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WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Students included in honor

By Spencer Marley
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Students will be able to receive a Woman of the Year honor for the first time since its conception in 1995. Nominations are now being accepted for the award that features student, faculty and staff selections.

The purpose of the award is to recognize members of the Newman community that relate to peace and justice.

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Art appreciation

Photo by Spencer Marley

English sophomore Kristine Maschhoff takes a nap in the afternoon next to the architectural engineering design exhibit on Dexter Lawn. The student installation art displayed Thursday consisted of a web of white string.

Lectures address responsibility

By Anastasia Kilham
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The pros and cons of globalization will be debated at an upcoming forum that will consist of a lecture, question and answer session and a marketplace of sustainable opportunities. The event will be held at the Chumash Auditorium at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

It is meant to increase the movement toward responsible action. Led by the Newman Catholic Center, an assortment of environmental, religious and progressive groups worked together to co-sponsor the event. It is a part of a series of lectures, developed by the Newman community, that relate to peace and justice.

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Students interested in learning the unique cultural, political and religious history of Cuba will have the opportunity to do so this quarter.

A five-session “Cuban Renaissance” course is being offered for $125 through Cal Poly Continuing Education. The course will meet Wednesdays in the education building, room 113 through Feb. 25 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Each of the five sessions will focus on key topics that are distinctive to Cuba and a number of Cal Poly faculty members will lecture on their specific expertise.

The first session, taught by assistant professor James Keese, will focus on various elements of Cuban culture.

The second session will be taught by social sciences assistant professor James Keese and professor Kevin Fagan, who will focus on the political science aspect of Cuba.

The third session, taught by assistant professor James Keese and lecturer Kevin Fagan, will focus on Cuban and U.S. relations from the fall of the Soviet Union.

The fourth session, taught by history professor James Keese and business administrative assistant Nieves Villamín, will focus on Cuba’s current issues and potential future.

The fifth session, taught by social sciences assistant professors James Keese and Kevin Fagan, will focus on Cuban literature, culture and politics.

Courses will begin Jan. 28 and will run through Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. in the education building, room 113.

Registration for the course is available through the Cal Poly Continuing Education Department by calling (805) 756-2353 or online at www.continuing.ED.CALPOLY.EDU.
News

Exxon case still making progress
By Rachel D’Oro

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Roland Moe might be excused for being a bit skeptical about a federal judge’s order that Exxon Mobil Corp. pay nearly $7 billion in punitive damages and interest for the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill.

Moe, a fisherman whose livelihood was hurt by the spill, and thousands of other Alaskans have waited so long for resolution that this week’s ruling seems like just another chapter in a convoluted case, particularly with Exxon planning to appeal.

Plaintiffs, like legal experts, said Thursday that it’s long past time to make some real progress although no one expects that to happen soon.

“The mood among fishermen is let’s get this thing to the U.S. Supreme Court and get it settled,” said Moe, executive director of the United Cook Inlet Drift Association, which represents 550 salmon fishing outfits.

In the ruling issued Wednesday, U.S. District Judge Russel Holland ordered Exxon to pay $4.3 billion in punitive damages to 32,000 fishermen, Alaska Natives and others affected by the nearly 11 million gallon spill in Prince William Sound. The judge also imposed interest estimated at about $2.75 billion.

Exxon has already spent $3.2 billion on cleanup, settlements and other fees and penalties.

Wednesday’s order is the latest ruling in a case that’s bounced between the federal court and the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals since Exxon appealed a $5 billion verdict delivered by a federal jury in 1994. The appellate court, citing the original verdict as excessive, has twice sent the case back to Holland, most recently in August after the U.S. Supreme Court found that a $543 million punitive damage award against State Farm Insurance was excessive.

Holland’s resulting order sparked hope and frustration among plaintiffs and incredulity among lawyers who specialize in punitive damages litigation.

Among plaintiffs closely watching the case is Gary Kompkoff, chief of the Native village of Tatitlek.

The village is about seven miles from Bligh Reef, where the Exxon Valdez ran aground March 24, 1989. Plaintiffs argue that Exxon knew that tanker Capt. Joseph Hazelwood was a relapsed alcoholic but still allowed him to take charge of the vessel.

The crude oil contaminated more than 3,000 miles of shoreline and killed thousands of seabirds and marine populations.

Kompkoff said that robbed scores of Alaska Natives of critical food sources such as herring, sea lions and hawks necessary to maintain their subsistence lifestyle.

ATASCADERO STATE HOSPITAL
Judge orders release of sexual predator

• Man is graduate of state’s treatment program for sexually violent predators

By Kim Curtis

SAN FRANCISCO — A judge ordered the release Thursday of the second graduate of the state’s treatment program for sexually violent predators after housing was found for him in an undisclosed location.

Gary Verso, 33, who was convicted in 1992 of sexually assaulting two teen boys and a homeless man, will be released from Atascadero State Hospital by Feb. 5, according to Department of Mental Health spokeswoman Nora Romano.

Verso’s lawyer, Ron Boyer, announced Wednesday in court that a consultant he hired had found a place for Verso to live.

The judge ordered that no details about the housing be released; Romero said, calls to Boyer were not immediately returned Thursday.

Contra Costa Superior Court Judge John Minney said Wednesday that publicity about the case had ruined previous living arrangements and he didn’t want that to happen again. He said the public would be notified of Verso’s whereabouts after he registered with local law enforcement near his new home.

He has five days after moving to do so. The judge ordered Verso freed in May because he’s completed four phases of state-mandated treatment. The fifth and final phase of treatment takes place in the community.

Verso’s doctors agreed he’s ready for release, Romero said.

Last summer, Brian DeVries, 45, became the first graduate of the program, which indefinitely locks up the state’s worst repeat rapists and child molesters for mandatory treatment.

After several deals with landlords fell through, DeVries was moved to a trailer on the outskirts of a prison in Soledad, where he still lives.

Verso will become the second graduate of the program, which was set up in 1996 and has about 400 participants. Like DeVries, he’ll live under strict restrictions, including round-the-clock monitoring by a Global Positioning System device, chemical castration to curb sexual urges, frequent therapy, random search and drug tests.

As of early January, six men were in the final phase of treatment at the hospital and were set to follow Verso and DeVries into the community, Romero said.

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National Roundup

LOS ANGELES — Amnesty International unveiled a mural Thursday honoring hundreds of missing and murdered women in Juarez, Mexico, as part of a growing effort to force police to put an end to the crimes.

Organizers hope the mural conceived and painted by graffiti artists will boost interest in a Valentine's Day march in Juarez led by Hollywood activists to protest the slayings.

Jane Fonda, Sally Field and Christine Lahti are among the actresses who have agreed to attend the march south of the border near El Paso, Texas.

The march is co-sponsored by Amnesty International and the nonprofit V-Day Foundation, led by playwright Eve Ensler, author of the "Vagina Monologues." The foundation focuses worldwide violence against women.

NORTHGLENN, Colo. — With another year of drought looming, officials charged with managing Colorado's tight water supply met Thursday to find ways to share the increasingly rare commodity.

Meeting at the Colorado Water Congress’ annual gathering at this Denver suburb are long-time foes who have been forced to work together to address what is to the ‘Gree water crisis.'

Comprising the below-average snowpack and already low rivers and reservoirs is the fact Colorado voters this fall rejected a statewide referendum requiring $2 billion in bonds for using projects.

WASHINGTON — Relatives of Sept. 11 victims asked Thursday for a two-month extension, citing a need for time to analyze reams of documents about the disaster.

The commission, which is to finish its work on May 27, but panel members this week asked Congress for a two-month extension, citing a need for time to analyze reams of documents about the attacks.

The relatives’ organization, Voices of Sept. 11, said even more time is necessary.

WASHINGTON — The staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission will recommend that the agency ban mutual fund companies from making special payments to brokers for steering clients toward certain funds, an SEC official said Thursday.

The recommendation goes beyond a recent SEC proposal to require that fund companies disclose such special arrangements to investors because they create a conflict of interest. An investigation by the agency found that the practice was rampant in the mutual fund industry and frequently undisclosed — prompting officials to express outrage.

Investors can be hurt by the practice by being pushed into higher-cost or more poorly performing funds because brokers are rewarded for doing so, not because the funds are suitable for the investors.

— Associated Press

World Roundup

AGHDAD, Iraq — The commander of U.S. forces in Iraq warned Thursday that Osama bin Laden’s al Qaeda network was trying to gain a foothold here, citing the arrest of an operative who reported directly to one of the Sept. 11 masterminds.

U.S. military officials have generally played down the role of foreign or al Qaeda fighters, but Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez indicated that idea may be changing with the arrest of Hasan Ghul, a tip of al Qaeda operative.

Ghul was arrested by U.S.-allied Kurdish forces while trying to enter Iraq from Iran. Officials in Washington reported his arrest Saturday, describing him as a senior recruiter for al Qaeda who reported directly to Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, one of the architects of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks who was captured in March.

KABUL, Afghanistan — An explosion at a weapons cache in killed seven U.S. soldiers and wounded three more Thursday, in one of the deadliest incidents since U.S. forces deployed in Afghanistan. The U.S. Central Command also said an American soldier was missing.

An Afghan interpreter also was wounded by the 3:25 p.m. explosion near the city of Ghazni, 60 miles southwest of the capital, Kabul. The soldiers were working around a weapons cache when the blast happened.

Commando spokesman Capt. Bruce Frame said the cause had yet to be determined.

The attack was the most damaging blow to American troops since they deployed in Afghanistan more than two years ago.

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico — Thirteen Mexican state police have been arrested in the killings of 11 people found buried around a safe house in Ciudad Juarez in connection to the Vicente Carrillo drug gang.

The 11 victims apparently were bound, gagged and suffocated or shot. The slayings were discovered by an officer who was the victim of a June 10 murder.

— Associated Press

College Roundup

CARBONDALE, Ill. — A Southern Illinois University-Carbondale student was arrested and charged Jan. 9 with using an interstate communication facility to threaten to destroy a building with an explosive device.

Daniel Seth Shuballe, 21, of Tildenville, Ill., is detained and awaiting formal indictment from the Southern District of Illinois for committing the federal crime.

He is accused of sending a message to 10 voters via snail mail in a May 2003 letter that he sent to court.

PRINCETON, N.J. — Princeton University researchers have proven that inorganic storage devices are dead.

In a paper published in the "Nature Mater." magazine, a group of Princeton researchers described a new technology that could lead to a $211 million inexpensive and effective way of storing digital data.

"The field it would play would be digital cameras, like flash," said Steve Miller, coauthor of the paper and a former postdoctoral researcher at Princeton.

The technology is based on a newly discovered property of PEDOT, a common polymer plastic that has long been used as a coating on photographic film, according to a university press release on the research.

The researchers found that although PEDOT is normally conductive, when subjected to large current it becomes a fuse and loses its conductivity.

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Vouchers give students a fair chance

For everything provided by the government meets standards of excellence. Public education falls into that category. In districts across the country, grammar and high schools offer superb education programs. However, there are those public schools that just don't make the grade.

Last Thursday the Senate approved the first federally funded educational voucher program which will enable some poor public school students in Washington, D.C. to attend private schools. This controversial voucher plan will give about 2,000 eligible Washington, D.C. students up to $7,500 each for private school tuition. Before this plan, only a handful of locally funded voucher programs have been activated.

"This (voucher) bill expands choice, empowers parents and is directed toward allowing every child in the District the opportunity to receive a good, high-quality education," Senate majority leader Bill Frist told CNN in support of the voucher program.

School vouchers, also known as scholarships, give individual families control of education funding. It allows families to select a school of their choice and have part or all of their tuition paid. Those who support the school voucher program advocate the idea that the competition between public and private schools will force bad public schools to reform.

Public schools in the D.C. area are deteriorating because of gang violence, embezzlement scandals in the teachers' union, a $21 million budget deficit and the recent abrupt resignation of the superintendent. To add to the problem, school officials said this month there will be 271 job cuts, 454 of them teaching positions. All these factors create an unsettling learning environment.

D.C. students continue to perform poorly on national assessment tests. Enrollment in public schools has dropped nearly 16 percent during 1998. During that period, 10,147 students enrolled in publicly funded schools. The voucher bill that the Senate passed allows parents who recognize a poor education environment to find a better learning alternative for their children.

The Senate's decision to approve the school voucher program is good for education. Other school districts should follow suit.

So many children fall into districts that do not promote adequate learning. If schools receiving government funding to educate the children cannot do this, then that funding needs to be questioned.

Poverty and violence have long been prevalent in the D.C. area and the lack of education adds to it. As of now, 37 percent of the city's adults read below a ninth-grade level. Education is important as it is the future of these students. Taxes pay for education. If that education system is not adequate, then parents should have the option to send their child to a private school that can provide a better learning environment.

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Moh and Dad can't always know best

College is the beginning of independence for most young adults. They move out of their parents' house and start making decisions on their own.

Some parents want to eliminate independence from the college experience.

Commentary

Groups such as College Parents of America are trying to become more involved in the lives of their college-age children, according to CNN.com. These parents say they are spending so much money on their children's education that they deserve the right to have a grip on their children's future.

Early in their college careers, students often make mistakes without the guidance of their parents, but this is normal and necessary for growth.

If students are not allowed to branch out and be at least somewhat independent during their college years, they will enter the real world without the skills necessary to survive.

So many lessons during college are not learned in the classroom; they are experiences. Dealing with problems independently, without calling mommy and daddy, is necessary for students' success in the professional world and life in general. Although it may be hard for parents, they need to let their children fail.

Parents like this need to get a hobby. The parents who are unable to let go are the ones who have spent their lives being involved in their children's activities. When a son or daughter leaves home, a parent's life is suddenly left with empty spaces. Instead of continuing to define their lives — their joy, their purpose, their fulfillment — through their children, these parents need to find something that they enjoy doing.

Families still need to stay close. But there is a distinct difference between a phone call every now and then and a parent who expects a daily update from their child and visits every other weekend.

These parents do not realize they are hindering their own growth as well as the growth of their child. When their child goes away to college, it may be the first time in almost 20 years that the parents have time to themselves. Instead of continuing to focus their efforts on their grown children, they should begin to do things that make them happy.

Campus issues should be left up to the people on the campus. Many parents think that because they went to college, they know everything about it. What they are forgetting is that times have changed from when they were students. Parents may have good intentions, but they are often not able to decide what is best on their child's campus.

While parental advice can be valuable, it should not be forced upon school policy. Parents need to take a step back and realize that they are there to support their children, not to run their lives.

Amy Hessick is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily staff writer.

Opinion

Oh, we totally accept ALL types of girls!

...Yeah, blondes and brunettes!

"I've been arrested by Disney cops."
Popular majority is enthroned with an ethical responsibility

The most important question should be "how should help minorities?" Affirmative action is usually seen as the moral solution. But, what is the white-power group to do when the less politically powerful don't want preferential treatment? Is it then morally acceptable to accept that which is right for minorities, when assistance from the already advantaged groups is undesirable?

This assumption maintains stereotypes like the idea that it is normal and best for the minority groups to remain subservient to the white elite. These types of assumptions are often dangerous.

Another question I have is "what happens when affirmative action is removed?" Many believe the status of minorities may revert to earlier status, with the power of the majority to do so.

I would propose that instead of putting affirmative efforts into the university and occupational levels, we should start sooner. Equal opportunity, confidence and self-reliance are best achieved if they are promoted early on in life. Some options are helping minorities with small children, bringing optimum quality education to schools populated by minority children and providing acceptable childcare to mothers in the workforce. Perhaps these would bring a better, greater, more concrete and long-term solution to the question of helping minorities.

It seems to me that affirmative action at the university and career level is a quick, inexpensive solution. But, what is the white-power group to do when the less politically powerful don't want preferential treatment?

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Wild horse parties were big then, but the downtown scene was definitely not neglected. "We would go to The Obispo a lot and then head over to the Firestone Grill," said Kendra Hodges

The Obispo was an old vaudeville theater renovated into a theater and then into a movie theater. The place was a common attraction to San Luis Obispo residents until it burned-down in 1975, after a fire broke out at Cheap Thrills across the street. The Obispo was located on the corner of Monterey and Osos Streets. Next to the Obispo was Sully's, which also burned down. "Sully's, McCarthy's and Bull's were known as Drunks' Triangle," said Cherri Rose of the San Luis Obispo Country Historical Society. "Students would go to one bar and then move on to the next before they had a chance of getting kicked out for being too intoxicated." Bull's Tavern has had the longest longevity of all the downtown bars. Bull's opened its doors in 1936 as a watering hole for local businessmen, said Dan Conner, owner of Bull's and McCarthy's and former linebacker for the Oakland Raiders.

By Amy Kocot

College students are plagued by a variety of stresses: piles of homework, stuffy halls and empty fridges are commonplace. Thankfully, when reading, writing and 'rithmetic become unbearable, students can venture to a number of San Luis Obispo locations to focus on a different set of R's: relaxing, recentering or just plain getting rowdy.

For sports fans of all ages, Firestone Grill provides a place to converse and a good meal at 1019 Higuera St. The hectic bar area has multiple TV screens that can be seen from almost every angle showing basketball, football and golf for a variety of fans. Firestone's outside patio is a popular place downtown for socializing and grabbing a bite to eat when indoor tables are full.

"I usually just hang out at home or friend's houses, but when I go out I like to hang out at Firestone's," agribusiness junior Ben Sherrif said. "They have a bunch of TV's there, so you can always find a game on." When the weekend is nearing and homework can be postponed, Farmer's Market downtown becomes the spot to be.

Almost every store on Higuera has a booth in the street on Thursday evenings, offering passersby deals on fresh produce for the season, jewelry and a number of other products from 6 to 9 p.m. It is a great place to meet with friends and get a breath of fresh air after sitting in classrooms all day.

"Farmer's is a cool place to buy cheap and fresh produce and cut flowers for my room," psychology junior Monique Ilter said.

"We would go to The Obispo a lot and then head over to Firestone's," said Kendra Hodges, Mustang Daily staff writer. "There was a whole bunch of good options then." When relaxation seems overated and a little bumping and grinding feels right, SLO Brewing Co. at 1119 Garden St. is an option for people of all ages.

SLO Brew offers a variety of themed dance nights, including the new monthly Soul Invasion, Thursday's Cowboy Ugly Night, and deep jazz night with different DJs almost every other night. The upstairs pool hall and restaurant is fun for hungry folks and pool hall junkies. Whether with a group of friends or just a date, a fun time will be had with a tasty burger and a pool stick in hand.

When the weather is nice and that August tan is obvious-starting to fade, the beach is a guaranteed fun and crowded place to get cheap food and some relaxation.

"Farmers would go there to get our kegs," said Steven Soenke, 1973 architecture graduate. "It was sad to see it, and so many other good places, go out of business. Powell's, the Obispo, Farley's and Scrubby's and Lloyd's Hamburgers were my favorites." Farley's Jr. was a family style, 24 hour restaurant at the corner of Monterey and Osos Streets. Firestone Grill al 1019 Higuera St.

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Avila Beach in the 1950s (above). A photo of Higuera Street taken in the mid-1950s. Notice how it was a two-way street back then (below). COURTESY PHOTO

CAASY JUSTUS, CAL POLY AGIBUSINESS ALUMNA, LOVES THE ATMOSPHERE AT LINNEA'S CAFE.

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Top 5 SLO Hangouts

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Then there was Powell's Mustang which was near the train track overpass on Monterey Street. It had cheap food and good beer and was the town billboard before SLO Brewing Co. moved in the area.

"At Powell's, we would play pool for a quarter a game, and they had 13 kegs on tap of rarity beers," said Steven Swede, 1973 architecture graduate. "It was sad to see it, and so many other good places, go out of business. Powell's, the Obispo, Farley's and Scrubby's and Lloyd's Hamburgers were my favorites." Farley's Jr. was a family style, 24-hour restaurant at the corner of Monterey and Osos Streets. Firestone Grill is located on the corner of Monterey and Osos Streets.

The Downtown Center is now located. The meals were cheap — coffee and a generous slice of great pie were only 35 cents in the early 1970s.
Football fans prepare for the Super Bowl

By Kendrick J. Carson

Super Bowl Sunday, the biggest pseudo-holiday of the year, is approaching fast. This means that grills will be warm, the beer will be cold and televisions will be tuned into the world championship of professional football.

Millions worldwide watch Super Bowl XXXVIII, each person will do their best to make sure they can view the game in the best possible environment.

"We are going to have people over at our house," business administration senior Mike Wand said. "We will get beer, snacks and one of those big party sandwiches from Togo's."

Though the Super Bowl is the most-watched football game every year, this season's matchup does draw away from the game's annual flair. The Carolina Panthers are a relatively new team (just 10 years old) that hasn't had a chance to make a name for itself. The New England Patriots are the favorite yet don't have a standout player.

Mike Wand business administration senior

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"I am looking forward to the commercials though because they are really creative."

The Super Bowl remains one of the most expensive shows on television for advertising. Year after year, large firms spend millions of dollars to grab the attention of the audience.

I am looking forward to the game and the commercials, recreation administration junior Keith Ostenfeld said. "It is funny to see big faceless corporations throw their money away."

Regardless of who is playing and what next corporate commercial is going to make us laugh, one thing remains clear: Setting up for the game is an essential part of the viewing pleasure. Here are the top five items needed when watching the Super Bowl (in no particular order):

1. Good television. Super Bowl fans will be staring at the tube for hours on end. To make things easier on the eyes, a sizable box will suffice, preferably larger than 25 inches. It possible, get in front of a television with those little extra features, like TiVo and high-definition capabilities. If no one around has one, go for a flat panel television. They are the next best thing.

2. Comfortable seating. The Super Bowl itself is about three hours long, and the commercials add about another hour.

Needless to say, it is strongly advised that your butt is well-cushioned for the show.

3. Snacks. Food is an integral part of the viewing experience. During the game, people will get hungry. Keeping a healthy supply of grease-laden edibles will soothe any savage beast, even if the referee makes a bad call.

4. Liquid refreshments. With all of the heart-stopping nourishment, one will need a tasty beverage to wash it down in.

Include them in what you are doing. Everyone gets a little crazy when watching the Super Bowl (in no particular order):

1. Food
2. Beer
3. Tobacco
4. Music
5. Friends

Another big place for students to go for a good time was the Dark Room, where Buena Tavola is now located at 1027 South Higuera Street.

"The Dark Room was the No. 1 hangout for me," said Dave Wilcox, 1985 journalism graduate. "It was a safe place for 19-year-olds to drink beer and have the fantastic Robot Burger — a guacamole burger and bacon-topped burger. I recall many nights dancing to live bands. The place was so crowded that we would spill out onto the sidewalk or street to get a little more room to boogie."

Even with all the hip hangouts, alumni still agree San Luis Obispo now has more places to guzzle down a beer, get your groove on and enjoy the pastime of boisterous souls talking ridiculous nonsense to the person next to you, than ever before.
Hispanics divided on Bush immigration plan

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — At first blush, Hispanics generally approve of President Bush's proposal to create a guest worker program for immigrants now in the country illegally, but opposition grows once they learn the details, according to a national poll released Thursday.

Bush's proposal, which would give non-authorized immigrants renewable three-year permits to work in the U.S., was hailed by Hispanics as a way to legitimate an increasingly important constituency.

But Bush's plan, which allows working unauthorized immigrants to remain in the country for up to three years, was opposed by many Hispanics as a way to make them more permanent in the U.S.

The poll was released as a key bargaining point for Hispanics during negotiations over immigration reform. The poll was released by the Hispanic HOPE Project, a group that aims to empower Hispanics.

The poll found that 52 percent of Hispanics believed that Bush's plan would help them, while 26 percent believed it would hurt them.

The poll was conducted by Taylor Media Services, a research firm that specializes in Hispanic market research.

ACLU, peace group seek information on infiltration

FRESNO (AP) — The American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California and members of its Fresno peace group filed requests Thursday under the Freedom of Information Act for information related to the infiltration of a group meeting by an undercover sheriff's detective.

The requests were filed with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Attorney's office, which operates a terrorism task force with local law enforcement agencies in the Fresno area.

Members of Peace Fresno say Aaron Kilner, an undercover detective with the Fresno County Sheriff's Department, regularly attended meetings, telling members what he did for a living that he was independent wealthy. They realized the infiltration after Kilner died in an off-duty motorcycle accident Aug. 30 and his photograph appeared in a local newspaper.

"The federal government is trying to keep away from the public," said Susan Horgan, ACLU-NC staff attorney. "And the government is denying the facts.

The group says it has already filed requests for information under the California Public Records Act with the Fresno County Sheriff's Department and the Fresno Police Department. "These agencies, the group claims, denied having any records regarding Peace Fresno or its members and refused to turn over requested manuals, pamphlets and procedures related to intelligence and surveillance.

Chinese threatened with abortion merit asylum

SAN FRANCISCO — In a ruling that could enable more people to qualify for political asylum after refusing population control policies, a federal appeals court said Thursday that a Chinese woman who suffered through alleged forced abortions and sterilizations can go forward with her asylum claim.

Congress has decided to grant asylum annually to as many as 1,300 victims of forced abortion or sterilization, as well as anyone persecuted for "other resistance to coercive population control programs." But until Thursday's ruling by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, no federal appeals court had addressed what "other resistance" means.

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Cal Poly, which opened the 2004 campaign against the front of its NCAA Division I Tournament qualifiers on its schedule and dropped two of the field, including 8-2 from beyond the arc, 42x153 Moser. The Toreros won the three-hit pitching of Shull and Tietje and designated hitter Billy Saul.

(Martin Gil, Sea level. The Gaels have 23-10-10...the Toreros improved their record against Cal Poly to 7-2 over the last three seasons. The Mustang pitching rotation for the Saint Mary’s series will be junior right-hander Jimmy Shull (2.02 ERA) on Friday, junior left-hander Josh Hobson (2.1, 3.17) on Saturday and sophomore left-hander Kyle Blumenthal on Sunday. McAndrews said, "He involves himself in our life, he’s an incredible person."

"Weather the storm, this is a huge," Barrios said. "Every person on the court is crucial."

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Cal Poly faced UC Riverside Saturday night in Mont Gym and hit the road next weekend in Louis Guisto Field. Cal Poly players also had 11 steals and forced 19 Mustang turnovers.

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Basketball ends losing ways

By Graham Womack
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Forget the disastrous last month for the Cal Poly men's basketball team or that Thursday it faced the top rebounding team in the Big West. Once again, Shane Schilling had a huge night against the Cal State Fullerton Titans.

"Maybe they just can't stop me, I dunno," Schilling said.

Having dropped 32 points on the Titans the previous time the teams met last March, Schilling had 21 points and four steals as the Mustangs prevailed, 80-71, in Mott Gym. In winning, Cal Poly stopped a four-game losing streak and improved to 7-9 (2-6 Big West), relinquishing sole possession of last place in the conference.

Head coach Kevin Bromley praised his players afterward, who came in having lost by a combined 52 points over the last three games, including 86-64 last Thursday at Pacific.

"I was happy for the kids in the locker room," Bromley said. "They've been through a lot the last three games and fought through a lot of adversity."

Bromley reserved special praise for senior forward Schilling, who led all scorers and played a game-high 38 minutes.

"Shane's a warrior and I'm proud of how he fought tonight," Bromley said.

Besides Schilling's game-high point total, center Varice Dennis recovered from his disastrous seven-point performance against Cal State Northridge last Saturday to rack up 19 points and 12 rebounds, and Nick Enzwiler and Cameron Gray each hit a trio of three-pointers.

"We just wanted to win," Gray said.

A lot was at stake for the Mustangs coming in, who only have 10 games remaining and have faltered in Big West play.

"The real reason to go out is that we were 1-6 ... We just try not to get frustrated," Dennis said.

Cal Poly never trailed after six minutes in, when a Schilling tip made it 11-9. The Mustangs pushed the lead to 23-15 on a pair of Gray free throws with 9:51 left in the half, before the Titans went on a 7-2 run to make it 25-22, a minute later.

That was as close as it got for the rest of the game, however. Cal Poly immediately countered

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Senior guard Eric Jackson goes up for a layup in the Mustangs' 80-71 win over Cal State Fullerton. It ends a four-game losing streak.

Bromley leads a basketball family

By Dan Watson
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Around the uncivilized hour of 4 a.m., the diligent face of Kevin Bromley, basketball coach and TV screen studying like a med-school student, is often the first one to arrive to the Sports Complex.

"Yes, it's true," Bromley said matter-of-factly. "I do."

Bromley talks openly like a guy spilling his guts to a psychiatrist, without a facade of clichés or a two-cent smile. Rather, his words seem as genuine as the leather he suits in.

They soon become an image of a man loved because he loves so much himself.

"Growing up there was a work ethic instilled in us," Bromley said. "... you can't be a grassroot kind."

Those that know the Denver-native say he's a family man, loves his kids and has a dream to put together one heck of a basketball program at Cal Poly.

"I don't see any reason why we can't create a Duke here, and a lot of people feel the same way," Bromley said.

It's the heart of a kid you can see in the coach hopping up and down the sideline barking at the referees like they stole his jacket, screaming at a mistake like it cost him his job and pumping his fist in the air for

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Tudisco's silence justified

All was quiet Thursday as it has been for so long. Coach Larry Lee and the other baseball coaches were told to make no comments, the associate athletics director Alison Cone couldn't answer any real questions and the players were left to move on from an unforgettable situation.

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