

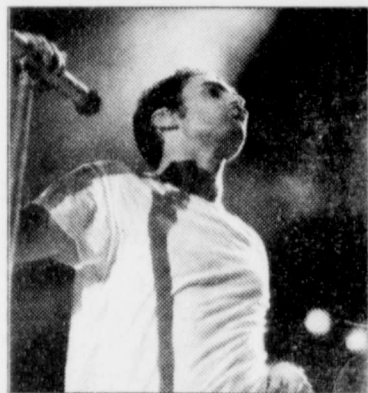
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COAG donates books to Nangarhar University

Karen Velie
MUSTANG DAILY

Imagine attending a university where not only an education and accommodations are free, but female students are paid pocket money to attend.

Now imagine classrooms that are bare, except for chairs and a blackboard, electricity works intermittently and there is a shortage of professors. That is the reality at Nangarhar University in Afghanistan.

Through the efforts of Mark Shelton, associate dean of Cal Poly's College of Agriculture, over 200 textbooks have been donated to Nangarhar University. The books are from the College of Agriculture with subjects in weed science, natural resources, entomology, botany and human nutrition.

"They have lost so much after

20 years of war," Shelton said. "Part of the problem they're facing now is rebuilding the university."

Shelton, a member of the Rotary Club of San Luis Obispo de Tolosa, hosted Mohammad Tahir Torakay, professor of agronomy at Nangarhar University, for five days in May through the Rotary International Group Study Exchange Program. Torakay and other members of his party spent a month touring universities and facilities in California and Arizona.

Rotary International is a worldwide organization consisting of businesses and professional leaders that provide humanitarian services. The Group Study Exchange program offers opportunities to study other cultures and promotes "friendly relations among the people of the world."

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Tri-Cities Blood Bank looking for donations

Jennifer Gongaware
MUSTANG DAILY

The Tri-Counties Blood Bank is in dire need of donations this summer, and is critically dependent on Cal Poly students.

Scott Edwards, Community Relations Director for the blood bank, said during the regular school year there is reliance on sponsorships from fraternities, clubs and other groups to get a large number of donations.

"The support from Cal Poly is high compared to that of other college campuses," Edwards said.

Blood type O, both positive and negative, is particularly in need, yet, the supply of other types is not much greater.

According to their Web site, the blood bank is responsible for all of the "collecting, processing, testing, storing and distributing of the blood components used in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties, along with the cities of Salinas and King City."

The blood bank uses donations to save the lives of those involved with accidents and surgeries, along with those living with anemia, leukemia and cancer.

"Typically people donate because of personal experiences with those who need a lot of blood, usually

because of cancer," said Janna Nichols, marketing specialist for the blood bank. "Also, because they feel it's the right thing to do, you can't manufacture it (blood) and there's no other source."

Only three to five percent of those who are eligible actually donate, Nichols said.

To qualify to donate one must be at least 17 years old, at least 110 pounds, feeling well and healthy, have no sore throat or fever on donation day and be off antibiotics for at least 24 hours.

The process is easy and takes around an hour, Nichols said. First, the donor's ID is verified and basic information is given. Then the phlebotomist, a vein specialist, conducts a confidential interview and the donor's iron level is checked by a prick of the finger. Then through a prick close to the elbow, the actual donation is given, which takes around ten minutes. 150 donors are needed every day by the blood bank according to the Web site.

"Really it comes down to people giving up an hour of their time," Edwards said. "For a lot of people the hardest thing is the needle."

At www.blood4life.org, students can find a blood drive, schedule a donation and check on their appointment history.



NICK HOOVER ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canyon blaze

A 3-acre brush fire, started by a power line, began burning Tuesday at 12 p.m. in Poly Canyon. The fire was attended to by crews from the San Luis Obispo Fire Department and the County Department of Forestry. The crews managed to extinguish the fire by 2:45 p.m. with help from overhead as a CDF helicopter dropped water from a nearby reservoir on the blaze. No injuries were reported and there were no evacuations.

GRC endowment honors professor

Nick Hoover
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly's Graphic Communication Department will establish an endowment honoring Terry Bell, a prominent figure in the graphic arts industry, and his company ColorGraphics Inc.

Next year marks the department's 60th anniversary, along with a \$2.5 million program that will fund many aspects to the Graphic Communication major. In particular, the endowment will support the printing and imaging management concentration, lab upgrades and a Terry Bell lecture by an industry

leader in the graphic arts community.

"The first Terry Bell (lecture) will take place during the graphic communication department's International Printing Week lectures," Graphic Communication Department Head Dr. Harvey Levenson said. "This occurs during the third week of January. It will be conducted by a prominent industry leader (yet to be determined) who will address students on contemporary management issues in graphic communication."

The lab upgrades planned by the department will support a facility that is second to none in the industry.

"The upgrades will be focused on

our Graphic Communication Management laboratories," Levenson said. "These facilities are where students learn and participate in management experiential exercises. New computers and other simulation technology may be involved in the upgrades."

The endowment will also support a Terry Bell/ColorGraphics Scholarship awarded to a printing and imaging management student within the graphic communication major.

Chris Madison, Color Graphics' CEO and president, made the first contribution to the endowment.

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COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

CENG has new dean

Christopher Gunn
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly president Warren J. Baker has appointed a new dean for the university's College of Engineering.

Mohammad N. Noori will be assuming the full scope of his new responsibilities as the dean of Cal Poly's College of Engineering beginning mid-October.

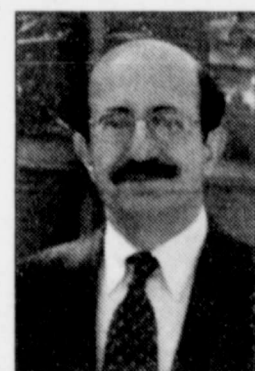
The search for a new dean began with the retirement of Peter Y. Lee who led the department for the past 17 years.

Noori, a current professor at North Carolina State University, has 13 years of experience leading multiple departments at the state and private levels.

From the applicant pool, Noori was hired because of his breadth of experience and accomplishment as well as the manner in which he presents himself, said Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Robert Detweiler.

"Noori is a well-qualified fellow and an outstanding fellow himself," Detweiler said in reference to why Noori was chosen.

Cal Poly's College of Engineering is currently the No. 3 program within public schools behind the U.S. Military Academy



Mohammad
Noori

Books

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Rotary International organized various activities that would be meaningful to each exchange member. During his stay in San Luis Obispo,

Torakay attended lectures, toured agricultural facilities and enjoyed sightseeing in the area.

"We don't have modern resources for the advantage of our students, including a library and laboratories," Torakay said in an interview with the

Mustang Daily from Afghanistan. "The time has been reached when the College of Agriculture (Nangarhar's) must be developed as soon as possible."

There is an international effort to eradicate the cultivation of poppies in Afghanistan which accounts for more than 70 percent of the world's opium supply. There is a need for farmers to have the ability to produce alternative crops that will provide them with an adequate financial return, according to Torakay and other expert sources.

While at Cal Poly, Torakay was struck with the quality and number of books. He indicated to Shelton that at Nangarhar University the books are out of date. Most of the existing textbooks were written in the 1970s and are primarily in Russian. The students can all read English; it is a required subject in schools.

Shelton gathered textbook donations from various departments in the College of Agriculture. The books will be shipped to Afghanistan free of charge by the San Francisco based Asia Foundation's "Books for Asia" program. There are currently 4,000 students and 255 full-time staff at Nangarhar University.

Endowment

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"Terry's main objective was to create an environment that all of us in printing could be proud of," said Madison, according to a press release. "For 27 years he and I worked side-by-side to develop and grow ColorGraphics. Over the years we became more like brothers than business partners."

Along with his professional duties at ColorGraphics Inc, Bell had a major role in the education of graphic arts students at Cal Poly.

"Terry Bell was an industry icon in Cal Poly's Graphic Communication Department, and the university is providing a visible and lasting tribute to him and the company he helped build," Levenson said. "... He served on the department advisory board and helped shape the way we think about educating graphic arts students," in a press release last month.

Bell passed away Thursday, May 19th due to health problems. He was 62 and had worked with ColorGraphics since 1978.

Noori

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and the U.S. Naval Academy, according to the U.S. News and World Report in 2004.

"The college of engineering has earned a national reputation, we would hope that he would sustain that reputation," Detweiler said.

According to Detweiler, the university is hoping that Noori will help to expand the reach of the col-

lege of engineering while maintaining its relationship with the industry and its sterling reputation.

"He's coming into a strong college and were looking to have him build on the strong foundation already there," Detweiler said.

It would seem that Noori and the university are on the same wavelength as he expressed interest in maintaining the reputation of the college of engineering and taking it too a higher level.

"It's too early to tell specific plans," Noori said. "As far as my vision is concerned, there are a number of important things that need to be addressed."

Maintaining strong relationships within the university as well as outside of the university are at the forefront of Noori's concerns, according to an interview Monday.

"I would like to spend four or five months learning about each individual faculty member as well as each department," Noori said. "Building relationships that will strengthen the College of Engineering."

According to Noori, once he has established strong ties in and out of the university he will be engaging the university in a strategic plan based on broad goals that will help to provide direction to the college of engineering.

He added, diversifying the College of Engineering in terms of the breath of knowledge imparted upon its students is necessary in the ever changing and adapting world of today.

Noori discussed one of his broad goals.

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NYPD officials reveal details of London bombing

Tom Hays
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP) - The suicide bombers cooked up their explosives using mundane items like hydrogen peroxide. They stored them in a fancy commercial refrigerator that was out of place in their grimy apartment. And cell phones were likely used to set the bombs off.

Those details from the July 7 London bombing emerged Wednesday at an unusually wide-ranging briefing given by the New York Police Department to city business leaders.

The briefing — based partly on information obtained by NYPD detectives who were dispatched to London to monitor the investigation — was part of a program designed to encourage more vigilance by private security at large hotels, Wall Street firms, storage facilities and other companies.

Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly warned the materials and methods used in the London attack were easily adaptable to New York.

"Initially it was thought that perhaps the materials were high-end military explosives that were smuggled, but it turns out not to be the case," Kelly said. "It's more like these terrorists went to a hardware store or some beauty supply store."

The NYPD officials said investigators believe the bombers used a peroxide-based explosive called HMDT,

or hexamethylene triperoxide diamine. HMDT can be made using ordinary ingredients like hydrogen peroxide (hair bleach), citric acid (a common food preservative) and heat tablets (sometimes used by the military for cooking).

HMDT degrades at room temperature, so the bombers preserved it in way that offered an early warning sign, said Michael Sheehan, deputy commissioner of counterterrorism at the nation's largest police department.

"In the flophouse where this was built in Leeds, they had commercial grade refrigerators to keep the materials cool," Sheehan said, describing the setup as "an indicator of a problem."

Among the other details cited by NYPD officials:

- The bombers transported the explosives in beverage coolers tucked in the back of two cars to the outskirts of London.

- Investigators believe the three bombs that exploded in the subway were detonated by cell phones that had alarms set to 8:50 a.m.

- Similar "explosive compounds" were used in the attempted attack in London on July 21. However, the detonators were hand-activated, not timed.

Sheehan said the NYPD was troubled by information it had received about the bombers' links to "organizations," but he did not name any groups.

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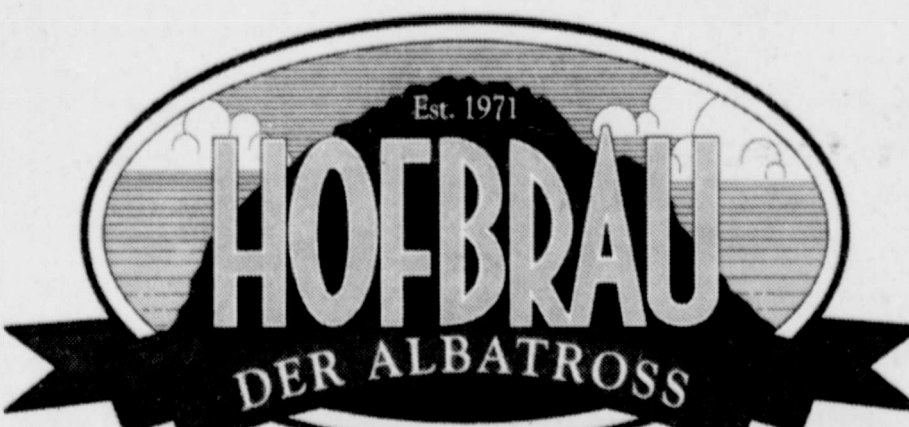


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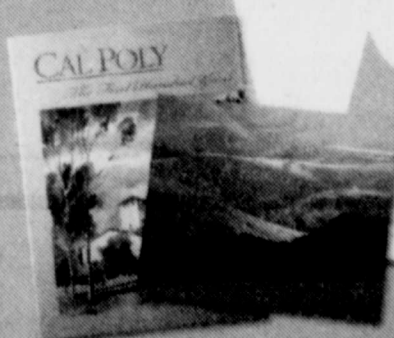
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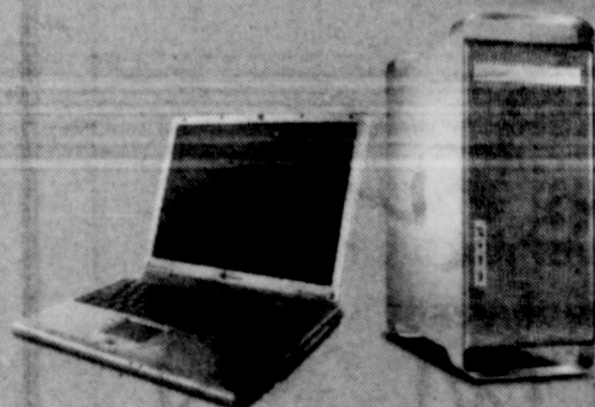
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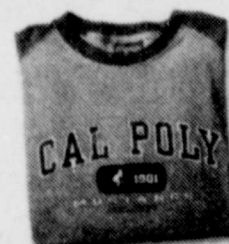
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HOT SUMMER NIGHTS

Didn't make it to the first few acts at the California Mid-State Fair?

Don't worry, the Summer Mustang staff did. Here's what you missed.

Mariecar Mendoza
MUSTANG DAILY

Amid thousands of tweens, their parents and a handful of fans just old enough to chug down some beer, yours truly snagged a seat to witness the opening concert for this year's California Mid-State Fair. Sure, I got a cold, hard seat up in the bleachers about a thousand feet away from the stage, but I did get a great view of the sea of bobbing heads who screamed over any noise that came over the speakers — even if it was just a roadie performing a mike check. But as the sun set below 90 degrees in Paso Robles, and the night cooled to just below 90 degrees in Paso Robles, the Main Grandstand Arena just got hotter.

No fans, no problem

Phantom Planet manages to make a name for itself at the Fair despite initial blank stares from Maroon 5-loving crowd

Cluster by cluster, giddy fans were corralled into the Grandstand arena anxious to see Maroon 5 — unfortunately, as some of them expressed, they still had to sit through the first act: Phantom Planet.

The four-piece band from Los Angeles showed up one by one on stage, front man first decked out in a school boy-like uniform with tam-bourine in hand.

"It's been a long time since we've had a big show," lead singer Alex Greenwald told the crowd, "so we wanted to dress up."

But not only did the band dress up, they all came with the same hair-cut. You know, the long, dark hair with bangs-in-the-eyes look. All appearances aside, though, Greenwald, bassist Sam Farrar, guitarist Darren Robinson and drummer Jeff Conrad did a great job hyping up an audience where only a handful were actual fans.

At one point, in an attempt to get the crowd involved, Greenwald divided the crowd with the right side what he called the "cute side" and the left side, "equally as cute side." Then he gave them special parts — each side did a version of "ahhhh" — for a quick sing-a-long that was semi-successful.

Before the end of the night, Greenwald promised the crowd he would etch the band's name into their memory before the night was over. Besides repeatedly

announcing, "We're Phantom Planet," Greenwald quizzed the audience and made them scream it back into his mike.

Of course, if that didn't work, they played the one song everyone seemed to know, "California" — or as many called it, "The OC song."

"We were here for Phantom Planet," 18-year-old Bree McCool of Atascadero said, who came with four other friends.

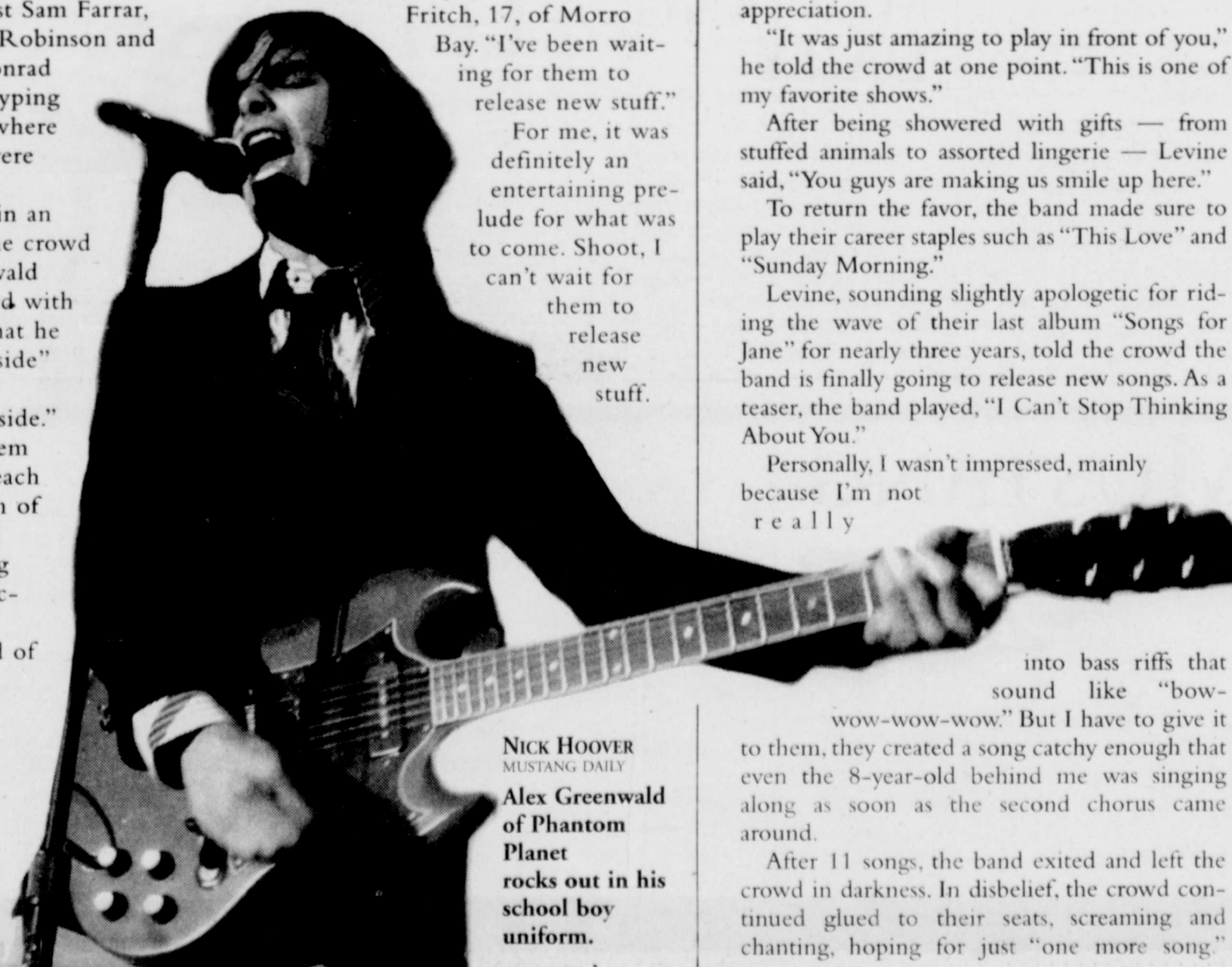
A self-proclaimed "huge fan" of Phantom Planet, McCool and her friends have watched the band three times before.

"I thought it was lame that nobody knew them, but started singing along when they played the OC theme song," McCool said. "But it was really cool to see them again even, though I didn't even know half of their set because they played so many new songs."

"Just hearing their new songs was exciting," said Linnea

Fritch, 17, of Morro Bay. "I've been waiting for them to release new stuff."

For me, it was definitely an entertaining prelude for what was to come. Shoot, I can't wait for them to release new stuff.



NICK HOOVER
MUSTANG DAILY
Alex Greenwald of Phantom Planet rocks out in his school boy uniform.

Making it harder for fans to breathe

With the sun below the horizon and the cool breeze blowing in the smell of manure, mixed with the strong smells of the Fair — garlic fries, kettle corn and corn dogs — I was on the brink of seeing my lunch splattered on my shoes. Looking around me, however, it seemed everyone else was immune to the stench.

And then it hit me! I know why everyone was unfazed: They have Maroon 5 on their mind.

Then just 10 minutes to 9 p.m., the Los Angeles quintet — Adam Levine, vocals/guitar; James Valentine, guitar; Jesse Carmichael, keyboard; Mickey Madden, bass; and Ryan Dusick, drums — appeared amidst a huge cloud of smoke and began their set to flashing cameras.

Not being a Maroon 5 connoisseur myself, I went on to get the opinions of concertgoers small and tall.

Mikaela Manion, 14, and her family came up from Valencia to catch Maroon 5. Her first Maroon 5 concert, Mikaela was hoping they'd play her favorite song, "Harder to Breathe," and as if they heard her, the band played the song just minutes into their set.

Mikaela's mom, 39-year-old Sandra Manion, was just as excited as her daughter to see Maroon 5 live.

"We've been listening to their CD for more than a year and we love it we love them," she said.

And as fans like the Manions poured all their energy into screaming and applauding Maroon 5, Levine made sure to mention the band's appreciation.

"It was just amazing to play in front of you," he told the crowd at one point. "This is one of my favorite shows."

After being showered with gifts — from stuffed animals to assorted lingerie — Levine said, "You guys are making us smile up here."

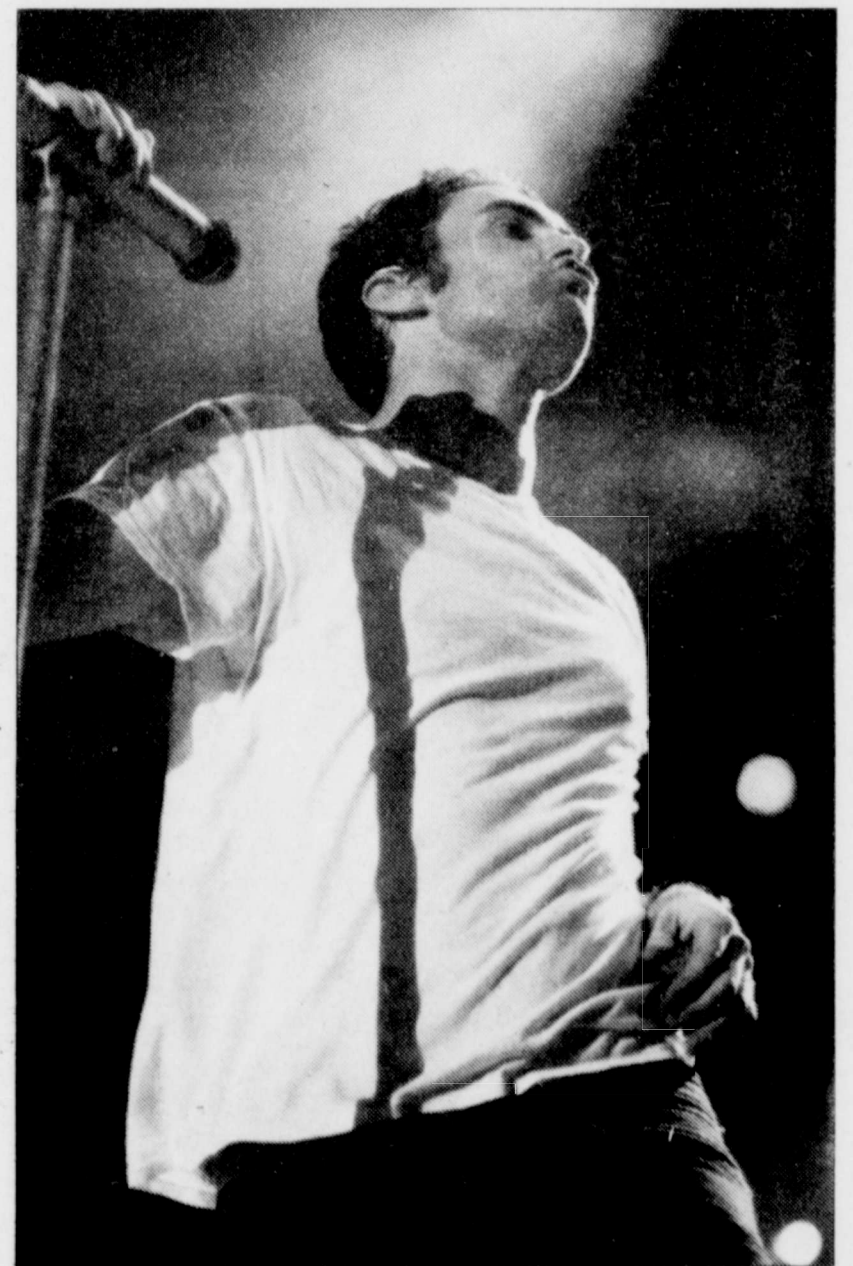
To return the favor, the band made sure to play their career staples such as "This Love" and "Sunday Morning."

Levine, sounding slightly apologetic for riding the wave of their last album "Songs for Jane" for nearly three years, told the crowd the band is finally going to release new songs. As a teaser, the band played, "I Can't Stop Thinking About You."

Personally, I wasn't impressed, mainly because I'm not really

into bass riffs that sound like "bow-wow-wow-wow." But I have to give it to them, they created a song catchy enough that even the 8-year-old behind me was singing along as soon as the second chorus came around.

After 11 songs, the band exited and left the crowd in darkness. In disbelief, the crowd continued glued to their seats, screaming and chanting, hoping for just "one more song"



NICK HOOVER MUSTANG DAILY

Maroon 5's frontman Adam Levine breaks from the mike during the California Mid-State Fair opening night concert.

Then, for a split second, I thought some of the Fair's cattle got loose because all of a sudden the arena was filled with the loud sound of thousands of stomping feet. To my relief, it wasn't a stampede, it was just an overzealous and impatient crowd.

Then the high-pitch scream of the first fan who saw a stealthy Levine run back on stage set-off an explosion of cheers for Maroon 5's last song, "She Will Be Loved." As the crowd sang along, instead of the typical wave of lighters, I saw an ocean of camera phones swaying to the melody.

When the lights turned on and the concert's turquoise clad security guards began telling people where to exit, we all knew it was really over.

First timer Virginia Seiler, a Cal Poly liberal studies senior, was sad to have to go, but said driving the 30 miles was "definitely worth it." Her friend Kelly Hammond, another liberal studies senior, simply said, "It was awesome."

Their friend Erika Wong, however, could barely contain herself.

"Oh, the show was so wonderful," said Wong, a Cal Poly nutrition graduate.

This was Wong's third time seeing the band, which surprised me considering how ecstatic she was. But then, she explained what was so different about this concert.

"We met them!" she screamed.

All three met Maroon 5 backstage where they got autographs, pictures and even a handshake.

"I'm never washing my hand," Wong said.

Lucky her, I thought. I didn't even get within 20 feet of the band that night. But in case they're out there reading this, "God knows I don't know you, but I want you so bad ..." to tell me, what's your "Secret?"



BARRIE MAGUIRE NEWSART

COMMENTARY

An Islamic Iraq could be a bad Iraq

Daniel Underwood
TECHNICIAN (N.C. STATE)

RALEIGH, N.C. — I almost passed out when I read the news headline the other day, "Iraq Draft Constitution Gives Islam Key Role."

In one single moment, I could see everything our troops are fighting for in Iraq going up in a big puff of smoke. Once Saddam was removed — much to the chagrin of the ACLU, Amnesty International and the Democrats in the United States Congress — there was the hope of better days to come, for Americans and for Iraqis.

America would no longer have to worry about this sinister, Bedouin serpent sneaking funds or munitions to anti-American terrorist groups, and the Iraqi people would be spared the horrors of a secret police rivaling the KGB of the 1950s. But now that Islam may be taking an even stronger hold upon Iraq — being constitutional law, as opposed to simply the mood of the culture — these dreams may be short lived.

The draft constitution boldly declares that "Islam is the official religion of the state and is the main source of legislation."

Apparently this is not simply an attempt to placate temperamental Shiite and Sunni politicians, but

the establishing of a radical religious government. The framers of the draft constitution unequivocally place Islamic law, or Sharia, as the sole source of legislation: "No law that contradicts with (Islamic) rules can be promulgated," reads the draft.

Obviously, a nation can be a threat to human rights without being Islamic. And, by the same token, just because a nation is Islamic, that nation is not necessarily a threat to human rights.

There are many governments which have incorporated a fair amount of Sharia law into their policymaking, yet have remained sufficiently secular to ensure the human rights of non-Muslims — Indonesia and Jordan are two prime examples. But when nations choose the path of pure Islam, the entailments are often far from desirable. According to the New York Times, in Saudi Arabia stoning and amputation are penalties meted out for crimes such as adultery and petty theft.

An article in The Straits Times (Singapore) succinctly noted that much of the Islamic law propagated in Saudi Arabia "prevent(s) Saudis from embracing a world where religious tolerance and a diversity of ideas hold the key to the survival and prosperity of all nations."

COMMENTARY

Won't you be my neighbor

Erick Smith
MUSTANG DAILY

Disrespect, distrust and distance describe the student and community relationship within San Luis Obispo. With each passing year a new wave of students come as others leave providing for a flux in the city's living arrangements. Students who move into neighborhoods away from Cal Poly's campus encounter the other half of San Luis Obispo's community, the non-student population. Unfortunately, neither side takes the opportunity to introduce itself to the new neighbor.

The population of San Luis Obispo is roughly 45,000 and the student population of Cal Poly is close to 20,000. Although the student body is not included in the overall population, it makes up a sizable segment of the city. Half the city does not know the other half and this continues to create a greater rift between the two

groups.

When the San Luis Obispo City Council decided to raise the fine for noise violations by triple the previous amount, students and non-student community members must begin conversations to understand each other. One of the

Upon moving in, students must initiate contact with their other neighbors.

two sides must agree to make the first step to begin the process.

Upon moving in, students must initiate contact with their other neighbors.

It would seem beneficial to meet neighbors of all ages. If a night should arise when a party is growing a little too noisy, a frustrated neighbor may opt to address the student instead of the police. In the end, you save yourself

money and a run-in with the law.

Upon initial introduction, go to all houses in the neighborhood, make sure to be friendly and simply introduce yourself. A few simple words will begin the process of building a rapport that will be continued throughout the year.

Another helpful hint is to give each neighbor a copy of your house number and your cell number.

That way they'll be able to get a hold of you at any time of the night and ask for assistance.

It is time for the community of SLO to come together, to embrace the diverse living situation. I encourage students to take the first step.

Open the lines of communication that currently do not exist on most residential streets. Maybe in the future, you will save time and money during a party night.

COMMENTARY

Ratings system for games not foolproof

Adam Stoves

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — With each passing day, the line between what is real and what is not seems to become more and more unclear. What with all of the so-improved-you'd-think-it-was-you-shooting-that-guy graphics in our video games, who would beg to differ? But less hype has been credited to the realistic look of the games, and more publicity is linked to the realistic scenarios these games support.

I'm sure everyone has heard the big to do over the "Grand Theft Auto: San Andreas" game and the questionable developments that occur once one is playing.

Well I haven't seen such an outcry for censorship since Tipper Gore fought for those little "Parental Advisory" labels to be slapped on music discs. Now I am not saying that I don't agree with the argument. If I had a 10 year old, I wouldn't want him or her messing around with fabricated prostitutes.

What I'm saying is that the war unleashed on the video game industry is one that should have been launched on another aspect of the entertainment industry years ago: the movies.

I know that "R" rated movies are reserved for those who are 17, but has anyone ever seen that really enforced? I know that I have never

been asked for any sort of I.D. at any "R" rated movie I've been to.

Sure, in theory movie theatres aren't supposed to sell these tickets to kids under 17, but that rule isn't implemented.

I don't think that any parent should be so surprised that a kid could buy a video game with a mature rating, when that same kid could go see practically any movie showing today. Yes, it's nice to think that you could keep everything mischievous and risky away from children who don't need to be exposed to it, but the fact of the matter is that you can't, at least not right now.

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Steroids

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"60 Minutes," Canseco — who also testified before Congress — said he had injected Palmeiro with steroids.

Canseco told CNBC on Monday that while he accused Palmeiro of prior use, "I do not believe right now or recently Rafael Palmeiro has taken steroids."

"There could be a metabolite from the past," Canseco said. "No one really knows how long steroids last in your actual system."

It wasn't clear whether Palmeiro's test was taken before or after he spoke before the congressional panel.

Anyone who lies under oath could be potentially subject to criminal perjury charges; Congress has the option of referring the case to the Justice Department, which would decide whether it's worth pursuing.

Union head Donald Fehr said the suspension "should serve to dispel doubts about our determination to rid baseball of illegal steroids, or the strength or effectiveness of our testing program."

Orioles executive vice president Jim Beattie agreed.

"I support the efforts in drug testing by Major League Baseball and the Players Association in order to retain the trust of our fans," he said. "It is very unfortunate that process has brought us to this situation at hand."

Playing without the 40-year-old Palmeiro on Monday, the Orioles lost 6-3 to the White Sox, their 12th defeat in 13 games. Baltimore played brilliantly in the first half of the season, occupying first place in the AL East for two months and giving Palmeiro cause to believe he might get to the World Series for the first time.

Upon his return from the suspension, he first hopes to regain the trust of his teammates. Palmeiro will then try to help the Orioles salvage a season that has taken a dramatic turn for the worse.

"I hope I can have their support and understanding of what I'm going through," he said. "Hopefully, they can accept me and let me come back and finish the season and help them get back to the playoffs."

Baltimore manager Lee Mazzilli said his players were "a little disappointed," but wanted to support their teammate. "The timing obviously is not good."

Athletics

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ning run is something he'll never forget.

"This is one of my top moments in baseball," Johnson said. "It was above the College World Series. Coming home like this and knowing that all my family and friends were here to see me play for the first time in the big leagues, it was just a good feeling."

There are plenty of good feelings in Oakland these days.

After a 6-2 loss to Cleveland on May 29, the A's trailed the Los Angeles Angels by 12 1/2 games in the AL West. But they won 19 times in June, 20 times in July and have started August 1-0 to pull within one game of the Angels. They hold a two-game lead over the New York Yankees in the wild card race.

The Twins, meanwhile, have been in a free fall. They have lost nine of their last 11 and trail the A's by five games in the wild card.

"There's nothing you can do but wait until everything goes back to where it used to be and we win some games," said Santana (10-6), who watched another strong performance go to waste.

The way the Twins are hitting, it

could be a while.

The Twins have lost five straight games for the first time in over a year and have scored just 14 runs in that span.

"Another miserable night at the

plate," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said. "I don't have an answer for it. We work hard in batting practice, but when it comes to the game, it's nothing."

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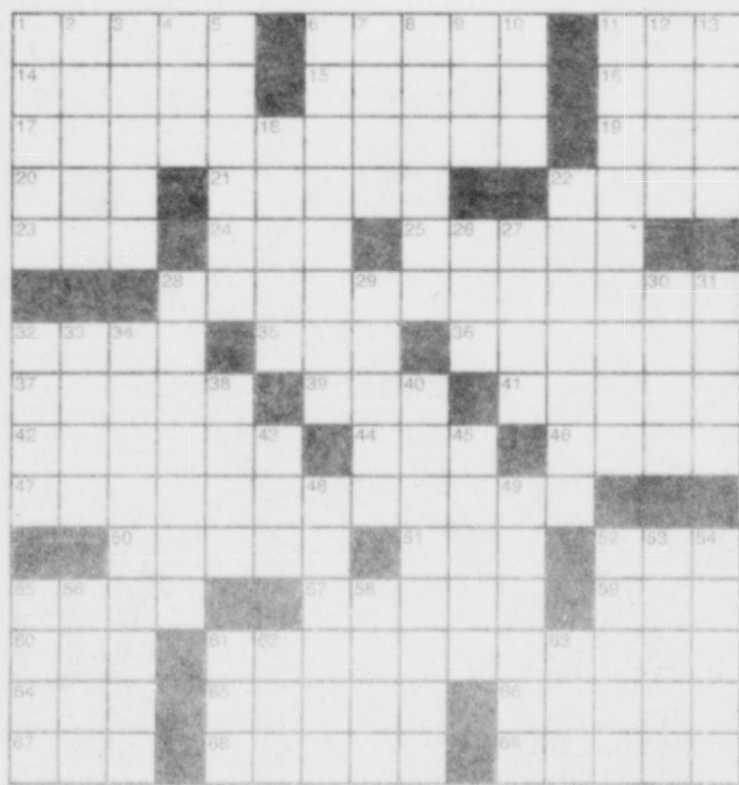
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 - 6 Courtroom event
 - 11 Weather London is famous for
 - 14 Thick-skinned critter
 - 15 Vietnam's capital
 - 16 Peron, former Argentine first lady
 - 17 Assault
 - 19 Lobe site
 - 20 Fraction of a joule
 - 21 Danish money
 - 22 Friend in war
 - 23 volente (God willing)
 - 24 Shooting marble
 - 25 Shows approval as a crowd
 - 28 Citation
 - 32 Big party
 - 35 Batman and Robin, e.g.
 - 36 Scotch whiskey drink
 - 37 Measures (out)
 - 39 Econ. datum
 - 41 Carpenter famous in the 1970's
 - 42 Get situated
 - 44 Critical hosp. areas
 - 46 Nasdaq competitor
 - 47 Affirmed
 - 50 Like Desi Arnaz, by birth
 - 51 Keg opening
 - 52 Greyhound vehicle
 - 55 Kind of speed, in "Star Trek"
 - 57 Scratch-off ticket game
 - 59 I
 - 60 Second letter before iota
 - 61 Rare event in horseracing
 - 64 Show
 - 65 Indian title
 - 66 Harassed, as in a fraternity
 - 67 Hog's home
 - 68 Formally change
 - 69 Outbuildings
- DOWN**
- 1 Annoyed
 - 2 English county
 - 3 Specialized talk
 - 4 Maze goal
 - 5 Began to like
 - 6 Small floor covering
 - 7 Flooding cause
 - 8 Makes a deduction
 - 9 Yahoo! competitor
 - 10 Tell falsehoods
 - 11 Regret
 - 12 Racetrack shape
 - 13 "The Far Side" cartoonist
 - 18 Illegal activity
 - 22 A black one may be worn at a funeral
 - 26 Not just my or your
 - 27 Berserk
 - 28 "Things aren't so bad"
 - 29 Photocopier need
 - 30 Turndowns
 - 31 "Auld Lang"
 - 32 Popular coil guy
 - 33 Prefix with dynamic
 - 34 1980 Wilder/Pryor comedy
 - 38 One with a turned-up nose
 - 40 Went on and on and on
 - 43 Sched. "question mark"
 - 45 The "S" of M.S.U.
 - 46 Surfing the Net, say
 - 49 Long times
 - 52 Hooch
 - 53 Still single
 - 54 Dispatches
 - 55 Spiders' creations
 - 56 Working away
 - 58 Forthright
 - 61 -la-la
 - 62 Computer capacity
 - 63 "Go team!"

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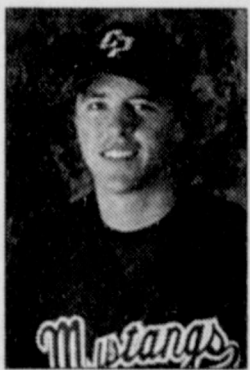
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THE SPORTS BAR

Steroids, steroids, steroids ... The hottest issue during this year's baseball season has once again returned as two more players have been outed as users. To make it worse, modern legends like Rafael Palmeiro are fully in the mix. Baseball, it seems, is losing its star power and in the process killing its reputation.

Player of the week



Jimmy Shull

Recent Cal Poly pitcher and draftee Shull has pitched 30.1 innings for the Vancouver Canadians (A) and earned 32 strikeouts, four walks and 37 hits on his way to a 2-1 record and a 3.86 ERA.

Baseball Standings

AL West	W	L	GB
Los Angeles	60	45	-
Oakland	59	46	1.0
Texas	53	51	6.5
Seattle	45	59	14.5

NL West	W	L	GB
Arizona	52	55	-
San Diego	51	54	-
Los Angeles	47	58	4.0
San Francisco	45	59	5.5
Colorado	37	67	13.5

* Correct as of 8/02

What's the Buzz?

• Seattle Mariners pitcher Ryan Franklin has been suspended 10 days for a violation of baseball's newest steroids policy, he is the eighth since the policy was enacted.

• Shaquille O'Neal signs a five-year, \$100 million contract with the Miami Heat.

• Barry Bonds has announced he will most likely not return to baseball until 2006.

Palmeiro's immortality called into question



ASSOCIATED PRESS

Potential Hall of Fame Orioles first baseman stood firm on March 17, 2005 to deny the use of performance enhancing drugs.

Orioles first baseman Rafael Palmeiro was recently suspended for violating baseball's steroid policy

David Ginsburg

AP SPORTS WRITER

BALTIMORE (AP) - When Rafael Palmeiro became the fourth player in major league history to collect 3,000 hits and 500 home runs, his status as a future member of the Hall of Fame seemed somewhat secure.

That topic is again open for discussion, along with a new one: Palmeiro's credibility.

Five months after telling Congress he never used steroids, Palmeiro on Monday received a 10-day suspension from Major League Baseball after testing positive for a performance-enhancing drug.

The players' association chal-

lenged the positive test in secret proceedings, and the penalty was held in abeyance until arbitrator Shyam Das decided Monday not to overturn it.

No longer able to deny using steroids, Palmeiro insisted he ingested a banned substance by accident.

"When I testified in front of Congress, I know that I was testifying under oath and I told the truth," the Baltimore Orioles' first baseman said during a telephone conference call. "Today I am telling the truth again that I did not do this intentionally or knowingly."

Palmeiro's peers could only hope he was being honest.

"I don't know what he's been taking, but personally I don't think he's taken anything illegally," Chicago White Sox pitcher Mark Buehrle said. "I don't think he's ever taken steroids or anything

illegally to help himself to play."

That opinion was shared by White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen.

"It's a shame," Guillen said. "If he did it, and a mistake was made, I don't have anything bad to say about Raffy."

Raffy's a great player."

Certainly, the numbers Palmeiro has put up are a testament to his greatness. On

July 15, he joined Hank Aaron, Willie Mays and Eddie Murray as the only players with 3,000 hits and 500 homers.

Baseball would not say when the positive test occurred, but there's a chance that he joined that exclusive fraternity while steroids were in his system.

If nothing else, those who decide his entrance into the Hall of Fame might wonder if his lofty numbers were the product of talent — or steroids.

"I hope that people look at my whole career and appreciate that I've given everything that I've got," Palmeiro said. "I respect the Hall of Fame, and if they think that I'm worthy enough, I would be very honored. And if they don't, I gave it all that I had to this game."

Palmeiro, 40, was adamant in his assertion that he accidentally ingested the drug, particularly because on March 17 he declared before a congressional committee, "I have never used steroids. Period."

Without being specific, the four-time All-Star left the impression that the banned substance was con-

tained in a supplement that was not prescribed.

"Why would I do this in a year when I went in front of Congress and I testified and I told the truth?" he said. "Why would I do this during a season where I was

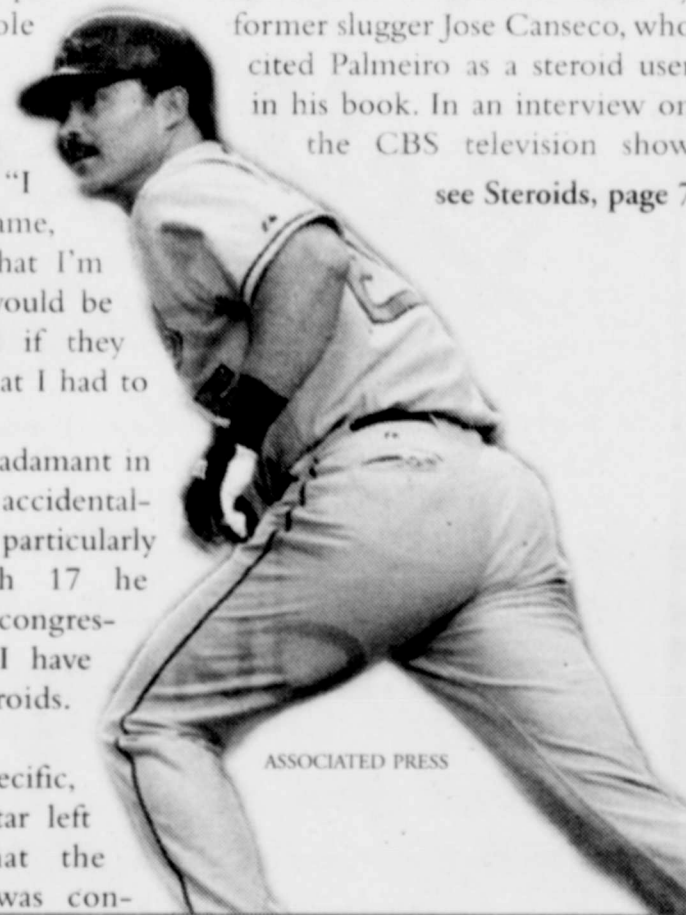
"I hope that people look at my whole career and appreciate that I've given everything that I've got."

— Rafael Palmeiro
Orioles baseball player

going to get 3,000 hits? It just makes no sense. I'm not a crazy person." Christopher Shays of Connecticut, the No. 2 Republican on the committee that investigated steroids in baseball, said in a telephone interview: "He ended up being the most outspoken against steroid use, and even this guy is in a situation where he's been suspended. It just blows me away. Obviously, it calls into question every accomplishment he's had."

Palmeiro also expressed indignation over accusations made by former slugger Jose Canseco, who cited Palmeiro as a steroid user in his book. In an interview on the CBS television show

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AL WEST

Athletics are hot, Halos not

Jon Krawczynski

AP SPORTS WRITER

Oakland Athletics rookie Dan Johnson scored the game-winning run against the Minnesota Twins and then found a present waiting for him in the clubhouse: A Twins jersey with "Johnson" scrawled on a piece of masking tape across the back.

Johnson's heads-up baserunning made sure his homecoming was a happy one, and Joe Blanton allowed two hits over seven innings in Oakland's 2-1 victory

Monday night over the Twins.

Growing up in Coon Rapids, Minn., Johnson once dreamed of playing for the Twins. But considering how well the A's are playing these days, he wouldn't

want to be anywhere else.

The A's have been close to unbeatable since a slow start, winning a remarkable 32 times in their last 39 games.

Blanton (6-9) struck out four and walked two to get the first road victory of his career, and Johnson scored the go-ahead run in the seventh to extend Oakland's winning streak to five

games.

In the only other American League game, Chicago beat Baltimore 6-3.

As a kid, Johnson made the 20-minute drive from Coon Rapids to the Metrodome countless times. His dreams of one day playing for Minnesota remained alive as a star at Blaine High School and then at Nebraska.

But hearing the cheers of over 150 of his family and friends after he doubled off Cy Young winner Johan Santana and scored the win-

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