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A week to 'Remember'

Kelly Cope
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The Cal Poly community is playing host this week to events dedicated to the awareness of sexual assault and violence against women. Presented by Cal Poly Women's Programs through Student Life and Leadership, Remember Week, as it is called, involves events both on and off campus.

The events began with a memorial Monday night at the Luna Café for five local women who were victims of violence: Kristin Smart, who disappeared in 1996; Rachel Newhouse and Aundria Crawford, who both disappeared in 1998; Christina Hogan, who was killed in 2001; and most recently Laci Peterson in 2002, who was a Cal Poly alumna. The events will conclude with "Walk A Mile in Her Shoes: Men's March to Stop Rape," which will be held on Saturday, April 29.

"Remember Week works to provide avenues to educate the Cal Poly community about how to end sexual violence while empowering survivors," said Julia Palm, a Remember Week coordinator.

The events draw a large number of participants and spectators every year, especially at Take Back The Night, which is held downtown at the Farmers' Market from 6 to 9 p.m. This year, about 200 people are expected to attend.

Volunteers are also in high demand, as the week requires as



SHEILA SOBCHIK MUSTANG DAILY

Red hands with information about sexual assault and violence against women are displayed around campus as part of Remember Week, hosted by Cal Poly Women's Programs through Student Life and Leadership.

many people as possible to be successful. This year, Residential Life and the greek system on campus are helping out, and Remember Week organizers expect about 50 assistants.

"What I find amazing about Remember Week is that it is put on (mostly) by volunteers who are passionate about raising awareness about sexual assault. These persons dedicate much of their free time

advertising, designing events, soliciting donations, and educating others," said Aimee Williams, a Women's Programs volunteer involved with the production of the events.

Remember Week involves the entire San Luis Obispo community. Many local businesses will be drawn in, such as Crazy Jays, Optical Illusions, Boston Bagel Company, Jamba Juice, Lucy's

Juice, Steinern, La Cuesta Inn, California Blonde, Cowboy Cookies, House of Bread, Girl 2 Girl, The Secret Garden and Hands Gallery.

The week is full of many events, including speakers and service projects. Today from noon to 1:30 p.m., the Soup and Substance luncheon will be held in the Chumash Auditorium East Wing.

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Thousands march in support of immigrant rights

Peter Prengaman
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES — Waving American flags, thousands of people marched and prayed for immigrant rights throughout California on Monday, taking part in a nationwide movement urging that millions of people living illegally in the United States be put on a path to citizenship.

Los Angeles Cardinal Roger Mahony led thousands of protesters in prayer outside a downtown church, calling on Congress to hear their pleas, before the crowd, estimated by police at 3,500, began an evening march.

"We are America, a nation of immigrants seeking a better life," said Mahony, the leader of the nation's largest Roman Catholic archdiocese who has emerged as a spiritual leader of the movement.

Huge throngs also gathered at the Capitol in Sacramento, and in San Francisco, San Jose, Fresno and Oakland, while small groups turned out in San Diego and in Santa Ana, the Orange County seat.

Mahony urged the Los Angeles protesters to roll up flags from any country other than the U.S.

"Do not use them because they do not help us get the legislation we need," he said.

Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa said he had been advised to stay out of the immigration debate.

"And I say, 'How dare you?' I know where I came from," he told the crowd.

Marchers chanted and waved U.S. and Mexican flags in Sacramento,

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Computer engineering, science students design future of library Learning Commons

Kendra Deutsche
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly computer engineering and computer science students developed proposals on effective ways to use the Learning Commons in the Kennedy Library as part of a class project during winter quarter. These proposals are being exhibited in the Learning Commons from April 10 through May 12 during regular library hours.

Students and faculty will be available to answer questions about their projects at a special event, named Genius Day, on Tuesday, April 11 from noon to 2 p.m.

"(Visitors of the exhibit) can see how students would utilize the space and some of the infrastructure in the library," said Franz Kurfess, advisor for the project. "This is an

excellent opportunity for people to voice their opinions on how the library can improve the facilities for learning."

"It's a great idea (for students to attend the exhibit), since Kurfess' whole class will be there, to come and ask questions about software being developed for students, by students, in hopes of making everyone's lives easier," said Dustin Anderson, a computer science senior.

Christine Le, a computer science senior, explained that the students are basically trying to decide what will be in the Learning Commons and it is important for students to visit the display because it affects them.

"I really liked working with the students, and I hope we can get an idea from this (of how to use the Learning Commons space),"

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TOM SANDERS MUSTANG DAILY

In addition to storyboard ideas for the future design of the Learning Commons in the library, photos of students who worked on the designs are also on display.

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This luncheon will include a speech on domestic violence by a member of the San Luis Obispo Women's Shelter.

Also tonight, the SARP Center will be giving their responder training from 5 to 7 p.m. in the University Union, Room 219. This workshop will also provide resources for survivors of sexual assault.

Tomorrow, the SARP Center will continue its involvement in the week's festivities with its self-defense workshop, which is to be held in UU 220 from 1 to 4 p.m. This will be an active three hours in which participants will learn assertiveness, awareness and self-defense techniques. Participants are asked to come dressed in comfortable clothing. Also, spaces are limited, so sign up soon in the Women's Center.

"One in Four" is a presentation geared toward men to teach them how to help a sexual assault survivor. It is scheduled for tomorrow night from 6 to 8 p.m. in Philips Hall (Performing Arts Center Room 124).

On Thursday, Helen Zia, an award-winning journalist, scholar and contributing editor to Ms. Magazine will give her speech entitled "Crossing Boundaries: Social Change in the New Millennium" in the Vista Grande Café from 7:30 to 9 a.m. as part of the Provocative Perspectives series.

Other events on Thursday will

include the Women's Fair, from 11 a.m. to noon during UU Hour in the UU Plaza, and the Take Back The Night festivity from 6 to 9 p.m. in downtown San Luis Obispo during Farmers' Market on Garden Street. Performances will also be a part of Take Back The Night. Something Irish, Jill Knight and more bands will play as part of the night's entertainment.

On Friday, a food drive will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Women's Center. This food drive will benefit the San Luis Obispo Women's Shelter and landscaping for the Life Steps Foundations.

On Tuesday, April 18, the 5K Run 2 Remember will start on the Health Center lawn at 7 p.m. Registration is \$15 per person, and includes a T-shirt commemorating the event, a water bottle, a glow stick and more. It is a fund-raiser for Remember Week. Organizers expect about 300 participants to be involved.

And finally, on Saturday, April 29, Mitchell Park in San Luis Obispo will be the starting place for the "Walk A Mile in Her Shoes: Men's March to Stop Rape." This event begins at 10:30 a.m. and the march itself starts at noon. Music, lunch and a raffle will conclude the festivities. Registration for individuals is \$25, and for teams of four or more, it is \$20 per person. Registration also includes five raffle tickets and an event T-shirt, if all parts of the registration are turned in, forms and money, by April 21.

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said Catherine Trujillo, assistant curator for the project.

The projects came from a class project assigned by Kurfess, in which students thought about ways to use the Learning Commons area as a premise for the project, Trujillo said.

"The idea is to develop computer-based systems with an emphasis on what the users need, rather than what engineers and programmers can do," Kurfess said. "The exhibit shows the results of team projects in my class," said Kurfess.

Students chose their own topics

for the projects, which were designs for computer-based systems for tasks that involve learning and related issues, he said. Some of the ideas were technologically driven; others were group-space driven, said Trujillo.

"We started off with storyboards and went on to actually building a prototype," said Le.

From these storyboards, prototypes for the project could be anything from building a software program to a diorama, depending on the topic.

Anderson worked with his group to develop a "senior project portal," which would make it easier to share senior project ideas between students and professors and look up

past projects to aid students in completing their senior projects.

Additional proposals to be on display at the exhibit include potential tools for clubs involved in ASI and a multimedia area on campus for movies and interactive projects, according to a press release, as well as large, technologically-equipped spaces to help students working on group projects.

Additionally, there are projects not specific to Cal Poly. "Some of the projects don't relate 100 percent to Cal Poly, and in that case, it would probably just be interesting to see some of the ideas students have about what kind of life technologies they'd like to see built in the future," Anderson said.

March

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where organizers estimated the crowd at 5,000 but the California Highway Patrol unit in charge of Capitol protection would not provide an official estimate.

"Our roots are Mexican and we don't want to lose that, but at the same time I feel more American," said Fausto Cervantes of Galt, who said he found work picking crops after coming to the U.S. illegally.

At one point, marchers halted to drown out John Boker of Dixon, who yelled, "USA, USA, no to amnesty."

Boker, 52, a carpenter, said he was not against immigration, just illegal immigration.

"You come to a country, you should follow the law of the land,"

Boker said.

More than a thousand people crowded a corner in San Francisco's largely Hispanic Mission District, chanting "Amnesty! Amnesty!" as speakers talked about workers' rights.

Many people said they want full rights and amnesty for illegal immigrants. Others took it a step further, including a man who held a sign that read: "You are on stolen Native American and Mexican land."

The protests seek to help an estimated 11 million immigrants who are illegally in the United States by influencing decision-making in

Washington, D.C.

A bill passed by the House would crack down on illegal immigrants and strengthen the U.S. border with Mexico. A broader overhaul of immigration law stalled in the Senate last week and lawmakers went on a two-week break.

"I think it was wrong for them to leave Washington and not have an agreement to have a guest worker program and to make sure we secure the borders," Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said after touring the state's flood operations center in Sacramento on Monday.

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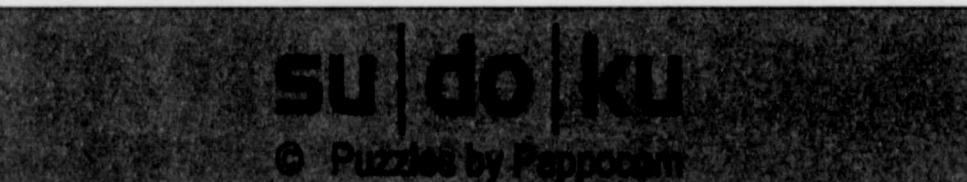


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WHO SAID THAT?

I pay very little regard ... to what any young person says on the subject of marriage. If they profess a disinclination for it, I only set it down that they have not yet seen the right person.

— Jane Austen (1775 - 1817), "Mansfield Park"

A gift — be it a present, a kind word or a job done with care and love — explains itself! ... and if receivin' it embarrasses you, it's because your "thanks box" is warped.

— Alice Childress

Wordly Wise

Soporific: Causing sleep; also, something that causes sleep.

Salmagundi: A mixture or assortment; also, a kind of mixed dish or salad.

The Face of Cal Poly presents...

Meet the Editors



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— be anywhere but here where would you be?
In Florence, Italy. It was where I studied abroad last year.

— interview any three people?
Claude Monet, Ron Livingston and Angelina Jolie's son Maddox.

— be any animal which would you be?
A turtle, my turtle Shrubbery has the best life.

Would you rather...

— drown in mayonnaise or be stoned to death by pickles?
Definitely be stoned to death by pickles because mayonnaise is the most disgusting thing ever.

— end hunger or hatred?
I'd end hatred because if we just ended hunger people would still destroy the world.

Briefs

State

SACRAMENTO — Tens of thousands of Sacramento-area community college students who had been riding the region's buses and light-rail trains for free may have to start paying a nominal fee.

Fares for students in the Los Rios Community College District have been subsidized since 2004, but college administrators and state lawmakers are considering a plan that would raise rates for some students.

— The Associated Press

COSTA MESA — About 100 demonstrators waving American flags gathered at City Hall to protest the recent immigration rallies where scores of people carried the Mexican flag.

"This is my first time doing something like this. It's time to get involved," said 55-year-old protester Linda Newman. "It's not about racism. It's about illegal immigration."

— The Associated Press

National

ATLANTA — Tens of thousands of immigrants spilled into the streets of Atlanta and other cities across the country Monday in a national day of action billed as a "campaign for immigrants' dignity." In North Carolina and Dallas, immigrant groups called for an economic boycott to show their financial impact. In Pittsburgh and other cities, protesters gathered outside lawmakers' offices to make their voices heard as Congress considers immigration reforms. At the Mississippi Capitol, they sang "We Shall Overcome" in Spanish.

— The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Former Enron Corp. Chief Executive Jeffrey Skilling declared he was "absolutely innocent" Monday as he began to testify in his own defense in his fraud and conspiracy trial.

— The Associated Press

International

ACCRA, Ghana — An overloaded motorboat carrying about 150 passengers on a vast lake in this West African nation has sunk, and 110 people are missing and feared dead, police said Monday. Only 40 people are known to have survived the sinking Saturday afternoon on Lake Volta, said Akwasi Anyidoho, a police official in the region. He said hopes for finding more survivors were slim.

— The Associated Press

ROME — Exit polls indicated Monday that the Italian parliamentary election pitting center-left economist Romano Prodi against flamboyant billionaire Premier Silvio Berlusconi was too close to call.

Projections showed Berlusconi's coalition leading in the Senate, but the two sides running neck-and-neck in the lower Chamber of Deputies.

— The Associated Press

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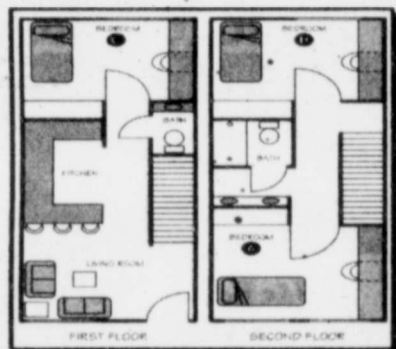


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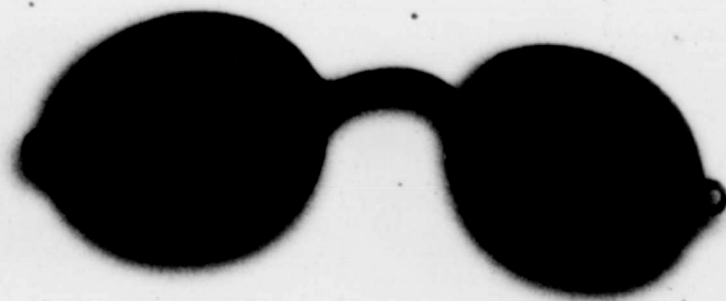
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College graduates chase jobs, culture to big cities

Stephen Ohlemacher

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WASHINGTON — College graduates are flocking to America's big cities, chasing jobs and culture and driving up home prices.

Though many of the largest cities have lost population in the past three decades, nearly all have added college graduates, an analysis by The Associated Press found.

The findings offer hope for urban areas, many of which have spent decades struggling with financial problems, job losses and high poverty rates.

But they also spell trouble for some cities, especially those in the Northeast and Midwest, that have fallen behind the South and West in attracting highly educated workers.

"The largest predictor of economic well-being in cities is the percent of college graduates," said Ned Hill, professor of economic development at Cleveland State University. To do well, he said, cities must be attractive to educated people.

Nationally, a little more than one-fourth of people 25 and older had at least bachelor's degrees in 2004. Some 84 percent had high school diplomas or the equivalent.

By comparison, in 1970 only a bit more than one in 10 adults had bachelor's degrees and about half had high school diplomas.

Seattle was the best-educated city in 2004 with just over half the adults having bachelor's degrees. Following closely were San Francisco; Raleigh,

N.C.; Washington and Austin, Texas.

Molly Wankel, who has a doctorate in educational administration, said she moved to the Washington area for a job, and the culture of the city pulled her from the suburbs. Wankel, 51, grew up in eastern Tennessee and works at a company that develops software and training materials. She recently bought a home in the city.

"I just enjoy walking around looking at the architecture and the way people have renovated these 100-year-old homes," Wankel said. "I love the landscaping and the lovely mix of many races, straight people, gays, singles, older people, younger people."

The AP analyzed census data from 21 of the largest cities from 1970 to 2004. The AP used every-10-year census data from 1970 to 2000, and the Census Bureau's American Community Survey for 2004.

The 21 cities were chosen because of their size and location to provide regional balance. The analysis was expanded for 2004, the latest year for data, to include all 70 cities with populations of 250,000 or more.

While most states in the Northeast have high percentages of college graduates, their big cities do not.

Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Jersey were among the top five states in the percentage of adults with college degrees in 2004. But the Northeast placed no city among the top five, and only one from the region — Boston — was in the top 20.

Cities with few college graduates

have a hard time generating good-paying jobs. That, in turn, makes it hard to attract more college graduates, said Richard Vedder, an economics professor at Ohio University.

Cities such as Newark, N.J.; Detroit and Cleveland have relatively few college graduates, which helps explain why they are struggling to recover from the decline of U.S. manufacturing, Vedder said.

Among the three, Cleveland had the largest share of college graduates in 2004, 14 percent of those 25 and older.

"Society is paying people more for their brains than for their brawn," Vedder said. "The nerds and the wimps and the geeks are ruling the world."

College graduates made about two-thirds more money than high school graduates in 2004, according to the Census Bureau. The median income — the point at which half make more and half make less — for adults with bachelor's degrees was \$42,404. It was \$25,360 for high school graduates.

Adults who did not graduate high school had a median income of \$18,144.

Many cities with a lot of college graduates also have expensive homes, even with the softening real estate market.

San Francisco was the costliest in 2004, with a median home value of \$662,000, according to census data. That was more than four times the national median of \$151,000.

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Singer comes back for more

Lauren Zahner

MUSTANG DAILY

After a record-setting attendance at his Backstage Pizza performance in January, Sacramento musician Corey Nitschke will be filling the pizza parlor with music again today from 11 a.m. to noon.

"He's got a great sound. He's great on the guitar — a lot of the guitar skill that Jack Johnson has, at least in my opinion," said Bryan Nay, a business senior who first met Nitschke in Chico. "His voice will just fill up a room and he's got a great range. You can just tell when you're at a show that he just loves what he's doing."

Nay said Nitschke's music appeals to a wide range of audiences, especially the "coffee house crowds" and people who like acoustic.

"Anybody who enjoys a little more comedic type of music will appreciate his sound," Nay said.

Nitschke is known for his upbeat original songs like "She Hates Me" and his deceptively disguised cover songs.

"(The covers) really get people to laugh because they come out of left field," said Nay, explaining that Nitschke's cover of "Hit Me Baby One More Time" is unrecognizable until the chorus.

Another of Nitschke's original comedic songs is "The Marriage Song."

"It's about my wife. I don't know who she is yet because I'm not married," Nitschke said.

Nitschke's concerts are mostly impromptu start to finish. He recently did a show for a largely English audience. When he introduced himself, he told them he was originally from England and everyone believed him.

"During a show there's a lot of humor, a lot of dry humor," he said. "And I always think the jokes that not everyone gets are the best."

During breaks at his shows, Nitschke likes to talk to people in the audience, to see how they are doing and try to "connect" with them. Sometimes he will purposely do a certain song based on how the



COURTESY PHOTO

Hailing from Sacramento, musician Corey Nitschke returns to the Central Coast for a performance at Backstage Pizza from 11 a.m. to noon.

audience is feeling.

"There's a definite rush that you get onstage. I'm wired for an hour after I get off-stage," he said. "You could say it's like a drug."

How did he get into the music business?

"I first got into music in general in the womb," he said. "When the doctor slapped me, instead of screaming I just sang."

It was not until high school, however, that Nitschke began writing music. He started by writing poetry for school, but found little encouragement.

"One of my biggest criticisms from my teachers was that I rhymed too much," he said.

With that, Nitschke decided that instead of becoming a poet, he would be a songwriter. His experi-

ence writing lyrics for the group Deep Red inspired him to learn guitar as well.

"I don't write songs from my personal experiences. I write them from other people's experiences. It's more fun that way," he said.

His influences include John Mayer, The Who, Eric Clapton and The Beatles. He said he wants people to enjoy the happier aspect of his songs.

"We're too serious," he said. "In life, people get so caught up in all the trivial things that don't matter and lightheartedness is not something that we really get into."

Nitschke will also be performing downtown at Frog and Peach tonight starting at 10 p.m.

"I love his music," Nay said. "It's contagious. I get addicted all the time."



COURTESY PHOTO

Aulos Ensemble brings energy, intelligence to PAC

Christina Casci

MUSTANG DAILY

The reputable Aulos Ensemble will be coming to Cal Poly for the biggest performance of their career today at 8 p.m. Usually only featuring eight to 10 players, the band will expand to 22 musicians for this show.

The band originated in 1973 and was started by Julliard graduates. The ensemble has released over a dozen recordings and performs every year for a Christmas concert in New York, according to their official Web site, www.aulos.org.

Even though the ensemble has performed in much bigger theaters, the musicians are excited for the show in the Performing Arts Center on campus.

"It's going to be like a big party," said Marc Schachman, an oboist in the ensemble. "All of our friends from the East Bay will be with us, so it should be fun."

Expanding an ensemble is difficult because specific people must be hired to do the job correctly, Schachman said.

"You can't just hire anyone," he said. "These people are specialists in their field."

The ensemble has a reputation for putting on an exciting performance with some intellectual taste.

The audience will appreciate the performance, Schachman said, adding that the type of music is great to listen to.

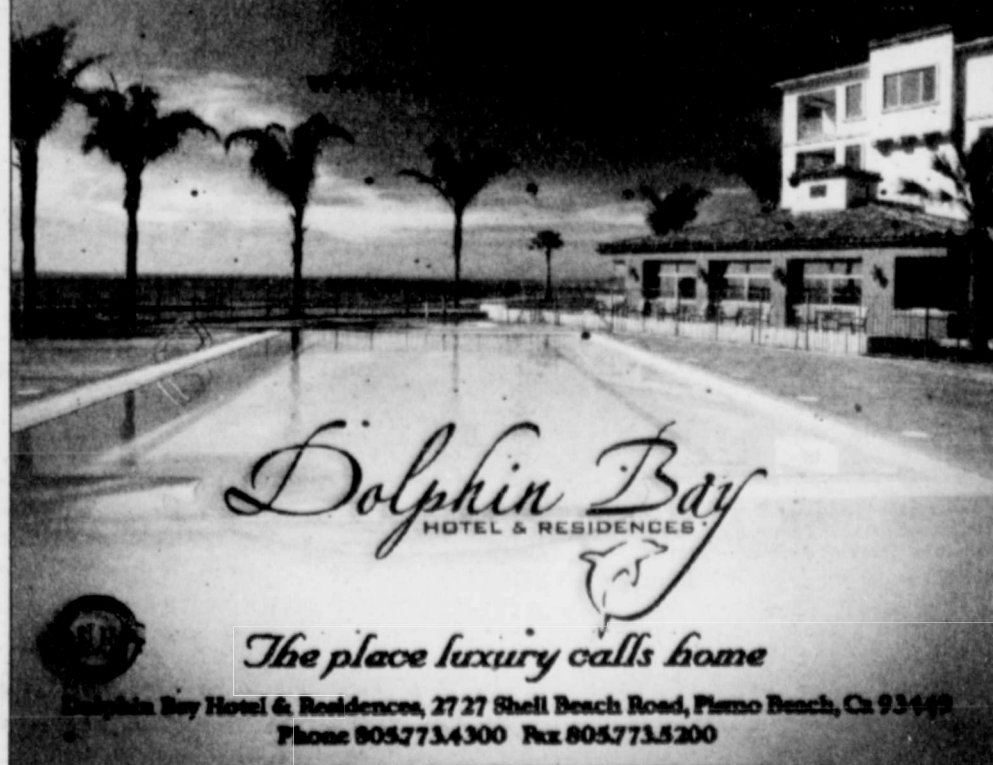
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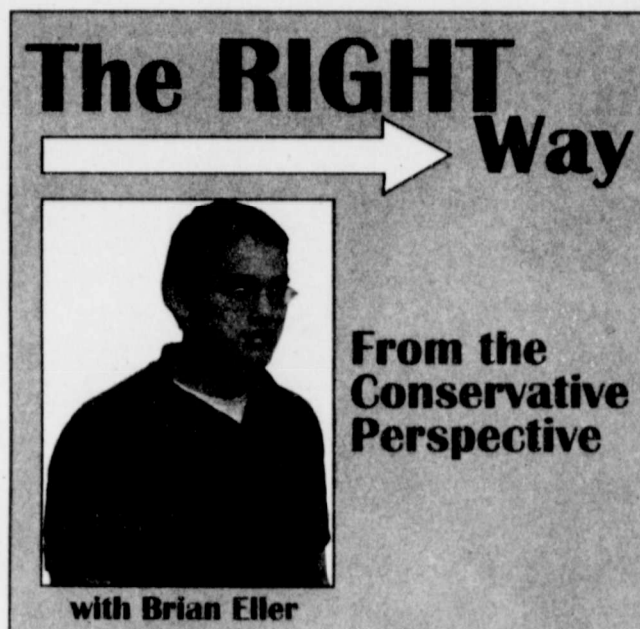
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America's most outrageous congresswoman

Who is Cynthia McKinney? A) an embarrassment to the United States Congress B) a crazy women with 'unique' hair-styles C) a congresswomen who should be facing grand jury indictment for striking a police officer D) all of the above. Yes, the answer is D.

Cynthia McKinney is a black congresswoman who struck a police officer after being grabbed by the officer. The officer had warned her multiple times to stop after she had bypassed metal detectors without showing any identification outside of a House office building. Two days after the incident, Rep. McKinney made comments to the press claiming the officer inappropriately touched her and that she was a victim of racial profiling. For over a week, Rep. McKinney and her lawyers maintained this position, until a grand jury indictment became a real possibility. She then made an about-face, expressed "sincere regret" and offered an apology to the House (but not offering an apology to Capitol police or admitting any culpability).

This story demonstrates two



things: first, people (Congress people included) act in outrageous and silly ways; and second, some people attempt to use race to hide behind silly and outrageous actions. Rep. McKinney played the race card and used a claim of racial profiling, the use of race as a factor in suspect profiling, to distract the media from her criminal action.

Many Democrats and the NAACP, who believe in the horrors and prevalence of racial profiling, are hypocrites. For instance, immediately following the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, a Gallup poll as reported by the Boston Globe,

showed that 71 percent of blacks (as opposed to 57 percent of whites) supported the racial profiling or special treatment for Arab-Americans at airport security checkpoints. Wait, the majority of blacks supported racial profiling for a group (Arabs) that is arguably more likely to commit an act of terrorism, but the NAACP (a group that claims to represent Black interests) is unwilling to support similar tactics involving everyday crimes. To me, when a police report about a black car thief in a green sport utility vehicle goes out, it makes sense to stop and investigate black drivers in green SUVs.

But not to the NAACP.

Likewise, if an Asian did the same thing, it would make sense to stop Asians.

Another example of this hypocrisy is the President's port deal and the commotion it caused

with Democrats. When the president offered to hand over security of our ports from a British company to a company based out of the United Arab Emirates, I would have thought that Democrats would have applauded our president on his acceptance of diversity (a term that Democrats love). Imagine the surprise when Democrats were outraged that the president would consider such a thing. I guess the Democrats who trust the British over those Arabs with port security must be racists (since in their eyes, the support of racial profiling certainly is racist).

A lot of Republicans believe, on the other hand, that race is a factor (but not the only factor) to be used in investigations.

These Republicans don't believe in singling out a particular race arbitrary, but believe in treating all races equally in their profiling tactics. Likewise, Republicans apply the idea of equality to ideas like affirmative action and hate crime legislation, which emphasize inequality and need to go.

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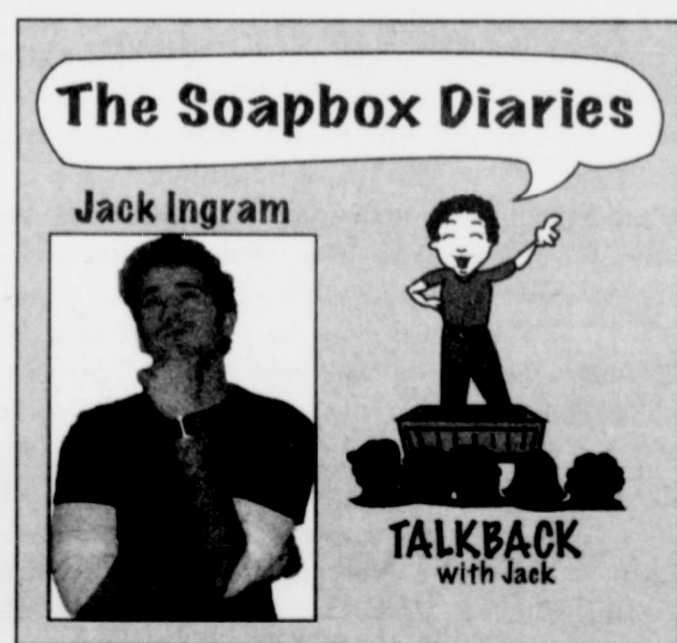
Immigrants might be "illegal," shouldn't be scapegoats

I read an interesting article in the Mustang Daily last Wednesday about the Cal Poly "Factbook." According to the article, ethnic and racial diversity is being augmented at Cal Poly. Unfortunately, as was illustrated in Thursday's letters-to-the-editor section, acceptance of those who are racially and ethnically different isn't so widespread.

Some students feel very strongly about the current immigration issue. Strongly enough that some have become xenophobic, dehumanizing immigrants and willing to make them the scapegoats for all of our society's problems — a society that most people do not consider these same immigrants to even be a part of. At least, not legally.

Before continuing, I couldn't call myself a student of political science if I didn't try to define the terms we often use, and don't fully understand. When speaking about immigration, some people refer to those who are here without documentation as "illegal," while others simply refer to such people as "undocumented." So which is correct — "illegal" or "undocumented"? The problem with the former term is that by defining something (or someone) as "illegal" implies that it is part of the legal system. According to Black's Law Dictionary, illegal is defined as "against the law." Behavior that can result in either criminal sanction or civil sanctions is illegal.

Clearly the term "illegal" immigrant is a misnomer when



used to refer to people who have no "right to be here." Using the word "illegal" implies that such people are, in fact, part of our legal system.

If you or I do possess a "right to be here," as one letter to the editor claimed, where exactly does it say that? What gives you and I the "right to be here" that these other human beings do not have? I have studied the Constitution for some time now, but nowhere, not even in the Bill of Rights, have I ever encountered the "right to be here."

These immigrants didn't just suddenly appear here. They've been here ... and for decades. The only reason this issue has come into the limelight is mainly political. Heading into a midterm election season, the climate surrounding the GOP has been anything but conducive to re-election. With the whole Iraq/Katrina/money laundering charges/I shot someone in the

face debacles fresh in the minds of voters, politicians are desperate to differentiate themselves from their corrupt and incompetent peers, using divisive issues such as abortion and immigration in attempts to re-define themselves to their constituents.

Politicians of this sort hope that by raising such issues they will "wag the dog," and that the unscrupulous and uncritical voter will be none the wiser. Sadly, many who succumb to current political strategizing are likely to become victims of xenophobia and confusion when

politicians blame immigrants for all of our countries economic and security issues.

All the semantics aside, I'd like to pose a question to my readers: Are these so-called "illegal" immigrants part of our system, or not? If not, why not? If yes, then why all the debate about how to integrate them fully into society — Why not grant these

humans beings the same rights as all other Americans? Also, regardless of these issues, there is debate as to the economic role/function of immigrants. What exactly is their economic role? How does their economic role contribute to their playing a greater part in American society? And to any other legal beagles out there: What are the ex post facto implications of creating legislation today, legislation that would make people who emigrated here "illegally" years ago, a crime?

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I urge all readers of this commentary to write in and share your answers to these questions, and hopefully, raise new ones. E-mail me at jlingram@calpoly.edu or simply write a letter to the editor.

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Byrne

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personal best in the 800.

Despite competing in events less than a mile in length, Byrne estimates her weekly training regimen includes running between 45 and 50 miles. She said the San Luis Obispo climate has increased her motivation to train.

"The weather's just brilliant," she said. "It just makes it easier to do the training. If it's not raining or snowing outside it's easier to make yourself get out the door and go for a run."

Byrne was first introduced to track at age nine when she joined a local running club in her hometown, about an hour from Dublin.

At first she ran for fun, but began taking the sport seriously in her late teens. During secondary school, the Irish equivalent of high school, Byrne traveled to Italy to compete in the European Track and Field Championships.

Upon completion of secondary school, Byrne was recruited to Providence College by the track coach there, also a native of Ireland.

Although she has competed in cross country as well as track,

Byrne says she favors the 800 and 1500 because "personally, they're the events I can compete in the best."

"Cross country is so long. It's a 6K, that's way too far," she said.

Byrne claims the most difficult aspect of her move to Cal Poly is the distance between her and family and friends.

But even thousands of miles from her native country, Byrne has discovered the perks of running as a Mustang.

"I love just running around Poly Canyon," she said. "Obviously, I like the competition as well. I suppose you have to be somewhat

competitive to be in the sport."

Byrne remained in San Luis Obispo this past weekend as a portion of the track team traveled to UCLA for the Rafer Johnson/Jackie Joyner Invitational.

She will compete in the Big West Championships May 10-13 in Northridge and the NCAA West Regionals May 26-27 in Utah.

Investigation

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Attorney Joe Cheshire, who represents one of the team's captains, said the report indicated authorities took DNA samples from all over the alleged victim's body, including under her fingernails, and from her possessions, such as her cell phone and her clothes.

"They swabbed about every place they could possibly swab from her, in which there could be any DNA," he said.

Cheshire said even if the alleged attackers used a condom, it's likely there would have been some DNA evidence found suggesting an assault took place. He said in this case, the report states there was no DNA on her to indicate that she had sex of any type recently.

"The experts will tell you that if there was a condom used they would still be able to pick up DNA, latex, lubricant and all other types of things to show that — and that's not here," Cheshire said.

Stan Goldman, who teaches criminal law, evidence and criminal procedure at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles, said the DNA results don't mean that Nifong can't go forward with the case — but the test results make a successful prosecution much harder.

"Isn't the absence of DNA evidence, given the way the victim has described the crime, in and of itself almost enough to raise a reasonable doubt?" he said. "That's all the defense has to do."

Robert Archer, whose son, Breck, is a member of the lacrosse team, said the test results only confirmed for parents what they already knew.

"I know the kids on the team and I know they're innocent," said Archer, of East Quogue, N.Y.

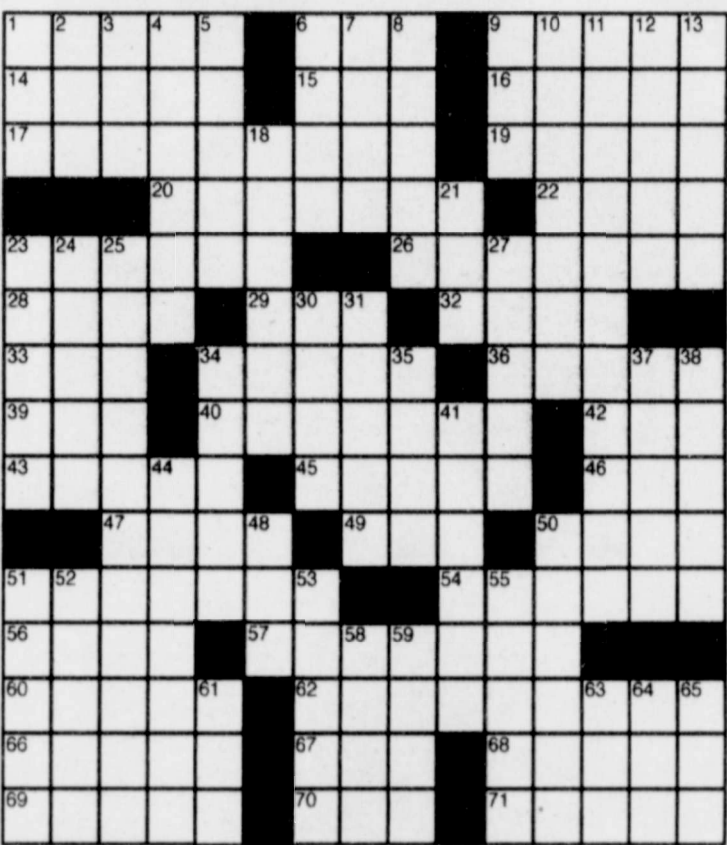
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- 16 Olds model
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- 22 Pop singer Sands
- 23 Brawls
- 26 Not as well-rinsed, perhaps
- 28 Important periods
- 29 Not voting the party line: Abbr.
- 32 Before: Abbr.
- 33 Salon job
- 34 "Understand now?"
- 36 It may leave its mark on the road
- 39 Play a part
- 40 Push-ups exercise them
- 42 Add years to one's life
- 43 Subway entrance
- 45 Artist Neiman
- 46 Arrestee
- 47 Place for an arrestee
- 49 Mouth, slangily
- 50 Prefix with -gramme
- 51 Foreshadow
- 54 Targets, as with a gun
- 56 Sanyo competitor
- 57 Bush attorney general Gonzales
- 60 Pigs

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- 4 What a photographer usually wants
- 5 Host
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- 9 "That's nice!"
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- 11 They're nonreturnable
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- 27 Pretentious
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Ireland native trying for nationals

Katie Hofstetter
MUSTANG DAILY

From Irish green to Cal Poly green and gold, track athlete Deirdre Byrne's journey to San Luis Obispo has been a long one.

After an Irish upbringing and a four-year stint at Providence College in Rhode Island, a change of scenery attracted Byrne, 23, to California for her last year as a college athlete.

While at Providence, Byrne suffered a stress fracture in her foot that cut her East Coast running days short but still allowed for an extra year of eligibility.

"When I got hurt last year I figured I might as well use my eligibility for NCAA," she said, her Irish brogue still recognizable. "I wanted to see a different part of the country and California kind of stuck out in my head."

Byrne, who runs the 800 meter and 1500 meter races, is looking to elongate her final season with a trip to nationals, which will be dependent on her times at regionals.

"Hopefully I'll be able to get into nationals, that would be the goal," she said. "And to stay injury free, that's another goal."

Director of track and field Terry Crawford has high expectations for Byrne's final season. She called Byrne a "national-caliber runner," giving the Mustangs strength in middle-distance events.

"I think she's brought a level of maturity as an older, accomplished athlete," Crawford said.

Byrne said she would like to beat her personal record in the 1500, which currently stands at 4:16. However, she is not as confident when it comes to breaking her 2:06



BRENNAN ANGEL MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly 1500 meter standout Deirdre Byrne has already qualified for the NCAA West Region meet in late May and has a goal of running in the NCAA Championships.

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Defense: No DNA match in lacrosse case

Tim Whitmire
ASSOCIATED PRESS

DURHAM, N.C. — DNA testing failed to connect any members of the Duke University lacrosse team to the alleged rape of a stripper, attorneys for the athletes said Monday.

Citing DNA test results delivered by the state crime lab to police and prosecutors a few hours earlier, the attorneys said the test results proved their clients did not sexually assault and beat a stripper hired to perform at a March 13 team party.

No charges have been filed in the case.

"No DNA material from any young man was present on the body of this complaining woman," said defense attorney Wade Smith.

The alleged victim, a 27-year-old student at a nearby college, told police she and another woman were hired to dance at the party. The woman told police that three men at the party dragged her into a bathroom, choked her, raped her and sodomized her.

Authorities ordered 46 of the 47 players on Duke's lacrosse



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Joseph B. Cheshire V, lawyer for one of the accused Duke lacrosse players, center, speaks to the media outside the Durham County Judicial Building in Durham, N.C., Monday

team to submit DNA samples to investigators. Because the woman said her attackers were white, the team's sole black player was not tested.

District Attorney Mike Nifong stopped speaking with reporters last week after initially talking openly about the case, including stating publicly that he was confident a crime occurred. He went on to say he would have other evidence to make his case should the DNA analysis prove inconclusive or fail to match a member of the team.

Smith said Nifong now has the evidence needed to change his mind.

"He doesn't have to do it," Smith said of filing charges. "He is a man with discretion. He doesn't have to do it, and we hope that he won't."

Nifong's assistant said earlier Monday the prosecutor would not comment on the findings. North Carolina Central University, where the alleged victim is a student, said after the results were released that the prosecutor would appear at a campus forum on Tuesday to discuss the case.

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SOFTBALL

49ERS NARROWLY ESCAPE MUSTANGS

The Cal Poly softball team fell 1-0 against Long Beach State in their third game of the week-end against the 49ers. After recording one loss and one win against last year's Big West champions, the Mustangs were unable to recover from an early run by Long Beach State. With the loss, Cal Poly falls to 16-19 overall and 3-3 in conference while the 49ers improve to 19-15 overall and 4-1 in conference.

Cal Poly split its doubleheader with the 49ers on Saturday, losing 3-1 in the first game and winning 1-0 in game two. The Mustangs played the two-time defending Big West champions close in all three games.

Cal Poly continues conference play next weekend when they host Cal State Northridge for a three-game series at Bob Janssen field. The Mustangs will play a doubleheader on Friday, April 14 beginning at 1 p.m. and a single game on Saturday, April 15 at 12 p.m.

~Sports Information Report

YOUTH SOCCER

IRAQI YOUTH COMPETE IN TEXAS



DONNA MCWILLIAM ASSOCIATED PRESS

The stray bullet that killed an Iraqi soccer player during practice two years ago was rare. Usually, the only part of insurgent gunfire that travels far enough to reach the dusty soccer fields in Baghdad is the noise.

On Monday, when Ali N. Hashim scored Iraq's first goal in the 14-and-under national team's opening game in the Dallas Cup, the only sounds were clapping parents and a nearby truck helping lay more road to peaceful subdivisions and strip malls. The grass was soft, green and freshly cut.

"It's totally different," said Waleed Yousif, a former journalist who is now a spokesman for Iraq's soccer association. "America is another world for these kids."

Iraq brought 18 players for the Dallas Cup, a massive annual tournament featuring 184 teams. Iraq's bracket includes teams from Mexico, Idaho and Chicago. Mostly the sons of poor small business owners, the Iraqi players easily beat Chicago's team of mostly suburban and blonde-haired teenagers 3-1 on Monday. ~Associated Press

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