Poly Give focuses on Iraqi children

Nicole Angeloni

While daily battles are fought in Iraq and much of the world is focused on the soldiers, a group of Cal Poly students are doing what they can to remember the children. Poly Give, a donation drive organized by a group of students enrolled in a section of English 148, is designed to help the Iraqi children sustain their needs. They are working with the national, non-profit organization, Operation Give.

"All that was required for the class was a written proposal on something that our group felt needed change," nutrition sophomore Jessica Peterson said. "But after we turned in the proposal, we just decided to go through with it because we all saw a need. It came together from there."

Group members agreed. "We decided to do this because we support what our country is doing in Iraq," agricultural science junior Sarah Barnum said. "We want to show the people of Iraq that we're there to help."
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further because the case is ongoing. Cal Poly admissions policies are based on a mathematical formula that includes various factors such as college preparatory GPA, standardized test scores, co-curricular activities and additional coursework beyond the minimum requirements.

The complaint focuses on two main components of Cal Poly's admissions process: the use of standardized tests like the SAT or ACT and the awarding of extra points to those living in the areas surrounding campus. Latinos and blacks generally score lower on standardized tests. The accuracy of such tests is often questioned.

"My SATs were pretty low," architectural engineering senior and Movimiento Estudiantil Xicano de Aztlán President Alicia Garcia said. "Your score on the SAT often depends on what high school you went to and where you are from. One of (the plaintiffs) went to my high school, and she was the valedictorian and still got rejected from Cal Poly. SAT scores are not a true representation of someone's potential."

MEXA is a national Chicano student activist group. Other students feel differently.

"Obviously there is some bias involved with the SAT," business junior Matt Chance said. "I think it would be almost impossible to find a perfect, unbiased test. Unless the university is specifically keeping out Latino students, there doesn't seem that there is a lot to be done about it. The university could target Latino students and lower the admission standards, but that too would be unfair and illegal."

According to 2003 College Board California data and a report by the Los Angeles Times, Mexican Americans had a mean combined math and verbal score of 887 on the SAT, while other Latinos in California had a mean score of 894. The mean score for Caucasians was 1084. Both the verbal and math sections have a maximum score of 800 for a combined total of 1600. The average SAT score for a student admitted to Cal Poly for Fall 2003 was 1195, according to PolyViews, a university publication.

Cal Poly admissions policies also give an extra 250 admission points to those students who live in what is deemed Cal Poly's "service area." This area reaches from Kings County to Lompoc.

The suit claims these extra points are discriminatory against Latinos, blacks and Asian Americans because they are under-represented in the public schools whereas whites are over-represented.

"I don't agree with students getting extra points just for living near Cal Poly," Garcia said. "There isn't enough of a racial variation in area. It's an unfair policy."

Of the 17,287 students accepted in Fall 2003, 62.7 percent were white, 11.3 percent were Asian and those of Mexican or other Hispanic descent comprised 9.7 percent of the population, according to the Cal Poly 2003-04 Fact Book.

The suit is basing its claims on existing California laws that prohibit discrimination by institutions that receive state funding. According to the Los Angeles Times, Federal Courts have ruled that plaintiffs must prove an intent to discriminate.

Two of the plaintiffs are from Southern California and one is from Salinas. Erika Medina and Miguel Puente both graduated from Bell Hardens High School in Bell Gardens and attend University of Redlands and a flight school, respectively. The other plaintiff, Rita Garcia, graduated from Salinas High School and now attends Cal Poly Pomona. All three applied to Cal Poly. Puente and Medina were both denied admission in the spring of 2002. Garcia was denied admission in the spring of 2002.

"University officials need to take notice of the population they are serving and actually serve that population," Varamontes said. "We want to make sure the prestigious university serves the whole state, including Latinos."

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"Our goal is to keep Poly Give going, but to gather donations for different causes throughout the year — maybe for disaster relief or other related events," Peterson said. "We'd like to see someone take over the organization and run with it, potentially as a senior project."

Donations will be shipped to Operation Give in Salt Lake City. The organization was established to provide necessary items for Iraqi children.

"After we send all of the items to Iraq, Operation Give is going to send it by cargo ship to Iraq," Peterson said. "There, they keep it in a safe warehouse and distribute it to the children."

Barnum appreciates the personal contact the children experience when receiving the items.

"The service men and women personally deliver the donations to the children," she said. "It's a good way for Iraqi families to see that Americans are there to help."

For more information on the nonprofit organization Operation Give, their specific current needs or to donate directly through their Web site, go to www.operation-give.org.

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A story published on the front page of the Mustang Daily on May 6 mentioned "indicative" (not "inductive") about Abortion Awareness Day gave incorrect information about promotional posters. Their posters did not portray dead fetuses as reported in the Mustang Daily.
SACRAMENTO — Californians who keep guns where children can easily find them could be prosecuted with misdemeanor violations of state law under a bill approved by the state Senate Wednesday.

The bill also allows district attorneys to file either felony or misdemeanor charges for storing firearms in the same place a child can easily find its ammunition. Felony offenses usually come with state prison sentences while misdemeanor offenses lead to county jail.

LOS ANGELES — Michael Jackson's new lawyer claims prosecutors in the child molestation case are dragging their feet in giving the defense access to interviews with dozens of witnesses and hundreds of items seized in raids.

By law, the defense must be given "discovery" of prosecution evidence so it can prepare to fight it. "Mr. Jackson's right to a fair trial is jeopardized by the undue delay of discovery by the prosecution," the defense said in a May 13 motion requesting that the judge set a deadline for prosecutors to turn over materials currently being withheld.

The document, made public Tuesday, illustrates the massive nature of the Jackson investigation, noting that there have been dozens, if not more than 100 witnesses involved. The sheer volume of evidence that the defense wants to examine could force a delay in the trial. Attorneys had said they would be ready by December and the judge has said he wants to begin this year.

SAN FRANCISCO — The U.S. Army and a contractor were fined nearly $52,000 for releasing a deadly chemical weapon on a wildlife sanctuary in the Pacific Ocean, federal environmental officials announced Wednesday.

An unknown quantity of VX nerve agent was released in August 2002 as a chemical weapons disposal facility on Johnston Atoll when a tray holding remnants of a VX shell decomposed and posed health risks if moved. Many bodies of American wildlife died from exposure to the agent.

WASHINGTON — Bowing to pressure, John Kerry decided Wednesday to accept the nomination at the Democratic presidential convention in July, scattering a plan to force him to narrow President Bush's public money advantage.

He turned quickly to his backup plan, issuing a statement with a blunt appeal for campaign donations that could go to national and state party organizations.

WASHINGTON — America's top law enforcement officials urged the public Wednesday to help the FBI track down seven suspected al Qaeda operatives and prevent an attack on U.S. soil that a stream of credible intelligence indicates could occur in the summer.

Attorney General John Ashcroft said the "disturbing" intelligence, collected for months, augments al Qaeda's own declaration that its plans for a devastating follow-up to the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks are 90 percent complete.

Ashcroft said that could mean terrorists already are in the United States to execute the plan, though he acknowledged there is no new information indicating when, where or how an attack might happen.

MCALISTER, Okla. — Nearly a decade after the Oklahoma City bombing, Terry Nichols was found guilty of 161 state murder charges Wednesday for helping carry out what was then the deadliest terrorist attack on American soil.

He could get the death sentence he escaped when he was convicted in federal court in the 1990s. The verdict came just five hours after the jury began deliberations. Nichols was stone-faced and stared straight ahead at the judge as the verdicts were read, while his attorneys bowed their heads and clenched their hands together.

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Krispy Kreme Doughnuts said Wednesday it will respond to financial losses from popular low-carb diets with new items including sugar-free doughnuts and iced drinks.

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NAJAF, Iraq — Radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr agreed Wednesday to withdraw his militia from Najaf and hand the city back to Iraqi police, the government officials said, raising hopes for an end to weeks of fighting that threatened some of Shia Islam's holiest sites.

The announcement by National Security Adviser Mouwafak al-Rubaie took place after U.S. troops arrested al-Sadr's key lieutenant in a pre-dawn raid.

Clashes last Tuesday and early Wednesday between U.S. troops and militia fighters killed 24 people and wounded nearly 50 here, hospital and militia officials said.

FOND VERRETTES, Haiti — Fearing emergency supplies to villagers devastated in deadly floods, U.S. and Canadian troops on Wednesday struggled to assess the scope of a disaster that has killed more than 660 people and left hundreds missing in Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

Dominican authorities told families there was no time to identify many of the bodies because they were badly decomposed and posed health risks if moved. Many bodies were dumped in a mass grave or buried by Dominican soldiers where they were found.

NAIVASHA, Kenya — Sudan's government and rebels signed key agreements Wednesday, resolving the last remaining issues needed to end Africa's longest-running war.

The adversaries signed three protocols on power-sharing and on how to administer disputed areas in central Sudan — all major stumbling blocks preventing them from reaching a final deal earlier.

All that remains for the government and the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army to work out are procedural matters to end the 21-year civil war, in which more than 2 million people have died, mostly from war-induced famine.

The signing took place in Naivasha, 60 miles west of the Kenyan capital of Nairobi. But the accord is unrelated to fighting in the Darfur region of western Sudan, where fighting between the government and rebels has raised fears of ethnic cleansing.
Mold blamed for breathing problems; insufficient evidence for other ills

Randolph E. Schmid
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WASHINGTON — Increased effort is needed to reduce mold-producing moisture in buildings that has been blamed for respiratory problems, including some asthma, a scientific panel said Tuesday.

While the study by the Institute of Medicine did not blame mold for other, often major illnesses that some have sought to associate with it, the report couldn't rule out those dangers either.

"In short, excessive building dampness is not your friend. It's associated with a lot of things that could give rise to problems," said Noreen Clark, dean of the School of Public Health at the University of Michigan.

Clark headed the panel that studied the health effects of mold, which has drawn increased attention in recent years with the shutdown of a major hotel, delayed openings of schools in several states and a raft of lawsuits.

On the Net
Institute of Medicine; www.iom.edu

An exhaustive review of the scientific literature made it clear to us that it can be very hard to tease apart the health effects of exposure to mold from all the other factors that may be influencing health in the typical indoor environment," Clark said.

Drug prices rising fast

WASHINGTON (AP) — Brand-name prescription drug prices rose more than three times the rate of overall inflation last year, two groups pressing for lower prices said Tuesday.

The reports by the 35 million-member AARP and the consumer group Families USA said the gap between prices for prescription medicines and general inflation has widened in recent years, diminishing the purchasing power of older Americans who receive increases in Social Security based on the Consumer Price Index. The index is the government's most closely watched inflation measure.

"If the price of drugs keeps going up faster than inflation, it will become more and more difficult for consumers, especially older consumers, to be able to afford them," said John Rother, AARP's policy director.

The increases also negate the value of the discounts available through Medicare's new drug cards, said Ron Pollack, president of Families USA. The group has been a persistent critic of last year's Medicare prescription drug law.

"Over time, base prices have increased by a higher percentage than the discounts the administration is claiming," Pollack said.

The Bush administration has said the Medicare drug cards are offering savings of 10 to 17 percent on brand-name drugs. The card can be used beginning June 1.

The average price increase for the top 30 brand-name drugs used by older Americans was 6.5 percent last year, the Families USA report said.
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CHICAGO — Aspirin, the wonder drug that can help prevent heart attacks and strokes, also appears to reduce women’s chances to develop the most common type of breast cancer, a study found.

The authors of the study said that the findings are tantalizing but that more research is needed before doctors can recommend that women take aspirin to ward off breast cancer.

The study appeared in Wednesday’s Journal of the American Medical Association and was led by researcher Mary Beth Terry and Dr. Alfred Neogat of Columbia University.

Previous studies reached conflicting conclusions on whether there is a link between aspirin and breast cancer. This is the first study to examine whether aspirin might influence the growth of specific types of tumors, said Dr. Raymond Dubois, director of cancer prevention at Vanderbilt University’s Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center.

“It’s a landmark study,” said Dr. Sheryl Gabram, a breast specialist at Loyola University Medical Center in suburban Chicago.

The reduced risk was found for tumors whose growth is fueled by the sex hormones estrogen or progesterone. About 70 percent of women who develop breast cancer have this type of cancer, called hormone-receptor-positive.

Women in the study who used aspirin at least four times a week for at least three months were almost 50 percent less likely to develop hormone-fueled breast cancer than women who took only non-aspirin drugs.

Researchers suspect aspirin works by interfering with the body’s production of prostaglandins, which in turn induce an enzyme crucial to the production of estrogen, said co-researcher Dr. Andrew Dannenberg of Weill Cornell Medical College.

Aspirin, unlike acetaminophen, blocks the action of an enzyme that produces inflammation-causing substances called prostaglandins, which in turn interfere with the body’s production of estrogen.

Similar studies have suggested that aspirin might reduce the risks of developing other kinds of cancer, including cancer of the pancreas, cancer of the ovaries and Hodgkin’s disease.

These studies could not say definitively whether other factors might explain the results. And like the new breast cancer research, many of these studies relied on people’s recollections of how often they took aspirin.
meeting of the MINDS

While some people believe there is intelligent life somewhere out there, those searching are not as far out there as you think. STORY BY AJMEE ANDERSON PHOTO BY KATIE ZEALEAR
Paranormal awareness group explores E.T. communication

Aimee Anderson

An Internet search for UFOs in San Luis Obispo produces many reports of unidentified spacecraft thought to be alien, but the story doesn’t end there.

One man said he knows someone who works at the controversial Area 51 in Nevada. Another man, a hypnotist, said he has encountered demons from his clients. Still another said he was recently visited by a light-like apparition lingering above his bed. He said it seems to disperse when he opens his eyes.

Still, no secret language was spoken, and no outlandish costumes were worn. Smoke did not rise from the crack beneath the door. UFOs did not hover above, and creatures did not scurry below. All one could see that night gathered around the table was a group of everyday citizens determined to solve the mysteries of the unexplained.

“We’re interested in the nuts and bolts; all looking for information,” member John Malone said. “Soon we’re gonna know the answer that answers everything — maybe even religion.”

“We’re interested in communication with aliens on other planets, parallel universes, time travel and our wish in past lives,” Hoyt said. “One nun is particularly interested in how we would meet aliens if they came to this earth. What would we say to them? How would we communicate?”

Their last meeting covered such topics as aura photography, dreams and the proposal that many deodorants contain an ingredient derived from Agent Orange, an herbicide used by the U.S. military in the Vietnam War to clear foliage and known to cause sometimes fatal disease in laboratory animals and possibly humans.

“We get into some strange territory, as you can see,” Hoyt said.

Government conspiracies seem to go hand in hand with discussions of the paranormal.

“Conspiracies are part of it because it’s hard to separate what things are going on. We’re interested in the past, the present and the future — the seen and the unseen,” Hoyt said.

“Everything is connected,” said former Cal Poly professor Homer Hoyt. “Most people don’t see the connection of experiences and of events.”

The San Luis Obispo UFO/Paranormal Awareness group formed nearly 15 years ago, initially as a way for interested people to discuss UFOs and alien abductions. Since then the group has expanded its study to include all aspects of the paranormal.

“We’re interested in the past, the present and the future — the seen and the unseen.” Hoyt said.

Not all members claim to have experience with the paranormal. Most involve themselves out of pure fascination.

“I’ve never seen a UFO and I’m not psychic, but I read a lot about it,” Hoyt said. “Most of our group I don’t think have had any direct experiences.

Despite the conviction found within the group that the paranormal is a part of human reality, the world contains many skeptics. Michael Shermer, published author and founder of the Web site Skeptic.com is one such person.

“An there extraterrestrial intelligence in the cosmos? Yes. Have they come here? Most surely they have not,” Shermer said. “Not a single spacecraft has been found, not a single
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den captured.”

Shermer, who has written five books on the subject and is founder of Skeptic Magazine, has devoted his life’s work to dispelling incidents such as Roswell or ideas such as Bigfoot or human psychic ability.

“Anecdotes and stories are all right to begin an investigation, but at some point you have to find some real evidence,” Shermer said. “Self-deception is a very powerful effect.”

Shermer said he does not consider people who concern themselves with the paranormal to be crazy or irrational.

“Why is it that smart people believe in these things?” asked Shermer. “Smart people are better at rationalizing things that might not make much sense to other people.

Still, the UFO/Paranormal awareness group might disagree. They seem sure of their convictions and seem to find a certain amount of joy in discussing the paranormal.

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While many Americans commonly regard Memorial Day as the official start of summer, we need to remember in true purpose as a holiday. Indeed, this sacred season is set aside for pride, honor, remembrance, and most importantly, respect for one’s nation. All too often, important holidays such as Christmas and Easter are commercialized to the extent that their original intent of this day. Memorial Day is also unique in that it can cross all barriers between people of all religions, races, genders, and ages and can appreciate and recognize its significance. We must also acknowledge that this day extends far beyond family gatherings and good food. Every day people are called to remember those noble people for their extraordinary service. Indeed, their level of patriotism is a true testament to their acter and dedication, without which we might be denied many of the meaning to the holiday we have for granted. Moreover, those who have lost loved ones in the Iraq War will experience a type of loss most of us will never, and will continue to carry the burden of a sympathy, without truly appreciating that sacrifice would be to dismiss their grief.

Like Christmas and Easter, it seems as though Memorial Day is becoming a holiday that is no longer an backdrop to the day’s important purpose. Christmas has evolved from a primarily religious celebration into a materialistic and self-indulgent day that returns around packed shopping malls and greedy children. Likewise, Easter has commercialized to a ridiculous extent with its scavenger hunts and fancy eggs. Most holidays in America have lost their meaning and significance and have become excuses for parties and presents, what a shame it would be if Memorial Day turns into one of these.

As Americans, we owe a certain respect and gratitude to those who fought and are still fighting for our basic freedoms. At the very least, we can take a moment to wholeheartedly appreciate and respect every one of them. Memorial Day is set aside to honor and remember the sacrifices they made. Indeed, this day extends far beyond family vacations and good food. Every day people are called to remember those noble people for their extraordinary service. Indeed, their level of patriotism is a true testament to their acter and dedication, without which we might be denied many of the meaning to the holiday we have for granted. Moreover, those who have lost loved ones in the Iraq War will experience a type of loss most of us will never, and will continue to carry the burden of a sympathy, without truly appreciating that sacrifice would be to dismiss their grief.

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Taking the backdoor approach

Commentary

There is a time in the relationship of every college couple when the monotonous and routine of standard boyfriend-girlfriend sex becomes too much for a young man or woman.

Wether they be even plain old puppy plus or a full-fledged love, there is a point where the 'innocent Jews' of America is correct to support the backdoor approach.

This is in response to the letter, "America is correct to support Israel" (May 21). The letter mentions the brutality of the "innocent Jews". America is correct to support the backdoor approach of the Israeli army carnage.

Where are the Balestinian helicopters? The Israelis have been killing Palestinians for months. It is the most injurious, as well.

Fourty-three Israeli army carnage.

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DETRC)!! (AP) — Throe Michigan nut packagers have issued recalls of natural raw whole brown almonds because of possible salmonella contamination.

The recalls were issued by Variety Foods Inc., Thrift Products Co. and Germack Pistachio Co. The companies repackage almonds for resale in Michigan and other states.

Variety Foods’ recall affects products with the Pic-A-Nut and Sunray Food brand names, including: Natural Raw Whole Brown Almonds, Cashew-Almond-Raisin Mix, Energy Mix, Fruity Nut Mix, Nanny Mix and Fitness Mix. The products have “best before” dates of Aug. 4, 2004 through May 31, 2005. The products are distributed in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio.

Thrift Products’ recall affects Raw Whole Almonds and Almond Bits diced almonds packaged as Thrifty Nuts. The packages have a “best if used by” date of March, 2005 and have the UPC: codes 70348-11960 and 79348-11955, respectively. Thrift Products distributes nuts in Michigan and northern Indiana.

Germack Pistachio’s recall affects one-pound bags of almonds with the Germack Pistachio label and UPC codes of 040806, 040807, 040819, 040824, 050105, 050421 and 050422. That recall affects Michigan, Ohio, Illinois Connecticut and Florida.

The companies bought the almonds from Paramount Farms Inc. of California. The FDA has expanded a recall of Paramount’s raw almonds to 13 million pounds because of the possibility of salmonella.

The Paramount recall began earlier this month after the FDA received reports that people in Alaska, Arizona, Oregon, Washington and Utah had become ill with salmonella enteritidis, a type of food poisoning.

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Award just a start for this year's honorees

If both Cal Poly Athletes of the Year had attended Wednesday night and were asked, "Where would you rather be than right here, right now?" they'd probably both cite another place.

And in reality, one of them wasn't even there.

It was nothing against the Night of the Mustang, a special event that commemorated athletes Wednesday night at Chumash Auditorium - where David "Doc" Richardson and Kayiene Wagner took home the highest honors a Mustang athlete can garner.

It had everything to do with the potential of the Year, but it wasn't even there.

As a sophomore, Wagner is talented enough to already start thinking about the NCAA Division I National Championships in Austin, Tex. and maybe even beyond if you listen to her coach Terry Crawford.

"She has a tremendous inner drive to be good," Crawford said of Wagner. "Kayiene is definitely an Olympic-caliber athlete. As a sophomore she has already accomplished so much. Before graduating she has the potential to be not only one of the top collegiate high jumpers, but one of the top jumpers, if not the top jumper in America. She could be a world-class athlete, top 20 in the world."

As for now, Wagner is the Big West and Cal Poly record holder in the high jump at 6-03.25. She currently ranks second in the nation going to regionals.

"These are guys that whenever you compete with them, you got the absolute best."

-RICH ELLERSON

head football coach

"They're hungry for direction, tenacious for preparation and their will to win, is greater than the will to win," Ellerson said.

Richardson's season accomplishments in the green and gold included Division I-AA All-American honors and playing in the Las Vegas All-American Classic game.

Both Wagner and Richardson took the lessons of the game and applied them to other aspects of their lives.

"At the same time, Richardson's tenacity, the will to win, is greater than the will to win," Ellerson said. "I was given a call by Sports Information when he was selected to the First team All-American, and I was supposed to see Column, page 15.

Mustang honor roll ...

Many contributed to the effort, but these athletes stood out as the best on their teams

MEN

Baseball
Basketball
X Country
Football
Golf
Soccer
Swimming
Tennis
Track
Wrestling

Sam Herbert
Varnie Dennis
Sean Ricketts
David Richardson
Travis Berntz
Brian Reed
Ben Palmer
Brett Van Linge
Ryan Moorcroft
Darrell Vasquez

WOMEN

Basketball
X Country
Golf
Indoor Track
Soccer
Softball
Swimming
Tennis
Track
Volleyball

Katy Paterson
Katie Murphy
Rebecca Norris
Sharon Day
Sierra Simmons
Ronni Sparrey
Stacy Peterson
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Kaylene Wagner
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