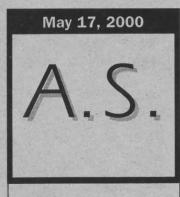
# Wednesday



**Democracy in Action** A.S. Leg Council meets tonight at 6:30 p.m. in the UCen Flying A Room.



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# Sports

Today we brave the high seas of the mighty Pacific to bring you profiles of the UCSB surfing and rowing teams. Don't forget your life preserver.

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ALEX WARD / DAILY NEXUS University Police Officer Mark Vellekamp patrols Parking Lot 27, located behind the Events Center, the site of an alleged kidnapping attempt Tuesday.

# **Bike Exposition Promotes Broida Path Expansion**

BY TRISHA KANNAN Reporter

Attractions geared toward UCSB students, such as free water bottles, bagels, mini tuneups and a mountain bike giveaway were offered in Storke Plaza on Tuesday as part of Bike Expo 2000.

The event was held in honor f Bike Appreciation Week and featured stunt bikers, big ramps, bright orange tape, English Beat's Dave Wakeling, the Broida Expressway proposal and curious onlookers. Associated Students Bicycle Improvement Keeps Everyone Safe (A.S. BIKES) sponsored the expo to draw attention to the possibility of a new bikepath, called the Broida Expressway, connecting Davidson Library to the Engineering I building, A.S. BIKES graduate student representative Jim Dalton said. "We have been working on [the Broida Expressway] for the last three years and [the plan] was just completed on Monday of this week. Students asked for this path, and we got the drawing produced. We hope this will lead to the path eventually being created," he said. "The purpose of the new bike route will be to increase safety and convenience for students,"

# **Victim Escapes Armed Abduction Attempt**

Officers Stop, Release UCen Employee in Search

> BY TED ANDERSEN AND BRENDAN BUHLER Staff Writers

A botched gunpoint kidnapping of a female UCSB staff member Tuesday had police scouring the campus amid a large pool of possible suspects.

At approximately 12 p.m., University of California police received a report of the kidnapping attempt, which took place near Lot 27, behind the Events Center. According to campus police, the female staff member was entering her car on Ocean Road when she was approached by the suspect, who asked her for a ride downtown. She refused and the suspect pulled a handgun from his waistband. She again refused to go with the suspect, offering her keys. When the suspect reached for his gun again, the female ran to a nearby building and contacted the police.

"We have a man armed with a gun who attempted to accost someone. We are not taking this lightly," UCPD Chief John MacPherson said. "It's a very unusual thing to have happen here."

Police, Community Service Officers and Parking Services employees searched Lot 27 and the surrounding areas, but were unable to locate the suspect. MacPherson said he sent extra police out patrolling to make authorities as visible as possible.

The suspect is described as a white male in his early 20s, about 5'10" tall, with dark hair and a thin build. He was said to be wearing a green checkered shirt, khaki pants and sunglasses. He left the scene of the crime on foot in an unknown direction, according to police. MacPherson noted the suspect's description is similar to that of many UCSB students.

Several hours after the incident, UCPD officers drew their guns on a University Center kitchen employee. The officers entered the kitchen on the lower floor of the UCen, drew their weapons and confronted student employee Jeremiah Johnson.

Johnson was arriving for work, wearing khaki pants and a flannel shirt.

"I was just in line to clock in and I heard 'Freeze! All of you turn around!' I turn around and there's a gun in my face," Johnson said.

Brent Elder, a fellow kitchen employee, was standing next to Johnson when the police detained him at gunpoint. "I turned to let [Johnson] walk by, and there was a cop there with his gun drawn on me. ... They pulled [Johnson] out and shut the door," Elder said. "I let him back into the office, and he was just pale and shaking."

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Kidwell is a special sort of dog. He's getting a college education.

Sitting at a small table at the Omer said. "She even intro-Coral Tree Café, junior English duced the dog to me at the beginning of the course." major Jennifer Skay talks about her experiences as a puppy raisthe dog with curiosity. The er and county leader for Guide most common question: "Can Dogs Inc. Her yellow Labrador Retriever, Kidwell, occasionally Yes. inter-Some of [the professors] even Still, rupts, Skay barking say that [the dogs] are the best suggests at passstudent they've had in the class that i n g for a while. stuskate-- Jennifer Skay boarders (after all, junior English major h e r he's still first. in training). Not many volunteer jobs are 24-hour-a-day affairs, but this one is. Kidwell accompanies solicitous," she Skay to her classes and often does what many wish they could — sleeps through them. No one seems to mind the ate.' slight over-enrollment, however. the dogs up?" In response, Skay "This is kind of a dog

dogs] are the best student that they've had in the class for a while."

"It doesn't bother me," English professor Garth St.

Students usually approach we pet him?" The answer: dents talk to "Always, always ask if you can pet them, the reason being some of the dogs become too said. "Depending on the situation, it may or may not be appropri-The second most common question is "How do you give explains her role in the guide



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Mike O'Donnell of the Velopro Bicycle Stunt Team flies through the air in a dazzling display of athletics at the Bike Expo 2000 on Tuesday.

BIKES Tawnya Dinsmore said. "I am using my voice to get what students want and what students have been asking me for."

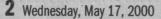
Alternative Transportation Program member James Wagner

Committee Chair said the new bikepath would provide better access to the east side of campus.

> "We are always looking to facilitate the ability of students

school, where you can have pooches around campus. I haven't had problems here at

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# Fed Bank Raises Rates by Half Percent



WASHINGTON (AP) The Federal Reserve bumped up interest rates Tuesday by a bold half point, pushing a key rate to its highest level in nine years. Fed policy-makers signaled they were prepared to move even more aggressively if needed to fight inflation.

The central bank raised its target for the federal funds rate, the interest that banks charge each other, to 6.5 percent. It was the sixth time the Fed has increased the funds rate since last June, but the first half-point move. All the other rate changes were smaller quarter-point increases.

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The Fed's action at midafternoon was immediately matched by announcements from commercial banks that

prime lending rate — the benchmark for millions of consumer and business loans — by the same half point.

highest level since January 1991, when the country was in its last recession. The Fed also increased its largely symbolic discount

they were increasing their the Fed warned, it "could clearly paving the way for foster inflationary imbalances that would undermine the economy's outstanding performance."

Wall Street, which had Those increases left the suffered some sharp prime at 9.5 percent, its declines in recent weeks because of fears of greater Fed tightening, took Tuesday's announcement in stride. The Dow Jones industrial average ended rate, the interest it charges the day up 127 points at

[The Fed is] trying to adversely affect the nothing-can-go-wrong optimism in the stock market.

> - Sung Won Sohn Wells Fargo chief economist

for direct loans to banks, by a half point to 6 per-

Federal Reserve Chair Alan Greenspan and his colleagues said they were

concerned that continued brisk demand generated by the booming economy would outstrip the country's available supply of goods and workers.

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warned that investors may not have paid sufficient heed to what they perceived as a tougher tone in the Fed statement.

"We got some fairly hawkish wording in the statement," said David Jones, chief economist at Aubrey G. Lanston & Co. If this were to persist, in New York. "The Fed is

additional hikes."

Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Wells Fargo in Minneapolis, said the Fed clearly believes that "gradualism and the incremental approach has not worked. They are trying to adversely affect the nothing-can-go-wrong optimism in the stock market."

The overall economy grew at a surprisingly rapid 5.4 percent in the first three months of the year, propelled by the strongest surge in consumer spending in 17 years. That strength helped to push the unemployment rate down to a 30-year low of 3.9 percent in April.

Many economists were afraid that two more halfpoint moves were likely at the Fed's next meetings on June 27-28 and Aug. 22. But other analysts said rate hikes of that magnitude will only occur if the economy fails to show signs of slowing before those sessions.

# **U.S. Officials Point to Haiti as Major Drug Port**



PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Mysterious planes land on deserted highways in the dead of night. Gleaming gas stations sprout in a country where one in 70 people owns a car. Majestic mansions rise, turrets looming eerily

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over sad slums.

Signs of drug money are growing in Haiti, one of the world's poorest nations - supporting contentions by U.S. officials that the Caribbean island has become a major conduit for smuggling narcotics into the United States. Increasingly, ill-gotten profits are staying in the cash-starved nation, fueling accusations that local authorities are tainted and toughening the challenge for U.S. anti-drug enforcers trying to slow the drug flow.

Haiti accounts for 14 percent of all cocaine entering the United States and "is now the major drug transshipment country of the entire Caribbean," said Rep. John L. Mica (R-Fla.), chair of the House Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources.

With feeble local enforcement and a central location, Haiti is an ideal crossroads. It is just eight hours by speedboat from Colombia, the world's leading cocaine producer, and an eight-hour journey from the United

Drugs flow through other Caribbean points as well, especially the U.S. territory of Puerto Rico. But with the U.S. Coast Guard and Navy in charge of policing that island's shores, and with better organized and equipped authorities in the Dominican Republic and Jamaica trying hard to seal off their territories, international attention increasingly is focusing on Haiti.

In January, U.S. Army Secretary Louis Caldera flew to Port-au-Prince to urge President Rene Preval to take tough measures to fight drug traffickers.

Some 75 tons of cocaine moved through Haiti in 1999, according to the most recent State Department annual narcotics report. That is a 24 percent increase over 1998 and at least double the annual amount under the 1991-1994 military dictatorship that monopolized the local drug trade and first opened Haiti's sea and airports. to Colombian traffickers.



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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Nurses approved a oneday strike at the University of California, San Francisco to protest the lack of a contract and alleged declines in patient care after a failed merger with Stanford.

Results of the strike vote were announced Monday by the California Nurses Association, which represents about 7,500 nurses at UC medical centers in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Davis, San Diego and Irvine.

The vote allows union negotiators to call a strike if they deem it necessary. No date was set.

The nurses are negotiating for a new statewide labor agreement with the UC system. Talks will resume next week.

"Things are getting dangerous here, and we can't get anybody to listen," said Vickie Restani, an operating room nurse. "The nurses are very serious about what we are saying, that we can't just take up the slack anymore."

The current agreement was to expire Monday. It was extended until Thursday to allow more time for negotiating.

NEW YORK (AP) - Forget the symbol, erase the acronym. The artist formerly known as Prince announced Tuesday that he will be, now and forever, known again as Prince.

"On Dec. 31, 1999, my publishing contract with Warner-Chappell expired, thus emancipating the name I was given before birth - Prince - from all longterm restrictive documents," the freshly-minted Prince told a crowded news conference.

"I will now go back to using my name instead of the symbol I adopted to free myself from all undesirable relationships."

The return to the Prince name ends a seven-year battle between the performer and Warner Bros. Records, which had Prince under contract through the end of last year.

Prince, charging that Warner Bros. exercised too much control over his music, switched his name to a symbol in 1993. With the contract now over, Prince said he is confident there are no new names in his future.

"Will I be changing my name ever again?" the diminutive 41-year-old rocker mused. "No, I won't have to, because I won't be under any restrictive longterm contract again."

Web page coming soon!

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# Weather

As cool as Spring Quarter is, all of the allergies it brings equates it to sheer hell. I was distracted for almost 10 minutes in lecture yesterday just rubbing my poor little eyeballs. This was some hardcore, itchy-owie, optical cavity searching going on here. The kind that gets the mucous membranes all worked up and the person two rows in front of you can hear you itching your, eye sockets. And then when you're finally done, you look down at your fingers just to make sure your eyeballs aren't impaled on them.

Wednesday's forecast: Visine allergy relief.

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#### You're Still Not Getting My Bud Light

At approximately 2:25 a.m. Saturday, May 13, Isla Vista Foot Patrol deputies patrolling the 6500 block of Seville Road heard loud yelling in the distance and saw several subjects standing in the middle of Camino Pescadero at Seville Road.

According to reports, as the deputies approached, they could hear two suspects, an 18-year-old male and a 20-year-old male, screaming "mother fucker!" and "Come on, I'll kick your ass!" The suspects began walking toward the sidewalk, still yelling.

• Reports state that the 20-year-old suspect turned and began to walk away, and suddenly turned back and struck the other suspect in the face with his fist. The 18-year-old staggered back, then rushed toward the other suspect, at which point the two grabbed each other's arms and began to fight.

According to reports, officers rushed the suspects in an attempt to arrest them. The 20-year-old was knocked to the ground and placed in handcuffs. The 18-year-old resisted initially and had to be detained by two officers, but eventually complied by lying down on the ground.

After handcuffing the suspects, the officers sat them down next to one another on the curb and asked them, "Why are you guys fighting?" According to reports, the 20-year-old suspect said, "I don't know, I'm sorry dude," and began to cry, repeatedly apologizing. The 18-year-old suspect replied "I'm sorry, too, man."

Reports state that neither party wanted to seek prosecution, because they were "best friends," and both suspects agreed alcohol had affected their judgement and ability to reason.

The suspects were arrested for fighting in public and transported to Santa Barbara County Jail.

#### Dazed and Confused

At approximately 2:50 a.m. Saturday, May 13, IVFP officers on the 6700 block of Pasado Road contacted a 19-year-old suspect standing in the middle of the street with a "dazed" look on his face.

Reports state that upon contact, the suspect told the officers he lived in downtown I.V. The suspect had ink writing over his entire face, and had no shoes on. The suspect asked the officers if they could give him a ride home, and then started walking toward a residence on Pasado Road.

According to reports, a tenant from the residence

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### Dr. Yolanda Garcia '70 UCSB Alumni Association life member since 1982

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Being involved with the Alumni Association has provided me a vehicle for staying in touch with friends, and also an opportunity to meet people both inside and outside of education. In this way, it has helped me learn about other worlds from individuals who share a common interest and experience with UCSB. The Alumni Association has truly made it possible to open up some new doors.

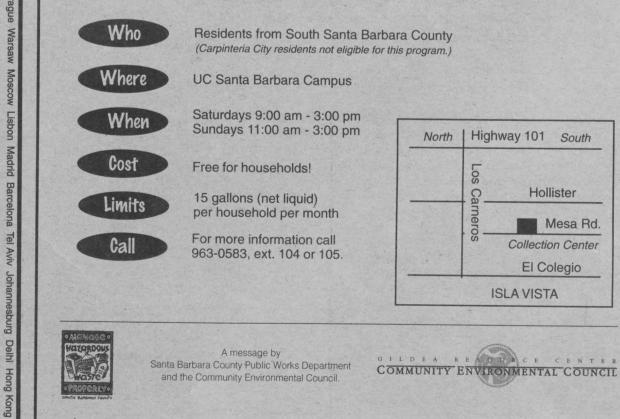
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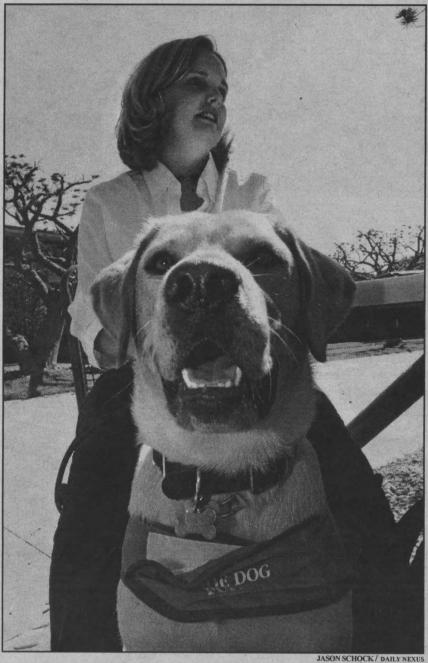
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# Not Every Dog Has These Days



Outside the Coral Tree Cafe, junior English major Jennifer Skay talks to a student while her guide-dog-to-be, Kidwell, stays close by her side. Kidwell is the third dog that Skay has worked with since she began volunteering for Guide Dogs Inc. in 1996.

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dog process: "It's like having a foster child in that you know they're not yours to keep and you're raising them for a better cause."

The training is over when the dogs are approximately 2 years old, and they are given to a blind, or legally blind, person free of charge. Until then, Skay has a furry friend in every class.

anywhere its owner can go, "legally a guide dog puppy in training is not under the law absolutely allowed into any place," Skay said. "However, the only place I've ever been tossed out of was a swap meet ... and it was a scuzzy swap meet. ... I've taken him into a dentist's office, hospitals, tons of restaurants and trains and we'll go on planes. ... They're not in the cargo ... they're actually right on board with everyone else."

Whether travelexplained that there are certain considerations to think of when bringing along a puppy. "Allow for an

extra 10 to 20 minutes just to talk to people, not only about the program, but about their animals," she said. "It's a great conversation starter.'

Puppy raising comes with a financial obligation as well as a social one. Volunteers have to pay for the specified dog food and any toys they want to buy for the dog. According to Skay, the costs are tax deductible.

After the investment of time, money and love, the time comes for the dogs to fulfill their purpose. According to Skay, about 50 percent of the dogs make it to guide dog status. Those that do not are "career-changed" and can be adopted either by their raisers or a qualified applicant for about \$100-\$150.

"From what I hear, there's over 200 people on the waiting list and there's about a year wait," she said.

Those that do make it participate in a graduation ceremony at one of the Guide Dog campuses. Skay's dogs go to the San Rafael, Calif., campus for their final training and graduation.

"At the graduation, you're invited and you present the guide dog to the blind person ... and it's up to both the raiser and the blind person whether or not you want to keep in contact."

A nonprofit organization,

and to ignore cats, dogs, cyclists, skateboarders and other distractions.

Final testing for guide dogs "includes working a 40-50 minute route with the instructor wearing a blindfold in downtown Gresham or San Rafael. The route covers nearly every aspect of guidework (curbs, street crossings, stairs, buildings, crowded sidewalks, traffic, etc.)," the Guide Dogs website explains.

The average age of retirement for a guide dog is 10 years. That may sound like an easy lifestyle, but it's 70 years in dog years.

According to Skay, Santa Barbara County currently has about 10 puppies in training, but she is the only

ling by planes, trains What the dog will do is follow the comor automobiles, Skay mands of the blind person, ... as long as it's in the best interests of the people. Jennifer Skay junior English major

puppy raiser on campus. "It'd be really nice if we had more here on campus," she said.

New volunteers will

be placed with one of the few types of dogs the program breeds: yellow and black Labrador Retrievers, Golden Retrievers and German Shepherds. Soon Guide Dogs will be using a Lab/Golden crossbreed. These dogs are chosen because of their "willing and stable temperament, a realistic size and weight, and an easily cared-for double coat," according to the Guide Dogs website.

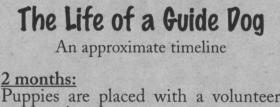
All the dogs of a litter are given names that start with the same initial. If a dog is active in training or in a blind person's home, his name cannot be used again for a new dog until he is retired. This results in an occasional struggle to come up with new names and creative name solutions, such as Skay's dog, Kidwell.

Skay said that although some organizations take dogs from the pound — attempting to teach old dogs new tricks - Guide Dogs uses only its own dogs, which are American Kennel Club dogs. "They're genetically engineering these dogs," she said. French organizations are known to use poodles, and some other groups use monkeys as assistants to people confined to wheelchairs.

Volunteers have the option of raising the dog from its earliest stage, about 8 weeks, or they can ask for a transfer dog, which is usually somewhere between 5 and 8 months old, Skay said.

People interested in Guide Dogs can visit the website www.guidedogs.com or call (800) 295-4050.

In the meantime, if you see Kidwell, remember what Skay said distinguishes him from other dogs on campus: "When he has his coat on, he's working."



newspaper and a love of animals to get Skay swap meet.	and it was a scuzzy free of charge to those in need. Since 1942, it has placed over	Puppies are placed with a volunteer puppy raiser.
involved with Guide Dogs, and "once you get in, you're kind of hooked," she said. According to Skay, anyone with "people skills" and "some animal skills" can help raise a guide dog. "[Guide Dogs] provides us with a notebook of train- ing techniques and tips," she said. "We also have weekly puppy meetings until they're 6 months old in which we go over different basic obedience tips and problems We have socialization outings where we do things like go on a train trip or go to a mall." Like the university, whose administrators gave Skay	<ul> <li>Jennifer Skay junior English major</li> <li>The blind person doesn't pay for anything," Skay said. "They don't pay for the schooling; they don't pay for the dog or the harness or any of the training."</li> <li>Once trained, the dogs are able to perform a variety of skills to assist their new owners, including what Skay called "willful obedience."</li> <li>"What the dog will do is follow the commands of the blind person, as long as it's in the best interests of the people. By that I mean, if they're crossing a street and the person gives them the forward command and there's a car</li> </ul>	<ul> <li><u>12 - 18 months:</u> Dogs are returned to one of Guide Dogs' campuses for formal training with licensed instructors.</li> <li><u>2 years:</u> Trained dogs go to live with blind people.</li> <li><u>10 years:</u> After eight years of service, dogs retire and can pursue other ambitions.</li> </ul>
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# Film Fundraiser Brings Marijuana Farce to I.V.

Get ready for some serious puffing action — it's Bong, James Bong. He'll be rolling into Isla Vista Theater tonight to kick off the movie premiere party for "Secret Agent 420."

According to writer, producer and director Guy Logan, the film stars Tommy Chong and Jack Herer, and is a notoriously controversial, live-action spy adventure trip. The 7 p.m. premiere will cost \$4.20.

"This is James Bond meets Cheech and Chong at the X-Games, hosted by Penthouse Pets," he said. "It's all about spies, sports, humor and fantasy." After the movie, the party will continue at Q's, where admission is free with a ticket stub. Bill's Bus will provide transportation for \$5. According to Logan, Los Angeles DJs Jesse Brooks, DJ Todd One, Tony Noodles and DJ Hedricks will be spinning at Q's.

Logan said I.V. is the first stop on a college tour aimed to bring the movie, never released to theaters, to its target audience.

"We're going to start a college tour because this is the age level that will appreciate the true essence of *Secret Agent 420*; they aren't afraid to have fun and are more open-minded to alternate lifestyles that are deemed rebellious," he said.

One dollar from each ticket will be donated to the UCSB Filmmakers Co-op, creators of the Reel Loud Film Festival.

into a parking lot.

- Kristen Bradfield

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appeared to be intoxicated.

According to reports, the suspect

stumbled and staggered as he

attempted to walk from the street

the lot, he seemed to be wandering

Reports state, "When he got to

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came outside and told the suspect to leave. The tenant told officers she had found the suspect passed out her couch, and had just kicked him out. The suspect was arrested for public intoxication and trans-

KIDNAP

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After questioning Johnson and speaking with his supervisor, the UCPD determined that he was not a suspect and released him.

Johnson said he was bothered by the public manner of his questioning. "It was in the middle of the UCen. There could have been teachers, friends, whoever, there," he said. "After the fact, I can understand why they had to do that, but it was really scary at the time."

UCPD Officer Mark Vellekamp said police stopped Johnson because his description was similar to the suspect's. "He had similar clothes and his build kind of matched, so we needed to eliminate him as a suspect," he said. Vellekamp, who patrolled Lot 27 for much of the

afternoon, said 10 other officers combed the area after the incident took place, but were unable to find the perpetrator.

"No one has any idea about the motive for [the crime]. He didn't ask for money ... it's just kind of unusual," he said. "We will be looking for this person for quite some time."

Police urge anyone with information to contact Detective Mark Gallagher at 893-3446.

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ported to Santa Barbara County

Jail, where he was housed, pending

At approximately 1:20 a.m.

Sunday, May 14, officers on the

6600 block of Del Playa Drive

observed a 21-year-old suspect who

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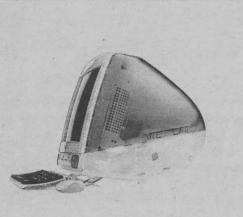
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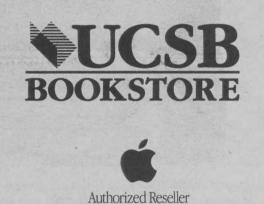
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# A Fresh, but Risky, Proposal KAZUHIRO KIBUISHI / DAILY NEXU

# Bush's Social Security Reform has Potential, but Leaves Many Unanswered Questions

he impending bankruptcy of the Social Security system has loomed like a storm cloud over the past few presidential elections. And while everyone knew that a hard rain was going to fall, past candidates have acted as if the sun was shining brightly, knowing that any serious changes to Social Security would be politically risky.

On Monday, Republican candidate George W. Bush put forth the most comprehensive Social Security reform proposal spoken of by any presidential contender. Bush's plan would create private accounts so people could invest a small percentage of their Social Security taxes into stock market portfolios. While Bush only gave the general outline of his proposal this week, it is already clear that his plan is economically sound, but fraught with potential political conflicts that must be addressed.

Social Security reform is long overdue. At our current pace, aging baby boomers will place such a strain on the system that it will go into deficit spending in approximately 15 years and be completely bankrupt before 2040. This means that without a serious overhaul, the 25-year-olds of today will pay into the system for their entire working lives, then hit retirement just in time to see their parents' generation gobble up the last penny of benefits.

Democratic candidate Al Gore responded to Bush's plan just hours later, criticizing its provision for investing Social Security funds into the stock market as too risky. However, Bush correctly pointed out that the stock market has always been a sound long-term investment; while stock prices fluctuate greatly on a day-to-day basis, the market as a whole has always more than recovered its losses from any downturn. For example, the Dow Jones Industrial Average increased more than five-fold over the decade of the 1990s. This means that a 10-year investment in a diversified portfolio of Dow Jones stocks would show an annual

return of around 50 percent — a truly incredible figure when compared to any other method of investment.

Bush's plan is not any riskier than Gore's, which aims to keep Social Security solvent until 2050. With Gore's plan, the risk will be borne by young workers who will have no assurance that they will ever draw benefits. As long as workers have a choice whether or not to invest a portion of their taxes, Bush's plan does not seem like an economic gamble, because most of any individual's Social Security taxes would still go into a guaranteed fund.

Investing Social Security revenues into the stock market is relatively safe fiscally, but it is dangerous in a number of other ways. The major logistical problem would be deciding where to invest Social Security funds. A portfolio of big companies with consistently well-performing stocks would make the most economic sense, but many Americans have serious problems with how these companies do business. Would Social Security be invested in Nike, which has been accused of using sweatshop labor? What about Microsoft, which has been accused of using monopoly power to hurt consumers?

In fact, any investment by the government in private business has a frightening potential for abuse. While Bush has not specified what percentage of Social Security taxes could be invested, even a small fraction could add up to billions of dollars. This would give the federal government the ability to prop us some businesses and punish others by removing them from Social Security investment portfolios. The best solution would be to give individuals maximum control over where their money goes.

Bush deserves credit for making Social Security a central campaign issue, and for offering the only plan on the table that really aims to fix the system. Still, this plan has too many holes to let young workers feel secure about their retirement yet.

# **Tired of Pound** I.V. Tenants Union Roundtable

# **BRYAN HARRISON**

Rick Kitchen is looking for an apartment i Vista and not having much luck finding a pla can afford. The rent for his present digs, wh \$1,150 a month, will be increased in the f \$1,295.

Rick has been busying himself knocking on a asking to see apartments and asking how much required. While comparing notes with his

UCSB students, he is learning the awful truth. Rents are sky-high in Isla Vista and they are going up every year, some by as much as \$200 a month.

In many cases, there is some slight remodeling, but in other instances, landlords are raising the rent simply because they can.

The Isla Vista Tenants Union, an organization that began in protest over mass evictions in 1998, is considering tracking the rent increases, among its other projects.

In the past, the Tenants Union's pleas to the county government for fair housing in Isla Vista have gone in vain, just as its proposal for a "just cause" ordinance which would require landlords to furnish tenants with a reason for their evictions has been ignored. At a hearing over the just cause proposal, the board of supervisors barely gave the tenants a fair hearing, but they did listen to people like Andy Caldwell, a paid lobbyist, and, of course, the landlords.

Although 3rd District Supervisor Gail Marshall favored looking into the idea, other supervi-

sors got off the hook by using the rationale that wanted to take a look at the whole housing pro in Santa Barbara County.

The supervisors simply haven't done that. All they have done is encourage a handf "affordable housing" projects, treating the conce a panacea to the housing ills here, while knowin well that it is hardly a drop in the bucket.

The leaders of the Tenants Union, however, initiated a community leadership roundtable that drawn, and continues to draw, experts and interested parties from throughout the county city of Santa Barbara.

The roundtable, which has agreed to meet at monthly, is determined not to be just another g which sits around to hear itself talk, but will con



# **The Reader's Voice** FREEDOM OF SPEECH IS NOT **RESERVED FOR DEMOCRATS**

Editor, Daily Nexus:

You know, it's great to see a democrat taking the moral high ground. I have read the many articles about Oliver North's visit to our campus. It is truly reassuring to see Campus Democrats President Jeremy Tittle so valiantly protecting our good sense of morality (Daily Nexus, "Speaker's Visit Sparks On-Campus Controversy," May 11). But, I must ask, could his rhetoric be as politically inspired as that of those he accuses?

One question, Mr. Tittle: If Bill Clinton asked to speak next week, would you maintain your defense of our character and request the second president to ever be impeached not attend because of his sexual impropriety? Would these local artists who have defaced posters of Mr. North do the same if Bill were to join us? I think not.

Mr. Tittle, your entire argument is laughable. You are protesting against Mr. North because the man disagrees with you. Oliver North has been, and participated in, many

things throughout his life, from Vietnam veteran, to National Security Advisor, to crucified public servant. If this man doesn't deserve to speak, who does? Many great men have served our country. None of them were perfect; many have made mistakes. Not repeating these mistakes is the reason republicans and democrats alike should listen to Mr. North. If you're not interested, well, there are plenty of trees around that I'm sure could use a good hugging. Otherwise, pipe down and listen to this American speak. Agree or disagree, but don't restrict his speech. That's not America. That's not even Canada.

**JOSHUA D. BATCHELOR** 

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# INVEST IN THE FUTURE OF I.V. THROUGH THE MASTER PLAN

#### Editor, Daily Nexus:

The county government, the UCSB administration, several community organizations and some long-time Isla Vista residents and landowners were well represented at the May 8 "workshop" to get the community participating in the I.V. Master Plan. Two groups that I feel were underrepresented were the low-income families that reside in I.V. and the students from UCSB.

I.V. is, for the most part, our town. Even though we may only plan on staying here for four to six years of our lives, we students have a

responsibility to ourselves and our posterity to voice our opinions about ways to improve our town, and to preserve those aspects of I.V. that Very few people at the meeting were of college age. There

a lot of middle-aged people in their 40s and 50s. Then there were a few "thirtysomethings" and very few "twentysomethings." Obviously the issues that concern people of

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with real solutions and alternatives, among them the possibility of a rent ceiling. Although the roundtable itself is not an activist body, since some of its members represent various groups and agencies which may be in conflict with activist causes, the Tenants Union and other members can put ideas into action. The Tenants Union - which doesn't want the

false image of being a group of young, half-cocked radicals (this writer has found the IVTU leadership intelligent, alert and careful to examine and discuss the issues, but also dedicated to improving the lots of

president of the Isla Vista Property Owners Association and the I.V. landlords' chief spokesman, argued that renting an apartment is simply a written contract.

But some of the permanent residents who pay rent here look upon their living quarters as "home." It was to have a home with peace and privacy for which most colonists and subsequent immigrants came across the waters. It was "home" that most of our wars have been fought over. The uprooting of homes was the reason our country recently sent troops to Kosovo. "Home" is the place that enables people to work, play and raise families.

For students, who will probably not make Isla Vista their lifelong home, it is still a place to decorate, build a library and a music collection and to entertain friends and generally feel comfortable for four or

more years. Students are being penalized for being students. They are trapped because they must live near where they study and they are trapped by the myth that all UCSB students come from very rich families.

Every time a landlord evicts a Latino family in Isla Vista or forces one out with exorbitant rents, he or she can be counted on to "remodel" and jack up the price for next year's crop of students. His or her idea of remodeling usually consists of a new refrigerator and range and perhaps a new carpet. At these prices, one asks: where are the pool and tennis courts? Where are the hot tub and air conditioning? (Are there any air-conditioned apartments in I.V.?)

The landlords are right in casting some of the blame on the university, which enrolls students knowing that they might not have a place to live, and the county, which has historically ignored the needs of Isla Vista. Yet it is their own greed, and the knowledge they can take advantage of an economic windfall with little regard to the needs of those who are paying the bills, which makes this happen.

It is time someone did something SHADI MUKLASHY / DAILY NEXUS about it for the good of all, even if

such actions sound radical to conservative ears. The Isla Vista Tenants Union is urging action.

I would hope that the students who voted for the recent lock-in for the IVTU will give more than money, but will also attend the meetings and bring with them their minds, hearts and laptops.

Numbers impress politicians and bureaucrats, but a well-prepared organization forces big businesses, which are used to having their own way, to listen. It costs nothing to join, and it beats pounding the pavement hoping in vain to find a better deal.

Rick Kitchen shouldn't have to knock on doors,

Bryan Harrison, a retired journalist, is publisher and editor of vista, a newsmagazine for the Isla Vista commu-

Less Than the Best Grad Students' Contract Too Restrictive **RICHARD SULLIVAN** 

Graduate student employees vote this week on a proposed contract, which if ratified will mark a milestone in our struggle to gain a voice in the workplace. Both the United Auto Workers (the union that represents graduate student employees) and the University of California are eager - for different reasons - to have this contract approved. But a closer look at the contract reveals it may be less than grads had bargained for.

At first blush, the contract provisions are not too different from the arrangements under which we currently work. The most important improvement is that much of this status quo is formalized into contract language and assigned a grievance and arbitration process, which we didn't have before and which will be welcomed by many.

The economic gains are not so obvious. For one, graduate student employees who were hoping for improved health care benefits - like those other University employees enjoy - are out of luck. Also, the number of hours per quarter that teaching assistants will be required to work will increase from 200 to 220. This represents an immediate 10-percent increase in the number of hours we'll officially be required to work. This might not be so bad if it wasn't for the fact that our salaries will increase by only 9.5 percent over the next three years. This becomes even more troubling when we consider that inflation (3 percent per year) and dues (1.15 percent) will consume most of these wage gains. Nevertheless, the negative impact may be offset by the fee remissions, which will be 100 percent in the third year of the contract. This is the big-ticket item of the contract and will certainly benefit most grads.

However, by far the most disturbing aspect of the proposed contract involves the clause that prohibits us from engaging in strikes and other "concerted activity." "No Strikes" provisions are common in union contracts; however, the language of this clause is so restrictive that it brings within its scope activities entirely outside the realm of collective bargaining. It reads:

"The UAW ... agrees that there shall be no strikes, stoppages or interruptions of work, or other concerted activities which interfere directly or indirectly with University operations during the life of this Agreement. ... The UAW ... agrees that it shall not in any way authorize, assist, encourage, participate in, sanction, ratify, condone or lend support to any activities in violation of this Article."

In other words, our ability as a union to condone, let alone participate in, such actions as protests of Oliver North's visit, the undergraduate walkout to protect ethnic and gender studies

Many of us felt that we were in a unique position, as relatively privileged workers in a university setting, to aim for goals that other workers are not in a position to demand.

and honoring janitors' picket lines could all be violations of the contract. Retaining the right to engage in such expressions is an important aspect of the university community.

For many of us, this may not seem like a deal-breaker. But it

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meet at least nother group will come up tenants) - has recruited to the roundtable people from the whole spectrum of the housing arena, including a landlord, a realtor and two lawyers.

Isla Vista's rent-paying residents. The landlords who have spoken out on the subject

"Law of Supply and Demand." But supply and loping to its doom. This is the same kind of thinking that created and maintained the Great Depression of the late 1920s and 1930s. The landlords also blame the university and county government for the housing woes in Isla Vista.

Also, in a public debate, Charles V. Eckert III,

Meanwhile, the Tenants Union is listening and, as much as possible, gathering data on the problems of

are fond of lecturing students and others about the demand without restraints is like a runaway horse gal-

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nity, and a resident of I.V.

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ticipate in this planning process. This is a chance for students to get in on the ground floor of an urban revitalization plan. If you are interested in any aspect of community organization, urban planning or government, this could be a valuable experience. Also, if you care at all about the future of UCSB and its student body, you could make a valuable contribution.

Don't let anybody tell you that you don't have a say in the future of I.V. As renters, we pay our fair share of county taxes through our inflated rents. As students of the university, we have a responsibility to leave UCSB better than we found it. I.V. is our town. Let our voices be heard.

The next and final workshop of [Re]Vision Isla Vista will be held in I.V. Theater at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 24. Before you come, do some homework by looking at the information posted on the master plan website: www.co.santa-barbara.ca.us. When you come to the next meeting, get ready to intelligently contribute and to brainstorm ideas for a master plan.

JONATHAN BLYTHE

severely undermines the potential strength of our union. All workers - including TAs - ultimately derive their power from the ability to withhold their labor. When used strategically, the right to strike can be an extremely effective means to make change. It also allows us to throw our collective weight behind other causes we think are just. For example, if UCSB janitors go on strike and TAs support them by refusing to cross the picket line, the power of the janitors' strike is magnified and the likelihood of achieving its goal is enhanced. Without the right to strike, or to "take any other concerted action which interferes directly or indirectly with University operations," we can only watch helplessly. In fact, we will be contractually compelled to cross their picket line.

This short clause will have a significant impact on our rights of free speech and freedom of expression. The desire to retain the right to strike is based on an analysis of the ultimate source of power for workers and their unions. The administration did not give up many of their rights to manage — which a reading of that clause illustrates — so why should we give up the right to withhold our labor?

Those of us who have helped build this union over the last seven years did so with a vision of making a positive contribution to the labor movement. Many of us felt that we were in a unique position, as relatively privileged workers in a university setting, to aim for goals that other workers are not in a position to demand. This contract sells that vision short. It asks us to give up our most basic rights as workers and citizens in exchange for fee remissions and a bureaucratized status quo. I say that's not much of a bargain.

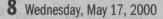
Richard Sullivan is a sociology graduate student.

college age were not addressed at the meeting.

We college folk don't own the property; we just live here. Issues that will increase property value don't really concern us. We are more interested in the practical aspects of this college town. Can we comfortably walk from Point A to

Point B? Can we avoid bike/car collisions? Will we have an open space to run and play in? Will parking on I.V. streets remain free? Will there be more commercial establishments to entertain ourselves in? Can we entrust these decisions to people who DAVE LINDSAY / DAILY NEXUS are not living the college life?

So, even though most of us will not be living here when the "master plan" is finalized, there are many reasons to par-





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to get to campus through the use of alternative methods of transportation," he said. "This would make everything a lot easier for everyone.'

Junior physiology major Ann Nguyen, who attended the bike expo, said the Broida Expressway would increase safety near the physics building.

"We need a bikepath

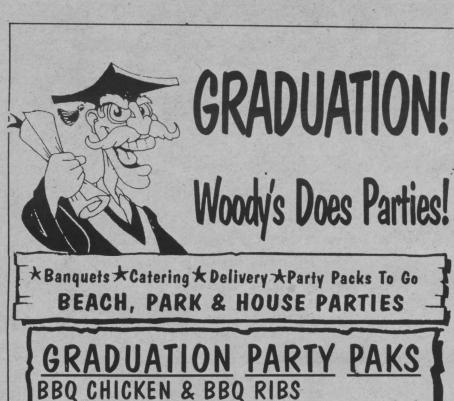
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out there. You walk out of class and there are about five million bikes around you. As a person who has all of her classes over there, it's scary," she said. "No one walks their bikes like they're supposed to. I think the proposed path is a good idea."

The UCSB Mountain Bike Club was also out looking for publicity, and giving away free water bottles in exchange for signa-

Broida tures on a Expressway petition to be submitted to the Office of Budget and Planning.

"The aim of the club is to simply get people to ride bikes; to be outside and to get some exercise," A.S. Bike Shop Assistant Manager Tracey Strobel said. "We also promote proper trail usage and etiquette. All people and all abilities are welcome to ride with us."



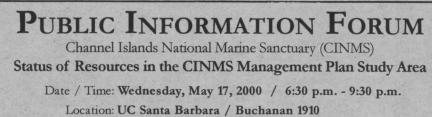
**Continued from p.5** without knowing exactly where he was going." The suspect was holding on to vehicles for support, and at one point had to open the tailgate of a truck and sit down to keep from falling. Officers contacted the suspect and arrested him for public intoxication.

According to reports, after being arrested, the suspect said, "OK, I will admit I'm fucking drunk. What can I say?"

The suspect, who was on probation for prior offenses, was transported to Santa Barbara County Jail, and housed pending sobriety.

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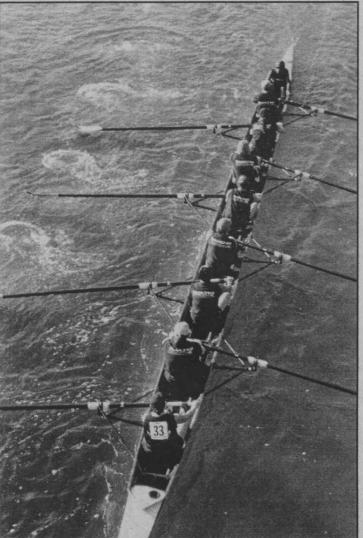
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GENTLY DOWN THE STREAM: The UCSB men's and women's rowing teams were winners of multiple races last Saturday and Sunday.

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# Santa Barbara Hopes to Ride **Momentum Into Nationals**

**Surfing:** Gauchos Appear Ready For National Championships at San Clemente in June

BY BECKY FREEMAN Staff Writer

In addition to its 21 intercollegiate teams, UCSB offers 18 competitive club teams, the most successful of which practices and competes where most students go to rest and relax: the beach.

But don't call them slackers. There's nothing lazy about the accomplishments of Santa Barbara's surf team, which has won 11 national titles, and is preparing for the National Championships in San Clemente on June 25 and 26. So far this season, the Gauchos have been only secondbest, losing to Mira Costa Junior College in four seasonal meets, and at the California State Championships (which UCSB won last year). "We haven't done as well as we could have [so far this season]," senior co-captain Sean Walker said. "We haven't had a consistent contest where everyone has done well."

been coming up big for Santa Barbara this year, winning the state title in the shortboard division in March. Templeman has made the finals in three out of UCSB's four seasonal contests.

"I'm pretty confident [about going into Nationals]," he said. "I'll be up against the same guys, and I have a lot of experience this year, and the more contests you do, the better."

The Gauchos' longboard and female divisions (a surf team consists of six shortboarders, one longboarder and one female surfer) are also among the best in the state. Junior longboarder Tanner Beckett landed a state title this year, and close behind him is sophomore Matt Rickard, who finished in second place in the same division. The team's number-one woman this season is sophomore Nicole DeLeon, who ripped at the state competition to finish second.

# **Gauchos Row Down Competition** Men's and Women's Rowing: UCSB Ends Season in Rancho Cordova

BY ZACK O'NEILL Staff Writer

The UCSB men's and women's rowing teams were at Lake Natoma in Rancho Cordova, Calif., this past weekend, where the Gauchos competed in the Pacific Coast Rowing Championships and the Pac-10 Rowing Championships on Saturday and Sunday. The two regattas marked the end of Santa Barbara's 2000 rowing season.

On Saturday, UCSB racked up a series of strong efforts in the PCRC, achieving two first-place and three second-place finishes. In the Pac-10s on Sunday, the Gauchos struggled against more formidable competition, and finished no higher than sixth in a Grand Final event.

The UCSB rowing teams are broken down into three general categories: varsity, junior varsity and novice. On Saturday, two of Santa Barbara's novice squads took home first-place medals.

Santa Barbara's men's eight-member novice team took first place in its Grand Final - the championship race of a given category - clocking in with a winning time of 6:21.1. The Gauchos edged out second-place Long Beach State by almost six seconds, taking the event relatively easily. The women's novice eight-team also won its Grand Final on Saturday, finishing in 7:21.7 and beating out UC San Diego by over four seconds.

Other highlights on Saturday included the men's varsity lightweight eight-team, which finished second in its Grand Final. Santa Barbara's time of 6:19.4 in the race was a bit over one second

slower than first-place UC Davis. On the women's side, two other Gaucho teams earned second-place medals in their Grand Finals: the women's junior varsity eight-team (7:29.4), and the women's novice lightweight four-team (8:44.8).

"Everyone has basically been competitive all year, but we really put ourselves on the map with these races," junior men's captain Joe Gotelli said. "I'm already excited for next year."

On Sunday, UCSB faced less-than-desirable weather conditions, described by officials as "nasty, with a blistering headwind and rain," in the Pac-10 finals.

"The water was really choppy and it was pouring rain," junior women's co-captain Courtney Pankrat said. "It makes it really hard to row. And there was a bad headwind, which makes everyone a lot slower."

In the actual tournament, it was only the men's varsity four-team and the women's novice eightteam that earned high finishes in the Grand Finals. The men's varsity team clocked in at 7:12.6, finishing sixth, almost 30 seconds behind firstplace Washington University. The women's novice team also finished sixth, with a time of 8:00.1, in a race that was also won by the Huskies. Despite UCSB's lower finishes Sunday, the Gauchos insist there were several positives to be drawn from the events of the weekend.

"[The weekend] was a good culmination of our season," senior women's co-captain Alethea Butler-Nalin said. "We put together our best efforts in all of our boats and performed well against some really tough competition."



THE BIGGEST WAVE IN THE HISTORY OF CAMPUS POINT: The UCSB surf team, which has 11 national titles

Junior Bart Templeman has

But second-best is not where the Gauchos want to be, and as they prepare for a trip down to San Clemente in late June, they are all focused on one thing: a

to its credit, hopes to make it an even dozen at the National Championships in San Clemente next month.

national title.

"Everyone just needs to give it their all," [[senior Jeff]] Sikland said. "We came close at state, so we have the potential; every member of the team just needs to put it together."

"Our team is so talented," sophomore Rory Reiver added.

"With all of us, we can totally get first. I don't doubt that it can happen if we just step it up and all of us do our best, and if the waves allow it."

With many members graduating, including Walker and fellow seniors Sikland and Mike Vos, the future is uncertain for

the Gauchos. However, Reiver, next year's captain, is optimistic about how the team will fare in 2001

"A lot of the team is graduating," Reiver said. "So we just need some more people. I definitely see [the team] growing in the next few years.'

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