TO HONOR CHAVEZ

Amanda Strachan
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As students marched through Cal Poly Tuesday, they shouted "Si, se puede," which means "yes, it can be done." Participants in the march said the low turnout shows how little people know about Chavez.

Chavez used non-violent protests, such as fasts and strikes, to create a better working environment for migrant farmworkers.

"A lot of people know we have it off but they don't know why," business major Dany Cisneros said.

Although the state holiday commemorating Cesar Chavez was last Thursday, a handful of students marched through campus Tuesday afternoon to raise awareness about Chavez.

"Just looking at the people here, there's not a lot of support," civil engineering senior Juan Ochoa said. "There's a lot of people that don't really know about him, and if they do know about him they don't know enough to realize what he was fighting for."

Chavez was a migrant farm-worker dedicated to organizing and improving the lives of his fellow workers.

"He was a leader that pretty much gave up his life and sacrificed his family for what he believed in."
— JUAN OCHOA, civil engineering senior

Although Chavez died in 1993, his legacy is carried on through the Cesar Chavez foundation, created by his family, and through organizations like the Hispanic Business Student Association who put on Tuesday's march.

Chavez worked for more than three decades as a leader of the first successful farm workers union. In that time he made many improvements for the workers such as increasing their wages, working for medical coverage and improving their living conditions.

Chavez worked for change through non-violent protests. He staged fasts, boycotts, strikes and pilgrimages.

"I have a college education and I feel it's even more of a reason to fight," civil engineering senior Enoc Lizzas said. "Unfortunately many migrant farm workers are not getting the best education so I feel it is my responsibility to graduate and work for these people who cannot or find it difficult to defend themselves."

Bill to allow hemp farming in California pending Legislature

Steve Lawrence
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO — John Roulac wants to give California agriculture a boost and cut his transportation costs at the same time.

Roulac is the founder and chief executive officer of Nutiva, an up-and-coming organic food company that is based in California but that processes and packages most of its products in Canada. The reason: Nutiva sells bars, protein powder, seeds and oil made with hemp, a cousin of marijuana.

Hemp has only a trace of tetrahydrocannabinols, or THC, the drug in marijuana, but hemp can't be legally grown in the United States without a permit from the Drug Enforcement Administration. And the DEA has only allowed an experimentional use of hemp products.
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Foundation, which advocates for pri-

The plaintiffs in the case before the
court argue the commission in uncon-
stitutional because it wields executive
powers, yet two-thirds of its commis-
sioners are chosen by legislators.
"The stakes for Californians and
future generations are enormous. It's
the future of the coast," said Peter
Douglas, who has directed the com-
mision for the past 20 years.
"Whether it continues to go in the
direction of conservation and
restoration, or whether we open the
gates to poll-well development."

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mental plot in Hawaii, according to
Adam Eidinger, a spokesman for
Vote Hemp, the lobbying arm of the
hemp industry.
So Nutiva contracts with
Canadian farmers for its hemp,
processes it in Canada and imports
the finished products.
"We pay Exxon and Chevron a
lot of money for gasoline for truck-
cars," said Rodulc. "We'd rather pay
that money to Californians to
grow a sustainable crop."
Assemblyman Mark Leno has a
bill that could make that happen.
The San Francisco Democrat's
measure would allow the state
Department of Food and
Agriculture to issue licenses to
grow and process hemp.

Hemp can be used to make a
myriad of products, including
clothing, cosmetics, food, paper,
rope, jewelry, luggage, sports equip-
ment and toys. As food, hemp is
high in essential fatty acids, protein,
B vitamins and fiber, its supporters
say.
LOS ANGELES — Prayers in Hebrew and Arabic mingled with Buddhist and Greek Orthodox funeral chants in the city's flagship cathedral Tuesday as leaders from nearly a dozen religious faiths paid tribute to Pope John Paul II in an unadorned and heartfelt service.

As organ music swelled, a line of Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Sikh, Greek Orthodox and evangelical Christian leaders processed into the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels and filed past a poster-sized photo of John Paul.

SACRAMENTO — Assembly Democrats on Tuesday proposed a plan involving tax cuts and increases that they said would generate nearly $60 billion for transportation projects over the next 30 years.

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**Teegan, Sara, and Me**

Before Teegan and Sara Quinn could talk (or rock), they were already raising double trouble.

When our mom took us into the pediatrician, she was concerned about our language development," Teegan said. She mentioned that the two of us would babbble and garble to each other a lot. I guess that was our secret language.

Nowadays, they spill their stories to a slightly larger audience. As the folk-tongued pop duo Teegan and Sara, the identical twins sisters have a gift for sitting lovely happiness and lonely frustration into an eloquent, complex soundtrack. Their 2004 release, "So Jealous," (Vapor Records), pushed the 25-year-olds into some big-time gigs: a coveted spot at the Coachella Festival, late-night jams on "Jimmy Kimmel Live" and a tour slot with Baz Luhrmann's The Killers.

"I never really had the goal of being a musician," Teegan said, relacing box offices and radio charts with the group's March 25 show in San Francisco. "I won't try to do it forever, either. Sara and I just grew up very creative people and this is one means of expression. We're lucky that people take it.

At the tender age of 17, the twins first found the spotlight as the winners of Calgary's 1998 "Hard Ware" competition, a sort of Gladiator-style faceoff between unsigned acts. (Yes, patrols, they're Camocks, but don't blame them.) Shortly after they opened for Juliana Hatfield, embraced a few thousand new sisters at the Lilith Fair and released 2005's experimental "This Business of Art." Since that debut, they've also released the genre-defying "If It Was You" (2002) and shared the stage with the veritable stable of indie heroes, including Neil Young, Ryan Adams and Rufus Wainwright.

"We did kinda skip the whole struggling-artist-in-the-hasement stage," Tegan admitted. "We basically started on a national level, but there's more than one way to be recognized, right?"

The question isn't waiting for an answer, and she likes it that way. Because Teegan and Sara Quinn are an open book, reporters can ask anything, and the two of us would babble and gargle to each other a lot. She guesses, "No, you're trying to use it to sell papers. We didn't even mention anything until reporters asked if we had anything to say." The resumé fails to impress.

"It's really nice to go home and be alone," Sara says. "It's really nice to go home and be alone. Sara, especially, likes it," Teegan says. "She's a little more introverted. She's a little more homebody." Sara, the younger of the two, is a little more introverted, but she's still just as much of a performer.

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Hypocrisy plagues Republican party

In recent weeks, the White House and the Republican leadership in Congress have taken new heights of hypocrisy. As real issues face our nation, such as international terrorism, the Middle East peace process, Iraq, healthcare, the economy, the environment and poverty, Republicans debated and attempted to supersede court rulings that allowed for the removal of Terri Schiavo’s feeding tube. Even President Bush took time off from his vacation to sign legislation hoping Schiavo’s tube would be restored.

But when Bush was the governor of Texas, he signed legislation in contrast to the one he signed a few weeks ago. In the House debate on Schiavo, Rep. John Conyers Jr., D-Mich., said, “If the president of the United States really cared about the issue of the removal of feeding tubes, then why did he sign a bill as governor in Texas that allows hospitals to save money by removing feeding tubes over a family’s objection?”

“I think I have the answer to Conyers’ question. The Republicans in power no longer care about conservative values, common sense or even other people. They may talk about the “culture of life,” and use other euphemisms, but the fact remains they have become a selfish group who will say or do anything to hold on to power. They claim to represent the majority on every issue, but the majority of Americans supported the court’s decision in the Schiavo case.

When we see congressional Republicans dichotomize conservative values, such as limited government, protecting privacy and promoting state rights, we should no longer be surprised. There’s a lot to admire in conservative values, and it’s unfortunate to see them undermined by the Republicans of today.

Schiavo, who had been in a vegetative state for 15 years died March 31, two weeks after her feeding tube was removed. When she died, Bush said he would, “continue to work to build a culture of life where all Americans are welcomed and valued and protected, especially those who live at the mercy of others.” Now, if Bush believed this, where are his complaints about the 40 million Americans who lack health insurance or the 35 million Americans living in poverty?

This “culture of life” language is just another facade used to gain support from social conservatives. Republicans love to use euphemistic language in drumming up support for their programs such as the “Clear Skies Initiative,” “No Child Left Behind” and “Operation Iraqi Freedom.” They look good on paper but don’t carry out their stated purpose. In fact, most of these programs actually do the opposite of what they’re supposed to.

Interestingly enough, on March 17 Republicans rejected an amendment to a budget bill proposed by Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., and Harry Reid, D-Nev., that offered a comprehensive plan to limit unwanted pregnancies and thus abortions. In addition, most of these Republicans and Bush opposed stem-cell research which in the future could possibly help people like Schiavo.

Right now, the Republican party contains many inconsistencies, contradictions and hypocrisies. There are many within the Party who see this and are outraged by what the Republican leadership has done. With this Republican hypocrisy, I agree with former Republican New Jersey Governor Christine Todd Whitman who recently said, “It’s time for the radical moderates.” Sadly, the Republicans today have forgotten conservative and moderate values.

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Campus Troubleshooter with Mustang Daily columnist Carrie McGahey

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Q. — What's been your biggest challenge this season so far, in terms of focusing and wanting to be out there? It's just so much; the work and stress can be overwhelming. Sometimes I just want to say, "Oh my gosh," ... I think just trying to focus on my life. That was the main thing, just how excited my team was for me. That's what made me feel the best. It's always nice to get a perfect game, but the support from my team was amazing. That was the best feeling. It goes down as one of the best days of my life.

Q. — What are your plans for the future when this season is over?

A. — Hanging out. I'm looking forward to playing slow pitch, or softball, with my dad. I'm not trying to pursue a professional career in softball. I think I'm pretty much done after this season. I'm just looking forward to graduating, and figuring out what I want to do.

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BEST IN THE WEST
Big West Conference baseball preview

**Erick Smith**

With Big West play beginning, Cal Poly will face the defending national champion, another perennial powerhouse and five other teams.

The Mustangs kicked off conference play, which runs until May 29, as one of only two teams to sweep their series last weekend. Cal Poly improved to 20-12 in knocking off UC State Northridge, outscoring the Matadors 23-6.

But Northridge, 12-24-1, placed in comparison to the Long Beach State 49ers and the Cal State Fullerton Titans, who the Mustangs don’t face for another month.

The Titans finished last year as the Big West and NCAA National Champions and are primed to make a run as a contender again this year. Currently the No. 1-ranked team in the nation according to Collegiate Baseball, Fullerton went 2-1 this past weekend and boasts an overall record of 20-15.

They have taken six of nine games, each time finishing the three-game series with a record of 2-1, against No. 3 Tulane, No. 11 Arizona and No. 12 Stanford. Their only miss came against No. 13 Long Beach as the Titans lost two of three games.

“Fullerton is loaded with everything,” Mustang coach Larry Lee said. “They are the total package and they do everything extremely well.”

The Titans boast the Big West’s offensive statistics as they have an average of .344 and are the only team to hit above .300 in the conference. They also have scored the most runs, 209, and are second in runs behind Cal Poly with 330. They’ve honed their 28 times yet hold the lowest amount of strikeouts with 173.

Leading the Titans hitting squad are infielders senior Ronnie Prather and sophomore Brent Pilt. Prather is hitting .382, making him the Big West leader in batting average. He also has 23 RBIs, 24 runs and 10 doubles. Pilt has a .325 average, and is among the top five in runs scored, RBIs and total bases.

Team pitchers rank second in the conference in team pitching behind Long Beach, with a 3.86 ERA giving up 203 hits, 116 runs, 98 earned, while striking out 212 batters.

In conference play, the Titans three-game series against UC Irvine (14-13-1, 1-2) ended in Fullerton’s favor, as they won the final two games after gathering only three hits and one run in their first game loss, 5-1.

Such an upset demonstrates Lee’s thoughts that anybody can beat anybody at any time.

“There is a lot of parity in the conference,” Lee said. “This should create a dog fight at the end of the season.”

Conference play enables all eight teams in the Big West to play one another in a three-game series with the top teams being selected to represent the Big West in the NCAA tournament.

Lee said he hopes to see a minimum of four teams represent the Big West this year in the NCAA National Tournament.

“The Big West has faced well against other national conferences,” said Lee. “It is as good as any conference in the country.”

Long Beach took care of the last place UC Riverside Highlanders, who are 12-35 and 0-6 in conference play, in a four game sweep-up only two runs while scoring 11 in the series. With the sweep, the 49ers have won five of their past six games while UC Riverside has dropped five of its past six.

Rounding out the conference is Pacific (14-16-2, 4-1), and UC Santa Barbara (14-15-1, 1-2) who met last weekend. Pacific took two of three games.

Leading Pacific is senior right-handed relief pitcher Josh Schmidt who holds a conference leading 1.07 ERA.

Schmidt has appeared in 19 games this season and has six saves while striking out 48 batters and walking 15. UCSB has come to rely upon Matt Wilkerson, a senior outfielder, who has been named a two-time Big West Player of the Week this year. Wilkerson leads the Big West in RBIs with 31 and is tied for second in the conference with seven home runs and is hitting .337.

Other teams in the Big West are looking to their top players to lead their teams through conference play.

For the Mustangs, the driving force at the plate has been senior catcher Kyle Blumenthal, named Big West Player of the Week this week; it is his second time being awarded that honor this year. He has the fifth highest batting average in the conference at .357, has 30 RBIs, 23 runs and ishit off four games he has reached base safely in his last 15 plate appearances.

Another strong hitter for Poly is junior outfielder Brandon Roberts, who has a .323 average and is the Big West leader in hits, 41, and runs scored, 30. He also ranks second with 13 steals in 16 attempts.

Junior southpaw pitcher Garrett Olson is Cal Poly’s Friday night starter. He is 6-2 with a 3.05 ERA and a conference leading 79 strikeouts in 11 appearances this season.

“Gosh is having a tremendous season,” Lee said. “He sets the tone going into a weekend series.”

Cesar Ramos, the Friday night starting pitcher for Long Beach, has compiled a 6-3 record with a 1.61 ERA, 58 strikeouts thus far and has been named Big West Pitcher of the Week twice this season.

The Anteaters of UC Irvine rely on standout Chris Nicoll, a right-handed junior starting pitcher, who has 53 strikeouts, 2.28 ERA and a record of 4-1 this season.

At the plate for Cal State Northridge, infielder Erik Hagerstrom is hitting .380 and has driven in 16 runs while scoring 19. He is also third in the Big West with 16 walks.

**TOP PERFORMERS**

**MICHAEL PAULK**

CA Northridge
First base
A promising player with quite a bit of potential.

**CESAR RAMOS**

Long Beach State
Starting pitcher
A quick pitcher with excellent control. He has 63 strikeouts in 10 appearances (72.1 innings) with a 2.28 ERA.

**JOSH SCHMIDT**

UC Santa Barbara
Catcher
High .330 with 72 RBIs, .851 OBP and .597 slugging. He has hit one home run.

**MATT WILKERSON**

UC Irvine
Starting pitcher
Catcher
Has .300 with 72 RBIs, 58 runs and 10 home runs.

**CHRIS NICOLL**

UC Irvine
Starting pitcher
Catcher
Has .325 with 72 RBIs, 85 runs and 10 home runs.

**Eva Nelson**

Senior Eva Nelson has had quite a year. Nelson is playing her final season as a pitcher for the Cal Poly softball team. Earlier this season, Nelson pitched her first perfect game against Utah State in the Big West Conference. The Mustang Daily had a chance to talk to Nelson about her softball origins and her year so far.

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Q: — Were you always a pitcher?

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Q: — How do you think the team has changed since you started playing?

A: — When Lisa Boyer was coaching for my first three years, the team was pretty much consistent every year. Now that we have our new coach, Jenny (Condon), things have changed completely. Everything is more intense, we are more hard-core softball. Not that it wasn't hard-core before, but it's just intense. She focuses on the mental aspect of the game and she makes sure we're out there whenever we can get out there practicing. She drills us into the ground. She's just no mercy. She pushes us to the limits.

Q: — Do you think the team has responded well to that?

A: — I do. Especially the younger girls. That's what is really going to make a difference, because they're going to be here longer. For the seniors it was shock, because we weren't used to that. But the other girls are super intense about the game. They're going all for it. She's just coaching them to be better, and she's in so much pain with her knee injury. She's been amazing, even though she's so much pain with her knee injury.

**THE ATHLETE'S TURN**

This week’s spotlight on...

**Softball pitcher Eva Nelson**

Kristen Onto

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