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Highway 101 Still Closed; Rocket Fuel Clean-up Underway

By Ross French
Staff Writer

Highway 101 remained closed through part of northern Ventura County on Tuesday as work crews continued to clean up hazardous materials released during a train derailment Sunday.

The accident left 12 cars piled up against a highway overpass support and forced the evacuation of approximately 350 Seacrest residents when a train derailed, spilling aqueous hydrazine onto the freeway, according to Ventura County Sheriff's Department spokesman Hank Chandler.

The spill also caused headaches for motorists, lengthening the 40-minute trip from Ventura to Santa Barbara to as long as seven hours.

Approximately 440 gallons of the jet and rocket fuel leaked from eight punctured 55-gallon drums that were being transported aboard a Southern Pacific Railroad train. Eight other barrels were discovered to be punctured, but were not leaking, Chandler said.

Hydrazine fumes can cause blistering, itching and swelling of the eyelids, skin, nose and throat. Nausea, dizziness and



headaches could also result from contact.

"It's a nitrogen-hydrogen compound and has a lot of stored energy," UCSB chemical engineering Professor Robert Rinker said. "It's a toxic material, and you certainly don't want to breathe it."

No residents were injured as a result of the leak, but three members of the news media were treated for exposure to fumes, according to Chandler. Evacuees were being escorted back to their homes Tuesday to acquire necessary possessions and check on pets, but no one will be

allowed back permanently until the cleanup is complete.

As for lasting effects of the spill on the area, UCSB chemistry Professor Peter Ford does not believe the spill will cause problems like the Dunsmuir accident two weeks ago, when another train derailed, spilling 19,000 gallons of toxins into the Sacramento River in Northern California. "I don't think it will likely cause any long-term problem," he said.

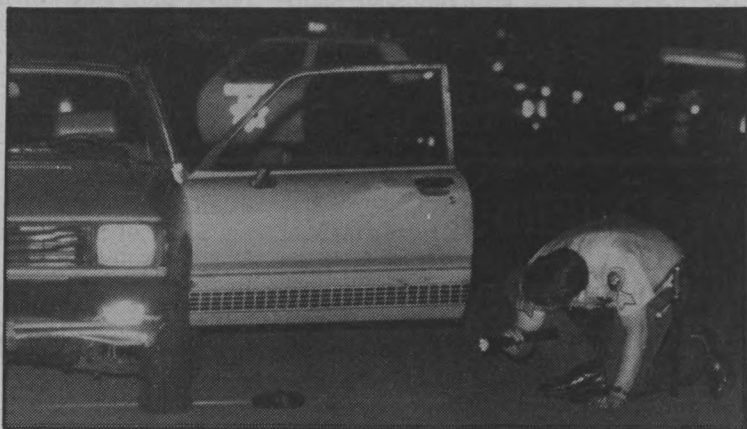
The highway will remain closed for at least 36 to 48 more

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A baseball cap, flashlight and bloody rag mark the spot (above) where a suspect fell after being shot in the chest by an undercover sheriff's deputy. Another officer (right) inspects the scene where the shooting occurred.

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Deputy Cleared in I.V. Shooting Incident

By Dan Hildale
Staff Writer

A Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department review committee found yesterday that an officer involved in the Friday shooting of a San Diego man was clear of any wrongdoing in the incident.

The shooting, which occurred early Friday morning on the 6600 block of Abrego Road in Isla Vista, resulted in a gunshot wound to the chest of Walter Stetter of San Diego when he and a friend were involved in a prolonged brawl with two undercover police officers.

According to sheriff's department spokesman Tim Gracey, the shooting occurred when Stetter and friend Steven Robert Monday, both allegedly intoxicated, attacked a slow-moving undercover patrol car and assaulted a sheriff's deputy and a UCSB police officer. According to Gracey's account, the two men surprised the officers, and when Stetter grabbed the deputy's flashlight and began beating him with it, the deputy shot him with a single nine-millimeter slug above the right nipple.

"It's been pretty much dealt with. The Shooting Board met and decided that the officer was

justified in the shooting," Gracey said.

The deputy's name is being withheld for the duration of the investigation.

Gracey added that the assailants were apparently unaware that the men were law enforcement officers, and that the officers could not get their badges out to identify themselves prior to the attack.

"They picked the wrong guys to jump," Gracey said. "Not that anyone else would have been the right guy."

Stetter is in good condition and has been moved from the

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Second 'Cheadle 200' Trial Slated to Commence Today

By Jason Ross
Staff Writer

Jury selection in the second "Cheadle 200" trial was completed Tuesday, though only one of the six defendants originally scheduled to appear will be going through courtroom proceedings.

Opening statements for the trial of defendant Carrie Cronenwett, who was arrested for trespassing along with 198 others at a January anti-war sit-in in Cheadle Hall, are expected to begin today.

In the wake of a July 19 guilty verdict in the first "Cheadle 200" trial, three of the six defendants in the new trial accepted a plea bargain from the district attorney last week, pleading guilty to the lesser charge of disturbing the peace.

The charges were dropped against another defendant, while a fifth was bumped down the schedule of trials — which are expected to run well into November — for more than 100 remaining defendants.

Among those pleading out was defendant Karen Zapata, one of the organizers of the sit-in. "She felt, after thinking about it, that to tie up the resources of the county was not morally acceptable," said attorney Bob Sanger, who was representing Zapata.

Defendant Javier Elizondo took the D.A.'s offer because he plans to leave the country next month, according to his attorney, Sam Eaton.

But the plea bargaining was viewed sceptically by convicted demonstrator Hilary Kleger. "It's everyone's choice to make, but I have a problem with the 'disturbing the peace' charge. We weren't disturbing the peace," she said.

Defendant Eric Jensen had charges against him dropped last week, claiming he had police permission to be in the building after hours as a reporter for the *Inside Wave*, according to his attorney, David Krieger.

Krieger claimed that the dismis-

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SB County's Foster Parents Claim Lack of Funds Leaves Them Cold

By Jeff Kass
Staff Writer

Though life at home was less than perfect, "Susan" hadn't planned on leaving. But the 14-year-old Goleta girl had no choice when she found herself abandoned last October. Her mom went to prison for hitting her older sister, her sister moved in with a boyfriend and her dad is long gone.

Susan became one of Santa Barbara County's 383 foster children. While the majority of these kids move in with friends or distant family members, some, like Susan, have nowhere else to go.

She was placed in the care of Marge and Dyrone Allred, who run one of the two "temporary and emergency" shelters in the county, with space for 12 children. The shelter's location and the child-

ren's names are confidential for protection of the children, whose parents do not know where they are.

Nine-year-old "Michelle," for example, moved in with the Allreds last December when authorities discovered that her stepfather was beating her. "They told me I was too much of a problem, I was always being bad," Michelle said of her parents.

When she first moved in with the Allreds, Michelle was nervous. "I was scared. But when I got used to it, I liked it."

Added Susan: "(The Allreds) are the best. They're the parents I never had. ... Marge is a really nice lady. She'd give you the shirt off her back."

Maybe so, but the Allreds — as much as they love providing foster care — have said they are feeling an ever-tightening financial strain

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Faculty Comments on Uehling's Performance as Chancellor

By Jeff Kass
Staff Writer

With a confidential review of Chancellor Barbara Uehling underway, some faculty are predicting that evaluations of UCSB's top administrator will bring forth everything from troubling concerns to earnest praise.

Faculty members were asked to submit written evaluations of the chancellor to a five-member Confidential Review Committee during Spring Quarter, sparking some speculation as to what kinds of concerns would surface during the process.

Professor J. Sears McGee, chair of the history department, believes the faculty will present members of the review committee with a wide range of feelings about Uehling's tenure at UCSB.

"Opinions are going to vary, depending on the issue," McGee said. "I've heard complaints on a lot of different issues. ... (But) I can't think of an issue we (the faculty) would agree on."

Several professors interviewed believe the faculty will probably take up the claim that Uehling has been unresponsive to students and faculty, while others approved of her efforts to further campus development.

English Professor Frank McConnell was among Uehling's critics, citing the arrest of the "Cheadle 200" war protesters as an example of the chancellor's administrative shortcomings.

"When students were protesting the Gulf War, the

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Sanford Gerber
professor, speech and hearing sciences

chancellor's statement (during a peace rally in Storke Plaza) was completely inadequate," he said. "It was cold, unemotional and unresponsive to the students, and it failed to express sympathy toward what the university teaches students they should do — take a moral stand."

McConnell's concern that Uehling is taking a very "hands-off" approach to her leadership at UCSB was not the only voice of criticism.

"The place is absolutely falling apart — the vice chancellor (of academic affairs) quit, the dean was shoved out, the only Nobel Laureate quit, programs are shutting down and departments are closing," said speech and hearing sciences Professor Sanford Gerber, referring to a rash of resignations and cuts over the last year.

"Her management style may be more 'hands off,' and that may be legitimate," said Gerber, whose department has been flagged for elimination. "(But) I don't see her as involved in what's going on as her predecessors."

In the same vein, sociology department Chair Richard

Applebaum said he would suggest that Uehling work to provide more new programs for students. "My only suggestion would be for more pro-active projects — a global studies program, a community-oriented law school — programs that draw on our strengths and that are visible," he said. "I'd like to see more vision."

Other faculty members voiced their praise for Uehling's accomplishments during her four years on campus.

"I think academic planning is much stronger than before," said Roger Woods, associate dean for the College of Engineering. "I'm not one that believes you pick your chancellor for his or her ability to administrate and not for scholarship, but you can't have everything," he said. Woods also disagreed with some critics who have tagged Uehling as unresponsive to the faculty.

Despite any opinions they had about Uehling's time here, some professors were split as to whether their comments will have an impact.

"I think the review process can really make a difference. ... I'm sure it will be very carefully undertaken," psychology Professor Charles McClintock said.

Applebaum, however, was more pessimistic. "Sometimes I think these things are just going through the motions."

McGee added that because the deadline for faculty evaluations fell at the end of Dead Week last quarter, many professors may not have found the time to submit their observations.

Man's Suicide Attempt Stopped by Authorities

By Anita Miralle
Staff Writer

An Isla Vista man, allegedly depressed over a foiled romance, was persuaded down from a Del Playa rooftop after three hours of tense coaxing by the I.V. Foot Patrol Monday.

The deaf and mute man was first seen at approximately 9 a.m. Monday, when residents of 6741 Del Playa noticed him wandering around the property and adjacent lot. At 10:45 a.m. they saw him climb a ladder to the top of the two-story apartment building.

One of the residents of the complex, Asher Maslan, confronted the man, but quickly realized the man's impairments. "We got a pad of paper and pen and he wrote down that he worked for the landlord and was going to do work on the house, so we let him go on the roof," Stephanie Bata-vick, Maslan's roommate said.

Once the man reached the roof he indicated to Maslan and other occupants that he planned to jump.

The residents called the foot patrol and fire department, who continued writing messages to the man until Jo Black, executive director and sign language interpreter for the Independent Living Resource Center, was reached to translate messages into sign.

For the next two hours, foot patrol Lieutenant Ken Shemwell and the man's roommates tried to talk him down, while he asked for his friends to be reached and signed "Fuck the world" to Black.

The man was eventually talked down from the roof and escorted by police from the scene unharmed. He was advised by authorities to seek stress counseling.

Black credits Shemwell for convincing the man to come down. "Ken made a good connection and proved to him that people were really sincere," she said.

Shemwell, who found communication troublesome due to the man's impairments, said, "The situation was difficult and frustrating for both (the man) and myself. It was difficult to let him know we really care."

According to the man's roommate, Bobby Blair, he had been under a great deal of stress from work and was having difficulties in his relationship with girlfriend Deborah Roland, but never discussed what was bothering him.

A rejected marriage proposal was the latest blow to the man in what Blair and Roland described as a disintegrating

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Foster guardians Anna Aganaros (left) and Margaret and Dyron Allred take a break as their foster children watch television in the background.

FOSTER: State Reimbursement Often Ineffective

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without receiving enough government support. The state provides between \$345 and \$484 per child each month to cover food, clothing and transportation costs. The Allreds get an additional \$290 retainer fee from the county for each bed they offer, occupied or not.

Still, Marge said the financial help isn't always enough. Although the Allreds cut corners when they can, "Sometimes we must make up the difference with our own money," she said.

Bob Montgomery, deputy director of Santa Barbara County Social Services, also said that many foster parents must struggle to make ends meet. "The state has underfunded (foster parents) the past three to five years, which was picked up by the county. Now (the county) can't do it anymore," he said.

Not only is there a monetary shortage, but a space shortage as well. "People are afraid to be foster parents. Some might think they're not good enough, some are just selfish," Marge

said.

Consequently, "temporary care" rarely translates into a short stay. Michelle, for example, has already been with the Allreds seven months; and Susan, almost 10.

"Children are not supposed to be there longer than 15 days ... and it may be extended to 30," said Virginia Scott of Santa Barbara County Protective Services. In truth, she said children often stay as long as a year.

"They get attached to you and it's hard to just let go," Marge said.

When possible, reuniting the family is the foster care system's ultimate goal, Montgomery said. As such, the Allreds' household sometimes serves as a pit-stop of sorts for children while families work out problems.

However, in many cases — like Michelle's and Susan's — an easy answer is not forthcoming. While the Allreds plan to continue providing for the two, they worry about the future. "Problems are increasing, work is not letting up," Marge said.

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Weather

Clouds, sunshine, clouds, sunshine ... the weather around here resembles some sort of rotating yin-yang these days. Although yesterday was probably a god-send for the pasty-skinned, black-shod, fingernail polish-wearing Bohemian-types who can communicate soul-wrenching angst simply by smiling wryly at you and then sighing, I have asked the Delphic Oracle who visits me during my midday naps and she says that volleyball shorts, smart-looking sandals and upside-down visors may come in handy this afternoon. Boy, there sure have been some nice sunsets lately.

WEDNESDAY

High 73, low, 56. Sunrise 6:17, Sunset 8:08

THURSDAY

High 75, low, 55 Shorter days — zero entropy's coming!

I.V. Recovery Center Gears up for Fall

By Lisa Nicolaysen
Staff Writer

As the beginning of another busy school year approaches, counselors at the Isla Vista Recovery Center are honing their skills so that they can help students seeking to recover from the destructive habits they have acquired over the summer.

Since the center's opening on May 18, there has been an increase in the number of students who attend the many Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous meetings provided by the service, center partner Pat Lenard said.

Lenard believes that I.V. is a breeding ground for alcoholics, who are in real need of the services offered by the center. "While students are here experimenting with alcohol, the possibility exists for them to cross the imaginary line from use to abuse," he said.

"We opened up with a flourish. We've had training sessions and it's our kind of

"The center has shown me I don't have to live the way I was living. My college drinking was getting out of hand."

Dave McKenzie
UCSB senior

'start-up' time. We're focusing on getting our peer counselors honed this summer, they're just getting their experience in a more mellow time," Lenard said.

According to Lenard, on a good night the center's "12-step" meetings draw as many as 25 participants.

UCSB senior Dave McKenzie is one of those who attends the Alcoholics Anonymous meetings regularly. He has been coming to the center's meetings for over a month now and is testimony to the problems of alcohol and drug abuse among college students.

"The center has shown me I don't have to live the way I was living. My college

drinking was getting out of hand," he said.

McKenzie explained that the real value of the center is its accessibility. "The people who put it together are good people. By welcoming and encouraging me, they've given me an opportunity to talk to people who are going through the same issues as me," he said.

The center intends to get a professional psychologist who is a recovering addict to help in counseling. "We have to have that in place by the time school starts," Lenard said.

The primary source of income for the center will be the social events it hosts. "People in our group meet-

ings make donations. People have been very generous — in effect we've become user-supported," Lenard said.

Center board member Rick Restido believes that the success of the center is hard to measure at such an early stage. "It's too early to tell. A lot of people have stuck around who have gotten their first taste of recovery," he said.

Restido said that the goal of the center is to show people that there is life after recovery, a particular problem in I.V., since it tends to be an environment saturated with drugs and alcohol.

Since 50 percent of the center's users are students, the center will begin to host dances and barbecues once the school year begins, with an event planned for Sept. 13. The center is open six days a week from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. — a time when people often begin to drink, Lenard said.

Local Budget Crunch Hits County Services

By Lisa Nicolaysen
Staff Writer

Santa Barbara County social services departments, facing deep cuts from the new state budget, are having trouble meeting the demands of an increased number of people who rely on county support during the economic crunch.

In response to the current recession and the recent state budget cuts that have caused a \$22 million deficit for the county, the board of supervisors held budget hearings last week to determine what kind of funding cuts would be allocated to each agency.

"I don't think it will be that noticeable to people yet, it's not always physically evident, but it's tough on morale for our county managers and employees. We're telling them to do the same services with less," Third District Supervisor Bill Wallace said.

Workloads have increased, and clinics have been forced to either close down or consolidate to keep services available to the public, Wallace explained. "(But) not too many employees have lost their jobs," he added.

Wallace explained that there are more people in need of county services because of the recession, which has contributed to the heavy burden placed on the county.

To soften the blow to the agencies, the board has allowed each department to decide what it will cut back and where it will come from within the department, according to Wallace.

Every department was asked to cut 7.5 to 15 percent from its spending, said Mark Chaconas, an aide to Wallace. "We left it to the department heads. They decide where the spending cuts come from within their own department," he said.

Chaconas explained that although the county considers health and human services its top priority, health care services were among those hit hardest by the cuts.

Other agencies which suffered heavy losses included the sheriff's department and resource management. "Nobody's not being hit hard," Chaconas said.

"The board has set their priorities, and health care is their priority. They're doing everything possible to build the mental health program," said Caryl Andrew, a deputy director for County Mental Health Services.

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TRIAL: Student Will Dispute Trespassing Arrest

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sal validates the claim that the protestors had lawful business in the building — a claim upon which the first group of protestors based their defense.

Like that of her predecessors, Cronenwett's defense will be based on the claim to lawful business at the protest, said attorney John Sink, who will be representing her. "I don't know if

we'll follow (the defense from the first trial) to the letter, but that's the theory," Sink said.

"It's a funny statute," he added, indicating that

his case, like that of the first trial, will rely on the ambiguity of the trespassing law.

Sink predicted that the trial, with one defendant, will move along much faster

than the first, which lasted three weeks.

If jury selection is any indicator, he may be proven right — selection for the 12-member panel in the first trial took a full week, while selection for today's trial took only one day.

Sink said he is not intimidated by the first guilty verdict. "This is a different trial with different approaches," he said.

Clarification

An article in the July 24 issue of the Nexus ("Faculty Reviews Uehling's Performance") incorrectly quoted Duncan Mellichamp, chair of the UCSB Academic Senate, as saying that the faculty had been pressing for a review of Chancellor Barbara Uehling. Mellichamp's quote actually referred to the faculty's wish to initiate a University-wide review process for UC chancellors and did not specifically refer to Uehling's review.

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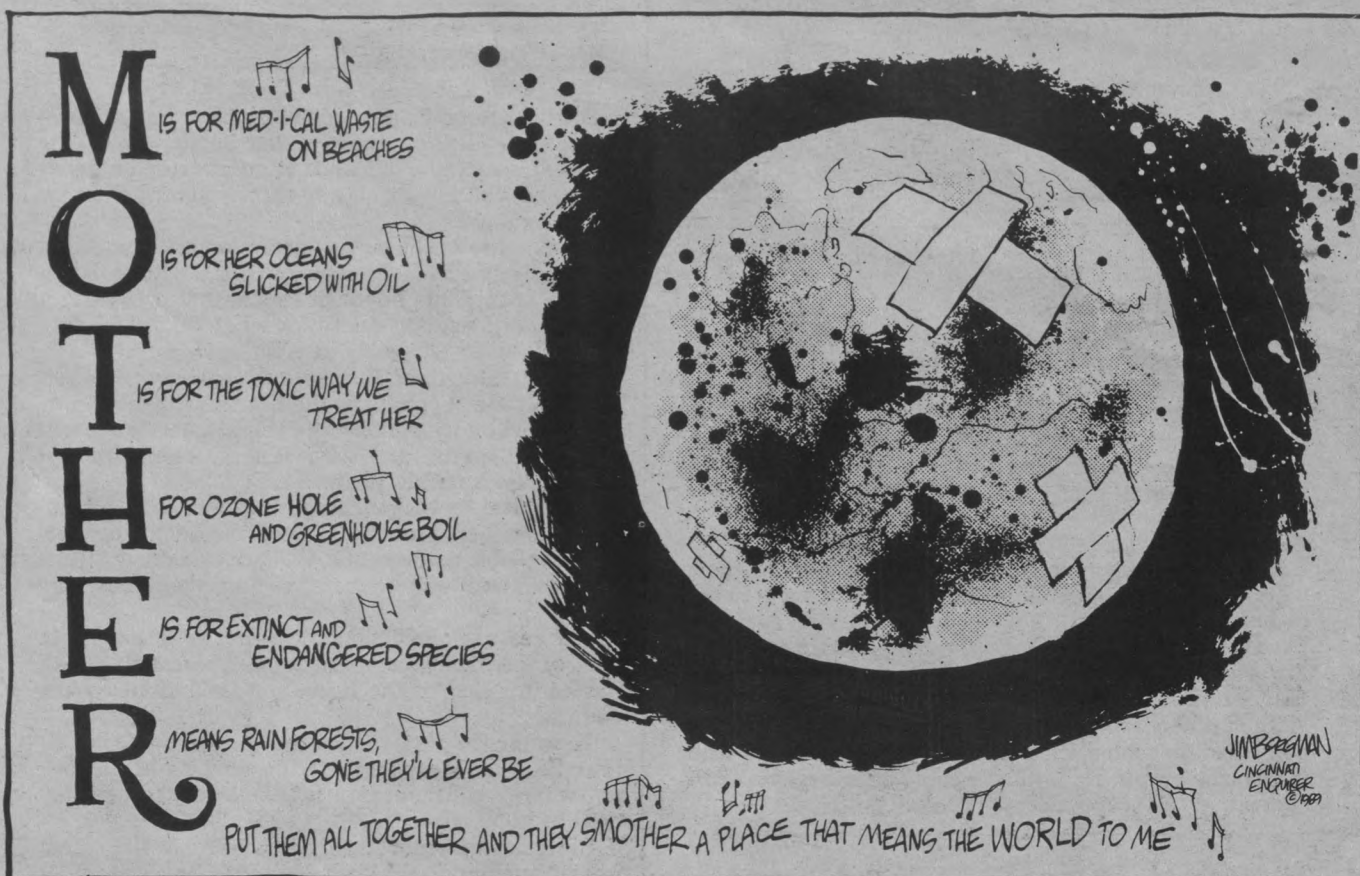
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OPINION

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— Orson Welles



Cut the Chemical Catastrophes

Editorial

The nation that destroys its soil destroys itself.
Franklin D. Roosevelt — Feb. 26, 1937

SEACLIFF—One of Southern California's main arteries to the north remained closed Monday as emergency workers wearing protective suits and masks struggled to clean up a hazardous chemical spilled in a train derailment Sunday in northern Ventura County.

Los Angeles Times — July 30, 1991

Over the course of the past two weeks, two Southern Pacific Railroad trains loaded with hazardous chemicals have derailed in California, both spilling their toxic cargo into the surrounding areas.

Last week, a Japanese oil tanker sank off the coast of Washington state, discharging thousands of gallons of oil into the ocean. Earlier in the month, another spill off the coast of Australia dumped tens of thousands of gallons of crude into the sea, causing similar damage to the ecosystem.

If any good can come of this rash of ecological disasters, it will be that legislators may finally realize that the people who deal in toxic substances aren't very serious about the dangers of the business they're in. The spills of the past month have highlighted the fact that the U.S. government needs to create stricter laws governing toxic chemicals and to increase the penalties for those who violate safety regulations.

As it stands now, companies that transport hazardous materials are not worried enough. Whose fault is this? While the companies that have unleashed these oil and chemical spills must bear primary responsibility for their lackluster attitudes toward the environment, the federal and

state governments also must be held accountable for the fact that these companies get off with the financial equivalent of a slap on the wrist every time they spill pesticides into the Sacramento River or drive an oil tanker into a shoal off the coast of Alaska.

When the Southern Pacific train dumped 19,000 gallons of metam-sodium into the Sacramento River, officials disclosed that the containers for the chemical were not labeled as hazardous. If the boxcar had been properly labeled, attempts to rescue it could have been expedited. Instead, 45 miles of the river were contaminated, killing tens of thousands of fish and devastating an entire ecosystem.

Even worse, the rocket-fuel — aqueous hydrazine — spilled in Ventura County and the pesticide spilled into the Sacramento River are not registered as hazardous by the U.S. Department of Transportation. The fact that hundreds were evacuated in both incidents shows that maybe the government should think about adding these chemicals to its list.

Legislators need to pass legislation requiring that the lists of toxic materials on file with federal agencies are expanded and updated to keep up with our ever-increasing use of chemicals. Laws need to be enacted so that visible and accurate labels are placed on all barrels, boxcars and trucks containing these substances.

And perhaps most importantly, the fines assessed against offenders need to be much heavier. Any company involved in an accident involving chemical materials should be required to clean up the area until it is back to its natural state. It's hard to forget that Exxon simply quit cleaning up the oil it spilled in the Valdez disaster when corporate officials found out it would be cheaper to just pay the fine.

The Electronic Babysitter

Has television become our consumer conscience or is it an invasion of our privacy?

Shira Gotshalk

"Advertising may be described as the science of arresting human intelligence long enough to get money from it."

—Stephen Leacock

As if 36 channels of cable television aren't enough for people today. No, now they need to watch TV in their doctor's waiting room, while shopping in supermarkets, and while honing and toning their bodies at the gym. Are TV monitors as far as the eye can see really what people want, or are advertisers capitalizing on the public's everyday necessities by strategically placing the screens? How much time does one person need to spend in front of the boob tube to be influenced by advertisers?

Part of ad agencies' new strategy has been to install TV screens with light programming or music videos — doused with advertisements for all types of products from Diet Coke to a Club Med vacation in Ixtapa — in supermarkets, amusement parks, health clubs and doctors' offices. Basically, wherever you have to wait, advertisers are waiting to reel you in to their world with the perfect products, perfect situations and perfect lives.

It's as if our lives are not our own anymore. Not only do our televisions tell us what we should smell like, what product is best to clean our toilets with and that Betty Crocker has made it possible for us to make pasta salad from a box, but now we can't turn the damn thing off and have some peace. Everywhere we go, there is an actress trying to convince us that her employers have created the driest maxipad. And she's serious!

It seems to me that the depiction of a woman whose bright spot of the entire day is the discovery that Mr. Clean really shines up her faucets is rather sexist. Like sparkling stainless steel would make an intelligent woman stand up, put her hands on her hips and nod her head with a smug smile. Right.

And then there are the beer commercials. They are actually quite successful — successful in offending tons of people with one ad. The "Why Ask Why, Try Bud Dry" ads are

"Free South Africa Now!"

William Toren

Being a Euro-Sino-Hawaiian-Canadian-American, I don't know if it's my place to discuss issues of oppressed Native Africans or Irish Catholics, but I will anyway. I guess it's the "American" part that makes me feel I have something to say about how other countries do their business.

"Free South Africa." The sentiment behind this slogan is kinda hard to argue with, but when I see it on a bumper-sticker, T-shirt or banner, this nagging thought always comes to my mind: There are repressive governments all over the world, what makes South Africa the worst? In nations all over the continent, Blacks are denied the right to vote, arrested, detained, silenced and killed.

What apparently makes what is going on in South Africa worse — in the minds of socially conscious Americans — than what happens in Mozambique, Angola or, for that matter, El Salvador, is that oppression in that nation has a name, "Apartheid," and the compounded evil of being based on ethnic heritage. There is something particularly offensive about one group isolating and dominating another simply on the basis of background (racism being more easily

Doonesbury

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



I'm not saying by any means that I approve of the IRA's methods, but where there is a sickness, there is a disease.

identifiable than, for example, tribalism). It doesn't hurt that South Africans tend to speak English and have visible symbols of resistance to facilitate the empathy the average American can feel for Black South Africans.

No, that's just being cynical (I'm trying to cut down). What makes America more involved in the South African problem is that there really are things that the U.S. government can do to help without resorting to its usual formula of

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and advertisement that caters to school-age children. Now, instead of outdoing each other with wild stories at lunchtime — The “My dad is so strong he carries our house with us when we go camping. Oh yeah? Well my dad is so strong that he could carry our house, the grocery store, and your mom’s big butt. So there!” type of stuff — kids will sit in a trance in front of the electronic babysitter. Even education, the last bastion of free thought, has been overwhelmed by greedy, grubby mind-shapers.

It’s quite coincidental how cyclical the retail world is. One day Madonna sings that she is a material girl and that “only boys who save their pennies make my rainy day.” Then every Madonna wannabe is trying to wrangle expensive gifts from their young, impressionable boyfriends, and, Bam! There you have it; the advertisers have snared another victim. Who else do they have to turn to for advice on their gifts, but their good, old standby, the television? The nice thing is that wannabes are perfectly satisfied with their presents because they already picked it out on TV.

It’s a very reactive relationship the advertisers and consumers share. It might be nice if we were presented with information in a non-savage manner and were al-

nice because they encourage you to forget about life, just drink. Good idea, especially since hot, scantily clad babes magically appear as soon as you pop open a mountain-brewed, never heat-pasteurized, full, refreshing frosty-cold brew. And I’ll bet that the Swedish Bikini Team does not wear identical bikinis and mysteriously pop into television commercials.

How about the ads that you have no idea what they are trying to sell you? 30 seconds of calm, trickling streams, idyllic meadows and swans gracefully floating across a pond are supposed to sell you a car. Really? I didn’t catch one glimpse of it, but I guess I’m supposed to buy the peace-

ful life that car is going to bring me.

I don’t understand why advertisers see it necessary to insult the audience’s intelligence. But then again, we keep watching. Every time I turn on the tube, I see this ridiculous man screaming down a desert highway playing a piano on wheels. This is supposed to make my mouth salivate for Taco Bell? What, is this lunatic going to transport me on his musical go-cart to an eatery that specializes in food for under \$1? That just doesn’t appeal to me.

The most reprehensible tactic has been the installation of TV monitors in classrooms. Whittle Communications introduced “Channel One,” offering special programming

lowed to make up our own minds. The consumers wouldn’t be constantly bombarded by images of what we should want to be like, and advertisers wouldn’t try to invade every crevice of our brain with their propaganda. But somewhere along the path of mass media, we let someone else make a decision for us. After that little slip up, independent thinking becomes a thing of the past; we forgot how.



Shira Gotshalk, a junior English/film studies major, is the Nexus opinions editor.

w!" ... Or Is It Yugoslavia, or Ireland, or Basra, or ...?

senseless violence. Due to corporate America’s profitable investment in South Africa, a definite bargaining wedge already exists that can be used to convince the Euro-South African establishment that Apartheid cannot be tolerated. The kind of pressure that the American people have been crying out for is economic.

In the wake, we hope, of the Persian Gulf War, some of us have learned that military force is only palatable to the masses when it attempts to preserve the status quo (that means “help the rich”). The message of the movement seems clear — discriminatory isolation (political/economic/social) is not to be tolerated from major trading partners. Or is it?

South Africa is not the only one of the U.S.’s economic allies to practice a kind of discrimination. Every exploding bomb that the Irish Republican Army takes credit for illustrates as profoundly as an African National Congress protest the frustrations of a group that does not reap equal benefits of society as those in power. I’m not saying by any means that I approve of the IRA’s methods, but where there is a sickness, there is a disease. In Ulster, Northern Ireland, the differences between Catholic and Protestant are nearly black and white.

One usually doesn’t think of Western Europe as being prone to these kinds of problems, but the situation is clear. Northern Ireland continues to be one of the most senselessly violent places in the so-called industrialized world (of which South Africa is a part). What would you say about a society where one group faces double the male unemployment of another group based solely on their, in this case religious, heritage? Where this same group has its communities heavily policed and its members jailed routinely? Where allowing them a say in their government is, in the eyes of some, as good as advocating treason? What do we call it? The United Kingdom.

When was the last time you heard of anyone advocating economic sanctions against the U.K.? Yeah, right, who would want that? But when was the last time you heard anyone saying anything about it other than, “Let them work it out among themselves,” or something to that effect? Would you accept the same statement about South Africa? In both cases we have the residue of colonialism still holding power over the “colonized.” We have what some call an artificial partitioning of land, such as the South African

“homeland” system, to benefit the minority (Protestants being outnumbered on the island as a whole). We have the compounded evil of oppression based on arbitrary distinctions made between people. Why then such different reactions?

Is it because the battle against apartheid somehow mirrors our own struggle out of Jim Crow and therefore benefits from our voice? Making it a Black/white issue doesn’t justify separate treatment. For one thing, remember “No Irish Need Apply”? For another, the parallel is not between the civil rights movement and the anti-Apartheid struggle, but between the latter and the history of the Native American peoples.

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OK, fine, the comparisons I’ve drawn don’t correspond all the way down the line. The Irish-Americans were never subjected to slavery or lynchings. By the same token, Native South Africans have yet to come so close to being wiped off the face of the Earth. It just seems philosophically inconsistent to fixate on one injustice. As far as I’m concerned, I’d rather be Black in Bloemfontein or Catholic in Londonderry than a suspected liberal in San Salvador. Does anything justify condemning the bigot while ignoring the murderer? I know one can’t address, much less solve, the world’s injustices all at once, but don’t forget what’s on the back burner until it boils over.

Isn’t equality what this is all about? **Free the World. Start with South Africa.** Or Northern Ireland. Or El Salvador. Or Pine Ridge.

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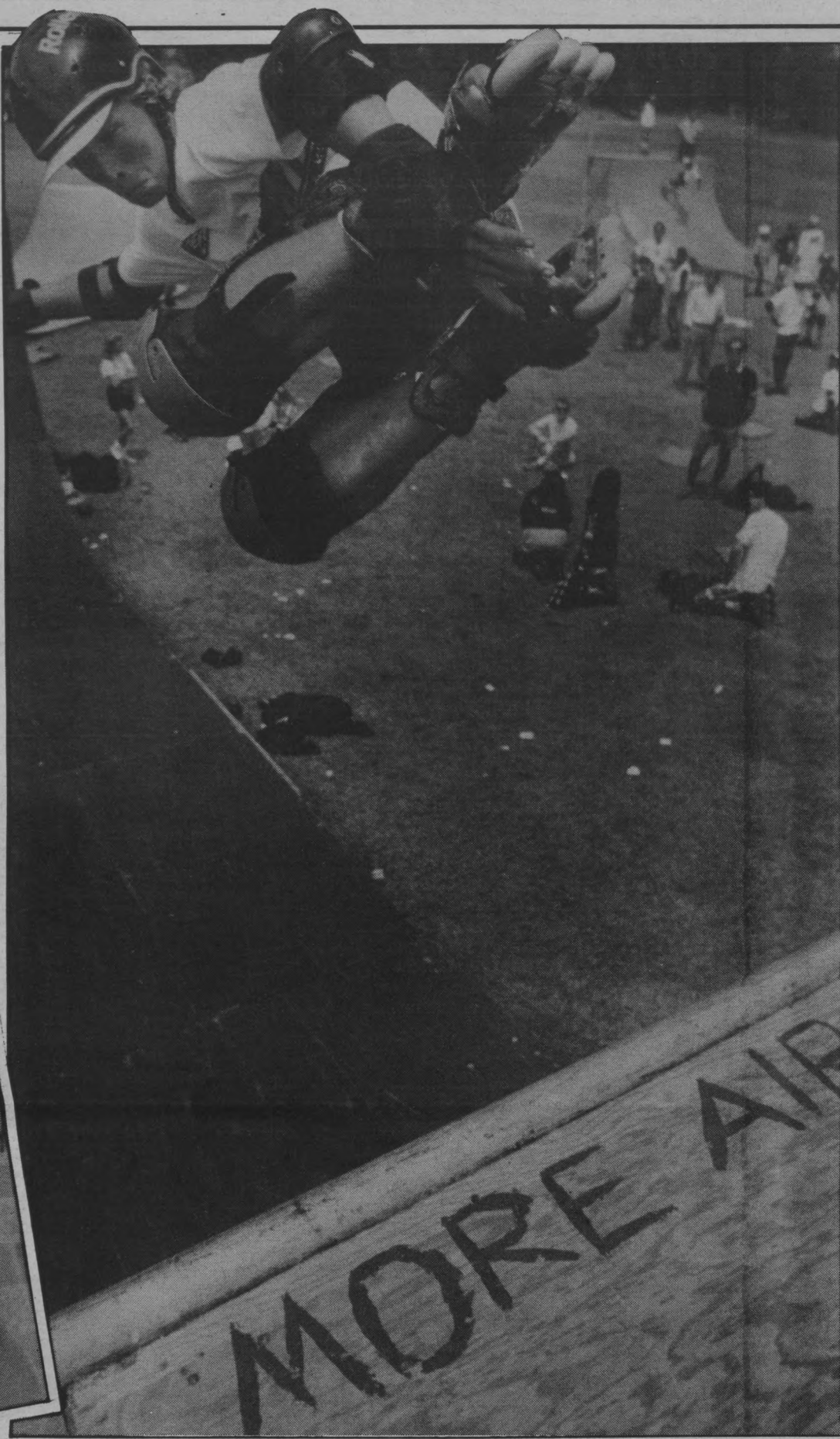
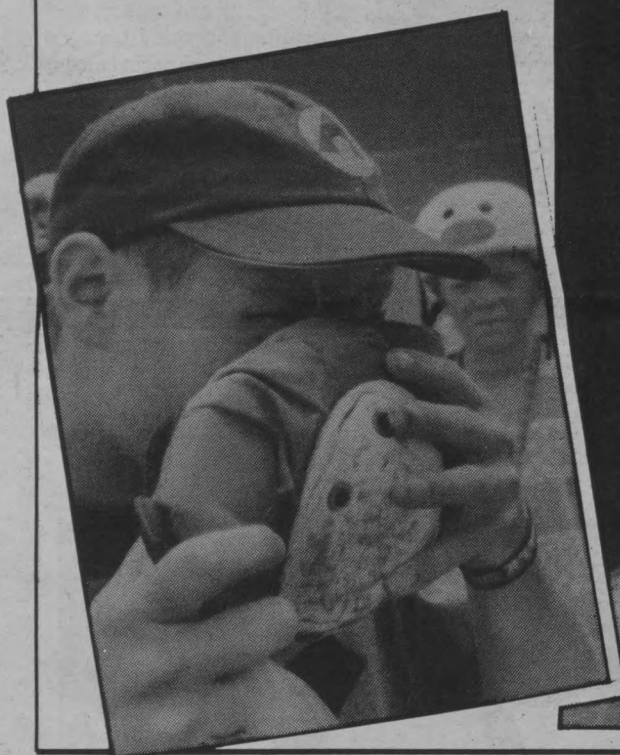
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TAKIN' OFF

Fifteen year-old Chris Garrett (right) reaches new heights on this 10-foot half-pipe during the first rollerblade camp ever held at UCSB. The camp, which ran through last weekend, attracted such flighty counselors as the world's top-ranked in-line skater Chris Edwards (below), who took time out from his duties to help judge the "stinky pad" competition.

PHOTOS BY DAVID ROSEN



SB Denied Chance to Host LAX World Cup

West Coast lacrosse, struggling for recognition in a sport dominated by East Coast players, received a setback when the United States lost its bid to bring the 1997 World Cup of Women's Lacrosse to Santa Barbara. The event, held every four years, was preliminarily slated to be held somewhere in the United States, but was instead granted to Japan, seen as a developing country in the international lacrosse scene.

United States Women's Lacrosse Association president Sue Lubking felt that holding the World Cup here would serve to spread interest and support for the sport on the West Coast. She subsequently asked UCSB Head Coach Paul Ramsey if he would be interested in submitting a proposal for hosting the games.

Ramsey's proposal was submitted by Lubking in mid-July at the International Federation of Women's Lacrosse Associations conference in London, where it was learned that the federation planned to accept the Japanese bid.

"It's definitely disappointing," Ramsey said. It would have helped to push lacrosse over the edge on the West Coast and it also would have made the U.S. and the world more aware of us."

Ramsey also added that if the games had been awarded to Santa Barbara, there would have been a good chance that West Coast players could crack the roster of the U.S. National Team that currently consists entirely of East Coast players.

— Ed Brady

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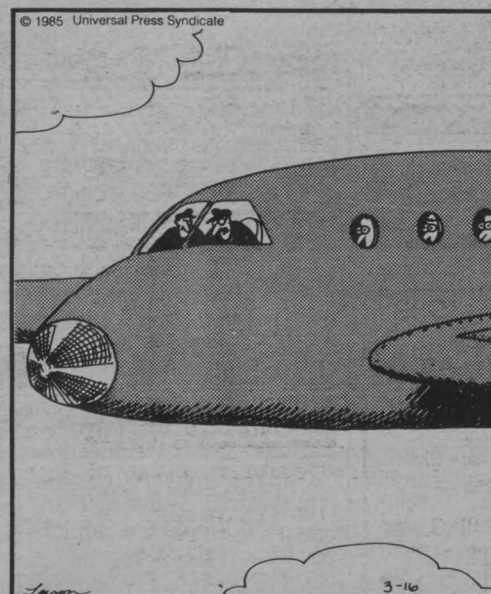


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THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



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State Bill Written to Prohibit Arbitrary Car Towing

By Jon Ashley
Reporter

To the delight of many Isla Vista car owners, California legislators may require tow truck drivers to get permission from apartment managers and tenants before hauling away cars parked on their property.

A bill aimed at eliminating "tow sweeps" — the practice of going in and randomly removing illegally parked cars from lots at apartment complexes — is on its way to the State Senate after recently receiving unanimous approval in the Assembly.

Authored by local Assemblyman Jack O'Connell

(D-Santa Barbara) with I.V.'s parking problems in mind, the bill would alter current laws allowing companies to tow away any car that is illegally parked or does not have parking permits.

Rich Chappel, executive director of the California Tow Truck Association, said that while most tow truck operators don't go on "tow sweeps," the bill would affect "a certain amount of tow operators out there who are possibly overreacting." Chappel's organization helped to develop the wording for the legislation.

"Eighty to 90 percent of (tow truck operators) are good guys trying to make an

honest living," agreed Paul Smith, a legislative aide to O'Connell.

However, the bill hasn't generated as much enthusiasm among some local towing companies and apartment managers as it has on the floor of the Assembly.

Bill Germanski, manager of Goleta Autobody & Towing, which tows cars in I.V. and surrounding areas, said the measure would take up "a little more time and (cause) a little more inconvenience."

Blaming tenants and guests who park illegally rather than overzealous tow truck drivers, Germanski said that "it's laziness that keeps bringing up all the

problems. ... What (legislators) should do is give higher fines to those that break the law."

Marlene Klement, resident manager of Olive Tree Apartments in I.V., also opposes the bill, saying that it will not help out tenants. "It doesn't make any sense. It takes all control we have over parking away from us. ... (If the bill were to be passed) the tenants would not be assured of having a parking space when they got home."

Klement added that having a towing company sweep the complex "keeps (managers) from standing out there half the night."

According to the text of the bill, it would "prohibit a

towing company from removing a vehicle from private property without first obtaining written authorization to do so from the property owner or (leaseholder)... who shall be present at the time of removal."

An exception to the law is provided for cars parked in a red zone or blocking an entrance or exit, which can be towed without permission. However, the bill states that the tow operator must take a picture of the illegally parked car "clearly indicating the parking violation."

The bill is expected to pass the Senate easily, and, if signed by the governor, could go into effect as soon as Jan. 1, 1992.

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TRAIN

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hours, until CalTrans crews are able to determine whether there is any damage to the overpass, according to CalTrans spokesman Steve Galluzzo. "We are expecting to get in sometime tonight or tomorrow," he said. "But we can't do anything until the fire department gives us the word."

Until the overpass reopens, southbound traffic will be detoured along Highway 150 to Ojai, then along Highway 33 to Ventura, causing a two- to three-hour delay.

The derailment also caused headaches for many students trying to get north to Santa Barbara. UCSB student Tony Timmons boarded an Amtrak train in San Diego Sunday afternoon, but didn't reach Santa Barbara until 5 p.m. Monday night.

"Amtrak gave us the total runaround," Timmons said, explaining that the company put them on a bus in Los Angeles, but took them only as far as the evacuation center in Ventura, where they spent the night and the next afternoon. "We made it safely, except for being 30 hours late."

BUDGET

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According to Andrew, her department was forced to cut spending by more than \$650,000. The cuts have forced the department to shut down three of its clinics already and the de-

partment has begun to share clinic space with other health care clinics, she added.

"It's going to mean people will have to travel further or we'll have to provide transportation, but we're feeling optimistic about it. We feel a good level of

support," Andrew said.

The resource management department was also hit with a \$650,000 decrease in funding from the state, according to director John Patton. "The county has a very serious fiscal problem. It's going to slow down our updates to the general plan."

JUMP

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romance.

"I just want to be friends but he's been pushing me,"

Rolland said.

Authorities arrived at the man and Rolland's residence at noon, and notified her of the situation.

"I was shocked. I thought he was still in bed," she said.

Blair said he had thought the man was only in "another love spat," before he heard of the rooftop incident. "He gets angry and gets into bad arguments, but he's never done anything like this before," Blair said.

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Living Next Door to Deadly Toxins: Fears and False Alarms

By Tom Domer
Reporter

Sirens screamed through the Hollister Ranch area July 3, warning residents that a leak in a nearby pipeline was issuing deadly hydrogen sulfide gas. Locals ran in panic for the designated shelters close by, fearing for their lives.

It was a false alarm.

Welcome to beautiful Hollister Ranch, home to hundreds of families, as well as beautiful, rolling hillsides, plenty of horses and one Chevron pipeline carrying pressurized hydrogen sulfide gas.

Residents here have a dilemma: how to coexist with a pipeline that is responsible for numerous, frightening false alarms and one actual leak, and yet touted as the safest in the nation, sporting a more complex emergency-response system than any other pipeline like it.

"People thought at any moment they could die," JoAnn Quinlan, a secretary for the Hollister Ranch Homeowners Association said of the July 3 false alarm. "If you breathe the gas, you will die, we all know that," she said. "We were terrified."

The 28-mile pipeline services Chevron USA's recently activated Gaviota refinery, and stretches directly through the 1,400 acre Hollister Ranch area, 12 miles away from Quinlan's office.

In sufficient densities, hydrogen sulfide can be deadly. Lesser concentrations can burn eyes or cause sickness, according to Third District County Supervisor Bill Wallace.

The siren was only one of several false alarms to rock the area. On July 13, approximately 100 families in close proximity to



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Several false alarms and one actual leak have occurred along a pipeline running from this Chevron plant in the Hollister Ranch area.

the plant received phone calls erroneously warning them of a gas leak and giving them emergency instructions to avoid the gas cloud that wasn't there.

Like the boy crying "wolf," the recurrent false alarms have led to problems when a real emergency situation pops up.

An actual gas leak occurred on June 26, but the homeowners association was told by plant officials that the computerized warning calls they received on the phone

were only another computer glitch.

"All of us are really fearful of the whole situation," Quinlan said.

Many residents and nearby employees claim the instructions given to them for emergencies are too vague or incomplete to be any help.

One example Quinlan cites is the emergency instruction cards issued to people in the area, which instruct people to get as far away from the pipeline as possible,

but don't offer any map locating the actual pipe.

The card is also written only in English, rendering it useless to the many Spanish-speaking people of Hollister Ranch.

But Denis McVicker, the operations supervisor for the pipeline, said that Chevron has put a lot of effort into ensuring the safety of local residents. "I don't know of a pipeline in this country that has been built with such extensive precautions and emergency responses as we have," he said.

McVicker boasts that in a test of the pipe's computer modeling system, it took only four minutes to pick up a one-quarter inch leak in a 20-inch pipe 14 miles away.

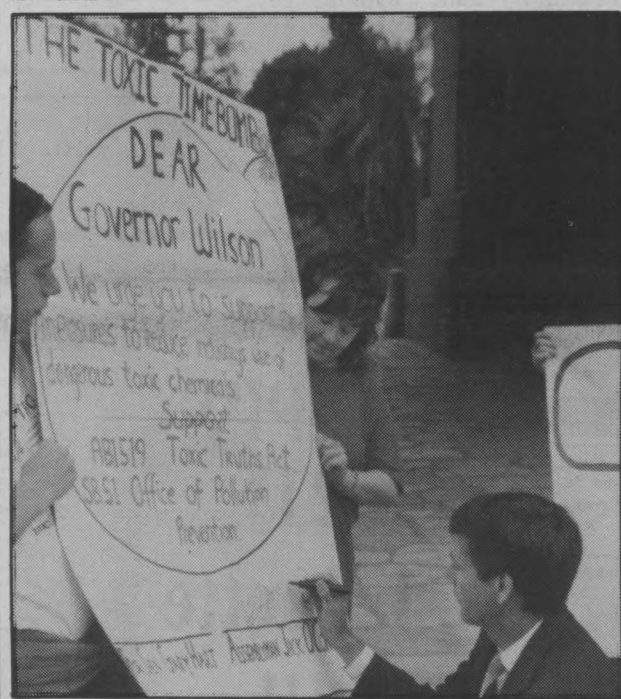
Chevron also has "comprehensive training" for all people who would be affected in the event of an emergency, McVicker said, adding that the instruction card is being revised to include a map of the pipe.

Studies have shown that Chevron's "shelter in place" program, which instructs people to enter sealed rooms in their homes or offices, is the most effective way to avoid danger, McVicker added.

As for the June 26 leak, McVicker says it was a low-level, non-lethal emission, and that no traces of the gas could be found farther than 20 feet from the leak site.

Wallace agrees that Chevron's procedures to prevent and react to accidents are exemplary. "It is a really fine-tuned system, not as bad as our staff had originally thought," he said.

Nonetheless, Quinlan says Hollister Ranch residents are wondering when the next siren will come, and if that one will be the real thing.



DAVID POTTER/Daily Nexus

CalPIRG members hold a poster addressed to Governor Wilson outside the Santa Barbara Courthouse while Assemblyman Jack O'Connell signs the document.

CalPIRG Urges State to Help Curb Pollution

By Ross French
Staff Writer

Approximately 30,000 postcards, including 2,000 from the Santa Barbara area, were sent to Governor Pete Wilson and members of the State Legislature from across California last Wednesday to urge support for pollution prevention bills.

The postcards were collected and sent by members of the California Public Interest Research Group, and encourage politicians to ratify several toxin reduction measures making their way through the Legislature.

At a news conference held at the Santa Barbara Courthouse Wednesday, local CalPIRG representatives presented postcards to Assemblyman Jack O'Connell (D-Santa Barbara) signed by area residents.

"We have had over 2,000 cards signed here locally, and over 25,000 in the state," CalPIRG representative Mark Berger said. "And that is what (this) represents: all those people who have gotten involved in this campaign." A CalPIRG press release later estimated the count at 30,000.

At the conclusion of the conference, O'Connell and Bob Ream, a field representative for State Senator Gary K. Hart (D-Santa Barbara) signed a large version of the postcard, expressing their support.

"It's a statewide concern, and it's a big problem here," O'Connell said. "The Casmalia (toxic dump) is a large

problem for us. We don't want to be the toxic dumping ground for Southern California."

The measures in question would help to raise public awareness about the use of toxics, identify hundreds of chemicals as toxic air contaminants, require the State Air Resources Board to adopt toxic reduction measures and establish timelines for reducing the use of the chemicals, with fines of up to \$10,000 for violators.

Although public awareness over toxic danger has been heightened in recent days by train derailments in Northern California and Ventura, CalPIRG representatives are still concerned over the bills' chances for becoming law.

"I'm more worried than ever," Berger said. "There is a continuous threat, and (the Northern California derailment) is just another example of a toxic time bomb that finally exploded."

"If this doesn't wake up the legislature, nothing will," he added.

O'Connell, however, has little worry about the measures passing, citing that they had heavy support in the Legislature prior to the Sacramento River disaster, and that Wilson historically supports such measures.

"I would think it would be consistent with (Wilson's) philosophy to prevent problems, and not just deal with them in a remedial manner," O'Connell said. "I would think that toxics prevention is consistent with his philosophy to address problems before they become problems."

UC Regents Approve Proposal to Assist American University in Armenia

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SAN FRANCISCO — The UC Board of Regents gave the go-ahead for the University to assist in the development of a new American university in the Soviet republic of Armenia.

The Committee on Educational Policy approved the proposal at its July conference in San Francisco for an affiliation agreement between the University of California and the American University of Armenia. The UC plans to begin giving technical and administrative assistance to AUA as part of its affiliation, according to University officials.

Under the proposal, the University would design the campus, develop a curriculum and train Armenians as faculty for the new university through the UC graduate process.

Cynthia Kaplan, a UCSB associate professor of political

science specializing in Soviet politics, believes that the move will help to diversify the University's educational base.

"These sorts of educational efforts in which people are exposed to different ideas represent an increased academic freedom and a greater independence," she said.

UC Vice President William Frazer hopes the program will foster improved relations between the UC system and the Soviet Union. "We hope this proposal will lead not only to a new university to serve the people of Armenia and the Soviet Union, but also to an ongoing student and academic exchange and cooperation program between UC and the new institution," he said.

"These programs will enhance the learning, research and teaching at both universities," he added.

Mihran Agabian, the chair of the civil engineering department at the University of Southern California, was appointed as the first president of the American University of Armenia. He agrees that AUA will be a move toward libera-

tion from stringent Soviet government restrictions.

"They have been waiting for this opportunity to liberate themselves from these restrictions, so our university is an opportunity for them to become very much like us in terms of the free expression that we believe in," Agabian said.

Founders envision AUA as a private, independently governed institution of up to 5,000 students with emphasis in the fields of engineering and business management.

Agabian anticipates that AUA's educational procedure will help to collaborate ideas with the West. "There are a lot of activities which the university is undertaking in the educational process which will have an impact on the development of the future leaders of Armenia," he said.

Frazer said that although recent changes in the Soviet Union may impact the AUA, he has confidence in the proposal.

"There's always a risk, but we believe the opportunities presented by the new university are unique and justify the considerable efforts involved," he said.

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critical care unit, according to Melissa Seawa of Goleta Valley Community Hospital. Monday, also of San Diego, was taken into cus-

tody at the scene without further incident.

The two men were under the influence of alcohol, marijuana and psilocybin mushrooms at the time of the attack, according to Gracey.

Friends of the two who

wished to remain anonymous reported that Stetter and Monday were going out to have "an adventure" shortly before attacking the two officers.

The shooting came as a shock to both I.V. residents and law enforcement agen-

cies, in a town better known for loud music and big parties than shootings in the street.

Senior history of public policy major Glen Belovsky was in his apartment when the fight erupted outside his window. "I heard a scuffle. I

thought it was just a couple of drunks," Belovsky said. "(Stetter) ran awhile after being shot, until he collapsed outside of French Quarter (Apartments). That was the scary part. We heard the shots and there were still people running around. Me and my roommate just kept

our heads down."

Gracey was not sure when the last police shooting occurred in I.V., but said, "I would almost think that it goes back to the '70s with the riots and the bank-burnings; I know there were some shootings then."