Preserving choice...

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Insight...

Would Cal Poly students still pass the IRA athletic referendum if the election was to take place today?

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Capitalism...

A group of former Poly students find success in the clothing business.
China's post office to accept money orders

BEIJING (AP) — The Chinese post office will resume accepting money orders from abroad 39 years after it halted the practice for political reasons, an official newspaper said Tuesday.

The move will make it easier for Chinese to receive money from friends and relatives abroad, send admission fees to foreign schools and conduct other transactions.

International money order services will resume July 1 with Japan and Aug. 3 with the United States, the China Daily newspaper said. It quoted Duan Guichang of the Ministry of Post and Telecommunications as saying the size of money orders will be limited.

The Communist government halted such services in 1953 as part of China's withdrawal from contacts with the West. Chinese who wanted to send money abroad or receive it from overseas had to go through the Bank of China. During the 1950s and 1960s, Chinese who received money from abroad were suspected of espionage.

Korea OKs abortion, drafts new adultery law

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The government legalized abortion in certain cases and dropped its plan to abolish a law that punishes adultery, officials said Tuesday.

The Justice Ministry ruled that abortion would be legal in cases where the mother's health was endangered and a doctor approves the procedure. Previously, all abortions were illegal.

The ministry also drafted a revision of the 1953 law that would halve the maximum jail term for adultery to one year and add a series of fines. The revision will be submitted to the National Assembly in July for approval.

The ministry had said in April it would scrap the law, which it called outdated. But the announcement triggered two months of protests by farm groups is urging Congress to put $20 million to $30 million into Los Angeles' riot areas.

After the White House meeting, which lasted about an hour, Bradley said he and the governor stressed that enterprise zones should be the top priority in the administration and Congress and that any proposal should seek to employ a substantial percentage of people who live in the neighborhood.

"We have to demonstrate to the people of our city that the government means business," he said.

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The case was brought on behalf of the first inmate whose parole was canceled, Johnny Aradillas, 40, of Stockton. Aradillas received a term of seven years to life in prison for the fatal stabbing in 1977 of a witness who had testified against one of his brothers.

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Car crash stirs things up by SLO apartments

By John Hubbell
Staff Writer

An Atascadero man who told police he was "pretty messed up" crashed his car into a freeway sign and a grove of eucalyptus trees near Stafford Gardens early Tuesday but escaped serious injury.

Police say 22-year-old Thomas John Pancoe, of California Highway Patrol sobriety test and was booked into San Luis Obispo County Jail Tuesday morning on one count of driving under the influence of alcohol. The results of Pancoe's blood test are not yet available, according to CHP Officer Steve Darcey.

"He didn't have a real clear memory of it all," Darcey said. "He said he was pretty messed up. It sure scared him."

Pancoe, who police say is not enrolled at either Cal Poly or Cuesta College, posted bail Tuesday night and was released on his own recognizance.

According to Darcey, Pancoe was driving his 1988 gray Mercury Sable in the right lane of southbound Highway 101 between Grand Avenue and California Boulevard shortly after midnight, when the car veered off and collided into a large road sign. The car then pushed through a thick ravine of eucalyptus trees before landing in the opposite direction with its front end smashed and its windows shattered.

The commotion brought several Cal Poly students out of their nearby Stafford Gardens apartments. Many of them found their cars covered in dust and dirt sprayed by the swayward car, but no serious damage was evident.

Tom Murphy, a 21-year-old Cuesta student, said he was delivering pizzas at the nearby Stafford Gardens apartment complex when the accident occurred. Murphy said he rushed over Pancoe and attempted to pull him out of the smashed car, but said Pancoe was resistant.

In fact, witnesses said Pancoe tried to flee from Murphy and other onlookers once he was freed from the debris.

"He was almost jumping away from the accident," Murphy said. "But I had to make sure he got out of there, so I had to let him go."

Other witnesses said they corralled Pancoe until police arrived.

The freeway remained open throughout the incident.

Senior staff writer Amy Koval contributed to this story.

By Ken Kaplan
Staff Writer

The lawyer who successfully argued the landmark abortion case Roe vs. Wade before the Supreme Court in 1973 said she feels the ruling will be in serious jeopardy if President George Bush re-elected.

Sarah Weddington, a prominent lawyer and college lecturer, spoke about the fate of the ruling to a group of college journalists on Friday.

Weddington is currently participating in Gov. Bill Clinton's campaign bid for president and was in Sacramento with Clinton when he attended a Women's Town Hall meeting.

The hourlong forum was held by telephone with college journalists from Cal Poly, University of Southern California, UC Santa Cruz and UC San Diego.

Weddington said the issue of abortion is bigger than ever and will have an impact on the presidential election, particularly in California.

"Women are feeling real vulnerable," Weddington said. "We've got a president who vetoed the the gag rule and will veto the Freedom of Choice Act."

Abortion rights activists have stated they will rally Congress to pass a National Freedom of Choice Act if Roe vs. Wade is overturned. Bush has said he would veto such a bill. Gov. Clinton would support the act, Weddington said.

The debate hinges on a Pennsylvania abortion case that is currently before the Supreme Court. The justices will decide whether to overrule Roe vs. Wade or send the case back to the state level for a decision.

The Court is expected to rule on the case in July, but Weddington said she anticipates they will delay the decision until after the presidential election in November.

"They (the Supreme Court) are trying to duck the issue," Weddington said. If the Court sends the case back to be tried on the state level, therefore allowing each state to set its own abortion laws, "there would be demonstrations in the streets within the hour," she said.

Weddington said she believes Bush's bid for re-election would be hurt if the court overturns Roe vs. Wade during the election.

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Weddington stated that she doesn't see abortion as a conservative or liberal issue. "It's a religious issue."

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She said fundamentalist church groups and protesters have made abortion an issue of religious conflict. She added that Clinton has respect for religious opinion and would like to see it in favor of pro-choice.

Weddington said most people in the political arena don't expect college-age students to vote or have much of an impact on the election this year.

"I think the politicians are wrong," Weddington said. "Students are going to make a difference this year."

She urges students not to vote for President Bush. "Vote for someone who is pro-choice," she said.

Weddington said she is concerned that a lot of people who see WEDDINGTON, page 10
Balanced budget amendment would hurt each state's economy

The second part of a two-part study, conducted by Wharton, Montgomery's Financial Associates (WEFA), a nationally respected economics firm, finds that each and every state would suffer severe economic distress in 1995 — including a sharp drop in jobs and personal income — if a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget were enacted.

In late 1989, commissioned by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), was conducted to show the short-term economic effects of a pending joint presidential and congressional budget plan and the overall operating deficit of state and local governments would jump to $67 billion in 1995 and still be almost $50 billion in the year 2000. As with the first study, the state-by-state analysis assumes that the balancing would be achieved by equal measures of spending cuts and tax increases.

In some states, it would mean a loss of $10-830 billion in personal income in that one year alone.

Job Loss — No state would be spared from massive job loss. On average, the number of jobs would drop between 2 percent and 4 percent below what the WEFA would predict if a balanced budget amendment were not in place.

With a balanced budget requirement, many states would have 100,000 fewer jobs in 1995 alone, and some states, such as California, would see a loss of over a half million jobs.

Unemployment Rate — The unemployment rate would also rise in each and every state. In some states, it would climb by as much as five percent. The WEFA forecasts without a balanced budget amendment.

Construction and Housing — Lower interest rates and inflation resulting from reducing the federal deficit would spur significant construction and housing industries, but even that would not be uniformly true throughout the country. Many states would see even those sectors of their economies depressed throughout the 1990s as a result of the balanced budget amendment.

Defense — Those states in which the defense industry plays a large role in the economy would be hurt badly under the balanced, budget scenario. This means that states such as California, Arizona, Connecticut and Maryland would suffer a precipitous reduction in defense activity, while states whose economies don't rely on the defense industry see much smaller percentage decreases.

This article was sent by the National Forum on behalf of the AFSCME Public Affairs Office.
A student survey may support speculations that if the vote for the IRA $43 athletic referendum was held today, it would not pass.

Eighteen percent of 200 Cal Poly students surveyed who voted "for" the $43 increase last fall indicated they would vote "against" it in a re-election — a threatening statistic to a referendum which passed by only a slim margin originally.

Last November's election set a CSU record for voter turnout (10,369 students), and resulted in the referendum passing by less than 3 percent — 267 votes.

Six months later, the campus faces a budget cut of at least 8 percent budget cut and a possible 40 percent tuition fee increase. To gauge student sentiment now, 200 students were surveyed at Kennedy Union Plaza, the Snack Bar, the Campus Store, the Agriculture/English building and randomly by telephone.

The survey gave students the option of including their name on the survey form. An overwhelming majority of students responded to the survey anonymously. The survey concluded that 80.5 percent of the students who voted would vote the same way if the election were held again. Of that 80.5 percent, 32 percent would vote in favor of the referendum and 48.5 percent would vote against it.

Only 19.5 percent of the students who voted in November said they would change their vote to "against." While 17.5 percent said they originally voted in favor of the referendum but would now change their vote to "against," athletics, 2 percent said they would now change their vote to support athletics.

Money was the major reason 18 percent of the people who voted "yes" in November stated they would change their vote to "no." They said that when the proposed 40 percent fee increase is taken into consideration, any increase in ASI fees for athletics should not be implemented. They also said that there have been "too many cuts already." Some people said they believed there is not enough money for academics and that "no department should be cut out entirely." "Cut athletics before you cut academics," said Clarke Brogger, a human development sophomore.

Some of the respondents who said they would change their vote said they felt they had been cheated because they weren't given all of the facts concerning impending budget cuts before the election. Others cited budget cuts, the unexpected proposal for a 40 percent fee increase and the importance of academics over athletics as reasons they would change their vote.

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Poly adds kindergarteners to new Children's Center

By Laurie La Penese
Staff Writer

By fall quarter, the Children's Center will be operating in a new building and, for the first time, kindergarteners will become part of the current child-centered curriculum.

The new center will be located between President Warren Baker's house and the Counselor Center.

An orientation to introduce the kindergarten program will be held tonight from 5:30 and 7:30 at Pacheco School, Room 3.

The school is located off Grand Avenue by the entrance to Cal Poly.

The new curriculum emphasizes individual learning through experiences and hands-on exercises. Animals and plants are part of the science lessons. Once kids discover an area they are interested in, they are encouraged to read or write about those topics.

The unique learning style will be explained by Teresia Turner, a teacher in Lusa Minor School District. Currently, she teaches the program at Ocean View School in Arroyo Grande.

Haila Hafley, a child care center teacher, said that during morning hours, the program will be offered to kindergartners only and in afternoons will be devoted to both extended child care and kindergarten care.

Hafley said having the facility on campus has eased the workload of being both a parent and a student for many people enrolled at Cal Poly.

Having a daughter there "makes it easy to go to work. I know she's comfortable and happy there in a nurturing environment," said Lisa Green, an active participant on the board of directors and mother of a 3-year-old.

Construction of the new building should be completed by this fall, according to Hafley.

Necessary funds are provided mostly by parents.

Only a small amount of money comes from subsidies for low income families. Currently families only qualify if they are enrolled in the after school care, Hafley said. Also, one dollar of every enrollment fee paid goes toward the center, which is sponsored by ASI.

Rodney King-inspired mock trial ends in hung high school jury

MACON, Ga. (AP) — In an effort to understand the Rodney King case, a group of Macon high school students held a mock trial for a white police officer accused of beating an Asian.

It ended in a hung jury.

Members of the Central High School international relations class said they wanted to examine the case to answer their questions about the legal system and the rights that broke out after four white officers were acquitted of assault charges in the beating of King, a black Los Angeles motorist.

“We never got to sit with the (California) jury to see what they saw,” said senior Angie Fuls, who acted as prosecutor. “We thought if we did it on our own, we could find out what went through.”

“I realized that this was a teachable moment — I think that’s the euphemism — when they began to ask a lot of questions about the case,” said teacher Susan Middleton.

The result was a three-week mock trial that ended Monday. The jury was composed of 16 jurors of another class at the middle Georgia school.

“I think the jury members thought, ‘I didn’t automatically relate it to the Rodney King trial,’” said junior Brandon Chris­ty, the jury foreman. “I voted not guilty” because there was a “reasonable doubt.”

Senior Mandi Hodgson created the story line and came up with descriptions for each character. “It doesn’t make it too much like Rodney King be­cause people had already made up their minds about that case,” she said.

The scenario she came up with involved three undercover Dallas police officers, including a fictional Lt. Lou Reeves, who spent several months on the streets posing as thugs.

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Grads create million-dollar business out of shirt box

By Carissa Wreden

Split is a relatively small, cutting-edge clothing company with its roots in San Luis Obispo and, more specifically, Cal Poly.

Split was founded out of necessity, says company designer Dave Patri.

"I started making shorts because I didn't have any clothes," said Patri, a graphic design graduate at Poly. That was 1985. Now, Split's sales average slightly more than $1 million per year.

From this meager beginning, the company continued to blossom. Patri, together with college buddies Marcus Kemmerer, an architecture student, and Steve Fordiani, a landscape architecture student, worked to build up the company.

"(Split) came out of an art and design thing. We wanted to put our mark on things and see what people thought," Patri said.

The trio began selling shirts out of a box at One Street Shopping Center.

"The whole concept of the uplift, positive, master plan of the company is to try and get people to think in a positive way," said Dave Patri, Split founder.

San Francisco, but remained a limited partner in Split. Fordiani remained at Cal Poly working on his degree.

Scott VanDerripe, a close friend of the three, also graduated that year in industrial technology and planned a move to Seal Beach where he would work for McDonnell-Douglas building airplanes.

Nearly a year after graduation, still holding down full-time jobs, VanDerripe and Patri decided to take another stab at Split. Patri didn't find VanDerripe's addition to the company strange. He said VanDerripe was always "one of the Split guys and always had a great interest in wanting to do it (work for Split)."

To fulfill his part, VanDerripe braved a hectic schedule. "I was working for Split during the day and building airplanes at night," he said.

The duo began marketing hip packs in 1989, placing the packs in just about any store that would carry them on a commission basis.

With that system, the pair was able to keep overhead low and inventory minimal. The company kept growing slowly at a manageable pace. This was the recipe for the success Split would follow for the next few years.

The partners then started taking their merchandise to trade shows in the action sports industry.

"Split's first trade show was minimal in sales, but high in industry acceptance and potential," VanDerripe wrote in an informational packet.

Until 1990, Split had been directing its sales toward specialty and surf shops. When Patri moved from Vision to Gutes as a designer, he forewore a new niche for Split.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Two new polls show President Bush slipping further with voters and one shows Ross Perot slightly ahead in a three-way race with Bill Clinton.

Bush's approval rating fell to 35 percent, its lowest point ever, in a CBS News poll released Monday. An ABC-Washington Post poll, meanwhile, showed Perot leading Bush and Clinton among 1,003 Americans surveyed Wednesday through Sunday. Among registered voters, the candidates were almost even, with Perot at 34 percent, Bush at 31 percent and Perot at 26 percent among registered voters.

In addition to the margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 points for each poll, several differences between the two could account for the discrepancy. ABC polled for an extra day. CBS polled more people, 1,347.

According to VanDerripes' informational packet, the full-time effort of the partners has proven beneficial with notable improvements in design, quality and production efficiency. VanDerripes said "Split selects specialty shops that portray a good image to maintain itself as an underground clothing line." He added that the image "formulates around us as long as we're aware and selective."

Patri said Split tries to reach the youth generation. He said his designs are driven by Los Angeles club-style music. "We have a strong market in San Luis. Many people from Poly that we know have stickers and clothes around," Patri said.

Central Coast Surfboards was one of the company's early accounts. VanEVerrips said Split wanted to wait until "we were back on track" before trying to seriously market the product in San Luis again.

VanDerripes said, "The fact that we all went to school there (San Luis) makes us want to keep the name in town."
HOMOSEXUALITY

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Dugan said GALA is often called by groups looking for people to come speak on what it is like to be gay or lesbian.

"We've done a few (talks) on Cal Poly's campus before," he said.

Dugan said that GALA is moving toward getting more involved in political issues, not just those involving homosexuals, but all minorities.

"Dugan said there is no membership fee to belong to GALA.

He said there is usually a $10 admission fee to the dances.

"We're not a moneymaking group," he said. "In fact, we are working on applying for nonprofit tax exemption."

Dugan added that GALA has no opposition to heterosexual people being involved in its activities.

"People bring their siblings to our dances all the time," he said.

"No one is denied because of their sexual preference."

While the majority of local groups are geared toward homosexuals and bisexuals, there also are groups for families and friends.

Parents & Friends of Lesbians & GCys (PFLAG) is an international organization which functions as a support group for gays, lesbians and their parents, families and friends.

"We're a support group for people who are struggling with finding a way to accept that they are gay, or that a family member or friend is gay," said Betty Owen, treasurer of the local PFLAG chapter.

The local chapter, which was formed last November, has about 55 members. Owen said the presidents of the different chapters of the club are always parents, she added.

Owens said the chapter meets every fourth Thursday of the month, and usually schedules a speaker.

"After the program the members usually break into smaller groups to discuss various problems," Owen said. "They talk about all the things that are important to them; the things that are their problems."

Owens said PFLAG also works to enlighten the general public on the issue of homosexuality.

"We attempt to get through to the community the message that being gay is O.K.," she said.

One way the group does this is by supporting different community events, Owens said.

PFLAG also had a square in the San Luis Obispo street painting festival, she said.

Owen said PFLAG also had many members at last March's City Council meeting.

"Since we're a fledgling group, we haven't dabbled too far into politics yet," she said.

On a national level, Owen added that PFLAG is taking a stand against the Boy Scouts' bylaw forbidding gay leaders and members.

Owen stressed that PFLAG's main role is in providing support and guidance. She said the group was "extremely helpful" for her when she first came out.

"They were lifesaving for me," she said.

GLBU, GALA and PFLAG are only three of many support and resource groups for homosexuals and bisexuals in the community and in San Luis Obispo county. There are support groups for gays and lesbians from Atascadero to San Luis. There also are AIDS support groups and a business and professional network group.

Anyone interested in finding out about these groups can find their numbers listed in the SLO BuL Gun produces. These can be found upstairs in the University Union, next to the Information Desk.

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WEDDINGTON

From page 3 will vote this fall don't realize it relates to the abortion issue. "The current generation has grown up with the decision," Weddington said. "The previous generation knows what it was like before Roe."

Weddington told the story of a doctor in Los Angeles who performed illegal abortions before the Roe vs. Wade ruling made them legal. "The ward was always filled with women who self-induced abortion. There were one to two deaths per week related to abortion." Once the law changed, there were no deaths during the next year, and the ward was closed, Weddington said.

Weddington said the Roe vs. Wade case meant more to her than a woman's right to have a legal abortion. "We never saw it as a fight for abortion, but about the right of women making decisions. A whole range of issues that women, not the government, should make."

If she were to try the Roe vs. Wade case now, Weddington said she would argue the case more on the basis of First Amendment rights.

Weddington said she now sees the abortion issue as just the "tip of the iceberg" concerning women. "Abortion has become a code word for the whole range of women's issues."

Weddington said she feels the Roe vs. Wade decision is not "a question of Choice: The History of Roe v. Wade," and will be released in September.

Weddington served in the Texas House of Representatives from 1973-77. She was an assistant to President Jimmy Carter from 1978-81. She has won numerous leadership awards, including the 1990 Lecturer of the Year Award from the National Association of College Activities. She operates a law practice in Austin, Texas, and currently lectures at the University of Texas, Austin.

Staff writer Edwin Bill contributed to this article.
The Sustainable Agriculture Technology Development and Transfer Program is authorized to be funded up to $20 million a year. Congress, however, did not appropriate funds for this fiscal year.
ASI Film’s would like to thank the student body for their most excellent support.

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From page 1 classes, but he tries to remain positive.

"To survive, you have to have a warped sense of optimism or the depression (about what’s going wrong in the world) will just kill you. You have to look to the future to see how much good could happen," he said.

CITY COUNCIL

From page 1 government, or else lose accountabil­ity.

Councilmember Jerry Reiss voted no on the motion immediately, because he felt they were yanking the people back in forth over the issue. Reiss said he didn’t want to fool the people by charging them less now by way of a rebate and more later to make up for it.

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From page 2 public debate and an outpouring of objections from women. Equal rights activists said it must be retained to curb adultery and protect women in a society dominated by men. Up to 18,000 adultery cases are filed each year, but most cases are settled out of court. The ministry also scrapped a law punishing men for tricking women into sexual relations by promising marriage. The ministry said men in such circumstan­ces were ruled to have sex with consent.