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REMEMBER WEEK



Her story: Not to be Forgotten

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

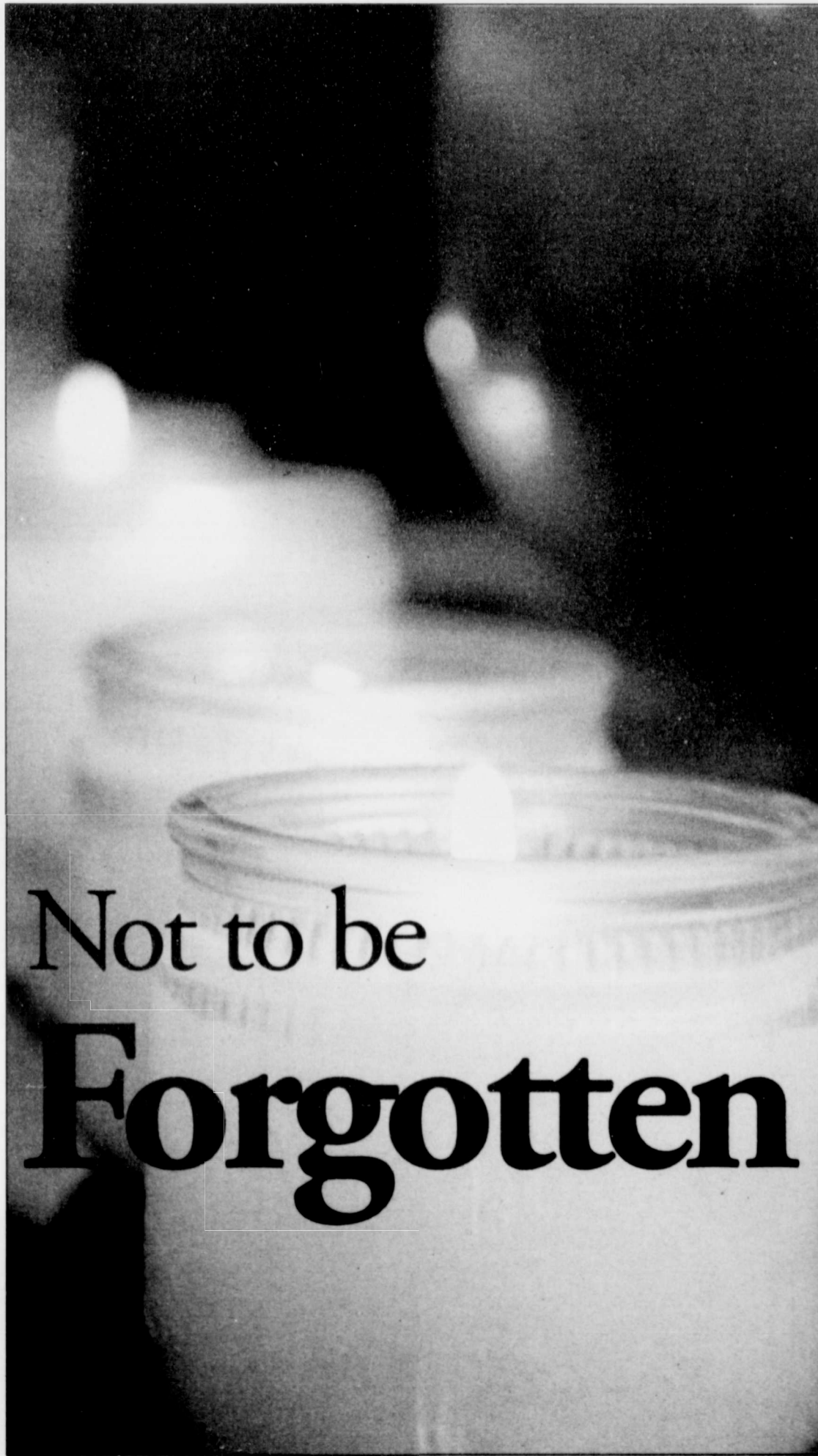
Amy Asman
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A memorial honoring the lives of five San Luis Obispo women was held by the Cal Poly Women's Center Monday night at Luna Café in San Luis Obispo. The memorial is the first in a string of events scheduled for Remember Week, which began on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

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

The memorial is a quiet time for people to come and reflect about these women, sexual assault and the problem this issue poses for the community, coordinator Julia Sinclair-Palm said.

"I think a lot of times women and men don't feel comfortable talking about sexual assault and this memorial really creates a safe space for them to do that," she said.



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

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

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

Kristin Smart. Rachel Newhouse. Aundria Crawford. Kristina Hogan. Laci Peterson. Each of these women had their lives cut short by sexual assault. Four of their bodies have been found, and the men responsible for their deaths have been

charged and imprisoned.

However, one of the women has yet to be found. This is her story.

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

But she didn't go home either.

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Terry Crawford chosen as Poly Royal Parade grand marshal

Kathrene Tiffin
MUSTANG DAILY

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

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

"Cal Poly: Choice of Champions" is the theme for this year's open house.

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

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

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

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

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

The three-day event begins Thursday, April 20, with clubs preview night at Farmer's Market. Friday includes a preview day for

admitted students to get acquainted with the campus and their departments, a university welcome and a Friday night invite. Saturday, beginning at 10 a.m., more than 200 clubs and concession booths will be set up around campus offering students an opportunity to learn more about what the campus has to offer, included booths are from fraternities, sororities, clubs and teams and many others. Also

featured Saturday will be main-stage performances, the Kids' Fair, campus-wide exhibits and demonstrations, events will begin at 10:30 a.m.

For more information on the parade or any of the Cal Poly Open House events visit, www.openhouse.calpoly.edu.

It's our way of honoring someone who has shown dedication and commitment to Cal Poly.

Nicole Stivers

director of public relations
for Cal Poly Open House

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Today, the girl who, according to The Cal Poly Women's Center, was described by a friend as having, "a wide, slow smile; a low, confident voice; a compassionate smile; a lanky walk. She is intensive sunshine; sparkling, brown eyes; the sunset on the beach" is still missing.

Today she watches over the city of Arroyo Grande; her shy, chestnut eyes gazing from a large "reward" billboard posted outside the law office of James R. Murphy on East Branch Street. Murphy, along with his fellow law partners and wife Garin Murphy, has been looking for the young swimmer for almost a decade.

Once vividly strong in the minds of Central Coast residents, the case has become more of a memory among Cal Poly students and locals alike. And as it nears the 10-year mark, the bitter taste left by Smart's disappearance has become harder to forget.

"I was little when it happened, probably about eight, right?" said Krista Overholtzer, a waitress at the Old Village Grill in downtown Arroyo Grande. "I remember always seeing the billboard when we drove to Lake Lopez."

"And I remember when they were digging up the porch at the house down the street. At the time, I didn't know what they were doing, but now I know it was because they were looking for her body," the 19-year-old Nipomo High School graduate said.

"It's really scary to know that you could disappear and no one would

know what happened to you," she said.

Smart was reported missing by her parents shortly after the night of the party. University police, however, were slow to respond to the case because the department believed the

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—Krista Overholtzer
19-year-old Nipomo
High School graduate

"troubled girl" had run away, Murphy said.

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

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

"Kristin was going through some changes at school; she was having trouble keeping up in her classes . . .

She wanted to quit," said Murphy, the office manager of her husband's practice. "She had even dyed her blonde hair brown and she wanted the kids on campus to call her Roxie."

"But she was really excited the last night her mom talked to her because she found out that her professor was going to let her retake a test that she had bombed," Murphy said.

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

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

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

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

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

to walk back to the dorms with them. At the time it seemed like no big deal and the walk continued along Crandall Way."

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

At Grand and Perimeter, Cheryl needed to break off and walk up Grand Avenue to her dorm at Sierra Madre. She later said she was nervous about leaving Flores alone with Kristin, Groth said.

"He was supposedly acting really inappropriately toward Kristin, talking to her and fondling her," Groth said, "at least enough for Cheryl to say

"hey, what's going on?"


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

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

"His testimony was very inconsistent," Murphy said.

Also, Flores was later documented by the Arroyo Grande Police

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WHO SAID THAT?

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

— CP Snow

Character - the willingness to accept responsibility for one's own life — is the source from which self respect springs.

— Joan Didion (1934 -), "Slouching Towards Bethlehem"

The greatest use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it.

— William James (1842 - 1910)

Wordly Wise

Surreptitious: Done, made, or gotten by stealth; also, marked by stealth.

Claque: a group of fawning admirers.

The Face of Cal Poly presents...

Meet the Editors



Favorites

Place in SLO: Cuesta Ridge at midnight with my roommates.

Restaurant: Pat and Oscars

Time of day: Mid-afternoon naps when its raining.

Past time: Jumping horses

Musical artist: Rascal Flats

Animal: Marmot

If You Could ...

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

— Have lunch with any 3 people who would you pick?

My grandfather who died before I was born, Ryan Getzlaf of the Anaheim Mighty Ducks, Teresa, the lady who received my guide dog "Kirby."

— Be given your dream job, what would it be?
Shooting professional sports.

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Under Four ... or walking the line ?

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

83% of Cal Poly students
have a designated driver

State briefs

LOS ANGELES — An icy ball discovered last year in the outer solar system is only slightly larger than Pluto, scientists reported Tuesday.

Previous estimates by ground-based telescopes suggested the object informally called 2003 UB313 was 30 percent bigger than Pluto.

But the latest measurement by the Hubble Space Telescope has a smaller margin of error and is likely the more accurate size, said lead researcher Michael Brown of the California Institute of Technology.

According to Hubble, UB313's diameter measures 1,490 miles, give or take 60 miles. Pluto is about 1,422 miles across.

— The Associated Press

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

Crews in the San Joaquin Valley protected saturated levees with rocks, tarps and sandbags, but forecasters were cautiously optimistic no more levees would fail in the state's central region.

— The Associated Press

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

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

— The Associated Press

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

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

The Sheriff's Department, however, released Flores, insisting that the case was still open.

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

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

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

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

"Cal Poly police aren't trained in homicide," she said.

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

Watton said.

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

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

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

Representation for the Flores family could not be reached for this article, and Flores himself continues to plead the Fifth Amendment in answering any and all questions concerning Smart's disappearance. According to police documents, the 30-year-old has been arrested and charged with three D.U.I.'s.

"My biggest fear, since he drinks and drives, is that he's going to kill himself and all the secrets about Kristin and her whereabouts are going to be buried with him," Murphy said.

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

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

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

GLOBAL WARMING



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

Schwarzenegger wants market-based system to combat global warming

Terence Chea
ASSOCIATED PRESS

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

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

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

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

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

During Tuesday's speech, the gov-

ernor pointed out his administration's work to protect marine ecosystems, boost energy efficiency, promote solar power, conserve forests and develop hydrogen fuel technology.

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

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

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

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

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

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National briefs

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — A jury awarded \$9 million in punitive damages Tuesday to a man who blamed his heart attack on Vioxx, finding that manufacturer Merck & Co. knowingly withheld information about the risks of its arthritis drug from federal regulators. Saying Merck's conduct showed a "wanton and willful disregard of another's rights," the state court jury added to the \$4.5 million it had awarded last week to John McDarby, 77, of Park Ridge, and his wife, Irma.

— *The Associated Press*

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SOUTHFIELD, Mich. — A boy who was scolded by a 911 operator while trying to get help for his dying mother is not the only Detroit resident whose emergency call wasn't taken seriously by a dispatcher, the boy's lawyer said.

In a series of calls in January 2005, a 911 operator questioned the sanity of a Detroit woman who reported she had been shot in the head. An emergency crew didn't arrive until after the woman called her son in Minnesota and got him to call for help, attorney Geoffrey Fieger said.

Fieger played tapes of the woman's phone calls Monday as he announced a wrongful-death lawsuit against two unnamed dispatchers in the case of 6-year-old Robert Turner, whose mother died Feb. 20 before police arrived.

— *The Associated Press*

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JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. — With just over a month left to sign up for the new Medicare drug benefit, President Bush encouraged seniors Tuesday to look at the benefits available and said their children have a duty to help them do so.

Bush acknowledged some "glitches" in the early stages of the enrollment process, but said his administration had worked them out. He said he knows the process can be confusing with dozens of plans for seniors to choose from, but there are many people ready to help.

— *The Associated Press*

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LOS ANGELES — MySpace.com said Tuesday it has tapped a former federal prosecutor and Microsoft Corp. executive to be its online safety chief, the latest move by the company to shore up security at the social networking site.

Hemanshu Nigam currently serves as a director responsible for driving Microsoft's consumer security outreach and child-safe computing strategies. During his stint as a trial attorney at the Department of Justice, he specialized in child exploitation cases.

Nigam's job at MySpace will be to oversee safety, education, privacy and law enforcement affairs. He'll also handle online safety for other Fox Interactive Media sites. He's slated to start May 1.

— *The Associated Press*

Gas prices high and going higher, but motorists keep driving

H. Josef Hebert
ASSOCIATED PRESS

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

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

The Energy Department says it expects the price of regular to average \$2.62 a gallon, 25 cents more than last summer, over the April-September driving period. But prices around the country already are above that.

"Look, it's \$41 to fill it up," complained Lorenzo River, 26, a restaurant manager, as he pumped mid-level gas Tuesday at \$3.05 a gallon at a Chevron station near the Watergate complex in Northwest Washington. Across the street at an ExxonMobil station, regular grade was going for \$3.09 — and there weren't many customers.

Ervin Goodall, 56, a professional

driver pumping supreme grade into his large sedan, was paying \$3.29 a gallon. "It's lot higher than last year, a bigger hit," said Goodall, who added that when it comes to personal driving he's scaling back — no more Saturday day trips.

Guy Caruso, head of the Energy Department's statistical agency, said prices at the pump, which averaged \$2.68 a gallon last week nationwide, are likely to increase 10 to 15 cents a gallon in the coming weeks, peak in May and drop off in late summer. He said the national average can mask local price spikes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

\$65 a barrel for the year, it says.

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

The refiners have said they will stop using MTBE on May 5 when the federal requirement for a clean-air oxygenate is lifted as part of an energy law enacted last summer.

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

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

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

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

Lolita C. Baldor
ASSOCIATED PRESS

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

"The United States of America is on a diplomatic track," Rumsfeld said.

The defense secretary declined to comment on Iran's claim that it has successfully enriched uranium for the first time.

"I'd rather wait and see what our experts say about it," the defense secretary told reporters shortly after the announcement from Tehran.

The U.N. Security Council has demanded that Iran stop all uranium enrichment activity by April 28. Iran has rejected the demand, saying it has a right to develop the process.

Rumsfeld's comments came a day after President Bush said that force is not necessarily required to stop Iran from having a nuclear weapon. Bush dismissed reports of plans for a military attack against Tehran as "wild speculation."

Said Rumsfeld: "There is obviously concern about Iran. Iran is a country that supports terrorism. It is a country that has indicated" a desire to obtain nuclear technology. "But it is just simply not useful to get into fantasy land."

Neither Rumsfeld nor Bush has taken military off the table as a potential option.

Former President Hashemi Rafsanjani said Tuesday that Tehran has successfully enriched uranium for the first time, a major development in its quest to develop nuclear fuel.

Current President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad added that the country "will soon join the club of countries with nuclear technology."

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

Claims that Iran has successfully enriched uranium "only further isolate" the regime in Tehran and underscore why the international community must continue to raise concerns about its suspected ambition to develop nuclear weapons, McClellan told reporters traveling on Air Force One with Bush on

Tuesday to Missouri.

McClellan noted that the Security Council clock is now running on Iran.

"This is a regime that needs to be building confidence with the international community," McClellan said. "Instead, they're moving in the wrong direction."

Rumsfeld would not say whether he has updated or refined plans for an attack against Iran.

"We have I don't know how many various contingency plans in this department and the last thing

I'm going to do is start telling you or anybody else in the press or the world at what point we can refresh a plan or don't refresh a plan or why," he said.

He also declined to respond to reports about prewar planning in Iraq and suggestions that he was not open with the public about that work. Taking a jab at the media, Rumsfeld said, "If I disputed all the mythology that comes out of this group or the books of the world, I wouldn't have time to do anything else."

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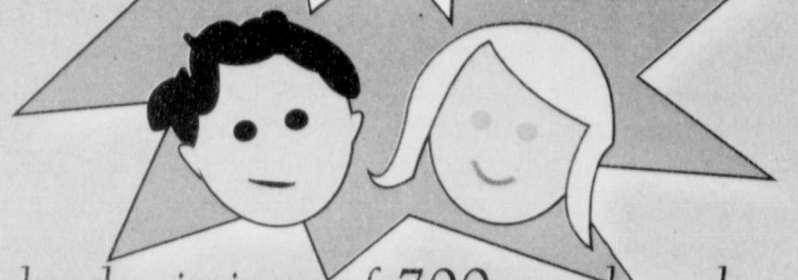
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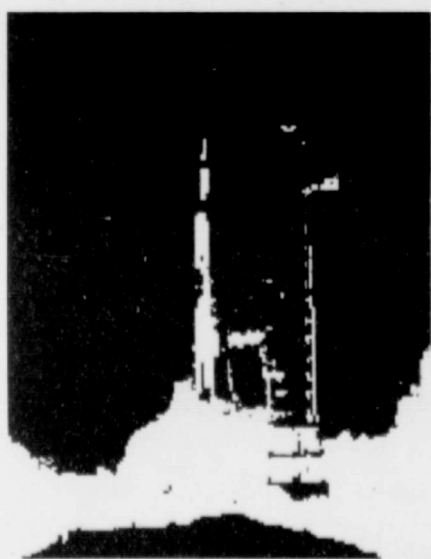
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Sinatra explains it all

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

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

But he made that celluloid comeback, as the tragic soldier Maggio in "From Here to Eternity" (1953), and all the fickle Hollywood doors opened to embrace his new tenacity (and that shining Academy Award in tow). Sinatra shot back up the ladder to record his most hoppin' songs, embrace the best screen roles, and find the best buddies and broads of his colorful life. Along the way, he also tangled with the mob, partied until the early afternoons nightly, and laid the base for what a real man's gotta do.

"You only live once," he said. "And the way I live, once is enough."

More than the art he left behind, Sinatra's ferocious way of livin' is his real legacy. There's something to be found in the man who tried it all — sometimes wrong, usually right, always his way. It's time to follow his step and stop brooding in our small messes, stop sulking for what's gone, and start to jive in the short while we've got. So let's take some timeless tips from Ol' Blue Eyes, the first and last man to grab life where it hurt.

"I feel sorry for the people who don't drink. When they wake up in the morning, that's as good as they're going to feel all day."

The party stopped when Sinatra did. Doors were locked and if anybody rose to leave early, he earned a stern scolding. Any scene became it in Frank's presence, which he acknowledged with loud boozing (always Jack and four cubes) and scoring every dame in winking distance. He never forgot a pal's drink preference, and usually traveled



STACEY ANDERSON
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with a glass (cupped elegantly from the bottom) in one hand and a cigarette in the other. (But forget Mary Jane — his third wife, Mia Farrow, smoked grass and he loathed it.)

According to Bill Zehme's biography "The Way You Wear Your Hat," Sinatra hated to be alone, and his round-the-clock carousal was owed to frequent catnaps and suspected bipolarism. Guests to his nightly black-tie galas in Hollywood and Palm Springs were told to bring their sunglasses.

"I'm supposed to have a Ph.D. on the subject of women. But the truth is I've flunked more often than not."

Sinatra hated anyone who disrespected a woman's honor; it was the source of endless fights. A believer in chivalry, he never swore in front of ladies and sent them ridiculously lavish gifts. (Second wife Ava Gardner received a luxe shower in the jungles of Africa, where she was filming). But he is also said to have posted a long list of gorgeous actresses in his MGM dressing room — and checked off every conquest swiftly.

His relationship with Gardner is immortal — the sultry movie star was every bit as volatile and byzantine as him, and they fought and reconciled with floor-shaking passion. By many accounts, she humiliated and humbled him, and he reeled her back with suicide threats and wild romantic gestures. When they split in 1957, he took the heartbreak hard and acknowledged the pain for decades to come (even through other marriages).

The Gardner marriage preceded his one to Farrow (after she was humiliated by Woody Allen, Sinatra offered to have the director's legs broken). Ava also broke up his previous union to Nancy Barbato,

though he visited that first house weekly for dinners with their children. Years later, while walking his nervous daughter Nancy down the aisle, he whispered to her, "Don't worry, Pigeon, you can always get a divorce." She laughed — and eventually did.

"Here's to the confusion of our enemies!"

The Chairman harbored a fierce loyalty to his friends, and they were many. His closest pallies formed the Rat Pack, the gallivanting gang of entertainers who, among other things, made Vegas stage shows cool again. (The infamous name was bestowed by an amused Lauren Bacall). His best partner in crime was Dean "Dino" Martin, a fellow Italian (though a much more stoic one); he was the only man who could question Sinatra and live ("You crazy bastard!" Sinatra often crowed, in respect for his fellow Rat). The Pack had some falling-outs over the decades; Sammy Davis Jr. was kicked out for a month after a rude interview and, much later in life, the rift between Dino and the Chairman was never resolved.

"Cock your hat — angles are attitudes."

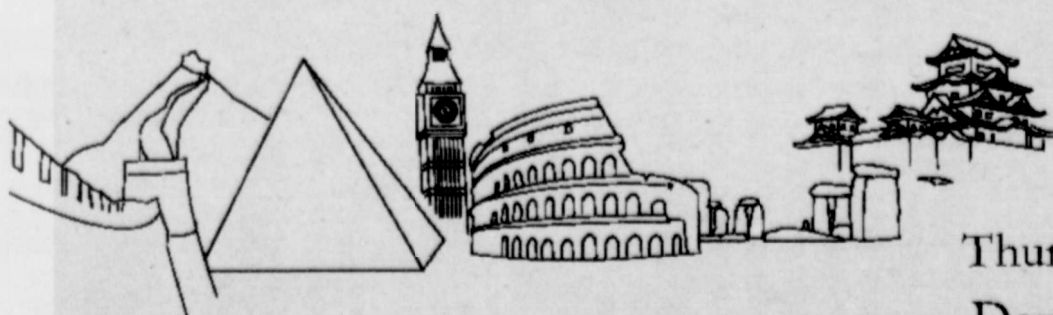
He was quick to fight, but not to dress. Sinatra had a meticulously honed routine for doffing his suits and grooming his loose ends; he (and Dino) had a great concern for cleanliness. The iconic hats were worn initially to hide his receding hairline, but later became an integral part of his personality — each hat angle held significance. Only black shoes and dark pants were acceptable after sundown; tuxedos were the norm, not the exception, and handkerchiefs (usually orange) always peeked from the pockets.

The man wasn't classically handsome — he was five feet eight inches tall, astonishingly skinny, and had noticeable indents on the left side of his face, the result of a difficult extraction during his birth. But as he claimed often, a man should never hide his scars — they shaped personality and weren't going anywhere. Why should they? Whatever was worth fighting for should always be remembered.

Just like him.

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'Lucky Number Slevin' worthy of screen



Ryan Chartrand
MUSTANG DAILY

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

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

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

Not just any cast showed up, however. As previously mentioned, Willis, Kingsley and Freeman make up a powerful veteran force for "Slevin." It must be written in

stone somewhere that any film with Freeman is bound to be a great film; "Slevin" is no exception. And although Freeman doesn't quite fit his character as a tough crime boss that could care less if he killed a child, he still packs his "Morgan Freeman Factor" with quite a punch that somehow works. Kingsley makes a truly inspiring performance alongside Freeman as a religious mobster who carries a shotgun (he's come a long way since "Gandhi"). And yes, his mobster accent is perfect. Willis, devoid of his disturbing moustache from "16 Blocks," easily steals the show, however, achieving so by brilliantly assassinating people left and right and delivering the most ingenious lines in his trademark raspy voice.

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

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

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

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

DiFranco 'not so soft'

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

Ronnie Meehan
MUSTANG DAILY

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

DiFranco's latest album, "Carnegie Hall 4/6/02," is a recording of her live performance at the famous hall. The album is a compilation of DiFranco's past work along with her newer politi-

cally-charged songs. DiFranco is solo on stage with just her acoustic guitar. The cheering of the audience can clearly be heard in the background. A mix between songs and spoken poetry can be found throughout the album.

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

First-time listeners may be surprised by DiFranco's brash, in-your-face lyrics, especially toward the end of the album when she recites her eight minute controversial poem, "Self Evident." The poem contains the line, "We all boarded the plane for to fly, and then while the fires were raging, we all climbed up to the windowsill. And then we all held hands



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and jumped into the sky." This reference to 9/11 and the countless others in the poem will offend some people, but are delivered eloquently. The silence of the New York audience is eerie, and gives a sense that they are transfixed, not insulted by the intimate lyrics.

DiFranco's personal dislike for Bush is further made evident when she recites, "George W. Lush is not president" and refutes his victory in the 2000 election.

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

Fans of Ani DiFranco will be pleased to hear her older songs on "Carnegie." Some of her more famous ones like "Gods Country" from her 1993 album "Puddle Dive" and "Gratitude" from the 1991 album "Not So Soft" are included on the album.

The wide variety of songs featured act as a snapshot of DiFranco's 16-year career. Most importantly, her clever and sophisticated song writing ability shines with the selections.

The album works, but it comes off as being a bit late. Although 9/11 is still a relevant topic, from a musical standpoint, it seems that the album is several years too late

to have a significant impact. Her 2005 album "Knuckle Down" could be a better catch for someone who is not looking for a live album.

The songs are witty, and DiFranco's guitar skills are simple, yet effective for her style of music. Fans of DiFranco will definitely want to pick it up, but those who have not heard her music may want to listen to her previous albums first because the live recording does not give justice to her unique voice.

RATING:



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

Should become a new favorite.

Worth a trip to the music store.

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Don't waste the space on your iPod.

International briefs

MADRID, Spain — A Spanish judge issued the first indictments in the 2004 Madrid train bombings, charging 29 people Tuesday with murder, terrorism or other crimes after a probe that uncovered a hornet's nest of Islamic militancy but no apparent link to al-Qaida.

In a minutely detailed indictment spanning 1,471 pages, Juan del Olmo, the investigative magistrate spearheading the probe, described the birth and workings of a cell of longtime residents, most of them from Morocco and Syria.

Inspired by extremist Islamic doctrine, they are said to have risen up against their adopted homeland to kill 191 people and wound more than 1,700 in the coordinated attacks.

Three of the 29 people indicted were charged with 191 counts of murder and 1,755 counts of attempted murder, and three others with conspiracy to commit those crimes.

— The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Five American soldiers have been killed in Iraq, including three killed Tuesday north of Baghdad, the U.S. military said.

A U.S. statement said the three members of Multinational Division Baghdad died Tuesday afternoon in a roadside bombing, but it did not give a precise location.

Another soldier assigned to the 2/28th Brigade Combat Team died Monday of wounds suffered the day before in fighting in Anbar province west of the capital, the military said.

— The Associated Press

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

Luca Bruno
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PALERMO, Sicily — Italy's No. 1 fugitive and reputed Mafia "boss of bosses" practically thumbed his nose at authorities for more than 40 years.

He counted on Sicilians' centuries-old mistrust of the state to help him on the run, sleeping in islanders' homes, having his children born at local hospitals, even sending the public health care system a bill for prostate treatment abroad under a false name.

But police finally caught up with Bernardo "The Tractor" Provenzano on Tuesday in a farmhouse outside his power base, Corleone — the town that inspired the family name in "The Godfather."

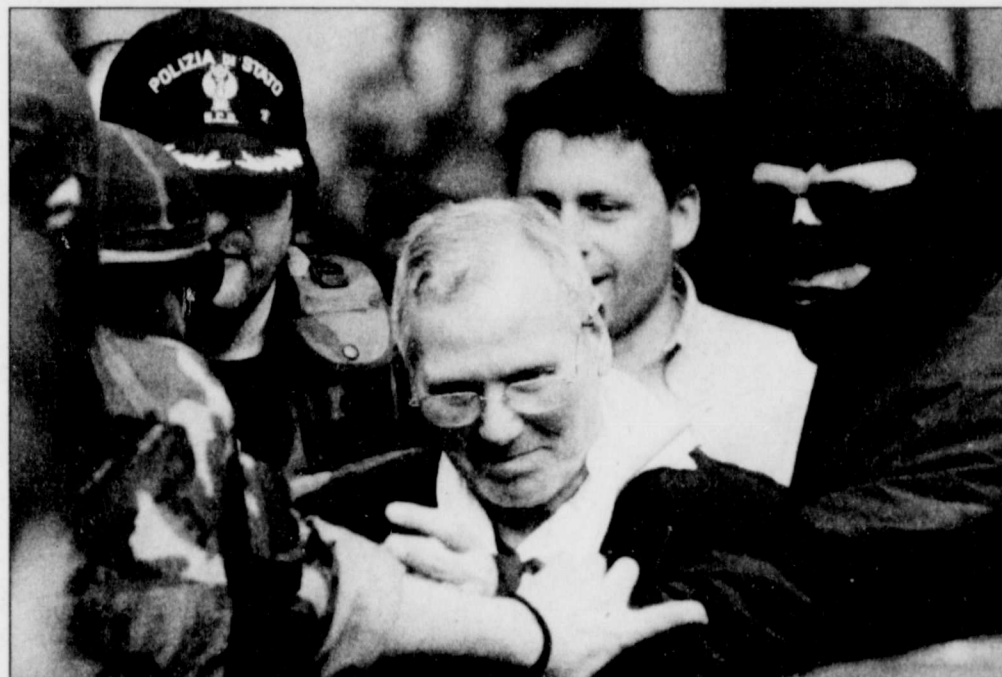
In the end, Provenzano was done in not by an informer or a rival gangster, but by a delivery of clean laundry. Police tracked the package to his hideout and closed in when they saw his hand peek out of the door to take it.

Provenzano had escaped capture so often since going into hiding in 1963 that he earned a place in the Italian imagination as "The Phantom of Corleone." He got his nickname "The Tractor" for the determination he displayed in a mob career that began as a hitman.

He is believed to have taken over leadership of the Sicilian Mafia following the 1993 arrest of former boss Salvatore "Totò" Riina. During his years on the run, Provenzano was convicted in absentia and given life sentences for more than a dozen murders of mobsters and investigators.

"Bastard! Murderer!" a crowd shouted at the 73-year-old Provenzano as black-hooded policemen took him out of a sedan and rushed him into the courtyard of a police building in Palermo after driving him from the countryside.

Wearing tinted glasses and a windbreaker, the gray-haired Provenzano



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Mafia boss Bernardo Provenzano is escorted by a black-hooded police officer as he enters a Police building in downtown Palermo, Southern Italy on Tuesday.

held up his handcuffed hands as he was hustled away but made no audible comment.

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

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

"This morning he reached out with a hand to grab the package and that's when we decided to move in," said Nicola Cavaliere, a top police official in Rome.

Italy's national anti-Mafia prosecutor, Piero Grasso, told reporters in Rome that Provenzano was "impassive" and "didn't say a word" when

arrested, but later acknowledged his identity.

The last photos that investigators had of the mobster showed him as a young man, but police gave the fugitive a "new face" last year — issuing a composite picture drawn with help from a Mafia turncoat in 2001 that depicted him with white hair and hollow cheeks.

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

Turncoats had told investigators that Provenzano slept in different farmhouses every few nights across Sicily, an island where organized crime has held sway for decades.

He allegedly gave orders with written notes — not trusting cell phone conversations for fear of being monitored by police. Grasso said investigators were studying notes found at the farmhouse, along with a typewriter Provenzano appar-

ently used for writing them.

After taking over the top leadership, Provenzano helped the Mafia spread its tentacles into the lucrative world of public works contracts in Sicily, turning the mob into more of a white-collar industry of illegal activity — with less dependence on traditional operations like drug trafficking and extortion, investigators have said.

During the years when Riina was the Mafia chieftain, murders bloodied Sicily. Mob rivals, police, prosecutors and their bodyguards, and sometimes bystanders, were cut down by bombings and drive-by shootings.

Then the bomb assassinations in Sicily of Italy's two top anti-Mafia fighters, magistrates Giovanni Falcone and Paolo Borsellino, two months apart in 1992 galvanized many Sicilians against the mob, helping chip away at the centuries-old "omerta" — the island's code of silence and mistrust of authorities.

Provenzano was among the Mafia bosses convicted of ordering Falcone's slaying, but as mob boss he allowed fewer sensational killings and ordered more infiltration of seemingly respectable people into real estate and financial markets, Grasso has said.

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

But in the end, Grasso said, increasing heat from police drove Provenzano to stay "in the safest places, that is, ones closest to Corleone," a bleak town rising out of a rocky outcrop about 40 miles from Palermo.

With Provenzano's capture, investigators now must figure out who might replace him as boss.

Ailing Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon declared permanently incapacitated

Aron Heller
ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — With his chair empty and a small brown gavel lying untouched in front of it, ailing

Prime Minister Ariel Sharon was declared permanently incapacitated by Israel's Cabinet on Tuesday, officially ending his five-year tenure.

Sharon, 78, suffered a devastating

stroke Jan. 4 and has been in a coma since.

After the stroke, Sharon's deputy, Ehud Olmert immediately stepped in as his temporary replacement. Olmert has since won national elections as leader of the centrist Kadima Party, and has become the designated prime minister, assigned the task of forming a coalition government.

Tuesday's declaration was largely symbolic in nature since Olmert has been Israel's de facto leader since January, and because medical experts believe Sharon's chances of recovery are slim.

Under Israeli law, an ailing prime minister can only have a temporary replacement for up to 100 days before an official successor must be named. That deadline expires Friday, but because the weeklong Jewish Passover holiday begins Wednesday, the declaration of permanent incapacitation was moved up to Tuesday.

"Today, we realize that he is not with us anymore in the political arena, that he could not see the results of what he initiated, the Kadima Party," said Cabinet minister Meir Sheetrit of Kadima.

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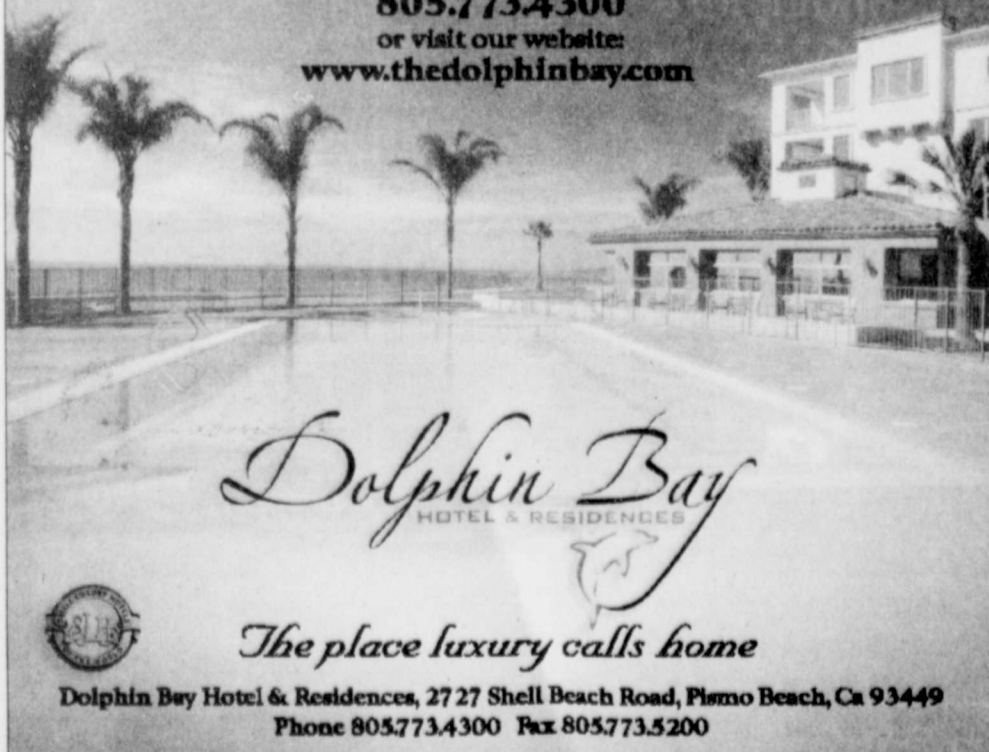
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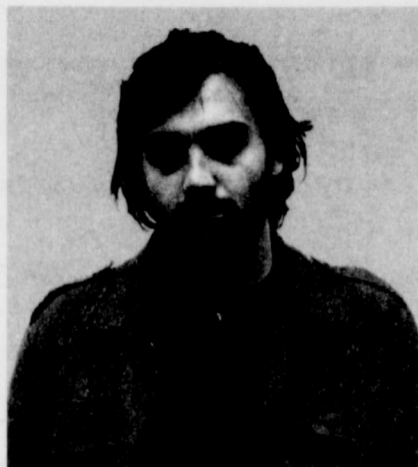
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Game Killed

Andre Massis
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MASSIS Andre, São Paulo, BR

Was lured away from a pretty young thing and into a heated game of 'Foos' by his good friend Carl—more commonly known as "The Mayor of No Women's Land." While Andre made several attempts to step away and put himself back into contention with the said female, Carl's relentless pursuit for all things that don't involve getting some, was ultimately too much for the young Andre. He quickly found himself sweating it out over the air hockey table, from where he would catch a glimpse of his young beauty heading out the door with another suitor. Andre's game will be remembered by many, just not her.



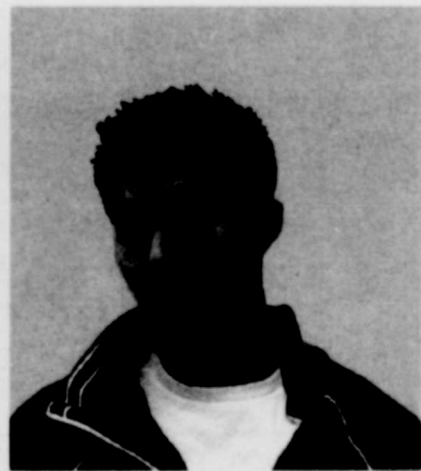
NIEVES Fernando, New York, NY

His game was alive and well on its way to a ten digit exchange with a hottie known as Britney, but was suddenly bushwhacked by a classic Gamekiller, The Drama Queen. She ran into the scene, tears streaming, and sobbed a story of having seen her ex from four years ago. "I, I, I just can't be alone tonight, Brit." Still a retrievable situation had Fernando kept his cool. But he didn't. "Four years seems like a long time ago," he said in all innocence. By the time The Drama Queen was done flipping the script, Fernando

was re-cast in the role of "the villain" in front of a crowd of horrified on-lookers. No one hooks up with an insensitive pig. Rest in peace Fernando, but you sleep alone.

DANIELSON Zack, Atlanta, GA

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



SHIEH Hanwey, Los Angeles, CA

Hanwey was chatting up a Latin diva at an apartment complex barbecue and his game was hot enough to pose a fire hazard, that is until his friend and cocoon of horror known as The Mess entered the picture and snatched Hanwey up like a flash flood of distraction. Somewhat of a loose cannon, The Mess immediately engaged Hanwey in the age-old male bonding

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tradition of lighting one's own farts. Sure, there's little more enticing than the ignition of one's own combustible human gasses, but much like riding an electric scooter, you don't look that cool doing it. When the laughter subsided, Hanwey was left with nothing but a good laugh and the faint smell of old eggs, while his lady was snared by a new suitor. Man, talk about blowing it.



KUMAR Bharat, Jacksonville, FL

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

SMITH Eric, Washington, DC

His game came to its demise in the most unlikely of circumstances. While engaging in two of his most pleasurable pastimes: talking about boats, with his other passion, a beautiful girl who seemed genuinely interested. They were even planning to go out in his 15-foot dinghy, only to hit unseen rocks in the form of The One Upper, the classic

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Gamekiller who lives by the motto "Anything you can do I can do better." Sure enough, The One Upper claimed to not only know boats, but he also boasted of captaining his own 40-foot vessel. Eric tried to navigate to the calmer waters of car talk but was run over again by The One Upper's supposed vintage German roadster. The tension quickly mounted, and soon the two were engaged in a ruthless game of one-upmanship. On and on they went, seeing what the other guy just said and raising him. When the smoke cleared, Eric had won the gloat-fest, but the girl was nowhere to be found. No one likes a braggart. Eric's game was last seen drifting away towards the vast sea of loneliness in an undersized boat.



FOX Jon, London, UK

Jon's game, beloved to many a cheerleader and facilitator of the ménage of 2003, was fairing well at a Gold Coast club with a delightful pair of sisters. That is until the playboy predator and full time Gamekiller simply known as Kash Munni entered the picture. A well-endowed socialite famous for trashing 5-star hotel rooms, Kash had traveled in from oil rich lands wearing expensive Italian loafers and indoor sunglasses. Drinks were bought for willing and unwilling recipients alike with his family's fortune, which he shamelessly flaunted in the form of an array of high status plastic. This caused Jon to suddenly lose his cool and go on the defensive by opening a tab of his own. On his debit card. After three rounds, Jon's account was maxed. Shortly after he was dropped off alone would Jon learn the hard way that a woman's affection should

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never be for sale, and that many a man has gone broke trying to prove otherwise.



UTSCH Chad, New Brunswick, NJ

His game was faring nicely at the local coffee shop with a seemingly receptive latte drinker called Rita and he seemed well on his way to a little afternoon delight, that is until the corduroy-clad Gamekiller known as "IQ" entered picture. This pompous scholastic scavenger, famous for luring men into heated debates on subjects of which they know nothing, over-heard the conversation turning to art and pounced. Immediately he steered the dialogue into an area known as Out Of Chad's Depth where he would dish out ever increasing portions of intellectual emasculation. Chad reacted as anyone with a 20 point IQ deficit facing "IQ" would: the wrong way. No, the answer to "When do you feel Picasso peaked?" isn't to shove the questioner in the chest. Rita was left to apologize emphatically for Chad's actions and asked if she could make up for it in some way. Chad tried to recover, but it was too late. He had lost his cool, and his game would retire home, where it would begin its own blue period.

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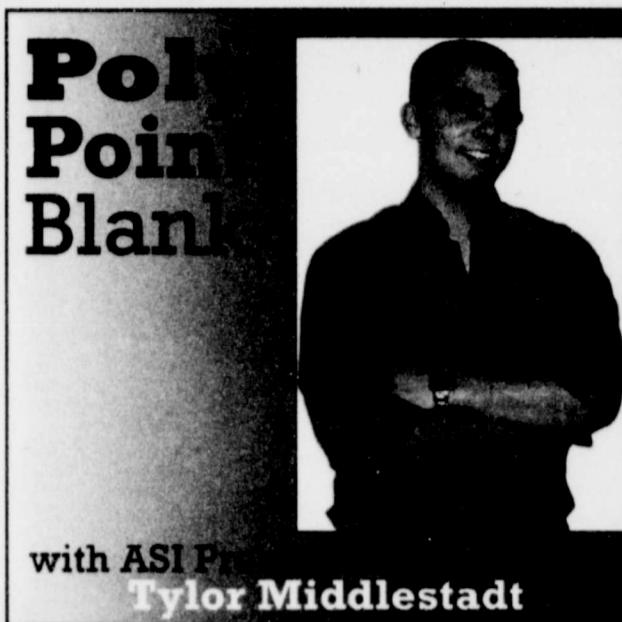
Confronting the silent crisis

If the Earth could speak, she would be screaming for help, and the survival of humans would be the least of her concerns. Why? Because humans are remarkably capable of adapting to harsh life conditions. Survival is what we do best. However, the biological and ecological systems that sustain life are not so resilient. We are experiencing a silent crisis where a rapidly changing climate threatens to forever alter life as we know it. It's time to take this crisis seriously.

Rather than debate the merits of global warming, let's look at the facts. Keep in mind, the issue is not whether humans are the primary cause for this environmental disturbance, but that we are the only species sophisticated enough to alter our behavior patterns to alleviate the stress on the planet.

The Greenland ice sheet is melting faster than ever before. Currently the footprint of the glacier is nearly a half million square miles less than the long term average and the ice sheet is thinning at an average of 10 to 15 meters each year. Climate experts predict the ice sheet will melt entirely within the next 50 to 100 years if the warming continues, causing sea levels to rise nearly 20 feet.

The glaciers aren't the only thing that is melting either. In the arctic tundra, permafrost which has been frozen for more than 10,000 years, is beginning to rapidly melt. Entire communities are literally sinking into the resulting marshland. Nearly two-thirds of the



world's methane reserves are locked in the permafrost and when the tundra melts, the methane gas is released into the atmosphere at alarming rates. The effects of methane are nearly 10 times more severe than CO2.

It is not my intention to create fear because I do not believe scare tactics are effective. But we must acknowledge the effects our civilization is having on our planet, and it is important that we understand that we are either part of the problem or part of the solution. The two most prevalent sources for dangerous climate changing emissions are coal-fired power plants and vehicle emissions. While our generation is not responsible for developing these technologies, we are suffering the conse-

quences they create and we are responsible for developing necessary solutions that are our only hope for a healthy future.

The truth is that energy solutions are within reach. The question is that if we do not act now in favor of more responsible energy choices, then when will we act? And if we do not take responsibility for finding and implementing these solutions, then who can we expect to accept this task? Solar, wind and hydrogen power are readily available. Frito-Lay has already implemented hydrogen fuel cells in its entire fleet of Southern California delivery vehicles and Toyota has committed to introducing affordable hydrogen vehicles to the mass market within the next decade. The solutions are not decades away, they're available right now. The only thing we lack is the political-will to do the right thing and invest in the future. We must make a commitment to the future. Today's children and tomorrow's generation deserve generational justice and a chance to live a healthy life.

As the famous indigenous parable goes, "we did not inherit this earth from our ancestors, we are borrowing it from our children."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Some writing basics for Mr. Eller

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

Miriam Gee
Architecture senior

The most bizarre argument in favor of racial profiling I have ever seen

Brian Eller's April 11 column on racial profiling makes several absurd statements regarding the recent port controversy. Specifically, he refers to "the President's port deal" in which "the president offered to hand

over security of our ports." What is the basis for this remark? After all, the White House's position is that Bush was unaware of the deal until after it had already been finalized.

In fact, Mr. Eller fundamentally misunderstands the controversy. Nothing was "offered" at all. The issue was DP World's acquisition of the British company that is currently managing the ports in question.

Furthermore, Mr. Eller's description of DP World as "a company based out of the United Arab Emirates" is simplistic, even for the scope of his article. Being "based out of" a country is very different from being "wholly owned and operated by the hereditary monarchy of" a country, which is the case with DP World. Obviously, having a foreign government, Arab or otherwise, managing strategic access points raises long-term security issues beyond terrorism.

Finally, Mr. Eller implies that Democrats scuttled the deal with their "hypocrisy" when 70 percent of Republicans in Congress opposed it as well, including Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist.

I would suggest that Mr. Eller actually read about a topic before he tries to contort it into the most bizarre argument in favor of racial profiling I have ever seen.

Jerry Fan
Architecture sophomore

Mr. Eller loses his reader

I have always enjoyed political debate/discussion in any forum. The Mustang Daily is no exception. In particular, Mr. Eller and Ingram are something I read whenever featured. That said I

believe Mr. Eller got a little distracted on his Op/Ed piece.

The first portion is enlightening even humorous. Mr. Eller details the actions of Rep. McKinney, who accused a House security guard of racial profiling after she bypassed metal detectors in the building.

In the subsequent paragraphs Mr. Eller loses the reader and his political coherence as he fails to distinguish the points he is trying to make.

For example, Eller sighs many Democrats and the NAACP who "believe" in the horrors and prevalence of racial profiling, this is worded to suggest that racial profiling is either A) make believe or B) carries some merit.

Mr. Eller also sighs a post 9/11 Gallup poll showing that more blacks (71 percent to 57 percent)

approved racial profiling for Arab-Americans in airports than whites. I see, so if a minority group approves racial profiling, then it has to be OK, right?

Lastly, Mr. Eller says it makes sense to him that if a report goes out saying that a black car thief stole a green SUV, it makes sense to stop and investigate black drivers in green SUVs and investigate.

In a perfect world that would make sense. However, that is not the problem with racial profiling, the problem comes when the color of the car is disregarded and the driver's is emphasized.

These are not make-believe problems, they are real. Please deal with them in such a manner.

Devan McClaine
Journalism senior

Got something to say?



Facebook

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

"We've had a couple situations that would be in the general category of at least modified stalking, inappropriate contacting, inappropriate phone calls," he said.

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

"Once we have established our policy and once we're implementing what we're going to do with it, if

you're a student athlete, you're going to have to comply," Kennedy said. "I'd like to talk to our student athletes and our SAAC group. I'd like to continue to discuss it with coaches."

The NCAA has not talked about Facebook usage with its members or made any sort of regulations and leaves the issue up to its member schools, Kennedy said. The issue may lead to advisories from the NCAA, but it is unlikely to take any sort of action.

"I think that's where it's headed," he said. "Even more importantly, in my mind, it's more important to be preventative. We really don't want this to lead to some unfortunate set of circumstances like that a student

gets hurt through this thing.

"In and of itself, you think that it is harmless, but in the hands of the wrong person, it puts you at risk. Student athletes are people of notoriety. Things we do are part of the public domain. Now when you find information about them on Facebook, that leads in a different direction, in a direction I really don't want our student athletes to deal with and be confronted with."

Kennedy said his main concern is protecting student athletes because of the availability of information through Facebook.

At the moment, only Facebook usage may not be allowed, but Kennedy said other sites, such as MySpace, are being investigated too.

Cheerleaders

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about the whole "cheerleading-is-a-sport" mantra. There is no such thing as a sport that cheers for another sport. Maybe a football player is just pushing an oblong ball across a line, but at least it's an act completely independent of any other activity.

But if the cheerleaders want to risk injury to form pyramids and do flips at football games, why not let them? If they break their necks, that's their problem.

The OSU athletic department is trying to protect itself from any possible lawsuits in case a cheerleader gets severely hurt. The administrators aren't completely unjustified either. According to a recent study cited by ABC News, there are 16,000 cheerleading-related injuries on average each year. Just over half of them are strains and sprains, but that means that almost half of the injuries are more severe.

In light of this, OSU's athletic department should just make the cheerleaders sign waivers that clear the university of any negligence. But that just makes too much sense.

For all those people who chastise UCLA for being too rigid and politically correct, just remember that your school has never made headlines in an

embarrassing cheerleading controversy.

The whole saga will leave the Beaver football and basketball teams without any bona fide cheerleaders during big games. It's pretty strange to think of a big-time Division I sports program without them. Part of the excitement of college athletics is the pageantry of the wild student body, the dancing mascot and the shaking pompoms.

Before I get carried away and start to sound like Dicky V, just think of the future of Pac-10 sports with such a subversive undercurrent from the school leadership. The NCAA has already gotten its football officials to penalize players at the first sign of a celebratory act, even after a game-winning touchdown in the closing moments of the game.

I hope that every athletic director in the country takes one look at what has become of the OSU cheerleaders and laughs. Because if any more administrators become this tightly wound then they might be able to really achieve some big things. If they try hard enough, maybe they can remove all the mania out of college sports.

Where will the madness end? And who will pass the pompoms on to the next generation of Beaver cheerleaders?

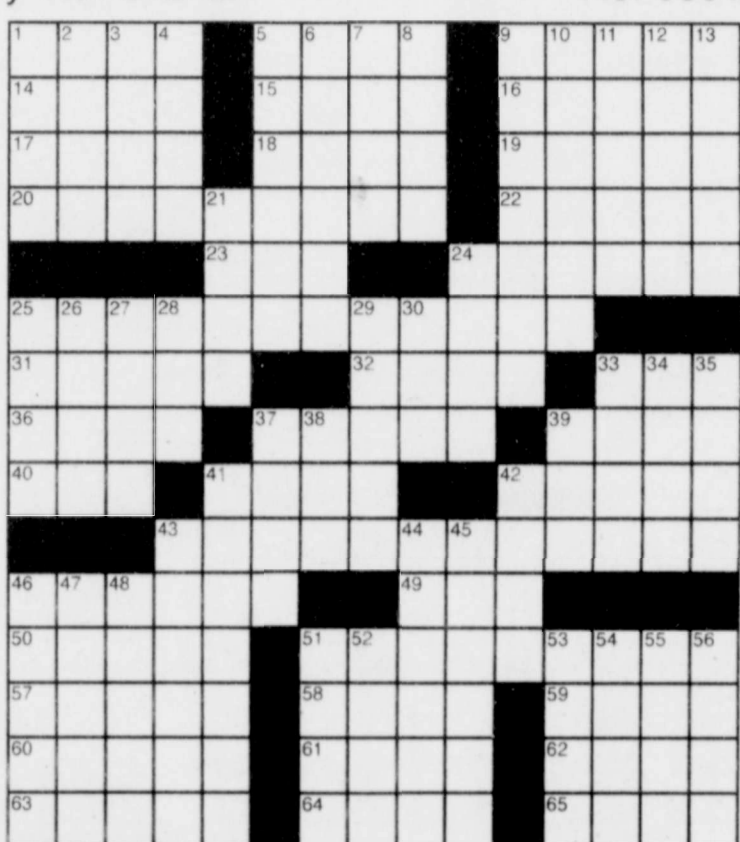
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 - 18 Oven window material
 - 19 Like a tumbler
 - 20 Get away from the director of "Ishtar"?
 - 22 Midsized soda bottle
 - 23 Letter from Greece
 - 24 "No kidding!"
 - 25 Top greengrocer?
 - 31 Fowl place
 - 32 Repellent
- DOWN**
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 - 25 For this reason
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 - 27 Highway marker
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 - 30 Do-it-yourselfer's purchase
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"I think with enough protest of cutting it and support of the cheerleading program, administration may reconsider," Morrison said.

Paul has not given up hope.

"I encouraged everyone to be part of the new team," he said.

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Kent State athletes facing Facebook ban

Kali Price
DAILY KENT STATER

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

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

"We are reviewing the situation," he said. "I'm not wanting to limit student athletes' ability to communicate with their friends and family. The concern we have is that some of them have put up on it a lot of personal information. Although the intent is harmless, the perception is that it is an invitation to the wrong

people. Our interest is to protect our students."

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

Kennedy said. "In checking that out, we discovered that there was personal information by a number of our student athletes on Facebook."

Kent State may be following the action of other campuses, such as Loyola University Chicago, Baylor University, Florida State University

discussing the issue as well.

"Many of them are at the same stage of the process as we are," Kennedy said. "We're looking at it as we see some concerns, and we're looking to take them down."

At some schools, such as Louisiana State University and the University of Colorado, student athletes have faced extreme consequences because of their Facebook usage.

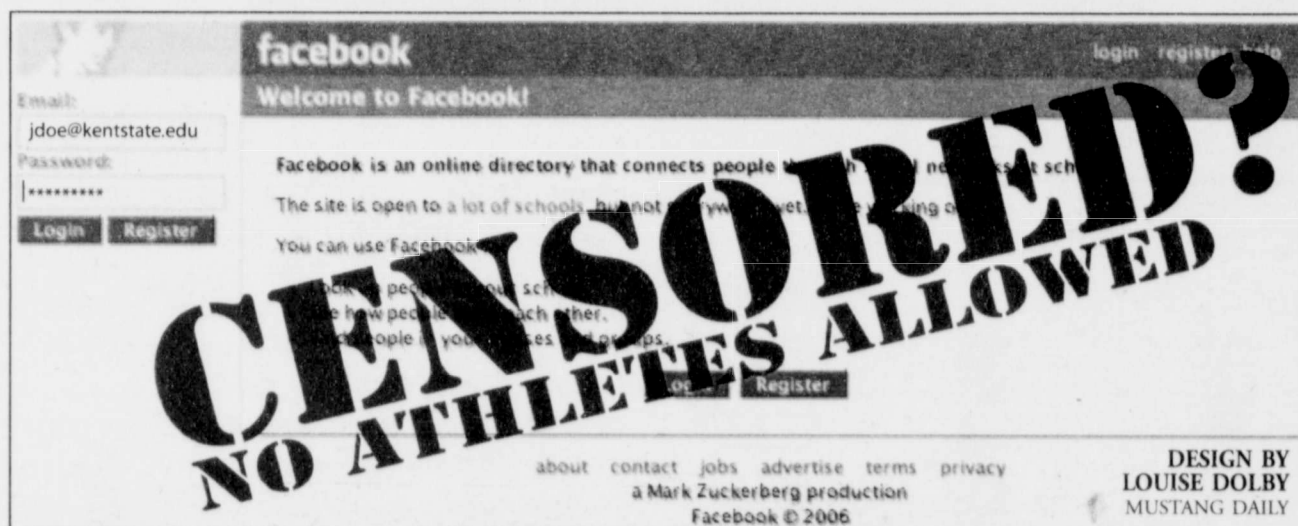
Louisiana State kicked two swim team members off of the team last May for joining a Facebook group that posted derogatory comments about their coach.

A Colorado offensive tackle was suspended from the Champs Sports Bowl last December after

sending a threatening Facebook message to a member of the cross country team. The football player and his girlfriend were ticketed by campus police, and his girlfriend later quit her team, USA Today reported last month.

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

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phone.

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

"What really got our attention was that we had one student athlete that was contacted inappropriately,"

and the University of Kentucky, by asking student athletes to remove the information.

Baylor made the decision after a student athlete was contacted by a professional agent. Loyola Chicago wanted to protect its student athletes from gamblers and sexual predators.

Kennedy said other Mid-American Conference schools are

Oregon State grounds cheer squad

Ashley Slocki
OSU DAILY BAROMETER

CORVALLIS, Ore. — A Monday night meeting at that should have settled the nerves of several Oregon State University students about to embark on the journey of cheerleading tryouts left some in tears and dismay.

"I left that meeting feeling completely hollow," said senior Louie Paul, who would have been a probable candidate to become next year's team captain.

Students were informed by Marianne Vydra, associated athletic director, that OSU's cheerleading tryouts had been canceled and the squad had been grounded, meaning there will be no more cheerleaders in the air — no more stunts or tumbling.

Vydra's said the decision came because of "many injuries, eating disorders, body image issues, and chronic back pain with our men and in light of the fact that recently a cheerleader from Southern Illinois just broke her neck by performing a routine stunt ...

"We feel that grounding the cheerleaders while maintaining a cheerleading program that is safe, inclusive, creative and classy is in the best interest of OSU."

Vydra said safety trumps any desire to participate in certain activities.

"Is it worth it to cheer at a game to end up in a wheelchair?" Vydra asked. OSU's cheerleading Web site posted a message Tuesday saying that tryouts have been canceled.

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

The spirit squad will be a group of

uniforms will look like," Vydra said, going on to explain that the Web site must have "(run) with the idea." She said no uniforms have been decided on and she will not be part of the process.

Marcella Peyman, a freshman, was one of the many people affected by the decision.

"It's really a slap in the face. At first

Vydra said that this decision has been in the works for the past four years.

But some students aren't convinced that the decision is right.

"I just really hope the student body, athletes and alumni understand we just don't go out there in short skirts and try and get attention," Peyman said. "We are athletes doing what we love to do."

Vydra said the goal is to get more students involved, but to Paul it makes no sense.

"That is what the student section and Beaver Dam does," he said. "It is the students that want to be there cheering for their team."

Along with the current cheerleaders that have been affected, Will Ochoa, a high school senior, has found his future altered.

"I had already got my plane ticket and planned my stay and was going to look around the campus," Ochoa said of his trip to Oregon from Las Vegas for the tryouts that were due this week.

"The main reason I was going to go to OSU was to cheer," he said.

Ochoa has turned to his backup plan, which is to stay in state and try to find somewhere to cheer.

Some students, however, feel the decision could change.

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about 60 students that will carry signs and try to get the crowd involved — similar to a traditional cheerleader's mission.

"I have seen the spirit squad perform at UCLA and even though it's effective at starting chants it is not entertaining or impressive," said current black squad cheerleader Brian Morrison.

According to Vydra, the khakis and polos was a response to a question asked during the meeting that holds little truth.

"Last night they asked what the

we thought it was a joke," Peyman said. "But then we realized that it was too late for April Fools Day."

Peyman has been training for these tryouts for the past six months.

"I tried out last year but was lacking some of the tumbling requirements," she said.

Peyman and others added that another reason cited by Vydra for the change was a plan to "change the face" of the athletic department to make it more inclusive and diverse.

"She gave the example of a 180-pound girl having the right to be out there," Paul said.

Cheerleading: Dangerously necessary?

Adam De Jong
DAILY BRUIN

LOS ANGELES — If there's no one to cheer after a touchdown is scored, did anyone really score a touchdown?

That is a question that only Oregon State University's athletic department will be able to answer when the Beavers open up the football season next August.

On Monday, Oregon State Associate Athletic Director Marianne Vydra announced that the school's cheerleading squad had been dissolved. Why? Apparently it is too risky being a modern-day college cheerleader.

Just weeks after a Southern Illinois University cheerleader fell from atop a pyramid and was injured, Oregon State decided that the athletic program did not provide its cheer squad with enough security.

The school's athletic directors also figured that it would cost too much money to make any necessary changes, so the cheerleading squad would have to be destroyed. A glorified Beavers yell crew, including members from the old cheer squad, will act as a lame surrogate.

And you thought UCLA was ridiculously PC? What's it coming to when a good ol' fashioned, red-blooded cheer squad can't perform its backflips without some bureaucrat standing in the way?

It was initially expressed to the OSU cheerleaders in an e-mail that they would no longer be able to perform acrobatic stunts, but on Monday it was revealed that the cheer squad was being dropped altogether in favor of the safer and more suburban yell crew. The crew will sport orange sweaters and khakis and handle megaphones and placards.

In other words, it will have the same milquetoast qualities that every college yell crew so unwittingly employs.

(In my mind I see each yell crew member around the country eating Wonder Bread dipped in mayonnaise during halftime.)

The OSU cheerleaders want to perform at each and every major athletic event for the school and feel the chance of injury is worth the risk.

"It is a dangerous sport, but every single sport is dangerous," OSU cheerleader Louie Paul told a local news station. "How many football players get injured every year?"

Paul is right on the money. Except

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