

## CRIME ROUNDUP

Events from the week of March 27

### March 27

The University Police Department received a call at 3:34 p.m. regarding a petty theft. A student reported a stolen tire from a bicycle locked to the racks in front of Fremont Hall. No estimated value was available.

### March 28

A student in Muir Hall reported that textbooks were stolen from his room over spring break. The value of the books is about \$200, according to UPD.

### March 30

UPD arrived at an avocado orchard on Highland Drive at 3:48 p.m. in response to a reported theft. No arrests were made; however, the instance was classified as a grand theft because the value of the produce taken exceeded \$100.

### April 1

A vandalism was reported to UPD at 9:21 a.m. regarding the Chumash Challenge Ropes course. According to reports, about \$200 in damage was inflicted after a hole was punched in a wall and a shingle was knocked off the roof. The vandals are still at large.

At 12:19 p.m., a call was placed to UPD to report the theft of miscellaneous items from the poultry science building. The value of the goods stolen are estimated at \$2,100.

### April 2

The San Luis Obispo Fire Department was called to the campus bowling alley to extinguish a small fire at 1:09 p.m. No injuries or damage was reported.

A student was reported missing at 3:45 p.m. following multiple attempts to contact her cell phone. Later that evening, UPD located the student in good condition.

### April 3

Officers arrested an intoxicated resident of Sequoia Hall at 2:50 a.m. The 18-year-old was taken into custody in the C-2 parking lot and transported to San Luis Obispo County Jail.

### April 4

UPD officers were called to the lower soccer field at 1:32 p.m. after 15 individuals refused to leave the premises. Following a brief encounter with UPD, the group agreed to leave.

— Brian Koser

Items are provided by the University Police Department log. Not all events are considered criminal offenses.

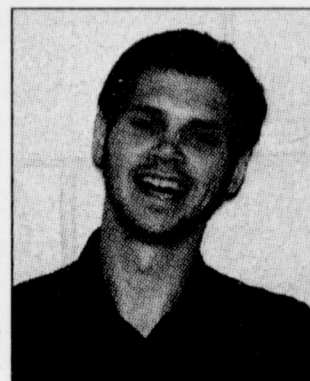
## word ON THE STREET

We asked: What do you think about the fee referendum?



"I don't play sports, so I don't care if it passes. I wouldn't vote to pay for scholarships."

**Jay James**  
mechanical engineering  
sophomore



"The Health Center and sports benefit everyone, and it's something we all enjoy."

**Aaron Rietz**  
philosophy senior

### REFERENDUM

## Students to vote on fees Wednesday

If both referenda are approved, students will see a \$35 per quarter tuition increase next year

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

The much-anticipated results of the latest referenda are looming, as students will be faced with more fee-increase decisions this week.

Voting on the Health Center and athletics department fee referenda will take place Wednesday and Thursday.

Voting locations will include the education building foyer, Campus Market, the agricultural sciences building bridge, science north, the

Kennedy Library and the University Union. Polling stations will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This year's referenda have seen greater opposition than the 2002 college-based fee increase, as reported in a Mustang Daily article Thursday.

The ASI Athletics Scholarship fee would increase \$20 per quarter during the 2004-05 school year, and \$5 more each year for the next two years.

The Health Services fee proposes a \$15 increase per quarter during the 2004-05 school year.

If both referenda are approved, students will see a \$35 per quarter increase in tuition, equalling \$105 in additional fees next year.

## Proposed fee schedule

	Effective Quarter	Health Center fees	Athletics Dept. fees
Current	Fall 2003	\$31.23	\$4.15
Estimated without increase	Fall 2004	\$32.42	\$4.31
Estimated with increase	Fall 2004	\$47.42	\$24.31
Estimated with increase	Fall 2005	\$49.42	\$30.23
Estimated with increase	Fall 2006	\$51.09	\$36.38

SOURCE: STUDENT AFFAIRS



COURTESY PHOTO

Conrad Grayson, a fire investigator.

The relatives came to the house because they had not seen the couple in a while and were concerned.

Paramedics found Nick Yankovic in a chair in the front living room. His wife was lying on the bathroom floor.

A fire had been recently set in a fireplace in the house, Grayson said.

"The house was full of smoke when they opened the door," Grayson said. "We examined the fireplace. They were burning wood. They (family) had found the flue closed. They opened it."

"Weird Al" Yankovic, 44, had no comment during a performance in Mankato, Minn., Saturday night and media were told he wanted to perform for his loyal fans.

Before the show, a graphic projected on the screens at the back of the stage dedicated the evening to Nick and Mary Yankovic, KTOE-AM reported. Yankovic also canceled a meet-and-greet with select fans.

Yankovic's parents were described by a neighbor as nice people who were proud of their son's accomplishments.

"Everybody who came to the neighborhood knew Nick," said John Buchman, who lives across the street. "They're going to be missed, big time."

## Poly alumnus 'Weird Al's' parents found dead

FALLBROOK (AP) — The elderly parents of Grammy-winning recording artist "Weird Al" Yankovic were found dead in their home, apparently victims of carbon monoxide poisoning, officials said.

Nick Yankovic, 86, and his wife, Mary Yankovic, 81, were found dead about 1 p.m. Friday in their suburban San Diego home by three family members, said sheriff's Sgt.

## School board to hold gender-dispute meeting

WESTMINSTER (AP) — A last-minute proposal to resolve an Orange County school district's dispute over gender identification will be unveiled today at a special meeting.

Three of the five members of the Westminster School District on moral grounds have repeatedly refused to adopt a state-mandated change to discrimination policies intended to protect transgender students.

The state Department of Education has threatened to withhold two-thirds of the district's funding if the board does not adopt the changes.

Westminster is the only school district in California that has refused to comply with a state law passed in 2000 that requires revised language to curb discrimination against transgender and transsexual students, faculty and staff.

School board members Judy Ahrens, Blossie Marquez-Woodcock and Helena Rutkowski on Saturday asked for the special meeting, but would not comment

on what they would propose to avert the state action.

They indicated, however, that they still consider the state-requested language to be unacceptable on moral grounds.

The triumvirate voted Thursday to terminate the district's legal counsel. Many parents believe the trustees removed attorney Dave Larson because he advocated changing the district's policy.

Westminster policy currently defines "gender" only as a person's biological sex.

The district, about 35 miles southeast of Los Angeles, serves 10,000 elementary and middle school students. More than \$40 million of its \$68 million budget comes from state and federal sources.

The board members' stance has angered many in the community. Teachers protested at last week's board meeting, recall petitions are circulating for two of the three board members and a state senator proposed the district be taken over by the California Department of Education.

## INSIDE

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### WEATHER REPORT

TODAY  
Mostly Sunny 70°

TUESDAY  
Partly Cloudy 65°

### Tides

High 4.9 at 4:05 a.m.  
Low -0.6 at 12:03 a.m.

SUNRISE 6:34 A.M.  
SUNSET 7:33 P.M.



## Nevada ranks near bottom for high school graduation rates

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Nevada ranks 39th nationally for its high school graduation rate and dead last for the number of students who go directly to college after graduation, according to a report.

The report, issued last week by the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, painted a less-than-rosy picture of the state's education system.

It also ranks Nevada 49th for both the number of college students who drop out in their freshman year and the number of college graduates who earn a bachelor's degree within six years or an associate's degree within three years.

"Nevada has one of the lowest graduation rates in 9th through 12th grades, and one of the lowest college-going rates in the country as well as one of the lowest college graduation rates," said Patrick Kelly of the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems.

The report was based on 2002 data generated by the company based in Boulder, Colo.

Nevada's high school graduation rate and the number of students

who went directly to college worsened since a year ago, according to the report. No breakdowns by county were provided.

Nevada's high school graduation rate of 62 percent is below the national average of 68 percent.

Nevada is addressing its low graduation rate by stressing remedial programs designed to give students the skills they need to stay in school, said Keith Rheault, state superintendent of schools.

"We have always had a low graduation rate, but it's something we're working on in K-12," he told the Reno Gazette-Journal.

Steve Mulvenon, spokesman for the Washoe County School District, noted New Jersey and Massachusetts claimed top ratings in the four categories.

"They are among the two states with the highest per-pupil expenditures in the nation," he said. "If we believe the title of this report — 'Big Investment, Big Returns' — then Nevada has a lot of work to do to adequately fund its K-12, and K-16 as well."

To improve graduation rates and

the number of college-bound graduates, the report recommends developing strategies to improve students' basic skills and encouraging students to take advanced placement courses.

The report also calls for financial aid to help low-income students, involving parents and business leaders, and providing intensive basic course work in the first year of college.

Nevada education officials say many of the recommendations are in place in some counties.

Last year, Nevada's university system and the Washoe school district developed a step-by-step guide to college, outlining the courses students need beginning with sixth grade.

"A number of the recommendations in the report are being actively pursued," said Richard Curry, the state higher education system's vice chancellor for academic and student affairs.

"But there is always more you can do, and we are doing all we can to address those needs," he said. "It's a top priority on everyone's list."

## The Tribune wins top honors in AP contests

Associated Press News Executives Council's annual awards honor the best newswriting in Calif., Nevada

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Winners have been selected in the Associated Press News Executives Council's annual contest honoring the best newswriting and photography by AP member newspapers in California and Nevada.

Awards in 58 categories will be presented at the annual APNEC conference May 22, at The Inn at Rancho Santa Fe in northern San Diego County. The winners were chosen by editors from AP member newspapers in Georgia from more than 1,000 entries published in 2003.

The contest's two top honors, the Mark Twain Awards for newswriting and photos, will be announced for the first time at the meeting, which will be held in conjunction with the California Society of Newspaper Editors convention May 20-21.

The CSNE and APNEC conferences will feature informative panels on such topics as privacy vs. access, Spanish-language editions, 10 ways to do more with less, Indian gaming, covering celebrities and U.S.-Mexico border coverage. The APNEC awards will be presented at a Saturday evening banquet.

Further information and registration materials are available online at [www.csne.org](http://www.csne.org).

### The 2004 APNEC Winners:

**Newswriting contest**  
(Division III, circulation 25,000 to 74,000)

### Spot News Coverage

1st Place: Staff of The Tribune of San Luis Obispo, "Quake Kills Two."

2nd Place: Staff of The Sun of San Bernardino, "Fire Crews Make Final Stand."

### Sports Writing

1st Place: Mark Patton, Santa Barbara News-Press, "Shadow of War."

2nd Place: Eric Branch, The Tribune of San Luis Obispo, "Agony of the Feat."

### Feature Writing

1st Place: Laurie Phillips, The Tribune of San Luis Obispo, "How One Touched Many."

2nd Place: Sevil Hunter, Reno Gazette-Journal, "Teresa's New Look."

### Fairbanks Public Service Award

1st Place: Silas Lyons and Stephanie Finucane, The Tribune of San Luis Obispo, "Our County's Next 100,000."

2nd Place: Matt Weiser, The Bakersfield Californian, "Smog: A Growing Concern."

### Local Column

1st Place: Greg Clark, Record Searchlight of Redding, "There Is Such a Thing."

2nd Place: William P. Warford, Antelope Valley Press, "How About Jet Service?"

### Business Writing

1st Place: Bill O'Driscoll, Reno Gazette-Journal, "2003 Nevada Legislature: Taxes."

2nd Place: Scott Hadly, Santa Barbara News-Press, "Fishing's Bleak Future."

### Investigative Reporting

1st Place: Ben Schnayerson, The Sun of San Bernardino, "Gaming Nation."

2nd Place: Frank K. Mullen Jr., Reno Gazette-Journal, "Children of Cancer: The Search for Answers."

### STUDY

## Audits of businesses declined last year

Mary Dalrymple

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service audited fewer corporations, small businesses and partnerships last year but more individual taxpayers, according to a study of government data.

Syracuse University's Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse, in its analysis of IRS data, concluded that the audit rate for businesses of all sizes slid slightly last year to 2.1 audits

for every 1,000 businesses, down from 2.2 audits per 1,000 businesses the previous year.

At the same time, the IRS audited 14 percent more individual tax returns.

Official audit rates released by the IRS last month show a similar trend.

Researchers said the declining audits of businesses exposes a flaw in the administration's tough stance against corporate wrongdoing.

"These and a number of other measures — documented by the

agency's own data — indicate that the actual performance of the IRS differs in significant ways from some of the Bush administration claims when it comes to cracking down on corporate scofflaws," the report said.

Researchers point specifically to declining audits of the largest corporations and a type of business organization that passes income and taxes on to its shareholders or partners — an arrangement found to have been improperly used in some corporate accounting scandals.

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## State Briefs

**LOS ANGELES** — California Indian tribes that have raked in millions of dollars from their casinos are funneling some of that money to various universities for the study of Native American issues.

Tribal representatives said their donations are an extension of generous philanthropy that totals an estimated \$70 million annually. The tribes have been one of the largest political contributors over the past five years, spending more than \$120 million on local and statewide campaigns.

Some critics believe that academic integrity is at risk when special interests influence higher education. But some experts said the tribes are following the example set by other companies that have funded school projects.

**UKIAH** — More than 1,000 Mendocino County residents are licensed to carry guns in public, a five-fold increase since Sheriff Tony Craver was elected promising to expand the availability of concealed weapons permits to law-abiding citizens.

The number of Mendocino County residents with concealed weapon permits has increased to 1,065 from 217 in 1998. Just 136 residents of neighboring Sonoma County and 197 in Lake County have concealed weapons permits.

Permit-seekers must meet state requirements to carry a concealed weapon but various counties interpret the law differently. Sheriffs often have the final say in how many permits the county issues.

**PINOLE** — Parents, students and teachers alarmed over the state's school funding crisis marched through the Bay Area this weekend on their way to Sacramento, where they hope to gather support for increased funding to K-12 education.

About 100 protesters began the 70-mile march from San Pablo on Friday in hopes of calling attention to the dire budget cuts that have eliminated teachers, libraries and athletic departments from a growing number of West County schools.

— Associated Press

## National Briefs

**CRAWFORD, Texas** — President Bush insisted Sunday he was satisfied that federal agents were on top of the terrorist threat after reading a pre-Sept. 11 briefing detailing Osama bin Laden's intentions on U.S. soil.

For two years, national security adviser Condoleezza Rice left Americans with the impression that the memo from Aug. 6, 2001, focused on historical information dating to 1998 and that any current threats mostly involved overseas targets.

Yet the release, under public pressure, of the briefing showed that Bush had received intelligence reporting as recent as May 2001 and that most of the current information focused on possible plots in the United States.

**CAMARILLO, Calif.** — Gas prices climbed another 2 1/2 cents in the past two weeks as high crude oil prices and tight capacity contributed to record prices at the pump, a national survey said Sunday.

The nationwide average in the past two weeks that ended Friday was \$1.82 for all grades, said Trilby Lundberg of the Lundberg survey, which regularly polls 8,000 stations across the United States.

**WASHINGTON** — The legal wall that for years divided FBI intelligence and criminal agents is blamed largely for the government's failure to grasp the threat posed by al Qaeda inside the United States before the 2001 attacks.

One FBI agent, frustrated at his inability to track two soon-to-be hijackers known to be in the United States, wrote in an August 2001 e-mail that "someday someone will die, and wall or not, the public will not understand why we were not more effective and throwing every resource at certain problems."

The problem, since resolved, is expected to be among the topics when current and former Justice Department and FBI officials testify Tuesday and Wednesday before the independent commission investigating the Sept. 11 attacks.

— Associated Press

## World Briefs

**VATICAN CITY** — Pope John Paul II celebrated Easter Mass on Sunday with calls for world leaders to resolve conflicts in Iraq, the Holy Land and Africa, as Christians around the world marked the holiest day on the church calendar.

John Paul delivered a message of peace on the flower-decked steps of St. Peter's Basilica, praying that hope would conquer the "inhuman" phenomenon of terrorism and urging Christians, Muslims and Jews to seek greater unity with each other.

**NUEVO PROGRESO, Mexico** — Mexican soldiers and American firefighters searched through debris Sunday, a day after a gas explosion killed six people and injured more than a dozen others in this Texas border town.

It was unclear if more people were still trapped in the rubble. Mexican authorities had received no reports of missing people, but were exploring the wreckage with care in case survivors remained.

**OSINNIKI, Russia** — The coal-blackened faces of exhausted rescuers and the red-rimmed eyes of anxious relatives told a grim story of disappearing hope Sunday, a day after a methane blast tore through a Siberian mine, killing at least 42 miners.

Five miners remained missing in the latest disaster to strike Russia's hard-scrabble coal country. The blast occurred early Saturday about 1,840 feet down in the Taizhina mine in a coal-rich strip of western Siberia called the Kuzbass.

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — Gunmen shot down a U.S. attack helicopter near Baghdad on Sunday, killing two crewmembers. A fragile cease-fire held between Sunni insurgents and Marines in the city of Fallujah, while the U.S. military suggested it's open to a negotiated solution in its showdown with a radical Shiite cleric in the south.

— Associated Press

# THIS WEEK

## IN ASI EVENTS

### UU GALLERY

Featuring ART FOR THE PEACE MOVEMENT  
Opening Reception on Monday, April 12  
7 - 9 p.m. in the UU Epicenter

Sabiha Basrai is a fourth year graphic design major whose art focuses on the United States' treatment of Iraq. Through her posters and works of art, she pleads for peace. On display through April 30.

### MONDAY MOVIE MADNESS

Featuring LAST SAMURAI  
Monday, April 12  
6:00 & 8:30 p.m. showings in Chumash Auditorium - FREE

Check out this hit film featuring Tom Cruise on the big screen before it's available for home rental. Seats are limited.

### HIGHER GROUNDS ENTERTAINMENT SERIES

Featuring JOOSE  
Wednesday, April 14  
6 - 8 p.m. UU Gallery (in the UU Epicenter) - FREE

Joose is a diverse group of musicians whose influences have helped to create organic sounds. They perform a unique brand of music that spans all genres and styles.

### UU HOUR

SPECIAL HIP-HOP PERFORMANCE  
Featuring POTLUCK  
Thursday, April 15  
11 a.m. - noon in the UU Plaza - FREE

Potluck is a multicultural hip-hop group that offers a positive vibe, promotes racial harmony, and encourages higher education. Potluck has shared the bill with Green Day, Jurassic 5, Papa Roach, Sir Mix A Lot, and Digital Underground, and is scheduled to perform at Vans Warped Tour for the third time.

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## DEATH

## Police officer killed on duty

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A San Francisco police officer has been shot and killed on duty, the first such death since 1994.

Authorities said the shooting took place late Saturday in the city's Bayview District after the two undercover officers approached a suspect who was acting suspiciously.

"They were going to talk to him and called out to him, and that's when he turned around and started shooting," said Sgt. Neville Gittens.

The suspect fired on officers with an automatic weapon, hitting both officers before fleeing, Gittens said.

Officer Isaac Espinoza, 29, died after being shot twice. He was an eight-year veteran of the department. His partner, Officer Barry Parker, 38, was shot in the left leg. Parker, who joined the department about four years ago, was treated and released from San Francisco General Hospital, Gittens said.

Funeral arrangements for Espinoza were pending. A police memorial service was scheduled for later this week, Gittens said.

Police on Sunday followed several leads for the unidentified suspect, described as a black man in his 20s with cornrows in his hair, wearing a dark peacoat jacket.

"We have some situations we're looking into," Gittens said. "Something might be breaking soon, but right now we're not putting anything out."

Gittens said he and other officers were working round the clock to find the man who shot their fellow officer.

"This is a serious situation, when a person just opens up shooting at police officers," Gittens said. "It's a sad and tragic situation."

The last officer to be killed on duty in San Francisco was James Guelff, who was shot by Vic Lee Boutwell, a carjacker, in November 1994.

## Low-carb diets fuel cattle theft from Cali farms

ELDERWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Law enforcement authorities say the rise in popularity of low-carbohydrate, high-protein diets has fueled an upsurge in cattle stealing across California farms and ranches.

Beef prices have increased in recent months as Americans try the South Beach, Atkins and Zone diets, all of which promote protein consumption. That's led to a new generation of cattle rustlers who steal and sell cattle in illegal marketplaces.

Authorities said about 350 cattle valued at \$220,000 were reported stolen across the San Joaquin Valley last year, and that rustlers have struck almost 70 times so far this year.

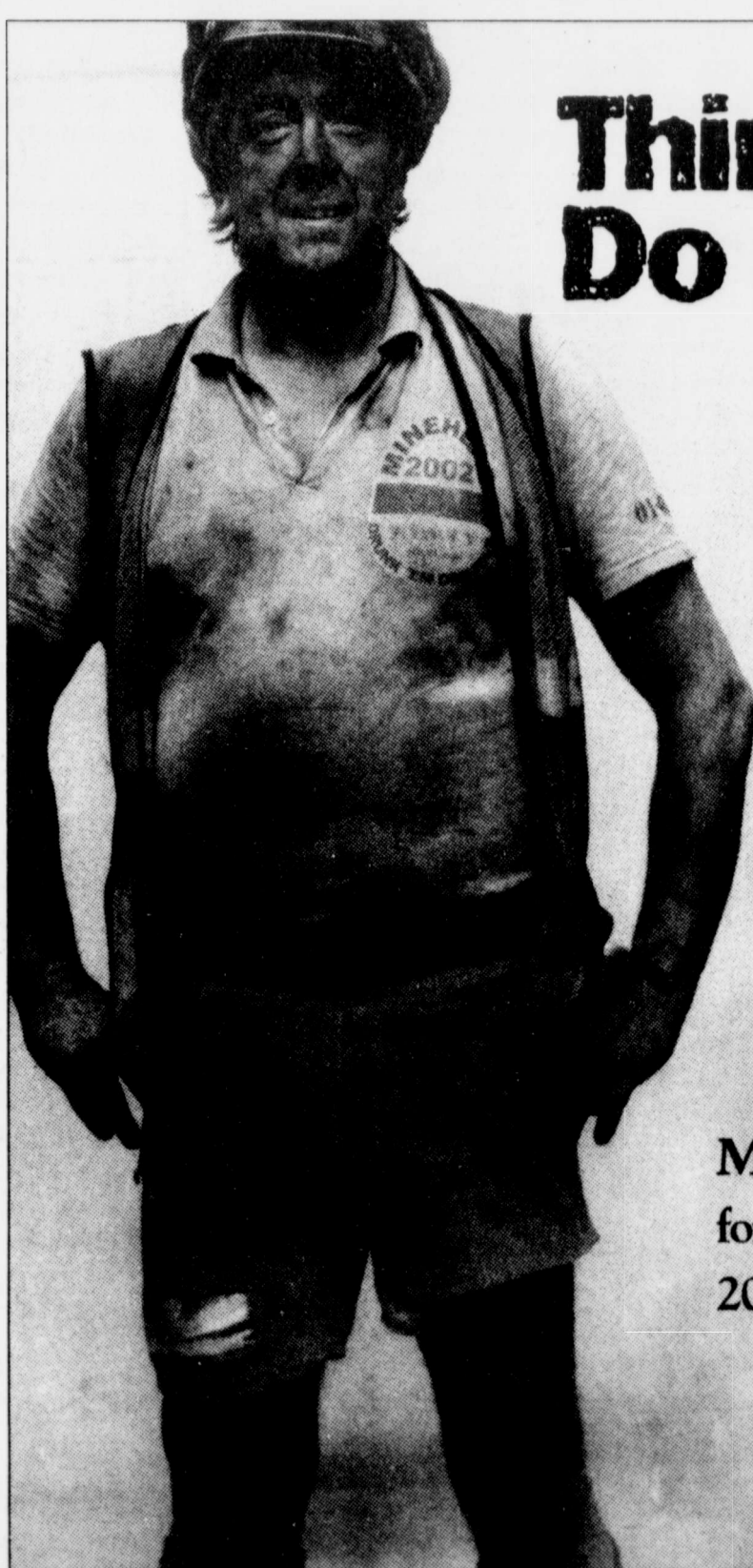
"The incentive is there because of the beef prices," said Frank Swiggart, a sheriff's detective in Merced

County. "And it's not just a few random guys out there doing this. We're finding organized rustling rings."

Detectives say the thieves strike at night, mostly stealing calves who have not yet been branded or marked with identification tags.

Investigators are using modern crime-fighting tools to stop the rustling, ranging from video surveillance to DNA testing. One rancher was jailed this year after genetic samples from cattle proved that he had stolen a neighbor's cow and used it to breed with one of his bulls.

Beef industry observers have noted a recent increase in cattle theft nationwide. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 450-pound steer calves are selling for more than \$500.



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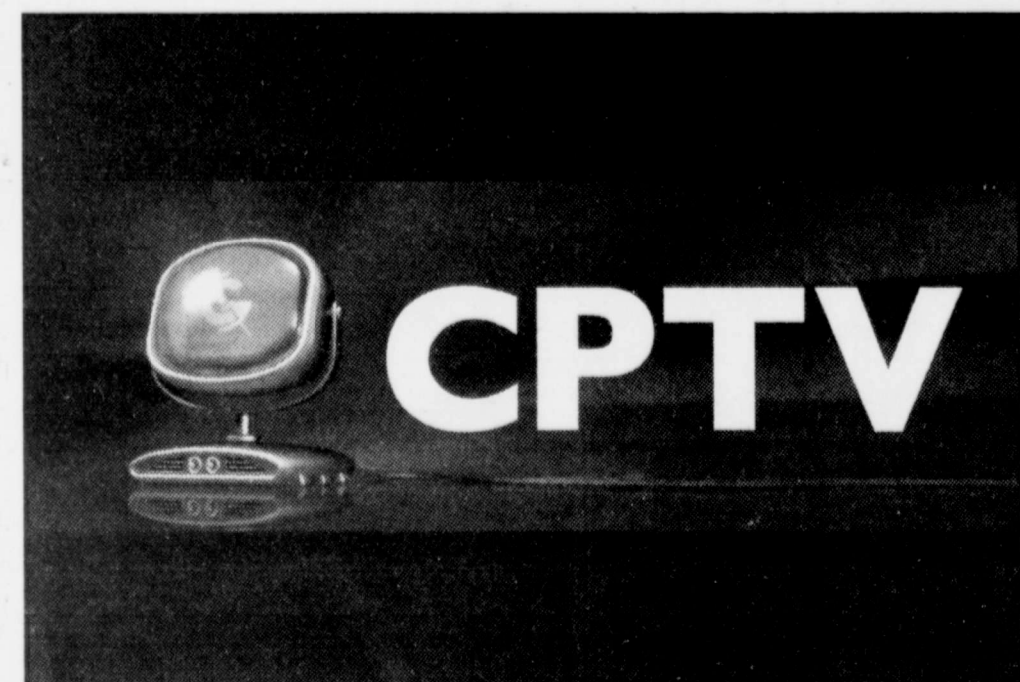
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# Second Annual ENVIRONMENTAL CAREER SYMPOSIUM & RECEPTION



**Tuesday, April 13, 2004**

**Panel: 4:15 - 5:45pm Phillips Hall (PAC-Rm 124)**

**Reception: 5:45 - 7:15pm Fisher Science (Rm. 285)**

A panel of guest speakers will be speaking about how they prepared to work in their current field, what their work entails, and how they feel their career impacts the environment on a daily basis.

## Sikhs celebrate holy day, protest discrimination

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Thousands of Sikhs paraded through downtown Sunday to celebrate one of their holiest days, as political leaders called for an end to discrimination against members of the religion.

Some Sikhs, who traditionally wear turbans and do not cut their hair, said discrimination against them that began just after the 2001 terror attacks continues. They said the parade was partly intended to explain their religion to the public.

"We've always been a very quiet community," said Niranjan Singh Khalsa, executive director of the California Sikh Council. "But that hurt us since 9/11 because people don't know who we are, so we're trying to reach out more."

Organizers said more than 10,000 Sikhs from across Southern California were in the city to celebrate Vaisakhi — which marks their New Year and commemorates the 17th century Sikh leader Guru Gobind Singh.

In downtown Los Angeles, marchers chanted "God is One," as they walked through the streets amid flower strewn floats with scenes from Sikh history. Among the floats was one depicting the Golden Temple, a

symbol of tolerance and acceptance and the most sacred temple for the faithful.

As he walked along the parade, Daljit Khokhar, 43, of Burbank said he often fields questions about his turban and religion. "We explain it to the people. They are always asking me, but it's getting better," said Khokhar, an employee of The Gas Company of Southern California.

At a press conference earlier in the day, Assemblywoman Judy Chu, D-Monterey Park, said Sikhs have been the target of hate crimes by extremists in the United States who mistake them for being from the Middle East.

"We must be more even more proactive in fighting this," said Chu, whose resolution condemning hate crimes against Sikhs, Arab-Americans and others has been approved by the Assembly.

Chu and U.S. Rep. Brad Sherman, D-Sherman Oaks, said that in Fresno, a Sikh temple was defaced early last month with hate graffiti that included racial slurs and obscenities. It had also been targeted last year for five nights in a row in vandalism of paint and firecrackers that sparked a blaze.

## student fee REFERENDUM

**April 14th and 15th**

Two separate proposals

- 1. Increase Health Services Fee**
- 2. Increase ASI Fee supporting student athlete scholarships**

have been approved for a student referendum on  
April 14th and 15th

The following Open Forum has been scheduled where students can ask questions and learn more about these two important proposals

**Monday April 12,  
1:00-2:00 p.m.  
Location: UU 220**

Additional information including an Objective Statement & Financial Analysis, Pro and Con Statements, sample ballot and polling times and locations is now available on the web, by clicking on the link located on Cal Poly's home page ([www.calpoly.edu](http://www.calpoly.edu)).

## Mexican parolee fights to stay in U.S.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Maria Suarez was a recent immigrant from Mexico looking for work when she was kidnapped at age 16 and held as a sex slave for five years.

Eventually, she conspired in the killing of her tormentor and served 22 years in prison before being paroled last year. Now she faces another ordeal — the prospect of being torn from her family and sent back to a country she no longer knows.

Since January, Suarez has been held at an immigration detention center at the port of Los Angeles. She is awaiting an April 23 hearing under a federal law that requires people convicted of violent crimes to be deported after their release.

Suarez, a permanent U.S. resident whose ailing mother and eight siblings are U.S. citizens, is fighting to stay.

"I keep trying to understand what justice in this country means," she said. "But I haven't seen it in my case."

From the yard of the detention center, Suarez catches glimpses of the life she missed while in prison.

"I can see the water. I can see the big boats. I see the hills," she told The Associated Press during an interview at the Terminal Island detention center. "I am so close, but I cannot be there."

In recent months, Suarez, now 43, has received letters of support from as far away as Brazil. Among her defenders is Congresswoman Hilda Solis, D-El Monte, who asked U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft to halt the deportation proceedings.

But supporters concede her case

is difficult because of the strict immigration rules and the lack of laws protecting victims of domestic violence and sex trafficking at the time she was convicted.

Dorchen A. Leidholdt, co-executive director of the Coalition Against Trafficking in Women in New York, called the case "heartbreaking."

"This case would have been very different if it had happened today," Leidholdt said. "The conviction happened at a time when the battered women's movement and the rape crisis movement were in their early form, and the trafficking issue was nonexistent."

Suarez's nightmare began in 1976 when she came from Mexico to the small town of Sierra Madre in eastern Los Angeles County. She entered the country legally with her father after obtaining a visa with the help of her brother, a U.S. resident. Her mother was still in Mexico waiting for her green card.

Immigration law leaves few options when it comes to those convicted of violent crimes, said Bill Strassberger, a spokesman for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

"In general terms, an individual who has been convicted and has served their time, the law is very specific that they will be removed from the United States," he said.

A reprieve might be more likely if Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger grants her a pardon, but the governor has said he will not consider it.

In prison, Suarez studied English, computers and plumbing, and worked with mentally ill inmates.



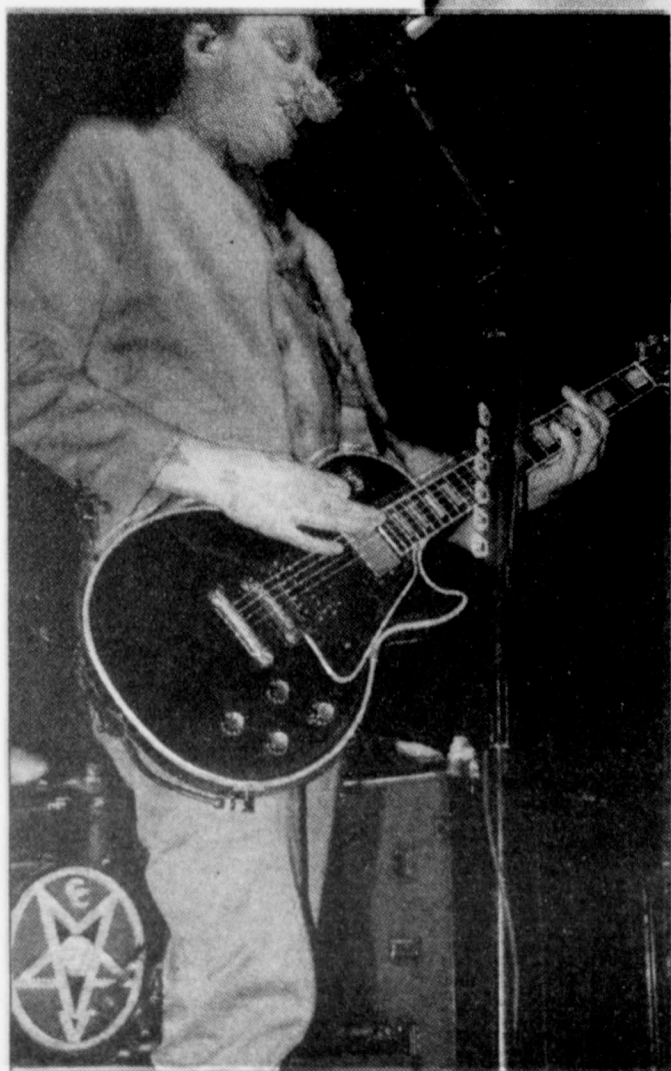
# NOFX, others succeed in rocking against Bush

Punk legend Jello Biafra steals Saturday show; goal was to encourage young voter registration



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**NOFX's Eric Melvin (above) rocked out along with (clockwise, from right) Authority Zero, Jello Biafra and Alkaline Trio at Saturday night's PunkVoter concert. Below, Fat Mike and NOFX headlined the politically-driven show.**



**Steve Hill**  
MUSTANG DAILY

NOFX is old. Seriously, Fat Mike and crew have been playing punk rock for more than 20 years now, so it would be no surprise if the band seemed out of touch with its crowd, especially one of a 20-something makeup like the one that came to the band's show at the Rec Center Saturday night.

But anyone who knows NOFX knows that the band is still young at heart.

The group played an energetic set for the San Luis Obispo stop on the PunkVoter Tour, a trek with the purpose of kicking young people in the ass and getting them to register to vote. Along for the ride were Authority Zero, Alkaline Trio and Jello Biafra, the charismatic ex-front man of the Dead Kennedys.

But while the tour was advertised with the PunkVoter moniker, the real name hung on a banner that acted as the stage's backdrop, adorned with George W. Bush covering his ears amid a din of punk rock dissent, as every band thanked the audience for coming out to the "Rock Against Bush" Tour. With the true purpose clearly outlined, Authority Zero kicked off a rousing set comprised of standard punk rhythms, interspersed with reggae jams like the single "One More Minute"

and an odd, Irish-jig-like chanting that found lead singer Jason DeVore giving a clinic in breath control. The band's energy did not go unnoticed: A steady throng of patrons sang along as DeVore frenetically jumped and raced around the stage.

What was most impressive about Authority Zero's performance, though, was DeVore's vocal variety, as he seamlessly transitioned from the standard punk rock "whoa whoas" to a reggae deejay tone, then back into deep, full-bodied choruses. They were an impressive opener.

After a short video that touted a true spin on the war in Iraq, Alkaline Trio took the stage, complete with the band's requisite dark instrumental opening and three-piece suits. The band (which, ironically enough, sported a touring guitarist, making it an Alkaline quartet) raced through its set unimpressively, paying little attention to the crowd and only pausing to dedicate songs to people who were part of the tour. Perhaps the sound quality at the Rec Center was partially to blame — singer/guitarist Matt Skiba's guitar was turned down so low that the octaves that the song "Private Eye" depends on were completely inaudible — but it just seemed like the band was not giving its all. Maybe my expectations were too high — many people had told me about how good Alkaline

Trio was live — but I was disappointed by its lackluster set.

Up to this point in the show, there hadn't been too much political rallying; neither Authority Zero nor Alkaline Trio commented on any foreign policy or national security matters, and I was wondering if the headline for this story was going to have to read "Rock Against Bush?"

Then came Jello Biafra.

After being introduced by Fat Mike, who commented that the people in attendance were, in fact, patriots because they were questioning the government's actions, Jello Biafra launched into a spirited, intelligent rant about the Bush administration's handling of various aspects of American life, from the war in Iraq and the war on drugs to abortion and education. Biafra made many valid, albeit slanted, points, and his speech added a much-needed ferocity to this "Rock Against Bush" idea. Most in attendance stood attentively and gave heartfelt applause, but Generation ADD was on hand, as some began chanting "NOFX! NOFX!" during Biafra's speech, as if NOFX was simply there to play and not make a political statement.

They were wrong.

True, NOFX took the stage playing an instrumental rendition of "Heart and Soul," but next played "Murder the Government" (from 1997's "So Long

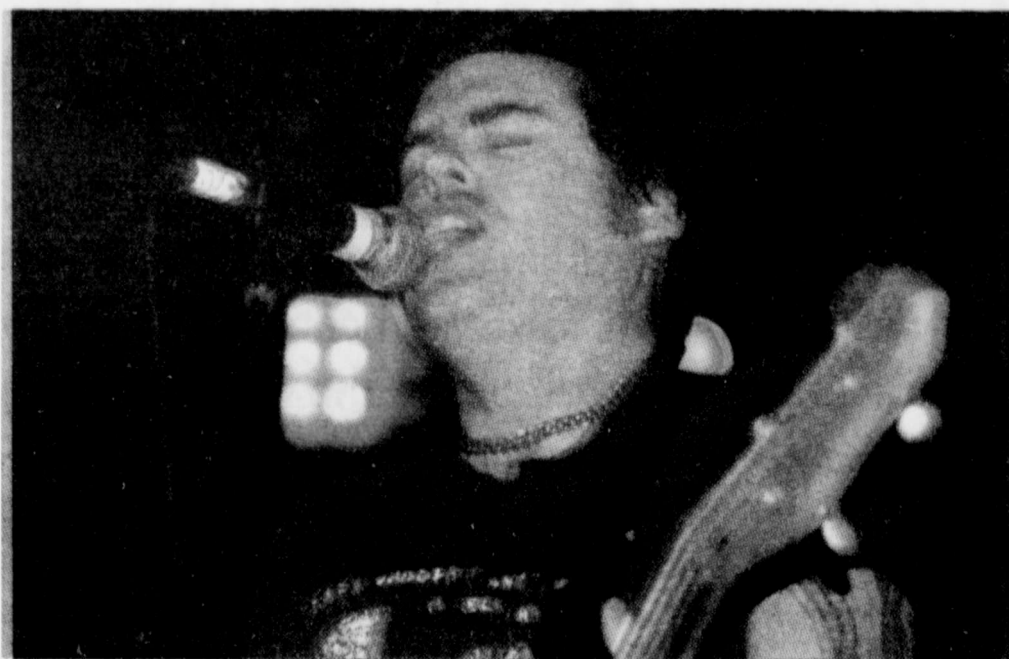
and Thanks for all the Shoes"), setting the tone for a night that found the band poking fun at not only the government but also themselves and their drinking habits. Technically, the band was on, mixing new songs with old favorites like "The Brews" and "Stickin' in My Eye." For being old guys, Fat Mike and El Hefe ran around like they were 18 again, engaging the crowd with the pointless banter that is synonymous with any NOFX concert.

But what was different about this NOFX show, compared to others in the past, was the political message. Fat Mike commented that Ralph Nader was ruining the presidential race, and

he even went toe to toe with someone in the front of the audience who opposed gay marriage. "Who the f--- are you to care what people do?" he asked the dissenter. Visibly disturbed by the opposing viewpoint, Fat Mike came back at the audience member after the next song.

Surprisingly, though, there was nary a "F--- Bush" uttered the whole night. But maybe that was the point of the tour; rather than be inflammatory, perhaps NOFX's purpose was to educate. Rather than give the government and the media more reason to look down on punk rock, the band was setting an example.

Mission accomplished.





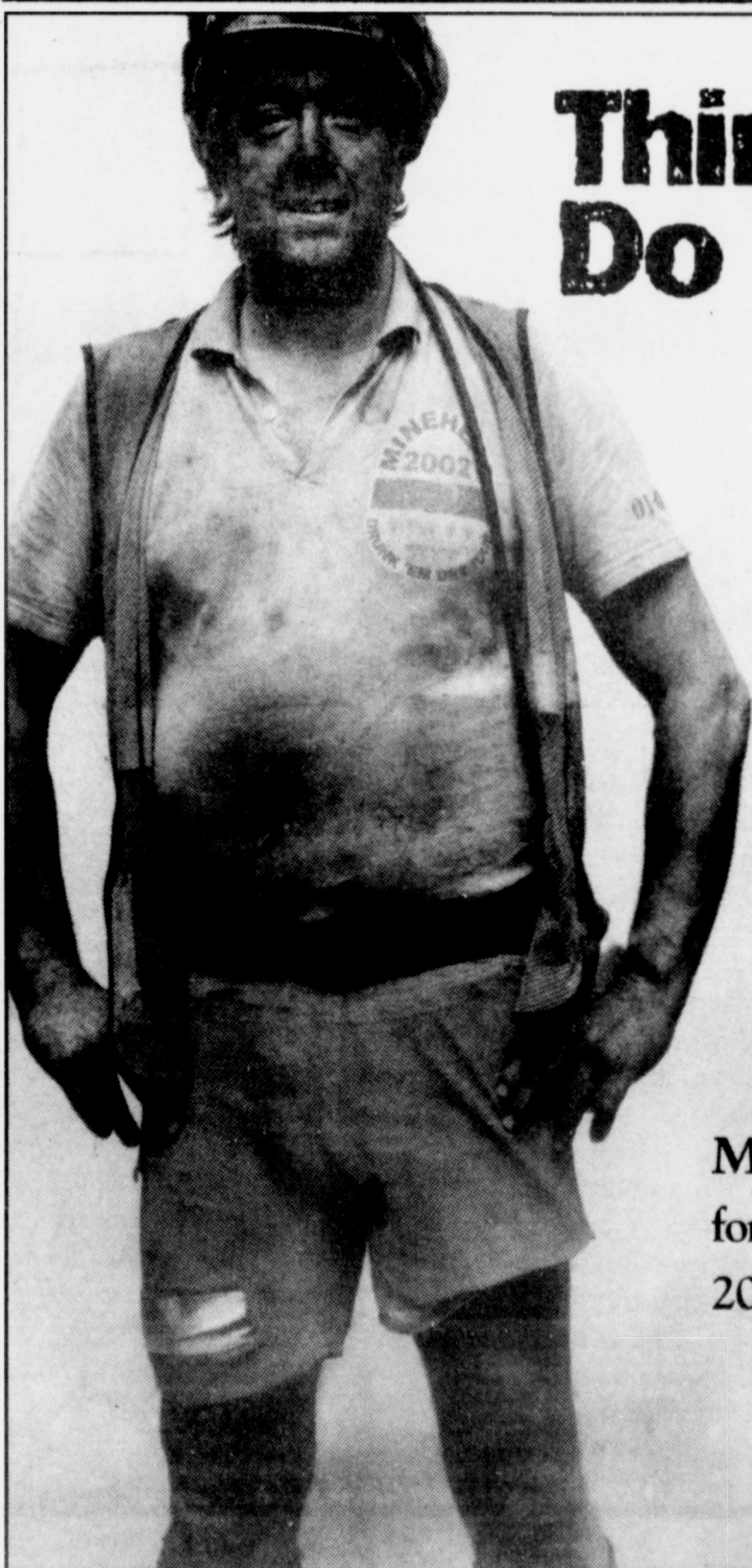
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### In Theaters

## 'Girl Next Door' not the average teen movie fare

Stephanie Ikel

MUSTANG DAILY

If there was one wish most high school boys could have made about their senior prom, it would have most likely been to take a porn star as their date.

As luck would have it, that is exactly what three seniors got to do in the movie "Girl Next Door."

Without knowing much of the plot prior to seeing the movie (directed by Luke Greenfield), the beginning resembles a cheesy mix of "Can't Hardly Wait" with a bit of "She's All That." However, within 20 minutes it is clear that this not-so "chick-flick" does not quite fit the category of those films.

Matthew Kidman, played by Emile Hirsch, is the student body president who is on his way to Georgetown University. He is a "by-the-rules" type of guy, but he is tired of the status quo and needs someone to push him. Enter Danielle.

She is played by Elisha Cuthbert, who also played Mitch's boss' high school-aged daughter in "Old School." In this movie she pushes Matthew to live outside the box and become the adventurous and outrageous guy he is dying to be.

The plot is simple: When a boy meets a girl and the girl is pretty, sweet and makes him laugh, the boy wants to date her and start a relationship. Simple becomes complicated when boy finds out that girl is a porn star. It turns out the girl next door is not just any girl next door.

Matthew's whole world is turned upside down when his sweet, innocent girl is really the girl who good buddy Eli has been watching on film doing some not-so innocent moves.

Matthew is accompanied by two less-than-trendy buddies, who are there to give bad advice and put him down whenever they can. Everyone has that friend who says the most inappropriate things at the most inconvenient times — that is Eli.

Played by Chris Marquette, Eli is not the voice of reason that Matthew needs, but without him the movie would lose half of the humor and half of the sex. Not that Eli is having the sex, but he talks like he does.

Klitz, the second friend, struggles with wanting to be a rebel and wanting to be sexy. He is the friend Matthew can count on even when older, intimidating porn producers threaten, beat up and try to destroy Matthew.

This movie has a lot of tricks up its sleeve. Many times the imagination of the characters lead the plot, which only adds to the laughter in the theater and the establishment of the rebellious side Matthew is striving for.

There are no deep moments or on-the-edge-of-your-seat scenes, but this film has more than amusing one-liners, minimal boredom and some creative twists. The movie is simply a comedy with some sweet moments, some entertaining antics and a good, nearly-cliché ending. It is for anyone looking for a feel-good hour and a half filled with non-stop entertainment and some exaggerated reality scenes. But hey, what movie is not exaggerated?

## 'Hellboy' builds up, falls flat

Jason Cox

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UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — For every "X-Men," there is a "Daredevil," and for every "Spider-Man," there is a "Hulk."

This decade will be remembered as an era of comic book flicks, but whether it will be positive or negative nostalgia is yet to be seen. These films have to be looked at on a case-by-case basis because of the immense range in quality the genre has seen in recent years. "Hellboy" certainly has more good elements than bad ones, but it's a great example of how to avoid certain superhero clichés while simultaneously falling into others.

Adapted from the Dark Horse comic title, the "Hellboy" premise sounds a lot darker than it really is. A Nazi attempt to bring about the apocalypse on Earth by opening a portal to Hell is thwarted, but not before a baby demon comes through. Retrieved by a secret government organization (think The "X-Files" meets "X-Men"), the demon is raised as a combatant of the world's dark forces.

Hellboy's strongest aspect is the title role's character. Hellboy (played by Ron "I have Hollywood's most oblong face" Perlman) has more personality than any superhero lead ever seen on film. Going against convention, Hellboy has a remarkable sense of humor, avoiding the brooding, introspective traps that befall many silver screen heroes. He has fun saving the day, and the audience shares that through his naturally witty one-liners and, yes, even some moments touching on situational comedy.

The first three-quarters of the movie take the audience on a fun ride that will have you in white-knuckled chair grips and powerful belly laughs. The movie doesn't take itself too seriously, and despite a few plot holes that are commonplace in many fast-paced action flicks (Why did it take 60 years to revive the villain when he gave specific, simple instructions on how to do it?), it's fun enough that we just don't care.

The film's last act, however, takes a sad nosedive as it nails many of the clichés it had done well to avoid up to that point. No less than three supporting characters disappear without any explanation or proper sendoff, and the final battle between good and evil is rather short and anticlimactic in scope, despite a long, special effects-laden buildup. For the sake of keeping the review spoiler-free, I won't reveal the details of the last moment, but let me just say: It was as trite and banal as Hellboy is red.



# 40 days and 40 nights: Why bother?

Commentary

A few months ago we told you how we feel about New Year's resolutions: They are stupid. While it seemed like you listened to us, we don't think you all got the point because we recently caught many of you in acts of deprivation during the recently-completed Lenten season. No chocolate during Lent. No TV. No soda. No alcohol. No reading the sex column. The list goes on and on.

But is there really any difference between giving up something for a year and giving up something for about seven weeks? Well, of course there's the time factor, but what about the principles involved? We all know keeping a New Year's resolution is completely unrealistic, just as we all know that rash you contracted one drunken evening isn't from "falling into a bush of poison oak."

Lent, which is supposedly a time for self-examination and penitence through self-denial, has mainly turned into an excuse to test our will power. And for what? For the greater glory of God? Is it necessary to prove our devotion to a higher being via sacrificial candy and soda?



**QUIT  
yer BITCHIN'**



Giving up something for Lent is a lot like cheating. If you couldn't do it for a whole year, your conscience will settle for 40 days and 40 nights. Is this what we've really come to, convincing ourselves that we succeeded in outsmarting our own bodies?

What's next on our list of making ourselves feel better? Pretending that "light" beer will actually help us lose weight? Believing that the Dodgers will really win it all this year? Will there ever be an end to this madness, or are we stuck in a vicious cycle of self-denial?

Really, let's take a look at the integral piece of the Lent puzzle: the requisite giving up of meat on Fridays. Is this really that difficult? Does anyone really say to themselves, "Man, I know it is gonna be tough, but this year I am really gonna stick it out and not eat meat one day a week for six weeks?" Or how about any of the other lame sacrifices like, "I'm not gonna watch 'The Simpsons' for Lent" or "I'm gonna give up porn this year!" We don't think God really cares if you like to download a bit now and then, so why not try something meaningful like, "Instead of spending all of my money at the bars, I am going to give some of it to (insert your favorite charity here)?" It would be so easy.

Don't get us wrong. Maybe we are getting a little carried away about the effects of giving up things for Lent. But, on the other hand, maybe we're onto something. We're not criticizing Lent or any Christian ideals. We just wonder how far we must go to make ourselves feel good. Really, it's only 40 days and 40 nights. We should be able to do it.

Steve Hill and Chrissy Roth are journalism seniors and Mustang Daily columnists who have no will power. Wanna give them some of yours? E-mail them at [QuitYerBitchinCP@yahoo.com](mailto:QuitYerBitchinCP@yahoo.com).

# Copyright laws are diluting art

Commentary

Annoyed at the fat content of Thin Mint cookies, the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) recently sent a message to the Girl Scouts of America saying that the Scouts were on notice for violating copyright laws. Because download savvy pre-teens and college students are not quite sympathetic enough, ASCAP wants to persecute (I mean prosecute) the Girl Scouts for not paying royalties each time they sing "This Land is Your Land" and other campfire classics.

As if the FCC Janet Jackson-inspired restrictions weren't censoring media enough, now ASCAP is attempting to drastically reduce the public realm.

It is especially ironic that ASCAP would single out the song "This Land is Your Land." Written by Woody Guthrie in 1940, it is a song intended for the people of America. Guthrie, a great, working-class (socialist) American, wrote his songs for the consumption of the common man during the Depression.

He wrote American folk music for the Okies, who were displaced during the Dustbowl, and later moved to New York City where he created the Almanac Singers, who sang radical protest songs. A friend of Alan Lomax, the two compiled the first comprehensive collection of American folk music for the Library of Congress. Guthrie's music, folk music, belonged to the American people, because it

was from the traditions of the American people. As Guthrie commented about the source of his music, "Just forget I had a damn thing to do with it. It's real and it's made up by folks that has had to take 'er the hard way all their life."

ASCAP seems to think otherwise. Guthrie seemed to address his future exploiters when he said, "If you're too highbrow for that, you can take your pants and go home right now, but please leave the (music) — some people might want to look through it."

Woody Guthrie, who was born in 1912, died in 1967. Sixty four years

after the song was written and 37 years after the artist died, "This Land is Your

Land" is still not in the public domain.

Thanks to Congress, there have been 11 extensions to copyright laws in the last 40 years. Most recently, in 1998, the Sonny Bono Copyright Term Extension Act extended copyrights for an additional 20 years. The original copyright laws protected songs, books and other intellectual property for 14 years. If I composed a song today, I, and more importantly the record company, would hold its rights for the next 95 years.

I will likely be dead in 95 years, but the recording company owner's grandson will still be raking in the

cash from my hit record. Meanwhile, Girl Scouts, college a capella groups, church fundraising choirs and anyone else who could see a cent from the performance of my song would have to pay royalties.

Nothing creative comes ex nihilo. Musicians borrow riffs, poets borrow verses and playwrights borrow characters. Eric Clapton would be nowhere without Robert Johnson, William Shakespeare would be nowhere without Giraldo Cinthio and Disney would be nowhere without the Brothers Grimm. Not only is the ASCAP push for a limited public

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realm shamelessly about money, it is counterproductive to the idea of creativity.

A lawsuit against the Girl Scouts would be a tremendous start to a campaign aimed at taking social significance and meaning out of music. Instead we would have a commodified entity that people would be afraid to involve themselves in. Woody Guthrie would not approve, even though his estate grows by the second.

Matt Woolsey is a writer for the Vanderbilt Hustler at Vanderbilt University.

## Letters to the Editor

### Prejudicial 'ignorance' cannot be ignored

"Eww, immigrants" is not a passing comment. It is a gross assumption and a racist comment. It comes from so many years of people being treated as less than human (first it was the Irish and Eastern-Europeans and now it's Mexicans, South and Central Americans).

I am of a Mexican heritage but I was born and raised in this country. If I were standing next to a Canadian immigrant, I would have been the one to be told, "Eww, immigrant" or "Go back to where you came from." Yes people are ignorant, but that does not make their behavior or comments excusable, and it is our responsibility as educated human beings to educate others.

If I allow someone to speak to me in such a manner, I am giving them permission to victimize me and to treat me as less than their equal. If I allow a person of another group (white, black, homosexual, disabled,

etc ...) to be discriminated against, I might as well have been the one that committed the offense.

\* If we all sat and accepted people's "ignorance," there would be no Martin Luther King, no Rosa Parks and segregation would still exist. There would be no Cesar Chavez and field workers would still be working 12 hour shifts without breaks, bathrooms or clean water while getting paid less than livable wages. There would be no dolls of varying skin tones. There would be no Latinos, blacks, Asians or Arabs on TV, in our classrooms, in executive positions or in politics. Women would not have the right to vote and would still be disallowed in the workplace or the military if we all sat back and tolerated racism, sexism and other forms of discrimination as simple ignorance.

So thank you MEXA for "crying to mommy." Organizations such as yours that stand up for equal rights are to be admired.

Cecilia Lopez is a business senior.

### Letter had contradictory views toward voting

In response to Julian Corwin's letter ("Room for humor and political discussion" April 7) let me just say this: Corwin criticizes Polytics writer John Holbus for expressing his concern over an uninformed 20-something voting population and chastises him for trying to prevent people from voting, while, in the same breath, he insinuates that Republicans in California should not vote because they are in the minority and have absolutely no chance of winning anyway.

It seems that someone who is supposedly so concerned about ensuring that everyone's voice is heard would encourage people from every party, no matter how obscure, to vote in every election. His obvious bias invalidates his entire argument, as does his claim that Republicans vote for who is giving out food and not for the issues. Please, Mr. Corwin, develop more sound arguments in the future.

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"I think the problem is that I've been wearing bras."



## Point/Counterpoint

# Will the athletics referendum score with students?

### Commentary

The proposed increase of the Associated Students Inc. fee that supports athletic scholarships is a tricky matter. Students are generally not in a financial position to dole out extra cash. As college-related costs rise, it is understandable

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why many question the real importance of maintaining a strong athletics program.

However, Cal Poly's athletic program holds a diverse mix of dedicated and hardworking students providing both athletes and fans, with a genuine sense of excitement. This boosts school morale and improves the college experience.

Intercollegiate athletics also provide college alumni with a tangible way of remaining connected to Cal Poly. An otherwise large and disconnected student body is brought together by the free entertainment of Cal Poly sporting events. Community members can also participate and support their local college.

Decisions made about the proposed athletics scholarship fee will have far-reaching effects.

If funding is not approved, teams will be cut.

If cut, the Cal Poly athletics program loses a competitive edge. It will then cost more than the proposed increase of \$30 per quarter to build the teams back up again. Any progress made as a result of the student body's commitment to protecting competitive Division I athletics programs will be lost.

Voters in the upcoming election should realize it is unrealistic to maintain a Division I athletics program without adequate funding.

In 1986, Cal Poly students voted to implement a fee mandated to support athletic scholarships. Then in 1991, students again voted to provide more general funding to the athletic program. Funds accrued from the 1991 vote did not fund scholarship costs. Records prove that

Cal Poly students have a history of supporting college athletics. Scholarship and recruitment costs have remained unchanged for 18 years, though the cost of living for Cal Poly athletes has increased.

Unfortunately, funding for more realistic scholarship and recruitment packages cannot reliably come from any other source. The proposed fee increase would equate to an additional \$90 per academic year after it was fully implemented in Fall 2006. For free admission into school sporting events, an avenue for media recognition, a boost to school morale and increased diversity on campus, this is a reasonable price for the student body to pay.

Unfortunately, paying an extra \$90 a year is the only alternative to losing significant progress made in the athletics program. Historically, Cal Poly has made a commitment to place high priority on intercollegiate athletics.

Students can support their fellow classmates in pursuit of their athletic and academic dreams.

Many students who participate in intercollegiate athletics have practiced their sport and sacrificed their time and social lives for most of their adolescence. Their successes should be considered as successes for the entire student body. They deserve a reward for the additional effort and time they dedicate and recognition they accrue for Cal Poly.

Vote to maintain a strong and competitive athletics program. Do not let the budget restrictions that we are feeling as result of bureaucratic mismanagement impact peers who have dedicated years of their lives to something that provides free entertainment to all Cal Poly students. Now is the time to protect a program that many have worked, voted and stood up for in the past, before it becomes more costly to invigorate a dying program.

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### Commentary

Cal Poly students currently pay a fee of \$4.13 for athletics scholarships every quarter. If the proposed fee increase passes, the fee will increase to \$30, costing students nearly \$100 extra per year.

Students at Cal Poly should do the responsible thing this week and reject the fee increase by voting no in the upcoming referendum.

In the last few years, Cal Poly has seen fees increase substantially. Some past academic fee increases have benefited the average student, such as more class offerings and new technology. Conversely, the proposed athletic scholarship fee increase is not in the interest of the majority of students, who will see little or no positive impact.

The bottom line is this: When academic institutions face financial trouble, the first budget cuts should come from the athletic department. The vast majority of students come to Cal Poly to receive a quality education at a reasonable price; few students are drawn here by the reputation of our sports teams.

In Cal Poly's situation, it would be more beneficial for all students if a \$30 fee increase was proposed to help reduce the number of academic faculty and staff positions which may be cut next year.

An argument has been made that Cal Poly will not be able recruit as many athletes without scholarship money. Many of the athletes at Cal Poly come from diverse backgrounds, and because of this many believe the overall diversity of the school would be further weakened. However, the same argument can be made from the opposing side. Increased student fees will make it harder to recruit students from

lower-income families, a demographic that contains a disproportionate amount of ethnic minorities.

For any student who is working to put themselves through school, an extra \$30 a quarter can be a very big deal and should not be taken lightly, especially when undergraduate enrollment fees may increase by 10 percent next year while graduate students could see a 40 percent increase.

Cal Poly should make sure that anyone who is willing to work hard to finance their education can make it happen, regardless of their athletic abilities.

Although students currently only pay a fee of \$4.13 for athletic scholarships, they do pay \$46.20 each quarter toward the athletic programs. Over a four-year period, of the fees each student currently pays to attend Cal Poly, approximately \$800 goes toward our school's athletics program. If another \$30 fee was added, the total students would pay toward sports programs would reach nearly \$1,300 over four years. Is the average students' athletic experience at Cal Poly worth \$800? Probably not.

Worth \$1,300? Not even close.

While not denying that sports can be an important aspect of a student's college experience, even as a spectator, the current economic situation makes it necessary for us to choose between supporting athletics or preserving Cal Poly's value. Here the choice is clear. Vote no on the referendum.

Justin Popov is a journalism junior and a Mustang Daily staff writer.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Newspaper ads don't tell all of the facts

The Progressive Student Alliance and the Cal Poly Democrats Club have run ads in Mustang Daily opposing the upcoming athletic fee referendum. The ad states that the university hasn't told students how much they already pay to support athletics. Yes, we already pay fees each quarter to support athletics and student athletes, but the ad doesn't state that we pay them because students voted to pay them. In similar referendums, students voted to pay extra fees to fund athletic scholarships (1986), and to support a broad-based Division I program (1992). No one forced these fees, the students volunteered them. Why should we vote any differently?

The ad also states that "higher fees limit access to education for

underprivileged groups," and that if costs keep rising, diversity will diminish. Many students of "underprivileged groups" would not attend this school, or any school, if they didn't have an athletic scholarship because they could not afford it. As a result, the athletic department is one of the most diverse departments on campus. If we remove funding for scholarships, we will lose diversity. Also, a student can earn money for school based on their outstanding academic achievement. Why shouldn't an outstanding athlete take advantage of his or her talent to get an education as well? Besides, is \$90 a year going to mean that much in the long run? Compared to what we pay already, an extra \$90 is trivial. Some women pay more than that for a fake tan. Vote yes.

Emily Doris is a civil engineering freshman.

### Baker's move should not be front-page news

Staring blankly at the front page of Tuesday's paper, one thought repeatedly crossed my mind: Who cares?

President Baker moves off campus? The only thing that article did for me was prove the guy actually exists. Don't get me wrong, I'm proud of my school and I support it. But what in the world do we need a "president" for? I mean, what does he do all day, sign legal papers that he doesn't bother to read? Think of new and exciting ways to say the same pedantic bull-crap "welcome message" that we post on our homepage? Ponder the meaning of life? No offense, but I think it's a pretty superficial position. Most administration and bureaucracy is. Not that I'm some kind of fire-and-revolutionary-anarchist ...

heck, I'm not even a liberal. But seriously, why is this front-page news?

Nathanael Johnson is a computer engineering sophomore.

### Flag burning is not effective opposition

Note to Sabiha Basrai: Burning American flags doesn't topple dictatorships.

Iraqis are going to be running their own country by the end of June and will be electing their own officials thanks to the United States. So, one can either support Iraq setting up its own government, or take Basrai's view and burn American flags.

Why not burn images of murderous dictators instead to express opposition to oppression and tyranny?

Ian Chase is a chemistry freshman.

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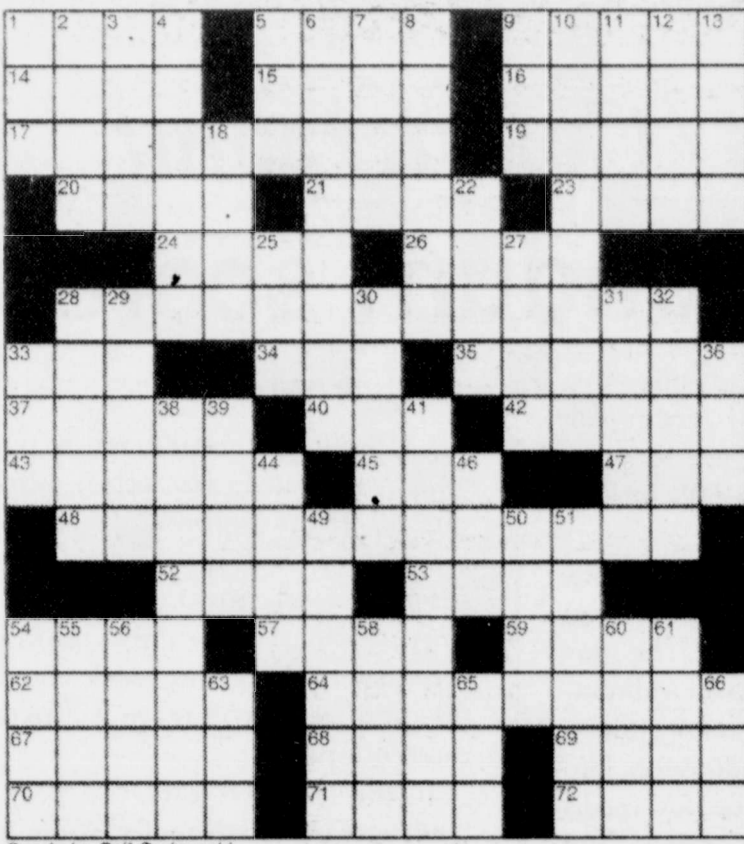
Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0301

- ACROSS**
- Continental currency
  - Give off
  - Assumed name
  - Jazz's Kenton
  - Go (over) carefully
  - Officer's shield
  - Easy wins
  - With 62-Across, a possible title for this puzzle
  - Long sandwich
  - Regarding
  - Word after ready or petty
  - Web addresses, for short
  - List-ending abbr.
  - Young hospital helpers
  - Capone and Capp
- DOWN**
- Always, poetically
  - Predicament
  - Where a car may end up after an accident
  - Have dinner
  - Talent
  - Says "cheese"
  - Part of a baseball uniform
  - Tic-\_\_\_\_-toe
  - Credits for doing nice things
  - The writing the wall
  - Choir voice
  - Play parts
  - Fishhook feature
  - Corporate money managers; Abbr.
  - See 19-Across
  - Some USA Today graphics

- The "V" of VCR
- "Good grief!"
- "Uh-huh"
- Snoozer's sound
- Old salts
- Italy's capital

- DOWN**
- PC key
  - The Beehive State
  - Yard tool
  - Small winning margin, in baseball
  - Ecol. watchdog
  - Baked beans ingredient
  - Bothers
  - Teacher, at times
  - Middle muscles, for short
  - Legal assistant
  - Brainstorm
  - Mellows, as wine
  - Adam's third
  - Basic dictionary entry
  - Soul singer Redding
  - Caustic substance
  - Rental units; Abbr.
  - Get to the top of
  - Up and about
  - It may be called on the battlefield
  - Singer Bonnie
  - "\_\_\_\_ Marner"



Puzzle by Gail Grabowski

- Computer pop-ups
- R.N.'s forte
- Religious site
- Chops
- Goldilocks sat in his chair
- Snooty person
- Campaigner, in brief
- All worked up
- Hankering
- "That's cheating!"
- Ones heading for the hills? Abbr.
- Nickel or dime
- Commotion
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fell to 1-4 on the season.

### Friday doubleheader split

Cal Poly rebounded from an opening loss to take the second game of a doubleheader against the Highlanders.

UC Riverside won the first game 9-5 in eight innings, but the Mustangs won the nightcap 4-1.

The first game took eight innings to decide the final outcome with UC Riverside scoring four unanswered runs in the extra inning to break a 5-5 tie.

Cal Poly opened the scoring with a pair of runs each in the first and second innings for a 4-0 lead.

UC Riverside responded with a pair of runs in the fourth and took the lead in the fifth with a three run rally. Cal Poly tied the game in the bottom half of the inning with a run-scoring single.

The Highlander eighth-inning rally started with a Jennifer Thompson single to left field. She advanced to second on Shannon Peterson's walk. Hailey Marshall singled to shortstop, but when Jeana Gevas, at first, could not handle the throw, Thompson scored from second. A bunt single by Lee scored the second run. After a hit batter, Melissa Sanchez singled to drive in the final two runs.

UC Riverside collected 11 hits in the game, while the Mustangs managed to score five runs on eight hits and committed three errors.

Gevas was the only Mustang to have more than one hit in the game



FILE PHOTO MUSTANG DAILY

### Lisa Modglin (No. 11) discusses strategy with her teammates.

with a single and a double. Three Highlanders had two hits in the game: Yee, Thompson and Sanchez.

Sara Radabaugh picked up the win in relief for UC Riverside to improve to 1-3 for the year, while Cassie Vanderbeek took the loss for the Mustangs to fall to 3-6.

In the second game, the Mustangs again got on the board first, scoring all four runs in the second inning off of UC Riverside starter Kimberly Dillon. The highlight for the Mustangs came on Sparrey's two-run single.

Mustang starter Eva Nelson went the distance, limiting the Highlanders

to just three hits and one run in her complete-game win. Nelson improved to 4-2 on the season. The lone run allowed by Nelson came in the fourth inning on a solo home run to left field by Sanchez.

Sparrey led all Mustangs with a pair of hits to go along with her two RBIs. Yee and Thompson collected the other two hits for the Highlanders.

In the win Cal Poly scored four runs on seven hits and committed two errors while UC Riverside scored one run on three hits without an error.

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grounder was mishandled by UC Riverside second baseman Scott Powis for an error, allowing Blumenthal to score. But Mayo was thrown out at third on a strong throw by Highlander right fielder Aaron Grant.

Leavitt grounded out to second base to end the game.

Roberts singled three times and was the lone Mustang with more than one hit. It was his 19th multiple-hit game of the season and the seventh three-hit performance.

Festa had three hits and two RBIs for UC Riverside, which outhit Cal Poly 10-5. Barrett, Brett Bigler and Aaron Grant each had two hits for the Highlanders.

The loss went to Mustang junior right-hander Dennis LeDuc, his first loss as a collegian. He was 11-0 as a freshman at Cuesta College and 7-0 in two seasons at Cal Poly.

### Mustangs open with two wins

Garrett Olson struck out 10 and pitched a five-hit shutout over eight innings as Cal Poly defeated UC Riverside 9-5 in the second game of a Big West Conference baseball series Friday night at the Riverside Sports Complex.

The Mustangs exploded for eight runs in the first two innings and coasted to their 30th win of the season.

Cal Poly reached double figures in hits for the 25th time in 43 games, outhitting the Highlanders 14-7.

The Mustangs faced one of the top pitchers in the conference in junior right-hander AJ Shappi, who was 11-3 a year ago and had a 6-1 mark so far in 2004, losing only to Oregon State a month ago. But Cal Poly knocked Shappi out of the game after scoring eight runs on 10 hits in the first three innings. Jose Shaw restored order as the Highlander sophomore southpaw allowed just one run and two hits in six innings, but by then the damage was done.

The Mustangs sent 10 batters to the plate in the first inning, scoring five runs on six singles. Roberts, Cory Taillon and Leavitt each had RBI singles while Mayo added a two-run single. Cal Poly added three more runs in the second frame for an 8-0 lead. Taillon drew a bases-loaded walk for one run and Mayo contributed his second two-run single.

That was more than enough for Olson as the Mustang sophomore southpaw needed just 102 pitches,

70 of which were strikes, to get his seventh win in 10 decisions. Olson retired the Highlanders in order four times.

Cal Poly added its final run in the eighth inning as Leavitt drew a walk, Herbert singled and pinch-hitter JJ Owen singled into right-center field, scoring Leavitt for a 9-0 lead.

For the third straight game, Herbert collected three hits to lead the Mustangs offensively. Roberts, Mayo and Blumenthal each had a pair of hits.

UC Riverside averted a shutout in the bottom of the ninth as Louie Hernandez, with the bases loaded, grounded out to first base for an RBI off reliever Nick McMillan and Matt Cunningham belted a three-run double to left-center field. Cunningham scored the final run on a wild pitch by Bud Norris.

Junior right-hander Jimmy Shull struck out a career-high eight and Herbert and Roberts both singled three times to lead Cal Poly to a 9-3 victory over UC Riverside in the Big West Conference baseball opener for both teams Thursday night at the Riverside Sports Complex.

Shull (7-3) allowed two runs and four hits in seven innings as the Mustangs won their seventh straight and improved to 29-12-1 on the year. UC Riverside fell to 20-14. Shull had struck out seven batters in four previous appearances this season.

Cal Poly struggled offensively in the first four innings, banging out seven hits but scoring no runs. The Mustangs finally broke through for a pair of runs in the fifth to overcome an early 1-0 deficit. Leavitt led off with a double and Herbert singled. Leavitt scored on a wild pitch and Herbert came home on a sacrifice fly by Roberts.

UC Riverside tied the game at 2-2 in the bottom of the fifth on Kyle Barratt's second solo home run of the game to left field. But Cal Poly snapped the tie with a three-run sixth-inning uprising. Kyle Blumenthal and Josh Mayo opened with singles and Bret Berglund doubled to left-center field, scoring two. Herbert's single through the left side of the infield scored Berglund.

The Mustangs added a run in the seventh on Taillon's single up the middle and broke the game open with a three-run eighth. Chalon Tietje singled in one run, Blumenthal's groundout scored another and Taillon's sacrifice fly to center accounted for the third run and an 8-2 Mustang lead. Cal Poly, held scoreless in the first four innings despite seven hits, scored eight times on 10 hits in the next four frames.

# Advisory Student Fee

## REFERENDUM

April 14th and 15th

### CORRECTION

Inadvertently, the Mustang Daily incorrectly reported that the ASI Athletics Scholarship fee would increase \$5 per quarter and that the combined fee increases would total \$120 for next year. The ASI Athletic Scholarship fee is being proposed to increase \$20 per quarter next year and \$5 more in each of the next two years. The quarterly increase if both the ASI Athletic Scholarship fee and Health Services fee referenda pass and is approved by the President would be \$35 per quarter next year. Below is a summary of key facts. More detailed facts can be found at <http://studentaffairs.calpoly.edu/fees/index.html>.

#### Health Services Fee

- Initially established through student fee referendum in 1993 at \$28 per quarter
- Beginning Fall Quarter 2003, inflation adjustments added to fee annually based on HEPI
- Current Health Services fee is \$31.23 per quarter
- Proposing to increase fee by \$15 per quarter beginning Fall Quarter 2004
- Fee increase is being proposed in order to maintain the current level of services being provided

#### ASI Athletic Scholarship Fee

- Initially established through student fee referendum in 1986 at \$4 per quarter
- Beginning Fall Quarter 2003, inflation adjustments added to fee annually based on HEPI
- Current ASI Athletic Scholarship fee is \$4.15 per quarter
- Proposing to increase fee by \$20 per quarter beginning Fall Quarter
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- Fee increase is being proposed in order to maintain a broad based Athletic program

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MATT WECHTER MUSTANG DAILY

A Mustang batter crosses first in the Mustangs' 2-1 win over UC Riverside on Saturday.

# Softball wins two of three against UCR

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

The Cal Poly softball team defeated UC Riverside 2-1 on Saturday in a Big West Conference game at Bob Janssen Field.

With the win the Mustangs improved to 14-21 overall and 2-4 in conference, while the Highlanders fell to 11-34 overall and 1-5 in the Big West.

The win allowed the Mustangs to win the series after being swept in their previous conference series versus Pacific last week.

UC Riverside was first on the board Saturday with a run by Shannon Peterson in the second inning. With two outs, Peterson walked and advanced to second on Angelina Castellanos' base hit. Peterson moved to third when Hailey Marshall reached on a fielding error by shortstop Jackie Gehrke-Jones. Jamie Yee scored Peterson with a single up the middle to take the early 1-0 lead.

Cal Poly answered back in the third inning when Lisa Modglin reached first on a fielding error by

Highlanders' shortstop Shannon Peterson. Modglin took second after Gehrke-Jones was hit by a pitch by UC Riverside pitcher Sara Radabaugh. Roni Sparrey flied out to right field and advanced Modglin to third. Amy Jo Nazareus singled to center field and scored Modglin to tie up the score at 1-1.

In the fourth inning, Kristi Alvers led off for the Mustangs with a single to the left side. Kelly Comstock came in to pinch run for Alvers and stole second. With two outs, Lisa Modglin hit a double down the left-field line to score Comstock and take the lead, 2-1.

Freshman Emily Hively picked up the win for the Mustangs. She improved to 5-10 on the season by limiting the Highlanders to four hits and one unearned run in seven innings. She also walked only one batter and struck out two Highlanders in the game.

Sara Radabaugh took the loss for UC Riverside when she allowed five hits and two runs, one earned. She

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## Baseball wins first conference series

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF REPORT

Cal Poly started Big West Conference play with two wins, but couldn't hang on long enough to sweep their opening series against UC Riverside.

Highlander right-hander John Martinez allowed just seven hits in 8 1/3 innings as UC Riverside won the final game of its series against the Mustangs, defeating Cal Poly 5-4 Saturday afternoon at the Riverside Sports Complex.

Martinez struck out three and did not allow a walk as the Highlanders improved to 21-15 on the season and 1-2 in the Big West. Cal Poly, which had an eight-game winning streak snapped, fell to 30-13-1 and 2-1.

Cal Poly won the first two games of the series by 9-3 and 9-5 scores and scored single runs in the first two innings for a 2-0 lead.

UC Riverside grabbed the lead with five runs in the next three innings for a 5-2 lead and held on for the win. Cal Poly has beaten the Highlanders twice in three-game series each of the past three seasons.

Brandon Roberts singled to drive in a run in the first inning for Cal

Poly, and Adam Leavitt produced an RBI single in the second to give the Mustangs a 2-0 advantage.

Brian Steinmeyer singled to knock in a run for UC Riverside in the bottom of the second inning and the Highlanders exploded for three runs in the third on a run-scoring double by Tony Festa and a two-run double by Kyle Barratt.

Barratt was a thorn in the Mustangs' side the entire series with a pair of solo home runs in Thursday's game and three doubles in the final two games of the series. He drove in four runs.

UC Riverside extended its lead to 5-2 in the fourth as Festa picked up his second RBI with a single.

Cal Poly cut into the Highlanders' lead with a run in the sixth as Roberts singled, stole second, moved to third on a fly ball to the outfield and scored on a wild pitch.

The Mustangs had a leadoff single in the eighth but did not capitalize. Kyle Blumenthal singled to open the ninth and Josh Mayo singled to put runners at first and third with one out. Bret Berglund's hard

see Baseball, page 11

### CAL POLY TRACK

## Cross-over appeal: Distance runners making big impact

Anastasia Killham  
MUSTANG DAILY

The success of the men's cross country team in the fall is carrying over to this spring's track team.

Four to five of the distance runners have a good shot at making it to nationals, said senior cross country and track runner Sean Ricketts.

Ricketts is one of a group of four distance runners who have starred on both squads after coming to Cal Poly from San Diego Mesa Junior College — Ricketts, Ryan Moorcroft, Ben Bruce and Blake Swier. Luke Llamas, Matt Johnsrud and Mario Macias are other runners to make the cross over from cross country to track.

Last year, Bruce was awarded All-American status. He and other long-distance runners have been changing the look of Cal

Poly's record books.

"It's kind of cool to come in and make an impact," he said about he and his teammates' and his own ability to contribute to both squads.

Johnsrud recently won the 1,500 in the Cal-Nevada meet at the Cal Poly track, beating Moorcroft by only .03 seconds.

In that same meet, Macias won the 5,000, while Llamas won the 3,000-meter steeplechase with an NCAA regional qualifying time.

In the meet before that, the Stanford Invitational, Macias had the second-best Cal Poly time in the 10,000 and Moorcroft ran the third-best time in school history in the 5,000. Ricketts also placed second in the 1,500. Finally, Llamas finished ninth in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.



FILE PHOTO MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly cross country runners have had a big impact on the track team this season.

### SCORES

Softball (2) vs. UC Riverside (1)

Emily Hively — winning pitcher

Baseball (4) vs. UC Riverside (5)

Cal Poly — eight-game winning streak snapped

Baseball (9) vs. UC Riverside (5)

Garrett Olson — 10 Ks

Softball (4) vs. UC Riverside (1)

Roni Sparrey — two hits, two RBIs

Baseball (9) vs. UC Riverside (3)

Jimmy Shull — eight Ks

### SCHEDULE

M Golf @ Wyoming Cowboy Classic

mon./tues., april 12-13

M Tennis vs. UCSB

weds., april 14, 1 p.m.

Baseball vs. Pacific

fri./sun., april 16-18

M Tennis vs. NAU

fri., april 16, 1 p.m.

W Tennis vs. NAU

fri., april 16, 1:30 p.m.

### Today's Question

How many majors did Phil Mickelson play in before winning Sunday's Masters?

Yesterday's answer: My B. Printed the same question twice.

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