**Getting swiped**

Scammers take advantage of debit card popularity

By Katie Robertson

Americans are increasingly using debit cards for purchases, many times without knowing the potential risks. Using a debit card for purchases immediately withdraws money from a connected checking account, leaving users vulnerable to instant theft in a scam known as skimming. According to Consumer Reports, skimming is an unauthorized capture and transfer of payment data to another source and occurs when equipment captures the magnetic strip and keypad information once a PIN is inputted at ATM machines, gas pumps, restaurants, or retailers.

Debit cards are expected to account for nearly 60 percent of purchases made with plastic in 2009, according to a report by Consumer Reports in July 2009. By 2010, the U.S. Census Bureau projects that 185 million Americans will be debit cardholders. This is an increase of 9 million cards from the 2006 total, when there were only 176 million cardholders.

The 2010 projection of total cardholders indicates that individuals may now charge merchandise and then resell it to come up with money, people who create counterfeit ATM or debit cards, compared to the 2006 total of 354 million cards.

Precautions are being taken at California State University, Fresno.

“Since skimming typically involves an inside dishonest employee,” all association employees go through a fingerprinting process and a background check if their job duties require handling of cash or other forms of payment,” said Debbie Dehner, an Auxiliary Corporations employee at Fresno State. “We follow strict guidelines that have been set by the Payment Card Industry (PCI) in the processing and handling of all credit or debit card transactions,” Dehner said. “We also require handling of cash or other forms of payment,” said Debbie Dehner, an Auxiliary Corporations employee at Fresno State. “We follow strict guidelines that have been set by the Payment Card Industry (PCI) in the processing and handling of all credit or debit card transactions,” Dehner said. “We also...”

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*These security measures are especially important considering the Census Bureau’s most recent projections. The Census Bureau estimates that in 2010 there will be $600 billion point of sale (POS) transactions, $600 billion trillion over the 2006 total of $26.053 trillion POS transactions. A POS transaction is one that immediately deducts money from your account. An estimate for total purchase volume to be made with debit cards in 2010 is $1.6 trillion, a $600 billion increase from 2006. And according to Consumer Reports, debit transactions are susceptible to scams in ways that credit cards are not. Unlike credit card thieves, who usually charge merchandise and then resell it to come up with money, people who create counterfeit ATM or debit cards by stealing your PIN and other...*
The Upper Deck

HASTEN WILLIS

It makes mad. Doesn’t it make you mad? The alt-right rebel in me wants to do something about it. I want to get loud and emotional and, do something about it!!

R epublicans are masters of this technique. Just try and oppose bills like the “Clear Skies Act” and the “Keep Terrorists Out of America Act.”

It was created in 1913 to address the economic uncertainty inherent to the capitalist system. The author points out that the goal of the Federal Reserve was, “to stabilize the currency and prices of goods that are fluctuating from astronomical highs to devastating lows.” He then proceeds to argue the purchasing power of a dollar in 1913 as opposed to 2001. His argument does not hold water when you look at the fact that wages have kept in line compared to 1913.

He continues on to point to recessions that have occurred since the Federal Reserve was created, believing that such economic downturns defeats the purpose of the Federal Reserve. However, if you look at a chart showing the growth (and decline) of the Gross Domestic Product from the 1930’s to the present (when the Fed was able to detach itself completely from politics and buy and sell bonds in an open market) you would see relative stability compared to the early half of the 20th century.

As for the bill in the House regarding that the Federal Reserve be beholden to Congress, that is the worst idea ever because the idea of the Federal Reserve is to be it independent from the political process so that it can make economically healthy decisions.

Furthmore, the author’s implication that we are a Marxist economy is nothing more than empty right wing rhetoric. We are a mixed economy like the rest of the civilized industrial world. Learn to live in it! Andrew J Madden

Letters to the Editor

Response to “Tell me Moore, Dr. Paul”

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Taking the ‘treat’ out of ‘Retreat’

Review by Angelica Cano
The Collegian

Exquisite tropical locales and beau-
tiful, bikini-clad women can’t rescue “Couples Retreat” from mediocrity.
Black and white, vintage footage of
couples throughout history open up
the movie “Couples Retreat.” As the
montage progresses the images slowly
become colored and display more mod-
ern looking husbands and wives, end-
ing with the four couples of the film.
Unfortunately, this is as interesting
as the movie gets.

From the start, it’s easy to see each of
the four couples have their own set
of problems.
Dave, played by Vince Vaughn, tends to
neglect his wife, Ronnie (Malin
Akerman), after working long hours
selling Guitar Hero. Shane (Faison
Love) is recently divorced, spend-
ing his time and money on a much
younger girlfriend. Joey and Lucy
(Jon Favreau, Kristin Davis) love each
other until their daughter leaves the
room. Jason and Cynthia, played by
Jason Bateman and Kristien Bell, are
contemplating a divorce and convince
the rest of the group to attend
“Eden East” resort in Bora Bora, in
hopes of rekindling their relationships.

Promised a vacation full of Jet Skis
and snorkeling, the couples are irr-
titated to find the resort’s itinerary
of 6 a.m. wake-up calls and therapy
sessions is mandatory. Couples Skill
Building, a farcical assignment man-
dated by the resort, is composed of
undressing in front of each other at
the urging of a middle-aged French
man, clothed only in a Speedo and a
rattail haircut.

The main obstacle of the film, writ-
ten in part by Vaughn and Favreau,
is its narrow portrayal of friendship.
The characters of Dave and Joey don’t
act like authentic friends, but merely
as a set of ears for another one to com-
plain to. Conversations circle around
repetitive topics of marital discontent
or spousal anger, but rarely break the
surface of what the real issues are.

Despite the paradise these couples are
in, no one can stop griping long
enough to enjoy the view. Gourmet
meals, hot tubs with views of the
ocean and the capacity to see fish
through windows in the hotel room
floors are not enough to satisfy these
people. From the perspective of the
viewer, the arguing and groaning
doesn’t read as funny so much as self-
indulgent.
Overall, very little of “Couples
Retreat” is original. Most of the jokes
and punch lines are stale, expected
and mildly regressive. Of course the
male yoga instructor with supermodel
looks, big muscles and a tiny swimsuit
is fond of inappropriate touching.
Obviously the sleaziest guy of the
group is going to (not so) hysterically
sexually harass the young, attractive
maeuse. Everything from the ball
dotes and petty humor to the Guitar
Hero showdown is infantile.

The characters and storylines of
“Couples Retreat” are more annoying
than intriguing. Constant bickering
and artificial friendships weigh down
the almost two-hour movie. In the end,
the only thing worth paying for in
the film is the beauty of Mother Nature.
Another year of horse racing at the Big Fresno Fair is in the books, and aside from the excitement of a long-shot winner or a photo finish, fans watched some of the most interesting jockeys in the sport.

United States Racing Hall of Fame inductee Russell Baze, 51, has raced at the Fresno Fair sporadically since 1976. Baze is a household name on the circuit, an all-time jockey in thoroughbred horse racing and has banked more than 10,600 wins in his career. Baze also holds a record for winning more than 400 races in a year, which he has done on 10 separate occasions. In contrast to Baze’s hall of fame career, there was another compelling jockey who graced the dirt racetrack at the fair grounds this year that hopes to make a name for herself.

Twenty-four-year-old Kayla Stra, an Australian-born jockey, moved to California in 2008 to try and break into the American racing scene after winning more than 500 races in Australia. For the past year Stra’s racing home has been the highly competitive jockey colony in Santa Anita, Calif. This year marked Stra’s first trip to Fresno.

“I don’t think of [Fresno] any differently,” Stra said. “If I’m sitting on a horse it doesn’t matter where I am.” Although the Fresno races are cheaper for horses to enter (leading to smaller purses) than tracks such as Oak Tree or Del Mar, they still feature horses that can compete at a very high level.

“They’ve got good purses here and during the fairs we’re not racing anywhere else,” Baze explained. “Unless you got enough money socked away that you can afford to sit around and be idle for two or three months every summer, the fairs are the place to come.”

People outside of the horse racing world probably know Stra best by her appearances on Animal Planet’s documentary series, “Jockeys.” Stra said that she is no longer doing the show and will focus exclusively on riding.

“I’m glad that it’s over because I’m back to being a jockey,” Stra said. “I don’t have to worry about cameras in my face.” One of the many issues addressed in the documentary was the partiality shown to female jockeys, some of which hamper their opportunities to break into bigger races. When asked, Baze commented on the lack of finishing strength most female jockeys display.

“When I first saw Kayla ride I wasn’t very impressed, it just didn’t look like she was a very strong rider,” Baze admitted. “But recently I’ve seen a couple of her races and she looks like she’s doing a lot better … she’s improved quite a bit.” Stra doesn’t see it as a female issue, but instead a test of personal work ethic.

“I think it’s an individual thing. I don’t think that its actually women being accepted. It’s more believing in yourself and people believing in you … I’m not trying to break any barriers or anything, I just want to ride,” Stra said.

Stra said she would not be in Santa Anita much longer. She will soon join Baze at Golden Gate Fields, an American horse racing track located on the shoreline of San Francisco Bay, and has six mounts lined up on opening day alone.

Although Stra wasn’t sure if she would be back to the fair next year, she was certain about her future in horse racing. “It’s my life. I couldn’t live without it.”
Make a Difference Day
Rotary Storyland and Sierra Foothill Conservancy

By Kristin Benquist
The Collegian

In past years California State University, Fresno has partnered with the City of Fresno to volunteer on projects for Make a Difference Day, a national day of service held on the fourth Saturday of every October. This year, Fresno State is changing things up a bit.

On Saturday Oct. 24, students, faculty, staff and alumni will begin work on two long-term projects with the non-profit organizations Sierra Foothill Conservancy and Rotary Storyland, said Renee Delport, special events and project coordinators for the Jan and Bud Richter Center for Community Engagement and Service-Learning.

“We wanted something that was going to be long-term, have a lasting impact,” something the agencies could fund, and it was going to be around for a long time, and contribute to the educational experience for our students but also for other people in the community,” said Delport of Fresno State’s choice for partnering with the two non-profits.

Rotary Storyland in Roeding Park, with its fairytale theme and promotion of early childhood literacy, was an obvious fit for a long-term project, Delport said. The first job will be to have volunteers demolishing the “Alice in Wonderland” display at the park in preparation to rebuild a new display next semester. Sophomore Amanda Fadai, community service coordinator for the Craig Scholars, will be volunteering at Storyland with five others from the club.

Hearing to tear down the display is sad,” Fadai said in a phone interview, but she looks forward to rebuilding it in the spring.

“We hope to make a difference with the park,” she said. Fadai explained that a few of the Craig Scholars members have been to Storyland before and wanted to be a part of rehabilitating and improving the park so other kids can enjoy it.

For the second project, Fresno State volunteers will clear a hiking trail in the McKenzie Table Mountain Preserve. The preserve, located on the north side of Auberry Road between Friant and Parlier Avenues, has a lot of Native American history, Delport said.

Trails that currently exist on the preserve correspond with a guidebook designed to educate school groups on different types of vegetation and the environment.

“By Fresno State participating with these agencies, we’re not only enhancing the student’s educational experiences and giving them an opportunity to give back to the community, but we’re also going to give back to the educational experience for the whole community, for students that will come years and years from now,” Delport said.

Alpha Zeta Cal Epsilon, a co-ed honorary Ag fraternity, will have 15 members volunteering at the preserve. Senator Aimee Meidinger is co-sponsor (vice president), of the fraternity and said in a phone interview that the team is excited to take part in the service day.

“It’s a good opportunity to get outdoors together as a group,” Meidinger said.

The volunteer experience will also allow the fraternity to get to know the new pledge members as they work side by side as a team, Meidinger said.

Volunteer spots for the Rotary Storyland project are already filled. In her five years as coordinator, Delport said she has never had a project site full the week before the event. The Sierra Foothill Conservancy project has 70 total volunteer positions, of which 35 are still vacant. Volunteers will meet at their respective sites Saturday morning to check-in, receive directions and start on their projects. The service day will go from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Review by Lacee Solis
The Collegian

October marks the seasonal transition from summer to winter, providing saliva from the heat with cooler temperatures and forecasting the holiday season ahead. Leaves that once radiated with green colors line store shelves. And one harvest of the year for its carving pumpkin.

Pumpkin history
The pumpkin is popular this time of year for its carving potential, with the diverse jack-o-lantern creations of children and adults adorning front porches in neighborhood everywhere. As the signature icon of the Halloween season, the pumpkin’s elaborate history proves it’s good for more than just hacking into.

The pumpkin has been domestically grown in North America for 5,000 years and was a fundamental part of the Native American diet centuries before colonists arrived. Once arriving, colonists quickly adopted the versatile pumpkin, according to the Food and Drug Administration.

Pumpkin world records
The largest pumpkin grown in the U.S. for producing pumpkins is Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania and California. The self-proclaimed pumpkin capital of the world is Morton, Ill., home of Libby’s Corporation, whose canned pumpkin is made from a staple in many homes during the holidays.

Cutting pumpkins
Fresh pumpkins contain an earthly, rich flavor perfect for pies, soups, and breads and succulent when included in savory dishes. The pumpkin is low in calories, with only 49 calories per cup. They are also high in fiber, and are a good source of potassium, iron and protein.

Pumpkins: more than pie and for carving
Food Review

The pumpkin has been popularly known as a “pie pumpkin” or “sugar pumpkin,” are best when choosing a variety to cook with. Since pumpkins are 90 percent water, the large pumpkins more commonly used for decoration are less flavorful. Pumpkin can be cooked like any winter squash. It can be roasted, mashed, or pureed depending on what the recipe calls for:

One way to prepare pumpkins, according to the Food Network, Web site is to first cut it in half lengthwise and, as traditional practice, scoop out the seeds and the stringy flesh (save the seeds). Place the pumpkin cut side down, in a roasting pan with about half a cup of water and bake at 350 degrees until half-degutted. Remove the flesh from its shell and mash with a potato masher. Since pumpkins are already filled. In her five years as coordinator, Delport said she has never had a project site full the week before the event. The Sierra Foothill Conservancy project has 70 total volunteer positions, of which 35 are still vacant. Volunteers will meet at their respective sites Saturday morning to check-in, receive directions and start on their projects. The service day will go from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Pumpkin seeds can be rinsed, dried, and roasted in the oven with a little olive oil, salt and pepper. The seeds can be enjoyed as a snack or to top off a salad. With 85 percent of the pumpkin supply available in October, take advantage of fall’s harvest offerings. Grab one for fun and another for dinner.

Pumpkin world records
The largest pumpkin grown weighed in at 1,725 pounds and was set by two Ohio pumpkin growers. The largest pumpkin pie in the Guinness World Records was 12 feet long and 2,200 pounds made by New Jersey giant pumpkin growers from Ohio.
it wasn’t really accessible in terms of layout for students,” Andreotti said. “So we decided to revamp it, which took a lot longer than we expected because of different issues with code and passwords.”

Andreotti said that previous versions of ASI bylaws are always on the Web site.

“Accessibility has never been a problem,” Andreotti said. However, Andreotti acknowledged the fact that dissemination was still not being uploaded to the site. Administrators believe that students are welcome to visit the ASI office and request a copy of the bylaws or fill out a public records request if they are interested in obtaining specific documents.

The three executives said that no students have ever been denied copies of the bylaws. Physical copies of bylaws, however, are not kept inside of the library. At the end of the academic year, agenda packets and minutes from the biweekly senate meetings throughout the year are collected and placed in a bind-er. The binder is then copied and sent off to the executives for archival purposes.

Still, Conrad feels that ASI has been negligent in making bylaws available for students and that actions taken by the executives have been disreputable.

“I think it is important that those bylaws are always made available for any student who wants to be aware of the possibility of all types of student access, report it to your bank immediately.

Debtor Tips

Consumer Report shares these recommendations to help you avoid getting scammed.

• Don’t type your PIN at the pump. Instead, identify your card as a credit card. That way it will be processed through a credit card network, and you will have greater protection.

• Use ATMs located at banks. Attaching and retrieving a device used for scams is more likely to happen at a non-bank setting.

• Closely monitor your bank accounts. Debit card fraud can have a greater impact on your finances than credit card fraud. If you notice unusual activity or your account balance is incorrect, report it to your bank immediately.

Astronomy team finds dwarf galaxy

By Bill McAuliffe
McGatthy Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS — In some ways, discovering a new galaxy is all in a day’s work for John Cannon, Macalester College assistant astronomy professor.

“We find new galaxies every day,” he said. “It’s actually kind of boring.”

But having found a galaxy unlike all the others, all the millions seen so far, that is, Cannon, a team of fellow astronomers and now some Macalester students are pondering some new questions about the universe, including how the very stars are formed.

Since 2001, Cannon and his fellow researchers have been examining a sample of about 140 million light years away from Earth that one of his colleagues spotted during a scan for “dwarf” galaxies. It might be described as a routine scan, except that it was performed by the massive Arches Observatory telescope in Puerto Rico, which was featured in the 1997 movie “Contact.”

Cannon and his team noted several peculiarities about the object they saw, and decided to take a second look through a telescope at the Very Large Array, a huge radio astronomy observatory with more than two dozen antennae in New Mexico. Cannon said the galaxy was “flabbergasted” by what they detected.

Usually a galaxy, such as the Milky Way, where Earth resides, holds a lot of solid material — stars, large and small, that are formed as gravity compresses the hydrogen between the galaxies’ solids. But the galaxy Cannon and his team discovered in a recent article in The Astrophysical Journal instead has a tiny solid mass at its center surrounded by a disc of gas far out of proportion to its star mass, as big as the Milky Way, though it has only about 2 percent of the star material as the Milky Way. In fact, the galaxy has the largest known gas to visible-star ratio of any galaxy yet observed. Despite that vast field of hydrogen, it apparently isn’t creating any stars.

“This is an inherently interesting galaxy,” said Leo Blitz, professor of astronomy at the University of California-Berkeley, who studies galaxy formation. “Finding a galaxy like this, that’s evolved in isolation, can ultimately tell us how galaxies themselves form. You don’t see that very often.”

Cannon has been teaching it at Macalester for three years and expand- ing his research into the mysterious dwarf galaxy.

“The first time we looked at the data we had no idea what to do with it. It was one of these “Cannon said. “All of this material in the outer part of the galaxy is just sitting there not forming stars, and we don’t know why. Right now the big question is: How common is this?”

Cannon’s students are helping him seek answers.

Junior’s Palmer Fliss of Medway, Mass., and Eric Engstrom of Apple Valley, Minn., spent part of last sum- mer collecting data and steering the massive Green Bank Telescope in West Virginia.

“[I’m] captivated by it,” Fliss said of the project. “If you can find that sort of thing you have a passion for, it intrinsically motivates you.”

For Engstrom, the stars pulled him away from plans to major in econom- ics.

“I really liked physics in high school, but we never got to talk about stars and black holes and galaxies,” Engstrom said. “Actually looking at that in depth really opened up a brand new world for me. It showed how small we really are and how much we have to learn about the world around us.”
Dilfer is ‘Top Dog’

Former ‘Dog Trent

Dilfer is honored

with Distinguished

Alumnus Award

By Chris Aywire

The Collegian

The Distinguished Alumnus Award is the highest honor
given to an alumnus of California State University,
Fresno. The award is based on scholarship, leadership
and service to the university, the San Joaquin Valley and
the State of California. It has been established
to provide special recogni-
tion to an individual who has dis-
tinguished himself/herself
through outstanding achievement
during and/or after
her/his post-col-
geate careers.

This past Friday, for-
mer NFL quarterback
and former Bowl champ
Trent Dilfer was honored with
the distinction of
a l u n n i
award
from the State Alumni
Association at the
Dog Gala. The Collegian had the chance to catch up with Dilfer:

Q: How does it feel to get the
distinguished alumnus award from
Fresno?

A: It’s humbling, as you get
older your legend grows you
become a better player than
you really are. I used to get
really([email protected])
of the athletic achievements, but to get some
thing else, obviously the fan
bases in the Valley is so strong
there is always a little bit
adoration.

A: It seems to come back to Fresno a lot, is because Fresno has a special place in your heart.

A: It really is, a lot of my
wife’s family is here and my
closest friends on earth
are here. We’ve had a lot of
great experiences in Fresno
and some tough ones too, so
this place is very dear to our
hearts. It’s will always be a part
of our lives.

Q: After playing three sea-
sons here at Fresno State from
1991-1993, you got drafted with
the 6th overall pick of the 1994
NFL draft by the Tampa Bay
Buccaneers, did you always
want to go to the NFL coming
to college?

A: When I got to college, no,
I was not highly recruited. Fresno
State kind of took a chance on me
as an athlete. It wasn’t until about my second
year of school that I realized
that it was going to be a pos-
sibility and then it became a
dream.

Q: You have had many great
moments at Fresno State, like
winning the 1994 Freedom Bowl
to upset USC, winning conference championships, you broke records and you also
met your wife here. So could
you give me moments on and
off the field that were special
to you?

A: One of the most special
is beating San Jose State my
redshirt freshman year. Mark
Barotti was the starter, he
got injured and so the
second half of the season we
beat San Jose State at the end
of the season to win the conf-
ference championship. Off
the field, obviously my wife.
Funny story though, we actu-
ally dated Fresnian and she
told me I was too boring, so we just should be friends
for people. So we were friends for a few years after the initial bad experi-
ting, then I manipulated her
over time.

Q: You are an NFL analyst
on ESPN now, is that something
you always wanted to do?

A: I never wanted to be on
TV. In fact, I didn’t like the
people on TV when I was playing,
so know. It’s something that
I just kind of fell into and I
ever really enjoy way it
happened.

I thought I could
never have
a f o u n-
dation
called
to
call

A: It’s a f o u n-
dation
that was
tied out
of the
tragedy
of losing our
son Trevin.
Really it’s a
foundation of
partners with
other
non-profits
that work
in
smiling
on
kids’
faces.
It’s a lot more
com-
plex than that, but
at the
end of the day we want to
partner with other non-profits
that really have strong focus
forward putting smiles on kids’
faces.

Q: What do you say to
the Fresno fans that consider
you still one of the greats to
talk football at Fresno State?

A: Thank you for more than
any other thing, obviously the
fan base in the Valley is so
big and has always been
so incredibly supportive of
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gave them the 25-20 win in set four.
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and final set, winning 15-10.

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BULDOG VOLLEYBALL

‘Dogs picks up fourth WAC win

By Collegian Staff

The Fresno State volleyball
team won its fourth Western
Athletic Conference game
Saturday defeating the Utah State
Bulldogs in five sets.

With the loss, the Broncos’
record fell to 2-18 and 2-13 in
the WAC. The set scores were
19-25, 25-21, 25-20, 25-11 and
15-11.

In the first set, Fresno State
took an early 30-2 lead after
two service aces by senior Allannah
Muson. Fresno State also
seized the lead early in the first set
and never
looked back, winning 25-19.

After 10 lead changes in set
two, the ‘Dogs won the set
25-21, led by senior Dee-Platt’s
seven kills in the set.

In set three, the Bulldogs
had an 11-lead early. A Boise
State rally cut the lead to three
20-17. Then the ‘Dogs seized
the lead back off the Broncos and
won the set 25-18, hitting .312 in
the set.

The ‘Dogs rallied and won
set four, which was back at
quarter and was tied once
throughout the set. However,
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Home schedule

The Bulldogs have five remaining
home games, all at the Save Mart
Center.

Oct. 29 v. Hawaii
Oct. 31 v. New Mexico State
Nov. 9 v. Nevada
Nov. 12 v. Louisiana Tech
Nov. 14 v. Louisiana-Lafayette
Nov. 16 v. New Mexico State

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It is about time. It has just become unavoidable at this point. I cannot keep my mouth shut any longer on this issue. I made a deliberate decision to avoid this topic, racking my brain for story ideas, but it’s time. At least I made it to the midpoint of the season before caving in. Alright, here goes, Red Wavers…

It is finally the right time for the "Ryan Mathews is the best player in college football" column. Before I gave into peer pressure and while I was still racking the brain this weekend, I went to this newspaper’s handy-dandy Web site and typed "Ryan Mathews" into the search bar. I just wanted to make sure that I didn’t repeat any old, worn-out ideas, you know?

In only .40 seconds, The Collegian Online produced 145 stories, columns and multimedia results. Just for fun, I searched "Barack Obama." Only 141 results.

Mathews is more popular than the president of the United States and the leader of the free world – at Fresno State at least. Now that’s a column idea.

If this was an election year, I’m sure that Mathews, even though he is only 22 years old, would receive thousands of write-in votes on the ballots across the Valley. I could already imagine shirts with "Vote Green 'V' Party" strewn across the chest.

It doesn’t matter if you lean left or reside on the right; you cannot deny that Mathews is an astonishing talent – quite possibly the best to ever play for Fresno State. It’s hard to believe USC recruited him to be a cornerback.

I don’t think I’m better than anybody.”
- Tailback Ryan Mathews

Vote Ryan Mathews for president, 2024