Crawford wins suit against Krebs

By Kelly Foster
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

A $2 million lawsuit was settled March 26 between convicted double murderer Rex Allen Krehs and Gail Crawford, the mother of victim Aundria Crawford.

Rita Pedeman, judge pro tem of the San Luis Obispo County Superior Court, issued the judgment, which prevents Krehs, 35, from receiving any profit on his crimes. Last summer, Krehs was convicted of the kidnap­ping, rape and murder of Crawford and Rachel Newhouse, both 20-year-old San Luis Obispo college students.

The civil case, which began two years ago, escalated over the past two months in which time a unanimous California Supreme Court decision was made on the existing Son of Sam law. In the past, this law prevented criminals from making money off their cases. But the California Supreme Court recently found that the law limited freedom of speech.

However, after the $2 million judgment in the civil case, Crawford is now able to collect all of the proceeds if Krehs’ story is used as the basis of a movie, book or TV program.

In addition, she will receive up to $2 million if any of her daughter’s belongings, never found in the investigation, are sold by Krehs through such see KREBS, page 5

UFW co-founder Huerta shares ‘field’ experience

By Bryan Dickerson
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

On an unusually cold April day, Victor Rez stood at a table perched on the grass lawn of the math and science building. Among the scattered metal chairs and construction paper signs, he and the other members of MEChA served as an information kiosk to students about Cesar Chavez Day, working conditions faced by field workers in the United States, and the upcoming lecture by labor activist Dolores Huerta.

Rez, a crop science senior, said Huerta has been a driving force in the labor movement for field workers, successfully lobbying to ban the short-handled hoe and pesticides like DDT.

"Dolores Huerta was very instrumental in the progress made over the years," Rez said. "She’s been there all along."

Huerta, like Rez, was born to parents who relied on the difficult and often dangerous field work to earn a living. She is speaking at Cal Poly about her role in the United Farm Workers union, a group she helped create to address the needs of field laborers.

Ethnic studies Chair Donna Langston said most people know little about Huerta and her importance in the farm labor movement.

"She’s a key leader," Langston said. "She’s never been recognized for what she’s done."

In order to discuss issues like these, Beyond Shelter held a forum at Grace Church about the current homelessness situation in San Luis Obispo County on Monday night.

Several panels from different organizations voiced their opinions, told personal stories and made homelessness not just another word but a reality.

"The homeless do not like to be counted. They are embarrassed," said Tom Beem, a representative of Homeless Outreach, a local agency that provides services to homeless people in the community. Society places a high value on housing and the ability to make it. There has been a long history of this and it is very well covered up. I haven’t met very many people who are proud to be homeless."

The issue of stereotyping the homeless was a recurrent topic at the forum. Words like "lazy" and "abuse" were brought up and then dismissed by members in the audience, some who have faced homelessness on an all too familiar front.

"A lot of people think we are looking for a handout," said Richard Carroll, a mechanic who has been a client in homeless shelters. "What we are really looking for is a hard up.

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Elective offers chance to buzz around with honey makers

Professor Scott Jeffreys leads the lab portion of his FRSC 123 class: beekeeping. The class offers students the chance to find queen bees, propagate hives and extract honey.

By Dawn Rapp
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

For those students searching for a different type of elective to fulfill some extra units, they may have found their answer this quarter — Cal Poly offering FRSC 123, also known as "Beekeeping."

The elective course is open to all majors and offers students the chance to learn how to become beekeepers. Students who enroll in the course would soon learn how to identify and find queen bees, propagate hives, and extract honey.

"Each student gets to be in charge of their own hive," professor Scott Jeffreys said, "and we make our own honey."

Jeffreys is Cal Poly’s beekeeping professor and has been a commercial beekeeper for more than 20 years. He became interested in beekeeping after taking the class at Cal Poly 22 years ago.

The class has been popular among students looking for a more "hands-on" experience in class. Many students have also gone on to own hives.

Agribusiness junior Charles Compton bought a hive from Jeffreys when the class ended last spring.

"After the quarter ended, I decided I wanted to try and make my own honey," Compton said.

Compton said he took the class out of curiosity. He also said that he would recommend it to other students.

"It’s definitely been one of my favorite classes," he said, "I only got stung a couple of times."

Jeffreys recommends the class to anyone with interest in the beekeep- see BEES, page 5
Two Hand Touch-ees live with benefit

By Steve Hill

Rocking for a good cause — that's what Two Hand Touch singer Brandon Wood is all about. “Any chance we get to help someone while having fun — that’s the most amazing thing in the world,” Wood said.

The cause for which Two Hand Touch will be playing is the Lette Gomez Foundation, a fund established at Mid State Bank in Los Osos for Baywood Elementary fourth-grader Lette Gomez, who is currently recovering from bone cancer. Two Hand Touch, Wahini Wa, The Damage Done and Half Empty will play at 7 p.m. at Trinity Hall, with all proceeds going to the foundation.

The concert is the culmination of a semester-long class project at Cuesta College spearheaded by Flare Roscitto, a liberal arts junior.

“My aunt died of breast cancer, so it’s definitely something I feel good about helping Roscitto said.

Once the idea of a concert was set-up for upon the group communication class project, one of Roscitto’s partners brought up the idea of helping Gomez, because her mother works at Baywood Elementary. From there, Roscitto said, she turned to her friends in Two Hand Touch, who knew would draw a large audience.

“Every single time I’ve been (to a Two Hand Touch concert), there’s been more people,” Roscitto said. “It’s insane.”

Ask the band members why the fans come, though, and they will tell you something different. “I think people are going to come out not necessarily to see the bands, but to support (the cause),” said Jay Erdos, Two Hand Touch’s guitarist and a psychology junior at Cal Poly.

Los Osos residents have been supporting the Lette Gomez Foundation for about a year now, said Linda Martin, a Parent Teacher Association member at Baywood Elementary. Fund-raisers held thus far include a car wash and a dinner called “Spaghetti for Lette.”

“Los Osos just blows our minds anytime we do a fund-raiser,” Martin said. “We’d do it for any one of our kids.”

Now that students have gotten involved, band members feel that this may help to remove the stigma of any normally placed upon young people.

“I think people are going to come out because they want to support (the cause),” said Kyle Whitlow, a Cal Poly graduate and singer for The Damage Done. “I think college students can make a difference in their communities.

“It seems like doing something like this will make older people go ‘Wow, these kids may be playing punk rock and wear trashy clothes, but they’re doing something, too,’” Wood said. “I don’t think kids get enough credit these days.”

For Lette; who is in the process of recovering a prosthesis for her leg, and her family, the support is something for which they are grateful.

“It’s really nice of them,” said Elois Gomez, Lette’s 15-year-old sister, who expressed disbelief after first finding out about the concert. “They’ve been really helpful in helping us out.”

Wood said he just sees the action as his responsibility once the microphone is in his hand.

“When you’re in a situation where you can make things very vocal, it’s better to use that to the advantage of other people,” Wood said.

Wood and bandmate Erdos also commented on the healing powers of music, to which they both strongly believe.

“Music makes my atmosphere,” Wood said. “If I didn’t have it, I’d be dead.”

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Israeli Embassy explains actions

By Rebecca Regan Sachs

WASHINGtON — Spokespeople from the Embassy of Israel on Monday defended their country’s recent military operations in the West Bank, calling the excursions into Palestinian towns and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat’s headquarters a “surgical campaign against terror.”

In a press briefing for Washington, D.C.-area college media, Israeli Embassy spokesman Mark Regev and Counselor for Public Affairs at the Israeli Embassy Aviva Raz-Shechter explained Israeli goals, tactics and motivations for the current campaign. “I think all Israelis wish we weren’t there,” Regev said. “We want to withdraw. But if we pull out now we’re just going to have more suicide bombings and then we’re going to have to go back.”

Regev noted there have been no suicide bombers within the last week, “not because Arafat’s giving different orders, but because the operation has been a success,” he said.

Operation Defensive Shield, as Israel calls it, started March 29 with an attack on the headquarters of Arafat. The offensive, which followed seven suicide bombings in Israel during the long July of Passover, had resulted in the takeover of six Palestinian towns by the Israeli army since the Passover uprising began 18 months ago, L200 Palestinians and 422 Israelis have been killed since the Palestinian uprising began 18 months ago.

Raz-Shechter described Israeli efforts as the “result of a terrorist campaign headed by Arafat himself.” Israel’s current goal, she said, are to “eliminate terrorist infrastructure” and ultimately achieve a cease-fire. “Once there’s a cessation of violence, we can get back to negotiations,” she said.

Regev refused changes the Israeli military itself is using “tactics to fight terrorism.” “We don’t fight the same way because we don’t target innocent civilians,” he said. “We are striking surgically against terrorist organizations. We do make mistakes, but they are mistakes... it’s like the U.S. (in its campaign) against Osama bin Laden.”

Vice president of Georgetown University’s Young Arab Leadership Alliance Samer Dweida contended the notion of a cease-fire is a solution to terrorism.

“While it is justifiable for Israel to defend itself, what they are doing is not rooting out terrorist activity by terrorizing Palestinians,” he said. “If they want to end the violence, they should end the ultimate occupation.”

He noted the Camp David Accords did nothing to address the Israeli-Palestinian state a but one that was “basically divided. You would have to go to the UN and get a resolution to create an occupation.”

YALA Director of Community Relations Kate McDonald called the proposals “useless,” saying the “suggestion of an illegal occupation.”

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CRISTAL MYERS/MUSTANG DAILY

A small group of students met in front of the administration building Tuesday to protest the college-based fee increase passed by students in March. Leah Bauer, a biological sciences junior, said that the group was "under the impression that it was an illegal election all together."

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mean as else, a popular Web site on the Internet.

Before the decision, Crawford would have been able to collect only 20 percent of any money made by Krebs.

"It's just another layer to protect me," Crawford said. "I don't want him to benefit from my children's death."

Local attorney Dan O'Neil represented Crawford for free in the case.

Since the state Supreme Court upheld the lower court decision, Crawford's case could be used as precedent for families of victims in similar situations.

"I hope cases like this continue," Crawford said.

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ing industry. He said that all majors have taken the class, and participants don't have to wear heavy protection anymore. Jeffreys said that none of the students wore gloves last quarter because they all felt comfortable around the bees.

Café Poly's beekeeping program had started to die down but has gotten better in the last few years, Jeffreys said. Jeffreys recently brought in his own bees after the former bees started to die out. He said the new bees are considered gentler and produce a "sweeter" honey. Besides making honey and learning the biology of bees, students are able to view the structure of bee communities, Jeffreys said.

"Students can witness the magic that occurs in beehives," he said. As students learn about beekeeping, the class emphasizes the possibility of students becoming commercial beekeepers. Beekeeping is a multi-million dollar industry and essential for many parts of agriculture, Jeffreys said.

"There are mountains of crops that need pollination from bees to survive," he said. "Beekeepers are used with crops such as melons, cucumbers, apples, plums and avocados."

Besides using bees for pollination purposes, Jeffreys said bee stings are now used for medicinal purposes. According to the Web site www.honeyworld.com, some people with multiple sclerosis have found improvements in their health after receiving multiple bee stings.

FRSC 123 still has a few seats open and is held Monday and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., with a lab from 12 to 3 p.m., on Wednesdays. The class is three units.

"This class offers a more interactive branch of agriculture," Jeffreys said. "I'm trying to show the students that beekeeping is a valid business."

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One of the problems with homelessness is the lack of coordination among agencies. Bem said that such agencies need to be on the same page with the same goals in mind.

"This is a community problem, not a government one," he said. "That's what justice is. It is just us."

When asked why the volunteers - Susan Mahlacher, a director of Beyond Shelter, said there should not have to be a specific reason or statistic behind her decision to help the homeless.

"It is another human being," she said. "That is the best reason I can give (for) why I do what I do."

Bem said two of the most significant reasons why people become homeless are due to the increase of pricing in housing and the lack of well-paying jobs in the area.

While several agencies in the community offer support and various resources to clients, Dwe Torres, manager of the Prado Day Center, said that the goal is always self-sufficiency.

Several clients of the local shelter used the forum as a way to discuss their personal experiences of being homeless. Angel Stainbrook, a young mother, shared her story.

"Honestly, I was afraid to go to the shelter," she said. "I thought they would take my children. Some people are afraid to step up and say, 'I need help.'"

D.C. Williams, a former client who was recently able to find housing for him and his son, said that it is everyone's job to help the homeless.

"Just because you are homeless does not mean you are hopeless," he said. "The best feeling in the world is to help someone else. You don't need a thank you. It is a blessing to be able to do it. We need to get down and dirty together. 'We've got a job to do.'"

Beyond Shelter has made it possible for students and clients from the shelter to interact and see that they may have more in common with each other than they might think. Kevin Cleman, a client at the shelter, said the best part about the shelter has been the Café Poly students who take the time to talk to those who use its services.

"I remember one incident when one of the Café Poly volunteers decided to celebrate Richard's little girl's birthday," he said. "There were party favors and the whole shelter was just happy in that moment. It was the first time that no one complained about not eating on time."

As for the family of Kids' other murdered victim, Rachel Newhouse, it does not intend to file a similar case.

"I don't think (the family) could go through the pain," said Stephanie Morreale, Newhouse's aunt. "I don't see file suing any money off of Rachel."

Both families do not have a problem if the case is used in the media in the future as long as it is with good intentions and Krebs does not see any of the money involved.

"I object to it if people use the case for political response to eliminate the death penalty," Crawford said. "I want Krebs to stay on death row or be dead."

If the story were to be the basis of a TV program, Newhouse's parents said they will not watch it, but do not object to the idea, Morreale said.

The case is set to be the idea behind an upcoming episode of ABC's program "American Justice" and may be the basis of a book in the future, Crawford said.
Colorful café captures Caribbean flavor

By Carrie McGourty

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created the imagination. In the streets of Guadalajara, she digested the Latin American spirit. Festive streets of Guadalajara, she walked the streets of Latin America, fresh yellow paint covered the walls, steel stools and 1950s chairs were the elements she had come to offer San Luis Obispo food patrons. Kincaide wasn't satisfied. Within one week of her purchase of the cafe, Kincaide transformed the seemingly unnoticeable interior into a replica of a restaurant in Latin America. Fresh yellow paint covered the walls, the work of artisans garnished the building and the aroma of delicious food invited people to take an enjoyable break from their daily routine.

"I love the South American culture and the colors and artistry," Kincaide said. It is hard to single out restaurants for their uniqueness and excellence in San Luis Obispo. However, Pete's Southside Cafe, located in the railroad station on Osos Street, is distinctly original and authentic in its Caribbean/Mexican cuisine.

New editions

► Pete's Southside Cafe now offers a homemade tamale bar in the upstairs section of the restaurant.
► In collaboration with Central Coast Brewing, Pete's has recently produced its own label of beer named "Parrot Trap." When a customer orders a Parrot Trap beer, it is served in a parrot mug, a demonstration of the cafe's love for giving their customers festivities.

In addition to the excellent menu, the cafe offers a full bar. Kincaide openly boasts Pete's bartending skills. "We have the best margaritas," Kincaide said. Despite the elaborate decorations and ornately constructed dishes, a dining experience at Pete's Southside Cafe costs only about $8 per plate. Whether looking to try some place new or desiring the taste of Latin America, Pete's Southside Cafe is a fresh addition to the palate of San Luis Obispo's restaurants.

Fun FOOD Fact:

What country drinks the most beer per capita?

Searching the word "beer," it was discovered that there are more than 150,000 pages about the popular brew, as well as searchable brewery and pub databases, beer festival and homebrew event calendars and news about beer. Rather than browsing this massive list, a search for "country and consumption" proceeded.

This search returned 2,170 documents, more than enough to find the answer. Specifically an article from Breworld, concerning world drink trends, provided a link to Europe's largest Internet Web site dedicated to the brewing industry. This site claims that the Czechs are the world's leading beer drinkers, downing more than 160 liters a year. However, these statistics were a few years old (1995), so one more search ensued. This time the term "beer consumption" was searched, and the original findings were reiterated.

An article dated Aug. 11, 1999, confirmed that the Czechs are on top when it comes to drinking more than a few brews. The article, "German beer sales continue slide," states: "German beer consumption has declined steadily in recent years. Still, per capita consumption is 127 liters, with only Czech beer drinkers consuming more."

Cheers to the Czechs!
Recipe of the Week

**Mexican Tortilla Meatball Soup**

**Ingredients:**
- 1 1/2 pounds lean ground beef
- 3 tablespoons chopped cilantro
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 2 teaspoons fresh lime juice
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 medium onions, chopped
- 4 garlic cloves, minced
- 4 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 (4-ounce) cans green chilies, chopped
- 2 (15-ounce) cans Italian-style stewed tomatoes, chopped, reserving the juice
- 8 cups chicken stock
- 1 tablespoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 cup chicken stock
- Salt and pepper to taste

**Garnish:**
- Chopped cilantro, tortilla strips, avocado cubes, sour cream, chopped jalapeños, Monterey Jack cheese

**Meatballs:**
Combine the ground beef with the cilantro, garlic, lime juice, cumin, hot sauce and salt and pepper. Form into 1/2-inch balls. Heat oil in skillet over moderate heat. Cook until brown on all sides, about five minutes.

**Soup:**
In a large soup pot, heat two tablespoons vegetable oil. Add onions and garlic and cook for five minutes over low heat until translucent. Add chilies and cook two more minutes. Add tomatoes and their juice, chicken stock, chili powder, cumin and hot sauce. Simmer for 15 to 20 minutes.

In a small bowl, combine flour and chicken stock and whisk into soup. Bring back to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for five minutes. Add meatballs and simmer an additional five minutes.

**Adding tofu to diet can help heart**

By Bryan Burton

(U-WIRE) ATHENS, Ohio—Athens students and Ohio University dining halls are increasingly turning to soy as students, vegetarians and those looking to eat healthy are requesting soy-containing foods.

OU has caught on to the health benefits that soy brings to students’ diets.

"We use soy in our cooking methods and it is a staple item," said Gail Washington, assistant director of menu planning for OU. "We cook with soy for many reasons, one is that many vegetarians request it and the second are the health benefits that soy brings to students' diets."

Washington said food services would like to accommodate more soy dishes and is looking into soy burgers. In the past few months, she has noticed more students wanting soy products and soy becoming a main ingredient in food preparations.

Crumbs Inc. bakery, 94 N. Columbus Ave., uses soy to create a variety of pastas.

"Soy is a nice replacement of eggs since a lot of traditional pastas are made with eggs," said Jeremy Bowman, baker and part owner of Crumbs. "We are even considering tweaking the recipe to add more soy to our pasta."

One of the most popular uses of soy today is for its protein content as a meat substitute. Farmacy Natural and Specialty foods, 28 W. Stimson Ave., has provided soy products to local vegetarians for about 25 years.

"A lot of people eat tofu or tempeh, the most popular forms of soy, as a meat substitute because it's low in fat," said Kate Rutby, head cashier at Farmacy.

Rutby says soy milk is a big seller for vegetarian athletes.

"They provide proteins, estrogen from plants. Some women take them to help with hot flashes."

Incorporating soy into one's diet can be a healthy alternative, but where to begin depends on the person.

"If you are a cook, then switch to soy flour and incorporate tofu in cooking," Aston said. "If you don't cook there are many ready-to-eat products. Tempeh can be a meat replacement and veggie burgers are a good soy alternative."

Soy has no known side effects because of the small amounts in which it is consumed, said Francie Aston, a dietitian at WellWorks in Athens.

Bowman supports the beneficial claims of soy, but recommends not going overboard.

"I was raised a vegetarian and consumed soy and tofu for a large part of my life," she said. "I think there can be a good balance — you would be crazy to have a totally soy diet. Milk, ice cream and whole wheat are very beneficial too."

**Eating Right**

By David Drake

If you have ever wondered how much protein your body needs to stay healthy, fit and strong, you are not alone. There is confusion surrounding our understanding of what exactly protein does for the body. Making matters worse, perhaps, is the false assumption that to be athletic and build big muscles we need to eat more protein in our meals. In the old days, sportspeople were built on eating large portions of meat. Supposedly, meat-eating athletes were stronger, more muscular, and more aggressive.

Today, we know that strength and fitness are built with exercise (not extra protein), and that carbohydrates provide the fuel needed for muscle-building exercise.

But in the transition from a high-protein era to a low-protein one, many athletes have eliminated meat and have also overthought the question of protein. Some have taken the public health recommendations too far to lose saturated fat to the extreme and are surviving on fat-free foods and pastes. The idea of diet may seem ideal, but in addition to being low in protein, it lacks important nutrients such as iron, which is needed to carry oxygen to working muscles, and zinc, which is needed for healing.

Many of these so-called "vegetarian" athletes are simply not meeting the requirements of their diets. They may think they are gaining a competitive edge, but they are actually hindering themselves. They often have lingering colds, nagging injuries, poor recovery from workouts and overall fatigue. A lack of dietary imbalances takes a toll on the body.

We now know that a balanced diet should draw from the major macronutrient groups: protein, fat and carbohydrate. We should get around 15 percent of our total calories from protein, 20 percent from fat and 65 percent from carbohydrates. Naturally, these numbers will shift slightly based on individual and lifestyle requirements, but they work well most of the time for most people.

Protein is essential for building and maintaining muscles, as well as repairing the muscle damage that occurs during exercise. Protein is also needed to make red blood cells, produce hormones, boost the immune (defensive system) and help keep hair, fingernails and skin healthy.

People who are protein deficient complain about having hair that falls out easily and fingernails that grow slowly. They also must consume adequate protein from dietary intakes and overall fatigue, and zinc, to work together: muscles, and zinc, which is needed for healing.

In October 1999, the FDA authorized a health claim for soy protein and heart disease. The FDA said that diets rich in saturated fat and cholesterol that include 25 grams of soy protein a day may reduce the risk of heart disease.

Parts of the soy bean also can be beneficial for women during menstruation.

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Opinion

Letters to the editor

Posters are supposed to be shocking

Editor,

In reply to the letter "Anti-abortion posters were tasteless" of April 1, I must disagree with the author on two counts. The first argument stated that the posters should not offend. The poster certainly did shock and offend, but any poster dealing with the cold facts of biological life and death will do the same, including an intolerable degree of graphic brutality. The picture of the severed head destroys the notion that the fetus is "a lump of tissue" and biologically unique. This supports the argument of the pro-lifers (or anti-abortionists) that their position demands the death of a human if only by tactful approval, and "pro-choice equals death." It is unfair that a woman's body is so heavily committed to the creation of another person (sometimes against her will). However, the rights of a living human to life override the rights of the woman in this case.

Michelle Artman is a science senior.

The horrors of abortion

Editor,

As I was walking across campus last week and came across the pictures of aborted children, I was deeply shocked as it sounds like a number of other students were. I wholeheartedly agree with the idea expressed by Andrea Jochim in her letter, "Anti-abortion posters were tasteless," that those pictures were very difficult to look at. It's easy to start thinking about abortion again, which I'm sure was the desired result. Although it is easy to become angry with people who make such posters, it is not the actions of the pro-choice groups that are killing the unborn. The real problem is the way that some people don't care, people kill people. Apparently, Schroeder's plan to ax her pinkie was religiously motivated, st) one could say that the Bible gave her the idea. The way to stop this is to have a plan to give the children back to their parents or at least to someone who wants them. We should stop allowing rich people to kill children, I was deeply touched, as it sounds like a number of other students were too.

Michelle Artman is an English senior and Mustang Daily sports editor.

Just as a teenager has no more intrinsic value than a toddler does, a baby a few minutes after birth should have no more intrinsic worth than one who is a few minutes away from being born. No matter how much better it sounds, terminating a pregnancy is still terminating a life.

As Jochim has mentioned in her letter, both rape and incest are terrible crimes, and my heart goes out to those women who have been abused. But surely the answer to these crimes should be to punish the attackers instead of killing the resulting babies, who are no more innocent than their mothers. Women should be able to choose many things in their life, but the choice of whether or not to kill a fellow human being should not be one of them.

Ryan Lawrence is a civil engineering senior.

United States should not support Israel

Editor,

I write to the recent commentary appearing in the Mustang Daily calling for unconditional U.S. support of Israel's actions. In the letter, "Israel, America's child," April 1, the author cited the Bible as a source to support his claim. The author then went on to say that "God was with me" at the time of the pinkie sacrifice. Frankly, if I were God, I'd be pissed. Schroeder's plan to ax her pinkie was religiously motivated, st) one could say that the Bible gave her the idea. The way to stop this is to have a plan to give the children back to their parents or at least to someone who wants them. We should stop allowing rich people to kill children, I was deeply touched, as it sounds like a number of other students were too.

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Terrorism on the part of Palestinian militant groups is incalculable and results in the tragic deaths of many innocent Israeli civilians, but the government of Israel perpetuates the violence visited upon its own people by pursuing the same failed, violent, retaliatory tactics. Even Israeli foreign minister Shimon Peres has stated that there is no military solution to the conflict. This is true for both sides, for neither the Israelis nor the Palestinian militants are willing to sit down and maintain their way to a peaceful solution. Israel needs to withdraw all troops from the occupied territories and set into action a plan for full Palestinian independence in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. This will curtail the majority of violence by Palestinian militants, and an independent Palestinian government rather than a strangled and blockaded Palestinian autonomy can deal with those leaving committing violence. There can be peace in the Middle East, no doubt, but only if Sharon's tactics are replaced by rationality and a concern for true, lasting peace.

Clayton Whitt is a social sciences sophomore.

Don't forget out-of-state students

Editor,

Hey, when running an article bemoaning the high tuition for foreign students, how about mentioning that out-of-state students have to pay an equal amount? Space in the newspaper of an American university might be better spent on an article asking, "Why are out-of-state students charged as much as those from halfway around the world?"

Elissa Karplus is an English sophomore.

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Letters to the editor

Animals don’t choose shelters

This letter is in response to the chink murals that could be found on most of the Cal Poly campus on April 8. The ones I found troubling had to do with the animal and homeless shelters. They read, “Do you know there are more animal shelters than homeless shelters?” This is a fact I am not disputing. However, the logic behind making such statements I do have a problem with.

This statement leaves the general public with only one thought: There are more animal shelters and not enough homeless or people.

“Support animal shelters and homeless shelters alike, because God knows they both need it.”

Animal shelters. I’d like to make one observation about animal and homeless shelters alike, because God knows they both need it.

Jeffrey Walker, a construction management senior.

Chavez was American hero

Cesar Estrada Chavez: "... a heroic figure of the 20th century." — Robert F. Kennedy

A person who wishes the soul of his fellow man into hell is filled with hate and vengeance; a man who wishes the soul of Satan himself. It is a defamation of an American spirit.

Cesar E. Chavez was not a man of violence! He was a kind of man who defeated the wealthiest industry in California without guns or knives — he won with the lessons of Martin Luther King Jr. and Gandhi. He was an American hero, a World War II veteran who served his country proudly. He taught social reform through non-violent tactics and community organizing. He stimulated social change for everyone to enjoy. He planted trees of hope, whose shade would only be enjoyed by future generations. An example of his expansive influence is visible when we look at a few statistics. Take, for example, the number of college students in universities today whose parents are farm workers compared with that same statistic from 1979. We can even look at the number of children who are poisoned by pesticides today and compare that with the same statistic from 1979, which is less.

Cesar Estrada Chavez was my grandfather. He, Dolores Huerta, Rufino Contreras and so many other men and women struggled for more — more for themselves, more for their families and more for their futures. The work we carry on today makes it possible for children of farm workers to attend universities all over California, so that they can get out of the fields and go to college — many doing so for the first time in the history of their family!

"La Causa" my grandfather led made it possible for farm workers to look up from the fields and see other places, pursue other goals, to think about the future. He helped Rufino Contreras and so many others develop hope! He brought a hope that Rufino Contreras, Nan Freeman, Juan De La Cruz and Nugi Datualh all gave their lives for, a hope that these four martyrs, my grandfather and so many others took into heaven!

In 1979, Rufino Contreras and fellow organizers went into the fields of Mario Saikhon to speak with farm workers. Mario was known as one of the most vocal and anti-union growers in the valley; he was well known for hiring scabs. The Contreras family had given Mario Saikhon 20 years before they decided to do something more for themselves and their families. They entered the fields in defiance of a court order. They went in to bring the union to their brothers and sisters in the fields, to the strikebreakers and scabs working for the company. Rufino barely stepped into the fields when ranch hands fired 15 rounds at him and his fellow unarmed organizers. Rufino was shot; he died instantly. "... Three ranch hands were arrested, released on $8,000 bail and ultimately cleared of the shooting for 'lack of evidence.' " The ranch hands were represented by a lawyer who practiced law with the son of the presiding judge in the case. The scandal and corruption that laced this case are as visible today as they were in 1979. Was there really any chance for justice? Here I am today, the grandson of Cesar Chavez — praising a great man and his legacy with so many other members in this community. Here we are saying, "Cesar E. Chavez was a hero, a figure for inspiration and strength." We proudly affirm as a community that my grandfather was a man of non-violence. He was a World War II veteran who fought proudly for this nation, during and after his tour of duty. Cesar Chavez was a hero! In fact, he was the first person to receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom, posthumously. My grandfather is a man we should honor and respect. His impact on society surpasses any third party rumors people may spread in an effort to tarnish his life and legacy. And he his work are credited with astounding success and influence for all Americans. We should be proud of what he started and what we will accomplish — there is more to come!

I stand here today with my community and say my grandfather did not threaten anyone’s life in 1979. My grandfather never signed a death warrant and my grandfather never “attempted” to throw molotov cocktails at anyone.

My grandfather was a leader in our community. He fought for farm workers. He fought for our parents. He wanted our parents to have more to give us. Cesar E. Chavez should be memorialized, recognized — even canonized — but not cursed. ¡Que Viva Cesar Chavez!

Eric R. Chavez is the grandson of Cesar E. Chavez and a speech communications alum from Cal Poly, 1999.

Dr. Donna Langston, Dr. Gloria Velasquez, Dr. Phil Fetzer and Sam Cortez are faculty and staff members at Cal Poly.

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Joshua Marino is a construction management senior.

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Regev said suicide bombings should be considered elements of terrorism.

"Suicide bombings don't happen because people are desperate," Regev said, noting the "desperate" situation of people in other areas of the world who do not resort to violence.

"Suicide bombings happen because people encourage it to happen, and it is the infrastructure of terrorist organizations that encourages it to happen. We attack (Arafat's) infrastructure because it's part of the terrorist problem."

A military offensive is necessary, he said, because "you can't give concessions in the face of terrorism. If terrorism is seen as paying political dividends, there will be no motivation to stop it."

At the 2000 Camp David Peace Summit between Arafat and then-Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, "the Palestinians were basically offered it all," Regev continued. "Through peace, there could have been a Palestinian state."

Arafat, however, balked at what Regev described as considerable Israeli concessions, including the establishment of a Palestinian state and control over close to 100 percent of the territory in question.

It raises the question, he said, "What are the Palestinians fighting for?"

McDonal refuted his view, saying although the Palestinians were offered almost all the land they were asking for at Camp David, that land constituted only 22 percent of the Palestinian territory laid out in the original 1948 boundaries set by the United Nations.

"You need two to tango," Raz-Shechter said. "People need to remember that there was no counter-offer (by Arafat at Camp David)."

She also cited instances in 1995-96 where Arafat was able to control some of the Palestinian terrorist organizations under pressure from the international community.

"When he wanted to be could (curb terrorism)," she said.

Regev noted Israel's concern with the encouragement of violence it perceives in the Palestinian media and education system in addition to the encouragement it claims come from the government.

"Arafat's promised to (stop) all this and just never delivers," Regev said. "If you really want peace, why are you cooperating (with terrorist organizations)?"

The spokespeople said they were disturbed by what they characterized as incomplete press coverage of the situation. Regev described news reports he had seen in which reporters interviewed "10 different Israelis and get 10 different opinions" about their government's actions. By contrast, he said, interviews with Palestinians seemed to show a uniform support for Palestinian actions against Israel.

"There are 200,000 people in Ramallah," Regev said. "You can't find one person who wants to criticize Arafat? Of course there are people like that, but they can't speak out. If you don't repeat the party line, you get in trouble."
Diamondbacks beat Marlins

By Jeff Porter

Tiger reliever Jose Mesa pitched a scoreless ninth inning Tuesday night in Arizona to give the Diamondbacks a 2-1 win over the Miami Marlins.

Marlins pinch hitter Craig Davis hit an opposite-field single to left with two outs in the ninth to score the tying run. But Mesa got pinch-hitter Rob Refsnyder on a groundout to end the game.

The victory, which was a rare shutout for the Diamondbacks (15-27), was almost as likely as the second straight five-game winning streak.

The Diamondbacks had the only chance to score an inning earlier when Marlins starter Jose Urena threw 1-2-3 in the third. But Mesa struck out Starlin Castro and wasted a chance on Giancarlo Stanton.

Stanton was hit by a pitch to lead off the third and then watched a throw to first after running to first. Mesa then induced a forceout.

Diamondbacks catcher Miguel Montero said Mesa gave him confidence.

"I thought he did a great job," Montero said. "I think he's got a lot of confidence in himself and he showed that tonight. He gave a good arm slot to the umpire and he was able to get a fastball for a strike and get out of double plays. Those are the type of innings that he gets out of his third and fourth innings."
By Aaron Lambert

As they drew closer to the midpoint in their season, members of the Cal Poly track team can not only taste the conference championship but they can also smell the aroma of the jambalaya that is yet to come.

The importance is looked upon as sending one of its strongest teams in recent history to the NCAA Championship in Baton Rouge. It has three jumpers already holding provisional invites and one on the verge.

The women's team has three throwers that already have provisional invites as well, and neither team has hit the full-season mark yet.

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