Women: the image changes

It's been a long time since the 1957 edition of the Cal Poly yearbook featured a picture of that year's Poly Royal queen touring the ornamental horticulture greenhouse with the caption: "Poly Royal queen Mary Medford, displaying typically feminine interest in flowers and growing things, enjoys a tour of the greenhouse."

Twenty-five years later, women at Cal Poly not only enjoy the greenhouse, but they grow the plants, program the computers, draft the plans and develop the skills that will one day provide them with a successful and productive career. Women at Cal Poly are very career-oriented, mathematics Professor Adelaide T. Harmon-Elliott said recently.

"No matter where I go, I see women wanting careers," said Harmon-Elliott, adding that she has seen a substantial increase in numbers of women in technical majors in recent years.

"I spend a lot of time informing women about moving up the corporate ladder," said Harmon-Elliott, who is the faculty advisor for Kappa Mu Epsilon, a mathematics honor fraternity.

"I try to get them (women) good jobs," said Harmon-Elliott, adding that she encourages women to join KME. She also keeps in touch with the salaries Poly women are being offered and has found businesses in general are interested in hiring women.

Role models

Today's career-oriented women are serving as role models for girls who are now able to see a pattern of success to shoot for, said Harmon-Elliott. Promoting role models is the goal of Women and Math (WAMI), an organization that visits high schools and presents to girls topics dealing with women pursuing college and a career, Harmon-Elliott said. Depicting women as happy and productive in careers outside the home will encourage young women to follow suit, she added.

The program is financed primarily by IBM, said Harmon-Elliott, adding that business and industry today are showing an interest in advancing the careers of women.

"It is difficult for a woman to have a career because she has to have two careers," said Harmon-Elliott. The duties of housewife and parent still fall mainly on the woman, although Harmon-Elliott said she is optimistic that career-oriented women can manage both "if they find the right marriage partner."
Brezhnev rejects arms proposal

MOSCOW (AP) — President Leonid I. Brezhnev on Tuesday proposed a freeze on modernization and deployment of strategic nuclear arms as soon as talks begin between the United States, but he rejected U.S. calls for immediate cuts.

He said President Reagan's proposal for a zeroed reduction in arsenals was "unrealistic" and designed to "insure American superiority.

Brezhnev, however, called Reagan's offer to resume strategic arms talks a "step in the right direction" and said the Soviet Union was prepared to begin negotiations "without delay and without any strings attached."

As a basis for the negotiations, he proposed a freeze on the modernization and deployment of strategic weapons "as soon as talks begin."

He also said that no additional Soviet medium-range missiles would be deployed in areas from which they could hit West Germany or other Western European countries.

In Washington, Reagan said Brezhnev's remarks appeared to show a willingness to hold talks.

"I think we'll be meeting," the president said. Asked if he had hoped again in Brezhnev's speech, "Yes, I think I agreed that we'd meet; we will."

Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig Jr. at a NATO meeting in Luxembourg, said some Soviet arms control proposals have "compatibility" with the U.S. approach.

Nuclear freezes do not promote effective arms control, "Haig said. However, he said of Brezhnev's speech, "in the extent they (the Soviets) are willing to get into negotiations as early as possible, it is positive."

Reagan economy forecast bleak

WASHINGTON (AP) — In the Reagan administration's bleakest forecast yet, Treasury Secretary Donald T. Regan said Tuesday the economy is in anemic recovery, perhaps followed quickly by another recession, unless huge potential federal deficits are trimmed.

Regan made his remarks to NBC News shortly before the Commerce Department released figures showing that Americans' personal income rose just 0.3 percent last month, the fourth modest gain in a row after December's first decline in nearly seven years.

The economy is "starting to inch ahead, but really hasn't gotten under steam yet," Regan said.

Economists inside and outside the government say a sustained recovery depends partly on lower interest rates.

Many Democratic members of Congress say the way to hold the deficits down to $100 billion or so — still roughly $25 billion higher than the 1976 record — is to chip away at Reagan's tax cuts and trim more than $5 billion from his projected military spending increases.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — President and Mrs. Reagan had to pay more than $20,000 in back federal and state taxes for the Reagans' ranch on the central California coast, the family's tax attorney said Tuesday.

Lawyer Roy D. Miller said the back taxes and interest were from the Reagan's 1979 and 1978 tax returns.

"The deductions related to the maintenance of the ranch as a business, which had been allowed in the past. But the government took the position that they should no longer be allowed," Miller told The Associated Press.

He added, the Reagans accepted the government position, and they did not attempt to claim the deductions on their 1980 or 1981 returns.

"In fact, their 1981 return already has been audited and accepted as filed," Miller said. He did not reveal the details of the disputed deductions but that they "generally were for upkeep of the ranch."

The audit that disallowed the deductions began in 1980 while Reagan was running for the presidency.

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Noted artist is exhibiting oils, watercolors at Poly

Artist David Kreitzer, whose oils and watercolors have graced national magazines, and who is represented in a number of both private and public collections, is exhibiting a number of paintings in the University Union Gallery through June 6.

A portfolio of Kreitzer’s work is published in the April 1982 issue of American Artist, and he has done covers for Atlantic and Aquarian Age magazines.

He possesses a bachelor’s degree in education from Concordia Teachers College, and a master’s in art from San Jose State University.

Among the public collections which own his work are the Hirshhorn Foundation in Washington D.C., Eureka College in Illinois, the Revenue Corporation headquarters, Sinclair Paints, Lloyd’s Bank, and municipal museums in San Diego and Santa Barbara.

He has sold paintings to TV producer Quinn Martin, actor Michael Douglas, writer Hubert Selby, actress Mary Tyler Moore, actor Raymond Burr, writer Ray Bradbury, and musicians Papa, Cela and Celasolio Romero.

Kreitzer has exhibited in major shows in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Indiana, Illinois, Alabama, and North Carolina.

He is listed in Who’s Who directories for the West, California, International Arts and Antiques, and American Art.

He is the recipient of the San Francisco Art Director’s Club’s Gold Medal for a poster executed in 1970.

Gallery hours for this exhibit are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays, and noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

His one-man show is presented by the Fine Arts Committee of the Program Board of the Associated Students Inc.

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Mommie Dearest claims bolstered by author's son

BY GAIL PELLERIN

Staff Writer

For many, books are just pages of words. But for others, they are pages that reveal the reality of their lives.

Author Christina Crawford is one such person. She has revealed her torment and abuse in her book, "Mommie Dearest."

"It was a sad thing to see her go," he said.

In reference to the controversy over the accuracy of the book, he said, "From my point of view, everything in that book is true, because there's no way a person could make up a story like that."

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Koontz had never met Joan, although he has developed a few impressions of her from her writings.

"She just didn't care," he added, noting that Christina would send flowers for Mother's Day and would get no response in return.

"Joan was like Joan," he said. "A woman who gets caught up in the juvenile court system, was released.

"Life is so precarious, one minute you're here and the next minute you're not," Koontz said, reflecting on his stepmother's stroke. "And a child's life is so important, for they are the next generation."

The workshop, which will continue through noon on Friday, May 21, is designed for practicing teachers, aides, and a cook.

The program will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a keynote address by Nolan Daines, vice president of planning and research for Pacific Gas and Electric Co.

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When Koontz' father and Christina submitted the screenplay to Paramount Pictures, the studio rejected it. However, they sold the rights of the idea to the studio, Koontz

The script was then rewritten to portray Christina as the cause of the problems, and it was the not-so-liked counterpart, he added.

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Gender not a hindrance to career-oriented women

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A responsible marriage partner will accept half of the child-rearing and household duties and respect a woman's career goals.

Equality attitudes More women in high-paying professional positions and more working mothers will help boys grow up seeing them as equals, Harman-Elliot said. It may take another generation before this attitude becomes prevalent, she added.

Over the past decade, women have accounted for 48 percent of the total increase in enrollment at Cal Poly, according to the Evaluation of Institutional Research. The proportion of women students over this period has increased from 28.6 percent in 1971 to 43.1 percent in fall 1981.

While women are gaining visibility in many areas, in some domains they are still novices.

"Being a woman doesn't have to be an issue," said ASI President-Elect Sandra Clary recently, "I think if you don't make it an issue, it won't be.

Clary said she was impressed during her campaign with the openness of both sexes at Cal Poly.

"I'm proud to be a woman," said Clary, "but I'm not here as a woman."

Women in prominent positions have to work harder than men to gain credibility, Clary said. More time must be spent making initial contacts with people, as talking with them and answering their questions will clear up any reservations they may have about a woman's competence, she said.

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Story and photos by Tom Rinersing

As the train slowly pulled into Ramses station, dozens of black-robed Egyptians began running alongside, swarming through the car doors. Though weighed down with my backpack somehow I managed to squeeze through the cursing mob at one of the doors. Chaos in the train car.

Looks like Allah had decided to be good to me. I found a cramped seat between three Egyptians wearing western clothes. The 17-hour ride to Luxor wouldn't be spent on the floor after all.

How lucky that turned out to be. Only an hour after the train began its journey to Luxor, the bathroom at the end of the car consisting of a hole in the floor started overflowing — out the door and into our car.

All this for a second-class train ticket. I hated to think of what third class was like.

This had been one of the many memorable experiences, albeit not the most enjoyed, of my one-month experience in Egypt last winter, Land of the Pharaohs. And one of the most inefficient, friendliest, filthiest countries I've ever visited.

The Tel Aviv-to-Cairo bus ride had its poignant moments. There were two middle-aged couples sitting solemnly in the two seats in front of me — one was Egyptian, the other Egyptian. Nine and a half years ago, their husbands could have been shooting at each other in the Yom Kippur War. Now there is peace. Former enemies have become tourists.

At the Karmeh border, we were searched for April 26th with the return of the final Israeli of the Sinai. I met some Arab youngsters milling about the bus on the Egyptian side of the border.

I showed the boys how to shoot darts at a can with a click of the fingers, Cal Poly style. They were delighted.

"Where do you live?" I asked one of them.

"Halla," the boy answered mournfully, "we are refugees pushed towards Israel."

What could I say to this young Palestinian refugee? Embarrassed, I shrugged, smiled and got on the bus.

We arrived in Cairo's Tahrir Square late at night. What a contrast to immaculate Tel Aviv. Brokendown Plate and Dalmatia whined past, some of them with lights off, incessantly chugging their horns. It was a racket that would nearly drive me crazy for the next three weeks.

It wasn't five minutes later that I was hit with the first wave of Egyptian hospitality.

I was walking down Tahla Harb Street, searching for a neatly $12-cents-a-night hotel to each out in.

"Hello," smiled a 35-year-old Egyptian.

What does this guy want, I thought. Congeniality unlike that is rare in western industrialised countries. After chatting a few minutes, he told me where the better, one-dollar-eight-hots hotels were and where I could go for a quick snack.

As I continued walking, other smiling Egyptians approached me with the same "hallo!" and advice. The fourth one, Tarek Mohammed, guided me to the Oxford Guest House, where I left my pack.

Tarek then treated me to an Arab dinner at a place down the street. I was introduced to some of his friends there, who were Cairo University students. They peppered me with questions.

"Where are you from in America?...How can I get into America?...What does a person with a commerce degree make in America?"

The next day was not so cheery. I was to join up with my two friends, Eammon, from London, and Bruce, from Austria, both of whom I met on the kibbutz in Israel, at the U.S. embassy.

When I got there, they were both slumped on a bench in the lobby, desperately ill.

"It was the food, Tom," muttered Eammon, with a glazed expression.

"You'll be sick too,"

Grumblings about Tarek's dinner the night before entered my mind. My stomach began to churn. Was I going to be the next victim of the "Pharaoh's revenge?"

By some miracle, I did not get sick once during the rest of my stay in Egypt. Perhaps it was because I avoided the ten-cents-a-bowl macaroni bars that were everywhere in Cairo (which Bruce and Eammon had lived on in their first few days in the city).

Though Eammon got better, Bruce was getting sicker by the day. We finally took him to the Anglo-American hospital, where he received an intravenous antibiotic treatment. He recovered immediately, much to our relief.

We thought this was the end of our troubles. The original plan was to spend four days in Cairo, then go south to Luxor to see the Valley of the Kings. But there was another problem — we were going broke.

The money Eammon had sent for from England was supposed to arrive soon. It arrived three weeks later.

The days and days of waiting, and walking the insufferably noisy, congested streets (Cairo traffic is the worst imaginable, however, were not a total loss of money).

We saw King Tut's and countless other fabulous relics at the Egyptian Museum. There was the afternoon at the awe-inspiring pyramids not far from the city, where the great dam is built. More relaxation and a boat ride on the Nile.

We stayed at the Cairo youth hostel, situated near the Nile River, for the majority of the standee and the kindred named Ahmed Harari approached us.

He said he was a local school teacher and explained that some young New Zealanders, who had agreed to come to the school's "foreign visitors day," had left town. Would we take their place?

Three days later, we were picked up in the early morning by Ahmed and taken to the school, which consisted of a boys section and a girls section, ages six-to-eighteen.

We made introductory speeches before each group, which Ahmed translated into Arabic, then followed a visit to several of the girls classrooms. Prodded by Ahmed, we asked the girls questions about their Middle Eastern culture such as why some of them were veiled and others were not.

With the end of each classroom visit came the most astounding reaction — we were mobbed for autographs! It was as if the Osmond brothers had arrived.

The money from England finally arrived and we made that stinking train ride down to Luxor. What a contrast to Cairo.

Instead of a noisy traffic jam, we were greeted by an old Arab who took us to the local youth hostel on his donkey cart.

The next few days we rented bicycles, rode carriages (they were everywhere) and hiked around soot of Luxor's wonders: the Valley of the Kings, where the Pharaohs were buried; Karnak Temple; Luxor Temple; and Hatshepsut Temple.

Near Hatshepsut, we made a startling discovery. After hikign up to one of the nearby caves and climbing over the rock barrier at the entrance, we found a half-dozen decayimg mummmies strewn about. Sure hope there wasn't a curse on this tomb.

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Larry Rathbun: settling in as associate ag dean

BY STEPHANIE WITT

In an airy office on the second floor of the Agriculture building, Dr. Larry Rathbun explained the reasons for his newly-appointed position as one of the associate deans for the School of Agriculture and Natural Management.

"I think both the experience I have had with education politics up in Sacramento and the experience I have had in advising for the international education programs here at Cal Poly are what helped me to land the position," said Rathbun.

Rathbun, who will continue to teach part-time in the Agriculture Department, said he will actually be sharing the associate dean position with Dr. West, who also will be teaching part-time.

West, he explained, will continue to oversee and handle student academic affairs, while Rathbun will look after fiscal matters, oversee faculty and personnel, manage relations with high schools and community colleges in California and advise international education activities.

Rathbun, who has taught ag education at Cal Poly since 1970, said he will be taking over some of the responsibilities that traditionally went to the dean.

"Part of my new position will involve looking over the fiscal matters of our ten departments, handling the orderings of supplies and materials to make sure they are getting the greatest volume discount," said Rathbun.

"We want to make sure we are treating everyone fairly," said Rathbun.

Rathbun, who was one of the finalists for the dean's position last year, said he still has been a adviser to more than 100 foreign students attending Cal Poly and five or six education programs.

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Rathbun, who taught high school agriculture in Los Banos and Rio Vista before coming to Cal Poly to teach, said he attained his master's degree from Cal Poly in 1967 and his doctorate from Ohio State in 1974.
Mustang in the last decade, dominated majors continues to grow. As the percentage of women is more likely to be stalled, up to the fact that she is a woman, Clary said. The key to overcoming past conditioning is "self-evaluation," Clary said. Most women are evaluating their skills, she said, whereas women in previously male-dominated majors continue to grow. Women in agricultural engineering have doubled at Poly in the last decade, going 14.5 percent to 30.3 percent. In computer science, the percentage of women has soared from 16.7 percent in 1970 to 34.4 percent in 1980. Women also have a slightly higher overall grade point average, according to Tom Dunigan, director of the Division of Institutional Research. In Spring 1980, for example, the average male GPA was 1.78 compared to 2.60 for women. Power dropouts Graduation statistics show some men have a lower success rate, added Dunigan. Looking at the computer system as a whole, 41 percent women as compared to 29 percent men graduate. As graduation nears, senior women become concerned with interviewing as they prepare for a career. The Society of Women Engineers serves as a connection to the engineering world for female engineering majors. "The objective of the Society is to promote women in engineering," said Leslie Stepanek, 1981-82 president. Women's organization invites speakers from various firms to participate in and interview with their company. The growth and success of women in various organizations, pointed out that previously promoted women's movement as a group, some people think, but a club focusing on the professional growth of women in engineering. A woman's perspective is occasionally introduced at the meetings, such as a woman who discussed balancing a family and career, said Stepanek. Women engineering majors who feel they have encountered sex discrimination at Cal Poly may bring their problems before the society, said Stepanek, adding that such problems occur rarely. "Speak up: How the women in our major don't ask for something," she said, "they're not going to get it." Higgins is one of five women who will be moving into the dairy unit dorms that previously have housed only men who lived there as part of their dairy project. Women participated in the dairy project too, but until now, they have not been able to live on location and have had to store their gear in lockers in the men's dorms. There are two dorms: one house six and the other five students. The state will soon be buying these dorms from the Cal Poly Foundation, and the five-room dorm will open to women next fall to comply with Title IX. Higgins said her impression of the potency of Title IX is it will be enforced only when noncompliance is brought to light. White child-rearing is still largely regarded as a woman's domain, many mothers now realize home duties, Meyer said. She doesn't think the children more responsible and independent. Working mother Meyer, 32, is an interior design major. Her round-the-clock schedule means that her two boys, age 9 and 11, fix their own lunch hours and school and make their own breakfast at least two times a week, she said. Meyer said having a working mother may foster an attitude in her sons that women are people and not just there to take care of you. Meyer has occasionally missed classes to attend events such as his son's open house at school. She said she wishes she had time to attend more of his son's baseball games, and admitted to a tinge of guilt over not being there more often. Because she used to be the one who did the majority of the household duties, Meyer said she thinks perhaps the children still expect a little more of her than her husband. "Maybe it's an innate thing," she said, "I show that I feel guilty and Steve doesn't." With growing numbers of women playing increasingly greater roles on campus, men are beginning to change their male orientation, and "start thinking towards women." Women like Meyer and Clary are acting as role models, demonstrating the success that can be achieved by women who realize society will accept them in their new roles. As Clary said, "Do what it takes and it will help the next woman who comes along and...

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VALUABLE COUPON
Javelin throwing no passing fancy for Barnes

BY ANDY BERGER

The Cal Poly women's track media guide doesn't lie. Giving its cover is a picture of two-time Olympic javelin thrower Karin Smith. Quickly turning to page 24, you find Smith's smiling face and 37 lines of information at your fingertips.

But if you happen to mistakenly open the guide to page 13, you see a blurry picture of Danielle Barnes and 17 lines of her junior college basketball accomplishments.

Now, is this any way to treat the second-best javelin thrower in the NCAA Division II nation?

Danielle Barnes is easily the No. 2 spear-thrower in Div. II, behind you-know-who, and is one of the top eight in the country at any level of collegiate competition. But because she hasn't made the Olympic team yet, her performances are overshadowed by the remarkable accomplishments of Smith.

But Barnes, who earlier this season rose to No. 19 on the all-time United States list with a flip of 174-7, takes her role as second-fiddle in stride. She's content to play the part of the understudy for now, waiting patiently for her time to come on center stage.

"First, although the idea of having one of the world's finest javelin throwers always around might make some folks fogy, it doesn't bother Barnes a bit. You might even say it thrives on it."

"I think it helps me have an advancement for everyone else, because when it comes to techniques and fundamentals I have one of the best teachers or coaches around," said Barnes.

And with the help of Smith and Mustangs head coach Lance Hartford, Barnes has improved some 21 feet in less than a year. The 23-year-old native of exotic Fresno had a best of 152-6 last season at Fresno City College, and tossed a 174-7 the third week of this year at Bakersfield. Must be something about the San Joaquin Valley, said Barnes.

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Opinion

Darkening tunnels

It's a little like waiting for the light at the end of a tunnel to grow larger - hoping the Supreme Court will take a chance and specifically define its opinion in a governmental information case. It doesn't happen.

The Court ruled Monday that the State Department does not have to make public information on individuals if that information would in any way invade the privacy of the person involved.

The Washington Post was looking for information on whether or not Irahim Yazdi and Ali Behzadini were U.S. citizens and held valid passports. The Post sought the information in 1979 during the Iranian hostage crisis when both Yazdi and Behzadini were members of Iran's revolutionary government.

The State Department refused, citing Exemption 6 of the Freedom of Information Act. The exemption makes disclosure of "personnel and medical files and similar files" unrequired if that disclosure would constitute "a clearly unwarranted invasion of privacy." The department claimed the files were such an invasion and might subject the two to physical harm.

Aside from the State Department's ludicrousness in refusing to acknowledge two of its country's citizens, its decision points up a major problem with Exemption 6. Just what are "similar files"?

The Post sought a definition of this clause from the Court in the case. What it received was a fantastically vague generalization of what "similar files" are. The Court's opinion, authored by Justice William H. Rehnquist, applied the term to any government files on individuals, not only its employees, it feels would constitute an invasion of privacy.

The Supreme Court failed to tighten the definition of the clause, instead left it more general in nature than before. It still allows those with the information to decide what we, the public, need to know (that's "need to know," a magnificently vague clause, instead left it more general in nature than before. It still allows those with the information to decide what we, the public, need to know (that's "need to know," a magnificently vague clause, instead left it more general in nature than before. It still allows those with the information to decide what we, the public, need to know).

The Court's present definition of "similar files" does not guarantee an objective government decision in the release of materials to the public. It should have specifically defined those materials covered by the term, "similar files." Instead, we are still stuck in the tunnel, left debating the need for such a definition, not its content.

Letters

A beneficial non-endorsement policy

Editor: Original thinking would not hurt if applied to the issue raised: "Should newspapers, in general, and the Mustang Daily, in particular, endorse political candidates, even if it is in the Opinion section?"

Obviously, Cathy Donaldson did not understand that the argument here is not legal rights but ethical responsibilities. Of course the newspapers have the right under the law to endorse, if they choose. May I explain though why I see such a policy of endorsement ethically incorrect?

From a general perspective I offer three points:

1. In recommending a candidate, the press is alluding to more insight, accuracy and knowledge than true. It makes its opinion appear representative of a larger majority than is accurate.

2. In reality, the endorsement from the press is only based on the opinion of a select group of individuals using a powerful tool to promote their own interests and prejudices. Even if presented as an opinion, they are appealing to the authority of the newspaper itself, the name under which they write. I would like to see these individual names come forth and state their opinions just like the rest of the public, listing their own names, without the label of a newspaper and the impact it brings attached to it.

3. But, in stating an opinion on a candidate or issue in an unsigned editorial, the newspaper's recommendation should differ from other partisan opinions. Rather than beneficial, I see a non-endorsement policy giving future candidates a fairer chance. I consider such practice ethically incorrect.

But if the Mustang Daily does not view ethical grounds as compelling enough to command a change, they might take into consideration the effect on the candidates themselves.

The Mustang Daily staff defeat its purpose by endorsing a candidate. I've talked to numerous people while campaigning, and many individuals used the newspaper's endorsement as one of the reasons to vote against Chris Hartley. Because of its poor standing with the student body, the Mustang Daily does not recommend whom to elect, but whom not to elect. Thus, it becomes detrimental to the candidate, rather than beneficial. I see a non-endorsement policy giving future candidates a fairer chance.

Alida Brandi