**Explosion in Iran sets off fears**

Alikar Dareini
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TEHRAN, Iran — An explosion in a southern city prompted instant tears on Wednesday of a missile attack in an area where Iran has a nuclear facility, and Iranian authorities gave conflicting explanations for the blast, including Iranian friendly fire in a military area and construction work.

The explosion came hours after the country's intelligence chief confirmed U.S. drones have been flying over Iran for months to spy on nuclear and military facilities. U.S. and Israeli officials denied involvement with the blast, but it spiked oil prices and showed how jittery the world is that growing international pressure would lead to an attack on Iran.

The explosion near the southwestern port city of Bushehr, about 110 miles from the Bushehr nuclear facility, was reported by Iranian state television, which said it may have been caused by a fuel tank dropping from an Iranian plane. A government spokesman said the blast may have been caused by friendly fire.

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**FASHION!**

See the stark differences between East Coast and West Coast styles

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IN SPORTS

**Ethnic studies major in the works**

Faculty from the College of Liberal Arts believe the major will increase awareness and eliminate racial misconceptions

Amanda Samonte

Cal Poly may have a new ethnic studies major as early as next year.

Curriculum requirements are already in the works, after a 16-to-one vote by the College of Liberal Arts department chairs in favor of the program.

Ethnic Studies Department Chair Robert Ku said he came to Cal Poly this year with the idea of the new major.

"Ku has made it clear that he has come on this campus with the idea of making ethnic studies a full-fledged program," Journalism Department Head George Ramon said. "The proposal, as he has outlined it, has received incredible support among his colleagues in the College of Liberal Arts."

Ku is also enthusiastic about attracting students from different ethnic backgrounds.

"Remember the moos: 'Field of Dreams'?" Ku said. "Build it and they will come. Build a strong ethnic studies major, and people will not only come to Cal Poly, Cal Poly will welcome them with open arms."

College kids are "hungering for diverse experiences," Ku said. This major will, "give better understanding to diverse perspectives of all people."

According to the 2002-03 Cal Poly fact book, more than 60 percent of Cal Poly students are white. Only 6.6 percent of the student body is Latino, as opposed to more than 30 percent living in California. Less than 12 percent are Asian, and Blacks make up only 0.9 percent of the student population (roughly 160 students out of 18,000).

Industrial technology sophomore Curtis Thomas, a Japanese-African-

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**The lead up to a possible ethnic studies major**

**EVENTS CALENDAR**

**What:** "The Vagina Monologues."

The Women Empowerment Team is raising funds for the SARP Center and the Women's Center with a production of Eve Ensler's play.

**When:** Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.

**Where:** Chaminad Auditorium

**More Info:** Call Cat Bakholder at 431-1411

**What:** Open House Clubs Representatives meeting.

This meeting is mandatory for all clubs planning to run a booth during Open House. Please come prepared to take notes and report back to your club. Attendance is taken and a raffle is held for all those in attendance.

**When:** Today, 11 a.m.

**Where:** Bldg. 3 Room 213

**More Info:** Call the Open House office at 756-7576 or visit the Web site: orientation.calpoly.edu/openhouse

**What:** Hearst Lecture Series.

"Women in Architecture + Design," continues with LOOM STUDIOS Principal and UC Berkeley professor Raveevarn Chokkambatcha who will discuss her award-winning work.

**When:** Friday, 4 p.m.

**Where:** Bldg. 3, Room 213

**More Info:** Call the CAED office at 756-1131

**What:** Just Jazz concert. Legendary guitarist Bruce Forman will headline the University Jazz Band's concert.

**When:** Saturday, 8 p.m.

**Where:** Harman Hall, PAC

**More Info:** Call the music department at 756-2607

**What:** Body50. The Cal Poly Women's Center will hold its third annual series on healthy body image awareness for both men and women. The series of free Body50 events includes both serious educational information and events to promote the lighter side to being comfortable in the human body.

**When:** Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

**Where:** Various locations

**More Info:** Call the Women's Center at 756-2609

**What:** Floral design show. Flower gardeners, arrangers and anyone who just loves nature's beauty will be able to mingle with internationally-recognized floral designers at a Cal Poly floral design show.

The show is sponsored by Cal Poly's student chapter of the American Institute of Floral Design. The growers have donated fresh-cut flowers and horticultural products for the show. The evening will feature a possible ethnic studies major
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American thinks that starting the new program is not going to boost ethnic constituencies.
"Creating a program is not going to help ethnic dem­menus."

Unequivocal Holie Loff said. Business freshman Negasi Tayanomwan said it's "important for everyone to take an ethnic studies class."

But some say the legislation has been misunderstood and understating from a minority standpoint.

The curriculum will consist of numerous classes including indige­ nous, African, Latino and Asian stud­ ies, as well as comparative methodolo­ gy and community projects. There will also be focus on gender, racial, science and cultural issues sur­ rounding ethnicity.

A degree in ethnic studies could aid students to graduate school as well students pursuing a career in law, busi­ ness, communication or politics.

In order for the new major to go into effect, the Academic Senate and the interim dean must approve Ku's proposal. This will likely happen before the 2005-06 school year.

Former Dean of the College of Liberal Arts Harry Helfand made multiple attempts to increase diversity and minority enrollment long before the idea of an ethnic studies program was introduced.

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STATE NEWS

SACRAMENTO — Traders at Sempra Energy manipulated California's energy market during the 2001 energy crisis and later lied about it to state investigators, two state senators said Wednesday.

Sen. Joe Dunn, D-Garden Grove, and Debra Bowen, D-Redondo Beach, said they're sending to the Sacramento district attorney documents that prove officials from Sempra Energy Trading Co. lied under oath three years ago about trading tactics that drove up electricity prices and delivered huge company profits.

SACRAMENTO — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger will visit Common Cause in Washington today to seek support for his plan to redraw political district lines. A vice president of the nonpartisan good government group said an endorsement was planned.

The meeting comes as the Republican governor faces skepticism — including from GOP leaders — over his proposal to let a panel of retired judges redraw congressional and state legislative district boundaries in California as early as next year.

That job is currently done by state lawmakers, and under the current arrangement it wouldn't happen until after the 2010 census.

PASSADENA — The mother of Ray Charles' 17-year-old son took the witness stand Wednesday as she sought a family allowance of $12,000 to $15,000 a month from his estate.

Mary Anne den Bok said her son, Corey Robinson den Bok, attends a private high school and a musical institute with combined annual tuition and expenses of $45,000.

Corey, who died in June at age 73, had been paying for his son's education, in addition to $3,000 a month.

NATIONAL NEWS

WASHINGTON — Speaking with one voice, President Bush's top intelligence and military officials said Wednesday that terrorists are regrouping for possible new strikes against the United States.

They said the best defense was for Congress to approve the president's military and anti-terror budget. But some in Congress, including prominent Republicans, were questioning whether the administration is doing enough to guard against future attacks.

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan urged Congress on Wednesday to take a go-slow approach to setting up the private Social Security accounts as promised by President Bush.

The president said he wasn't ruling out taxing high-income workers more to help the retirement program.

Bush, who has been stumping across the country for the personal accounts, kept up that effort in New Hampshire. But his comments about lowering Social Security taxes on more of big wage-earners' income — a question on which the White House has been persistently vague — got the attention.

WASHINGTON — Chafing over a "wasteful mismanagement" and racy radio shock-jock programs, the House overwhelmingly passed a bill Wednesday authorizing unprecedented fines for indecency.

Lawmakers sought to hit broadcasters where it hurts — the pocketbook — in an attempt to prevent free speech and expression and further homogenize programming.

The bill would increase the maximum fine from $32,500 to $500,000 for a company and from $11,000 to $500,000 for an individual entertainer.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Top Shiite politicians failed to reach a consensus Wednesday on their strategy for prime minister, shifting the two- man race to a secret ballot and exposing divisions in the winning alliance.

In a chilling reminder of challenges facing the winner, a videotape showed a sobbing Italian hostage pleading for her life. After hours of closed-door meetings, members of the United Iraqi Alliance agreed to hold a secret ballot to choose between Ibrahim al-Jaafari and Ahmad Chalabi.

KALMUNAI, Sri Lanka — Sporting a mark on his forehead to ward off evil, the infant known for his parents, who had fought for custody of the 8-month-old Alian, whose name is rooted in the Sanskrit word for aspiration or desire, changed the lives of a doctor to his smiling mother, Jenita Jayarajah, 25, during a brief session in a packed courtroom.

Eight other grieving, distraught women initially claimed him, but only the Jayarajas went to court.

ANAPU, Brazil — About 2,000 soldiers headed Wednesday to a lawless Amazon rainforest region where an American nun was shot to death last weekend amid escalating violence between peasants and loggers vying for the area's vast natural resource riches.

The troops were sent to restore order after hours of thousands of people converged on this remote, Amazon town to bury the bullet-riddled body of Dorothy Stang, the 73-year-old nun who was killed trying to defend the jungle where she had lived for decades.

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — A 79-year-old woman has been charged with using her wooden cane to strike police officers who arrived at her home to check on her welfare.

St. Joseph County prosecutors said the officers came to investigate a possible domestic abuse change against Betty Chambers' live-in caretaker, Thomas Holleman, 57. As the officers tried to handcuff Holleman, Chambers allegedly struck Officer Lorrin Foreman over the head with her cane, prosecutors said.

Foreman suffered a mild concussion while Sgt. John Paklevich suffered a separated shoulder and hand injury, said.linspace, a spokeswoman for St. Joseph County police.

IN OTHER NEWS

ORLANDO, Fla. — Carol Bingham almost had a heart attack when she realized her Mac Attaq had cost $8,700.

The 62-year-old British tourist didn't notice until Sunday morning that she had left her cash-stuffed purse on a McDonald's counter when she bought lunch the previous day.

But the panic was short-lived since an assistant manager at the restaurant turned the money over to the Orange County Sheriff's Office for safekeeping.

Homa Barattin, 25, said she found cash, mostly hundred-dollar bills, but no ID. Upon returning the cash, she said: "It was the right thing to do."

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Marines face recruitment obstacles because of Iraq war

Marine recruiters, Staff Sgt. Jody Van Doorenmaalen, right, and Sgt. Andrew Mrozik, left, talk with potential recruit Jeff Gold, 18, during a visit to a high school in Algonquin, III. Wednesday Feb. 9, during a visit to a high school in Algonquin, Ill.

As war in Iraq persists and the death toll climbs, more potential recruits are discouraged from enlisting in the military.

Don Babwin
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALGONQUIN, Ill. — On a recruiting visit to a school in this Chicago suburb, Marine Staff Sgt. Jody Van Doorenmaalen asked a sophomore what popped into his parents' heads when they thought about him joining the Marines.

"The only thing they think (is) I'm going to go to war and die," 16-year-old Nick Ambrozik replied.

The exchange illustrates the difficulty these days for recruiters like Van Doorenmaalen as they visit high schools, community colleges and shopping malls trying to sell the Marine Corps to young people while the country is at war.

Earlier this month, the Marine Corps announced it had fallen short of its monthly recruiting goal in January for the first time in nearly a decade. While the Marines say they remain on track to meet their recruiting target for the year, they also acknowledge their task is harder because of the war and its mounting death toll from roadside bombings, helicopter crashes and suicide attacks.

"I'd say it has made it more challenging on a number of fronts," said Capt. Timothy O'Rourke, executive officer of the Marine Recruiting Station Chicago.

One of the first students to stop at his information table in the cafeteria at Algonquin's Harry D. Jacobs High School was Jeff Gold, an 18-year-old senior.

With his military-style haircut and dream of becoming a police officer, Gold would seem the ideal candidate, but Gold is pretty sure what would happen if he did join.

"I probably will get deployed. And I'll probably die."

— JEFF GOLD

high school senior

"I'm probably going to go to parents' houses making sure they clearly understand the responsibilities their son or daughter will face as a Marine," O'Rourke said.

Recruiters also are battling up against research that shows young people today are more tied to their parents than young people in years past.

"They seek more guidance and counsel from their parents than other generations," said Maj. Dave Greiner, a spokesman for Marine Corps Recruiting Command. And it's not just the parents of teenagers who have not yet turned 18, whose permission is needed for their sons and daughters to enlist, he said.

Those 18 and older also seem to be looking to their parents for advice more than ever before.

It doesn't help that some parents, like Nick Ambrozik's, are concerned about this particular war and the way the military is handling it.

"I am proud that he would want to do his patriotic duty — but we are out there to provide a democratic system of government to people that don't seem to appreciate it," said Victor Ambrozik, Nick's father.

"They are attacking guys over there who are sent there to protect them." Lisa Ambrozik knows her son has thought about the Marines for years, but she worries when she reads about soldiers having to buy their own bulletproof vests and other gear.

At the high school, Van Doorenmaalen focuses on the challenge the students would face if they enlist.

"If you can't handle getting yelled at, screamed at," he told some students, laying out the demands that will be placed on them. "I'll tell you right now, the Marine Corps is not for everybody.

"If they say the biggest reason they want to be a Marine is for money for education or a technical skill, we believe that is the wrong reason," said Van Doorenmaalen. "We have all that, (but) we are more looking for if they want to serve their country than have that money for education.

The Marine Corps expects to continue attracting recruits because people considering the Marines won't be discouraged by what they see on the news.

"People that want to be Marines, they want to do it regardless of the world situation," O'Rourke said.

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Columbia U. students debate on-campus military recruitment

Rachael Scarborough King
COLUMBUS DAILY SPECTATOR

NEW YORK — Debating everything from the war in Iraq to the riots of 1968, students, faculty and alumni gathered at the University Senate Town Hall meeting on Tuesday to speak out on whether the Reserve Officers Training Corps should return to Columbia University.

Tuesday's Town Hall was the latest in a series of meetings designed by a task force of the University Senate to assess the issues involved with bringing the ROTC back to campus. The event was created to help the task force better understand how the Columbia community feels about the issue. The meeting was open to anyone with a Columbia University ID, and the diverse group of speakers included faculty, staff, undergraduates and graduate students and a few alumni.

In 1969, the naval ROTC program was expelled from campus. Since then, students have been debating whether the program should be allowed to return. Students can participate in the army ROTC program at Fordham University but cannot receive academic credit for their classes. However, this has not deterred Columbia's anti-ROTC student activists, who were the primary reason behind the committee's formation in fall 2004.

At the debate's outset, James Applegate, an astronomy professor and one of the task force's co-chairs, urged the participants to maintain "civility." Despite the politically charged atmosphere — some students in the back of the room displayed a banner that read, "No to Military Recruiters: Not Here, Not Now, Not Anywhere!" — the crowd of about 80 remained fairly subdued, clapping after some of the speeches and only once or twice interrupting a speaker.

About 60 people spoke during the course of the meeting. Most of the debate did not deal directly with the proposal, authored by Task Force member Sean Wilkes, and supported by student groups Advocates for Columbia ROTC and Students United for America, to bring ROTC back to campus.

Instead, speakers at the debate focused on the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy and its conflict with the university's commitment to non-discrimination.

"Don't ask, don't tell is a policy written to be precisely discriminatory," Applegate said. "The question we must ask is, is that a sufficient reason to bar ROTC from campus?"

Many speakers answered that it was. "Don't ask, don't tell is not just about job discrimination," senior Joe McFadden said. "This is a policy that literally destroys people's lives."

Most of those advocating a return of ROTC to Columbia said they also disagreed with the policy but that greater involvement of Columbia graduates in the military would help to effect positive change within the organization.

Some also said having ROTC on campus would increase diversity by providing scholarships to working-class students and excluding the military constrained discrimination in itself.

"What right does this university have to impede a patriotic citizen like myself who would like to serve?" — Stephen Madsen, a Columbia student

During the course of the debate, Applegate came under some criticism from opponents of ROTC and to give them less speaking time. One of the task force members, Nash professor of law Kendall Thomas, asked at one point that all speakers be allowed to finish making their arguments before any of the task force members responded.

RECYCLE TIP #156
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Coffee 101: Students drink a cup of college credit

Audrey Rogers listens to classmate Nate Crimmins during a discussion about coffee at a cafe in Danville, Ky. Wednesday, Jan. 26.

Murray Evans
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DANVILLE, Ky. — For years, sociology professor Beau Weston has held informal office hours off campus in a local coffee shop, sipping the mocha late while advising students.

As he did, he formed relationships with other coffee-shop regulars who might otherwise have remained strangers. That caused a sort of academic epiphany, and now he's one of a handful of teachers across the nation who has developed courses that study coffee and its effect on society.

Weston's class, offered during a recent intensive three-week term at Centre College, was hardly "Starbucks 101," although the 15 students enrolled in "The Cafe and Public Life" could be forgiven if that was their original impression.

"Audrey Rogers, a freshman from Dallas, said she initially wondered about the academic strength of the class: 'I didn't know how it was going to last a week.'

Weston understood such skepticism and designed his course to focus not only on coffee as a drink, but on how its consumption has changed society through the centuries.

"Because regular trips to coffee houses led to "an interest in cafes as a place in which strangers can talk to one another" and discuss the issues of the day.

In Europe, coffee shops and cafes have served that purpose since the 17th century, he said. Over the centuries, "cafes became places where informed men, some educated and some not, would come together and talk about stuff," including literature, plays, poems, economics and politics, Weston said.

"Having a place to do that enriches a culture," Weston said. "It takes us out of the cocoon of private life and into the public world."

"Cafes are important for creating a public life, particularly in a democracy. It becomes a place where the town, or, in the big city, where the neighborhood develops," he said.

At Atlanta's Emory University, the University of California-Irvine, Simon Fraser University, the University of California, Irvine, and the University of Washington and the University of California-Irvine, similar courses are taught by professors with academic backgrounds ranging from anthropology, to chemistry to literature.

"Professor Beau Weston lectures about coffee at a cafe. Weston teaches a class about coffee at Centre College in Danville, Ky. Coffee writing seminar course in 1996. Coffee is just not something we think about," Topik said. "History is usually taught as the history of great men and wars and great events."

"We don't think about the history of everyday things. But historians have been increasingly thinking about these things," he said. Studying coffee "is a palpable, liquid way of understanding globalization," Topik said.

UNDER FOUR?  OR KICKED OUT THE DOOR?

80% of students haven't had trouble with authorities due to drinking. The average CP student drinks less than 4 in a sitting.

Based on a survey collected by Cal Poly Reality of 372 randomly selected Cal Poly students with an error range of ±1.5%.
Experts advise extra caution with tattoos, piercings

Victoria Weston

DURHAM, N.C. — She has a fly ring on her neck and a belly button piercing, as well as piercings in her ear and cheek. "I’ve always found tattoos and piercings aesthetically pleasing," said Victoria Weston, a junior at Duke University.

While tattoos have often been associated with rebelliousness, criminality or simply to remain outside the mainstream, there’s still a stigma with it — this whole rebellious, anti-establishment type of thing," Clayton said.

"You sit in the tattoo shop and watch people walk by and make weird faces, but the stereotype, it’s changing. Especially in Durham, N.C., you get some yuppies and some guys going through midlife crises getting their first biker tattoo," Clayton said. He noted, however, that Duke and University of North Carolina students comprise much of his clientele.

Health risks aside, critics of body modification also cite the difficulty and expense of tattoo removal as a determent. Many still find it difficult to understand why someone would want to go through something so drastic.

"There’s no testimony of a wiser, more mature adult," said Susie Girdoii, a medical assistant for Student Health at Duke.

"I’ve just always found tattoos and piercing — for example, infected nipples and belly buttons," Hanson said.

"Sometimes people get small infections at the site of piercings, but they can occasionally cause worse problems," he said. "There’s been at least one case where a person’s gotten endocarditis, which is an infection of the heart valves."

"If anything, the opposite. They can say they wiped it down with alcohol, but alcohol doesn’t kill HIV or (Hepatitis) B," Clayton said.

"The instruments need to have been sterilized before they enter the skin," said Jean Hanson, administrative director for Student Health at Duke.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Ashley Olsen is suing the National Enquirer for $40 million in damages over a story alleging that she was involved in a drug scandal.

The lawsuit alleges libel and false light invasion of privacy by the tabloid. The publication and its parent companies, American Media Inc., were named as defendants.

The lawsuit said that while a story in the National Enquirer’s Feb. 21 issue doesn’t refer to her using or selling drugs, it implied that Olsen was doing so with a misleading headline and cover picture depicting the actress with her eyes half-shut.

“Freedom of the press is a valuable right, but it is not a license for gossipy tabloids to tar and feather innocent celebrities and destroy their reputations and businesses for the rags’ profits,” the lawsuit said.

George Michael says he’s closing a chapter in his two-decade pop music career with his new autobiographical film, “George Michael: A Different Story.”

“I think my own genre is dead,” Michael, 41, said as he presented the movie at the Berlin International Film Festival. “I don’t really think that there is anyone in the modern pop business who I feel I want to spar with.”

In the new film, directed by Sothean Morris, Michael takes viewers through the highs and lows of his career. The singer’s last album, “Patience,” topped the British charts last year.

“I’m still going to be making music,” he said.

Michael’s film is showing outside the main competition at the festival.

Download of the day

Ashlee Simpson “LaLa live at the Orange Bowl”

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Standing in proudly weathered Rainbow sandals and dark denim Abercrombie jeans, her eyes pierced my back with a sharp glare. When I turned to face her, she was wearing a preppy, white collared blouse. She looked me up and down like a flank steak at the meat market. I wasn't sure what her intentions were. Soon enough I realized that I was in her territory.

"Take it back to the West Coast, bitches," she barked.

My friend and I stood in shock. Then in bewilderment and frustration. And finally, we bolted for the door.

At a quaint, neighborhood bar in upstate Virginia, we stood out like palm trees in the desert. It was like everyone knew we didn’t belong.

"Initially, I thought, ‘How did she know?’ Then I thought, ‘Excuse me! No, no, no. You don’t speak to someone like that.,” said Amanda Kauthman, 28, of Portland, and my partner in crime for allegedly violating the East Coast bar dress code.

"I don’t know if it was because we were cuter than them or because of what we were wearing," she said, with a wide grin and a sly chuckle.

All along, I thought dark moons seeping through bleach-blond locks were the only tell-tale sign of a West Coast girl. But, apparently, fashion speaks volumes. Dress can be an indicator of both background and character.

"For centuries, individuals or societies have used clothes and other body adornment as a form of nonverbal communication to indicate occupation, rank, gender, sexual availability, locality, class, wealth and group affiliation," wrote Pauline Weston Thomas, author of Trends in Fashion.

Thomas also identified fashion as a sign system, where each element is representative of a piece of the indi-

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Story by Emily Wong
New DJ, new music

DJ Lucien Guenther is bringing a new, electronic underground sound to SLO Brew this at 9 p.m. This will be the Sacramento native's first performance at the bar and the show is open to anyone 18 and over.

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"There needs to be some sort of understanding with regard to the breakdown," Thomas wrote. Perhaps, she's right, but we're not entirely sure. The only thing we are sure of is that the mood in West Coast bars and clubs has shifted drastically.

"Don't forget about Hip hop. It's still here, it's still hot. The girls dressing up to im press people," said San Francisco-based Marcus Spencer Christine Davis. "There is a feeling that the face is just the start of the West Coast and the straight leg is best in urban areas. Caps are pretty universal."

As first-day总面积宽度high，washes, and suds each tell us about the individual spotting them. Obviously, our dark denim straight leg Acne jean was not up to par. They were from last sea son and weren't West Coast style. A talk will all the people of the AAP label.

In Los Angeles and New York certain fashion week and fashion month. When I was working in LA, a thing on the coast. A thing of the past on the East. Many pairs of AAP jeans on the coast of East and West Coast to the "revolutionized" in the reserved for "trendy" and "progressive" categories. This is not a future trend. White while my West Coast girlfriends and I have Fool's Rush In. We find our new purchased Acne and denim is not a golden signal poor fashion sense in another night. While clothes like straight leg Acne, I feel good to go out in straight leg Acne jeans. Not stay at home and paint the ceiling.

Dress to impress

"The sight of one's new found in dungeon in DC constitu tates getting out on the town, West Coast women categories. 'Glam out' is dressing at a fancy restaurant or meeting friends at a trendy downtown hot spot. On the coast you work out in your clothes. For everything, there's a party suit and a beach-in-this-task."

"When they say school, they do dress up. For them, that's the way to go. I find that like my West Coast is old and I don't get it."

"If I see "Likely to look into,"" said Stephanie Luk, 21, of Princeton, and electrical engineering major at Princeton University. "I'm sure that look at me and wonder why I'm just hanging out with this crowd."

Because going out is a daily do-it-on-the-coast thing. The style focuses on versatility. "Slacks and a sweater set can go from the office podium to the hoppin' bar set with a pair of jeans to the beach and then to the pool," Luk said.

"I think their clothing reflects their lifestyle." Luk said. "It's a casual, livelier style and those kind of people dress like that. We're surrounded and put together for everything."

However, West Coast have the advantage of consistently unpredictable weather conditions. A light jacket in the trunk can save you from any situation: when it's warm with sunshine, it's too cool to be warm with rain, and if it's a little cool, you have to stay cool until the show starts. The secret's out.

Desires: Anything but basic

No matter how universal in an article of clothing may seem, it's not a staple in every woman's wardrobe. Dress is essential, whether in the form of baggy, comfy jeans for running around the house or low-rise, hip huggers that stretch in all the right places. "I find that the club but not just are denim will do anywhere."

"The boot cut is the best silhouette and favorite," said the 20-year-old Niki Spencer. "I'm not the only one."

"I don't think their looks recall their lives. It's still here, it's still hot. I just don't know what the new look is."

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Re: straing violence**

I am a student at Cal Poly and have been involved in putting on "The Vagina Monologues." I have seen and heard many of the themes of the show's message until a close friend was nearly raped, and it was then we fully realized that violence against women is a universal problem that must be acknowledged.

It is not something we are aware of the violence that receive as something they should be careful about. If we perceive it as an issue that needs to be changed, it's just something they perceive as being something they should be careful about.

It is a tragic perception to assume that violence against women is not a serious matter. Violence against women is one of the most serious global health and human rights issues. According to the U.N. Study on the Status of Women, at least one in three women will be raped in their lifetime.

Every 15 seconds, a woman is beaten, usually by her intimate partner. And the United Nations estimates that three out of four women will be raped in their lifetime.

Letter written as if from person outside of genre

**Top 10 reasons to dislike conservative Christians**

1. Miss McCaffrey was way off base when she identified "Top 10 reasons to dislike conservative Christians." First of all, Miss McCaffrey, calling yourself an atheist does not make you a conservative. Second, one of God or Jesus in your arguments after declaring yourself an atheist makes absolutely no sense to me. It seems to me that you only want to believe in something when it's there for your belief. As for the communists that say, "This shall not kill," I believe there is a difference between a harmless, innocent, unborn child, and a grown man or woman, who has made a decision to strap explosives to himself or herself in order to kill harmless men, women and children. Is suicide a terrorist? I don't see the american unborn child to you? Would you defend someone like this?

In regards to your thoughts on Social Security, you are right. It would be impossible to say that everyone on the program is lazy and unwilling to work. I think the term we use for people on Social Security is retired. You say that someone against gay marriage is not tolerant of other ideas and beliefs. I agree with you on this point. However, the PC world of the liberal democrats says this, and seeing as how I am a conservative Christian, I don't feel the need to be politically correct all the time. Does this mean that I think that all bad people and that I hate them all? No, of course not. Everyone is entitled to their own opinions or belief; this doesn't mean I have to respect that belief or opinion. I do respect their right to have that opinion or belief. That is what the United States is all about freedom of speech, belief, expresstion, etc.

As for the Web site you listed at the end of your letter, why should we be apologizing to the rest of the world for making it safer? Is eliminating terrorism something we should be ashamed of?

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DIVERSITY

Multiracial scenes common in ads gloss over racial realities

Erin Teseirs
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Somewhere there's an America that's full of neighborhoods where black and white kids play together, where biracial families e-mail photos online and where Asians and blacks dance in the same nightclubs.

And that America is on your television.

In the sterile world of TV commercials, Americans increasingly are living together side by side, regardless of race. The diverse situation reflects a trend that has been quietly growing in the advertising industry for years. Racially mixed scenarios — the families, friendships, neighborhoods and party scenes that are often used as a hip backdrop to sell products.

The ads suggest America's ethnic communities are meshing seamlessly, bonded by a love of yogurt, lipstick and athletic gear. Last year's Veronica, a fictional interracial family — white and Hispanic — in seven commercials pushing their communications products in an effort, according to a company spokesman, to "portray something that was contemporary and realistic."

Such commercials, including more than a few that depicted during the Super Bowl, allow advertisers to convey an inclusive corporate image and reach a broad ethnic range of consumers. Many applaud them as an optimistic barometer of the nation's racial progress.

But critics say such ads gloss over persistent and complicated racial realities. Though the proportion of ethnic minorities in America is growing, experts say more than superficial interactions between groups is still relatively unusual. Most Americans overwhelmingly live and mingle with people from their own racial background.

Advertising, meanwhile, is creating a "carefully manufactured racial utopia, a narrative of colorblindness," said Charles Gallagher, a sociologist at Georgia State University in Atlanta.

"Only about 7 percent of all marriages are interracial, according to Census data. About 80 percent of whites live in neighborhoods in which more than 95 percent of their neighbors are white, and data show that most Americans have few close friends of another race, Gallagher said. "The lens through which people learn about other races is absolutely through TV... . How we're getting a lens of racial interaction that is far, far, far from reality."

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Nevada student who is accused of using donations for personal use claims he is the target of a vicious political campaign

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The chairman of the upcoming Young Republican National Convention in Nevada has been removed from his position and accused of embezzling registration fees, to pay bar tabs, personal loans and credit card debts.

Nevada's national committeeman for Young Republicans filed a criminal complaint Monday with Reno police alleging Nathan Taylor used personal loans and credit card debts.

Nevada's national committeeman for Young Republicans, said about $25,000 in "personal slush fund," Joe Mrezny, personal use through his corporation.

"Should this be accepted," Joe Mrezny, national committeeman, told the Las Vegas Review-Journal for a Wednesday report.

"There is a personal grudge against him," Joe Mrezny, national committeeman, concluded.

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Q. — How does it feel to be ranked No. 4 in the region for doubles this year? A. — Rankings are nice it kind of shows off your hard work. I think it's good for us to be able to go out there and com­pete with teams like Stanford and Berkeley and get some good wins over some strong teams.

Not worried so much about where we end up as long as we keep improving our doubles. And as long as we keep getting better throughout the year then I think that's where the rankings kind of reward that.

Q. — What have you been working to improve this year? A. — Probably I want to keep working on my transition game, making my volley stronger. I worked a lot on that this summer. I worked on my speed, or my court quick­ness and my volley. They are coming along, but I want to keep improving.

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loaded walks — to beat the Mustangs 6-4 in Sunday's open­er. The Waves also turned a 3-2 deficit into a 5-4 victory in Sunday's nightcap, snapping a 4-4 tie on a two-out walk-hom run in the ninth by Steve Klee.

Cal Poly, ranked 38th in the 2005 preseason Baseball America poll, won 38 games a year ago, one more than the 1997 squad, and opened Big West play by winning five of its first six games, moving 20 games above the .500 mark (33-13-1) for the first time in 11 seasons.

However, the Mustangs were swept by Big West champ Cal State Fullerton, runner-up Long Beach State and fourth­place UC Irvine on consecutive weekends to fall out of the title and playoff chases.

Next weekend, Cal Poly will play a three-game series at Santa Clara. Friday's game at Buck and playoff chases.

Saturday and Sunday.

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players have quit in the past two years, for various reasons, including star outside/middle hitter Vanessa Gilliam who was asked to leave in September by Schlick after the two had a confrontation.

Gilliam still keeps in touch with a few former teammates, though, and said she would like to return to the Mustangs if a schol­ardhip is available for her and if finalist Marlon Santos, a current assistant, isn't the person made head coach today.

She also said Schlick wasn't caught up with the latest drills.

"The team has a lot of talent and a lot of heart and they've strung through a lot of bullshit, basically," Gilliam said. "They just need the right technique and the right training."

I suppose, it will be apparent soon enough if a good decision was made.

Graham Hinwick is a journalism senior and Mustang Daily assistant sports editor. E-mail him at ghinwick@calpoly.edu

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Women's tennis player Samantha Waller

Crystal Phend  
MUSTANG DAILY

Samantha Waller and Nicole Shahz have largely been responsible for the women's tennis success. It's not easy excelling in both the singles and doubles play, but Waller has met the challenge and helped the team climb to a fourth-place ranking in the West Region.

The Mustang Daily caught up with Waller shortly before Saturday's conference win against Northridge.

Q. — How did you get into tennis?

A. — It was kind of by luck. I was little and one of my friends in my class played tennis, had a little crush on him, and my mom signed me up. And I kind of stuck with it.

Q. — You've had a lot of success playing doubles this year, including a 3-2 conference win over Northridge last weekend. Why do you think that is?

A. — I really like doubles. My partner Nicole, she's a freshman this year and we just clicked on the court. We've been putting in a lot of time practicing our doubles and I think our hard work is starting to pay off.

Q. — How do you deal with playing both doubles and singles?

A. — Doubles is very exciting for us, for me especially. I think it brings a lot of energy to the team if anything. So instead of you know bringing us down I think it brings our team up and gives us a lot of momentum into the match.

Q. — Have you had a more difficult time with singles?

A. — It's been a struggle for me at times this year. ... There’s never an easy match. Every opponent out there is a good player and I'm just waiting for that breakthrough where my confidence rises and I feel like I can play with anyone when that happens.

Q. — Have you already reached that point in your doubles game?

A. — More so than in singles. I feel a lot more confident in doubles.

Q. — Are you taking more of a lead on the team this year as a junior?

A. — I think being in the program two years already has helped me learn a lot and allowed me to become a stronger leader for the team. We have a good mix of

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COMMENTS

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'Home' plate is full for baseball

The Mustang pitching rotation will be off after a postponement last week. Olson goes Friday, Daley Saturday and Shull Sunday.

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

The Cal Poly baseball team, which has lost four of its past six games, returns home for four games this weekend.

The Mustangs will host the University of British Columbia for an exhibition game at Baggett Stadium today at 6 p.m., followed by a three-game series against the University of San Francisco beginning Friday at 6 p.m., with the Saturday and Sunday contests to start at 1 p.m.

The Mustangs opened the season by sweeping San Diego and then taking two of three games against UCLA despite a 3-16 record against the Bruins entering the series. But Cal Poly opened in home schedule two weeks ago by losing two of three to San Jose State and having two heart-breakers, around one win, at Pepperdine last weekend.

British Columbia wraps up a nine-game road trip to California with today’s game. The Thunderbirds were 35-25 a year ago and have all their position starters returning, as well as two starting pitchers. Meanwhile, the Dons are off to a 3-1 start, their first loss coming 9-0 against Pacific on Saturday.

The Mustangs’ pitching rotation, adjusted due to last Friday’s rainout at Pepperdine, will be Olson (2-0, 3.96 ERA) on Friday, sophomore right-hander Gary Daley (0-0, 12.15 ERA) on Saturday and senior right-hander Jimmy Shull (0-2, 5.66 ERA) on Sunday. Freshman right-hander Evan Reed (0-0, 9.00 ERA) will start Thursday’s exhibition game.

San Francisco’s starting pitchers will be sophomore southpaw Scott Cousins (3-0, 0.00 ERA) on Friday, senior right-hander Nick Perry (2-0, 1.29 ERA) on Saturday and sophomore right-hander Ryan Muller (8-1, 9.00 ERA) on Sunday.

Garrett Olson starts his motion to the plate. He will start against Scott Cousins on Friday.

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Also, Cal Poly rode Olson’s strong pitching to a 2-1 victory over Pepperdine last Saturday. Olson, earning his second 2-1 victory since the second two-inning and scored in the fifth on an RBI single by Brent Cousins pitched seven scoreless innings in a 4-0 win over UC Davis.

Steve Stenhouse erased a 3-0 deficit and scored three times in the eighth inning — the last two on bases.