

Sports MONDAY

Cal Poly, NMSU Run Over by Gaucho Offensive Attack

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Going to a #22 UCSB women's basketball team game has become like buying a ticket to a horror movie. Unlike a slasher flick, however, the Gauchos are still standing when all the carving is over.

Santa Barbara dismembered two more Big West Conference opponents last weekend. UCSB (13-3 overall, 5-0 in Big West) tore Cal Poly apart 88-46 last Friday at the "Fill the Dome" promotion and continued its scoring spree Sunday with a 76-46 bloodletting of New Mexico State. The Gauchos are now beating Big West competition by an average of 30.4 points per contest.

Last Friday night witnessed a huge turnout in the Thunderdome, and while the 4,366 was a few hundred short of the promotion's goal, the only people who left disappointed were the fans that made the trip from San Luis Obispo.

"It was a great crowd," said UCSB Head Coach Mark French, who would have had to do one of a multitude of humiliating tasks if the crowd had been larger than 4,760. "I could tell there were students there because I heard some 'airball.' I hope they enjoyed themselves and felt at home."

The crowd impressed Cal Poly (7-8, 1-3)

Head Coach Faith Mimnaugh, whose team plays home contests in cozy Mott Gymnasium (cap. 3,000).

"It's a real attribute to Santa Barbara that they brought so many fans out," Mimnaugh said. "We weren't real happy about losing by 40."

Against the Mustangs, UCSB was led by sophomore phenom Erin Buescher. The Rohnert Park native poured in 25 points, pulled down 12 rebounds, dished four assists and tallied three steals and one block for good measure.

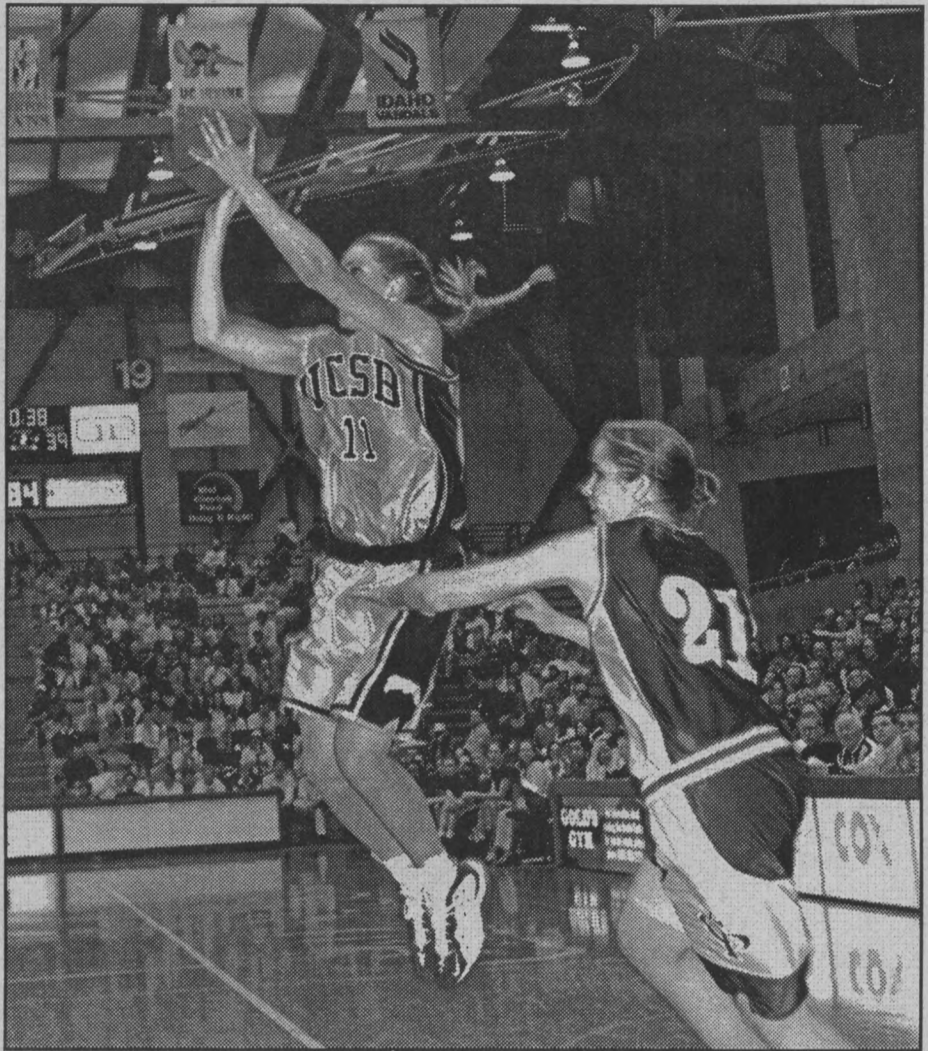
As usual, Buescher wasn't the only star of the evening. Junior point guard Stacy Clinesmith added 15 points with marksman-like precision. Clinesmith shot 62 percent for the game, including a six-point first-half spurt in a span of 47 seconds. Juniors Kristi Rohr and Tawnee Cooper added 14 and 11 points respectively.

French described his team as having good moments on the court with play that he called "artistic," but he thought it could have been a more even performance.

"We had some nice runs, but it seemed like a quiet 88 points," French said. "There were a lot of fouls and stoppages of play."

Sunday's victory over the New Mexico State Roadrunners was another unaesthetic

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CAUTION: FLYING PIGTAILS: The Gauchos, led by sophomore Erin Buescher, crushed Big West foes Cal Poly and New Mexico State last weekend.

UCSB Unable to Contain NMSU Long-Range Bombers in 2nd Half

BY MATT HURST
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Three might be considered a favorable number for the UCSB men's basketball team after the three-straight contests it took on the road over the past week. And, after eight consecutive losses to begin the year, it was a three-game winning streak that turned things around for the Gauchos. However, in Saturday night's game, it was the three that was unkind to UCSB.

With New Mexico State (14-5 overall, 6-0 in the Big West) on Saturday night in the Pan American Center in Los Cruces, N.M., UCSB (6-10, 4-2) was looking to make it a clean road sweep after taking its first three games on the four-game, two-week road swing. But, NMSU would have nothing of that sort, soundly beating UCSB 83-61.

Santa Barbara was in control through the first 20 minutes, holding a 36-32 half-time lead. However, when the horn sounded for round two of the match, the Aggies came out firing bombs.

"They've improved tremendously since the start of the season," New Mexico State Head Coach Lou Henson said. "It didn't surprise me at all that they led at halftime. We just played a superb second half."

Superb indeed. The Aggies torched Santa Barbara for 51 second-half points,



Eric Channing hitting the Gauchos with a barrage of three-pointers.

Led by freshman Eric Channing, who hit four-straight treys, and junior Billy Keys, NMSU went on a 19-8 run to start the second half, ensuring its victory. UCSB could not recover and never got closer than 11 points. Channing finished with six threes on

the night, and Keys added another five, helping the Aggies finish with 13 bonus bombs in 23 attempts from downtown.

"They hit five of their first six [three-point attempts] at the start of the second half," UCSB Head Coach Bob Williams said. "That changes the whole complexion of the game. Suppose they hit two of six. That's nine points right there."

Coming into the game, New Mexico State led the Big West in three-point shooting and was ranked 16th nationally, hitting 40.7 percent from behind the arc. Yet, it was Aggie senior Charles Gosa who led all players in scoring with 22 points, all of them coming from inside the arc, and most from inside the paint.

UCSB point leader throughout the season and again on Saturday night was senior B.J. Bunton. Bunton scored 16 points with seven rebounds on eight-of-14 shooting. But it was the defensive presence that kept Bunton in check and unable to carry the Gauchos to victory.

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Black Tide Roll Past Competition

BY MARVIN GAPULTOS
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The UCSB men's Black Tide ultimate Frisbee team continued its dominance as it washed away the competition on Rob and Storke fields this past weekend.

The Santa Barbara Winter Ultimate Frisbee Tournament featured the usual powerhouses of Stanford and UC Santa Cruz, but the Black Tide demonstrated why they are the defending national champion ultimate team. On Saturday, UCSB eased to victory in three of its four matches. In the early game, the Tide shut out Sacramento 13-0 in front of Santa Barbara supporters that crowded the sidelines throughout the day.

"We played great all day," graduate student Dan Schneider said. "The sidelines were packed [with fans], so that helped us out a lot. Tommy Burfeind also had a great game and made some great offensive decisions."

UCSB cruised to easy wins in its next two games, beating the Stanford B team 13-1 and UC Berkeley 13-0. However, the Black Tide ran into some trouble in its feature match against perennial rival UC Santa Cruz, only crawling past the Banana Slugs 13-10.

"They played us really well," Schneider said. "They had some silly turnovers though, and we were able to capitalize. We're a solid team all the way through. So any one on our team can be called upon to handle the disc."

Senior captain Burfeind felt that Santa Barbara's physical shape was key to the

Tide's victory over Santa Cruz.

"The game went back and forth, but then we just wore them down," Burfeind said. "We were just a better-conditioned team, and that showed down the stretch."

On Sunday, Santa Barbara continued its dominance on the Frisbee field. In its first match of the day, UCSB had to overcome an early 4-3 lead by Las Posas College. The Black Tide then gained momentum and went on a 10-1 run to beat Las Posas 13-5.

"We started out kind of slow, but then we just fired it up," senior James Studarus said. "There were a lot of rookies from last year that are now playing like veterans. This team has a lot of depth. So we just used our depth to shut [Las Posas] out in the second half."

With the victory over Las Posas, UCSB faced Cal Poly in the semifinals. Again, the Black Tide was able to crush its competitors, handing Cal Poly a 13-5 loss.

"We pretty much stomped them," Burfeind said. "They only had three good players. So we put our best defenders on them and shut them down."

With few obstacles in their way, the Black Tide had no problems getting to the finals of the tournament Sunday evening. However, Mother Nature had other plans. UCSB would have had a showdown with the Stanford elite team, who beat UC San Diego 13-10 in the semis, but the final game was canceled due to rain.

"That would have been a great game," Schneider said. "Now we probably won't face [Stanford] 'til later on in the year. So we will just have to wait until then."

Sporting Events Calendar

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
No events scheduled	No events scheduled	Men's volleyball vs. Laverne Rob Gym 7 p.m.	Women's basketball @ CSUF 7 p.m. Men's basketball vs. CSUF Thunderdome 7 p.m. Baseball vs. CSUN 2 p.m.	Men's volleyball vs. CSUN 7 p.m. Baseball vs. CSUN 2 p.m. Women's tennis vs. North Texas 1:30 p.m. Men's tennis vs. Nevada 2 p.m. Men's gymnastics @ Cal 7:30 p.m.	Men's gymnastics @ Stanford 7:30 p.m. Women's basketball @ UCI 7 p.m. Women's gymnastics @ UCLA 7 p.m. Men's basketball vs. UCI 7 p.m. Baseball vs. CSUN 1 p.m. Men's tennis vs. BYU 11 a.m.	Men's tennis vs. SDSU 12 Noon

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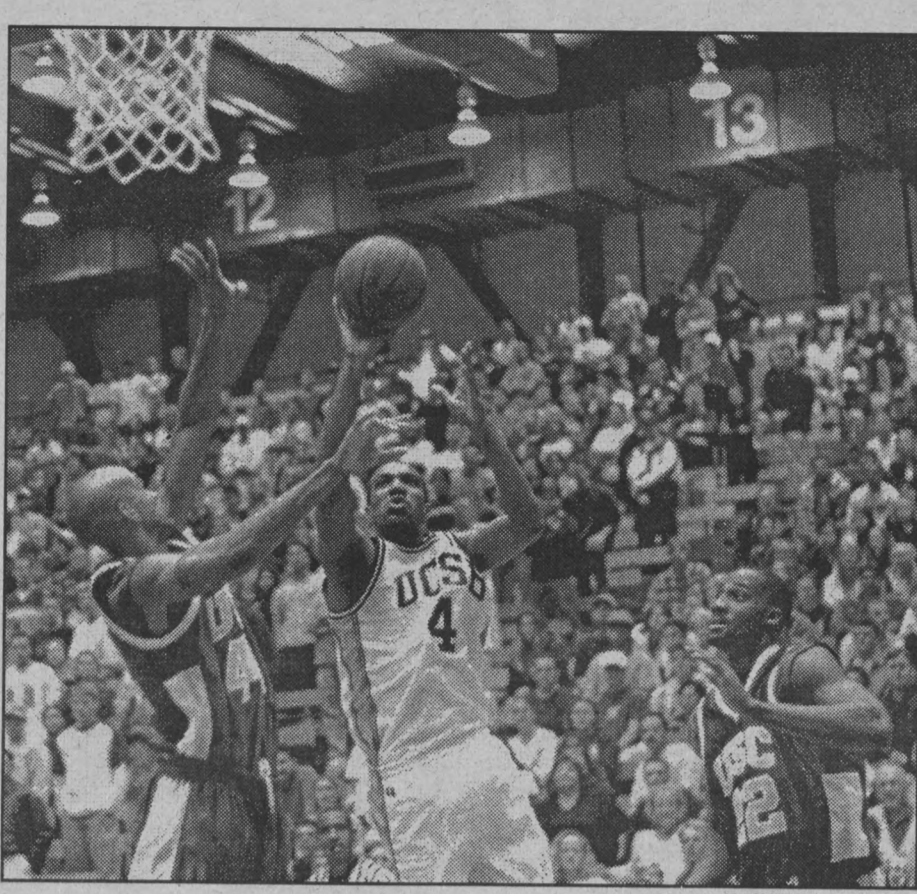
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[Senior Aaron] Brodt did a super job defensively," Henson said. "Bunton still scored a lot of points, but he could have scored more if it weren't for Aaron."

Williams continued on Henson's point. "B.J. would have had to have one helluva game for us to win this one. He would've needed Wilt Chamberlain-type numbers."
Channing, Keys and Gosa all scored 20 or more points, virtually taking the

Aggies to victory on their own. Channing finished with 21 on 6-of-11 shooting — all three point attempts. Keys totaled 20 with seven boards and five steals, and he was 5-7 from downtown. No other NMSU player scored more than six points. UCSB junior Erick Ashe finished with 14 points, going 3-6 from behind the arc, and sophomore Brandon Payton added 12 on 5-10 shooting.
"We just don't have the firepower to keep up with a team that can shoot like that," Williams said.



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CHRIS & CO: Sophomore Chris Lynch and the UCSB men's basketball team were barged by an arsenal of three-point bombs Saturday in New Mexico.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame
The UCSB baseball team will begin its season this Thursday in Cesar Uyesaka Stadium @ 2 p.m. The Gauchos will face the Matadors of Cal State Northridge.

Men's Tennis Update
The UCSB men's tennis team — ranked 31st in the nation — was defeated on Saturday by #28 Tulane, 6-1. The loss is the Gauchos' second-straight, and it puts their record at 0-2. Last week, UCSB dropped its opener to USC.
In singles play, UCSB junior Simon Shen, who is currently ranked 76th, won the only point for Santa Barbara, defeating Tulane's Ron Kloppert 7-6, 6-4.
Senior Cory Guy of UCSB was defeated by Robert Samuelson 7-5, 6-4. Guy and Shen teamed up for the Gauchos in doubles play but were defeated 8-4 by the Tulane duo of Kloppert and Samuelson.
Santa Barbara will next face Nevada on Jan. 29 at UCSB's courts at 2 p.m.
— Nexus Staff Report

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CSUN Drowned by Gauchos

BY MATT HURST
Staff Writer

After getting swept in both ends of a dual meet two weekends ago, the UCSB men's and women's swim teams returned the favor this past weekend, downing both of Cal State Northridge's teams at Matador Pool.

The men's squad defeated the Matadors 178-76, behind a good all-around team effort, and the UCSB women's team pulled out a 184.5-109.5 victory.

Santa Barbara used big days from a pair of freshmen, David Madden and Kim Feig. Madden won the 1,000-yard freestyle in 9:49.69 and took first place in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 2:00.07. Feig edged out Northridge's Laura Luellig in the 100 back 1:01.19 to 1:01.34 to win that race, and took first in the 200 back with 2:13.47.

"It feels OK," Madden said. "I was the only [UCSB] guy in the 200 back. I kind of go out fast, and if they run me down, fine, but they didn't. But, we went and had a good time."

Feig added, "It felt really good. The other [UCSB] girls that swim the backstroke

swam in off-strokes so I didn't get to compete against them. But, winning is a good thing for us, it makes us feel a lot better."

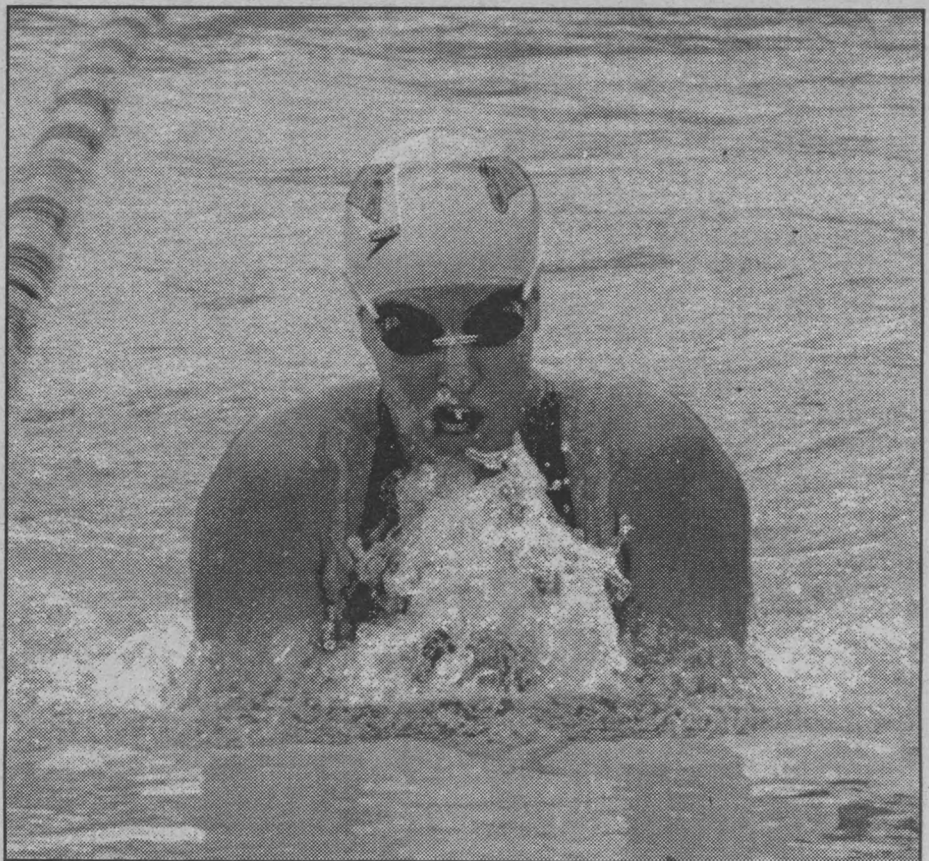
After dropping both their meets two weekends ago, both UCSB teams were glad to get back on the right track, even if it meant playing Division II Cal State Northridge.

"We knew going into the meet that they don't have a very strong program," said senior Carl Larsen, who took first place in the 500 free in 4:32.8. "We scored big points and did damage in the pool. We had a few best times, and it was like redemption. We had a lot more spirit this time around."

Larsen's victory just proved more of the obvious about him. After already qualifying for an Olympic and an NCAA trial, the senior finished more than 15 seconds ahead of the next closest finisher in the 500 free.

"I have been concentrating on distance events," Larsen said. "I've improved a lot since last year. I carried it on into the 500 and not-so-distance events."

Next up for the Santa Barbara men's swim team is a meet Friday, Feb. 5, at Stanford, and the women will host a meet Saturday, Feb. 6, at Campus Pool against San Diego State.



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DON'T FORGET TO BREATHE: The UCSB men's and women's swim teams traveled to Cal State Northridge last weekend and outswam and outscored the Matadors.

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slaughter in which NMSU Head Coach John Sutherland quipped following the game that he wished his team "could've third-down punted."

Santa Barbara rolled over the Las Cruces school, holding the Roadrunners (4-12, 1-4) to 31 percent shooting for the game. The Gauchos, after being outbounded by Cal Poly on Friday, had a rebounding margin of 10 on Sunday.



Stacy Clinesmith

"In the first half, we boxed-out as well as I've seen any Gaucho team do in a long, long time," French

said. "There were a couple of occasions that I thought the ball was going to fall to the floor because we were so focused on getting into the players we were guarding."

French also singled out the strong play of sophomore center Nicole Great-house, who dominated the glass with 12 rebounds.

Buescher once again was the high scorer with 18 points. Cooper slashed and shot her way to 17 points, while Rohr contributed a steady 13 points.

Rohr, a Santa Ynez native

and All-Big West First Teamer, continues to be a stabilizing force for the Gauchos who are still without the services of senior team-leader Stephanie Shadwell (back injury).

Rohr averages 14.7 ppg and 5.6 rpg, and she is shooting 50 percent from the field and 75 percent from the charity stripe.

"I'm not the flashy, driving, slashing type," Rohr

said. "I don't have those moves in my repertoire, so I just do consistent, basic stuff. But it does the same thing, it gets two points."

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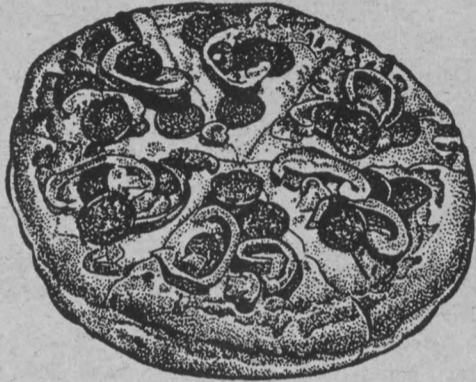
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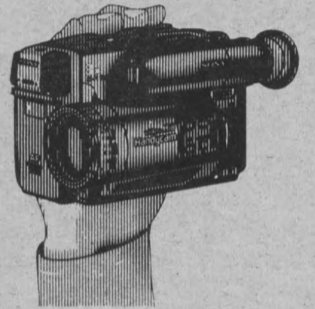
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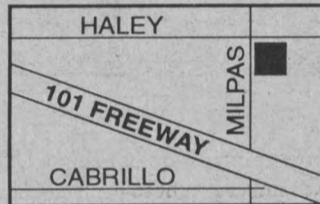
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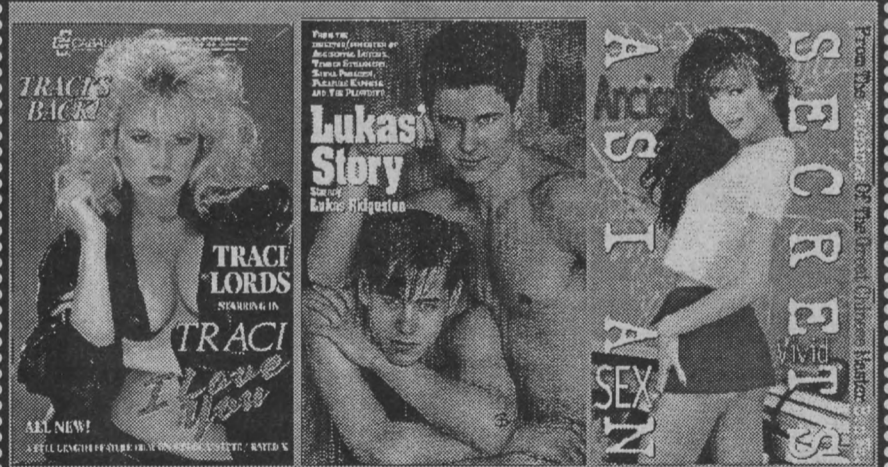
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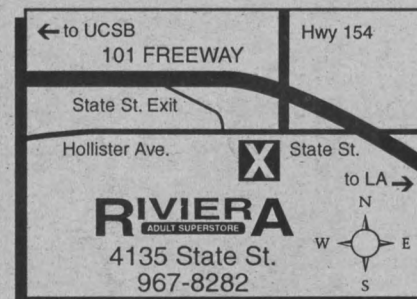
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