson
ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

Alice looks quaint and goth in her latest print incarnation. In a new separate, but well-timed, HarperCollins edition of “Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland,” the blond heroine retains her puff-decked dress and white grin. But a black hair bow evokes bat wings, and the pupils in Alice’s sad, lined eyes are fanglike.

Artist Camille Rose Garcia knows her audience: “I have a lot of fans who like darker things.”

Garcia’s punkish, black-lipped Alice is a 21st-century version of a girl who has inspired hundreds of artists. When Garcia re-examined the adventures for a new book, she noticed that the story is, in fact, grim.

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In a new separate, but well-timed, HarperCollins edition of “Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland,” the blond heroine retains her puff-decked dress and white grin. But a black hair bow evokes bat wings, and the pupils in Alice’s sad, lined eyes are fanglike.

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As a human being, I can't think of anything more important than having rights and having them respected. In the difference between tyranny and liberty — and in some cases, between life and death. I was going to write about the differences between rights and privileges, as I believe there has been a blurring of the line between the two, but I was having a hard time describing and defining rights; so many of our rights are trampled in one form or another in this country. It's amazing that people want to expand the pool of rights when so many of our fundamental (and easily agreed upon) rights aren't currently respected.

The dream our founders had for this country and in creating the Constitution was to establish justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity," as is written in the preamble. In some respects, it's positively amazing how far we've come since declaring independence back in 1776, but in other ways, it's downright terrifying. As an example of this, we can juxtapose current conditions in the United States to a few points of communism Karl Marx's Communist Manifesto.

Marx lays out 10 points or "planks" in the manifesto that he sees as necessary to topple a free enterprise system and replace it with a communist state. Arguably, of the 10 points in the manifesto, we currently have all (in some form and intensity) in the United States. What is scary is how this country has changed since its inception.

One of the planks is "abolition of property in land and application of all rents of land to public purposes," which perhaps, upon a first glance, we don't have in the United States, but upon further inspection we do have to pay in perpetuity for the land we supposedly own in the form of property taxes. We are renters of what is supposedly our own land.

"A heavy progressive or graduated income tax" is another plank which is alive and well. As a bit of history, the marginal income tax rate in the United States has been as high as 94 percent from 1944-1945. I know income taxes aren't as high nowadays, but consider the fact we used to have zero income taxes. A similar plank of "abolition of all rights of inheritance" is not completely implemented, but we do have estate taxes which restrict inheritances.

A plank whose concept seems to be getting a lot of attention lately is "national security (in a manner that doesn't infringe on our rights or lead to our bankruptcy)" that's about it. There are 18 enumerated powers of Congress (Article I, Section 8) and they should stick to those; the more the federal government dabbles in peoples affairs, the more freedoms we lose and we're worse off for it.

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I went through an Asian thing for a while.

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The "right" of education is not what is at stake here. The problem lies with school systems that are unsustainable, due to the fact that they operate on the same grounds as our government. There are too many people at the school that don't do any work... The solution isn't to raise taxes on the wealthy. The solution is to cut costs from within. There are too many corrupt people in our government, school and legal systems that manipulate the system for their own benefit. Imagine, we raise taxes, and what does the state do? Increase spending. It's a never ending cycle.

-Jason

In response "Join the statewide protests today on Dexter Lawn and Marsh St."

Good point. Many of the student protests on other campuses focused on "cutting from the top.

If you look at Cal Poly in the 1980's you will have found that Warren Baker's predecessor left a lean mean fighting machine that is now clogged with redundancy and irrelevance. How many provosts do we need? (Once we had none.) How many vice presidents do we need? (Once we had none.) How many provosts do we need? (Once we had none.) How many vice presidents do we need? (Once we had none.)

The person(s) who save public education in California will do so by bringing back administrative services to 1980 levels. We may not be able to go back to the day, where the faculty would vote one of their own as "President," but that would really be sad?

-Roger

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Wunder who the rally ended if the faculty/staff participating in the march took the students through their compensation packages?

As has been reported in the press for months, the pensions and benefits given to State employees and civil servant at all levels is what's breaking site system.

Just this week, newspapers around the State reported that the State controller must pay State workers more than $500M for

Mr. Pringle argues that "now is not the time to be focusing on achieving diverse environments."

We disagree. So do our alumni and the companies they work for.

Alumni tell us that their Cal Poly experience provided them with a sense of purpose and a need to make a difference in the world. Employers tell us they value our distinct learning community and Cal Poly's ability to produce resourceful, professional-capable of working in diverse environments.

Mr. Pringle also argues that Cal Poly's approach might lead to a retreat from a merit system and unfairly discriminate against applicants, faculty or staff who are not from minority groups. This has never been and never will be our intent, nor is it legal.

Rather, we seek to ensure that anyone can apply to Cal Poly; that applicants are judged solely on merit; that every Cal Poly student is treated with dignity and respect, and with the expectation that they can and will succeed; and that the university will strive to do all it can to provide students with the help they need to achieve their goals.

We urge all students, faculty and staff to learn more about Inclusive Excellence. For more information, please see http://www.aacu.org/inclusive_excellence/index.cfm.

W. David Conn
President for Inclusive Excellence and Director of Ombuds Services

Cornel N. Morton
Vice President for Student Affairs

LETTERS
TO THE EDITOR

In his March 2 opinion piece, "Inclusive Excellence" is a flawed solution to a growing issue. We believe Brendan Pringle mischaracterizes the university's commitment to inclusive excellence and does a disservice to campus community members who support and encourage mutual respect, academic integrity and a diverse learning community.

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Monte Poole

Monte Poole lived on the street. You could call him "Monte Poole," but it's more like "Monte Poole." He was known for his unpredictable behavior, often stepping into traffic or playing with a football in the street. His presence was always felt in the town, his stories and wise sayings were passed down from generation to generation.

One day, Monte Poole was walking through the town when he noticed a group of children playing a game of baseball. He stopped and watched, his eyes filled with nostalgia as he recalled his own childhood games. He watched the children with a mix of pride and sadness, remembering the days when he could still run and jump without a care in the world.

As the game progressed, Monte Poole found himself becoming more and more involved. He began to yell out encouragements to the children, telling them to "keep their heads up" and "never give up." He even took part in the game himself, hitting a home run that sailed through the streets.

The children were amazed at Monte Poole's athletic prowess, and they knew they had a new hero. From that day on, Monte Poole became a legend in the town, his name synonymous with the spirit of the place. And though he had left the street behind, in their hearts, he remained their friend, their guide, and their inspiration.
I've met some of the greatest people in my life here these last three years ... It's been a blessing, man. I wouldn't take it back for the world.

—Lorenzo Keeler
Men's basketball senior guard

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The loss went to Mustang junior-left-hander Matt Leonard (0-2), who gave up nine runs, three earned, and 10 hits in six-plus innings. Senior right-hander Mark DeVincenzo gave up three runs and a hit in one inning while sophomore righty Jeff Johnson tossed a scoreless eighth inning.

In the second game, Cal Poly rallied to defeat Utah Valley, 8-6. Senior catcher Ross Brayton was 2-for-4 with a hit as the Mustangs improved to 17-10-1 on the year. The team also swept the three-game series for the second consecutive year.

The loss sent the Mustangs into the regular-season finale against UC Irvine to close out the Big West schedule. The winner of this weekend’s series gets the inside track to a conference title.

Both teams enter the series with identical 11-18 records and are both fighting for the last automatic bid into the Big West tournament.

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