A tragedy on the rise, a punishment for a lifetime

She’s a child beginning her journey through life, discovering the wonders of the world. However, her world is not one that simply includes dolls in pretty dresses and adventures chasing butterflies. It is a world of pain, distress, and emotional turmoil.

At six years old, she is a victim of molestation. Upon several occasions, spanning one year, her mother’s live-in boyfriend violated the little girl’s bedroom, attempting to perform sexual acts with the child. It wasn’t until her mother discovered a hockey on her first grade’s neck that she accepted the fact something was wrong.

The child, suffering from guilt, revealed the “secret” to her mother when she confronted her daughter about the mark, although her molester had threatened the child, instructing her not to tell anyone.

The man who stole her innocence was sentenced to five years in state prison.

Not alone

The child victim of this actual incident is given no name, but her case is similar to 1,044 other children abused in San Luis Obispo County during 1981. Whether the act is classified as sexual, physical, or emotional, children are abused daily in the county.

Social worker and supervisor Marie Jackson of Child Protective Services in San Luis Obispo said there has been a 10 percent increase in child abuse in the nation since last year. She added that for every one case, at least two, and possibly three or four, go unrecorded.

According to Connie Hanretty, coordinator of the Sexual Assault Victims Program for the district attorney’s office, 70 percent of all the sexual assaults reported in 1982 were for children under the age of 14.

“It’s just alarming,” she said.

Child protective agencies regard situations where there is a lack of supervision, an insufficient amount of food, or poor housekeeping as cases of child abuse or neglect. Other situations include adults who use a belt to cause physical damage, burn children with cigarettes, beat the children and break bones or fracture skulls, fondle children inappropriately or perform sexual acts with them.

“More children die from abuse than any disease,” Jackson said.

Human Relations Commission Program Coordinator Steve Henderson said there are reported cases of children being put in bathtubs filled with scalding water, sat on stove burners and hit with coat hangers. All punishments were the reactions to misbehavior such as rejecting food or crying too often, according to report.

Parents may also resort to emotional abuse, such as shutting a naked child in a dark closet for hours, he said.

“Which is more difficult?” Henderson asked. “I’d rather take the whipping.”

Children tend to endure abuse for a long time, he reported, adding that some situations go on for years—and the child pays for it.

“It’s a sickness, that’s how I classify it,” he said.

Through education, social agencies hope to teach the children that they should tell someone if another person touches their bodies where they don’t want to be touched, damages their bodies or hurts them emotionally.

Many parents refuse to accept there is a problem. Some mothers need to walk in a room and see their daughter naked with their husband,” Hanretty explained. “They might accept there is a problem.”

“Sometimes parents who abuse or neglect their children will call Child Protective Services’ emergency response number, admitting they are afraid they are going to hurt their child. More often, cases of abuse and neglect are reported by neighbors, teachers, family members or the victims themselves.”

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"Many of the gate considered 'loose' on campus in high school, may have been abused," she explained. "Also 90 percent of prostitutes were sexually-abused children."

Shelter for abused children

In the event of child abuse, the Child Protective Services is notified of the family and child in crisis. If the child is in danger, the agency provides immediate emergency shelter and care for the child. Children are taken to the San Luis Obispo County Receivers home (for age 0-18), foster homes or the homes of relatives until the situations is resolved.

The social worker and law enforce­ment respond to the incident together, but then the law will proceed with criminal charges and CPS will protect the child, find a safe home, make court dates, work with the family and set criteria for rehabilitation.

Within 48 hours a detention petition must be filed with the court or the child is released. If the child is released, the family is referred to a CPS worker for informal supervision and coordinations of services.

If the abuse was sexual, Hanretty and the district attorney's office will get involved with the court proceedings.

The child is introduced to the district attorney and given a tour of the court-room to encourage the child to feel comfortable with the surroundings.

After the juvenile court hearing, the case is either dismissed for lack of evidence with no further action, or the child is declared a dependent of the court.

After court hearings, if the case is dismissed, a social worker will follow up with the family to provide needed services to prevent recurrence of the problem.

When a child is a dependent of the court, a foster home is set up for him or her until the parents show positive im­p

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proven and acceptable standards of living.
Within six months there is a second hearing in juvenile court to determine if the situation has changed.
"Reunification of the family is the main goal," Jackson said, noting some parents never make progress.
In the event of unfit parents, the alternative is to find a permanent plan, such as adoption by another person.
"Some children are hard to place because of deformity, mental problems and severe physical or emotional damages," Jackson admitted. "Every child has the right to have a family. A feeling of permanence is needed."

Reporting rests with all
According to Jackson, everyone has a moral and ethical responsibility to report suspicion or knowledge of child abuse. Child care custodians, medical practitioners, and employees of a child protective agency are mandated by law to report cases of child abuse.
Because of continuing cuts of human services in California, the problem of child abuse will continue its vicious cycle, Jackson says.
"I don't see a bright future," Jackson admits. "Until people become aware that a child's rights count, the problem will persist."
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Stanford falls to wrestlers' steam roller

by Scott Swanson

Cal Poly's wrestling squad dove against the move to their track to regional and national championships with a 156-7 shelling of the Stanford Cardinalines Saturday night.

The victory, which raised the Mustangs' dual meet record to 11-2, was sparked by superior decisions in five of the nine weight classes Poly won.

Despite the fact that Stanford is a young team with freshman in the six lower weight categories, Mustang coach Vaughn Hitchcock praised several of his wrestlers, three of whom wrestled for the first time this season.

"I'm real pleased with David Wood (150 pounds), Danti Teran, (134 pounds), and Ivoe McCray (136 pounds)," Hitchcock said. "They made some mistakes, but two beat their opponent by large margins." McCray, a sophomore from Washington, beat George 21 of 45-16, Al Gutierrez had gotten things off on a flying start for the Mustangs in the 17 pound bout. Gutierrez beat Bert Fukunaga 285-5 to raise his season mark to 10-1. "The superior decision marked one of Gutierrez' peak performance of the season," Hitchcock said.

Teran, a sophomore transfer from Rio Hondo Junior College, defeated J. Bradley 17-15 to raise the Mustangs lead to 11-0. A forfeit in the 143-pound category gave Cal Poly six more points.

Wood, a sophomore transfer from Chabot Junior College, registered a 27-5 superior decision over the troublemaker of the season.

Fukunaga, a sophomore transfer from Stanford, wrestled a good game in the 154-pound bout, but Poly won 18-10. The score dropped Steward's record to 6-2.

Poly will visit Bakersfield State Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Bakersfield promises to be one of the toughest matches the Mustangs will have this season, according to Hitchcock. But several top Poly wrestlers are expected to be back in the lineup to face the Roadrunners.

Mustang freshman Michelle Harger led the offensive attack with 12 points.

By Mike Mathison

Two months nurturing

Things bloom again as women better record

by: Mike Mathison

A win. A loss.

Four men and five women are needed to sign up in the Central Recreation Center which is located in University Union, Room 104. The Recreation Sports program provides a physical and social outlet for everyone jum ping into the air. Signups will be taken at an organizational meeting on Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Science North Building Room 202.

The Recreational Sports program provides a physical and social outlet for everyone jum ping into the air. Signups will be taken at a meeting tonight at 8 p.m. in Science North Building Room 202. Signups for Disabled Intramurals Volleyball will be taken until Friday, June 20, at 4 p.m. You can enter this four-player team sport by calling 546-1366. Sixteen matches will be played between the 16 teams. Coming soon......Disabled Swim Meet.

The Recreational Sports office is located in University Union, Room 104. Signups for Disabled Intramurals Volleyball will be taken from 5 to 9 p.m. on any of our activities or ideas for new games that you would like to participate in. Kick-Offs for the next week include...Tag-O-War, Badminton, Wrist Wrestling and much more!