Students approve fees

The results of the referendum will remain preliminary until they are reviewed by Vice President of Student Affairs Carol Morton and President Baker, which is likely to take place later this week. Athletes and supporters celebrated their narrow victory Thursday night at Mott Gym, complete with live music and cigars.

Men and women's swimming and diving coach, Cramer was relieved. He said that while there was no written or verbal contract saying that his program would have been eliminated, traditionally it is the smaller sports, like swimming and diving, that see the first cuts.

"It will benefit my program, as it will benefit all the programs here at Cal Poly. It will keep these spots viable and competitive in the Big West," Firman said. "We have a sister campus, Cal Poly Pomona, it is supposed to have the same money as ours... but they aren't nationally known and they don't get the same support. The on-campus support is our only difference, but it helps."

Some students have raised questions surrounding the actions of abt see Referenda, page 2

Recall Reflect and ReMEMber

Daily events this week are designed to raise awareness about sexual assault and violence against women

Ashley Wolf

It has been five years since the bodies of Rachel Newhouse and Aundria Crawford were found, and Cal Poly's Women's Center wants people to ReMEMber.

ReMEMber Week is an annual awareness week designed to raise awareness about sexual assault and violence against women. It started in 1999 as a support network for survivors of sexual assault and in remembrance of past Cal Poly student: Newhouse, Crawford and Kristin Smart, who were victims of violence on the Central Coast.

"One in four women will be sexually assaulted by the time they finish college," biology senior Jen Yost said. "Both men and women need to honor and remember these tragedies because it could happen again to someone's friend, sister or classmate." Awareness week started with a memorial event at the Junesie Street Bridge in San Luis Obispo, where Newhouse was abducted and attacked on Nov. 12, 1998.

The bridge memorial on Friday is a time for people to inform themselves who don't know these girls' stories," Yost said. "We want to invite anyone who has a story, poetry or flowers to come and share and make a visual statement against this type of crime."

The week continues with daily events, all open to the public and most free of charge.

On Monday, a women's empowerment and self-defense class was offered on campus. The focus of the class was on alertness, awareness and defense techniques that women can use to protect themselves in harmful situations.

Tuesday's events includes UU free speech hour and a workshop on "Dating Violence in the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community."

This workshop was added this year because violence against women spans across all relationships," Yost said. "This type of crime is the third leading health problem see Remember, page 2

Smoking

More college campuses restrict cigs

William Holmes

CHAPEL HILL, N.C.

Universities built or buttressed by cigarette fortunes once stood as majestic symbols of the power of Big Tobacco Today, those same campuses have come to reflect a society turning away from the golden leaf. At Duke University, Wake Forest University and the University of North Carolina, efforts to restrict smoking and the on-campus sale of cigarettes have given rise to much ironic commentary, but barely a whiff of mourning the act of abstinence.

"As long as they're not going to say no smoking on campus, it doesn't bother me," UNC art student Jessica Largent said after snuffing out a cigarette in the shadow of a campus building that bears the name of the daughter of a former R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. vice president.

The changing attitudes come at a time when an industry that was once one of North Carolina's economic mainstays has been pushed aside by a state increasingly focused on high technology.

With the decline in smoking and the rise of overseas growers, the number of tobacco farmers in North Carolina has fallen 39 percent in the past decade and the amount grown has been cut in half. "Its importance has declined relative to the new economy," said UNC history professor Jim Leloudis. "The balance in some number of tobacco farmers in North Carolina, efforts to restrict smoking and the on-campus sale of cigarettes have given rise to much ironic commentary, but barely a whiff of mourning the act of abstinence."

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Ictes and their coaches in their efforts to promote a "yes" vote on the athletic fee referendum. The Progressive Student Alliance has received complaints that student organizers are trying to persuade officials of the student fee increase by going door to door in their residence halls. The PSA said the problems with smokefree campus initiative are being addressed and that efforts will be made to ensure that students can continue to enjoy the smoking process.

The PSA held a position against the athletic fee increase. Baru says that the PSA is not trying to directly attack the athletic department. Instead, they are trying to bring attention to any problems that students encounter so that they can be examined and dealt with appropriately.

She says the issue here is not the fact that the athletic fee increase passed but rather, that there may have been efforts that interfered with the democratic process. Issues that need to be examined and addressed to ensure that students can maintain their voting rights.

The PSA said the problems with the referendum were not limited to the signing of the athletic department, but also included suspicious timing of the referendum and possible intimidation of students who opposed the fee increase.

On the other hand, Farin stands behind his actions and those of his coaches.

"I don't see anything wrong with it, just putting their viewpoint out there. It was not mandatory. They were let out of practice and got the views out there. It is just like there were mechanical engineering professors who gave PowerPoint presentations on the fee referendum in their classes. I would think that would be less appropriate."

As for the link between students and the administration, encourages students to bring concerns or concerns on the fee referendum to them.

"Obviously at ASI we are going to bring concerns to the forefront," ASI President Alison Anderson said.

Students can e-mail their comments or concerns to Anderson at aspresident@asi.calpoly.edu.

Concerned students can attend the Campus Fee Advisory Review Session this Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the administration building, room 409.

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And while schools here in Virginia and South Carolina still gratefully accept tobacco-related donations, they have not hesitated to impose smoking restrictions that put them in line with other states nationwide.

At Duke, where a statue of tobacco magnate James B. Duke shows him proudly puffing on a cigar, smoking is banned in all buildings and only one campus outlet even sells tobacco.

Wake Forest may owe its very existence to tobacco. In 1956, heirs to the R.J. Reynolds fortune used the promise of a new, 14-building campus to persuade officials of the founding Baptist school to make the 100-mile move from north of Raleigh to Winston-Salem. Over the years, the college has received nearly $350 million from Reynolds heirs or the company.

But that didn't stop Wake Forest from barring smoking in many campus buildings and limiting it in residence halls.

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"In fact, it appears the district may intend to deny protection from discrimination and harassment to a class of students that the law clearly protects," O'Connell wrote.

Three of five members of the school board had signed a letter to the state's version of a policy intended to protect transgender students, and those whose appearance or behavior may be considered unusual for their sex, from discrimination.

Judge Ahrens, Blossie Marquez-Woodcock and Helena Rutkowski said they believed the state's law is immoral and would promote homosexuality and transsexuality.

The board's majority adopted its own language that defines gender in its discrimination complaint policy as "the biological sex of an individual or the alleged discriminator's perception of the alleged victim." It goes on to say that the "perception of the alleged victim is not relevant to the determination of gender... It is the perception of the alleged victim as determined by the alleged discriminator that is relevant."

O'Connell and lawyers for the Department of Education spent a week reviewing the district's policy before determining it was acceptable. But O'Connell had strong words for the board.

"I am troubled that the school board, in the name of education, you lack authority to defy state law by adopting your own definition of gender based on your own personal prejudice," O'Connell wrote.

He added that the board's "policy pronouncement on gender" carries "no legal effect or authority" and that the district is still required to comply with all complaints of alleged discrimination on any basis.

But the District Attorney Mark Bucher said the state's language is vague, and the district's position is sound.

"In the regulation, it talks about the perception of someone's sex but it doesn't make it clear whose perception, and the vagueness of it all makes one perceive himself to be a woman and claim discrimination if you refuse to treat him as a woman, even though he's clearly a man?"

Bucher said.

Officials had warned that the Orange County district could lose up to $16 million in funding if it found to be out of compliance with state law. Last month, Bank of America withdrew its approval of the $16 million loan because the district's funding was at risk.

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"The board was informed in February that the policy needed to be changed to be in compli­ance with state law, but the three members held out through several meetings. In April, they voted once more in compliance, lingering the victim's perception of their gender irrelevant.

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State Briefs
SAN FRANCISCO — A federal appeals court Monday overturned a three-strikes sentence of 25 years to life imposed on a repeat shoplifter. Pope-approved sentences for petty crimes Ruling 2-1, a panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the 25-year term handed to a California man convicted of stealing a $199 VCR violated the Eighth Amendment constitutional ban on cruel-and-unusual punishment. The appellate court said the punishment did not fit the crime even though the Supreme Court last year upheld the same sentences for two California shoplifters. The appeals court said the life sentence was unique and more severe than a sentence for "murder, manslaughter or rape." The San Francisco-based appeals court said the Supreme Court's precedent did not apply to every third-strike defendant convicted of a felony. • • •

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OAKLAND — The trial of a couple accused of embezzling nearly $12 million from Bank of America started Monday in a federal court. Bryan Rosenquist and his wife Michelle Serrao are hoping to use their testimony or convictions as stepping-stones to a larger case. Federal agents arrested the Vacaville couple in September 2001 after an investigation uncovered $11,849,169 stashed away in their bank accounts. — Associated Press

National Briefs
WASHINGTON — Retreating under pressure, the Bush administration is revising overtime regulations to preserve eligibility for white-collar workers making up to $100,000 a year as well as police, firefighters and other first responders, Republican officials said Monday.

The officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said revisions in the proposed rules also would guarantee overtime for lower-wage workers making less than $33,660 a year, higher than the $22,100 initially proposed.

MINNEAPOLIS — Microsoft Corp. cleared another lawsuit from its legal docket Monday, settling a class-action case filed by Minnesota customers who claimed the software giant overcharged them in violation of antitrust laws.

The settlement interrupted a jury trial that was expected to last several more weeks. Attorneys for the plaintiff had said they were seeking as much as $505 million. The suit alleged that Microsoft violated Minnesota antitrust law by overcharging for its Windows operating system and its Excel and Word programs.

The company denied the overcharges, saying prices for its products had dropped. • • •

PITTSBURGH — Pittsburgh International could become the nation's first major airport to get the OK to abandon the post-Sept. 11 rule that says only ticketed passengers are allowed past security checkpoints.

Federal security officials are considering allowing people once more to say their hellos and goodbyes to friends and loved ones at the gate. • • •

DENVER — A jury's mixed verdict against four former Quest execs could hammer prosecutors if they plan to pursue charges against senior officials of the telecommunications firm, experts said Monday.

In corporate fraud cases from Enron Corp. to Dynegy Inc., prosecutors initially have targeted middle managers, hoping to use their testimony or convictions as stepping-stones to their bosses. Juries in the Quest case acquitted two middle managers, and failed to agree on charges against a third and most counts against a fourth. — Associated Press

World Briefs
FALLUJAH, Iraq — Direct talks between the United States and leaders of the besieged city of Fallujah produced their first concrete results: an appeal for insurgents to turn in their mortars, surface-to-air missiles, rocket-propelled grenades and other heavy weapons. U.S. officials announced Monday.

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Technology exists to cut greenhouse gases

Don Thompson
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SACRAMENTO — The technology already exists to cut vehicle greenhouse gases sharply, as required by a precedent-setting California law, the Union of Concerned Scientists said Monday.

The 2002 law requires the state to set the world's first regulations to trim vehicles' global warming emissions. Without them, the group said carbon dioxide emissions will nearly double by 2040, trapping heat in the atmosphere and helping cause a steady rise in global temperatures.

The group concludes that "automakers have the technology now to meet strong global warming pollution standards, just as they have met past standards for other air pollutants or safety." Allianfe of Automobile Manufacturers spokesman Charles Territo objected that "federal law and common sense" dictate that such standards should be set nationally.

Concerns themselves have largely rejected the technology the auto industry has spent billions of dollars to invent, Territo added. Less than 2 percent of sales are vehicles that get more than 30 miles per gallon, he said, while 52 percent of California sales last year were higher polluting light trucks.

The California Air Resources Board holds its first meeting on the pending regulations Tuesday, with a draft regulation expected next month and a decision this fall.

The Union expects the California decision to help set a worldwide standard, as have the state's previous efforts, officials said Monday.

The report comes a day before Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger is expected to announce a task force to develop his "hydrogen highway" program. He has pledged to build hydrogen fueling stations every 20 miles along major highways by 2010, allowing motorists to buy clean-burning hydrogen-fueled vehicles without fear they will run out of gas.

Two groups share prestigious Tyler Prize for environment

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Two educational institutions that train people in India and Latin America to be environmental stewards will share the 2004 Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement, University of Southern California officials said Monday.

India's Barefoot College and the Red Latinoamericana de Botanica, a consortium active in six Latin American countries, will split the $200,000 prize, awarded annually by USC to individuals or groups associated with significant environmental accomplishments. The prize, which includes a gold medal, was created in 1973.

Barefoot College works to enhance the quality of life for the rural poor of India by providing education in animal husbandry, alternative power generation and health care, according to USC.

The Red Latinoamericana de Botanica, also known as the Latin American Plant Sciences Network, is a consortium of six graduate training centers located in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Mexico and Venezuela. It provides graduate-level training in the plant sciences, including ecology, to students throughout Latin America.

Bunker Roy, founder and director of Barefoot College, and Osvaldo Sala, president of Red Latinoamericana de Botanica, are expected to accept the awards, USC said.

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Gerry Wachovsky

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**Saturday, April 24, 2004**

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Walk begins promptly at 9:30 a.m.

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For more information call the Community CENTER at Cal Poly 754-5338

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**Homelessness Awareness Week**

**April 22 - 28, 2004**

**Art Show at Farmers Market**

Thursday, April 22

6:00 - 9:00 p.m., SAN LUIS OBISPO FARMERS MARKET

Homeless clients at the Prado Day Center have the opportunity to participate in a weekly art program called "Space to Create." They will share their creativity with the community by submitting their finished piece to the art show. These works may also be seen on campus in the University Union during Homelessness Awareness Week.

**Walk to Fight Homelessness**

Saturday, April 24

8:30 a.m. for check-in, SINSHEIMER PARK at 900 Southwood Drive, San Luis Obispo

Participants will trace the daily routes the homeless take from the Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter to the Prado Day Center. This is a community fundraising event that organizes pledges and donations, for ESC Homeless Services countywide and the northern San Luis Obispo County Homeless Organization. There will be light refreshments and shuttle transportation back to the park site at 10:30 a.m.

**Mock Shelter**

Sunday, Monday, April 25-26

7:00 p.m., Thursday-Sunday 7:00 a.m. Monday. Students will have the opportunity to spend the night at a local church with surroundings as close as possible to those available at local overnight shelters. The purpose of this event is to experience the challenges the homeless face.

**Free Speech Hour**

Tuesday, April 27

11:00 a.m.-Noon, UNIVERSITY UNION PLAZA

Students for Social Change will be sponsoring an hour of open mic discussion on the topic of homelessness.

**Film Showing - "Out in the Cold"**

Tuesday, April 27

6:00 p.m., CAL POLY BUSINESS BUILDING ROTUNDA

Sponsored by the Pride Alliance LGBT Center this film, created by the Matthew Shepard Foundation, focuses on the realities of homeless lesbians, gay, bisexual, and transgender youth.

**Needed Items Drive**

Wednesday, Thursday, April 28-29

Land your help to a donation drive on campus and in the community for much-needed items that will go to the Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter in San Luis Obispo. Homeless Organization.

Supplies such as clothes, sleeping bags, some toiletries, and non-perishable food items will be collected.

**Awareness Booth at Cal Poly**

Thursday, April 29

1:00 p.m., UNIVERSITY UNION RADIO

Students will be on hand to provide information and raise funds for local homeless shelters, both on campus during University Union Hour and at Farmers Market.

**Poets Corner at Linnaea's Cafe**

Thursday, April 29

7:00 p.m., LINNAEA'S CAFE, 11/10 Garden Street

This week concludes with a special evening at Farmers Market featuring local artists sharing their perspectives on homelessness through spoken word poetry. There will also be a final showing of a work called "Space to Create." They will share their creativity with the community by submitting their finished piece to the art show. These works may also be seen on campus in the University Union during Homelessness Awareness Week.

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**LONG BEACH — Punk rock sounds great, but its politics are often quite hypocritical. Exemplifying this trend is NOFX's Fat Mike, who manages Fat Wreck Chords. Well, it seems that Fat Wreck Chords has gotten into a bit of a pickle, for they have been accused of hypocrisy and malfeasance in the world of punk rock.**

Punk rock is a genre of music that originally started off as a sub-culture, using its listeners to go against the grain, always question the government and stand up for what they believe in. Punk rock is also known to be quite liberal, and while there is the occasional band or musician who is a conservative (Dave Smalley of the bands Down By Law and ALL, for example), the rule generally stands true. Before I go further, don't get me wrong. This is not a bad thing.

Punk rock loses some credibility, however, when a band is taken off a compilation album because Fat Mike doesn't agree with a statement the band made regarding a certain well-known liberal.

Fat Mike's upcoming Rock Against Bush compilation was originally going to include a song by the oft-offensive but thought-provoking band Propaghandi. The band, which recorded a song called "Free John Hinckley," wanted to include a liner-note insult aimed at philanthropist George Soros, who the band refers to as an "international billionaire, global financier (and) war-profiteer." The comment went like this: "This November, be sure to exercise your right to vote for either the war-mongering, planet-raping, corporate-billionaire functionaries or the other war-mongering, planet-raping, corporate-billionaire functionaries or the other war-mongering, planet-raping, corporate-billionaire functionaries or the other war-mongering, planet-raping, corporate-billionaire functionaries or the other war-mongering, planet-raping, corporate-billionaire functionaries or the other war-mongering, planet-raping, corporate-billionaire functionaries or the other war-mongering, planet-raping, corporate-billionaire functionaries or the other war-mongering, planet-raping, corporate-billionaire functionaries or the other war-mongering, planet-raping..."

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This message not brought to you by George Soros." Why would Fat Mike become incensed over this? One would think that the punk world would favor when someone bashes a "war-profiteer." After all, according to punk, war is never the answer. Not only that, Soros is also a billionaire, and as punk fans know, capitalism is had. What gives?

According to a statement on www.punknews.org that Fat Mike released shortly after the incident occurred, "George Soros is a billionaire who got his money from exploiting the foreign currency exchange. He screwed a bunch of countries to make his money. It is also important to note that he is a member of the Carlyle Group, which is a company that makes money from selling weapons. Okay, that sucks. But meanwhile he has been giving close to 500 million dollars annually to progressive causes and has founded a network of philanthropic organizations in over 50 nations throughout the planet. He is spending a good part of his fortune trying to get Bush out of office. Maybe he feels guilty or something. I don't know. The point is that he has given money not to us, but to many great organizations such as Moveon.org and America Coming Together, and these organizations help support us."

Also, it is clear to me! As soon as a band on Fat Mike's label says something that the honcho doesn't agree with, all the tenets of punk rock go out the window! I thought punk was about individuality, standing up for your own beliefs and questioning authority, corporations and philanthropists like Soros.

I personally own every NOFX album, and Fat Mike has certainly exercised his opinions over the years. But now since Propaghandi's view does not jive with Fat Mike's, the song gets yanked from the compilation. Imagine that — a music scene based on flipping the finger to censorship now censors one of its own.

In the end, Fat Mike offered to include the song and the liner notes, uncensored, on the Rock Against Bush Volume 2 compilation when that comes out, but Propaghandi respectively declined. According to Propaghandi's Web site, "Next time someone comes knocking on our door hawking the virtues of joining a unified front against something, we'll sue to ask them this: Unity on whose terms? At what cost?"

I would personally like to thank Propaghandi for standing by their beliefs, and for not simply giving in to Fat Mike's demands. Now if most punk rock fans could start thinking for themselves as Propaghandi does, and not just pick up everything they are told by some band, maybe we could get somewhere.
Higher Grounds series changes vibe, location

Weekly entertainment shifts gears, tries to appeal to wider audience with quality music

Anastazia Killham

Higher Grounds Entertainment has moved to higher ground.

The weekly series, which takes place Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m., has moved from BackStage Pizza to the University Union Gallery in the Epicenter.

The forum for free entertainment had a successful turnout for its first event in the new location and will continue to bring Cal Poly students a mix of locally-based and nationally recognized artists.

Associated Students Inc. program coordinator Liz Adams said the gallery was full for the first event.

"It's kind of like what we've been doing in the past but with a different venue," she said.

The new venue provides free snacks in a cozy setting. It appears more intentional than the large room in BackStage Pizza, where Adams said students quickly entered and exited, proceeding with their usual business without taking time to relax and enjoy the entertainment supported by student fees.

All are welcome to attend solo or with friends to study, chat or just listen to the series feature of the week.

The spring agenda will last for the first five weeks of the quarter. Raining Jane, a band made up of women who play rock, folk, funk, pop and hip-hop with a variety of instruments including the cello, banjo and sitar, play this week.

Cal Poly student and ASI employee Liz Levinson helps organize the event.

She said a number of things have been changed in an effort to appeal to a larger audience. ASI Events staff members decided to move the performers up to the Epicenter because "we wanted to give it more of a coffee-house feel," Levinson said.

Change of scenery: Higher Grounds moved from its old venue at BackStage Pizza (below) to the friendly confines of the Epicenter (above).

During the events they move the gallery billboards to make more room and bring in comfortable chairs so that students can relax, she said.

Program organizers decided to change the format from a 10-week to a five-week series in order to maintain sufficient funds to invest in wider-known bands, she said.

One of this quarter's main attractions is Just Jinger, a South African funk band recently signed to Capitol Records that has supported and co-headlined with a variety of notable bands, including U2. They will play April 28.

Levinson said program coordinators are trying hard to bring in an eclectic mix of music. She said these events have a strong appeal for students living on campus who want easily-accessible, high-quality music.

For more information about Higher Grounds Entertainment's spring agenda, visit http://asi.calpoly.edu/asi/events/.

Tarantino ties up loose ends, loses some blood in "Kill Bill Vol. 2"

Jamie Brady

Blood spouting, spraying and gushing from bodies as a consequence of crossing paths with one bad-ass chick and her samurai sword is, surprisingly, not what "Kill Bill Vol. 2" is all about.

Not to be mistaken, there is a plethora of combat and seemingly inexplicable odds against the once Deadly Viper Assassination Squad member Black Mamba, also known as The Bride (Uma Thurman).

The two volumes were both written and directed by Quentin Tarantino. However, the two movies have extremely different tones. Tarantino told Underground Online that "Vol. 1" is the adrenaline ride, whereas "Vol. 2" is more reflective. "Vol. 2" continues to show Tarantino's radically different filmmaking style and awesome imagination.

The second movie shows the slaying at the wedding chapel and why it happened. "Vol. 2" finally introduces the infamous Bill, played by David Carradine.

The audience meets Bill when he appears unexpectedly on the day of the wedding rehearsal. Bill and The Bride share in a mysterious conversation that gives just enough information to know they were in love at one time, despite their complicated history. The Bride is shredded when Bill seems to approve of her getting married to a record store owner and has absolutely no idea of the blood-bath that is about to occur.

The movie then goes from the past to the present, where The Bride is about to confront Budd (Michael Madsen), one of the Deadly Vipers and Bill's brother. However, the hero is taken out by Budd, who remarks the viewer that she is still human after all. Budd tells her, "This is for breaking my brother's heart," as he begins to bury her alive. At this point it seems there is no way out for the movie's heroine. Tarantino sets total darkness and only the loud sounds of the dirt hitting the casket and the sobbing of The Bride to make the viewer believe this is the end of the road.

The movie then takes a flashback to Bill introducing The Bride to Pai Mei, a legendary master of Asian kung fu, played by Gordon Liu. Pai Mei is actually dubbed over with Tarantino's voice and it almost seems like a comic book character, and the humor is effective. Pai Mei teaches The Bride and Bill remarkable fighting skills.

The audience also gets to know Elle Driver (Daryl Hannah), the one-eyed assassin who wants The Bride dead as much as The Bride wants to kill her. They battle in a well-choreographed fight scene. They demolish everything in their paths.

The two volumes are a working of true dedication on the part of Tarantino, Thurman and the entire cast. Thurman not only played the lead role and trained to no end, she also helped Tarantino come up with the idea and designed The Bride's character with him.

"Kill Bill Vol. 2" is like an explosion of the heart — you don't think it will happen and when it does, it hits you when you least expect it.
Gov. signs workers' compensation changes into law

Mason Stockstill 

LONG BEACH — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger capped a contentious dispute with a stroke of his pen Monday, signing into law the workers' compensation reform package approved last week by overwhelming majority of the Legislature.

A jubilant Schwarzenegger said the compromise bill — which because it passed by more than a two-thirds vote, took effect the moment he signed it — will reduce costs for businesses while increasing payments to workers injured on the job.

"With this great reform, I can say to everyone, "California is open for business,"" Schwarzenegger said during the ceremony at a Boeing Corp plant in Long Beach.

Although many Democrats opposed Schwarzenegger's original position of workers' compensation reform and the governor's opposition to regulating insurance rates, all but six voted for it. The bill was passed 73-3 by the Assembly and 33-3 by the Senate in votes on Friday.

Schwarzenegger had made reforming the state's costly workers' compensation system a centerpiece of his campaign last year's recall election and had taken an even stronger stand to place an even tougher measure on the November ballot if legislative leaders did not approve the compromise.

California workers' compensation costs have soared in recent years, going from $6.4 billion in claims paid in 1997 to an estimated $17.9 billion last year.

Schwarzenegger said those spiraling costs had hurt business, driving some from the state, and placed an undue burden on cities, counties and nonprofits.

"This workers' compensation reform will reduce the high costs that have driven jobs away from California," he said. "No longer will workers' compensation be the poison of our economy."

The actual cost savings from the new law are unknown, but supporters said they hope it will save employers several billion dollars by limiting benefits and prohibiting certain medical procedures.

It lowers the state's limit on disallowing payments to workers who could previously pick their own doctors to a list of physicians authorized by employers and insurance companies.

Employers are now only liable for the percentage of a worker's injury that occurred on the job, not for previous injuries.

Injured workers will benefit from the bill's reform because it increases employer-funded medical care and increased benefits for permanently disabled employees.

The bill's approval was another win for the Republican governor who in six months has successfully strong-armed the Legislature into repealing a law giving driver's licenses to undocumented immigrants, won approval for more than $1 billion in midyear spending cuts and persuaded voters in March to approve $1 billion in midyear spending cuts and persuaded voters in March to approve

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States criticize military environmental exemptions

Steven K. Paulson

DENVER — Attorney generals from 39 states urged Congress on Monday to reject the Pentagon's request to exempt the military from environmental laws.

Colorado Attorney General Ken Salazar said there was no evidence that the three of the requested changes would have any effect on training or the movement of tanks and weapons, as the military claims.

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Ephedra ban should raise consumer skepticism

Commentary

After years of filed complaints and damaging evidence, a ban on ephedra, the controversial dietary supplement, took effect April 12. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration took this action to protect uninitiated or unwary consumers from the significant side-effects that can occur as a result of ephedra use. The ruling sets a precedent placing greater responsibility on herbal product manufacturers and the FDA.

“The action of banning ephedra, often referred to as ma huang, marks the first time that the FDA is taking formal action to halt the sale of a dietary supplement ingredient since passage of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act in 1994,” Carol Rodis said in an article in FDA Consumer Magazine.

The 1994 legislation eliminated the necessity to perform strict testing of herbal supplements, as is done for non-herbal drugs. This law also removed the responsibility of herbal product manufacturers to submit adverse event reports to the FDA.

Critics of the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act say the law fails to provide guidance, as to when an herbal product poses enough of a safety threat that it needs to be removed from the market.

Shannon Brownlie said in the February 2003 edition of Glamour magazine that the huge amount of money sunk into protecting ephedra by industry members who were involved in the sales and manufacturing, effectively discouraged some members of congress from taking action against ephedra.

The product had wealthy backing and strong consumer appeal, which made it difficult to remove from public access.

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One aspect involved in becoming more involved in healthcare decisions necessitates an equal responsibility to conduct in-depth and independent research separate from what product manufacturers and distributors are providing. As is evident from the ephedra controversy, drug manufacturers are not always telling the truth.

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Deciphering the biblical partisanship

Guest Commentary

Walking through the parking lot the other day, I noticed a bumper sticker that read, "Jesus Votes Republican." If this is true, the Democrats are going to have a serious problems removing President George W. Bush from office.

Having "the Savior" on your side can be extremely powerful. Remember the Crusades and the Inquisition? Jesus kicked some serious butt. But as a political science student obsessed with the field of "voting behavior," it's debatable whether or not Jesus constantly votes for the Republican Party.

The first fact we must remember when understanding Jesus is that he was Jewish. Political scientists know that Jewish voters consistently vote Democrat.

In 2000, 79 percent of Jews voted for Al Gore. In 2002, 69 percent of Jews voted against former California Governor Gray Davis' recall. This tells us the probability of Jesus voting Republican can be only about 20 to 30 percent.

If we study what Jesus taught, we can also highlight something important about his potential voting behavior in the United States. For instance, in Matthew 5:44, Jesus instructs us "to love our enemies." What is meant by this and how can we relate it to politics?

Taking a historical approach, I believe Jesus used to be a Republican, but switched to the Democrat Party around the 1950s or 1960s. I'm sure Jesus voted for Abraham Lincoln who was a Republican. But when it was time to desegregate schools and grant minorities equal rights, Jesus could have only supported the Democratic Party. Furthermore, during the civil rights movement, Jews were the majority of whites who marched along with blacks.

Where does this bring us today? If we take the teachings of Jesus literally ("blessed are the meek" or "love your enemies"). Jesus may support the Green Party. But my intuition tells me Jesus would strategi­cally and would never waste a vote.

Letters to the Editor

Entering Iraq was a 'terrible mistake'

Ian Chase mentions in his letter ("Flig. burning is not effective opposition" April 12) that, thanks to the United States, the Iraqis will soon be electing their own officials and running their own country. While we all like the idea of a free and democratic Iraq, if Chase has actually followed the news lately he should have noticed that the current situation looks far from stable.

Recently, residents of Falluja turned two of their soccer fields into mass graves to bury some of the 600 Iraqis killed in last week's violence. I can remember the countless articles used to justify this war showing pictures of mass graves attributed to Saddam Hussein. Yet, one year later, our military has caused the death of 900 Iraqis in the span of two weeks.

Why should the Iraqi people feel the United States has made life any better if they continue to have to bury the dead?

A year after the start of our so-called "Operation Iraqi Freedom," America now faces the reality of more than $100 billion spent and 678 American lives lost on a situation that appears to lead to the brink of civil war than democracy. How many more must die for this terrible mistake?

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Columbine closes for 5th anniversary; memorial planned

Robert Weiler/staff writer

LITTLETON, Colo. — It was 36 degrees outside Columbine High School on Monday, but many of the children arriving for class wore short-sleeved shirts. A typical spring day in Colorado.

The only hint that it was the day before the fifth anniversary of the massacre of 12 students and one teacher was a sign in front of the school that read: "A Time to Remember, A Time to Hope."

"It's like every day. You come to school and get some more homework," senior Ryan Lindberg said. "But talk about stress, it's not too hard because we weren't there. It will be harder for any students who were at Columbine then are long gone; it happened." On April 20, 1999, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold attacked their own school, gunning down classmates in a drage they drugged propane tanks inside, hidden in duffel bags. The teenagers killed themselves after realizing they had fallen short of their goal to kill 500. The students who were enrolled at Columbine then are long gone; the 1999-2000 school year graduated and new students had filled their place.

Barrett Hall, the psychologist in charge of counseling for Columbine victims, said the anniversary event is necessary for healing.

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Cory Taillon relies on his photo in front of his teammates. Catcher minute of teasing when revealed with black nail polish, a er shorts when lacing his left cleat. Right

Adam Leavitt

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"If a guy hooks up with a girl and has a bad game, he probably won't hook up with her again."

-AnONYMOUS Coach baseball player

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The freshman allowed seven hits, five of which strike out six batters. On Sunday, Hively returned to the circle to pitch the remaining innings and allowed three hits and one earned run in taking the loss in the 1-0 defeat. The Fullerton native pitched 23 innings over the weekend and allowed only one earned run (0.30 ERA). Hively allowed 10 hits while she struck out seven batters. For the season Hively has a 6-11 record with a 1.98 ERA.

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Morse plans to graduate from Cal Poly in June of 2005 and remain a sprinter on the track team until then.

"I'm going to run for Cal Poly until I'm done," Morse said. "From there, I'd like to run pro-

fessionally."

In Crawford's opinion, he's right on track.

"I foresee that Travis will run competitively for at least another eight years after college," she said. "He's got the diligence and the

strength to do it."

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"Baseball is a very superstition-
sport with a lot of down time and a lot of failure in the game. Doing things on a consistent basis can be adopted by many players and can help them achieve confidence and clear their heads."

He cited major-league manager Mike Hargrove, nicknamed the 

"Human Rain Delay" for all his trademark pre-pitch gyrations, and

the Boston Red Sox's Nomar

Garciaparra, who taps his toes

before batting.

But as the players perform their elaborate tics and routines, they're one for the team, though not all will admit it. As junior shortstop Drew Gillmore said, "I'm superstitious about telling my superstitions."

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Mustangs stay safe with superstitions

From food to females, these habits dictate the baseball player's life

Stacey Anderson

He takes a practice swing down and a practice swing up. He tips his helmet to the right, then finally steps over the corner of his home plate with his right foot, being careful not to take a deep breath.

Now Kyle Blumenthal is ready to play some ball. The Cal Poly junior baseball player is not alone in his practiced, methodical pre-batting pattern. Tight pants arguably equal superstitions in the world of sports; baseball players are known for believing in unusual and quirky routines to bolster their performances. Cal Poly's team is certainly no exception.

"Baseball players are notorious for being a little crazy about superstitions — they play so many games, it's a lot easier to fall into a groove and develop a routine," senior pitcher Jonathan Fleming said. "I don't necessarily believe that's good luck or it works, but it makes me more confident and relaxed."

Fleming has quite an extensive pre-game ritual: when asked who the most superstitious Mustang was, six of his teammates answered "him." The night preceding a game, he is careful to shave his head, oil his grooves to the same music, eat a Snickers, and eat chicken and rice, a meal he sticks to even when on the road. The day of a game, he grooves to the same music, electronic trance artist Moby, drinks the same Fierce Melon Gatorade and eats a Snickers.

"I'm not about to change this up," he said. "I want to make sure that when I get out on the field, I look and feel as good as I possibly can, and I need all the help I can get."

Other players' routines are equally specific to Fleming's. Junior pitcher Jimmy Shull always puts on all of his time and effort into his sport. He originally intended to run track and field, but, in the end, had a change of heart. "I really just lost the love for football," Morse said. "I decided to put all of my time and effort into one sport, and I decided that it was going to be track."

Last year, Morse qualified for the regional competition, but couldn't run in it because of a hamstring injury — his second in two years. "I expect to qualify for regionals again this year," Morse said. "Hopefully there won't be anything to stop me this time because my goal is to go on to nation­als."

"Travis is a natural athlete, with God-given talent," she said. "He's got the caliber to be a national competitor and a world class athlete."

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