

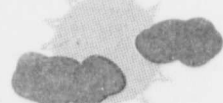
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A group of Cal Poly students from the Newman Catholic Center paint a house during their spring break in New Orleans. Ten students and two staff members volunteered.

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Students help at forgotten disaster

Amanda Retzer
MUSTANG DAILY

"Realizing how poor and impoverished the people were before the hurricane hit was the most shocking thing," said business administration senior Scott West. "They really didn't have any options since they didn't have the financial means to recover."

The development and rebuilding of the areas where Hurricane Katrina hit spans highs and lows of perfectly remodeled to absolutely abandoned. A group from the Newman Catholic Center was able to see this roller-coaster of change as they traveled to Bayou La Batre, Ala., during spring break.

Ten students and two staff members flew out to New Orleans on March 25 then took a three-hour van ride to Bayou La Batre. A parish put them up for the five days that they were there, providing cots to sleep on, showers and food.

"The people were super nice and the meaning of Southern hospitality," West said. "They brought us trays and trays of dessert to welcome us. They were so excited that we were there."

Once settled in, the team set out to work on a pair of houses that were almost done and ready to be completely lived in.

"(The Catholic Social Services Organization) had been working on two different houses for several months before we got there," said biological sciences senior Rebecca Cohen. "So we basically helped them finish. We were doing painting and some little cleanup stuff."

One of the homes that the group worked on housed a disabled resident who was really in need because he wasn't able to do the same repairs that other households

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Freshmen wealthiest in 40 years

Mai Hong
DAILY BRUIN (UCLA)

LOS ANGELES — A report encompassing 40 years of data collected by the University of California-Los Angeles annually from its entering undergraduates showed freshmen entering college in recent years are wealthier than any class of freshmen entering in the last 35 years.

The report, "American Freshmen: Forty-Year Trends 1966-2006," was released Monday by the Cooperative Institutional Research Program and is administered nationally by the university's Graduate School of Education & Information Studies.

According to the data from the report, the gap between UCLA's parental median income and the national average has increased by 14 percent since 1971.

The parental median income of freshmen at \$74,000 in 2005 is 60 percent higher than the national average income of \$46,326.

The research program is a survey group that looks at the impact of college on students by surveying entering freshmen and graduating seniors. The survey for freshmen looks for what students' values are coming into college and in what high school activities they participated in, said

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Republican thinks outside the box

Michelle Norgan
MUSTANG DAILY

Patrick Guerriero, executive director of the Gill Action Fund and former Massachusetts state legislator, said in an on-campus discussion Tuesday that his diverse and unorthodox character has helped him in many significant ways throughout his political career.

"People create stereotypes," Guerriero said. "I blow up those stereotypes because I don't fit into the box."

As an openly gay Republican from Massachusetts, Guerriero seems to be a contradiction to many people. He embodies many segments of the population not traditionally found together, and uses this to his advantage by bringing people together from different backgrounds.

Since he was hired as executive director by the Gill Action Fund, a group that advocates for gay and lesbian equality, Guerriero has traveled across the country talking to many people, including college students. Conflicting groups often meet and discuss his speeches after he visits a campus, he said in an interview. The dialogue between these groups often shows them that they actually have more in common than they realized.



GRAIG MANTLE MUSTANG DAILY

Former politician Patrick Guerriero spoke on Tuesday about "Politics, Public Opinion and Polling."

In his "Politics, Public Opinion and Polling" speech to the journalism department at Cal Poly, Guerriero discussed his background and what he has learned about politics and the media work together. Throughout his career, he has learned many lessons that are priceless to his deal-

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Bill would make textbook costs public

Zack Hoopes
COLUMBIA DAILY SPECTATOR (COLUMBIA U.)

NEW YORK — Some people like to know how big the needle is before they get the injection. And pending the passage of a bill before Congress, the same principle will apply to course books.

The College Textbook Affordability Act, S. 495, was sponsored in the U.S. Senate on March 20 by Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill. It has been approved by the Senate and is pending review in the House of Representatives.

The bill would mandate that institutions receiving federal assistance include the ISBN and price of course books on class schedules

and registration information that students see before picking classes.

It would also require publishers to make available to university faculty the revision history of textbooks and the exact nature of changes made, as well as information on the different formats (paperback, hardback) in which the book is available. And it would force publishers to offer materials that are often "bundled" together — such as CDs and workbooks — as separate items. Additionally, the bill would require that schools provide information on course books to any bookstore that requests it.

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ings with the press, he said.

One of those lessons is to always define yourself before someone else does. When you control the public perception of your character, then you have a hand up, Guerriero said. When you wait to see how the press reacts to you, your image may be distorted or warped.

"I think he's a model for American citizens," said Brian Kennelly, modern languages and literature department chair. "He's level-headed, fair, articulate, and believes strongly in integrity."

Guerriero was elected to the Massachusetts Legislature at age 25. He ran on the campaign motto of "integrity," which he said was something people could accept from a young and inexperienced candidate.

"People saw me as this 25-year-old who had no problems, yet (they thought) 'he can't be corrupt,'" Guerriero said.

After three terms, Guerriero ran for mayor of the town of Melrose, Mass. He chose "civility" as a campaign motto because it was a nonpartisan concept that people could support. It also spoke to the heart of why people moved to a suburban town like Melrose.

Guerriero carried this theme into his legislation as mayor, creating what he referred to as the "civility initiative." This idea was implemented to create a climate where people were courteous to one another. It covered issues such as cleaning up the language of spectators at little league baseball games and improving relationships between senior citizens and high school students.

The idea received national attention, and Guerriero said what started out as a small idea showed that many Americans were concerned about the coarseness of daily life.

In retrospect, Guerriero said that you cannot "legislate decency," but the project made people take a step back and look at how their actions affected others.

Guerriero said that part of his success was probably due to the young age at which he was elected to office.

"I was willing to take on leaders and brought a maverick streak to public service," Guerriero said. "Young people are not cluttered with cynicism and negativity."

As a result, he tries to focus on encouraging young people to become involved in politics, either by running for some type of office or simply being active in the voting process.

In his speech, he also discussed his involvement with the Log Cabin Republicans, an organization that strays from mainstream party lines. Guerriero had heard that the group was more in the habit of apologizing for conservative republicans rather than taking action, he said. From 2003 to 2006, he was the executive director of the group.

"(I told them) I'll take the job only if you give me complete control to change the profile of the group to take on Republicans," Guerriero said.

This experience allowed him to tackle many controversial topics like gay marriage. It was interesting to go on a news program, he said, and have two Republicans argue different sides of the same issue.

In 2006, Guerriero joined the Gill Action Fund, which is currently looking into various ways to legislate for gay rights in states like California, and the work is extremely important, he said.

"He's a person to watch for the next 10 (to) 20 years on the political scene, he's not done yet," Kennelly said.

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would be able to do themselves.

Because this city in Alabama doesn't border the levees, the houses are generally in better shape than those directly hit by feet and feet of water. However, the Newman group definitely saw their share of disaster.

"When we drove through the town, there were quite a few places where you would see part of a home, what's left of a home, a home that obviously needs a lot of repair, with a trailer next to it," Cohen said. "I can't imagine living in a trailer outside of my house, waking up in my trailer and constantly having that reminder of what once was. And the people are obviously devastated in living where they are."

Cohen also had a unique opportunity in that she was able to visit two mobile homes that were affected by the storm.

"We went and visited families that are hopefully going to be able to be helped in the future," Cohen said. "We witnessed firsthand the conditions that people are still living in. We walked into the mobile home and you felt the floor uneven beneath your feet. The kitchen, the sink and the whole countertop were tilted to the side."

"I was very careful with my step as I walked through there. When there is any kind of natural disaster involving water, mold is a always (a) concern. The second mobile home was a case of that. The carpet was all dried out. You couldn't tell the house had been moist, but there was a smell. There were a bunch of little kids, and the mom had to take them to sleep other places because it was making them sick. There was mold growing inside the walls. It was something I'll remember for a long time."

While many families struggled to pull themselves together, there were certain areas that definitely showed a bit of financial capability. Beachfront vacation homes stood gorgeous and completely rebuilt on the shores of the Mobile Bay and the Gulf, where Bayou La Batre sits.

The comparison between the two different kinds of properties was very distinct and the group caught on to that difference right away.

"A lot of the destruction was near the Gulf of Mexico. For the homes that were on six-foot stilts, all that was left were the stilts, no homes left at all. The homes they were rebuilding were on 10 to 15 foot stilts," West said. "It was weird to see brand new gorgeous houses built right next to an empty lot. Stark contrast. If you had a good solid job, you could afford to rebuild, but a lot of people couldn't. Many people had trailers parked out on their lots. It was really surprising to see it a year and a half later."

"There are still a number of organizations dedicated to relief efforts, although many have forgotten about the disaster that blew through the bustling center of culture."

"Since then, a lot has been done, (but) there is a lot of ground to go. Just because the media isn't spotlighting it doesn't mean that people aren't in need. They still need help."

"Even if you don't have any skills, there are plenty of opportunities to assist."

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Durbin's stated strategy is to help students and instructors make the most affordable choices in purchasing course material. "Publishers use new editions and bundled material to drive up costs for students who are already having trouble paying for school," he said in a press release, adding, "It is time to give them the information and options they need to make educated decisions about managing their finances in school."

According to Durbin, textbook costs have risen more than 185 percent in the past 20 years.

The bill has been criticized for not containing any firm price controls. Some bloggers and editorial writers have said that the provisions of the bill provide a needless layer of bureaucracy without actually restructuring the textbook market.

While competition among retailers may increase under the bill's measures, selection of titles may not. According to critics, the fact that students have no recourse other than buying books has enabled price gouging, and the narrowness of a market protected by intellectual property laws limits the competition among publishers. Several students said they thought the measures of the

Textbook Act would do little to increase their options.

"It'll help only in extreme cases," said Max Zeiberg, a junior at Columbia University, adding, "If I want to take a class, it's worth it (to buy the books) unless the price is just absurd."

Zeiberg said that knowing the revision history will help with problem-based textbooks where there is only minor renumbering between editions. But Janet Yen, a junior, said that revision information won't make much of a difference in humanities classes where students can "usually just ask the professor" about changes between editions.

The bill may also affect textbook retailers who will now be able to find out what books students will want to purchase.

"We'll have better access to professors' course orders, because some refuse to give it to us," Jeff Hedrick, a manager at Labyrinth Books, said. The major change will be for smaller stores that have to carefully select their inventory. "It would be different because anyone could order the book and sell it," he said.

But for Thommen Ollapally, a junior, the Textbook Act is at least a first step in the right direction. "It's good that something is being done about this," he said. "Hidden costs are quite annoying."

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John Pryor, director of the program.

Pryor said the survey also looks to find what freshmen expect from college and a number of demographic issues including race and sex.

"The important thing about the freshmen survey is that it sets (colleges) up to do additional studies from the survey. If you don't know what students are like coming in, then you don't know ... how much they gained out of their college careers by the time you do the senior surveys," Pryor said.

Jose Luis Santos, professor of education and an author of the report, said in a statement that the increasing tuitions and fees are a factor accounting for the gap between the median income and the national average, as students with low incomes face tougher choices of whether to attend universities with higher tuitions.

But some don't agree that the report of the gap will discourage

students from applying.

"(The report) makes it sound like we're well off, but we have the highest percentage of Pell Grant recipients than any other school in the nation," said Marwa Kaisey, president of the Undergraduate Students Association Council.

Anthony Antonio, professor at Stanford University School of Education, said the average applicant would focus on other issues when applying to college, such as the racial climate and tolerance of accepted minorities, and the report would not affect future applicant pools right away.

USAC internal Vice President Gregory Cendana said the report was troubling because it suggested a lack of diversity.

"This study will shed light on trying to find a different process that will yield a more diverse population," Cendana said.

The report also showed more students stated that making more money was an important factor in going to college, and showed a decline in the percentage of students who prioritized racial understanding as "essential" or "very important."



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Google Earth focuses on atrocities in Sudan's Darfur

Desmond Butler
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WASHINGTON — Google is using its popular online mapping service to call attention to atrocities in the Darfur region of Sudan.

In a project with the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, inaugurated Tuesday, the Internet search company has updated its Google Earth service with high-resolution satellite images of the region to document destroyed villages, displaced people and refugee camps.

Google Earth allows those who have downloaded its free software to focus on satellite images and maps of most of the world. When users scan over the Darfur region, where the United Nations estimates that more than 200,000 people have been killed and 2.5 million displaced in four years of carnage, Google hopes to attract their gaze with icons.

The icons represent destroyed villages with flames and refugee camps with tents. When users zoom in to a level of magnification that keeps most of Darfur on a computer screen, the icons seem to indicate that much of the region is on fire. Clicking on flame icons will open windows with the village's name and statistics on the extent of destruction.

Google enhanced the resolution for certain areas of the region so that users can zoom in to see the burnt remnants of houses. Mountain View,

Calif.-based Google says it will periodically update the images.

The online maps of the region also include an icon that links to a presentation by the Holocaust museum on the crisis in the region with photos, video, historical background and testimony on atrocities.

Sara Bloomfield, the museum's director, said museum staff members had approached Google about the project as they sought ways to highlight what they believe is genocide to many people who remain unaware. In Google Earth, which the company says has been downloaded by 200 million people worldwide, they found an ideal medium.

"This is like the world's biggest bulletin board," Bloomfield said.

Sudanese officials, including President Omar al-Bashir, have denied that widespread atrocities have occurred in Darfur. But The Hague-based International Criminal Court has accused officials and militias of orchestrating massacres, mass rapes and the forcible transfer of thousands of civilians from their homes. The United States characterizes the massacres as genocide.

Daowd Salih, a native of Darfur and a former officer for the German Red Cross, who spoke Tuesday at a presentation by Google and the museum on the new project, said he hoped that Google Earth would help document atrocities for millions of users.

State

NEWPORT BEACH (AP)

— Lifeguards and helicopter crews searched offshore Tuesday for a man and a woman reportedly swept off a jetty by a big swell.

No one had been spotted after several hours, but Orange County sheriff's spokesman Jim Amormino said a straw hat and a man's shoe were found. Fishing poles were found on the jetty, he said.

The subjects of the search were described as an Asian man in his 50s wearing jeans and a baseball cap and an Asian woman in her 40s wearing a white jacket, jeans and a straw hat, according to police Sgt. Evan Sailor.

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP)

— A former San Francisco Giants trainer testified before the federal grand jury investigating steroid use in sports, a sign the probe of star slugger Barry Bonds was not derailed by the firing of the investigation's top prosecutor.

Mark Letendre, 50, told The Associated Press Tuesday that he testified for about an hour on Feb. 14. He was asked about Bonds' size and confirmed the slugger hurt his elbow in 1999.

Briefs

National

CHICAGO (AP) — A high school student passed a handgun to a classmate inside a Chicago classroom Tuesday when it accidentally discharged, striking both in the leg, police said.

The two teens, both 15, were taken to hospital in "critical/serious" condition, the Chicago Fire Department said. Police initially said the students were in good condition.

The boys were sitting in the back of a science classroom at the Chicago Vocational Career Academy on the city's South Side around 2:15 p.m. when the gun discharged. One was struck in the thigh and the other near the knee, said Robert Lopez, an assistant deputy police superintendent.

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WASHINGTON (AP)

— Democrats subpoenaed Attorney General Alberto Gonzales for more documents Tuesday, escalating their fight with the Bush administration over the firings of eight U.S. attorneys. The subpoena, issued a week before Gonzales is to testify under oath before Congress about the dismissals, seeks hundreds of documents either withheld or blacked out by his department. The subpoena sets a Monday deadline for Gonzales to produce the documents.

International

BAGHDAD (AP) — A raging, daylong battle erupted in central Baghdad on Tuesday and four Iraqi soldiers were killed, 16 U.S. soldiers were wounded and a U.S. helicopter was hit by ground fire at the close of the second month of the massive security crackdown on the capital. Sixty miles to the north, in the mostly Sunni city of Muqadiyah, a woman with a suicide vest strapped beneath her black Muslim robe blew herself up in the midst of 200 Iraqi police recruits. The attack killed at least 16 men waiting to learn if they had been hired.

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LANCASTER (AP)

— Rising global temperatures could melt Latin America's glaciers within 15 years, cause food shortages affecting 130 million people across Asia by 2050 and wipe out Africa's wheat crop, according to a U.N. report released Tuesday.

The report, written and reviewed by hundreds of scientists, outlined dramatic effects of climate change including rising sea levels, the disappearance of species and intensifying natural disasters.



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Risky Brazil experiment enables Type I diabetics to live without insulin, other medicines

Lindsey Tanner
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CHICAGO — Thirteen young diabetics in Brazil have ditched their insulin shots and need no other medication thanks to a risky, but promising treatment with their own stem cells — apparently the first time such a feat has been accomplished.

Though too early to call it a cure, the procedure has enabled the young people, who have Type I diabetes, to live insulin-free so far, some as long as three years. The treatment involves stem cell transplants from the patients' own blood.

"It's the first time in the history of Type 1 diabetes where people have gone with no treatment whatsoever ... no medications at all, with normal blood sugars," said study co-author Dr. Richard Burt of Northwestern University's medical school in Chicago.

While the procedure can be potentially life-threatening, none of the 15 patients in the study died or suffered lasting side effects. But it didn't work for two of them.

Larger, more rigorous studies are needed to determine if stem cell transplants could become standard treatment for people with the disease once called juvenile diabetes. It is less common than Type 2 diabetes, which is associated with obe-

sity.

The hazards of stem cell transplantation also raise questions about whether the study should have included children. One patient was as young as 14.

Dr. Lainie Ross, a medical ethicist at the University of Chicago, said the researchers should have studied adults first before exposing young teens to the potential harms of stem cell transplant, which include infertility and late-onset cancers.

In addition, Ross said that the study should have had a comparison group to make sure the treatment was indeed better than standard diabetes care.

Burt, who wrote the study protocol, said the research was done in Brazil because U.S. doctors were not interested in the approach. The study was approved by ethics committees in Brazil, he said, adding that he personally believes it was appropriate to do the research in children as well as adults, as long as the Brazilian ethics panels approved.

Burt and other diabetes experts called the results an important step forward.

"It's the threshold of a very promising time for the field," said Dr. Jay Skyler of the Diabetes Research Institute at the University of Miami.

Skyler wrote an editorial in the

Journal of the American Medical Association, which published the study, saying the results are likely to stimulate research that may lead to methods of preventing or reversing Type I diabetes.

"These are exciting results. They look impressive," said Dr. Gordon Weir of Joslin Diabetes Center in Boston.

Still, Weir cautioned that more studies are needed to make sure the treatment works and is safe. "It's really too early to suggest to people that this is a cure," he said.

The patients involved were ages 14 to 31 and newly diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes. An estimated 12 million to 24 million people worldwide — including 1 to 2 million in the United States — have this form of diabetes, which is typically diagnosed in children or young adults. An autoimmune disease, it occurs when the body attacks insulin-producing cells in the pancreas.

Insulin is needed to regulate blood sugar levels, which when too high, can lead to heart disease, blindness, nerve problems and kidney damage.

Burt said the stem cell transplant is designed to stop the body's immune attack on the pancreas.

A study published last year described a different kind of experimental transplant, using pancreas cells from donated cadavers, that

enabled a few diabetics to give up insulin shots. But that requires life-long use of anti-rejection medicine, which isn't needed by the Brazil patients since the stem cells were their own.

The 15 diabetics were treated at a bone marrow center at the University of Sao Paulo.

All were newly diagnosed, before their insulin-producing cells had been destroyed.

That timing is key, Burt said. "If you wait too long," he said, "you've exceeded the body's ability to repair itself."

The procedure involves stimulating the body to produce new stem cells and harvesting them from the patient's blood. Next comes several days of high-dose chemotherapy, which virtually shuts down the patient's immune system and stops destruction of the few remaining insulin-producing cells in the body. This requires hospitalization and potent drugs to fend off infection. The harvested stem cells, when injected back into the body, build a new healthier immune system that does not attack the insulin-producing cells.

Patients were hospitalized for about three weeks. Many had side effects including nausea, vomiting and hair loss. One developed pneumonia, the only severe complication.

DNA shows Birkhead is the father of Anna Nicole Smith's daughter

Jessica Robertson
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NASSAU, Bahamas — DNA tests show Anna Nicole Smith's former boyfriend Larry Birkhead is the father of her baby, and he emerged from a court hearing Tuesday to proclaim that his daughter would soon be home.

Birkhead jubilantly announced the DNA results after the closed hearing, and then hugged his rival, Howard K. Stern. The reality TV star's lawyer-turned-companion has been caring for baby Dannielynn since Smith's sudden death in February.

Stern said he would not fight for custody.

"I'm obviously very disappointed but my feelings toward Dannielynn have not changed," Stern said, adding Birkhead can come to his Bahamas home to visit Dannielynn at any time.

A joyous Birkhead said, "My baby's going to be coming home pretty soon."

Even Smith's mother, Virgie Arthur, who had also sought custody, seemed appeased by the DNA results. "I'm happy that Dannielynn will know who her real father is," she said outside court.

An expert in genetic evidence said DNA analysis proved Birkhead is Dannielynn's father. Dr. Michael Baird, who analyzed the results of a March 21 DNA test, announced the results outside court. "Essentially, he's the biological father," Baird said.

Birkhead, a Los Angeles photographer, began seeking custody before Smith collapsed and died in a Florida hotel Feb. 8.

The baby, whose full name is Dannielynn Hope Marshall Stern, could inherit millions from the estate of Smith's late husband, J. Howard Marshall II. The former model had been fighting the Texas oil tycoon's family over his estimated \$500 million fortune since his death in 1995.

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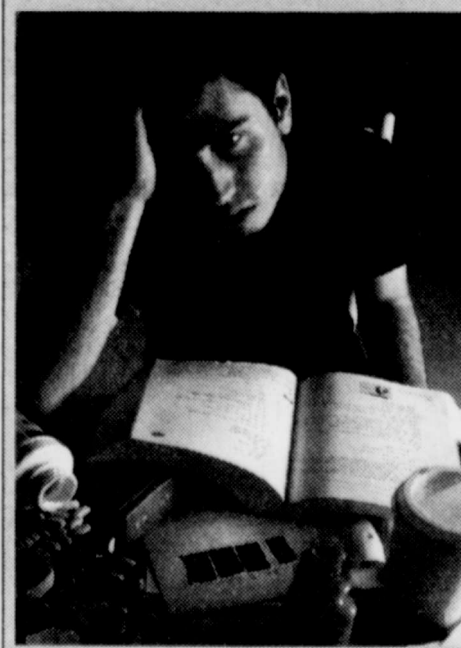
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3 suspected terrorists blow themselves up in Morocco after police raid, 1 shot to death

John Thorne
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CASABLANCA, Morocco — Acting on a tip, Moroccan police surrounded a building where four terrorism suspects were holed up Tuesday, causing three to flee and blow themselves up with explosives. The fourth was shot dead by a police sharpshooter as he apparently tried to detonate his bomb.

A police officer was killed and 10 people, including a young child and a policeman, suffered injuries.

Coming just weeks after a bombing at an Internet cafe, the series of explosions revived memories of five near-simultaneous suicide bombings that killed 45 people in the country's biggest city in May 2003 — this North African kingdom's first brush with Islamic terrorism.

Police have since pursued an unprecedented crackdown on suspected militants, arresting thousands of people, including some accused of working with al-Qaida and its affiliates to plot attacks in Morocco and abroad.

The latest blasts came as Morocco prepares for parliamentary elections in September. The opposition Justice and Development Party, an Islamic

group, is expected to lead the voting.

Officials said Tuesday's police raid targeted four suspects with alleged links to the bomber who killed himself in the March 11 cybercafe blast.

"These men had no ties with foreign groups," said Mokhtar Bakali, regional administrator for the Casablanca region. "All of the suspects were members of the March 11 group."

One of the bombers who killed himself, Ayyoub Raydi, was the brother of the cybercafe bomber, Abdelfettah Raydi, the Interior Ministry said.

Tuesday's violence started when police, acting on a tip, surrounded a four-story apartment building in the working-class Hay Farah neighborhood of Casablanca where the suspected terrorists were holed up, officials said.

One of the suspects fled to the roof, where he blew himself up, said a police official on the scene who refused to give his name, saying he was not authorized to do so. Morocco's official MAP news agency identified that bomber as Mohamed Rachidi.

A second man appeared to be on the verge of detonating explosives, fumbling with his clothes, when a

police sniper shot him, officials said.

The suspect, who later died of his wounds, was identified by police as Mohamed Mentala. He was carrying nearly nine pounds of explosives, an Interior Ministry official said on condition of anonymity, citing ministry policy.

Mentala and Rachidi had both been sought by police for alleged involvement in the 2003 suicide bombings, the Interior Ministry official said.

Ayyoub Raydi, the Internet cafe bomber's brother, fled, and blew himself up in the afternoon as police searched the neighborhood, officials said. A bloody pair of legs were seen lying in the middle of a road after that blast. Police covered up the legs, shorn off at the knees, with pieces of cardboard. Broken glass and charred debris littered the street.

A police officer was reported killed and another seriously injured when Ayyoub Raydi blew up. A 7-year-old boy was hospitalized with minor injuries.

In the evening, the fourth suspect set off his explosives in the middle of a boulevard, witnesses said. MAP said eight people were injured, two seriously.

Second rape claim emerges against De Anza baseball players

Jordan Robertson
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN JOSE — Authorities are investigating a woman's claim that she was sexually assaulted in December by De Anza College baseball players at the same house where police said a different girl was raped during a raucous birthday party in March.

Sgt. Ed Wise, spokesman for the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, confirmed the new claim, but declined further comment.

Authorities began investigating the athletes and some other students at the Cupertino community college, located about 40 miles south of San Francisco, after a 17-year-old girl claimed in March she was raped during a birthday party for one of the team members.

Both alleged incidents took place at the home of De Anza infielder and sophomore Steve Rebagliati, 20, in the Burbank District, an unincorporated part of San Jose. Several people live at the home, which is owned by a Rebagliati family member.

No one has been charged in either case, and prosecutors have declined to comment.

After the first alleged rape was

reported, eight ball players were suspended from the team for violations of the athletics department ethics code. Sheriff's investigators took DNA samples from an unspecified number of partygoers, including some players, to determine if any of them were involved.

One witness told a local television station that at least 10 people watched and cheered while two De Anza baseball players had sex with the girl in a side room, and that members of De Anza women's soccer team later took the girl to the hospital.

In an unusual twist, the California Highway Patrol has said it will seek a felony hit-and-run charge against Rebagliati in connection with a car crash on a local freeway just hours before the March house party.

Witnesses told the CHP that Rebagliati's green Dodge Ram pickup made an unsafe turn on the freeway and caused two other cars to collide before he left the scene. The witnesses wrote down the license plate number.

Rebagliati's defense lawyer, John Cahners, said no charges have been filed in the crash, and that he learned of the latest rape allegation from the media. He declined further comment.

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Celebrities — why do we really care about them?



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When actress Lindsay Lohan was in town a few months ago shooting her new movie, the San Luis Obispo Tribune sported a huge headline: "Look Out for Lindsay." The very next day it read, "Welcome to Lohan-ville." These front page stories eclipsed other news of a fatal car accident, a story about tainted tap water, and war news from Iraq.

San Luis Obispo's recent brush with fame served as a reminder of the increasing level of importance society places on celebrities. Today, fame appears more attainable because it is no longer, as Socrates calls it, "the perfume of heroic deeds," but (with the advent of the Internet and reality television), a virtual free-for-all.

"Fame Junkies," by Jake Halpern, explores the discrepancy between "real life" and the illusion of grandeur in an extensive study of three areas of



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"Fame Junkies"

fame obsession: the celebrity entourage, rabid fans and aspiring child actors.

Rather than conduct his research from a desk, Halpern infiltrates the inner circles of his topics, simultane-

ously engaging in countless interviews. He has a knack for dredging up complete honesty from his subjects while remaining unbiased in order to let his readers form their own opinions. No matter how bizarre, he approaches every case with humanity and curiosity.

In an increasingly celebrity-obsessed society, "Fame

Junkies" is eye-opening. It covers a topic that affects nearly everyone, but rarely gives us pause to consider why fame is such an attractive concept. Our interest in celebrities may be more deep-rooted than we think.

According to Halpern, this inclination could be the remains of an ancient survival technique. Those who latched on to the best hunter in a tribe were sure to reap the benefits of greater protection, more food and better shelter. These early syncephants might have been the ancestors of that girl with the Britney Spears binder who sat next to you in homeroom.

The fact that celebrities' lives are spewed across tabloid covers and TV shows like "Entertainment Tonight" may give the public a false sense of familiarity, or what Halpern calls a para-social relationship. For instance, a character from your favorite sitcom may seem as real, or even more so, than those you encounter in your daily life. Others entertain delusions (whether or not they admit them) that they could really someday become friends with the celebrities they worship.

Halpern provides interesting data showing that people are significantly more lonely today than they were 50 years ago. Less extended families are living together (we ship grandma and grandpa off to the nursing home), and couples are getting married much later, resulting in more single-person homes. Halpern hypothesizes that this lonely void is increasingly being filled with pop culture.

Halpern, a journalist who has written for publications as diverse as The New York Times, Entertainment Weekly and Psychology Today, writes in clear, descriptive language.

Although the book gets off to a slow start, it soon proves itself to be a gem. Halpern offers the rare insider look at not one, but several different worlds the reader would never have the opportunity to explore.

In one of the book's more intense interviews, Michael Levine, Michael Jackson's publicist, summarizes Fame Junkies' conflict when he says, "Fame is a validator. The conflict is that I want it. You want it. We all want it — or want to be close to it. But what is the price? It's the Faustian bargain ... Celebrities offer you the drug of validation, but you can't talk straight to the pusher, or you won't get your drug. That's the deal."

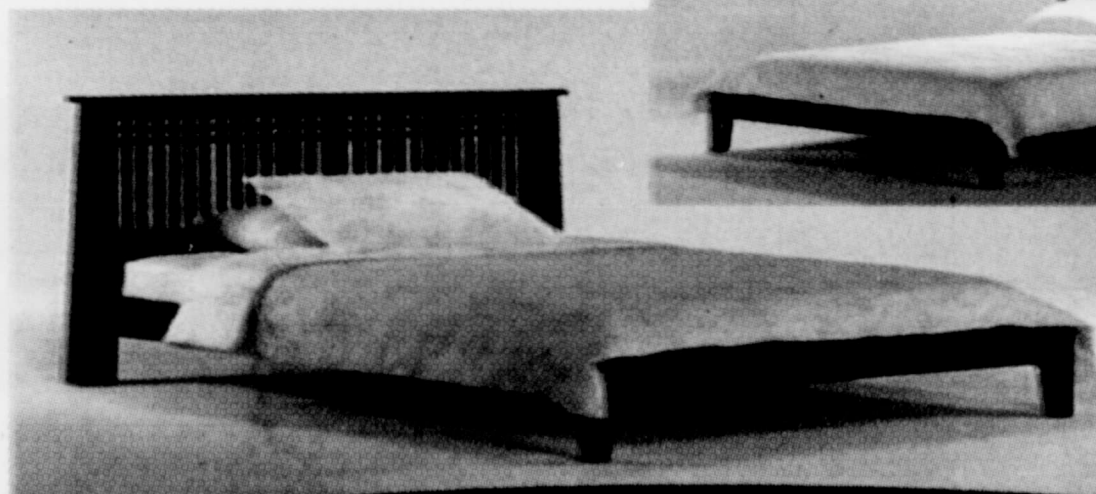
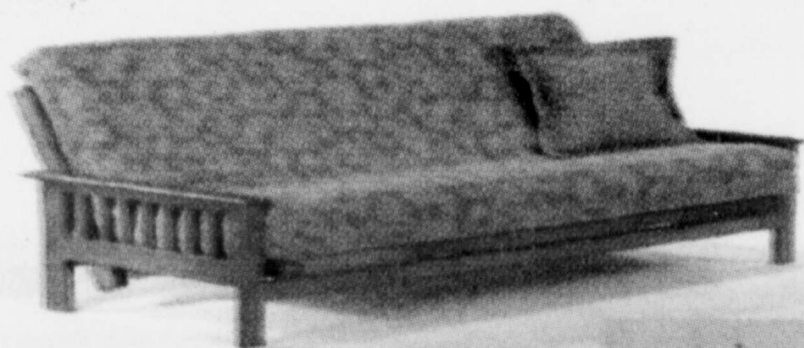


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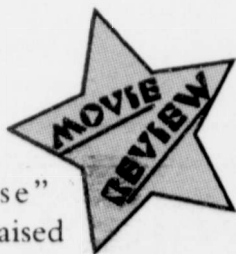


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Cherry D. in da 'house' and ready to roll

Double flick 'Grindhouse' a gripping, bipolar shout out to classic 1970s noir films

Evan Rudd
MUSTANG DAILY



"Grindhouse" has officially raised the gross-out bar.

This Quentin Tarantino and Robert Rodriguez slaughter-fest has enough zombie guts, bloody entrails and make-you-vomit sound effects to give an unsuspecting moviegoer nightmares for weeks.

But for the geeks and horror junkies this movie is intended for, "Grindhouse" is an instant classic.

The concept for the film was to emulate a sleazy double feature that would have been shown in an old, rundown movie house in the 1970s called a grindhouse. The film is definitely worth the price of admission with more than three hours of unadulterated amusement.

With two full-length feature films and four faux movie previews, this epic is a masterpiece of cinematic debauchery.

The first of the two movies is "Planet Terror," a gore-filled zombie flick with an abundance of contrast. One of the sexiest opening scenes ever features go-go dancer Cherry Darling (Rose McGowan) shakin' her money-maker to the opening credits. A few minutes later, puss, blood and guts are spewing across the screen just after a man has his testicles chopped off.

The basic plot of the movie (which doesn't even matter because plot is definitely not the highlight or focus here) involves a government-created virus that turns people into boil-infested, organ-feasting monsters. It's up to Cherry and a small group of survivors led by Wray (Freddy Rodriguez) — a speak softly, carry a big stick kind of bad ass — to save the world.

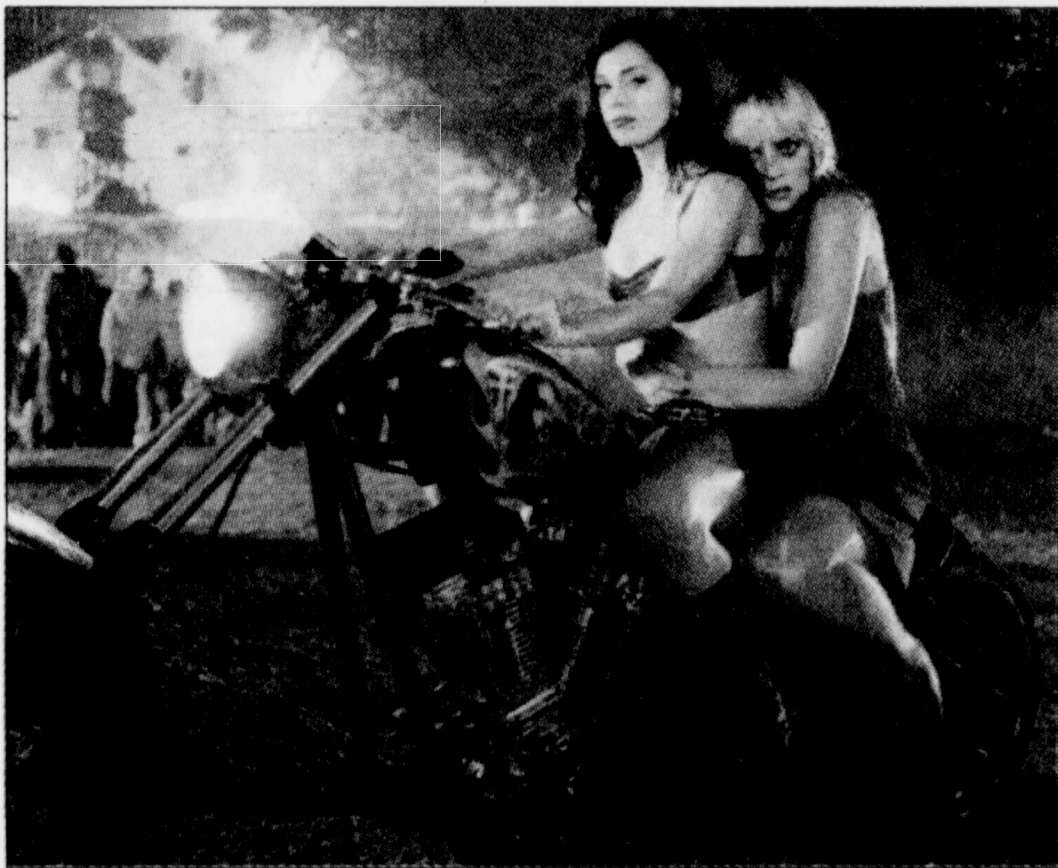
Wray shows off some sweet knife skills when he unleashes his wrath on a zombie-filled hospital. Cherry has one of her legs bitten off, only to be replaced by a stick, then later replaced by a weapon which shoots both missiles and bullets.

She lost the stick when she shoved it through Tarantino's eye while fighting off his sexual advances. He plays a soldier infected with the skin-mutilating virus.

Even amidst all the violence, any Tarantino movie is bound to have some tongue-in-cheek humor. Cherry gripes that her dream of becoming a stand up comedian is dead after loosing her leg.

Bruce Willis and Stacy Ferguson of the Black Eyed Peas make appearances in "Planet Terror" as well. As brief as their screen time is, both heightened the raunchiness with awesome deaths. Willis plays a soldier who turns into the gnarliest zombie of all. Fergie, who plays an irrelevant bimbo, has her brains sucked out.

The movie has intentional screw-ups with a "reel missing" scene when Cherry and Wray hook up. The camera angles are not subtle, with obvious close ups



COURTESY PHOTOA

Dr. Dakota Block (Marely Shelton) bums a ride from mega bad-ass heroine Cherry Darling (Rose McGowan) in Robert Rodriguez's slaughter-fest on steroids flick "Planet Terror." The movie is the first part of "Grindhouse."

on Fergie's lovely lady lumps.

"Planet Terror" ends hopelessly with Cherry and friends escaping to some tropical beach where it is assumed they will keep fighting the good fight until every last zombie is blown away.

The comic relief of "Grindhouse" occurs between the two films in the form of several fake movie trailers.

The first is a tale of revenge about a Mexican assassin (Danny Trejo) who is betrayed and left to die — the ultimate "Guy You Shouldn't Have F...ed With." Accompanied by Cheech Marin as an unholy priest, the two embark on a killing spree of grand proportions.

There's the "Werewolf Women of the SS" preview, which is a Rob Zombie (who else) production that includes Nazis, naked chicks and werewolves.

The second of the feature films is "Death Proof," which stars Kurt Russell as a psychopath serial killer named Stuntman Mike. His face looks weathered like an old catcher's mitt, and is accentuated by a

jagged scar from his forehead down to his cheek.

His weapon of choice is his car, a beefy, black muscle car used for stunts in movies. The car is supposedly death proof, hence the movie's name, because it is reinforced to withstand crashes. Whether he's kidnapping women or driving his

car head-on into oncoming traffic, Stuntman Mike is a deranged character with a thirst for blood.

Sadly, this movie didn't feature more of him. There was way too much dialogue between the women in this movie that lulled the audience to sleep.

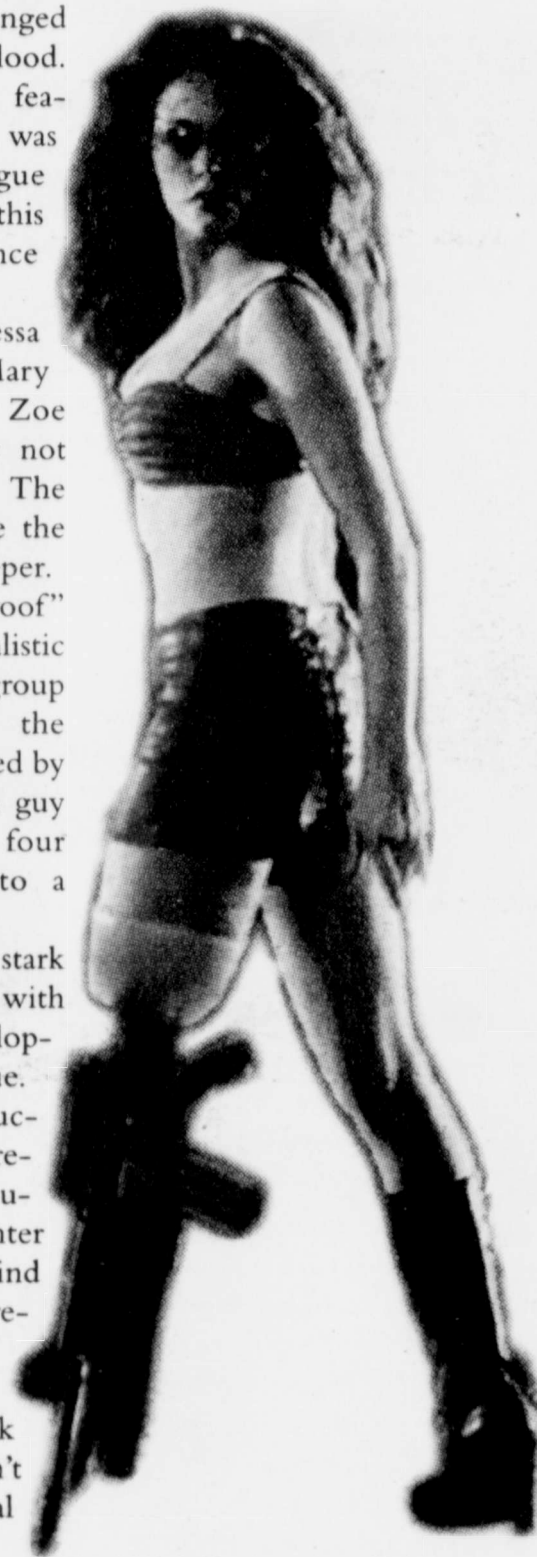
Rosario Dawson, Vanessa Ferlito, Tracie Thoms, Mary Elizabeth Winstead and Zoe Bell all deliver solid, but not outstanding performances. The action was excellent, while the rest of the movie was a sleeper.

The climax of "Death Proof" comes in a shockingly realistic looking car chase with a group of women who become the hunters after being terrorized by Stuntman Mike. His tough guy persona is stripped as four women pummel him into a pulp.

"Death Proof" exists in stark contrast to "Planet Terror" with much more character development and emphasis on dialogue.

Tarantino and Rodriguez succeeded in their attempt to recreate a zombie/car chase double feature extravaganza. Enter the theater with an open mind and be ready appreciate the creative genius of the film's creators.

For anyone with a weak stomach, it probably wouldn't be a good idea to eat a big meal before the show.



"Grindhouse"



☹ = don't bother.

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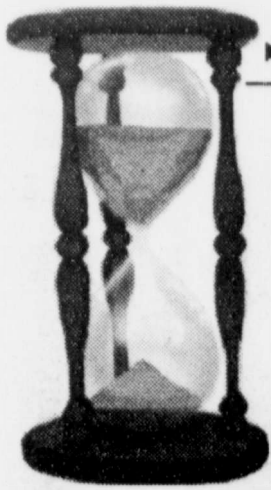
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Cleaner sued over trashing 1963 Beatles photosJennifer Quinn
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LONDON — Boxes of photographic material — including the only remaining original transparencies from a 1963 Beatles photo session — were thrown out by a cleaner despite a note warning they weren't trash, a lawsuit filed in Britain's High Court claims.

Apple Corps Ltd., guardian of the Fab Four's commercial interests, and EMI Records Ltd., which distributes the Beatles' music, filed the lawsuit against the cleaning company, Crystal Services PLC, earlier this year.

The lawsuit, obtained Tuesday by The Associated Press, says more than 450 photographs, negatives and transparencies were lost, most of which were EMI's photographic archive from 1997.

Some of the material may be replaceable, the claim acknowledges, but one box included seven transparencies of Beatles photos taken in 1963 by Angus McBean. The photos were used on the cover of "Please Please Me," the Beatles' first official album, and the "Red Album," a compilation released in 1973.

They were "the only remaining original material from the photography from this session, and were historically important and valuable," the lawsuit says.

It asks for the market value of the



COURTESY PHOTO

Original photographs of The Beatles (seen here during a television broadcast) were thrown away by a British cleaning man who now faces a lawsuit.

Beatles' material, which is estimated at \$1.4 million, as well as other costs.

Apple Corps., EMI Records and Crystal Services all declined to comment.

The lawsuit alleges that one night in January 2001, a cleaner from Crystal Services was working in EMI's west London office.

The photographs and negatives were stacked in three boxes — awaiting transfer to the company's archives — and had a note on top saying "not rubbish — do not remove," according to the lawsuit.

"The cleaner removed the pho-

tographic material and disposed of it by placing it for compaction in a waste compactor and collection by refuse collectors," the lawsuit says. "The compacted waste was removed by refuse collectors, and despite EMI's best efforts, the photographic material was irretrievably lost."

According to the Daily Telegraph, Crystal Services' statement of defense disputes most of the claims made by EMI and Apple, including that there was a note on the boxes saying not to remove them.

'Girls Gone Wild' founder in federal custody after contempt citationMelissa Nelson
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PENSACOLA, Fla. — The founder of the "Girls Gone Wild" video empire was taken into custody by federal marshals early Tuesday to face a contempt of court citation after initially defying a federal judge.

Joe Francis was booked into the Bay County Jail in Panama City, said Ruth Sasser, a spokeswoman for the sheriff's office. "His attorneys continue to work toward a settlement," Ronn Torossian, a Francis spokesman, said in a statement e-mailed to The Associated Press.

Francis, 34, makes an estimated \$29 million a year from videos of young women exposing their breasts and in other sexually provocative situations.

He appeared Tuesday afternoon before federal Magistrate Larry A. Bodiford, who ordered him held without bail. Torossian said Francis would likely be held until at least

Thursday, when he is scheduled to appear before U.S. District Judge Richard Smoak, the judge who issued the contempt citation.

He drew the contempt citation during negotiations in a civil lawsuit brought by seven women who were underage when they were filmed by his company on Panama City Beach during spring break in 2003.

Lawyers for the women told Smoak that Francis became enraged during the settlement talks, shouting obscenities at the lawyers and threatening to "bury them." Smoak ordered Francis to settle the case or go to jail for his behavior.

Negotiations continued with the help of a mediator, but broke down Thursday, and Smoak issued a contempt of court warrant.

Francis initially refused to surrender and called Smoak "a judge gone wild."

The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta refused to let him remain free pending an appeal. Jan Handzlik, Francis' Los Angeles-based attorney, said the court is considering another appeal.

"If someone behaves badly in a civil case, you punish them with a monetary sanction. It is alien to the justice system to say to a person who is not willing to settle a civil case that they should go to jail. You take the case to trial," Handzlik said.

Torossian told the AP that Francis "surrendered on his own 100 percent." But U.S. Marshals spokesman Dominic Guadagnoli said marshals were monitoring the airport and were tipped to Francis' arrival.

"We were not aware that he would be flying in in the morning. He stepped off the jet, and he was immediately arrested," he said. "If he was coming to Panama City to turn himself in, he was a day late and a dollar short."

Francis had said Thursday he would settle the case to avoid jail time. "I'll give up a billion dollars, but it will be under duress," he said, arguing that any money given would be voided in an appeal.



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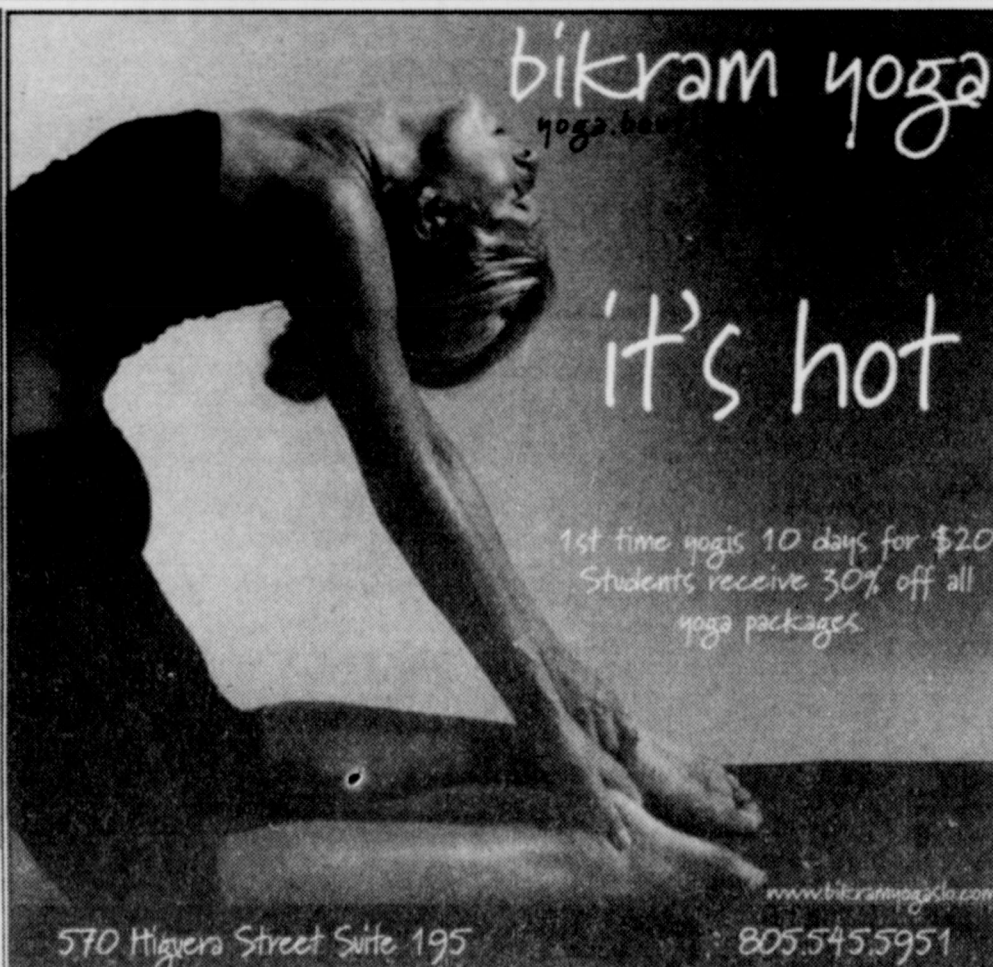
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POLITICAL COLUMN

Protest radical Islam not America

Monday marked the four year anniversary of the fall of Baghdad and the end of Saddam Hussein's rule over Iraq. Unfortunately, Iraq isn't the stable democracy and peaceful country that most Americans want. In fact, as we are all well aware, there has been heavy violence between Sunni and Shiite forces, and a steady stream of U.S. and civilian casualties. At the same time, Iran seems emboldened to defy the international community by pursuing a nuclear weapons program and by taking British hostages. The world is definitely a dangerous place.

Here at home, many Americans have turned against the cause in Iraq, and it seems that war protesters have become even more vocal. Many of these protesters blame America and our "arrogant" foreign policy for the failures in Iraq. In fact, many "Western intellectuals" and progressives believe that it is our intolerance and other "root causes" that explain the tendency toward terrorism and Islamic extremism we see in the Middle East.

After all, terrorism is merely a symptom of disease, but not the disease itself. Many progressives will say that the problems in the Middle East are purely socioeco-

nomie or political and are a result of colonialism, discrimination, the American support of Israel, or a combination of these factors.

However, by blaming it on any of these causes, it neglects the real cause, which is radical Islam. For instance, laying blame on the Arab-Israeli conflict for causing all Islamic extremism cannot explain the brutal murder of over 150,000 in Algeria, the deaths of hundreds of Buddhists in Thailand, or deadly train bombings in Spain. Likewise, blaming colonialism doesn't quite cut it. If that was the reason, then why aren't China, India, Vietnam and countless other nations affected

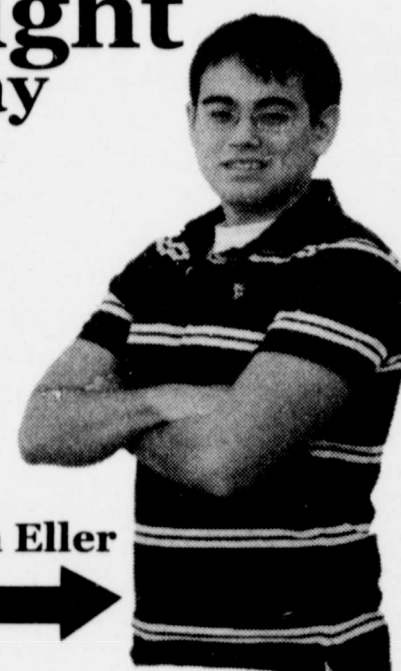
acknowledge that the true cause of Islamic extremism is radical Islam, it discourages a more moderate form of Islam to gain traction. I mean, if radical Islam has nothing to do with the problems, then why would Muslims want to pursue more moderate forms of their religion?

While progressives may denounce the war and hold countless protests against American foreign policy, it surprises me that they don't hold many protests against the violent actions taken in the name of Islam. It surprises me that these progressives, many of whom are ardent feminists, don't protest the conditions of women in the Islamic world. These women cannot vote, dress, or even drive cars. Under Sharia (Islamic law), stoning and caning are common penalties for women caught in adulteries.

Oh, and if you thought it was bad for gays in America, in Iran, following Sharia, they publicly execute gays (this happened to two teenagers in 2005).

Many Americans refrain from attacking radical Islam because they want to appear "tolerant" and because they want to believe in cultural relativism.

The Right Way



Brian Eller

Fortunately, many Muslims denounce radical Islam and Islamic extremism, but these voices are often overlooked. However, it's these voices that need to be heard and emphasized. Instead of protesting fervently against America — a country that values freedom, democracy and women's rights — why not protest against radical Islam, which has at its core polygamy, slavery, the mistreatment of women, death to those who convert away from Islam, and the spreading of Islam through wars and violence? Of course, thinking that way, it might just mean that I'm intolerant.

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by colonialism trying to kill others and impose their will on the world? The answer isn't discrimination either.

If radical Islam really has nothing to do with Islamic extremism, then the Christians living among these Muslims, under nearly identical circumstances, should be committing violent acts of terrorism; but they aren't. By failing to

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Abstinence education worst form of sex-ed

Engaging in pre-marital sex will make the devil crawl up from hell and kill you.

In response to Caitlin Page's article, "Abstinence-only education is best for children," I believe that abstinence education would be the worst type of sexual education for today's society. First and foremost, your God and Christian churches do not govern our society. It is not the Christian churches that decide what we can or can not learn and what to believe. We live in a society where people with many different beliefs come together to work as one.

Therefore, you are entitled to

your beliefs, and I'm entitled to my own. But if you want to force your beliefs on me or my children and keep them in the dark, I'll tell you to go to hell.

Secondly, without the proper knowledge and guidance, children and teens are going to find out the hard way about the consequences and repercussions of unprotected premarital sex. The problems that these individuals face soon build up to large socioeconomic problems like rampant sexually transmitted disease transmission and overpopulation.

Lastly, you will be the one to blame when your newly post pubescent son or daughter disregards your wishes to abstain and ends up getting either themselves or another person pregnant, when just a little shared knowledge of contraception (or doin' it in the butt) could have prevented a travesty.

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Say it and spray it

So I've been mulling it over in my head for a while now. It's something that I really can't get over. It's one of those things that, much like a tiny seed, if given time, water and attention, will grow into a beautiful, blossoming plant. What, you may ask, could possibly be this captivating? This intriguing? Well let me tell you: sprays.

Yes, sprays are the object of my attention for this particular discourse. How handy is a spray? Honestly — you can do so much more when your medium is in spray form. Would you rather paint the side of a house with a brush, or a spray? Would you rather kill bugs with some liquid and a rag, or a spray? Would you rather eat whipped cream with a spoon, or out of a spray can? If you answered "spray" to any of the above questions, you know what I'm talkin' 'bout.

Sprays make our day-to-day lives astronomically easier and

more efficient. Also, for a lot of sprays, if you hold a lighter in front of the nozzle and spray, it makes fireballs.

Now I must say that, although sprays may seem utterly breathtaking, there is a downside. While I am not particularly educated on this topic, it seems that some sprays are, like, bad for the atmosphere, or something. I don't really know. But if we can make a spray that keeps your hair perfectly held in position, surely we can make a spray that can patch up that nasty hole in the ozone layer.

On an unrelated note, Febreeze is another awesome spray.

In conclusion, we as humans must find a way to prepare and eat all of our food in spray form. I dream of a day where you could be sitting near someone who smells bad, pull out a spray of, say, pet deodorant, and be greeted by a smile as you give this fellow a thorough clouding.

Adam Hudson
mechanical engineering junior

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Poly women's golf team finishes 3rd out of 6 at CSUN tourney

The Mustangs were led by Jessica Huss, who finished sixth individually with rounds of 84 and 76 at the par-72 course.

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

MOORPARK — Cal Poly moved up two positions, finishing third in the final round of the Matador Spring Classic women's golf tournament Tuesday at the Tierra Rejada Golf Club.

Coach Scott Cartwright's Mustangs, following an opening-round 332 Monday, carded a final-round 316 to finish with a 72-over-par 648 total on the 6,001-yard, par-72 course.

Portland won the six-team event with a 632 total, followed by host Cal State Northridge (638).

Cal Poly's top finisher was Jessica

Huss, who followed Monday's 84 with a 76 Tuesday for sixth place. Mustang teammate Hannah Brabb was tied for ninth after an 84 and 78 and Stephanie Yocum and Julia Heath finished tied for 15th with 164 totals. Yocum shot a final-round 81 and Heath an 83.

Competing as an individual, Maddy Fletcher shot an 83 Tuesday to finish with a 163 total and a 12th-place tie.

Individual winner was Kathryn Hansen of Cal State San Marcos with rounds of 76 and 77 for a nine-over-par 153 total, two shots ahead of Paige Rachor of Portland. Allison Ek of UC Riverside was another shot back in third place.

Cal Poly will compete in the Big West Conference Championships from April 23 to 24 at the Tijeras Creek Golf Course in Mission Viejo.

NFL commish slams down gavel; Jones suspended for 1 year, Henry for 8 games

Dave Goldberg
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The punishment was aimed squarely at Adam "Pacman" Jones and Chris Henry. The message went far beyond them, to all NFL players.

In suspending Jones for the 2007 season and Henry for eight games, Commissioner Roger Goodell not only cracked down on two of the league's most troublesome players on Tuesday, he also sent a warning to everyone:

Mess with the law and your job's on the line.

"I must emphasize to you that this is your last opportunity to salvage your NFL career," Goodell wrote the two players, emphasizing they must end their wayward

behavior to have a chance to play in the league again.

He also hit them where it hurts — their wallets. Jones, who plays for Tennessee, will forfeit his \$1,292,500 salary; Henry, who plays for Cincinnati, will lose \$217,500.

Jones and Henry, former teammates at West Virginia, were suspended under the old disciplinary policy.

While he was meting out penalties, Goodell also announced the league's new, tougher personal conduct policy that will allow longer fines and suspensions for players and also could penalize teams, perhaps by taking away draft picks.

"It is a privilege to represent the NFL, not a right," Goodell said.

"These players and all members of our league have to make the right choices and decisions in their conduct on a consistent basis."

Jones' off-field conduct has included 10 instances in which he was interviewed by police. The most recent took place during the NBA All-Star weekend in Las Vegas. Police there recommended felony and misdemeanor charges against Jones after a fight and shooting at a strip club that paralyzed one man. Police are still investigating.

Henry, one of nine Bengals arrested last season, was arrested four times in a 14-month span resulting in two benchings by Bengals coach Marvin Lewis and a two-game league suspension.

Durant, Afflalo to leave for NBA Draft

ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN, Texas — By the look of his Texas tank top and shorts, Kevin Durant might have fooled someone into thinking he'd changed his mind. Was it a hint he might stay in college?

No chance. The kid is leaving for the NBA.

Durant, an 18-year-old freshman and The Associated Press Player of the Year, said Tuesday he will leave the

Longhorns to enter the June draft, bringing a quick end to what was a short but spectacular college career.

"I just thought it was time to go," Durant said at a news conference to announce his decision. "It's been my dream for a while. I felt I was ready."

UCLA's Afflalo declares

LOS ANGELES — UCLA All-American guard Arron Afflalo is passing up his senior year to enter the

NBA Draft.

Afflalo, who averaged 16.9 points, 2.8 rebounds and 1.9 assists and led the Bruins to two consecutive Final Fours, announced his decision Tuesday at a news conference on campus.

The 21-year-old junior from Compton declared for the draft last year, but withdrew his name and returned to school after attending evaluation camps.

Frankly

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tage in experience, an ability to

serve the ball in bounds and the capacity to knock a backhand over the net. She might have pinpoint accuracy and harrowing net play, but if I keep the game on my right

side and find a way to get in her head, this could be the hardcourt version of the "Miracle on Ice."

Let's be real. If I returned one serve in bounds against the senior ace, it would be a moral victory.

Sadly, the challenge will have to wait as Erickson recovers from a forearm injury that has cut her season short.

Erickson's injury will force her to watch this weekend's home finale as a spectator. She will also miss the Big West Conference Championships in two weeks as her team wraps up the 2007 season. That leaves two sophomores, Shannon Brady and Maria Malec, and five freshmen to take care of business come championship season.

The quintet of freshmen has some serious talent among them. Brittany Blalock, a lanky 6-footer, has stepped into Erickson's vacant No. 1 singles spot admirably. Blalock is 4-5 at No. 1 singles this season and 20-13 overall.

Cal Poly is only fifth in the Big West standings, but you don't need a Scrabble dictionary to translate the Mustangs' future on the tennis courts: they have potential.

Even without Erickson, the Mustangs are blossoming into a noteworthy program.


Hockey

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cover the rink at Santa Rosa Park, but right now that avenue remains closed.

"I don't even think a national championship will do it," Harris said of garnering student support. "I think having a sports facility built on campus is the only way to get the students to really care about the team." Harris said he would like to see a new arena built on campus and a fan base.

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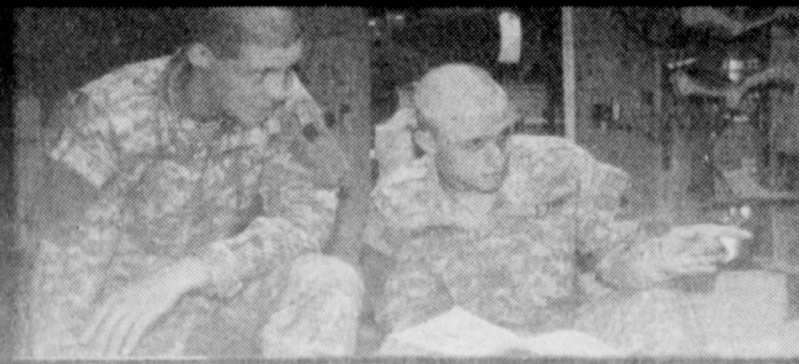
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1 Willard, heavyweight champ dethroned by Jack Dempsey

5 Got together

10 Pot-au-feu

14 "Lord, it is good for ___ be here" (words of Peter to Jesus)

15 Wipe out

16 Two-handed sandwich

17 Check writer's record

18 More genuine

19 Sufficient, once

20 Establishment with spicy sauces

23 Brazilian-born bandleader Mendes

24 Cousin of reggae

25 Yang's counterpart

27 Table scrap

28 Harvest

31 Romanian composer Georges

33 Eaves dropping?

35 Prey for a hognose snake

36 Martial art

39 Sistine Chapel figure

41 Right triangle ratio

42 Country cuisine

45 Mid sixth-century year

46 Rapper Lil' ___

49 Yank's foe

50 Poodle's cry

52 Colorless gas

54 Finish the job

58 Sundance Kid's lady

59 One of the Marx brothers

60 Goddess depicted with a cow's horns

61 Wares encountered by Simple Simon

62 Wee hour

63 Risk

64 Vaulted area

65 "Ally McBeal" role

66 "Much" preceder

DOWN

1 Like this

2 Handel oratorio about a biblical woman

3 House of Charles I and II

4 Pulitzer-winning Ferber title

5 Sudden, swift and brilliant

6 Drops the ball

7 Like a trampoline's surface

8 "___ directed"

9 Powdered wig

10 Ballpark near La Guardia

11 "Locksley Hall" poet

12 "Delta of Venus" genre

13 "Holy Toledo!"

21 Perfumer Nina

22 Wasn't colorfast

26 Silent go-ahead

29 Phil who sang "Jim Dean of Indiana"

30 Employed busily

32 Virginie, e.g.

33 Neil Diamond's "___ Said"

34 Book after Proverbs: Abbr.

36 They're felt in mid-April

37 "Try it!"

38 Marry

39 It's south of Eur.

40 "Cut down on between-meal snacks," e.g.

43 Greenwich Village sch.

44 Draw (off)

46 Bob Dole, e.g.

47 One of the Gandhis

48 Camp meals

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53 Swiss miss

55 Allay

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Clippers suffer costly loss in OT to Hornets; Kings pound last-place Grizzlies

ASSOCIATED PRESS

OKLAHOMA CITY — David West scored a season-high 33 points, including three straight baskets in overtime, to lead the Hornets into the thick of the play-off race with a 103-100 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers on Tuesday night.

West put back a missed 3-pointer by Devin Brown to put the Hornets up 96-93 and then added a right wing jumper and another putback to give New Orleans a seven-point lead.

The overtime surge helped make up for a late-game lapse for West, who went for a steal and was beaten for a game-tying dunk by Elton Brand with 9.5 seconds left in regulation.

With the help of missed free throws by Chris Paul and West, the Clippers had one last chance to tie it. Brown intercepted a long inbound pass by Corey Maggette to seal the win and prompt streamers to fall from the ceiling.

Brown scored 25 points to equal his career best, and Paul added 17 points and 10 assists for New Orleans. The Hornets moved within one game of Golden State for the eighth and final Western Conference playoff spot.

The Clippers are in ninth place, a half-game behind the Warriors and the same margin ahead of the Hornets. New Orleans closes its season at the Clippers on April 18.

Kings 112, Grizzlies 100

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Brad Miller had 17 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds to lead the Sacramento Kings to a 112-100 victory over lowly Memphis on Tuesday night, assuring the Grizzlies of the worst record in the NBA.

With three games left, Memphis has 19 wins, while the Boston Celtics, despite losing Tuesday night at Atlanta, already have 23 victories.

Mike Bibby scored 25 points for the Kings, who snapped a four-game road losing streak in a game where the only thoughts either team had regarding the postseason was their draft spot. Memphis has lost six straight.

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Wheelmen Club aims to raise \$70,000 to fight cancer

Samantha Freitas
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly's Wheelmen Club, the campus cycling and racing team, will ride its way to help find a cure for cancer in Cool, Calif., next month. The club has put together four teams to compete in the Coolest 24 Hour Race Against Cancer on May 5 and 6.

The event is the only 100 percent nonprofit, 24-hour mountain bike race in the nation. The inaugural race raised \$30,000 for cancer research last year, and this year the group hopes to raise \$70,000.

"The cool thing about this race is that the race promoter is doing it for free," mechanical engineering junior Kevin Moynihan said. "The venue is free. There are no costs, and therefore, 100 percent of the \$500-per-team entry fee is being donated to the UC Davis Cancer Research Center."

The race has both solo and group divisions of two, four and five, but the collegiate competition, which is also the West Coast Championships of 24-hour racing, requires groups of five people, with at least one being female. The Wheelmen Club, taking four teams, will have 20 riders and raise a minimum of \$2,000.

The club will group the teams with their strongest riders on one "A" team, so it is hoping to do well in the race, which it won last year.

"The A's are definitely going to be trying to compete for first place again this year," said graphic communication senior Ryan Tarver, one of five members of the A team. He will be joined by Jesse Palmer, Matthew Goebel, Jeff Kendall-Weed and Julia Smith.

The teams are training for the event by riding with others who are at their same training level for now, and in a few weeks will train with the teams they'll be competing against. The teams will also start doing night rides because the race will require them to ride through the night, Tarver said. The race is a relay system in which each lap is about 12 miles and will probably take close to an hour to complete. Each rider typically goes between one and three laps at a time.

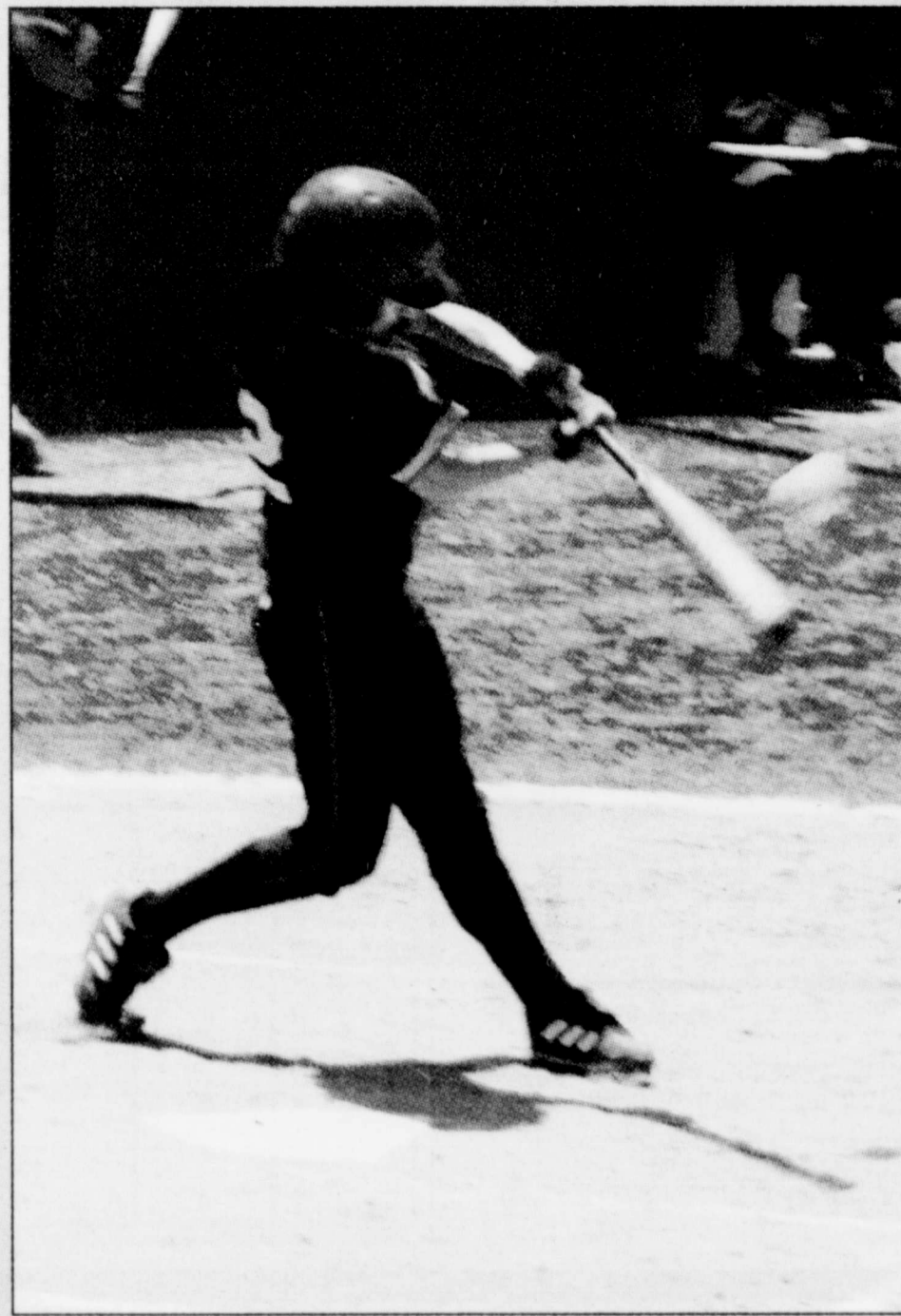
"The thing about the race is, if you have people racing four or five laps in a row, and then not racing for the rest of the day, by the fourth lap they're really tired," Moynihan said. "We do sprint distances, then they have an hour or two to recover, eat some food, then go out again."

Cal and UC Davis are expected to be the team's biggest challengers in the event this year.

"Last year Davis was our biggest competitor — after 24 hours it came down to just 10 minutes at the end," Tarver said.

This is the only 24-hour event that the Wheelmen Club competes in because it is expensive and such races rarely have collegiate divisions. The club is currently at the apex of its road season and will gear up for mountain biking season after summer.

Modglin leads nation in slugging percentage



NICK CAMACHO FILE PHOTO

The national statistics for Division I softball were released Tuesday for the first time this season, and Cal Poly senior center fielder Lisa Modglin (left) is all over the rankings.

Through Sunday, Modglin leads the country in slugging percentage (1.041) and is among the national leaders in five other categories. She is fourth nationally in home runs per game (0.41), fifth in batting average (.504), sixth in runs scored per game (1.16), 14th in triples per game (0.14) and 27th in RBI per game (1.05).

Cal Poly (30-9, 6-0 Big West) is yet to enter the Top 25, but it could today when the two Division I polls are released. The Mustangs have their next two series on the road before hosting rival UC Santa Barbara on April 28.

Cal Poly roller hockey team finishes season 10-4-4

Justin Fassino
MUSTANG DAILY

It's been a year of firsts for the Cal Poly roller hockey club team.

It was the first year the Division I team didn't get selected to the national tournament. It was also the first year that the B team was not ranked No. 1.

But these firsts are not without their controversy.

The A team fell 5-4 to Chapman in the Western Collegiate Roller Hockey League Regional Championship Tournament semifinals March 4 at the Anaheim Hockey Club. It was ultimately not chosen for the Collegiate Roller Hockey National Championships despite its 10-4-4 record in a season in which Cal Poly outscored its opponents 97-62.

All four of the Mustangs' losses came by one goal.

"We kinda got snubbed," team vice president Patrick Moyer said of being excluded from the tournament.

Also working against the Mustangs was the fact that the WCRHL receives only one automatic bid to the national stage. This year it went to Cal State San Bernardino, which finished atop the standings at 12-4-2.

The WCRHL is comprised of seven teams — Cal Poly, UC Santa Barbara, UC Irvine, UC Davis, Cal,

Cal State San Bernardino and Chapman.

Most impressive about Cal Poly's roller hockey team is the continued success it has achieved over the years without funding from the university.

The A team is a perennial roller hockey power, consistently finishing in the top 10 nationally. As a club team, it does not qualify for the normal athletic financial allowance and instead requires a substantial club fee for all of its members.

Players are expected to purchase their own gear (for which they often get a sponsor discount), pay \$350 in dues and incur all travel expenses. Considering that the closest tournaments are typically located in the Bay Area or Southern California, the money can add up quickly.

"We usually stay at guys' houses in the area," Moyer said of how players try to lower expenses.

The team has approximately five tournaments during the season, which works out to about one per month. The team is expected to play upwards of three games in a weekend, which leaves little time for rest and recuperation. Doubleheaders are not uncommon.

"On weekends, we have to drive up and down California to play in these tournaments, which leaves everyone exhausted and not interested in doing school work," Cal Poly goaltender Cory Harris said. "The

school isn't helping us with our classes or work like if we were on a sanctioned team like soccer or baseball, so we have to make do with what we have."

The team practices at the Central Coast Sports Arena Roller Skating Rink in Santa Maria.

"There's definitely some players (who) would like to play who won't play because they have to drive to Santa Maria," Moyer said.

Moyer also pointed out that not every player on the team is playing to their potential. He estimated that every year, at least five people try out who are converts from ice hockey. Those players can take anywhere from weeks to months to become proficient enough to make up for the differences in playing surfaces and styles.

"You don't have a choice," Moyer said. "You have to play roller if you want to play hockey on the Central Coast."

Adding to their struggles, the Mustangs don't have a home rink advantage. With no arena to call their own, every game is an away game. This compounds the problem of attendance, as prospective fans must drive hours in order to watch a game. As a result, the team has received little exposure on campus.

The team has put pressure on the local community to resurface and

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Frankly Speaking



Despite injury, Poly women's tennis team loaded with potential

Frank Stranzl
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

"Dude, I could totally beat you at Scrabble."

"No way, man. I'd destroy you!"

The battle was on.

First, my roommate and I marched ourselves to Tom's Toys to purchase Scrabble. Then, as the pair of us perused our vast lexicons, we went through countless questionable words — yew, roe, jape. We spent a myriad of hours doing battle on the Scrabble board over the weekend and, in the end, I reigned victorious.

As a result, I had a plethora of quips for my fallen roommate.

In the waning hours Sunday night, as my thoughts turned toward the approaching school week, I realized that I wasted a lot of time on a simple board game. Nonetheless, a challenge is a challenge. Whether it's on the track, in the pool or for board-game glory, backing down just isn't an option.

That's exactly the mantra I had in mind for this challenge: A match between Cal Poly tennis ace Carol Erickson and myself.

Crazy, right? I can hear the pundits now: "Frank, there's no chance you can beat Erickson. She actually plays tennis and she's Cal Poly's ace. Your sport involves running around a rubber oval. Just give it up."

Here's my response to those people: "Just because I've only played tennis a few times in my life doesn't mean the monumental upset can't happen. Look at Rocky. Nobody thought he could take Ivan Drago down, but he persevered and ultimately won."

What's more, I have a plan: play to my strengths and minimize my weaknesses. That means no backhands, lots of long points to utilize my conditioning and subbing in Andy Roddick for my serve. I also plan to employ Roger Federer as a skills coach and John McEnroe as a trash-talking coach. With that power-packed trio of tennis notables, how can I lose?

Erickson might have an advan-

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