King wins millions in civil case against L.A.

By Linda Deutsch

LOS ANGELES — A federal court jury awarded Rodney King $3.8 million in compensatory damages on Tuesday for his 1991 police beating. It was well below the $15 million he sought.

King "was not disappointed," said attorney Milton Grimes, pleading to seek more money in a second phase of the trial to determine punitive damages being sought from individuals, including the officers who beat him.

The city had argued that $15 million was a fair sum in compensatory damages but otherwise was not unhappy with the verdict.

"We think that this is a satisfactory result," said City Attorney James Hahn.

King was not present for the verdict reading, which came on the fourth day of deliberations. The trial began March 22.

"He was somewhat pleased with the verdict and I told him we were not." See KING, page 5

South campus power outage to continue

By Lee Willmar

A high-voltage cable behind the Health Center burned out Tuesday morning, causing a power outage to a large section of the Cal Poly campus.

When power was restored after the damaged cable, the power will be out again from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. today to all of Tuesday's affected areas with no estimate when it will be made.

Tuesday's outage occurred at 6 a.m. and originally lasted only 20 minutes, but Facility Ser-

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High Court ends gender-based jurys

By Richard Correll

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court, decreeing "archaic and over-

broad stereotypes" about men and women, Tuesday ended the prac-

tice of excluding people from juries based on gender.

Such gender-based exclusions are as wrong as keeping people off juries based on their race, the court said in 6-3 decision.

Gender, like race, is an uncon-

stitutional proxy for juror competence and impartiality," Justice Harry A. Blackmun wrote for the court.

The decision further erodes lawyers' traditional use of peremptory, or automatic, challenges to remove potential jurors without having to explain why.

In a series of decisions since 1986, the court has barred lawyers from ex-

cluding black potential jurors because of their race. But lower courts had allowed peremptory, or automatic, challenges based on their race. But lower courts had allowed peremptory, or automatic, challenges based on their sex.

The court did allow peremptory sex exclusions in cases that have not involved jury size, or a "slender, but perceptible," gender difference in the sex of the juror.

Deborah Brake, a lawyer for the National Women's Law Center, hailed the ruling as "a great victory for women and I told him we were not.

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Nixon's condition worsens to 'guarded'

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Former President Nixon took a turn for the worse and returned to intensive care Tues-

day, a day after a stroke left him paralyzed on most of his right side and unable to speak, his doctor said.

Nixon was suffering from swelling of the brain as a result of the stroke he suffered Monday, said Dr. Fred Plum.

"His prognosis is guarded," he said.

Earlier in the day Nixon, 81, had been moved into a private room at New York Hospital.

Playing the parking blues

By Andy Price

A man wearing a heavy jacket and dark, inconspicuous clothing approaches an ordinary-looking pickup truck in the parking lot behind Kennedy Library.

He pulls a small computer from his pocket and records some information. The computer responds with a low pecking noise and the deed is completed.

The truck has been ticketed. Speech communication senior Chris Skiles feels no perverse satisfaction in giving tickets. A student parking officer, it is his job to ticket illegally parked vehicles.

Looking for part-time employment in San Luis Obispo can be tedious, if not futile. As a result, some students have found economic refuge in the Public Safety parking police force.

It offers flexible hours, is on-campus and provides a steady income. The pay is near minimum wage, at $4.35 an hour, but Skiles calls his work "the ideal student job."

Although some Public Safety officials said they believe parking officers have a strong student orientation to the job.

ASI president elections today

By Jeff Eagle

Students will choose the next ASI president in today's runoff election between candidates Erica Brown and Louise Brown.

Students can vote be-

tween 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Voting is set up by col-

lege: Liberal Arts and Science and Business will be in the University Union, Architecture and Environmental Design, Business and Engineering-

ning on Dexter Lawn; and Agriculture on the Agriculture Bridge.

Alcohol vendors: Festival to mean business as usual

By Shelly Karlson

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A campaign by San Luis Obispo Police to limit longneck bottled and keg beer sales throughout Open House weekend has been largely ignored by local alcohol vendors.

Most liquor and grocery stores near campus have adopted a "business as usual" attitude toward alcohol sales during the two-day event, and at least one has in-

creased alcohol inventories in anticipation of booming sales.

This despite recent optimism from the police depart-

ment that they would have merchants' cooperation in limiting sales.

Alcohol was a major factor in the Poly Royal riots of 1990 that led to the festival's cancellation.

This year, as planning for Open House began, San Luis Obispo Police Chief Jim Gardner spearheaded a re-

quest that local merchants limit longneck bottle sales be-

cause they were thrown at police officers during the 1990 riots.

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NBA takes stand against 'guaranteed' free agency

By John Hickey

The NBA plans to take a stand against free agency and try to keep its young stars in the league.

The plan would limit free agency to three years for players and could have a lasting effect on how the NBA operates.

The NBA's stance comes after years of negotiations with the players union, which has been pushing for changes to the system.

The NBA has been working with the players union on the issue for several months.

Despite past attempts to reach a deal, the NBA and the players union have been unable to come to an agreement.

This is the first time the NBA has taken a strong position on free agency, and it is likely to be met with resistance from the players.

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Clinton offers hope in forum with college students

By Nancy Baron
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Questioned by young Americans troubled about suicide, emptiness and crime, President Clinton told them in an MTV town hall Tuesday to avoid the "coping" of cynicism and "keep your eye on the future."

"In the end, we can only go forward if we believe in each other," Clinton told a studio audience of 200 young professionals, and high school and college students.

"We have to have a change in behavior and attitude, and feeling among young people."

"Mr. President, the world's dying to know: Is it hoaxes or briefs?" asked 17-year-old Latitia Thompson of Potomac, Md.

"Usually briefs," the president confessed.

Seventeen-year-old Dakota Lyons of Bethesda, Md., told Clinton that the suicide of grunge rocker Kurt Cobain "symbolized the emptiness that lies in our generation feel." She asked how young people could be encouraged to value life more.

Clinton called it perhaps the "most important question."

"We have to find a way to help young people think in a hopeful way about five and 10 and 15 years from now," he said. "If you can keep your eye on the future, then suicide doesn't become an option because you know there can always be a better tomorrow."

PARKING: Despite occasional hassles, ticketers say they have 'ideal student job'

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perhaps the most abuse-prone job on campus, Skiles considers himself lucky in that respect. His worst experience on the job was being called a "parking Nazi" by a classmate who had seen him on the job. He says any negative responses he gets don't affect him, because he believes they are not really directed at him.

"If they scream at me, I just ignore them," Skiles said. "They're not mad at me, they're just mad they got a ticket."

Not all part-timers have been as fortunate as Skiles. On the evening of March 16, political science junior Terri Mills was forced to call for help when a group of men surrounded her vehicle and shouted threats at her. The suspects fled the scene before Public Safety arrived to assist. Mills would not comment on the incident.

According to Public Safety Investigator Mike Kennedy, parking officers absorb a daily barrage of verbal harassment from visitors.

Kennedy said he believes problems arise when people "don't take responsibility for their own actions."

Skiles says some people have the perception that he and other officers enjoy giving tickets. He argues that he and his fellow officers neither love nor despise their jobs, but says they are "a little too picky."

"People take it too personally when they get a ticket," Skiles said. "I say, 'Just go. '"

Biological sciences sophomore Julie Fike agrees that parking officers are not to blame for confrontations with violators, but says they are "a little too picky."

Graphic communications junior Layne Lev shares Skiles' sentiment, and added a mixed compliment, calling parking the "ideal student job."
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energetic individual who will be a good advocate of student issues." Gonzales, 42, currently is the Vice President for Student Services at CSU-San Bernardino.

"I work with students on a daily basis," Gonzalez said. "Part of the job of a vice president (for Student Affairs) is to be a student advocate and be the liaison between students and the administration." He said the person doing his job "really needs to enjoy being with students and working with students."

"My good days are when I spend a good amount of time with students — if I've got a half hour between meetings my preference is to drop by and visit with students." Cal Poly Ethnic Studies Department Head Bob Gish, who served on the committee that recommended Gonzales to President Baker, said he was "delighted" with the choice.

"I think students are the center of the university," Gish said. "I think he's going to do that end to give students more voice in student affairs." Gish pointed to diversity issues as a key challenge Gonzales will face.

Gonzalez has a strong background in multicultural issues. He served as a research associate at UCLA's Higher Education Research Institute, where he conducted research on retaining minority and low-income students. Interim Vice President for Student Affairs Kerry Yamada said Gonzalez' experience with diversity issues made him especially qualified for the job.

"Ten years ago," Yamada said, "Cal Poly was not seen as particularly welcoming or friendly to ethnic students. We've come a long way, but we still have a ways to go."

Yamada said diversity and multicultural education are important to students — even those who feel they don't need it. "We owe it to Cal Poly students because if they don't have exposure (to ethnic diversity), they are going to have problems adjusting" to life after college, Yamada said.

Gonzalez will start his job August 15, replacing Yamada. Previously head of Cal Poly's Health Center, Yamada said he will retire in August after 40 years in what he called the "helping profession."

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COURT: Court rules against gender bias

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tory for a paternity lawsuit defendant who prove their rights were violated when a women-only jury decided he fathered a child, even if gender-motivated, caused harm to the individual jurors who are wrongly fully excluded from participation in the judicial process," Blackmun wrote. The Supreme Court said Tuesday that the Alabama courts were wrong.

"Discrimination in jury selection, whether based on race or on gender, causes harm to the litigants, the community and the individual jurors who are wrongfully excluded from participation in the judicial process," Blackmun wrote. Alabama prosecutors said the ruling left them unsure how to pick a jury and opened the door to challenges based on other factors.

Despite Bowman's constitutional challenge, Alabama's lawyers did not have to explain their tactics. Alabama courts ruled that keeping men off the jury, even if gender-motivated, did not violate the equal-protection rights of either Bowman or any of the men excluded.

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Riot stories: Recollections and resolutions

Everyone is telling their stories again — where they were when it happened, how they reacted, where they ran. They begin at the same points and diverge and come back again — to the corners of California and Foothill, to Santa Rosa and Foothill, to Cedar Creek. We just can't stop talking about the 1990 Poly Royal riot.

Even in the face of Open House, and optimism, we're transfixed by the images of four years ago — unified in the common remembrance of commotion, cancelation and despair. We want to have better memories from this year, but we have an ironic way of anticipating them: We talk of what it was like when it last happened. It is when it last happened that involves images of flaming palm trees and motorcycles, drunken mobs, charging the police.

The stories are fascinating to the large number of Cal Poly students who, like myself, weren't here when the news of Open House. When the Poly Royal weekend, it seems that our Poly Royal stories — how we inherited this awful thing — become more real. But what did stay with me was the bold type that says, "Good luck!"

"We just can't stop talking about the riot." was near the top of the show. It wasn't all that spectacular, mostly because of its amber tint. It was hard to see, actually — marching police officers, a belligerent crowd. But what I remember most is the bold type underneath it all. "San Luis Obispo," it read. "POLICE RIOT!

My friend Allen, sitting nearby, twirled around to face me. He said simply, and ever so sarcastically, "Good luck!"

I know it's not that great of a story. But it does much to underscore how pivotal this upcoming event is. If any massive disturbance occurs, it will be carried far beyond the confines of San Luis Obispo — into the living rooms of future students, alumni and other people who may have otherwise good images of our community.

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I was working at my hometown newspaper when it happened. When the 11 p.m. news came onto a monitor above our copy desk, the footage from San Luis Obispo came up there and clean up after you."

"Three's Company," but to this day I just don't think it would not be appealing. Color me idealistic, but I believe that at least some of our esteemed elected officials are in it for the betterment of society and not just fattening their wallets.

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We're still haunted by the ghost of Poly Royal."

Going beyond the political name-blame game

By Carolyn Nielsen

Our congressional representatives are responsible for the laws which govern our country and our state. Yet it's the select few who take the fall. Clinton is the most visible so takes the most grief, followed by our senators, who are the next most visible and secondary targets of redirected blame.

But what about our State Assembly representatives? Those whose name-recognition level is lower on the political totem pole, ignorance is bliss. Few people even know who represents them in the State Assembly. (Try asking someone which district they are in and you will see what I mean.) Because these officials are less publicized, they are held less accountal. Yet they should be held equally if not more accountable; first, because they decide on issues that are locally unique and second, because they are more accessible.

"Place blame where blame is due and stop thinking that a few politicians, who do not enjoy the unlimited power they are perceived to possess, are solely responsible."

There is plenty of lip service paid to Bill Clinton and the notion of this great nation going hell in a handbasket. But oftentimes, the president is just the fall guy. Congressional representatives are the people who make or break legislation. How quickly we forget those lessons from Political Science 210.

It is simply ignorant and undemocratic to hold one person responsible for the sum of a nation's demise. If we are not careful, this country will shoot itself in the foot if it continues to jump on the scapegoat bandwagon.

Carolyn Nielsen is a Daily senior editor. She grew out of the flower shop career track and is now turning between the barrel racing thing and opening her own ostrich farm.

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OUTAGE

OPEN HOUSE: Liquor stores say 'What letter?' Business as usual planned

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On Wednesday, Gardiner said he was under the impression the Police Department had received a positive response from merchants, who he said recognize the importance of Open House.

"The (San Luis Obispo) Chamber of Commerce emphasized in a recent newsletter the cooperation that it was receiving from merchants," Gardiner said. "The (merchants) are acutely aware of the role alcohol can play this weekend."

Gardiner said he feels the level of cooperation possibly signals an overall community effort to downplay the role alcohol could have in this weekend's festivities.

"I believe the community is getting behind us in this effort," Gardiner said. "The group we met with was a relatively small group, but the contacts we've had so far have been cooperative."

However, Lucky's Foothill Boulevard store manager John Weber says his store has not been contacted by the Police Department regarding longneck bottles, and plans to continue selling them through the weekend.

"I hadn't heard anything about any problem concerning longnecks," Weber said. "I wasn't there at the time of Poly Royal. (But) from what I hear, things should be toned down from what happened last year."

According to Weber, Lucky's doesn't plan to offer additional discounts to increase sales because of the influx of potential beer drinkers.

"Our prices are dictated by the wholesale price," Weber says. "They can't change them just because of this event."

Cork and Bottle owner Randy Espes, whose store sits across from Lucky's on Foothill, asserts his store is not promoting alcohol sales throughout the weekend. However, ads placed in Visions, a magazine published by Mustang Daily, to be distributed at the start of Open House, repeats the store's abundance of beer on tap.

"We're not promoting through ads the use of alcohol, we're promoting the deli," Espes said.

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Mario Cardoza
Novice crew coach

Cal Poly for four years (1989-93). He had been giving coaching a fine job. Crieg's Cal Poly experience contributed to the relatively easy transition of the team when Cardoza retired. "This really brought the team together," Cardoza said. "It let me have a foot in the door, but I had to earn the respect of the team," he said. Oswald said that Cardoza had really receptive to Crieg. "We knew how to row when he came to the team," Oswald said. "He's a great motivator and has given the team an intense desire," he said.

He also said he wanted to thank the men's varsity team to 6-0 start against such schools as Santa Clara, USC, Long Beach State and UC-Davis. The varsity women (4-1) are also doing well this season.

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Dallas Cowboys finish on top again

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Dallas Cowboys, estimated to be worth $100 million, have the highest value of any U.S. sports team, Financial World magazine says in its issue released Tuesday.

The highest-valued baseball team, according to the magazine, is the New York Yankees at $166 million, followed by the Toronto Blue Jays at $150 million and the New York Mets at $147 million.

In the NFL, the Cowboys' value increased $25 million, according to the magazine. The New York Giants have the second-highest value at $170 million, followed by the Philadelphia Eagles at $172 million, the San Francisco 49ers at $167 million and the Cleveland Browns at $165 million.

Movie producer Jeffrey Lurie on April 6 agreed to buy the Eagles for a reported $185 million, which would be the most paid for a U.S. sports franchise.

"Sports teams are not being valued by their profit-and-loss statements, but on a combination of their software value for media programming and their value as a vehicle for marketing consumer products," said Michael Ozanian, Financial World's assistant managing editor.

The NFL team with the lowest value is the Detroit Lions at $138 million. The baseball team with the lowest value is the Montreal Expos at $75 million.

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Bud Tour surfs into Pismo

By Andy Price

Pismo Beach hosts the third stop of the eighth annual Bud Surf Tour this year as top national and international professional surfers gather to test their abilities on left and right-breaking waves.

Defending Bud Tour champion Taylor Knox, of Carlsbad, joins world-renowned surfers Richie Collins, Shane Dorian and others in four-man, 20-minute heats. The surfers take to the waves from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday's final round.

Local Pismo Beach standouts Rick Tudor, of Cardiff, Ted Robinson, of Manhattan Beach, and San Luis Obispo's shortboarder-turned-longboader Chris Mauro.

"They're in a class of their own," he said.

In the longboard competition, spectators can expect to see tough competition from defending champion Joel Tudor, of Cardiff, Ted Robinson, of Manhattan Beach, and San Luis Obispo's shortboarder-turned-longboader Chris Mauro.

The tour is free to spectators, and one Cal Poly student says he won't miss the best surfers around.

"It was Saturday morning, and everyone was in the boathouse," Oswald said. "I remember a Coast Guard came and told us."

Business junior and men's novice crew coach Mario Cardoza went See CREW Page 7

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AP Quick Roundup

Hockey playoff schedule Sunday, April 17

N.Y. Rangers 6, N.Y. Islanders 0
Dallas 5, St. Louis 3; Dallas leads series 1-0
Washington 3, Pittsburgh 1; Washington leads series 1-0
Monday, April 18

N.Y. Rangers 6, N.Y. Islanders 0; Rangers lead series 2-0
Montreal 3, Boston 2; Series tied 1-1
San Jose 5, Detroit 4; San Jose leads series 1-0
Toronto 5, Chicago 1; Toronto leads series 1-0
Vancouver 5, Calgary 0; Vancouver leads series 1-0
Tuesday, April 19

Pittsburgh 2, Washington 1; series tied 1-1
New Jersey 2, Buffalo 1; series tied 1-1
Wednesday, April 20

San Jose at Detroit, 7:38 p.m.
Chicago at Toronto, 7:38 p.m.
St. Louis at Dallas, 8:38 p.m.
Vancouver at Calgary, 9:38 p.m.

Rose to turn pro

The 1994 tour consists of a 10-month, 11-event competition with a total purse of $299,000 riding on the crest. After the last event Bud Tour officials crown the U.S. champion.

But surfers also can qualify for the World Championships Tour, where prize money can reach $150,000 per event.

Pismo Pier waves are break-back, which means their quality depends on the conditions of sand bars, tides and swells. SurFax, a weather and surf report syndicate, indicates wait-to-head high waves today, with the swell dropping steadily throughout the week.