Birth control: Not just a pill anymore

The new female contraceptive patch, Ortho Evra, may pose a high risk to women under age 35. Ortho McNeil Pharmaceutical, Inc. recently studied users of the patch. ABC News reported that Ortho Evra "poses a high risk to women under age 35. There have been 17 known deaths, and 52 life threatening complications, including blood clots directly related to wearing the patch. Another lesser-known option of birth control is the monthly vaginal contraceptive ring, called the NuvaRing. The ring is proven to be as effective as the pill or patch. The ring manufacturer, Organon, touts the NuvaRing as a "comfortable, flexible contraceptive ring that is about two inches in diameter, (the ring) releases a low dose of hormones that are needed to prevent pregnancy." The ring has half the estrogen of the pill before, but I don't know many women who use it."

President Bush urges development of alternate fuels

President Bush's plan to make the United States less dependent on foreign oil would open an Alaska wildlife refuge for drilling.

President Bush tours the Virginia BioDiesel Refinery on Monday, to see how the facility turns soybeans into fuel. Bush urged Congress to enact energy legislation that he says addresses both supply and conservation issues in a bid to make the United States less dependent on foreign sources of oil. He said, "I understand that," the president said. "I wish I could just wave a magic wand and lower the price at the pump, I'll do that, But that's not how it works." He said the high prices confronting consumers have been decades in the making. Despite these benefits, the NuvaRing has been slow to catch on. One reason may be the smaller advertising budget of Organon. Many students eschew the newer birth control options in favor of the pill. "Most people I know are just more comfortable taking the pill," recreation administration junior Brooke Kaposch said. "I've heard of the patch before, but I don't know many people who use it."

Supreme Court ruling will impact wine industry

In a 5 to 4 decision, the high court struck down shipping bans: 24 states will have to review their current laws.

The widely-publicized birth control patch, Ortho Evra, is the fastest growing hormonal contraceptive available, according to a study conducted by the manufacturer Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical, Inc. Recent studies may give patch users reason to pause. ABC News reported that Ortho Evra "poses a high risk to women under age 35. There have been 17 known deaths, and 52 life threatening complications, including blood clots directly related to wearing the patch. Another lesser-known option of birth control is the monthly vaginal contraceptive ring, called the NuvaRing. The ring is proven to be as effective as the pill or patch. The ring manufacturer, Organon, touts the NuvaRing as a "comfortable, flexible contraceptive ring that is about two inches in diameter, (the ring) releases a low dose of hormones that are needed to prevent pregnancy."

The court's decision overturned laws in New York and Michigan, which supporters said were aimed at protecting local wineries and limiting underage drinkers from purchasing wine without showing proof of age.
Contraceptive
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Most doctors offer Ortho Evra and the NuvaRing as options.
"We handle a number of birth control methods on campus, including the patch and the ring," said Dr. Brett Cockran, the head of medical services for Health and Counseling Services. "The NuvaRing is still considered a medication like the other." The future of birth control also holds many possibilities. Researchers at the ANZAC Research Institute in Australia and Edinburgh University have conducted separate, similar studies on oral contraceptives for men. In addition, many pharmaceutical companies are working to develop a similar product. Hormones in these pills would suppress sperm production, theoretically making the pill 100 percent effective.

As of now, the results show effects to be reversible. "A male birth control pill is like the holy grail. It would completely change the way we view birth control. There have been all sorts of attempts and studies, but I have not heard of anything that has yet to move beyond the preliminary stages," Cockran said.

Registration
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The number of units students can enroll in normally is no more than two units toward their degrees. "We have to decide how we classify student success. Is it that they are getting more classes that are relevant to their major, or is it that they are taking a higher number of units? We couldn't make that decision as the registration committee," the registration committee was unable to make the decision and the task fell to Provost Bob Dwemer who voted for the increase. "It will be nice when we have high priority," statistics junior Andrea Hessel said. "When you're like 10th or 12th in line that's when it's going to be tough. It was so much easier this quarter because I didn't have to fight to get all the classes I needed." The study has shown that some of the registration changes have brought improvements for students and professors. "Professors are seeing that their rosters are more stable because people aren't adding and dropping so readily because of the e-permit process."
STATE NEWS

RANCHO CUCAMONGA — Two men trying to stop opossums from harassing a cat have been charged with animal cruelty for killing them with a pitchfork.

Nick Barragan and William Wallace allegedly killed the mother and three young opossums March 26 outside Wallace’s home. They were scheduled to be arraigned Wednesday in San Bernardino County Superior Court on a felony animal cruelty count each. If convicted, they face 16 months to 3 years in prison and a fine of up to $20,000, the district attorney’s office said Monday.

LOS ANGELES — Two men disrupted an anti-development protest Monday by pulling a banner down from a fence and shredding it with razor blades, activists said.

Residents were protesting the Playa Vista development near Los Angeles International Airport when the men ran from a van to tear up the banner, which said “Stop Playa Vista Expansion” and supported a city council candidate, activist Paul Herzog said.

The incident was videotaped and police detained the two men, Herzog said. Neither a Playa Vista spokesman nor the police detective assigned to the case immediately returned calls seeking comment.

NATIONAL NEWS

NEW YORK — Newsweek magazine, under fire for publishing a story that led to deadly protests in Afghanistan, said Monday it was retracting its report that a military probe found evidence of desecration of the Quran by U.S. interrogators at Guantanamo Bay.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

SHANNON, Ireland — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on Monday appealed to Syria’s Arab neighbors to pressure Damascus to close its borders to foreign militants seeking to join the Iraqi insurgency. She also voiced optimism about Iraq’s emerging multi-ethnic government but predicted difficult negotiations as constitutional deadline nears.

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq’s new government vowed Monday to crack down on the killers of at least 50 people found slain in the past 48 hours and said insurgents were trying to cause war between the country’s Shiite Muslim majority and Sunni minority.

Underestimating the threat, two car bombs exploded within minutes at a mostly Shiite Baghdad market, part of a rash of attacks many worry could deepen the conflict beyond the deadly insurgency against U.S. forces and their Iraqi allies.

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — An elderly Vietnamese-American couple disappeared during a Caribbean cruise and they probably fell overboard, officials said Monday.

The 71-year-old man and 67-year-old woman aboard the Carnival Destiny ship disappeared sometime Thursday between the islands of Barbados and Aruba. U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer Omar Barrera said.

“The only logical conclusion is that they somehow fell overboard,” Barrera said.

Investigators found a few of the couple’s belongings, including a purse and sandals, out in the open on the third floor of the ship, Barrera said. There were no signs that it was a case of suicide.

SANTA MARIA — A security guard at Michael Jackson’s Neverland ranch testified Monday that he caught Jackson’s accuser and his brother with a bottle of wine, and a mad told the jury that she saw adult magazines in the brother’s backpack.

Defense attorneys in Jackson’s child molestation trial called the Neverland employees to challenge prosecution claims that it was Jackson who exposed the children to alcohol and adult materials.

BAY ST. LOUIS, Miss. — The Atlantic Seaboard and the Gulf Coast could be in for another bad hurricane season, a top government forecaster said Monday.

Congressional deadline nears.

Those changes are more necessary, not less, during “wartime, Rumsfeld said as a nine-member, congressionally-chartered commission opened hearings into the base-closing plan that will go to President Bush this fall and then to Congress. In past base closure rounds, the commission went along with about 85 percent of what the Pentagon recommended. The current panel sounded receptive to what Rumsfeld proposed, with some mumblings about the changes targeting National Guard and reserve units.

Almost all available law enforcement officers took part in the search. Local media outlets were contacted and crews across several West Virginia Air National Guard C-130 planes, already flying in the area, were asked to help and a Maryland State Police helicopter also participated in the search.

One of the dogs eventually picked up the children’s scent and started nuzzling on a blanket they were wrapped up in under the bed, Lemaster said.

An officer searched the home at the start of the investigation, but didn’t find the boys.

“We had heard word that the two juveniles do like to hide a lot,” Lemaster said.

Between 25 and 50 searchers took part in the effort, while more were on their way to the search area.

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While the total box office take was down 6.7 percent from the same weekend last year, when "Toy" debuted with $46.8 million, it was up 21.7 percent from last weekend.

Studio executives said they were not disturbed by the box office results. They point to next week's expected blockbuster opening of "Star Wars," which will be followed by several big films, including the animated "Madagascar" and the Adam Sandler-Chris Rock remake of "The Longest Yard."

"There's nothing wrong with our business that a good movie won't fix," said David Tuckerman, head of distribution for New Line Cinema, which released "Monster-in-Law," "Star Wars" will jump-start us."

None of the major studios are planning any wide releases next weekend, figuring that any new movie will be buried by the sixth and final episode of George Lucas' influential sci-fi saga.

"Star Wars" is going to turn everything around in a big way," Paul Dergarabedian said. "Because it's the final installment, it's going to go beyond the typical sci-fi audience. It's a cultural phenomenon. Virtually everyone has a vested interest in this movie."

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It's been three years since Weezer released an album, and now the group has reemerged with "Make Believe."

Rolling Stone calls the album a "breakthrough" for the group, but other critics place the album in the same ranks as Weezer's three previous albums, which each received less than enthusiastic reviews.

It's tough being Weezer because they still live in the shadow of the band's "Blue Album." From it we got hits like "Buddy Holly," the "Undone — The Sweater Song" and "My Name is Jonas." But that was 11 years ago, so of course the band is going to have a different sound. "Make Believe" keeps the band's unique sound and adds some new twists. Lead single "Beverly Hills," has a good pop sound remarkably similar to something Everclear, prior to its chorus, is pure Weezer.

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Take advantage of the great outdoors

If you have to do is walk outside to realize what an amazing country we live in. How often do you wish you had a chance to experience new places and new wilderness challenges. There are some great out there for experienced outdoor enthusiasts. For example, Poly Escapes is a program offered through ASI in which students can lead trips ranging from mountain biking to mountaineering. There are so many great things about these trips including the challenge, the excitement and the low cost. Trip leaders are all volunteers, so their passion for the outdoors is obvious. One day my friend Lilian told me she was leading a day trip with her friend through Poly Escapes up Reservoir Canyon and invited me to come along. What an amazing experience! We were pointing out all sorts of plants and animals that I can't even pronounce. Even since that day, Reservoir Canyon is one of my favorite day hikes in San Luis Obispo.

Day hikes are certainly not the only adventure available through Poly Escapes. There are introduction courses to rock climbing, surfing, canyoneering and others. Whether you are interested in the outdoors or have never ventured past your backyard, you are certainly welcome.

No matter what your experience level or trip desire is, Poly Escapes can provide it. Poly Escapes offers at least two to three trips every weekend. On these trips, students share the cost of meals and transportation so each outing is extremely inexpensive. Since Poly Escapes is a program under ASI, the costs are also much less expensive than if you used a private, outdoor adventure company.

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ACROSS
1. Threat problem
2. Amorphous
3. Movie monster
4. Quo
5. From night
6. Capital of Italy
7. "No way!"
8. "Ole Miss" group
9. Black-bordered news item
10. Men up-to-date
11. "Right now!"
12. Gun rights grp
14. Rife recommenders
16. Porter's place
17. Death, to Dylan
18. Farm member
19. Monopoly of "K.Y.P.O. Blue"
20. Newwoman Jim
21. Steams up
22. Bird to belt in
23. Like krypton
24. Ally cat, perhaps
25. "Bus Stop" playwright
26. Place for some polish
27. "Loos" Green" paper, with "the"
28. One who saves the day
29. His questions are answers
30. Western treat
31. Deep-six
32. Lower to P.M., 1968

DOWN
1. Pitched too low
2. Rolling in dough
3. P.O. with science
4. Attacks
5. Miss High City team
6. Argic shots
7. Cut out
8. Philippine peninsula
9. Old, to a car burr
10. Leave speechlessness
11. Toward the mouth
12. Like krypton
13. "Out!"
14. Amorphous
15. "Me?"
16. "Nothing!"
17. T.P.A. meeting place
18. Book with science
19. Bad, perhaps
20. "Wait a minute!
21. "Cute"
22. "So far"
23. "Black Bos" port
24. "Nah"
25. "Sandwich"
26. "Here's my bell"
27. "Hook" birthday
28. "Left"
29. "Poke" Patrick
30. "Hydrocarbon"
31. "Sugar"
**SPORTS**

8 Tuesday, May 17, 2005

**Better than expected**

Mustang Kelly Dahl hangs over the pole vault bar in the Five-Way Meet hosted by Cal Poly.

SETHA SOBCHIK FILE PHOTO

It wasn't his fastest time, almost a minute slower than his school record, but Ben Bruce still had enough to win the Big West Championship in the 5,000 meter race.

His performance aside from this race made way for greater honors.

Six weeks removed from his record-setting race at the Stanford Invitational, Bruce ran a 14:32.97-minute race to claim first place. Bruce also won the 3,000-meter steeplechase, in a meet-record time of 8:42.11, while Day won the high jump and set a new Big West Conference record when she tied her season best 6-02.75.

Then, after the completion of the championships Sunday in Irvine, Bruce received Track Athlete of the Year, while Day was honored with Field Athlete of the Year.

**Not good enough: Mustangs drop to No. 29 in nation**

With the meat of the baseball season behind them, the Mustangs turn their attention to the final two series in an effort to impress the selection committee in hopes of making the NCAA Tournament.

After losing two of three games to No. 12 Long Beach State, Cal Poly dropped to No. 29 in the Collegiate Baseball Newspaper poll. The Mustangs are now third place in the Big West Conference, 1 1/2 games back of the Titans and 49ers' upcoming series against UC Riverside at Baggett, a final home series.

The Highlanders, under first-year head coach Doug Smith (23-24, UC Riverside '75), are fourth in the Big West with an 8-7 mark and won two of three games at Cal Poly a year ago.

The Highlanders feature four players with batting averages above .300, led by first baseman Nick Salotti with a .349, designated hitter Andrew Martinez (.342) and center fielder Brett Bigler (.322) also are hitting well.

**POLY STAT RACK**

more wins that Mustang softball had than Fullerton

190 softball's strength of schedule rating

**WHAT DID YOU SAY?**

"I wasn't really surprised to see (Fullerton) just because of their strength of schedule. They had big wins over top 10 teams." — Jimmy Carrone, softball coach quoted in Tribune

**THE MUSTY ZONE**

**Athletes**

Jimmy Shull

Emily Hively

**GAME SCHEDULE**

**Head and Field**

Friday, May 27 at NCAA West Regional, 11 a.m.

Friday, May 28 at NCAA West Regional, 11 a.m.

**Friday**

Friday vs. UC Riverside (Baggett), 6 p.m.

Saturday vs. UC Riverside (Baggett), 1 p.m.

Sunday vs. UC Riverside (Baggett), 1 p.m.

**Tuesday**

5/27 at UC Irvine, 1 p.m.

5/28 at UC Irvine, 1 p.m.

5/29 at UC Irvine, 1 p.m.

**Monday, May 29**

Thursday vs. NCAA West Regional, 7 a.m.

Friday vs. NCAA West Regional, 7 a.m.

Saturday vs. NCAA West Regional, 7 a.m.

**WERE YOU AWARE?**

The Cal Poly baseball team had eight Big West Conference players of the week total this season.

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