A memorial honoring the lives of five San Luis Obispo women was held by the Cal Poly Women’s Center Monday night at Luna Café in San Luis Obispo. The memorial is the first in a string of events scheduled for Remember Week, which began on April 10 and runs through April 14.

“We’re trying to show that (these women) are not forgotten. These are just five women in our community that have been affected by sexual assault and we know that there are many, many more,” Women’s Center intern Rebeka Levin said.

The memorial is a quiet time for people to come and reflect about these lives cut short by sexual assault. Four of the women honored at the event, Aundria Crawford, Kristina Hogan, Laci Peterson, and Rachel Newhouse, were all students at Cal Poly.

Above, Cal Poly Women’s Center members lit five candles in the memory of each of the women honored at the event.

“Sometimes we are met with a lot of resistance from people saying ‘This is a safe place, why do we need to talk about this?’” said Elizabeth Lucas, a fellow Women’s Center employee. “But people need to realize that things as extreme as rape and murder can happen here in San Luis Obispo.”

Kristin Smart. Rachel Newhouse. Andria Crawford. Kristina Hogan. Laci Peterson. Each of these women had their lives cut short by sexual assault. Four of their bodies have been found, and the men responsible for their deaths have been charged and imprisoned. However, one of the women has yet to be found. This is her story.

On the eve of May 25, 1996 Cal Poly freshman Kristin Smart went to a party. Spring quarter was drawing to a close, and the 19-year-old decided to celebrate the end of her first year in college at a friend’s birthday party. But, as police reports from all over San Luis Obispo County and the Internet show, Smart did not return for a second year.

But she didn’t go home either. see Remember, page 2

Above left, Students observe five paintings on display created by Cal Poly students in honor of the five women victims of violence at Luna Café Monday night. Along with the paintings, visitors could read a description on the artists feelings on the paintings and the lives of the women.

Good story: Not to be forgotten

Cal Poly and San Luis Obispo honor the lives and memories of five local female victims of violence and sexual assault as part of Remember Week

Amy Asman
MUSTANG DAILY

Terry Crawford chosen as Poly Royal Parade grand marshal

Kathrene Tiffin
MUSTANG DAILY

As a way to say “thank you” for coaching the university’s track and field athletes for the past 14 years, Terry Crawford has been selected as the grand marshal for this year’s Poly Royal Parade.

“We wanted to choose a grand marshal that was relating to athletes in some way,” said Nicole Stivers, director of public relations for Cal Poly Open House. “It’s our way of honoring someone who has shown dedication and commitment to Cal Poly. Terry Crawford has done a lot for Cal Poly sports.”

“Cal Poly: Choice of Champions” is the theme for this year’s open house.

Crawford has coached many Cal Poly athletes who have become NCAA national champions or Olympians during her coaching years at Cal Poly.

“We were looking for people who were involved with the Olympics and Cal Poly,” said Allie O’Leary, director of events and entertainment for Cal Poly Open House. “Terry Crawford has coached many Olympians so we thought it was a perfect fit.”

The parade will begin Saturday, April 22, at 9 a.m., at the corners of Grand Avenue and Perimeter Road and will end at Perimeter Road and Via Carter at 10 a.m.

“Our grand marshal is always a female because our open house wants to include traditions from past years,” Stivers said. Years ago the rodeo queen led the parade, but “the rodeo queen doesn’t lead it anymore,” Stivers said. “We’re bringing in traditions of past years.”

“It is such a great honor for me to be named grand marshal of the parade,” Crawford said in a press release.

The three-day event begins Thursday, April 20, with clubs preview night at Farmer’s Market. Friday includes a preview day for admitted students to get acquainted with the campus and their departments, a university welcome and a Friday night invite. Saturday, beginning at 10 a.m., more than 200 clubs and concession booths will be set up around the campus offering students an opportunity to learn more about what the campus has to offer, including entertainment for Cal Poly Open House.

“The Kids’ Fair, campus-wide exhibits and demonstrations, events will begin at 10:30 a.m.”

For more information on the parade or any of the Cal Poly Open House events visit, www.openhouse.calpoly.edu.
It's really scary to know that you could disappear and no one would know what happened to you," she said.

Smart was reported missing by her parents shortly after the night of the party. University police, however, were slow to respond to the case because the department believed the 19-year-old Nipomo High School graduate was her boyfriend.

"They thought, because it was so close to the end of the quarter, that she had left without telling anyone where she was going," senior Kara Flores, an employee at The Cal Poly Women's Center, said.

Reports that she was unhappy at school led police to think that maybe she ran away with her boyfriend, that Smart didn't have a boyfriend.

"Kristin was going through some changes at school, she was having trouble keeping up in her classes..." said Murphy, the office manager of her husband's practice.

"She wanted to quit," said Murphy, the office manager of her husband's practice. "She had even dyed her blonde hair brown and she wanted the kids on campus to call her Rosie." But she was really excited the last night her mother talked to her because she found out that her professor was going to let her retake a test that she had bombed," Murphy said.

"Kristin knew she was uncondi­tionally loved. She was never estranged from her family," she said. "They knew she didn't run away... Her family knew she would never do that to her little brothers and her paren­ents."

Six months after her disappearance, her family hired the Murphys and partner Tara Coates to further investigate the case. The law office, with help from the surrounding Central Coast communities, set out to find the striking, 6-foot swimmer.

The exact details of Smart's last night on campus are still uncertain. However, with the help of witnesses and outside sources, both police and the family's lawyers have managed to piece together an idea of what happened.

Smart arrived at the party around midnight "stone cold sober," Murphy said. She stayed there for several hours until a classmate, Cheryl, found her passed out on the front lawn. She rec­ognized Smart and managed to get her up and walking. With the help of another friend named Tim, Cheryl planned to walk back to the dorms.

According to files kept by the Women's Center shortly afterward, Tim and Cheryl reported that another student, Paul Flores, "just sort of appeared out of nowhere" and offered to walk back to the dorms with them.

At the time it seemed like no big deal and the walk continued along Grand Avenue."

Tim parted ways with the group at Perimeter Avenue and headed in another direction. Flores, Cheryl and Smart continued to walk the 100 yards up to the dorms.

As Grand and Perimeter, Cheryl needed to break off and walk up Grand Avenue to her dorm at Sierra Madre. She later said she was nervous about leaving Flores alone with Kristin, Groth said. "He was supposedly acting really inappropriate toward Kristin, talking to her and fondling her," Groth said, "at least enough for Cheryl to say hey, what's going on?"

She made Flores promise to walk. Smart all the way to her dorm, Groth said, and Flores said he would. This was the last time she was seen alive.

News of Smart's mysterious disappear­ance following that early morn­ing walk across campus began a slow, but steady search for the Cal Poly freshman. Not surprisingly, police, the university and Smart's family expect­ed all the answers to her whereabouts to lay with Flores. But Flores' answers didn't seem to add up.

"His testimony was very inconsis­tent," Murphy said. Also, Flores was later documented by the Arneso Grande Police see Remember, page 4
WHO SAID THAT?

The pursuit of happiness is a most ridiculous phrase; if you pursue happiness you'll never find it.
— CP Snow

Character - the willingness to accept responsibility for one's own life — is the source from which self respect springs.
— Joan Didion (1934 - ), "Slouching Towards Bethlehem"

The greatest use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it.
— William James (1842 - 1910)

Wordly Wise

Surreptitious: Done, made, or gotten by stealth; also, marked by stealth.
Claque: a group of fawning admirers.

The Face of Cal Poly presents...

Meet the Editors

Favorites
Place in SLO: Cuesta Ridge at midnight with my roommates.
Restaurant: Pat and Oscars
Time of day: Mid-afternoon naps when it's raining.
Past time: Jumping horses
Musical artist: Rascal Flats
Animal: Marmot

If You Could...

— Be anywhere where would you be and why?
  Watching the Ducks win the Stanley Cup.

— Have lunch with any 3 people who would you pick?
  My grandfather who died before I was born, Ryan Getzlaf of the Anaheim Mighty Ducks, and the lady who received my aorta.

Under Four... or walking the line?

THE AVERAGE CAL POLY STUDENT DRINKS UNDER FOUR DRINKS IN ONE SITTING

83% of Cal Poly students have a designated driver.
SACRAMENTO — The latest in a series of unusual spring storms will spare the soggy San Joaquin Valley, reducing the danger of levee breaks there, but will raise river levels across Northern California, forecasters said Tuesday.

Crews in the San Joaquin Valley connected counties leave rocks, tarps and sandbags, but forecasters were cautiously optimistic, noting a second wave of storms did not appear to fall in the state’s central region.

— The Associated Press

SALINAS — Strawberries are rotting and farmers cannot harvest lettuce or artichokes because of knee-deep mud as relentless rains continue to threaten Monterey County’s $3.4 billion agricultural industry.

The financial impact trickles all the way down to field workers sidelined by the foul weather. Some have resorted to eating rice and beans while struggling to pay rent.

— The Associated Press

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Department as having a black eye and scratches on his knuckles when he went in to be booked with drugs under the influence. The booking photograph was taken four to five days after Smart’s disappearance, Murphy said.

“I don’t think that Paul intended to kill her. I think he ended up strangling her, or the asphyxiated in her own vomit, and ... at some point she fought back,” Murphy said, adding that Flores did have some kind of rage problem stemming from childhood, which has been documented in his middle school in Palmdale.

The Sheriff’s Department, however, released Flores, mistaking that the case was still open.

“The only information that I can give (the public) is contained on the Sheriff Department’s Web site. I cannot comment further on the case due to the fact that it is an on-going case,” said Sgt. Brian Haskel, the department’s public information officer.

Flores, according to the Web site, has said that he separated from Kristin near her dorm room, and reported that she walked the short distance to her room alone. But Kristin did not return to her room and has not contacted family or friends since that time. She did not have identification, money or extra clothing with her when she disappeared.

Still many people complain that the investigation was (and continues to be) marred by a lack of concrete evidence because of the way the university police handled the alleged crime scene and Flores’ initial interrogation, Murphy said.

“Cal Poly ordered him to take everything out of his room,” she said, adding that in doing so any sort of DNA evidence was destroyed.

“Cal Poly police aren’t trained in homicide,” she said.

Currently, most of the people involved with the case have since retired from the University Police Department, Interim Chief Bill Watson said.

“It’s a tragic case,” he said, adding that the UFPD is “still hopeful that someone will step forward with information that might lead to a conclusion of the case and hopefully an arrest.”

Since then, the San Luis Obispo Sheriff’s Department has come up with much better information in the 10-year-old case. But still, the case remains unsolved and Smart continues to be listed as a “missing person.” And many people in the community, including the Smarts and their lawyers, consider Flores the main suspect in the young woman’s murder.

“I can’t tell you how many times we thought we were going to find her,” Murphy said, adding that she and her co-workers have never expected to find Smart alive. “The things we really want to know most now is where she is and how she died.”

Representation for the Flores family could not be reached for this article, and Flores himself continues to plead the Fifth Amendment in answering any and all questions concerning Smart’s disappearance.

According to Hubble, the 30-year-old has been arrested and charged with three D.U.I.’s.

“My biggest fear, since he drinks and drives, is that he’s going to kill himself and all the people around him and his whereabouts are going to be buried with him,” Murphy said.

Many people in the area have the exact same mindset when remembering the tall blonde student from Cal Poly who went missing more than a decade ago.

“I absolutely cannot imagine the grief that her (parents) have gone through because they don’t even have a body,” Cheryl Howell, a criminal justice student at Hancock college and mother of five-year-old Destiny Howell, said.

“I feel so sorry for her family because to have the answers right there in front of you and no one going forward and looking for them must be the hardest thing in the world,” she said.

Terence Chea
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on Tuesday called for a market-based approach to reducing industrial emissions of “greenhouse” gases, endorsing a plan to combat global warming that faces opposition from business and Republican leaders.

Speaking at a climate change summit at San Francisco City Hall, Schwarzenegger said he supported creating financial incentives to curb the release of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases and requiring companies to report their emissions.

“We let’s work together to create the world’s best market-based system to limit and slash emissions,” Schwarzenegger said. “Everyone must do his or her part to pitch in and to make sacrifices, to give our environment the type of strong and committed protection that all Californians demand.”

Schwarzenegger said he backed ideas in a report released last week by the administration’s Climate Action Team, which listed ways to curb emissions from power plants, oil refineries and factories operating in California by 25 percent by 2020.

Schwarzenegger’s appearance in San Francisco was the first of a weeklong series of events designed to highlight his stewardship of the environment — a salient issue among the Democratic and independent voters he needs to win back this year to get re-elected in November.

During Tuesday’s speech, the governor pointed out his administration’s work to protect marine ecosystems, boost energy efficiency, promote solar power, conserve forests and develop hydrogen fuel technology.

“We are showing everyone that we believe nothing is more important than protecting the environment,” he said. “We can lead the world in both the environment and job creation.”

Schwarzenegger broke ranks with the Bush administration on global warming last June, when he announced an ambitious plan to drastically reduce California’s emissions of greenhouse gases over the next 50 years.

Afer six months of hearings and testing, the Climate Action Team last week released its report detailing ways to meet those goals. Its recommendations include boosting energy efficiency and standards, funding a public education campaign and charging fees to help pay for emissions-reduction efforts.

The most controversial proposal is a “cap-and-trade” program that would restrict the amount of greenhouse gases companies are allowed to emit, then require companies that exceed those limits to buy credits from less-polluting firms.

On the same day, Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez and Assemblywoman Fran Pavley, D- Agua Vista, introduced legislation to cut emissions from commercial sources to 1990 levels by 2020, and give authority to the Air Resources Board to determine how to meet those goals.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, right, answers questions at a climate change summit at City Hall in San Francisco City Hall on Tuesday.

Schwarzenegger wants market-based system to combat global warming

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Gas prices high and going higher, but motorists keep driving

H. Josef Hebert
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Gasoline prices are surging again with summer on the horizon, pushing or even passing $3 a gallon in some places.

Drivers aren't expected to ease off on their mileage, sending demand higher than last year. But they are growing.

The Energy Department says it expects the price of regular to average $3.62 a gallon, 25 cents higher than last summer, over the April-September driving period. But the country already are above that.

"Look, it's $41 to fill it up," complained Lorenzo Rodriguez, 26, a restaurant manager, as he pumped midday Tuesday at $3.05 a gallon at Chevron Station on the Wetgate complex in Northwest Washington. Across the street at an Exxon Mobil gas station, regular grade was going for $3.09 — and there weren't many customers.

Erinn Goodall, 56, a professional driver pumping supreme grade into her large sedan, was paying $3.29 a gallon. "It's for higher than last year, a bigger hit," said Goodall, who added that when it comes to personal driving her scaling back — no more Sunday trips.

Guy Caruso, head of the Energy Department's statistical agency, said prices at the pump, which averaged $2.68 a gallon last week nationwide, are likely to increase to 15 to 15 cents a gallon in the coming weeks, peak in May and drop off in late summer.

He said the national average can mask local price spikes.

"We assume normal weather," added Caruso, head of the Energy Information Administration. If a hurricane or a refinery outage causes supply problems, or if crude oil takes a major jump, prices will be higher yet.

Crude oil climbed above $69 a barrel Tuesday to the highest level this year before easing back somewhat. Wholesale gasoline for delivery in May was a shade over $2 a gallon, 29 percent higher than a year ago.

But Caruso said motorists are not expected to cut back on their summer driving — a view mirrored by AAA, former chairman of the American Automobile Association, which also predicts a busy summer travel season.

In fact, motorists are expected to use 1.5 percent more gasoline than last summer.

Said Geoff Sundstrom, a spokesman for AAA, "Although the price of gasoline is very high, the fact is the economy still seems to be growing. We're adding jobs, so we would expect we would see a relatively strong summer travel season."

Gas prices last week were 40 percent higher than the same week a year ago and are likely rise further at higher crude oil and wholesale gasoline costs make through summer, said Caruso.

Supplies are expected to be adequate, barring a major disruption, although some regions, especially the East Coast, may have to rely more on gasoline imports, the Energy Department says. Crude oil is expected to remain high, averaging $65 a barrel for the year, it says.

Refiners have been shifting away from the additive MTBE — which many believe decreases water contamination — resulting in a greater demand for corn-based ethanol. That's pushing up prices "a few pennies," Caruso said.

The refiners have said they will stop using MTBE on May 3 when the federal requirement for a clean-air oxygenate is lifted as part of an energy law enacted last summer.

"It will be a challenge to meet the demand for ethanol, although production is ramping up," said Caruso. The ethanol industry has said it will produce enough.

Unknown is how high prices might go if the Gulf Coast is hit by another major hurricane this summer or if there is some other significant supply disruption.

Gasoline soared to a national average of $3.07 a gallon — and considerably higher in some areas — after Hurricane Katrina wiped out production in the Gulf of Mexico and shut down major refineries last year.

Rumsfeld cautious about reports regarding U.S. preparations for possible attack on Iran

Lolita C. Baldor
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld Tuesday he would not engage in "fantasy land" speculation about a possible U.S. attack on Iran, though he said the Bush administration is concerned about Tehran's nuclear ambitions.

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The White House denounced the latest comments from Iranian officials with press secretary Scott McClellan saying they "continue to show that Iran is moving in the wrong direction."

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Sinatra explains it all

When the levee starts breaking, when the crowd stops screaming, the Chairman was right — you just gotta loosen up and swing.

In the 1940s, Frank Sinatra was the best singer in town. His deep, soulful ballads and smirking sexuality made him a hit-tipping embodiment of revitalized America: he sang, he acted, he cut a rug, all while giving wartime audiences a ring-a-ding good time. And then his golden voice gave out, and the silence became deafening — with those valuable vocal cords shot and his starlet wife out the door, his fast track looked over for good.

Endsville.

But he made that celluloid comeback, as the tragic soldier Maggie in “From Here to Eternity” (1953), and all the fickle Hollywood doors opened to embrace his new tenacity (and that shining Academy Award in tow). Sinatra shot back up the ladder to record his most hoppin’ songs, embrace the best screen roles, and find the best buddies and brides of his colorful life. Along the way, he also tangled with the mob, partied until the early afternoons nightly, his colorful life. Along the way, he found the best buddies and broads of his life where it hurt.

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“The Way You Wear Your Hat,” Sinatra hated to be alone, and his round-the-clock calendar was owed to frequent casks and sus­ pected bipolarism. Guests to his nightly black-tie galas in Hollywood and Palm Springs were told to bring their sunglasses. Sinatra hated anyone who disrespected a woman’s honor; it was the source of endless fights. A believer in chivalry, he never swore in front of ladies and sent them ridiculous lavish gifts. (Second wife Ava Gardner received a luxe shinver in filming). But he is also said to have offered to have the director’s legs
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Frank’s presence, which he acknowledged with loud boozing (always Jack and four cubi) and scoring every dame in wanking dis­ tance. He never forgot a pal’s drink preference, and usually traveled

with a glass (capped elegantly from the bottom) in one hand and a cig­ arrette in the other. (But forget

Mary Jane — his third wife, Mia Farrow, smoked grass and he

loathed it.)

According to Bill Zehme’s biog­ raphy “The Way You Wear Your Hat,” Sinatra hated to be alone, and his round-the-clock calendar was owed to frequent casks and sus­ pected bipolarism. Guests to his

nightly black-tie galas in Hollywood and Palm Springs were told to bring their sunglasses. “I’m supposed to have a Ph.D. on the subject of women. But the truth is I’m flanked more often than not.”

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His relationship with Gardner is immortal — the sultry movie star was every bit as volatile and byzan­
tine as him, and they fought and reconciled with floor-shaking pas­ sion. By many accounts, she humili­
ated and humiliated him, and he

reeled her back with suicide threats and wild romantic gestures. When they split in 1957, he took the

heartbreak hard and acknowledged the pain for decades to come (even through other marriages). The Chairman was never resolved.

He was quick to fight, but not to
dress. Sinatra had a meticulously
toned routine for duffing his suits and
grooming his loose ends; he (and Dino) had a great concern for cleanliness. The iconic hats were

worn intially to hide his receding hairline, but later became an inte­
gral part of his personality — each

hat angle held significance. Only black shoes and dark pants were

acceptable after sundown; tuxedos

were the norm, not the exception, and handkerchiefs (usually orange) always peeked from the pockets.

The man wasn’t classically hand­some — he was five feet eight inches tall, astonishingly skinny, and had noticeable indents on the left

side of his face, the result of a diffi­
cult extraction during his birth. But

he claimed often, a man should never hide his scars — they shaped personality and weren’t going any­
where. Why should they? Whatever was worth fighting for should always be remembered.

Just like him.

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Mini Study Abroad Fair

This mini fair is a great opportunity to talk to coordinators and representatives of study abroad and international programs offered at Cal Poly.

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DiFranco ‘not so soft’

Ani DiFranco’s newest release is a politically-charged mixture of poetry and music.

Ronnie Meehan
MUSTANG DAILY

While other artists were playing benefit concerts and riding the wave of patriotism that swept the country following the 9/11 attacks, folk-rocker Ani DiFranco took the stage in April 2002 at New York’s Carnegie Hall to express her disdain for the Bush administration and his American foreign policy.

DiFranco’s latest album, “Carnegie Hall 4/6/02,” is a recording of her live performance at the famous hall. The album is a compilation of DiFranco’s past work along with her newer politically-charged songs. DiFranco is solo on stage with just her acoustic guitar. The cheering of the audience can clearly be heard in the background. A mix between songs and spoken poetry can be found throughout the album.

Unfortunately, the sound quality is less than desirable and you will find yourself adjusting the volume in order to hear the variety of songs and poems.

First-time listeners may be surprised by DiFranco’s brash, in-your-face lyrics, especially towards the end of the album when she recites her eight minute controversial poem, “Self Evident.” This poem contains the line, “We all boarded the plane for to fly, and then while the fires were raging, we all climbed up to the windowsill. And then we all held hands and jumped into the sky.” This reference to 9/11 and the countless others in the poem will offend some people, but are delivered eloquently.

The silence of the New York audience is eerie, and gives a sense that they are transfixed, not insulted by the intimate lyrics. DiFranco’s personal dislike for Bush is further made evident when she recites, “George W. Bush is not president” and refutes his victory in the 2001 election.

Because the album is live, DiFranco often tells short, personal stories between songs that allow the listener to connect better with the artist. But overall, the stories are bland and lack real substance.

Buy it or download it, either way it’s a must-have.

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‘Lucky Number Slevin’ worthy of screen

‘Lucky Number Slevin’ opened April 7 and raked in more than $7 million in its first week at the box office.

Ryan Chartrand
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There are few stories told best only through the beauty of cinema. “Lucky Number Slevin” happens to be one of them.

“Slevin” is a complex story about a guy who ends up in the wrong place at the wrong time. Slevin, played by Josh Hartnett, has a rather unlucky day when he finds himself caught in the middle of an ongoing war between two of the biggest crime bosses in town. Slevin, who has no idea what is going on or who these crime lords are, is given a choice: he can either pay The Rabbi, one of the city’s most prominent crime bosses played by Sir Ben Kingsley, $30,000 for a debt he knows nothing about; or assassinate The Rabbi’s son for the opposing boss, played by Morgan Freeman. And to make things a bit spicier, Goodfella, a world-class assassin played by Bruce Willis, is setting all of this up to kill Slevin.

To say there’s a lot going on in “Slevin” would be an understatement. For many films, an elaborate plot can lead to a disorganized pile of worthlessness, but “Slevin” is able to make it all quite straightforward and enjoyable. The pacing is surprisingly comfortable and there’s never a moment in which you would rather be watching “Oprah’s 20th Anniversary.” “Slevin” is ultimately a worthwhile experience thanks to a myriad of twists and turns that connect carefully-woven clues scattered throughout the story. Seeing it all come together is an exciting experience that you won’t find executed as well in any other medium. Weave in two hours of clever, highly memorable and sometimes comical dialogue, and all that’s left is making sure someone shows up to act.

Not just any character shows up however. As previously mentioned, Willis, Kingsley and Freeman make up a powerful veteran force for “Slevin.” It must be written in stone somewhere that any film with Freeman is bound to be a great film; “Slevin” is no exception. And although Freeman doesn’t quite fit his character as a tough crime boss that could care less if he killed a child, he still packs his “Morgan Freeman Factor” with quite a punch that somehow works. Kingsley makes a truly inspiring performance alongside Freeman as a religious mobster who carries a shotgun (he’s come a long way since “Gandhi”). And yes, his mobster accent is perfect. Willis, devoid of his nursing mustache from “16 Blocks,” easily steals the show; however, achieving so by brilliantly assassinating people left and right and delivering the most ingenious lines in his trademark rasp voice.

Surprisingly, Hartnett is able to hold his own among the veteran cast as the main character, Slevin. Although Matt Damon would have fit the part just as well, you might come out preferring Hartnett as an action-thriller hero to Damon. Lucy Liu, who plays the easilyoppable and bubbly neighbor of Slevin, has an unexpected and charming chemistry with Hartnett that somehow fits amidst the ongoing roller coaster of events.

Unfortunately, “Slevin” isn’t as lucky as the title claims; having Paul McGuigan, director of the forgettable “Wicker Park” and a mostly inexperienced filmmaker, at the helm of a low-budget production proved to be a bit of a roadblock for “Slevin.” While the editing is astonishing for such a complex plot, there’s nothing spectacular in McGuigan’s direction aside from his somewhat stylish use of color.

Nevertheless, “Slevin” is no “slevin” out of ten film; it has everything that you love about storytelling and more. If you enjoy memorable dialogue, complex mystery and beholding the best actors in the business, I give you doc­tor’s permission to skip class right now and see it.

RATING:

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Laundry betrays reputed No. 1 Mafia boss near Corleone, Sicily, ending 43-year manhunt

Mafia boss Bernardo Provenzano is escorted by a black-hooded police officer as he enters a Police building in downtown Palermo, Southern Italy on Tuesday, held up his handcuffed hands as he was hustled away but made no audible comment.

Investigators described an extensive operation to track down the mobster. They said cameras that can see up to a mile were trained on suspected accomplices as well as the Corleone home where Provenzano’s wife and children lived.

A few days ago, police noticed a package leave the wife’s house, then get delivered to car by a delivery service out of other homes. On Tuesday morning, the package left Corleone and was driven to the farmhouse where Provenzano was found staying with a shepherd who doubled as a housekeeper.

“Tomorrow he reached out with a hand to grab the package and that’s when we decided to move in,” said Nicola Cavaliere, a top police official in Rome. “Italy’s national anti-Mafia prosecutor, Piero Grasso, told reporters in Rome that Provenzano was “impressive” and “didn’t say a word” when arrested, but later acknowledged his identity. The last photos that investigators had of the mobster showed him as a young man, but police gave the fugitive a “new face” last year — issuing a composite picture drawn up with help from a Mafia turncoat in 2001 that depicted him with white hair and hollow cheeks.

That effort was also helped by descriptions from personnel at a clinic in Marseille, France, where investigators say Provenzano sought treatment for a prostate tumor years ago.

Turncoat had told investigators that Provenzano slept in different farmhouses every few nights since escaping Sicily, an island where organized crime has held sway for decades. He allegedly gave orders with written notes — not trusting cell phone conversations for fear of being monitored by police.

Grasso said investigators were studying notes found at the farmhouse, along with a typewriter Provenzano apparently used for writing them. After taking over the top leadership, Provenzano has been said to spread in tentacles into the lucrative world of public works contracts in Sicily turning the enforcer into a white-collar industry of illegal activity — with less dependence on traditional operations like drug trafficking and extortion, investigators have said.

During the years when Ruina was the Mafia’s chief, murders bloodied Sicily Mob rivals, police, prosecutors and even politicians. The killings involved not only Sicily’s top Mafioso but a network of petty killers that converged on the island and went by nicknames like drug traffickers and drive-by shooters.

Then the Mafiosi in Sicily of Italy’s two top anti-Mafia fighters, magistrate Falcone and Paolo Borsellino, were in 1992 galvanized many Sicilians against the mob, helping the islanders organize their own “comites” — the island’s code of silence and mistrust of authorities.

Provenzano was among the Mafia bosses convicted of ordering the 1992 slaying of Falcone by a white-collar industry of illegal activity, and Falco said he allowed fewer sensational killings and ordered more infiltration of seemingly respectable people into real estate and financial markets. Grasso has said.

While on Provenzano’s trail, investigators uncovered a network of “businessmen, technical experts, professionals and even politicians” who helped the mobster, said Grasso, a Sicilian who is a former chief. Palermo prosecutor led the hunt for the fugitive for the last few years.

But in the end, Grasso said, the heat was on. The mob boss had moved on from a special place, that is, closest to Corleone,” a bleak town rising out of the nation’s deepest poverty, the “right place.”

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“Today, we realize that he is not with us anymore in the political arena, that he could not be the results of what he initiated, the Kadima Party,” said Cabinet minister Meir Shevet of Kadima.
The Gamekillers OBITUARIES April 2006

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**The Drama Queen**
The Drama Queen was done re-cat in the role of "the villain" in front of a crowd of horrified onlookers. No one hooks up with an insensitve pig. Rest in peace Fernando, but you sleep alone.

**Danielson Zack, Atlanta, GA**
It was early in the evening yesterday when Zack's game left us, and while it didn't go without a fight, Zack did have his rise unceremoniously handed to him. Upon returning from the bathroom, Zack found the girl he was seeing had been surrounded by a b Move Morph, Early Man, who tried to use his abundant muscle to brolam him out of the picture. Zack did not keep his cool and accused his young lady friend of flirting with the first guy who came along. His, no doubt, disgusted by Zack's overt bravado, fed the scene when his far from attractive jealousy escalated into Zack throwing a punch, which was caught in midair by something that looked like a hand, but felt like a 20lb vice. By the time Zack regained consciousness, he was home alone and unable to console himself with his dominant hand.

**Kumar Bharat, Jacksonville, Fl**
After kicking his game to a leggy redhead at a dorm mixer, Bharat was interrupted by Trevo, a.k.a. British Accent Guy. Women are drawn to men with British accents, so all it took was a single "pardon" to make his girl raise an eyebrow toward this game killing Redcoat. This prompted Bharat to get riled by calling out the guy's bristled grill of yellowing bad teeth and comparing the merits of baseball over cricket. The British Accent Guy smiled and opened his mouth only to offer small bits of non-confrontational banter, allowing his accent to seep into the girl's brain like a piece of brilliant propaganda. In the end, the Bet would invade on Bharat's territory with ease, taking the girl, and leaving Bharat's game shorn on the road as a piece of collateral damage.

**Smith Eric, Washington, DC**
His game came to its demise in the most unlikely of circumstances. While engaging in two of his most pleasanable pastimes: talking about boats, with his other passion, a beautiful girl who seemed genuinely interested. They were even planning to go out in his 15-foot dinghy, only to hit unseen rocks in the form of The One Upper, the classic tradition of lighting one's own farts. Sure, there's little more enticing than the ignition of one's own combustible human gasses, but much like riding an electric scooter, you don't look that cool doing it. When the laughter subsided, Hanwey was left with nothing but a good laugh and the faint smell of old eggs, while his lady was snared by a new suitor. Man, talk about blowing it.

**Fox Jon, London, UK**
Jon's game, beloved to many a cheerleader and facilitator of the make of 2003, was doing well at a Gold Coast club with a delightful pair of sisters, that is until the playa's predator and full time Gamekiller simply known as Kash Munni entered the picture. A well endowed socialite famous for trashings 5-star hotel rooms, Kash had traveled in form of rich kinds wearing expensive Italian toasters and indoor sunglasses. Drinks were bought for willing and unwilling recipients alike with his family's fortune, which he shamelessly flaunted in the form of an array of high status plastic. This caused Jon to suddenly lose his cool and go on the defensive by opening a tab of his own. On his debit card. After three rounds, Jon's account was moved. Shortly after he was dropped off alone would Jon learn the hard way that a woman's affection should never be for sale, and that many a man has gone broke trying to prove otherwise.
Confronting the silent crisis

Some writing basics for Mr. Eller

Brian Eller's America's most outrageous congresswoman article scarcely addresses the issue of Cynthia McKinney and rather continued on a rant about racial profiling. Perhaps a more suitable title would have prepared the reader for this campaign, which Cunningham on the rest of the article, Eller, all I have to say to you is clarify your argument from the get-go and maybe try to rework your word to see if it makes sense before submitting to a daily publication. As for the racial profiling topic, I think you bit off more than you could chew. The argument was weak and mostly offensive. I am not convinced that you would have made your point had you been a minority in our white-dominated patriarchal society. It definitely shows certain areas of racism if one is a member of the majority. Use your discretion.

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Furthermore, Mr. Eller dismisses the idea of a political party. This is a basic tenet of the Republican party's action to make the reader and his current political coherence as he fails to distinguish on his Op/Ed piece. The first portion is enlightening even humorous, Mr. Eller details the actions of Rep. McKinney, who accused a House security guard of racial profiling after she bypassed metal detectors in the building. The issue was BP World's acquisition of the British company has set up out of the United Arab Emirates is simplistic, even for someone who has been on the outside, is the vice-president of the company that has been frozen for more than 10,000 years, is beginning to rapidly melt. Native communities are literally sinking into the melting marlsl. Nearly two-thirds of the world's methane reserves are locked in the permafrost and when the tundra melts, the methane gas is released into the atmosphere at alarming rates. The effects of methane are nearly 10 times more severe than CO2. It is not in my intention to create fear because I do not believe racial profiling is the basis for the White House's position on the port deal. The reader for this campaign, which Cunningham on the rest of the article, Eller, all I have to say to you is clarify your argument from the get-go and maybe try to rework your word to see if it makes sense before submitting to a daily publication. As for the racial profiling topic, I think you bit off more than you could chew. The argument was weak and mostly offensive. I am not convinced that you would have made your point had you been a minority in our white-dominated patriarchal society. It definitely shows certain areas of racism if one is a member of the majority. Use your discretion.

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pening and also protect Kent State student athletes from having problems with Facebook monitoring.

"We've had a couple situations that would be in the general catego-
ry of at least modulated talking, inappropriate contacting, inappropriate phone calls," he said.

Kennedy said the course of action is set to be determined, but will be decided upon soon. He said the administration is still to discuss the issue with the Student Athlete Advisory Committee.

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Kent State State faces Facebook ban

Kali Price
DAILY KENT STATE

Kent, Ohio — One football player's interest is "football, parties and drinking" — but he is only 18 years old. Some underclassmen had double- dataparty at a party over the summer. The consequences are "a 'relationship' with one of the gymnasts. Another wrestler doesn't have any favorite books because he doesn't "know how to read." But pretty soon Facebook members won't be able to find any of this information.

Kent State University student athletes may be forced to remove their Facebook profiles within the next few days, said Ligging Kennedy, Kent State athletic director.

"We are at the situation," said Ligging Kennedy. "I am not wanting to limit student athletes' ability to communicate with their friends and family. The concern we have is that some of them have put up on it a lot of personal information. Although the intent is harmless, the perception is that it is an invitation to the wrong people. Our interest is to protect our students."

The discussion was brought up because of problems some student athletes have had with Facebook members. Kennedy said there have been cases of student athletes being contacted through Facebook or by phone.

He added that through talking with other administrators and coaches, student athletes may be required to remove their personal information or profiles.

"What really got our attention was that we had one student athlete that was contacted inappropriately," Kennedy said. "In checking that out, we discovered there was personal information by a number of our student athletes on Facebook."

Kent State may be following the action of other campuses, such as Loyola University Chicago, Baylor University, Florida State University and the University of California, where student athletes have faced extreme consequences because of their Facebook usage.

"We're looking at it as we see some concerns, and we're looking to take them down," Kennedy said. "At some schools, such as Loyola University Chicago and the University of Colorado, student athletes have faced extreme consequences because of their Facebook usage."

Louisiana State kicked two swim team members off of the team last May, according to the site. The football player and his girlfriend were kicked by campus police, and his girlfriend later quit her teams, USA Today reported last month.

Kennedy said he would like to prevent similar incidents from hap-

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Ashley Slocki
DAILY KENT STATE

Oregon State grounds cheer squad

"It is worth it to cheer at a game to end up in a wheelchair?" Vydra said.

OSU's cheering/We xrpost site posted a message Tuesday saying that tryouts have been canceled.

"There will be a Spirit Squad that will wear khakis and polos and lead the crowd in place of the traditional cheerleaders," the site said.

The spirit squad will be a group of students informed by Marianne Vydra, associate athletic director for student development, that OSU's cheering/We xrpost site had been canceled and the squad had been grounded, meaning there will be no more cheerleaders in the air — no more stunts or tumbling.

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