Group comes county to make marijuana ‘NORML’

By San Luis Obispo County now has an official chapter of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML).

San Luis Obispo County NORML met for the first time last Tuesday. People interested in forming a chapter here were not sure how well it would do at first, but now they say they see a lot of support from Cuesta kids actually than Poly.

The purpose (of NORML) is to inform the public of the ramifications of using marijuana in America," Chapter President Jo-D Harrison said. (The local chapter’s) main purpose for this first year is to build our membership base and raise funds so that we can continue supporting the public.

Cal Poly students are getting involved with the organization.

"We have a real strong interest from several Cal Poly students," Harrison said. "Chrusch is assisting Harrison with the organization’s website, which is www.norml.org. It seems that the general attitude on campus supports the (hemp) movement," Chrusch said, though he says he doesn’t see it a lot. "I think there’s more support from Cuesta kids actually than Poly."

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Alan McAfee, former member of the board of directors of California NORML — the state level affiliate — said there is talk about starting a NORML chapter at Cal Poly, though there are no official plans yet. After accomplishing its 20-year goal of legalizing medical use of marijuana, the state affiliate is working toward the next phase of legalization, McAfee said. We are challenging urine-testing policies and will be demanding amnesty for marijuana prisoners of the drug war, McAfee said, adding that SLO NORML can coordinate to assist in pursuing these state goals.

SLO NORML held its first official gathering at the Embassy Suites Hotel on March 26. Fifteen people attended.

Harrison said it was planned as a news conference. Richard Cowen, senior adviser for the NORML national office, and Hank Alberts, president of the San Luis Obispo County American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) spoke at the event.

Drug arrests could test Prop. 215

OROVILLE, Calif. — A Chico couple believed to have ties with a San Francisco cannabis club remained in custody on $1 million bail each for allegedly growing more than 1,100 marijuana plants at their home.

In a separate case, an Oroville man who claimed he was delivering marijuana to three sick patients was arraigned Tuesday on felony drug charges for having an ounce of the drug in his car.

The two cases could test how broadly a statewide medical marijuana law passed by California voters in November will be interpreted in court, lawyers said. Proposition 215 allows use of the drug for medical purposes.

Jeffrey Webb, his wife and two of their children were on their way to deliver three sacks of marijuana marked “medicine” when they were pulled over Sunday in the foothills of Yuba County.

Officers arrested Webb after dismissing the “caregiver cards” that say they are allowed to deliver the drugs to the three patients, including one undergoing chemotherapy, Dawn Webb said. Webb, 38, pleaded innocent Tuesday to felony charges of

Credit/no credit could be settled with new idea

New Academic Senate proposal would bring compromise to problem

By Mary Hodsey

In the fall of 1998, Cal Poly students won’t be allowed to take classes for credit/no credit rather than taking them for a grade, unless the Academic Senate passes a resolution like the one proposed at Tuesday’s meeting.

The senate discussed a proposal that would allow that, under the umbrella to be taken credit/no credit, but didn’t vote on it. Instead, they rescheduled it for further debate, revision and a possible vote at the next meeting.

The resolution eliminating credit/no credit grading was passed by the Academic Senate spring quarter 1996 and was approved by President Baker the following fall. If approved, this new proposal would take the place of that resolution.

Two students told the senate why they thought the proposal was not a good idea.

“I’m for a limitation of these units, but I feel it needs to be determined if the proposal is reasonable compared to what we have now,” said Samuel Aberne, a civil engineering freshman.

Cal Poly students can currently take up to 45 units credit/no credit.

Aberne suggested a university-wide limit of 20 credit/no credit units like the College of Engineering has.

The 16-unit limit is justified because “students who take classes credit/no credit don’t take these courses as seriously as their graded courses, they work toward a lower standard and consequently learn less in credit/no credit classes,” according to the rationale of the proposal.

Aberne offered a different viewpoint, telling senate members that he took English 114 credit/no credit because he was taking a heavy load that quarter and still worked hard enough to earn what would have been an A had he taken the class for a grade.

Industrial Technology senior Jason Meyer said he was not comfortable with the idea that
Cal Poly students and faculty have the opportunity to study and travel in a 5,000-year-old country. Students because Cal Poly has a large Asian population.

The trip brings you home a different person,” she said, “It’s inevitable.”

Joan McCarthy, psychology and human development department

“I came home with a renewed perspective of how we are all alike as people.”

Joan McCarthy

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Rewards allocated $25,000 from funds originally planned for promotion of city tourism.

Jim Allen, president of the San Luis Obispo County Visitors and Convention Bureau, is in favor of the concept of a sports complex. He expressed concern that the project won’t generate enough city revenue to warrant the cut in the city’s advertising budget.

“I think we need to look closely at what a 10-year-old soccer player would spend per day in San Luis,” Allen said.

Two hotel owners said that the money could be better spent by promoting San Luis Obispo in general.

Councilman Bill Roamlan also expressed funding concerns.

“ haven’t seen this as a high priority. I don’t think we have the resources right now,” Roamlan said.

Councilwoman Kathy Smith said she was not convinced that having a center would generate city revenue in transient occupancy tax, or bed tax, and said she was not committed to it as a high priority item.

Settle said he was still committed to it as a high priority item.

The council will meet several more times in May and June before it takes any action on the sports complex and the other budget items.
Coastal panel approves plan to ship sand to eroding beaches

Associated Press

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. — Come summer, the eroding beaches of northern San Diego County may not be so narrow anymore. The state Coastal Commission on Tuesday approved plans by the U.S. Navy to deposit sand dredged from San Diego Bay onto the disappearing shores of Oceanside and Solana Beach.

The overall plan calls for rebuilding nine beaches between Imperial Beach and Oceanside. Up to 7 million cubic yards of beach-quality sediment will be dredged as the Navy deepens the bay to make room for nuclear aircraft carriers that will be home ported at North Island Naval Air Station.

Oceanside beaches will likely be the first to receive the sand sometime after July 1, Navy officials said. Contractors intend to transport the sand in barges, which will anchor offshore and pump the sand mixed with seawater onto the beaches.

"I'm anxious to see it," said Oceanside resident Jim Enright, who has owned a beachfront home since 1969. "I can't wait."

The federal government spent $3 million in 1982 rebuilding Oceanside's southern beaches with sand scooped from the San Luis Rey River.

But the sand has been stripped away by storms, waves, longshore currents and natural erosion. Today at high tide, waves slap against a sea wall in front of the homes in Enright's neighborhood.

Replenishing the beach with the Navy's surplus sand will help prevent the sea from pummeling shoreline property and provide a recreational strand for tourists and locals, said Solana Beach City Councilman Joe Kellejian.

The lone voice of dissent came from Laura Hunter, director of the Environmental Health Coalition's Clean Bay Campaign.

She asked the panel to postpone the hearing and require the Navy to do more contamination studies of bay sediments before spreading it on beaches.

Muslim council demands apology for Nike logo resembling Allah's name

By Donna Abu-Nasr

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Council on American-Islamic Relations demanded Wednesday that Nike Inc. apologize for using a logo on athletic shoes that resembles the word "Allah" in the Arabic script.

Nike said the logo was meant to look like flames for a line of shoes to be sold this summer with the names Air Bakin', Air Met, Air Grill and Air Bi-Que.

The company said it caught the problem six months ago, long before the shoes went into production. A new logo separates the Ain "AIR" from the IR, Nike spokes-

woman Vizlibor Corpuz said.

"We absolutely regret any mis-
understanding, and we regret that this appeared in retail stores," Corpuz said at Nike head-
quarters near Portland, Ore. "We have changed the design to ensure that there's no confusion between the word 'air' and any other word."

"Allah" is Arabic for God, used by Muslims and Christian Arabs to refer to the deity.

The Islamic council's executive director, Nihad Awad, insisted at a Washington news conference that the shoes have been seen at stores across the country, one pair

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Spring has sprung

Vandal shares his views on nature and the nature of KIDS, Inc.

-JONNY VANDAL

It's another Spring Quarter and that can only mean one thing in San Luis Obispo; it's too windy. Now, I don't mind a nice, cool breeze, I actually enjoy it now and then. But this is getting on my nerves, not to mention only mean one thing in San Luis Obispo; it's  and hope that the dreaded words "100%" don't usually do. Maybe the weather people should choose another word. Breezy doesn't seem to suit the description. Windy seems like a better term to me. What a marvel our language is. Two words basically the same but they have different definitions to me. I have a marvel of a Steering Committee finally saw the error of their ways and moved all the biased questions to the back of the ballot. So now students get to vote yes or no on the fee raise before answering the question "Do you want to do everything on Cal Poly's campus to improve?" Of course, the yes/no fee-raise question still resides right below several paragraphs of pro-Plan propaganda, but at least it's a compromise. They still get the biased answers and we still get to tell them in San Luis Obispo and May 1 how we feel about paying even more money every quarter.

It's all about the money, ladies and gentlemen. We have a council of friends at the Poly Manifesto. All I can say is good effort guys, it was an enjoyable read. But don't do it again. I will not be going to the newstand next fall. It will be full of profiles on important people...like me. Then our only excuse for  is that we shouldn't be those two dudes at the New Times.

Until next time, open wide, say "a a a a h h ," and put an end to this mystery forever. Though some nerds may have free time to ponder social issues, a nerd would never do so and put an end to this mystery forever. Have a team of nerds come up with the solutions. As the nerd and geek generation. As the nerd and geek generation. As the nerd and geek generation. As the nerd and geek generation. As the nerd and geek generation. As the nerd and geek generation. As the nerd and geek generation. As the nerd and geek generation. As the nerd and geek generation. As the nerd and geek generation. As the nerd and geek generation. As the nerd and geek generation. As the nerd and geek generation. As the nerd and geek generation. As the nerd and geek generation. As the nerd and geek generation. As the nerd and geek generation. As the nerd and geek generation. As the nerd and geek generation. As the nerd and geek generation. As the nerd and geek generation. As the nerd and geek generation. 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Nine groups support Brown's Title IX court petition

By Andrew Goldsmith
The Brown Daily Herald (Brown U.)

(U-WIRE) PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Nine amicus curiae, or friend of the court, briefs were filed with the Supreme Court in the Brown University et. al. v. U.S. education and welfare during the development of Title IX: 49 Republican members of Congress; five national associations of higher education; three national athletic associations; six national coaching and athletic associations; three advocacy groups; 60 colleges and universities; the state of Colorado and the College Football Association.

"I think it's helpful to have that many points of view represented," said Mark Nickell, director of the Brown University News Bureau. "They help the Court understand what's really cheap," he said.

With the help of an interpreter, Stettler plans on conducting interviews for her senior project while in Thailand. The trip to Thailand will be Stettler's first trip abroad and she has high expectations for the trip's potential.

"I think that the country is amazing," she said. "It's a completely opposite culture from ours, especially the poverty level and people's lack of ties to material items."

The Pacific Rim Group was established in 1993 and is an interdisciplinary organization dedicated to supporting university activities and programs involving the Pacific Rim region.

The plaintiffs sued Brown in 1992, a year after the school demoted the women's gymnastics and volleyball and men's golf and water polo teams to club-varsity status. Sixty percent of the affected athletes were female, reflecting the roughly 60-40 ratio of men to women in Brown's athletic program.

The suit alleges that Brown's athletic repertoire violates Title IX gender-discrimination prohibitions by not providing sufficient opportunities for women to participate in sports. The plaintiffs sued in compliance with Title IX if their athletic programs pass any part of a three-pronged test established by the Department of Education's Office Of Civil Rights.

A school passes the test if it can show that the gender ratio in the intercollegiate program is "substantially proportionate" to the ratio in the student body. Demonstrate a history of expanding the athletic program of the underrepresented gender or "fully and effectively accommodate the interests and abilities of the underrepresented gender."

Brown's petition to the Supreme Court is for a writ of certiorari that compliance with Title IX should be dependent on whether the gender ratio among athletes matches that among interested and qualified students, rather than that among the entire student body. According to the petition, the latter interpretation of the law effectively require[s] universities to afford varsity opportunities to qualified women in preference to qualified men.

Weinberger's brief argues that the decision against Brown "is squarely at odds with the terms and intent of regulations governing the implementation of Title IX because those regulations authorize schools to provide opportunities on the basis of actual student interest and they impose no duty on schools to try to equalize participation rates in any particular activity."

The members of Congress, led by Rep. J. Dennis Hastert (R-Ill.) and Sen. Phil Gramm (R-Texas), argue that the Court should hear the case not because they necessarily agree with Brown's arguments, but because ambiguities in interpretation of the law must be cleared up. Their petition contends that the Supreme Court must consider "significant unresolved issues regarding the meaning of Title IX."

The brief claims that "[a]t issue in Brown's case is whether an interpretation of (Title IX) made by an administrative agency can be sustained as a matter of statutory construction and constitutional civil rights. The case also presents the issue of the appropriate level of deference to be given to an administrative interpretation, and the appropriate reading of that interpreta­tion..." None of the members of Congress filing represent Rhode Island.
transporting marijuana and possessing the drug for sale.

"We were not selling marijuana; we were delivering it legally to people who desperately need it," he said. "You can't deliver marijuana just like a newspaper."

Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey, who filed charges against the couple Monday, said neither suspect claimed during questioning that they were licensed to dispense the drug for medical use.

Peron, founder of the Cannabis Cultivators Club and a leader in the movement to legalize marijuana for medical use, called the arrests "anarchistic."

Ramsey, the district attorney, said he doubted Proposition 215 protects the "middlemen" who grow and sell the drug.

He said the law covers only those using marijuana with a doctor's note or a primary caregiver overseeing a patient's health and well-being.

"Mr. Webb knows a little bit about the law, but not enough to get him out of trouble," he said. "But he knows he can't fight the law, but not enough to make him immune from the law."

But Capt. Red Stiesberg, supervisor of the California Highway Patrol, said Webb's claim that he merely operates a local charter bus service to deliver marijuana to their two-bedroom home east of Chico, where deputies found a nursery of pot plants with a street value of $1 million, said detective Pat Dickie.

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Steve Miller Band and entourage pit stop on Jokers Ball tour

70s rock band still making music; Makes way for spring, summer tour

By Adrienne Gross
Arts Weekly Staff Writer

Legendary rock group Steve Miller Band will perform new songs and old favorites when "The Jokers Ball" tour arrives at Cal Poly's Hecox Center.

Utilidor will not be the only obstacle challenging on-campus traffic Friday night. This tour involves 34 people (staff and band), four 18-wheelers and five coaches.

Santa Barbara County Bowl's General Manager Sam Scranton said it is not unusual for a group of this caliber to travel with such a large caravan.

"That's kind of standard down here," he said. "You need at least three or four semis for all their stuff."

The Steve Miller Band's fame started in the 1970s with songs, "The Joker," "Fly Like an Eagle," "Living in the U.S.A."

The name's Templar, Simon Templar. Licensed to sweep you off your feet and steal your life's work. At least that's what Val Kilmer is assigned to do in his latest role as Simon Templar, also known as "The Saint."

The plot revolves around a young scientist, Emma Russell, played convincingly by Elisabeth Shue. Russell has succeeded where many others have failed by discovering the secret of cold fusion, a chemical reaction which would provide unlimited free energy.

It is Russell's work that Simon Templar is assigned to steal for Russian billionaire and dictator-wannabe Ivan Tretiak (veteran Yugoslavian actor RadeSerbedzija who also turns in a decent performance). Tretiak needs Russell's formula of his plot to use cold fusion to seize control of Russia and to succeed. There's only one small problem...the usually emotionless Templar, falls hard for Russell and finds himself both working for Tretiak and trying to protect Russell from Tretiak's guns who are out to get her.

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`The Bucket Monster` educates children as an environmentally-conscious puppet

By Laura Lazzerini
Santa Daily

Aesop, the legendary storyteller of moral cautionary tales, is alive and well in Morro Bay.

Colette Blair, the modern version of the philosopher Aesop, tells environmentally moral tales at Morro Bay Park Museum of Natural History. Blair, a volunteer docent at the museum since 1979, does double duty as a volunteer in the 'Seashore Wonders Living' tide pool exhibit, and the playwright and puppeteer of the play 'The Bucket Monsters.'

The 'Bucket Monster' portrays the play as a haughty gull-like type arm that rips the unsuspecting sea creatures from their natural habitat. In a simple story that the children and adults can understand, the stolen creatures bemoan their fates at the hands of these environmentally-unfriendly monsters. The Monsters in the play are humans who in their zealous curiosity about sea creatures, often ruin and remove creatures from their natural habitats.

A big crab puppet, mastered by Blair, is suitably upset when its fellow sea creatures are stolen from their natural habitats.

Blair said the crab character is most like herself. Her nature during the play, and minutes before the performance, did nothing to prove that. Her interaction with the 60 or so people at the exhibit, did nothing but put a smile on her face. Her humor and wit to gently get to the environmental-beay message.

"You can use buckets to pick up sand, but not creatures," was back into the ocean.

Andrew Chadwick, Cub scout, pack 2724 agreed with the message.

"I've picked up things with my bucket (at the beach) but I always put them back," he said. Chadwick shyly admitted to picking up a sand dab, just to see how it moves around, before placing it back into the ocean.

Since 1996, 1,210 people have been inspired by Blair's messages, complete with matching sea creature accents. All his many disguises, are very impressive and believable. Still, one tends to care more about what happens to the crab, than that tells me it is.

Ward explained that the time to teach lifelong environmental good habits is when the children are young.

"I know we are reaching them," she said.

Mike and Laurie Frederich brought their children, Alex and Philip, to the performance for the same reason.

"They have never been to anything like this," Mike Frederich said. "I brought them here for the educational experience."

Blair's inspiration comes from moments like the time when she was off duty on a beach nearby and heard one child admonish another as the child went to grab a creature from a pool, "Don't be a Bucket Monster."
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CALENDAR

Kirk T. and pianist Paul Auroa pay tribute to jazz pioneer Jelly Roll Morton Thursday, April 10 at 8 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center. Tickets $10 and $15 available at the PAC ticket office.

The 10-member Lewitsky Dance Company performs Wednesday, April 16 at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Tickets $10 and $18 available at the PAC ticket office.

Legendary saxophonist Bud Shank and bassist David Friesen join up for a concert Friday, April 18 at 8 p.m. at the Unity Church in San Luis Obispo. Tickets $12.50 for Members and $15 for non-members.

Two Open House concerts featuring the Cal Poly wind orchestra and jazz bands and the All State High School Festival Wind Orchestra will be performed Saturday April 19 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, April 20 at 2:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Tickets $3 and $8 available at the PAC ticket office.

Ruth of Beals Folkloric Ensemble performs Saturday, April 19 at 7 and 8:30 p.m. at the Jewel of India.

The Allied Arts Association of Cambria presents the seventh annual Betty Evans Music Competition Sunday, April 20 at 2 p.m. in the Community Presbyterian Church in Cambria.

The Angeles Spring Quartet performs works by Haydn, Weber, Schubert and Beethoven Sunday, April 22 at 8 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center. Tickets $7 and $15 available at the PAC ticket office.

Mother's Tavern

Greg Singer's Taylor from the Jimmy Buffet Band plays Thursday, April 10 at 9:30 p.m. $3 cover; The Blazers play Friday, April 11 at 9:30 p.m. $3 cover; Tone Bones play Saturday, April 12 at 9:30 p.m. $3 cover; Clint Gerst plays Sunday, April 13. No cover.

SLO Brew

Imperial Cruiser plays Thursday, April 10 at 9:30 p.m. No cover; Mosaic plays Friday, April 11 at 9:30 p.m. No cover; Papapato plays Saturday, April 12 at 9:30 p.m. $3 cover.

Linnega's cafee

Dogwood Moon plays acoustic folk Friday, April 11 at 8:30 p.m.; Hissu Shrivagows plays country and eastern music Saturday, April 12 at 8:30 p.m.; Join the folk club sing-a-long Sunday, April 13 at 8 p.m.; The Cohn plays opening folk Monday, April 14 at 8 p.m.

Frog and Peach

Doc Sweeney and Good Vibes play Thursday, April 11 at 9 p.m.; Howie Playboys play Friday, April 12 at 8 p.m.; The Fragments play Saturday, April 13 at 1 to 3 p.m. and Dogwood Moon plays at 9 p.m.

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An editor urges his peers to scrutinize their practices

By Mike Feindt/Scholar
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — If America's newspapers are to regain readers' trust, they must undertake an intensive self-examination and fix their flaws, the president of the country's largest newspaper association said Wednesday.

His peers generally agreed, and, in interviews, some told what they've done to cope with the perception that newspapers are distant from readers, cold and cynical.

"To many American citizens, the mass media have become the massive media — intrusive, sensational, uncaring and flawed by bias and inaccuracy," Robert H. Giles said in his farewell speech as outgoing president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

"Many Americans, we lack introduction, discipline, restraint and a capacity for self-scrutiny," said Giles, who is editor and publisher of The Detroit News. He said reform must become the editor's driving mission if readers are again to look upon newspapers as an "information exchange at this time.

"Grass-roots people must form coalitions or you don't make enough noise," said Giles.

"We've got to do a better job of connecting with our readers," said Lorraine Branham, executive editor of the Tallahassee (Fla.) Democrat, after Giles' speech, and told what she has done: She invited readers to attend the paper's daily news meetings, where editors decide what stories and pictures to publish and where to play them.

"40 citizens, so far, have come, asking questions and offering critiques," Ms. Branham said that when the city manager was allowed to resign with a year's pay, one reader complained at a news meeting that the paper hadn't sought out the reaction of "ordinary people like me.

"When he was adopted, 'we discovered so much anger and outrage,'" and it made a useful follow-up story, she said.

She also told how the paper published a box reflecting its own internal debate when editors decided to run a picture of a young man wearing cap and gown in a coffin after a gruesome accident.

"The picture conveyed the tragedy better than words could have, she said, and the explanation brought readers into the conversation to run it.

Kenneth Banta, managing editor of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, said journalists tend to be cynical, an attitude that can creep into news stories. "Many readers are affected by our cynicism and discontent, and we need to remove the cynicism from our news pages," he said.

Bob Caldwell, editorial page editor of The Oregonian in Portland, Ore., offered a one-word proposal — "ombudsman." Only 35 or 40 of the nation's nearly 1,500 dailies have one, to hear readers' views and convey them to the news staff, he said. "Many editors believe that they act as our own ombudsmen, but they kid themselves," Caldwell said.

Editors brought reporters at a news scene — enlarged by tele­vision with their bulky equipment — gives the perception of journalistic intrusion, a problem for which he could offer no solution.

"We have the freest press in the world and the greatest democracy," he said. "If I have to pay a certain amount of readiness, I'm not sure that's too high a price.

The proposal, written by statisti­cian professor Jay Devore, was recently named President Baker, Provost Paul Zingg, and college deans in the "censure.

"The PSSE process has dis­arowered and divided an excellent faculty," Russell said, but added that strong opinions about the PSSE "do not authorize us to aban­don our reason, clarity of thought, respect for appropriate language, or sense of fairness."

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Mesa acquitted of all charges in rape trial

By Lisa Cornwell
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Jose Mesa shed tears of joy and relief Wednesday as he was acquitted of all charges in his rape trial, but his legal problems aren’t over yet.

A jury cleared the Cleveland Indians pitcher of one count of rape, two counts of gross sexual imposition and one count of theft.

Mesa still must stand trial on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon.

A hearing in the second trial is scheduled for Thursday morning, with jury selection to begin Monday. Mesa could receive up to 1/2 years in prison if convicted.

On Wednesday, however, Mesa and his wife, Mirla, didn’t try to contain their emotions after clearing their first legal hurdle. They both wept as the acquittal verdicts were read.

"God (caused) the jury to do this because they knew I didn’t do that stuff," Mesa said after the trial.

Mila Mesa said her faith in God kept her going, but she admitted it hadn’t been easy.

"It’s been difficult, I cannot lie," she said of the trial’s effect on their marriage. "There’s a lot of people who do worse. ... People make mistakes and you have to forgive.

After the verdicts were read, "I just kissed him and that was it," she said.

The first trial resulted from complaints filed by two women.

A 26-year-old woman testified that Mesa raped her by forcing his hand into her jeans and underpants during a ride to a suburban motel early on Dec. 22. Her friend, also 26, testified that Mesa also fondled both women in a room of the motel.

Mesa was charged with rape under an Ohio law that expands the definition to include penetration other than intercourse.

Judge Thomas Curran had told the jury that it could consider the lesser charge of gross sexual imposition as an alternative to the rape count. The jury of seven women and five men deliberated for about nine hours Wednesday and Tuesday before reaching the verdicts.

Mesa, 30, had faced up to 13 1/2 years in prison if convicted on all charges. A citizen of the Dominican Republic, he also could have faced deportation hearings.

"If I didn’t mean any disrespect to the court, but I was just so happy," said Mrs. Alomar after court adjourned.

The remaining charge against Mesa was filed after police said they found a handgun in Mesa’s vehicle when he was arrested Dec. 27. Mesa has not been with the team since the trial began.

Indians general manager John Hart issued a statement saying the team was pleased with the verdict.

"The Cleveland Indians organization has supported Jose Mesa throughout this entire ordeal," Hart said.

"We are now looking forward to returning our attention to the playing field.”

Christie Alomar, wife of Indians catcher Sandy Alomar, sat in the courtroom holding hands with Mesa’s sister-in-law, Elsia Mantilla. Both clapped and yelled as the first innocent verdict was read.

The judge asked both to leave the courtroom.

"I didn’t mean any disrespect to the court, but I was just so happy," said Mrs. Alomar after court adjourned.

The jurors considered testimony from eight prosecution witnesses. Messerman rested his case Monday without calling anyone to the stand.

"Most of the time before the verdict is announced it is very scary. This time the verdict was much less scary," Messerman said. "I thought that the verdict was going to be not guilty.”

Assistant Prosecutor Frank Gasper said he did not think Mesa’s celebrity entered into the jury’s deliberations. He said more evidence would have helped the prosecution’s case.

Mesa pitched for the Toronto Blue Jays organization and the Baltimore Orioles before joining Cleveland in 1992 and emerging as one of baseball’s best relief pitchers. He converted 46 of 48 save chances while leading the Indians to their first AL pennant.
LINDROS from page 9

cut. Ulf Samuelsson's lip with another one late in the game. Samuelsson needed several stitches to close the cut.

Lindros, with 31 goals and 46 assists in 51 games, spoke earlier this year with various injuries, has a dramatic impact on the Flyers. Over his five years in Philadelphia, they are 34-38-8 without him in the lineup.

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Lindros, who had never been suspended in his five-year NHL career before Wednesday, has learned to keep his composure, and is willing to let others fight his battles — assuming he has teammates willing to do so. When none do, it's Lindros' nature to take matters into his own hands.

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Team toughness was one of the big topics at a team meeting Wednesday morning before the team's practice in suburban Philadelphia.

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Although some of the actions against Mr. Churla were not defensive in nature.

Nonetheless, this type of conduct can not be tolerated.

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Cal Poly softball moves up in national ranking

Daily Staff Report

The Cal Poly softball team climbed up yet another spot in the national rankings Wednesday afternoon, moving from ninth to eighth this week.

The move up in ranking came after a split with No.3 UCLA last weekend. Cal Poly was ranked eighth on March 12, climbed up yet another spot in the Pacific Coast League earlier in the day, pitched one injury in the win. Rick Tricek (2-2) was the loser. With one out in the 10th, Ernie Young walked and Scott Spierio doubled past first baseman McGwire's RBI double into the left-field corner.

OAKLAND, Calif. — Gennimo Berroa hit his fourth homer and Scott Bressie drove in the winning run with a bases-loaded walk in the 10th inning as the Oakland Athletics beat the Boston Red Sox 4-3 Wednesday.

Aaron Small (1-0), promoted from Edmonton of the Pacific Coast League cage earlier in the day, pitched one injury in the win. Rick Tricek (2-2) was the loser. With one out in the 10th, Ernie Young walked and Scott Spierio doubled past first baseman - Mc- Gwire's RBI double into the left-field corner.

Bernia's homer broke a 1-1 tie in the sixth. Bernia, who also doubled in the fourth, is hitting .433 this season with a .933 slugging percentage.

Nomo's Gavrashpian's RBI single in the fifth gave the Red Sox a 1-0 lead. The Ax tied the game in the bottom of the inning on a sacrifice fly. Bressie's arm error by Vanograph and Mark McGwire's RBI double into the
San Luis Obispo County OEG has hit a jackpot worth more than $781 million. It isn’t Super Lotto. It’s tourism.

According to Jonni Biaggini, executive director of the San Luis Obispo County Visitors and Conference Bureau, visitors to the county spent that amount in 1994 alone.

With figures like these it’s not hard to believe that tourism is the county’s top industry. It affects everyone living and working in the area, including students.

“Students need to understand the importance of tourism, especially if they plan to stay here,” said Dee Mason, tourism development manager for the Paso Robles Chamber of Commerce.

Tourism directly affects students by creating more jobs in hotels, restaurants, gift shops and event management. According to Biaggini, more than 11,000 of the 232,428 county residents were directly employed through tourism as of 1996.

“That’s a lot of employment opportunities in tourism that people take for granted,” Biaggini said. “Those part-time jobs allow people to go to school. They also allow families more income to support themselves.”

Jane Nichols, Apple Farm Inn’s marketing director, admitted that more tourists means more jobs.

“We go up to 350 employees in the summer; a lot more servers, a lot more housekeeping staff,” she said, adding that many of these jobs go to students. “We’re glad they’re here and they’re a resource.”

Many major community and cultural events depend on visitor support either.

“A lot of events would probably not happen just on local support,” said Jennifer Best, communications director for the San Luis Obispo Chamber of Commerce. Tourist interest and attendance enables event organizers to offer students-discount performances and special rates otherwise unavailable.

As much as tourists bring to the area, they also come to enjoy what’s already here. San Luis Obispo’s downtown offers shops like The Limited and the GAP, Best said, but it also has places like Hands Gallery, Just Looking Gallery and other unique stores popular among the 14 percent who come here specifically to shop. Best and those who work to promote the area try to highlight this aspect and dispel misconceptions.

“I think a lot of people think of it as a cow town; still kind of a hickish place,” Best said. “We try to promote things that are unique.”

Local businesses are very aware of the importance of tourists, including parents visiting their children at college.

“It’s no secret that Cal Poly, and higher education in general, is an expensive place to attend and people coming here have the money to spend on art,” said Karen Gorton, owner of Just Looking Gallery on Higuera Street.

“We have a lot of local artists here and several of them show exclusively with us,” said Jacki Starr, owner of Hands Gallery. “Tourists are finding things here that they won’t find anywhere else.”

Unique shops are not the only lure for tourists. Wine is increasingly becoming a huge draw for the county.

“We’ve seen a dramatic increase in the economy with the wine industry being a big part of that,” Mason said. “If it wasn’t the primary focus (for tourists), it’s certainly a close second. They’re not just going to come for wine tasting, but it’s the hook.”

Mason said she works with other coordinators in the county to create a regional approach to tourism, especially since most tourists are drawn to Paso Robles for its wineries. Mason said she tries to show visitors the many other areas of interest in the county.

“We really have a healthy, big-picture approach to tourism and if we tried to do it alone, we’d fail,” she said.

Through ads in Sunset Magazine and similar publications Mason said she dreamed for wineries as a tourist draw is bright.

“We’re very lucky to be part of an exploding industry,” she said.

The effects of this fruitful industry are appearing in other businesses.

“I’m seeing extended stays in the area,” said Lisa Stansel, assistant manager of the Madonna Inn.

“There’s so much to do in the area with the expansion of the wine industry and the beautification of downtown.”

From hotels to restaurants, everyone is feeling tourism’s effects. F. McClintocks restaurant in San Luis Obispo handles tourism by keeping a diary including the amounts of food, beverages and alcohol consumed on a given day.

“We refer to these diaries because they’re remarkably accurate,” said Scott Milstead, general manager. Using these records, they are able to prepare for typ-