Taking teamwork to another level

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For Aaron Lucero, life is like a long-distance phone call. He speaks clearly and coherently, but his comprehension remains below the college level and I always process information slowly. At each moment of understanding, his head jerks straight up. As he replies, his body gradually relaxes until another stimulus is thrown at him. Despite what one might imagine is a frustrating and tiring disability, there is a kindness that never leaves his voice and he is eager to share his story. "My thinking is just a little bit of delayed speech processing," he said. "The challenge that I've had because of it includes my reading and comprehension remains below the college level and I always process information slowly. And I always continue to work hard." Lucero's hard work is one of the reasons he was chosen for the Disability Resource Center (DRC) Student of the Year Award. DRC Assistant Director Steven Krane said, "He's probably one of the bravest, hardest working students I've ever seen in my 10 years here. He was kind of a unanimous decision." Krane said. The DRC Student, Faculty and Administration of the Year Awards have no direct benefits, but they serve to recognize exceptional members of the Cal Poly and DRC community. "In honor is to honor students who are really that outstanding, and in Aaron's case, being from an underrepresented background and a poor family," Krane said. Lucero is the first generation student from a working-class family. Krane has also been Lucero's adviser for the past three years. Lucero remembers one of his first meetings with Krane. "My adviser told me that he was a little worried that I may not be able to handle the quarter system and see Award, page 2

Preface opens its pages to incoming students, community with 'The Lovely Bones'

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College students and members of the community finally have a chance to be on the same page this summer. Preface: The Cal Poly Shared Reading Program welcomes all of San Luis Obispo County to join the campus in the unifying experience of reading this year's selection, "The Lovely Bones," by Alice Sebold. Preface, which was first implemented in 2002, is part of the university's orientation program. WOW. Incoming freshmen and transfers are asked to read a pre-selected novel during the summer, which they review and discuss with volunteer discussion facilitators during the Week of Welcome. Last year, the program expanded citywide to include community discussions of "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini at the San Luis Obispo City-County Library. There was an enormous response. When the program culminated with the author's visit, the audience was the biggest that the Performing Arts Center had ever seen. As a result, the organizers decided to expand the program to the entire county. Libraries across all of San Luis Obispo County will hold volunteer-led discussions of the novel. The program will enable students and residents of the county to share in one experience. Preface Coordinator Patricia Ponce said it is a good venue for interaction. "We hope to get the same level of participation," she said. "It's a good opportunity for both entities to enjoy reading and enjoy each other." Some students who participated in the program said they were glad to have a chance to get a head start on the Cal Poly learning experience. "I think it was a good way to start college-level discussions," said computer science freshman Brian Oppenheim. Ponce said that about 70 percent of students said they read the entire novel. This year she expects the students to respond just as well because the novel they have selected will appeal to many people, due to the issues it tackles. The best-selling novel, "The see Preface, page 7
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FDA ruling first step to cheaper biotech drugs

Paul Elias

SAN FRANCISCO — The approval of the generic form of a biotechnology drug rekindled fierce debate within the pharmaceutical industry and Washington over how federal regulators should handle similar applications as patents expire on billions of dollars worth of drugs.

The high cost of biotechnology medicines — some fetch more than $100,000 annually per patient — have made them an attractive target for generic manufacturers. But Food and Drug Administration officials say they don’t have the authority to approve biotech knockoffs and insisted in its approval Tuesday was of a “follow-on protein product” rather than a generic drug.

Further, the FDA said on its Web site that its approval of the medicine for children with growth disorders Tuesday night “does not establish a pathway for approval” and said Congress needs to pass legislation to give the agency such authority.

Still, generic proponents said the FDA’s action opened the door to generic competition in the biotechnology industry, which is expected to have $60 billion in annual drug sales by 2010.

“This is clearly a model for gaining approval of generic biologics,” said Kathleen Jaeger, chief executive of the Generic Pharmaceutical Association. “FDA has finally acknowledged that science supports the approval of biologic generics.”

Jaeger said the association is working with lawmakers to introduce legislation specifically authorizing FDA to approve biotech generics. Similar proposed legislation has stalled previously.

The newly approved drug called Cienotropin, made by Novartis A.G.’s generics subsidiary Sandoz, is a knock off of the drug Genotropin, made by Pfizer Inc., which opposed the approval. Analysts expect Sandoz to be offered about 25 percent cheaper than Genotropin and win a large portion of Pfizer’s annual sales of $800 million human growth hormone.

“We are reviewing FDA’s actions to determine if further action is warranted or appropriate,” Pfizer said in a statement. “We believe it would be scientifically and legally improper for FDA to rely on clinical and manufacturing information for Genotropin as a basis for approving Sandoz’s somatropin product (Omnitrope).”

The lobbying outfit Biotechnology Industry Organization has argued for a more stringent, lengthy and expensive testing of generic biologic drugs than traditional medicines. BIO said Wednesday it doesn’t comment on specific product approvals but affirmed it call for more extensive human testing of generic biotechnology medicines.

“Unlike traditional drugs, biologics are complex substances produced using living organisms,” said BIO chief executive Jim Greenwood.

The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, which represents drug companies, said it’s reviewing the FDA’s decision.

Most biotechnology drugs are newer and more complex to make than traditional medicines. The FDA is precluded from approving generic versions of biotech drugs by the same law that enabled it to swiftly approve generic versions of traditional pharmaceutical medicines.

At the heart of the conflict is a sharp disagreement over how to determine generic biotech drugs are as safe and effective as their brand-name counterparts. Biotechnology drugs are typically made in living cells through genetic engineering, making it near impossible to make exact generic copies of living things. Traditional pharmaceuticals, on the other hand, are made from off-the-shelf chemicals and are easily reproduced generically.

Generics, drug makers have to simply show the FDA that their pills are equivalent to their brand-name counterparts. The biotechnology industry argues that generic manufacturers should be required to conduct lengthy and costly human tests of its drugs before getting approval.

A federal judge in April ordered the FDA to promptly act on Sandoz’ application after the company filed a lawsuit demanding action on its application. Now that it has won, the company said generic biotechnology drugs in the United States will be key growth driver for Sandoz.

“The approval of Omnitrope is a major step forward in bringing needed clarity to the approval process for follow-on biotechnology medicines in the U.S.” Sandoz chief executive Andreas Rummelt said.
National briefs

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Ohio Supreme Court on Wednesday threw out the death sentence of a man who struggled and stomped a 71-year-old man during a robbery, saying the killers didn’t have “spare my family and many dear friends” the ordeal of a trial.

Troy Tenace, 44, expressed remorse to police in October that he was indicted in October since he was indicted in October.

The 4-3 opinion also noted that.

COLOMBUS, Ohio — A coin dealer and prominent GOP fundraiser at the center of an Ohio political scandal pleaded guilty Wednesday to federal charges he illegally funneled donations to President Bush’s re-election campaign.

Toni Noe, once a powerful political figure who also raised money for Ohio Republicans, is still charged with embezzlement in an ill-fated $50 million coin investment that he managed for the state workers’ compensation fund.

The investment scandal has been a major embarrassment for Ohio’s ruling Republicans and given Democrats a better shot at winning state offices this year, including the governor’s office, which has been under GOP control since 1995.

Investigators do not know whether Noe used money from the state coin fund for campaign contributions.

Noe was charged with exceeding federal campaign contribution limits, using others to make the contributions and causing the Bush campaign to submit a false campaign-finance statement.

Noe, accused of arranging a contribution scheme to raise $45,400, has been under federal investigation since November.

Authorities said Bush’s campaign committee was unaware of the alleged contribution scheme and unknowingly submitted a false campaign report to the Federal Election Commission.

Among the people who donated money that came from Noe were several Toledo-area officeholders and a former mayor.

A lawyer for three friends and associates, who made the campaign contributions in their own names, allowing him to skirt the $2,000 limit on individual contributions.

Noe wrote several checks just under the cap to avoid suspicion, according to prosecutors. All of the checks were written in the eight days leading up to a fundraiser in October 2003 at a downtown Columbus restaurant.

Bush promised on Wednesday that any Marines involved in the alleged murders of Iraqi civilians will be punished.

A senior officer said the case could undermine Iraqis’ support for the presence of American troops.

“If I was troubled by the initial news stories,” Bush said in his first public comments about the deaths of about two dozen civilians at Haditha last January, “I’m mindful that there’s a thorough investigation going on. If in fact, laws were broken, there will be punishment.”

Military investigators have evidence that points toward unproven murders by Marines, a senior defense official said late Wednesday.

The shootings came after a bomb rocked a military convoy on Nov. 19, 2005, near Baghdad. Residents of Haditha said Marines then went into nearby houses and shot members of the Iraqi security forces.

At first, the American military described what happened as an ambush involving a joint U.S.-Iraqi patrol, with a roadside bombing and subsequent firefight killing 15 civilians, eight insurgents and a Marine. The statement said the 15 civilians were killed by the blast, a claim the residents strongly denied.

With some in Congress alleging a cover-up, the Bush administration offered assurances the facts would be made public.

Bush’s spokesman, Tony Snow, urged patience as the Marines conduct what he called a vigorous investigation.

He said a report will come out in a “matter of weeks, not a matter of months” and include public release of photographic evidence.

“We’re going to see everything,” Snow said.

Once that investigation is complete, a senior defense official said Wednesday, Iraq will decide whether to press charges of murder or other violations of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

At the Pentagon, Army Brig. Gen. Carter Ham would not discuss an aspect of the probe, but he stressed the potential harm caused by allegations alone.

“Allegations such as this, regardless of how they are borne out by the facts, can have an effect on the ability of U.S. forces to continue to operate,” said Ham, a deputy operations director for the Joint Staff and a former commander of U.S. forces in northern Iraq.

“We do rely very heavily — and more importantly, the Iraqi security forces rely heavily — on the support of the Iraqi people,” Ham said.

“And anything that tends to diminish or reduce that cooperation is not helpful to what we’re trying to do.”

The toll of Iraqi civilians climbed on Wednesday when two residents, including one being taken to a maternity hospital, died when coalition troops shot at a car that failed to stop at an observation post in a city north of Baghdad.

The U.S. military said the vehicle entered a clearly marked prohibited area but failed to obey repeated warnings.

John Seewer

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Dance troupe to sweep audience off its feet

Kelly Cope

Variable Velocity, a San Luis Obispo-area performance group, will be whirling audiences off their feet tomorrow through the weekend at 8 p.m. in the Spanos Theatre on campus with their performance entitled “From the Mundane to the Sublime.”

According to the group’s Web site, Variable Velocity presents a “powerful performance that bursts at the seams with raw athleticism, emotional immediacy, and kinetic wit. The choreography challenges the intellect, expands the aesthetic norms of dance, and enlivens the stage with unique movement invention.”

Stanton categorizes the show as “a modern dance performance,” with “eight pieces unified in theme, bringing the everyday world to a very artistic performance,” she said.

Incorporated into the night’s pieces will be film, live music, slides, guest artists from Southern California and live vocals from Inga Swearingen, a 2002 music graduate from Cal Poly.

Stanton also added that a humor element will also be apparent.

“There will be lots of surprises, for sure,” she said.

The group officially got its start in January 2001, but Stanton and WARNISHER had already been choreographing dances for shows outside the San Luis Obispo area. Seeking to escape the “commercial” dance popular in the county, they formed Variable Velocity.

Originally, the company started with a small group, but has now grown to about 14 members, with about 20 to 25 people involved in the final production of the show. The group also includes some current Cal Poly students and alumni.

Tickets for the performance are $20 for adults and $14 for students, on sale now at the PAC ticket office.

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Left behind, but left with good advice

A s graduation for some super­
ious is approaching, some of us
less fortunate juniors are
stuck on this wonderful
project as early as possible.

Many of my friends
will be graduating in a
week and leaving me to
find for myself during
times of senioritis (I hear it is a
serious situation), procrastina­
tion, loneliness and most of all,
confusion.

As they get ready to flip their
tassels and get ready to buy
another $90 parking pass, I asked
them what they thought
of fun and enjoyment
of included in your final two quar­
ters of grading classes.

Secondly, enjoy the time with
your friends now while you can. If
I wanted I could take this a differ­
ext way and just hang out with
people all the time and never do
what is important and give into drinking, par­
procrastination. As
ting as this may be,
I'll be having fun times during
those lovely bees on campus, so
give up everything I have
the sooner you get it done
the more time you have to
focus on other academic
areas before graduation.

Finally, don't skip classes. So
many people as they get into the
home stretch of their college
career basically give up and don't
worry about their grades. They
lose sight in what is important and
give into drinking, par­
ting, sleeping and

I have spent four years in
college so far and I don't
want to give into senioritis to
give up everything I have
worked so hard for.

I knew the challenges
of included in your final two quar­
quarters of grading classes. So
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home stretch of their college
career basically give up and don't
worry about their grades. They
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give into drinking, par­
ting, sleeping and

my homework, but I don't think
my parents would appreciate those
grades very much and neither
would I. From what I hear, college
life and the real-world life are vastly
different as sleeping in becomes a
little more difficult, hummer.

Thirdly, see your advisor early.
Don't wait until the quarter before
graduation to discuss your plans
with your advisor. They don't have
the final say in everything and the
disappointment one of my friends
experienced when he found out he
would not be graduating on time
was not the happiest time
for either of us, but it was
his fault for assuming he

Fourthly, do your senior
project as early as possible.

This is next to impossible
for a lot of people, but once
it is a big time consumer,
the sooner you get it done
the more time you have to
focus on other academic
areas before graduation.

Well, for all of the
upcoming seniors, good
luck. I have spent four years in col­
lege so far and I don't want to give
to into senioritis to give up everything I have
worked so hard for.

I'll be having fun times during
the next three quarters, and I am
far from an academic nerd, but I
will be the loser who does the
homework and comes to class.

But hey, at least I know I will
be walking down that aisle on
time and with a better GPA than
a 2.0., hopefully, and trying to
make my senior year be just that,
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Cheers to the class of 2006!
Thursday, June 1, 2006

Welcome to ‘Club Alum’

FAFSA and an understanding that for every hour you bust your butt for school equals two hours of having fun after school. I’m not trying to lure the Ferris Buehler out in everyone, nor am I recruiting for AA, I’m just warning every student after the class of 2006: You must have fun. Whether it’s a long, blurry night at Black Sheep or a belly-aching, sober night at Boomers, everyone needs to laugh and make memories. If you don’t, you risk spontaneous combustions.

Now, with that said, I exhale and think of my future with utter glee. Don’t get me wrong, I’m as scared as the next graduating senior, but I’m also insanely excited. In a matter of 11 days, I will be a full-fledged adult. I know I’ve got past many-a-bar’s velvet rope since I turned 21 in 2004, but now I’m going to pass a different kind of velvet rope, the kind where you flash that class ring to show you are a regular at “Club Alum.”

Sure, I will no longer have the comfort of knowing I have a safe haven in my parents’ house. I’m as scared as the next graduating senior, but I’m also insane with excitement. I’m a graduate, not a grandma. I know what I have dreamed for me, thirty is too far for me to plan right now. So, I’m going to pass a different kind of velvet rope; the kind where you flash that class ring to show you are a regular at “Club Alum.”

I’m a graduate, not a grandma

Living life means more than planning for your life, you might not live out any way.

Walking the plank of graduation

As a graduating senior, there is one question that I hate above all else. It’s the dreaded, “What are your plans for next year?”

Each time I hear it, I have to pause for a minute, allowing the “Dodgeball”-style bit of throw-up that has entered my throat to subside, and forcing back the word vomit that plagued Lindsay Lohan’s character in “Mean Girls” so that a slew of profanities won’t spew out of my mouth and land in the ears of the questioner.

Unfortunately, I can only scratch the surface of discussing what I have planned for the next year. Reasoning is, well maybe not. But I can’t help feeling a hint of disdain for the engineering majors who are met with a plethora of prospective employers at any job fair. Yes, we’re a polytechnic university, and yes, your major is a job for a Big Whosop.

The truth is, I’m not mad at the questioners, or the engineers, I’m vexious because I don’t have an answer yet. This is the first time I’ve ever really had to plan anything so important, and I don’t even know where to start. Is it best to decide where to live and then look for a job? Or do you look for a job and then find where to live? Or find a job first and then relocate accordingly?

With senior project deadlines to meet, finals to study for and graduation announcements to send out, the last thing I need to be worrying about is the rest of my life.
STAFF COMMENTARY

Bicyclists should stick to the driving laws too

I was walking from the parking structure to building 26 and had to cross the street at South Perimeter and Via Carta. Before I stepped into the crosswalk, I looked for cars and other hazards. I had barely stepped out when a bicyclist, in the car lane, came flying by, almost hitting me after ignoring the stop sign. The rider’s action angered me and I wonder why I was wrong or if it was the rider’s fault.

Since this incident, I have noticed bicyclists that don’t stop at stop signs or even stop a moment to see if they need to go through the cross walks, cut across the street illegally and fail to use proper hand signals when turning. There are bicyclists that do obey the laws and have proper riding etiquette but the majority fail in this department.

According to a study done by the University Police Department in 2003, 18 percent of these surveyed rode their bicycles to school daily. Unfortunately, this was the last study done. Since then, gas prices have risen and I am sure the number of people riding bicycles has decreased. I feel that bicyclists riding through campus don’t pay enough attention to the rules and regulations. I went online to check out some rules and regulations for bicyclists and found a government Web site that lists them. I also found that most of my anger is justified.

All of the following laws were found in the California Vehicle Code Sections 21200-21212. I suggest checking them out before riding a bicycle.

The No. 1 problem is bicyclists in the car lane who do not use hand signals. It’s been a couple years since I took my driver’s license test but I am pretty sure I had to know them. The No. 2 action that drives me nuts is stopping at the stop sign. People, we learned that stop signs are to prevent accidents.

What does the other sex have to say?

Love is fun and wild and horrible all at once, and the best thing to do is realize that and then relax. You’ll probably never avoid all the snarls, but that’s part of the thrill of living.
When I was little, I took piano lessons. I started at age 9, and continued through high school. For those nine years, nothing in the world could make me do anything. The thought of standing up in front of a piano and singing music that was not my own was as terrifying as it was exciting. I used to stare at the instrument and wish I could just never have to touch it. I then decided to try it after a conversation with my grandmother. She said she would teach me if I wanted to learn. I was hesitant but finally agreed. To this day, I still find myself reading music and writing songs.

Somehow, my grandmother managed to make me love the piano. She taught me how to read music and how to play different scales and chords. She also taught me how to play the music of my favorite composers, such as Mozart, Beethoven, and Chopin. With her guidance, I began to appreciate the beauty of music and the power it can have on people.

Now, I am a professional musician. I have performed in many concerts and competitions, and I have even won some awards. I have also taught many students how to play the piano. I am grateful to my grandmother for teaching me, and I hope to continue to share the joy of music with others.
Superior Court overrules public worker free speech

Julia Erlandson  
DAILY MUSTANG (DAILY)

LOS ANGELES — The Superior Court ruled Tuesday that free speech rights do not apply to government employees who speak out against official misconduct as part of their jobs, a decision some say could contribute to abuse of power by discouraging whistle-blowers from coming forward.

In a 5-4 decision, with new Justice Samuel Alito casting the deciding vote, the high court ruled that government whistle-blowers could be disciplined for what they say as part of their jobs, but they are protected by the First Amendment when they speak out as citizens on issues of civic discourse.

University of California officials said the ruling would not affect UC employees because the UC already has policies to protect whistle-blowers.

The case involved Richard Ceballos, a Los Angeles County prosecutor who said he was denied a promotion and demoted after he wrote a memo accusing his superiors of lying in an affidavit for a search warrant.

Ceballos filed a lawsuit claiming his employer's actions were unconstitutional because they violated his right to free speech.

The Superior Court decision overturned an appeals court decision in Ceballos' favor.

In his majority opinion for the Court, Justice Anthony Kennedy said government officials have the right to monitor the accuracy and quality of their employees' work.

"Supervisors must ensure that their employees' official communications are accurate, demonstrate sound judgment, and promote the employer's mission," Kennedy wrote.

UCLA School of Law Professor Eugene Volokh said the reason Ceballos' First Amendment rights were not protected in this case is because part of his job was to determine whether law enforcement was doing its job properly.

"If an employee is supposed to, as part of his job, say something or write something, his superiors have the right to consider what he says as part of an evaluation," he said.

Volokh added that once Ceballos' superiors determined his accusations to be inaccurate, they were within their rights to discipline him.

But representatives of national government watchdog organizations said the ruling could discourage government employees from reporting illegal activity.

"In an age of excessive government secrecy, the Superior Court has made it easier to engage in a government cover-up by discouraging internal whistle-blowing," said Steven Shapiro, national legal director for the American Civil Liberties Union.

Jennifer Ward, a spokeswoman for the UC, said the ruling would not affect whistle-blowers within the university.

"Nothing in our policy is going to change," she said. "We already have protections in place, so this shouldn't discourage any whistle-blowers."

The UC's whistle-blower policy outlines a specific process by which complaints must be filed and investigated and includes a section on protections for employees who speak out.

Volokh said it is important to note that the ruling does not completely strip government employees of their First Amendment rights, as they retain all free speech rights so long as they are not speaking in connection with their jobs. Examples of these forms of speech include writing a letter to a newspaper or legislator.

Professors at public universities are considered government employees, and though the ruling did not directly address questions of academic freedom, Volokh said scholarship could be affected in the future.

The Supreme Court did not specify whether professors can be disciplined for presenting inaccurate information to students in their published works, even though presenting inaccurate information is part of a professor's job, Volokh said.

But he added that lower courts have usually upheld scholars' right to free speech in their academic writings.

Gas prices expected to hit $4

Megan Bingham  
THE DAILY MUSTANG (DAILY)

PROVO, Utah — Students may think twice about taking a road trip this summer.

Experts are predicting gas prices to peak at four dollars a gallon this summer, according to an article in the Chicago Sun-Times. Experts say the four-dollar rate is assuming no changes occur in the Middle Eastern situation and no major natural disasters occur like last year's Hurricane Katrina.

The national average for gasoline is $2.93 a gallon, which is 80 cents higher than last summer, according to the American Automobile Association website. While the gas prices have continued to rise steadily this year, it isn't hard to believe prices could hit four dollars.

Like motorists across the country, Provo residents have also felt the pinch at the pump. Prices have gone up by 59 cents since just last month and even though the current $2.90 is below the national average, prices were 69 cents lower last summer.

"I'm shocked and appalled," said Sherwood. "It will just be so expensive to go anywhere."

Sherwood believes there may be a time when a more firm policy will need to be created, but current conservation methods are working well.

"We do a lot of conservation measures and we're trying some different measures to eliminate idle time, but we haven't come out and made another policy," Sherwood said. "We're hoping people use some common sense."

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BASRA, Iraq — Iraq's prime minister declared a state of emergency Wednesday in once peaceful and oil-rich Basra province, where sectarian and militia violence engulfing the country's southern crescent has spiraled out of control.

In his first major policy speech since his government was sworn in March, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki vowed to restore security in Iraq as attacks around the country claimed 25 lives and wounded dozens.

"We shall use an iron fist against the leaders of the gangs or those who threaten security," he said, apparently referring to the militias as well as rival tribal groups. "And we shall ask all security departments to draw up an effective and quick plan to achieve security.

— The Associated Press

HO CHI MINH CITY, Vietnam — The United States and Vietnam signed a trade pact Wednesday that removes one of the last major hurdles in Hanoi's bid to join the World Trade Organization.

The deal would knock down remaining trade barriers between the two countries, which saw bilateral trade rise 21.6 percent to nearly $8 billion last year, by ending U.S. quotas on Vietnamese textiles and apparel and allowing American companies greater access to a growing Southeast Asian market.

The accord comes as Hanoi seeks to reach its goal of becoming a member of the global trading body before Hanoi hosts the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in November, which President Bush is scheduled to attend.

A vote in the U.S. Congress is still needed for the pact to take effect.

— The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghanistan's parliament on Wednesday approved a motion calling for the government to prosecute the U.S. soldiers responsible for a deadly road crash that sparked the worst riots in Kabul in years, officials said.

The assembly passed the non-binding motion Tuesday, after debating Monday's crash in which a U.S. truck plowed into a line of cars, killing up to five Afghans and sparking antigovernment protests. The rioting, often among ethnic Uighur riots, said Saleh Mohammed Sedarji, an assistant to the parliamentary speaker.

"Those responsible for the accident on Monday should be handed over to Afghan legal authorities," Sedarji cited the motion as saying.

— The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — The official Iranian news agency said Wednesday the U.S. offer to join in discussions on its disputed nuclear program was "a propagandistic move."

The Tehran proposes a major policy shift after decades without official public contact between the rival states, and made conditional on Iran agreeing to stop its uranium enrichment activities.

— The Associated Press

MONTREMEIL, France — Riot police deployed in force to a troubled Paris suburb Tuesday night after youths hurled gasoline bombs at public buildings and pelted police with rocks, a stark reminder of last year's more widespread violence.

Dozens of angry and rioting youth officers were stationed in Montreuil, just 10 miles east of such Paris landmarks as the Eiffel Tower or the Louvre, and in the nearby suburb of Clichy-sous-Bois, the flash point of riots last year. A surveillance helicopter buzzed over the region.

While there were no immediate reports of a repeat of the violence of the night before, a firebomb was thrown inside a police vehicle, setting it ablaze late Tuesday. Officers inside escaped and there were no injuries.

The first overnight clashes Monday and the tensions again Tuesday were a stark reminder of the anger that smolder in depressed French suburbs, despite new government efforts to tackle high youth unemployment and racial inequalities following the three weeks of similar, albeit far worse, rioting last fall that shook the country.

National police said nine officers were injured, mostly from rocks and other projectiles, during the three hours of unrest in Montreuil on Monday.

Police said they made three arrests and fired rubber pellets to try to disperse the roughly 100 youths.

The trigger was the arrest Monday afternoon of a suspect in the beating of a bus driver earlier this month, the mayor's office said.

Mayor Xavier Lemoine said he witnessed that first attack on the driver and had interceded to stop it. He joked The Associated Press that about 100 people headed toward his house shouting insults, but police interceded.

He said gasoline bombs were thrown at city hall and that a separate municipal stomach was partially burned. City hall also suffered two broken windows.

The rioting last year started after two youths were electrocuted while hiding from police in a power substation.

Many of those who rioted were from immigrant families, laying bare decades of discrimination and France's failure to integrate immigrants and provide opportunities for underprivileged youth.

Youths from the neighborhood where Monday night's violence broke out said little had changed since then and that their suburbs remain tinderboxes.

"All we need is a pretext for everything to begin again," said Joana, 15. Like other youths in the neighborhood, she refused to give her surname, saying she feared trouble from police or her peers.

Tension in Montreuil has remained high since the majority last month banned teenagers from circulating in groups of more than three, and ordered those to be accompanied by an adult in public. A court later overturned the bans after protests from civil liberties groups.

Youths also blamed stepped-up police patrols in Montreuil for contributing to tensions.

Greens lawmaker Noel Mamere said that after last year's riots, France had simply put "the lid on the pot of its troubled suburbs."

"But it is still boiling and the fire can start again with the slightest spark," he said.

Such violence could loom large as a campaign issue in presidential and legislative elections next year, and tackling youth unemployment and persistent inequalities will be key challenges for President Jacques Chirac's successor.

— The Associated Press

David Rising

BERLIN — A CBS News correspondent was critically wounded by a car bomb in Iraq that killed two colleagues in a Baghdad suburb, a CBS spokeswoman said.

"On the ventilator, it's easier for her to get the oxygen level she needs," the correspondent's girlfriend, Shaw, added.

Shaw said she could not speculate on whether Dozier may be able to go home, but she said patients usually stay at Landshut an average of three to four days before being flown to the United States for further care.

"She has to be stable enough to sustain the flight," she said.

Dozier, who CBS said was wearing a flak vest at the time of the explosion, is being treated for head and lower body injuries, Shaw said.

Dozier was traveling in a U.S. military convoy with cameraman Paul Douglas and soundman James Brolan, both British citizens.

The families of Douglas and Brolan will accompany the bodies of their loved ones to London on Thursday, the network said.

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Wounded CBS correspondent breathing on ventilator, recognizes boyfriend

— The Associated Press

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C U 3S News reported on its Web site that the three journalists — all embedded with the 4th Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division — had been in an armored Humvee.

However, at the time of the blast they were outside on the street, accompanying troops who had stopped to inspect a checkpoint manned by the Iraqi army. CBS said they were wearing flak jackets and protective goggles.

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Aid pours into Indonesian earthquake zone as death toll tops 6,200

Chris Brummitt  
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BANTUL, Indonesia — Medical teams, water and tents were delivered to Indonesia's earthquake disaster zone Wednesday to help about 600,000 displaced people, but many said the international aid was taking too long to get there.

Thousands of tourists and children lined roads clagged with relief vehicles and crooked onlookers, asking money for money so they could buy food. Some stood next to a banner that read: "Don't just look. Help." 

Sixth anniversary quake on Java island killed 6,234 people and injured more than 30,000, the Social Affairs Ministry said.

The main hospital in hardest-hit Bantul district remains overcrowded with patients cramping corridors or sleeping on pieces of cardboard in the parking lot, and doctors complained about a lack of supplies.

The United Nations said the crisis appeared to be easing with the arrival of aid workers from more than 20 countries. Indonesia's president said he had enough confidence in the relief efforts to return to the capital, Jakarta.

"Certainly, a lot more needs to be done," said Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono.

But aid said there had been cleared, the main airport's runway repaired and reopened, and electricity restored in some areas.

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"The conditions are tragic, but the boys and girls were absolutely ecstatic to have us," said Lt. Eric Tausch of a U.S. Marine division based in Okinawa, Japan.

At least 36 human deaths in the past year — 23 in Indonesia and 13 in Thailand — have been confirmed influenza-like illness (ILI) or lab-confirmed cases of pandemic H1N1, the U.N. World Food Programme said.

Many villagers complained they were not getting the help they needed.

"All we got today was a half-kilo­gram tin of rice," said Mohnat, 60, who has a family of four to feed. "It's not enough.''

"We need to commit to a strate­gic approach that recognizes AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis as an emergency that requires an immediate response," said Pet. "In other words, we need to walk a marathon at the pace of a sprint."

According to the report released Tuesday, nearly 40 million people worldwide are living with HIV/AIDS. India now has the largest number of AIDS infections, but the epidemic still remains its worst in sub-Saharan Africa, where the health system continues to decline in the third world. A third of adults were infected in Southern Africa, according to the report.

India's per capita rate is low, at 0.9 percent of its 1.1 billion people. 

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**BASEBALL**

29-27 overall, 10-11 Big West
4th in Big West

**JIMMY VAN OSTRAND, SENIOR** — First Team
All-Conference First baseman, led team in home
runs (13) and RBIs (49)

**MATT CANEPHA, JUNIOR** — First Team All-
Conference catcher, batted .326 and had 35 RBIs

**JOSH LANSFORD, JUNIOR** — Second Team
All-Conference third baseman, led team in batting
average at .355, second in RBIs (39) and third in
home runs (7)

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**GOLF**

**MEN** — 1ST IN BIG WEST

**WOMEN** — 5TH IN BIG WEST

**TRAVIS BERTONI, SENIOR** — 1st all-
Pacific Region team, Big West Golfer of the Year.
No. 4 on NCAA all-time victories list with 11

**DAVID LEWINSKI, SOPHOMORE** — Tied for
fifth at Big West Championships, tied Bertoni for
36th at West Regionals

**ALLISON WING, SOPHOMORE** — Top
women's finisher at Big West Championship (Tied
for 16th), three top-20 finishes and one top-10 fin-
ish

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**MEN'S TENNIS**

14-9 overall, 0-3 Big West Semifinals at Big West tournament

**JOHN NGUYEN, SENIOR** — First Team All-
Conference in singles and doubles (22-8 overall singles record. 25-7 with Brett Van Linge in doubles com-
petition)

**BRETT VAN LINGE, SENIOR** — First Team
All-Conference in doubles, second team in singles,
16-4-2 overall singles record

**MATT BACA, JUNIOR** — Second Team All-
Conference in singles, honorable mention in dou-
bles while teaming with Fred Dewitte

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**SOFTBALL**

27-23 overall, 11-7 Big West 3rd in Big West

**CLAUDIA MODGIL, JUNIOR** — First Team All-
Conference outfielder, led team with .363 batting
average and 37 RBIs, second in home runs (6)

**ROBIN KONTRA, SOPHOMORE** — Second
Team All-Conference pitcher, 11-11 record. 2.57
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**CHELSEA GREEN, SENIOR** — Second Team
All-Conference outfielder, .280 batting average,
third on team in home runs (5) and RBIs (30)

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**TRACK & FIELD**

**MEN** — 2ND IN BIG WEST

**WOMEN** — 6TH IN BIG WEST

**DEBORAH BYER, SENIOR** — Big West 1,500
champion, NCAA qualifier and All-American. 4:40.42
in 400 (2nd in Pac-12)

**WILLIEMENA CORSO, SENIOR** — Big West 100-
hurdles champion, broke the school record in that event
with a time of 13.39. NCAA qualifier

**LUKE LEMAS, SENIOR** — Big West Male
Track Athlete of the Year, Big West steeplechase and
5K champion, fourth all-time in steeple (14:45.59),
NCAA qualifier

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**WOMEN'S TENNIS**

12-10 overall, 6-3 Big West Semifinals at Big West tourney

**SAMANTHA WALLER, SENIOR** — First Team
All-Conference singles and doubles. 7-4 doubles record with Carol Erickson

**CAROL ERICKSON, SOPHOMORE** — First
Team All-Conference doubles, honorable mention
in singles. 20-9 overall singles record

**DANON BEATY, FRESHMAN** — Second
Team All-Conference in singles, 13-11 overall sin-
gles record