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ALAN JACOBY / DAILY NEXUS

House Representative-elect Lois Capps celebrates her victory at a rally late Tuesday night.

## Results of House Race End With Capps Win

By JEANNINE MITCHELL  
Reporter

After a long night fraught with logistical problems, Democrat Lois Capps prevailed over her opponent, Republican Tom Bordonaro.

Due to technical difficulties with the main vote-counting computer at the Santa Barbara elections office, confirmation of Capps' victory was not obtained until early this morning. Although state figures showed a close race with Capps having 50.2 percent of the vote and Bordonaro trailing at 48.1 percent, Santa Barbara County was unavailable for tabulation. The final county figures put

Capps at 59.5 percent, 15,087 more votes than her opponent.

Libertarian candidate Robert Bakhaus and Reform Party candidate Richard Porter received less than 2 percent combined.

Bordonaro expressed positive sentiments on his campaign trail.

"I thought it was a long year but [it] stayed relatively positive and was definitely uplifting," he said.

In her speech at Ma Dolce Vita restaurant at 10:30 p.m. Tuesday, Capps hesitated to make any definite calls on what the outcome would be but remained optimistic.

"I'm not taking anything for granted, but I'm definitely hopeful," she said.

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## Vote Tally Put to a Halt as a Result of Computer Crash

By DAVID DOWNS  
Reporter

Politicians, voters and journalists alike are pointing the finger at technology for a crucial voting snafu this election season.

The main vote counting computer located in the Santa Barbara County Courthouse crashed from the pressure of election day Tuesday afternoon. Possible setbacks from the crash could range from a few hours to a few days depending on the closeness of the races, according to County Clerk-Assessor-Recorder Ken Petit, who expressed dissatisfaction with the computer's performance after months of testing.

"Around 5:45 [p.m.] we had the central processing unit (CPU) component of the computer crash — we believe it was stress and fatigue," he said. "We had to get a CPU expressed here from Van Nuys. ... What is disappointing is we go through months of planning and testing, and then something like this happens. It will be tomorrow morning before we know for sure, but for a close race like the 2nd District Supervisor race, it will be a few days."

With over 90 percent of all California votes accounted for at 3 a.m., the crash will have little noticeable effect on statewide issues such as the

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## '98 State Election Results

with 92.2% of precincts reporting at press time, unless otherwise noted

#### Governor

Gray Davis (D)

#### Lt. Governor

Cruz M. Bustamante (D)

#### Secretary of State

Michela Alioto (D) .....46.3%

Bill Jones (R) .....46.6%

#### Controller

Kathleen Connell (D)

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Phil Angelides (D)

#### Attorney General

Bill Lockyer (D)

#### Insurance Commissioner

Chuck Quackenbush (R)

#### U.S. Senator

Barbara Boxer (D)

#### 22nd Dist. U.S. Representative

with 24.2% of precincts reporting

Lois Capps (D) .....50.2%

Tom Bordonaro (R) .....48.1%

#### 18th Dist. State Senator

Jack O'Connell (D)

#### 35th Dist. State Assemblymember

with 38.2% of precincts reporting

Hannah-Beth Jackson (D) .....50%

Chris Mitchum (R) .....47.2%

Source: CA Secretary of State Office

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While a computer glitch kept candidates in suspense by restricting the tally of results, 35th District State Assembly candidate Hannah-Beth Jackson spoke with a reporter.

## Jackson Pulls Off Win for State Assembly

By CLAIRE SMITH  
Staff Writer

Lingering tension at the election party at Bistro Med on State Street erupted into celebration at 1:30 a.m. when Hannah-Beth Jackson announced her appointment to the 35th District State Assembly.

Democratic candidate Jackson claimed 50 percent of the vote as of 2 a.m., beating her Republican opponent Chris Mitchum who drew in 47.2 percent. Jackson had a strong following in Santa Barbara County, her hometown and major site of campaigning, with 56.2 percent of the votes being cast for her after 91 percent of the precincts reported. Jackson attributed her success to the issues on her platform and her conviction to work to fulfill her goals and promises.

"I think that the victory indicates that the issues I've been talking about are important to the community,

and I intend to take the mandate on these issues to Sacramento," she said. "I'll work hard to improve the public education system, to improve our environment, to reduce student fees, to protect our coastline, protect a woman's right to choose, get Saturday night specials and semiautomatic weapons off the streets and reflect the values of the community that elected me."

Mitchum, who was unavailable for comment after Jackson's victory was announced, expressed relief at his party earlier in the evening.

"I'm feeling very happy that all this campaigning is all over," he said. "It's been a tough nine months, we've been working 15 hours a day, seven days a week."

Before the late-night results were available, Mitchum said the definitive results would be slow in arriving.

"The race will probably not be decided for another

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# Top of the News

## Davis Becomes Governor of California



LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gray Davis was elected California governor Tuesday, driving Republicans from the office they have held since Davis' former boss, Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown, left nearly 16 years ago.

Davis, considered the long-shot Democrat earlier this year, beamed during a victory speech in downtown Los Angeles and told ecstatic supporters: "This has been a long journey, and let me tell you, it doesn't get any better than this." He pledged to make education his No. 1 priority by "challenging orthodoxy" and promised racial harmony in this diverse state, declaring: "The era of divisive wedge issues is over once and for all." Of GOP opponent Dan Lungren he said, "We dis-

agreed on many issues, but you are a worthy opponent, and a decent person, and I know you wished the best for this state."

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Gray Davis  
governor-elect

Lungren, the state attorney general, congratulated Davis and called the Democrat's victory "a tremendous achievement."

"I would just like to wish him well and wish this state well over the next four years, and hope that everybody understands that as partisan as politics may be, it is more important that we all work together to make this state

all that it can be," he said. He added: "There are those who we were unable to convince of our vision of the future, but to those millions out there who did support us, I thank you, and I want to tell you that our dreams do not die because we lose one

middle-aged voters, according to an exit poll conducted by Voter News Service for The Associated Press and five TV networks. He led in most regions of the state and ran even with Lungren among conservative swing voters in Los Angeles suburbs and the Central Valley.

Antonio Palada, who works for the U.S. Postal Service, said he voted for Davis because he believed the GOP had turned against Hispanics, supporting previous ballot measures meant to end state Affirmative Action, aid to illegal immigrants and bilingual education. Lungren had aggressively courted this group, but the exit poll indicated he had drawn just 19 percent.

fight."

With 62 percent of precincts reporting, Davis had 2,665,820 votes, or 57 percent, to Lungren's 1,816,610 votes, or 39 percent.

The Democratic lieutenant governor drew majorities of women, moderates, Hispanics, Asian Americans, blacks and young and

"Republicans, they tend to go against the Latino community," Palada said. "... Now they have to pay for that."

## Boxer Beats Fong, Strong Support From Cities



LOS ANGELES (AP) — Democrat Barbara Boxer defeated Republican challenger Matt Fong for the U.S. Senate on Tuesday, capping a roller-coaster re-election campaign in which she successfully painted Fong as too conservative for California's mainstream.

Boxer, an outspoken feminist and California's ranking liberal, decisively outpolled Fong among moderates, according to exit polls.

She was strongly supported by women, organized labor and blacks and Latinos. Boxer and Fong were splitting the Asian American vote.

Fong, the state treasurer, edged her in the suburbs of Southern California and in the farm-rich Central Valley, but Boxer easily carried the state's two population centers — Los Angeles city and county and the San Francisco Bay Area.

"They said we couldn't do it, that I was a fluke of history," Boxer told supporters at San Francisco's Fairmont Hotel, gesturing "timeout" to quiet the rounds of applause that interrupted her exuberant and animated acceptance speech. "They said that I was too progressive. They said that I was too supportive of the president. They said I was too feisty ... They all missed something. They missed the deep support that I have in every part of this beautiful state because we stand together on the issues."

She did not mention two critical factors in the \$22 million

campaign — her series of attack TV ads that dominated the airwaves the month before the election, and the newspaper disclosure that Fong contributed \$50,000 to a conservative, anti-gay, anti-abortion religious lobby in Orange County.

"I think people have underestimated the power of the gay vote across the country. She's consistently supported people in our community, she's consistently been there for gays, lesbians and transgenders," said Gary Virginia, a gay man with AIDS at Boxer's victory party.

Later, a red-eyed Fong dabbed his eyes and acknowledged defeat at the Republicans' election night headquarters.

Fong, clearly emotional and surrounded by family members, said he had called Boxer and "wished her the best."

"I wish them well, but watch out. Tomorrow in America is another day. We're coming back," he said.

Californians voted after four weeks of Boxer's saturation TV ads that portrayed Fong as opposed to health care reform, gun control, environmental regulation and improvements in public education. At one point, she was spending \$300,000 a day for TV time, campaign sources said.

Fong, strapped for money, did not respond until days before the election. But by then, it was too late.

Boxer, 57, favors abortion rights, tougher controls to enforce environmental regulations, handgun and assault weapon control and campaign finance reform.

Fong, 44, is the son of March Fong Eu, a Democrat who was California's top elections officer for 19 years.

## States Affirm Medicinal Marijuana and Other Measures



(AP) — Americans took some of their most intimate health issues into the voting booth Tuesday, rejecting physician-assisted suicide and a late-term abortion ban but legalizing medical marijuana.

In Washington state, Election Day meant the end of Affirmative Action in state and local hiring, contracting and higher education.

Hawaii and Alaska passed anti-gay marriage measures by 2-to-1 margins. But while Fort Collins, Colo., defeated a measure to pro-

tect gay men and lesbians from discrimination, voters in South Portland, Maine approved one.

The movement to make marijuana available for sick people picked up major steam, with voters in Nevada, Arizona and Washington state approving ballot measures to legalize the drug under certain circumstances.

Early returns in Oregon indicated medical marijuana would pass there, too.

Washington and Colorado voters defeated bans on the late-term abortion

procedure.

California's Indian tribes won approval to continue running their casinos unfettered by state control. Missouri voters amended their constitution to legalize slot machines on casinos that float in artificial moats.

Alaskans rejected a ban on wolf snares. Californians approved one on steel leg traps and also outlawed selling and exporting horsemeat for human consumption.

Californians backed their new deregulation system by defeating a measure to cut off customers' obligation to pay billions in utility debt.

In environmental news, South Dakota voters tightened restrictions on corporate farming in an effort to limit the hog industry's power and stink. Oregon rejected limits on clearcutting while Montana approved a ban on cyanide in new gold mining projects.

Iowa and Florida became the first states in 22 years to pass measures acknowledging women's equality, while New Hampshire rejected an effort to add female pronouns to its constitution — despite having a female governor. South Carolina voters erased the state's 103-year-old constitutional ban on interracial marriage.

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**This Stuff Is One Bad Mutha!**

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## Weather

I don't know about you, but all of this voting has got me hungry, so today for Recipe Wednesday, I'm going to let all of you in on a carefully guarded guest-weatherhuman family recipe. I like to call it "Bad Mutha Chili."

This stuff is almost too easy to make. All you need is a packet of chili powder, one pound of ground beef, a can of kidney beans, a can of diced tomatoes.

First, cook the meat until it's good and brown. Then just mix in all the other stuff with a half cup of water and heat it up until it bubbles. Let it simmer for about 15 minutes, and it's ready to serve. If you really want to go for that "Bad Mutha" effect, try swearing at it loudly every couple of minutes and making violent threats at all of your guests.

When you give this stuff to your friends, they're going to say, "Damn, your chili is one bad mutha!" That's when you look up and say, "Hell yeah, baby, just like me."

Forecast: With the election over, there's nothing but clear skies ahead.



## Late Results Indicate Rose as New Supervisor

BY CURTIS BRAINARD  
Staff Writer

A computer malfunction at the Santa Barbara County Courthouse delayed local election results for hours.

Susan Rose claimed victory over incumbent 2nd District Supervisor Jeanne Graffy, claiming 51.2 percent of the vote with 62 of 78 of the precincts reporting. Earlier, the race was neck and neck, with candidates and their supporters hesitant to make any definite calls on the outcome. The computer failure at the courthouse prolonged the anticipation, said incumbent 35th District State Assemblyman Brooks Firestone (R-Paso Robles).

"It's just too early to tell," he said. "The machines are down, and we've been waiting three hours for the results, if we get them at all tonight."

When the malfunction was corrected shortly before 11 p.m., Graffy led in the polls. Graffy's daughter, Kerry, remained optimistic about the final outcome.

"We're very excited and from what we've seen so far it's looking very good," she said. "We're very, very positive about this."

Spirits were high at Rose's election-night celebration, which was held at the El Paseo restaurant in downtown Santa Barbara. When Rose



Susan Rose, a candidate for the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors' 2nd District spot, addresses her supporters on election night.

pulled ahead in the polls around 1:30 a.m., many of her friends and supporters were confident that victory was theirs, according to UCSB sociology Professor Dick Flacks, who attended the party.

"My wife and I have been working very hard for Susan Rose," he said. "She has just pulled ahead, and I would say that's where she'll stay because Goleta votes will put her strongly ahead."

When Graffy and Republican candidate for 35th District State Assembly Chris Mitchum's joint party ended near midnight, Graffy expressed hopes that she would wake up to good news from election

headquarters.

"I feel very good," she said. "I feel confident, we've had a very good campaign with lots of wonderful volunteers. It was great to get that support because I've been in office and on the city council for four years, and people still believe in what I'm doing and support me."

Up to the very end, the supporters of both candidates stood firmly behind them. According to Mitchum, Graffy has proved that she is right for the job.

"I think she's the right person for 2nd District, and I think she's good for Santa Barbara County," he said. "I'm happy she's doing so

well and I think we're going to have a good board of supervisors."

Flacks expressed similar confidence, believing that Rose would be the final swing vote for the board.

"This is a key for the county in terms of the make-up of the board of supervisors," he said.

The race for the only other open spot on the board of supervisors, the 4th District, was still too close to call at 3 a.m. Incumbent Joni Gray had a healthy lead, drawing 54 percent of the vote, compared to her opponent Joyce Howerton's pull of 45 percent. However, only 61 percent of the precincts had reported.

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| <b>1: Property Taxes</b>                  | <b>YES .....70%</b>     |
| <b>2: Transportation Funding</b>          | <b>YES .....75%</b>     |
| <b>3: Partisan Presidential Primaries</b> | <b>NO .....54.6%</b>    |
| <b>4: Specified Traps and Poisons Ban</b> | <b>YES .....56.7%</b>   |
| <b>5: Tribal-State Gaming Compacts</b>    | <b>YES .....61.9%</b>   |
| <b>6: Ban on Horse Slaughter</b>          | <b>YES .....60%</b>     |
| <b>7: Air Quality Tax Credit</b>          | <b>NO .....57%</b>      |
| <b>8: Class Size Reduction</b>            | <b>NO .....63%</b>      |
| <b>9: Electric Utilities Statute</b>      | <b>NO .....73%</b>      |
| <b>10: Additional Tobacco Surtax</b>      | <b>?.....50.2-49.8%</b> |
| <b>11: Local Tax Revenue Sharing</b>      | <b>YES .....53%</b>     |

## Local Ballot Measure Results

with 53.4% of precincts reporting at press time

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|------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Measure K</b> | <b>YES .....56.3%</b> |
| <b>Measure O</b> | <b>NO .....63.8%</b>  |

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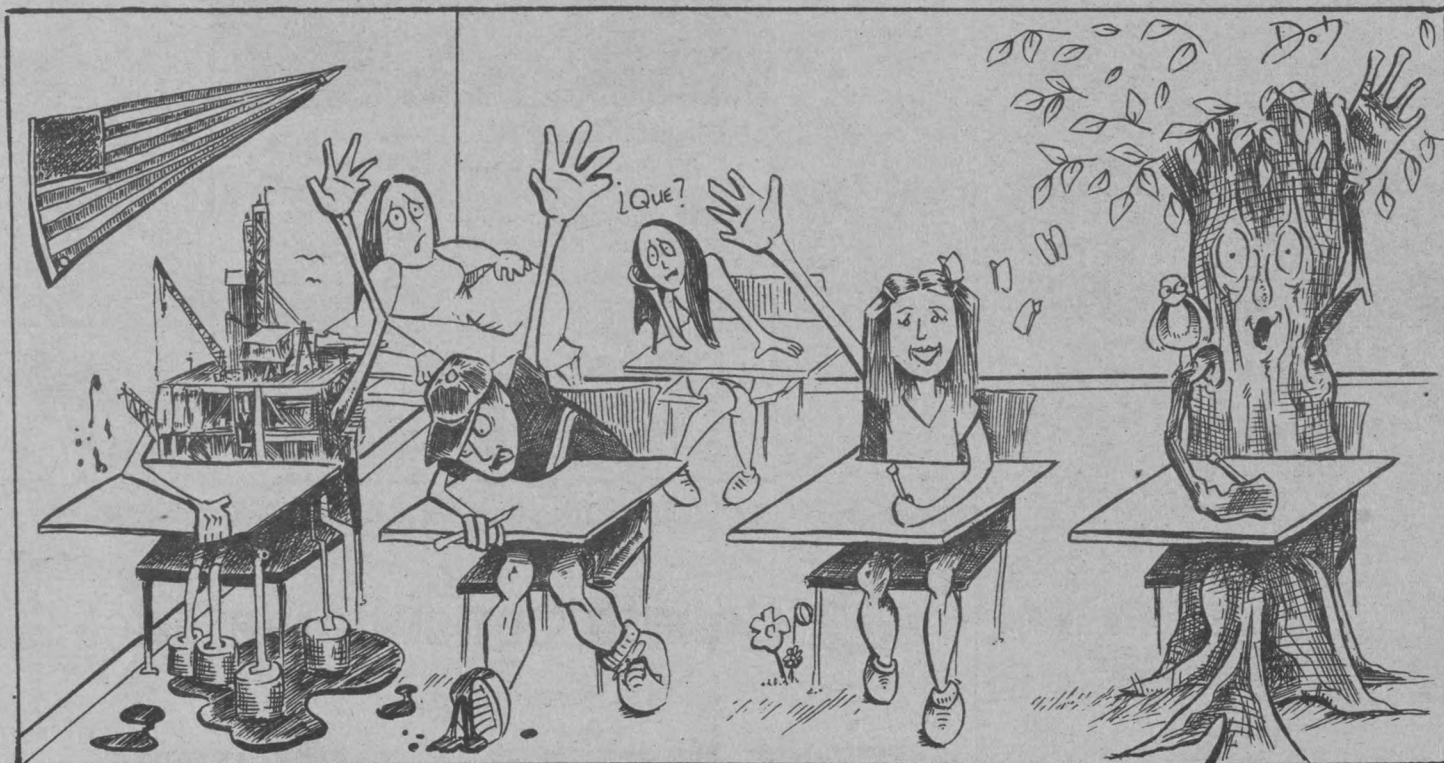
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## Big Issues or Spineless Candidates?

*Were the Environment and Education Big Issues in '98 Campaigns Because They're Safe Topics?*

Political campaigns have a trend of telling people what they want to hear and then, of course, slamming their opponent. While this has continued through this season of elections, there has been a change in what the public — and therefore the candidates — have been focusing on.

Generally crime and the economy are things that politicians stress in their campaign platforms and bring up at every opportunity. But right now in California, crime rates are down and the economy is good, so the campaign speeches have had to find a new focus.

As major issues in most of the political platforms this year, education and the environment have come not only to the forefront in the debates over the races for office but even in the statewide propositions.

Reforming education is an important issue, and one which has not garnered proper attention for quite a few years, resulting in the need for a platform of change in this year's campaign. It is difficult to not put education on the top of the agenda when there are so many areas where it is screaming for assistance.

But education is also a very safe topic, and when a politician speaks — especially in this community — about education and the price of higher education, that appeases citizens. This comfort zone makes them feel that as long as education is an issue, it justifies skirting other valid issues facing Californians right now.

Environmental issues are currently very pertinent; from the coastline and oil drilling problems to forests and (locally) the oaks, all gave politicians a lot to take a stance on.

Santa Barbara, of course, faces a myriad of environmental concerns because it lies between the mountains and the sea. Unlike the eco-issues of even four years ago, many of the problems that

have come to light recently have been more tangible and visible than the abstract "greenhouse effect."

While these issues have taken the foreground in the campaign, other heated situations that are still not resolved were not addressed as much. Issues surrounding bilingual education and crime, neither of which have a definite solution or anything that could make everyone happy, have been avoided in order to appeal to larger numbers.

By contrast, abortion was used as much as ever because it is very emotionally charged. While *Roe vs. Wade* will not be overturned any time soon, abortion is often something that people feel they can use as almost a litmus test for a candidate's ideology.

This year, beyond all the normal slander and major mudslinging, the candidates — while making their individual valid points — were, on the whole, skirting many of the other pertinent issues of their campaigns in order to avoid losing popularity. But it can be a no-win situation for the candidates to pull out all the stops and bring up issues that may be important, but are much harder to hear. So is there a solution?

That is the real question, for with a two-party system, it is hard for any candidate to show any views that don't lie in the middle because those are the ones which are open for attack.

Basically, the candidates need to stand up for what they believe would help society and see how *that* works, because when you say one thing and mean and act another way, no one really wins the political game.

The situation and the entire idea of politics is a little circular, but it is important to continue the conversation and to keep acting and creating change.

## Getting Your Money

*Broadening Horizons May Help Stop Vol*

NATIYA GUIN

This response is not intended to discuss the issue of diversity or to further badmouth Ward Connerly. Hopefully, we are all aware of the devastation UC Regent dictatorship has caused.

The removal of ethnic and gender study majors from the campus what students and professors have been working for for two decades: diversity.

We know diversity is important, actually it is vital. The walkout took place. My concern is for the future of the students who are trying to get an education out of the thousands of dollars they spend on tuition each year.

Even if the walkout worked and gender and ethnic studies majors, will this help our already existing diversity? Our campus a representation of the very thing we are fighting for many ways, I do not think so.

The issue I am addressing is that of voluntary segregation. Around this campus, I see clusters of students speaking for each of those groups I see only one race. White, Mexican-American, Mexican-American, Euro-American, etc. If this representation of diversity is this?

Why do we fight to keep our studies of other cultures? Why do we do not use the knowledge we have gained? My point is these classes are worth having, even if only a small number of students.

## Humanity Was S

*Conversation Is Helping to Resolve*

STEVE AOKI

It is 3:18 a.m. right now on Oct. 23, 1998. I just spent the last 17 hours with a group of active students. I now consider my family.

These determined intellectuals led the struggle to save the humanity that the UC Regents were stripping away from us. So, in opposition to the walkout, we fought back. We fought in numbers, while they fought through dollar signs and media power.

We fought by educating ourselves on the problems in these issues with workshops and spoken words. We supported professors, while they find our way of education polarizing the diversity in the campus.

In the four years I have been attending school at UC, the walkout was the first time I respectively saw, heard, and felt the diversity and vibrancy in color. We, the underrepresented, with our white allies, fought peacefully and in a respectful manner while the UC Regents continue to fight to destroy the respectful manner the school was founded on — diversity through education.

These students that I call my family have taught

## The Reader's Voice

### PROTEST CAN CREATE MAJOR SOCIAL CHANGE FROM ACTION

Editor, Daily Nexus:

As a student, father, and member of the university community, I stood up and challenged the status quo. How did I do this? I participated in a protest. On Thursday of last week, together with other students, I asked the UC Regents to change their minds on Affirmative Action. I asked them to continue, and even expand ethnic and gender studies at the university.

I asked them to stop discrimination when it comes to deciding who can attend this university.

Who Am I? Compared to people like Martin Luther King, César Chávez, Ghandi, Rosa Parks and other leaders, who gave their lives to causes bigger than themselves, I really am no one.

Am I incredibly naïve for believing that marching around campus shouting at the top of my lungs slogans like, "No University Without Diversity" and "Students United, We'll Never Be Divided" will get me anywhere?

Am I crazy to spend the morning listening to people

talk, who were not my professors, about their view of the world and how it works? Am I delusional for not attending classes during midterms?

Only if you do not believe in the power of social change. It takes place when people take upon themselves the responsibility of leadership and action.

As a student of history and law and society, I have studied a multitude of examples where real social change takes place only after action. When various groups come together and work to achieve a greater cause, the end of discrimination, all of society benefits.

In every age or time period, culture or society, there are people who decide that the "I" will be "me." People who see a wrong and try to make it right. People who take a stand against injustice and ill-treatment. People who dig their heels into the ground and say, "I will not budge until something is done to change this!"

"I" want to be that type of person, not only for myself, but for my children. The people or "I's" marching in last week's protest did, too. We marched for the people who have come before us, risking literally everything in order to make this world a better place.

We wanted to show our respect and admiration for what they had accomplished in hopes of continuing their work.

The chancellor of this university did an extremely brave and honorable thing, too. He chose to side against those who would further divide our community. His donation, along with his continued support, in my opinion, makes him one of those leaders.

Leadership is not dead on this campus, students who organized the rally and walkout showed it. Chancellor Yang showed it. Regardless of your opinion on Prop 209 or Affirmative Action, take a stand in life on an important issue.

Try to change an injustice. Help those who need it most. As students of this university, you represent your family, friends and community. Don't leave it up to others. Because, in the end, it may not get done unless "You" do it.

DIEGO ARP

### CHANCELLOR SHOWS SHEPARD'S DEATH AFFECTS ALL OF US

Editor, Daily Nexus:

After the recent tragic death of Matthew Shepard, a student at the University of Wyoming, I have spent time talking with students, staff and faculty about this terrible incident. My conversations have confirmed the deep pain experienced

by many people

with our community. Though Matthew's death suggests that something is wrong, it is openly gay.

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they have learned.

These classes are worth having for every individual who transforms from being a bigot to becoming accepting and understanding, and for every potential rapist who realizes the feelings and importance of another individual. However, I would like if diversity affected the majority of UCSB students and staff in a positive way.

During the walkout on Thursday, one speaker mentioned how beautiful it was to view all the diverse people among the audience out on the plaza steps, all in alliance with the idea that we should not compromise our education.

I agree. The experience was so powerful that at times I felt completely filled with love because of the mass of wonderful human beings around me. My happiness was weakened when I thought about what would come of this gathering the next day. In my mind, I saw individuals of all backgrounds, both sexes, gay, bisexual and straight people all talking together, eating together, laughing together.

And then I remembered what UCSB looked like the day before the walkout, small groups of various races, hardly any mixed-culture conversations going on, and only same race, opposite sex couples walking together and holding hands.

I remembered this and knew that tomorrow would probably not be much different. Why? If we were all so overjoyed by this diversity, shouldn't we embrace it and carry it with us? This is my challenge, and my hopes for all of us.

Think about your relationships with members of different races and sexual orientation, and discover how you approach each relationship differently. When I say "Hi" to my black friend while she is with her group of black friends, she smiles and says "Hi" back, and then we both turn away and I keep on walking by.

Sometimes I wonder if her friends later ask her who that white girl was. Why do I keep on walking, instead of stopping and talking like I want to?

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Who cares what those girls may be thinking; she is my friend, and even though we are different races, who gives a shit?

All that could happen is that those girls could see my friend and I together, and they might begin to think about their stereotypes and learn something. And if they do not realize that interracial friendships are normal and should be embraced, oh well, at least I got to talk to my friend.

There is nothing to be lost when making a positive statement. Some individuals may not understand your friendships or your openness toward others, but that is what we are here for. It takes strength and courage to be gentle and kind. Between gender and ethnicity studies and us showing a good example, diversity can be a true reality on this campus.

I have always thought of myself as an open person who could really care less whether my friends were of different races, gay, straight, whatever.

It never mattered. I realize now that although I do have friends of all backgrounds, my level of comfort and of embracing friendships changes, depending on whether they are alone or with a group of friends to which my physical or sexual traits differ. As I have previously pointed out, we should never compromise due to fear; that will only weaken us.

I am consciously reminding myself to take a chance and see all my friends — and their friends — as individuals whose differences lie only in their personality. I ask that you embrace all of your friendships to their full capacity no matter what labels your acquaintances may fall under.

Do this for yourself, for your children and for your children's children because acceptance of diversity is our only hope for peace, both locally and globally.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the walkout, and especially to Thursday's first speaker. Your poem was everything I have ever wanted to say about wicked history books and the necessity of understanding others. Individuals like yourself give me hope for this planet; keep rockin' it!

*Natiya Guin is a sophomore biology major.*

## Saved From Regents

### solve the Issues Brought Out at the Walkout

the most important lesson of my life. They taught me that even when there is crises and turmoil, we can make a difference if we unite together and fight together, and just through the common bond of love and compassion we can win.

By the end of the night, I looked at all their faces while we were holding hands in rejoice and victory, and I realized I didn't even know 98 percent of the people there.

But I felt so incredibly moved and inspired by these so-called strangers that it didn't matter one bit. These "strangers" made more of an impact on my life than many of my closest friends. This is why this solidarity is so positive and so necessary for life.

We, not only as students but as human beings, must learn to love and respect everyone for who they are; their history is vital to understanding the fundamental values of what they stand for.

The history of the underrepresented has been easily pushed aside in the curriculum in many schools across the U.S., but our generation and our predecessors have fought long and hard to make their history as much as an emphasis as any other well represented race of people. We must remember that and take it with us in our

continuing struggle.

Those nine demands we, as students, decided on were successful. Through long and hard deliberation, we won. We fucking won! A fucking glorious and tremendous victory. We won for the students in the future that there is hope to change, that our voice will be heard, that ethnic studies will not be dismantled.

Chancellor Yang and the faculty of UCSB won, too. They won the respect that they deserve. They won that they have the opportunity to teach and educate students these most essential ethnic studies classes.

And for myself, I was rewarded the most learned and positive experience school has ever taught me, and it wasn't in a classroom. I learned from fellow students

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and peers, from faculty and staff of UCSB and from everyone that supported the walkout and the sincerity behind it.

The \$13,000 I pay every year was worth every penny this early morning of Oct. 23, 1998. Today, I have earned my diplomacy in school. And the candlelight ceremony at 3 in the morning was the ceremony — a day I will never forget.

That what makes us human is simply being human. This is taken for granted every day of our lives. We must realize this when we wake up, when we talk with one another and when we simply breathe. Being human is treating our brothers and sisters with the respect and compassion they deserve.

Furthermore, we must support the history of the underrepresented as our way of declaring our respect. However, I believe that this is just an elementary step toward the equality of those that are underrepresented. This is just the beginning. We must keep struggling to save the humanity that is dying within all of us.

This is one of the main reasons — if not the only reason — why education helps the human race to revitalize its positive energy. We are becoming more and more endangered every day. We must learn to rely on each other rather than on an institution.

We must learn to become as autonomous and independent from the institution as possible. We must present our advocacy to the people. Let's engage ourselves into action so others that cannot do it have a chance to survive. The positive revolution has begun and is growing in numbers. We will make a difference. We are significant!

*Steve Aoki is a fifth-year sociology major.*

## More Reader's Voice

any people at UCSB, and have prompted me to share our campus my feelings about what happened.

ough we may not have known him personally, new's life has touched our own lives. Every indication sts that Matthew was a victim of hate and bigotry, thing that none of us should ever have to endure. As an y gay student, he was different from the majority.

ing different is not wrong. Having a diversity of people, cultures and values provides us with important oppor- es to learn from each other. We must be mutually re- ful of our differences and of everyone around us.

e cannot and will not tolerate violence, especially when ms from hate like it did in Matthew's case. His brutal ng is both a horrifying and vivid example of what hate o. There is no place for that on our campus or in our y.

we now have an opportunity to learn from the tragedy appened to him. We are not all supposed to be the But if we look hard enough, we'll also see that we have in common than we have differences. That realization e of the values of diversity.

m committed to providing a safe campus environment e our diversity can thrive along with excellence, and e all of our students can learn and excel. We need to

support, appreciate and understand each other while valuing our differences such as gender, ethnicity and sexual orientation.

I support being an ally of our gay and lesbian community and of all our various diverse campus communities, and I encourage you to do the same. UCSB should be a place where everyone is treated with respect and dignity. We all deserve that!

HENRY T. YANG

### CENSORSHIP IS AT THE ROOT OF THE NEED FOR ETHNIC STUDIES

Editor, *Daily Nexus*:

After reading Timothy DiCarlo's column on why some students did not walk out of class (*Daily Nexus*, "Normal Classes Teach Ethnic Studies; Why Have a Whole Dept." Oct.27), I see just how important it is that students did walk out of class and protest.

DiCarlo charges that the absence of these classes would not be "discrimination in any way." I ask, how could this not be discrimination? When classes that help to educate students are taken away, when we as students are not given the chance to learn about cultures and experiences that are diffe-

rent from our own, or are our own, then this is discrimination.

DiCarlo offers revisionist history as a solution to the problem. The idea presented is that the same paradigm that produced the original *history* is now going to fix the problem.

It is necessary to look at history and present-day life both in this country and outside of it from a different standpoint.

DiCarlo then charges that we are here for one reason only, "to get an education that can enable us to get a job." This view is exactly why we need ethnic studies. This success-oriented, Protestant work ethic is an intrinsic part of many traditional majors and departments.

That DiCarlo calls ethnic degrees "nothing degrees" and "sad majors" is in itself sad, but shows why we need these *nothing degrees* and *sad majors*.

Finally DiCarlo charges that the actions of Ward Connerly are not fueled by racism, but then connects racism to something conspired behind closed doors. There is racism behind closed doors and white sheets, but there is also racism that doesn't need to hide because people refuse to see it.

This is the kind of discrimination that ethnic studies, that gender studies, that queer studies, as well as Affirmative Action, seek to eradicate.

ANDREW HUFFINE

## HOT LINE

### Got Chicken?:

"I was at the drive thru at KFC with my brother and his girlfriend, who can be a sort of a ditz. She ordered a meal and the clerk asked which kind of chicken she wanted, she said regular. The clerk said, 'We don't have any.' To which the girlfriend replied, 'Well, what do you have?' He said, 'Chicken.' -One Person Who Does Not Want to Go into Fast Food

### Hungry?:

"I read in the *Nexus* today about some great Halloween costumes; the trash was funny, but the Giant Matzo Ball was by far the funniest." -Man O. Shevitz

### Pirate Jargon?:

"What's with the word 'swashbuckling'? Do you need to have a swash to buckle? And how come only pirates get to do it? There's not enough diversity when it comes to who gets to swash-buckle." -David R. Downs

Ex-Seinfeld Writer

AAAAAAAAAAAA "Wouldn't it suck if you opened your fortune cookie and it read, 'That wasn't chicken?'" -Matt Hurst

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## No White Men's Studies?

MATTHEW B. DAVIS

I've had enough! I've kept my voice silent while the important issues facing my people are being ignored, but now I must speak to preserve fairness. I am a heterosexual physically unchallenged student of mixed German-English-French-Scotch-Irish-Norwegian-Swedish-Belgian-Dutch-Swiss ancestry.

And yet somehow, there are very few, if any, classes that cater to my particular classification. I can't help but think that if two percent of the population on our campus needs 10 queer theory courses (Demands 1 and 2), that we weirdos who are smitten by those of the opposite sex need 490 (10 divided by 2 percent times 98 percent) "straight studies" courses to be "equally represented."

What's more, I've noticed an alarming lack of concern by the regents for the institution of a men's studies curriculum. (Men's Studies 182B: Why chicks find most of us less attractive than Leonardo DiCaprio, and what we can do about it).

If you eight or nine thousand men want to walk out with me next Tuesday, we can probably get attention (that's what this is all about, right??) from the *Nexus* and Chancellor Yang, or at least get a good pickup game of basketball going. Three words: Mark your calendars.

A quick step into the realm of seriousness: We need to recognize certain unchangeable characteristics about each one of us for what they are, unchangeable. Since we cannot change our race, economic background, gender, height, or inherent physical traits, we should not be treated differently because of them.

We need ethnic and gender studies for many reasons; in part, so the stupid mistakes made in the past, many of which hurt minorities and women, can be learned from. There is no excuse for those "wrongs"; there is every reason to correct our policies in order to approach equality; and there is absolutely no reason in hell for continuing preferential treatment in the form of quotas (reverse discrimination), preferential hiring, or the like.

Quick note on Demand 5. Queerness is not an ethnicity,

nor a gender, nor an unchangeable characteristic. It is a lifestyle choice. So is choosing to be a fast-food worker, choosing to collect baseball cards or choosing to be frugal and tidy.

Yet for some reason, no demands were made for staffed resource centers for these lifestyles. Hmmm ... we must really need another walkout! How about a resource center for idiots (you might know some of them) who walk out of classes without knowing why?

Let me break it down for you: Let's keep (and cherish) our ethnic studies programs, but let's not demand that they be expanded by adding faculty, departments and graduate programs (Demands 6, 7, 8) just because we're feeling really, really defensive (as apparent in Demand 4) because of something one UC regent said.

It's not apparent that Mr. Connelly's request for a review of UC ethnic studies has ever turned into anything more than just that: a request, unaddressed in any of the regents' meetings since his controversial June statement.

My dream course: Honkie Studies 106MM — Studies of American-born guys who have morals and are of mixed Northern and Western European ancestry, their hopes, dreams and inability to swallow the amount of PC crap floating around the USA today.

Matthew B. Davis is a junior business economics major.

## What Is "Normal"?

MINDY SERIN

I read a column about the recent walkout that occurred here at SB in the *Nexus*' Opinion section ("Normal Classes Teach Ethnic Studies; Why Have a Whole Dept.?" Oct. 27) that seemed to be rather ignorant of the situation, and so I address this response to Timothy DiCarlo, as well as to anyone who agrees with him.

The first point in his article said that the absence of studies for those underrepresented would not "be discrimination in any way" and that it would not keep any individual from taking the initiative to learn about their personal ancestry or history because it's taught in any "normal" class.

By "normal" do you mean the classes that are specifically about the United States? And why is it that this is what's defined as "normal"?

And furthermore, how do you conclude that any 10-week class about one specific subject can give justice to the history and culture of all minority groups in this country, as well as around the globe?

That's right girls and boys: You CAN'T learn about these cultures and ethnicities if the classes are NOT available. You heard me, the absence of the history of minorities equals a distortion of your own history. Thus, without knowing the history of EVERYONE ELSE, we can never know our real history.

So here (hopefully) you can see the point that everyone who joined in the walkout tried to make: that these classes are IMPERATIVE for an education about who we are.

The second point in the article of question was that our purpose here is to get an education that can enable us to get a job, and thus, women's, Asian, black and Chicano/a studies lack

value. To me, this seems to be an OPINION of a very ignorant and arrogant person.

How could anyone say that learning the history of people other than white Americans has no value? And if your only reason for being here is to get a job, then you should just be at some trade school or something because the point of a university is not just to provide us with the proper training for a job; the university is here to teach us about anything and everything.

Ward Connerly was the subject matter of the third point in the article. What was said was that "... the reasons Ward Connerly condemns Affirmative Action and wishes to rid our campus of ethnic studies are not those of racism." This may be true to a certain extent. However, what we must realize is that Ward Connerly's main qualification for being a regent is that he was the largest individual contributor to Gov. Wilson's campaign.

Yup, that's right. WARD CONNERLY HAS ABSOLUTELY NO BACKGROUND IN EDUCATION AND DID NOTHING MORE THAN PAY HIS WAY ONTO THE REGENTS' BOARD. Hmmm, but wait a second there, he got his position WITHOUT merit?

Let's think about this one now. With him turning on his own and putting an end to Affirmative Action and trying to rid the university of all ethnic studies, while being in a great situation for political advancement (Reagan was once a UC Regent), could he possibly be trying to create a name for himself through stepping on the backs of his brothers and sisters by siding with all the old white guys who sit on the UC Board of Regents?

I say this is very likely. So who knows, Connerly probably isn't racist at all ... but he also most likely wants to get ahead, and he probably sees us as great pawns in order for him to do so.

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## The Reader's Voice

### CSOS ARE THERE TO WALK HOME DRUNKS

Editor, Daily Nexus:

This weekend, while returning from a party, my roommate and I encountered a not uncommon sight in Isla Vista: a few drunk, freshmen girls stumbling home. One of these young women was a bit more brazen than her friends and made it a point to introduce herself to us.

"So what?" you say, "This is Isla Vista! Drunk students are everywhere, and they are usually much friendlier when drunk."

Well, that's the problem. My roommate and I walked these girls to their apartment and said, "Good night." End of story.

I hesitate to say these women were lucky to have us help them stand up straight, walk without falling on their faces and get them to their apartment.

But in light of the high number of sexual assaults that have already been committed this year, I have no hesitation saying that these women could have been very UNlucky.

Hell, if you don't know where you've been, where you are, what you've had to drink, where you're going and can barely stand up, you stand a good chance of being victimized, which could include rape. If I had been someone with less altruistic intentions, their evening could have ended on a

much more frightening note.

OK. Yes, it's a stupid idea to walk home piss drunk in the middle of the night down the dangerously dark streets of our wonderful home, Isla Vista, when sexual assaults are on the rise. Good. I'm glad we've come to an understanding. Solution: CALL A FRIGGIN' CSO! They will make sure you get home safely.

Yes, they are a bunch of assholes when it comes to illegally parked bikes, and, yes, they charge exorbitant fees. Those big fees we pay when we want our bikes back help pay for their other services.

So make use of that money that you just shelled out to free that decrepit machine you call a bike! You can call them from any emergency phone on campus, including the ones in the elevators. If you are not on campus, call 893-2000. Memorize this number.

If your memory is like mine, write it down on your I.D. with permanent marker. Write it somewhere. Keep it with you. You are in college now. Take some responsibility for yourself. Maybe you can take some responsibility for others, too. Try not to let friends wander home drunk.

It's OK to call a CSO for someone else. Trust me when I say they will be grateful. Such a phone call could be one of the greatest gifts you ever give a friend.

MATTHEW BURRIS

### PRIVILEGED LIFE COMES FROM CLASS, NOT RACE

Editor, Daily Nexus:

This is to respond to the column so stirringly titled "Diversity Is Positive" and published in the *Nexus* Wednesday, Oct. 21.

Nick Hall ascribes his privileged status to his race and, curiously, to his sexual orientation. He, like so many bourgeois white liberals, makes the basic mistake of attributing the privileges he has enjoyed throughout his life to his race and not to his coddled middle-class lifestyle.

It is to those born to a lower social stratum, who I so often hear enlightened white liberals refer sneeringly to as "white trash," that Affirmative Action is most injurious.

Hall is quite right when he insists that he has enjoyed a gilded upbringing full of group-based entitlements. He and other members of his class, those effete children of the overindulged middle class who walk around this campus tanned, tall and milk-cow stupid will never feel the effects of Affirmative Action.

Their privileged station will have protected them. Not only have they had the benefits of superior primary education, freedom from want and ample money for college, but also the social skills necessary to

maintain their place within "The System," a system that discriminates far more freely and openly on the basis of class than it does on the basis of race.

Poor whites, on the other hand, and especially in California, attend the same schools as minority children, and so receive the same shoddy education. They are subject to all of the same social woes other "oppressed" minorities suffer, with a few extra tossed in.

Because this country has always denied its class system, there is a stigma attached to being poor and white with which no other group has to contend.

The logic of Affirmative Action seems to be that this class of poor whites, who have least benefited by their "whiteness," ought to be made to pay through the loss of opportunity for the very real privileges enjoyed by Hall and his ilk.

Having appointed themselves patrons to downtrodden blacks and Latinos, they would deny opportunity not to all white people, but just to those most in need of society's help. I don't suggest that our society ought not help poor minorities who have worked hard to succeed. But I do say that to do so while denying the same help to poor whites and Asians is vile.

THOMAS SIZGORICH



## IVRPD Park Measure Passes Easily Among Residents

The only measure on the ballot solely intended for Isla Vista passed with an overwhelming majority last night.

Measure M, which was put on the ballot by the I.V. Recreation and Park District, will ensure that the various I.V. parks will retain their status as park lands in the event that I.V. is annexed or incorporated. The measure requires a two-thirds vote of the IVRPD and the Isla Vista community for the IVRPD to be able to sell or acquire any lands.

Eighty-nine percent of the voters approved the measure, with 11 of 15 precincts reporting. Only 11 percent of the ballots counted stood in opposition to the relatively uncontested ordinance.

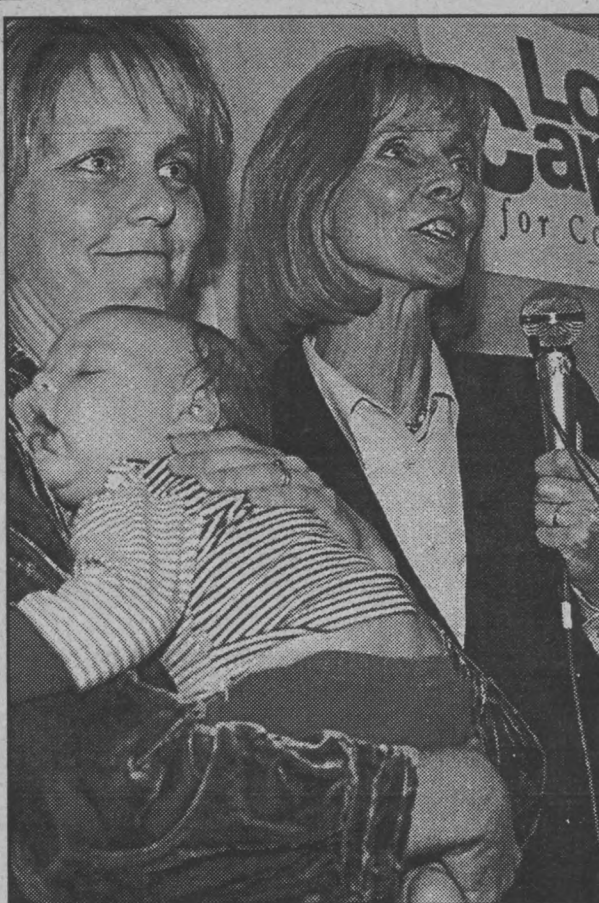
Supporters of the measure cited the fact that if the park board were to change its current pro-environmental bias as result of turnover, the law would leave all decisions regarding the open space up to local residents.

The largest problem with the measure is the concern that any new entity, such as the City of Santa Barbara, that might take over the lands in which the parks are contained, might have a law that conflicts with the provisions, despite the fact that the ordinance is pursuant with current law, according to an analysis by the district elections office.

— Nexus Staff Report



Crow About



Lois Capps, re-elected Tuesday to the U.S. House of Representatives, introduces her daughter and grandson to supporters

ALAN JACOBY / DAILY NEXUS

## DELAY

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gubernatorial race or state propositions. Crucial local races were hit the hardest, as only 24.2 percent of the votes for the House of Representatives race between Democrat Lois Capps, Republican Tom Bordonaro, Libertarian Robert Bakhaus and Reform Party candidate Richard Porter for 22nd

District could be counted as of 3 a.m.

Early in the night incumbent 35th District State Assemblyman Brooks Firestone was wary of handing down a premature verdict in the 22nd District race.

"At this stage of the game I think it's too early to tell," he said. "When the rural districts come in, we'll see what happens then."

The 35th District As-

## 22nd

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Capps' son Todd had faith that his mother would emerge victorious.

"We're very hopeful," he said. "According to the polls, we have good reason to believe it's going in our favor. It's pretty much on target."

Capps was thankful for the amount of support that she has received from the campus communities.

"We've had a lot of good support in UCSB and Isla Vista," she said. "This election has depended on a big group of loyal voters — City College and UCSB."

Capps remained upbeat at the end of the night, as she expressed personal sentiments about her late husband, former representative Walter Capps.

"A year ago today we buried Walter. He's here with us today," she said. "I feel glad that this election is finally behind us. It has taken four times, but now it's

over."

At midnight, the votes were still being tallied, and Bordonaro was frustrated with the delay.

"We have gains in San Luis Obispo County. Because of the technical problems, we still don't know about Santa Barbara County," he said. "I've heard the turnout is high for Santa Barbara County. You'd think that at midnight they would know, but it's close."

Although he was unsure of the final outcome, Bordonaro thanked UCSB students who were involved in his campaign.

"I thank all the students at UCSB at Youth for Bordonaro," he said. "I appreciate all their help no matter what happens."

Bordonaro retired early, with hopes that the rising sun would bring good news.

"I don't know [what's going to happen]. I'm going to go to sleep. I'll wake up tomorrow and see where the race is at," he said.

sembly race between Democrat Hannah-Beth Jackson, Republican Chris Mitchum and Reform Party candidate Eric Dahl also suffered since it had only 38.2 percent of votes counted at press time.

Incumbent 2nd District Supervisor Jeanne Graffy echoed the sentiments of the many people left waiting in the early hours of the morning for the final vote tally.

"It's a terrible disappoint-

ment. Everybody's excited and waiting for the results, and not to have them come in ... And obviously it is going to be a while yet," she said. "It's going to be sort of a midnight vigil for us."

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— Staff writers Curtis Brainerd and Claire Smith also contributed to this article.

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few days. I think that unless something dramatic happens here in Santa Barbara it's going to be decided one vote at a time," he said.

Janice Rocco, Jackson's campaign manager, remained confident throughout the night that Jackson would retain her lead.

"Every sign is very encouraging, we're excited," she said. "We've been ahead for hours, and there's no reason to believe there's anything but victory for Hannah-Beth Jackson."

Rocco added that Jackson stands out as the best representative of her local constituents.

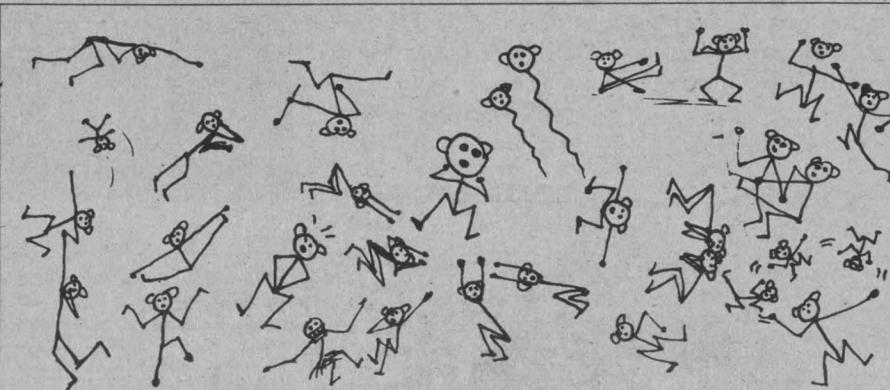
"Hannah-Beth is one of the very best State Assembly candidates in the country. With her commitment to the people and community issues, she's going to represent all of us very well," she said.

Staff writer Gretchen Macchiarella also contributed to this article.



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**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Today is an 8—Don't worry about a move you're planning. Your common sense is excellent right now, and you also have a good scan on what's coming up. You'll not only increase your own security, but you'll make your loved ones safer, too. You're making things happen, and you're doing it so that you'll be more secure. Keep up the good work.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Today is a 5—Looks like a friend is under a bit of pressure, running into obstacles every time he or she turns around. You can help in this situation, if only by providing a shoulder to cry on. You can see everything a little more objectively, since you're not under anywhere near the same amount of pressure. Make yourself available for a private consultation.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)—Today is a 7—The person you find most irritating today is also your most valuable coach. Try not to overpower one who is attempting to steer you in the right direction. Otherwise, you could get in trouble. Fortunately, your friends will tip you off before that happens, if you're wise enough to listen.

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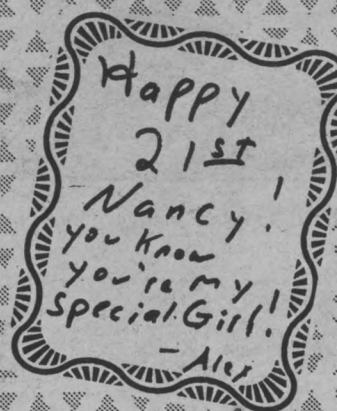


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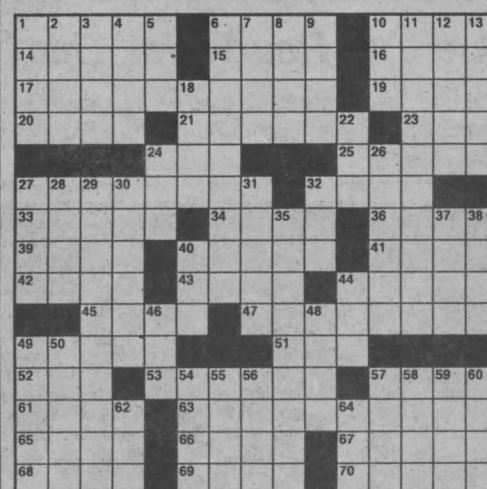
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## Swimmers Pleased After USC Invite

BY MATT HURST  
Staff Writer

The early bird catches the worm. Or maybe the early rising swimmer receives better times.

As they were traveling to USC for last Saturday's USC Invitational, the UCSB men's and women's swim teams had to rise before the roosters were crowing and be in the pool at around sunup for all-day races. Each member of both teams swam about six races each, a very demanding amount considering a normal meet has swimmers compete in around three races.

The early rise didn't seem to affect the Gauchos as much as one would think as they posted impressive times in the first invitational of the year. No team scores were kept for Santa Barbara, but UCSB Head Coach Gregg Wilson was very pleased with the way the meet went as far as individual times were concerned.

"The results were very good," Wilson said. "The new kids swam the races fast, and I was very pleased with most of the swimmers."

Senior Carl Larsen might have made the biggest impression in Los Angeles by winning the 400 individual medley with a time of 3:58 and the mile race at 15:24.65. Larsen also placed fourth in the 100 butterfly and third in the 200 breaststroke. But he wasn't the only one leaving a lasting impression in people's heads.

Freshman Tanner Remai and sophomore Ben Lucchese placed fourth and eighth respectively in the 400 IM with scores of 4:03.1 and 4:10.16. Lucchese finished fifth in the 200 backstroke with a time of 1:52.69.

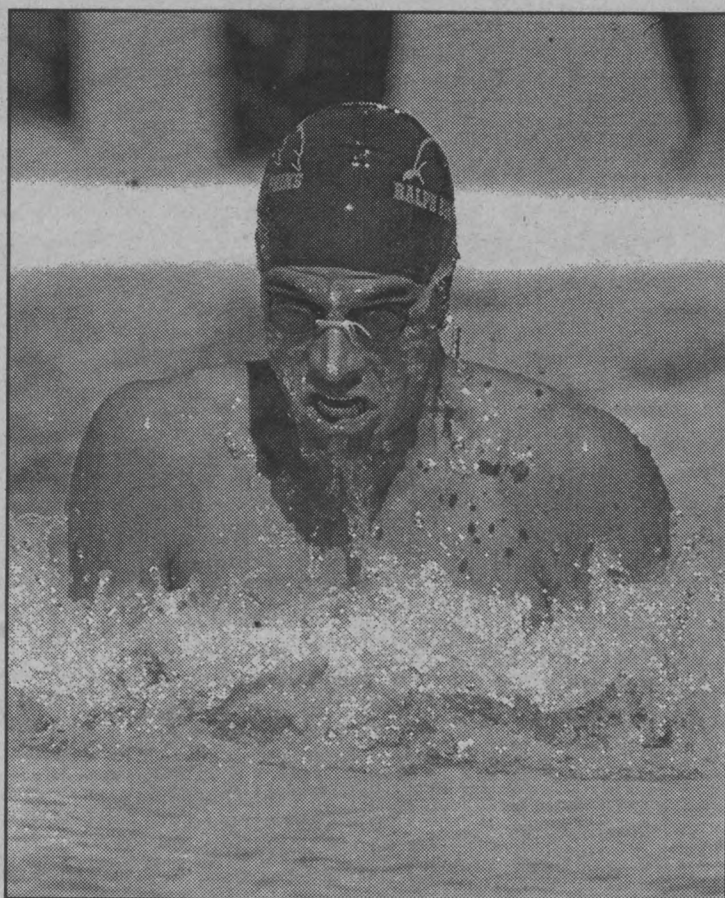
"Carl is so far ahead of last year," Wilson explained. "Last year he made the consideration cut for the NCAAs, and he is three seconds faster than the end of last year. Right on his heels was Tanner, who is prominent for our program. He did outstanding. Ben swam well ahead of his times [last year]."

The women had a good day down in L.A., too, according to Wilson, who splits his time between the teams. But the 23-year coach is quick to point out that the women are missing members of the team due to injuries.

"I was real pleased with the women," Wilson said. "There are a few holes, but much of those are from muscular injury. Right now five aren't swimming. But what I see this year is that all of the events are stronger, primarily the 100 and 200 freestyle. I'm real excited because this team has a lot of depth."

The swimmers will head to UC Irvine this weekend for the Big West Shootout against five conference schools. The race will be swam like an invitational but will be scored as a dual meet.

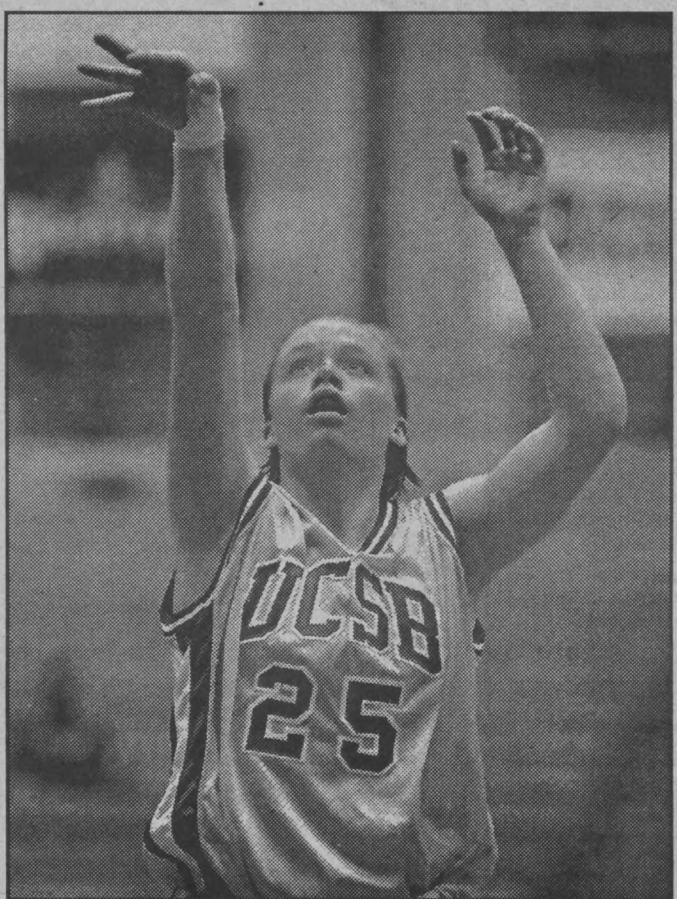
"It will be exciting," Wilson said of the upcoming weekend. "We will get exposure of Pacific, Irvine and Cal Poly."



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**BREATHE:** The UCSB men's and women's swim teams feel confident about their upcoming seasons after last weekend.

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### Are You Ready For This?

The UCSB women's basketball team is ready to defend its Big West championship this season. They will start play Friday night against Ipswich (Aus.) at 7 in the Thunderdome.

## Forget the NBA, Remember When Kickball and Foursquare Ruled Your Sports World?

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I ain't even gonna lie. I'm feenin' for some of that fantastic NBA action. But things are looking bleak. One day, I hear that the season will start first thing in December. Now there's talk that there won't be any games until the New Year. What ever happened to playing for the love of the game? What ever happened to playing all in the name of fun? That's the problem with professional sports these days; it's all about the Benjamins, baby.

But forget about them greedy fat cats of the NBA. I suggest we take a look at the sports of the old school, the fun and games of our playground days, before greed took hold of athletes' minds. You remember those games, don't you, children? When we all played to get dirty and have fun. When it was all about graduating from the little kids' yard to the big kids' yard. Let's take a look back at some of the classics:

Remember those big, giant, red balls? No, not your gym teacher's inflamed prostate. I'm talking about those huge rubber balls back in kindergarten. The ones that needed three kids to carry across the playground. One time, these preschoolers tried to play handball with one of these massive balls of destruction. This one kid tried to duck under for a lollipop. Bad idea. The ball landed right on top of him and broke the lil' bastard's neck. Tough break, son.

Foursquare. Ah, another old-school classic. Four kids and one ball. All you had to do was slap the

ball into one of the four adjacent squares, hence the name. It was fun, easy, and fellas, all the little shorty's loved to play. A boy played this game at the risk of being called a "punk" by his peers. But if you were a smart little dude, you didn't care because you were surrounded by the fairest little ladies of the blacktop. You see, children, you don't have to be a multi-million dollar power forward to get chicks — just play foursquare.

Another playground sport that the girls played was tetherball. I stayed away from this one myself. I have witnessed many a beheading in this game. One girl was nailed right in her face by the yellow ball of doom. Her retainer broke right in her mouth and cut up her lips. She was spitting blood for days. Nasty.

Probably my favorite of all the games on the blacktop was kickball. Now this was a sport. Never mind all that reverse dunk, no-look pass, box-out nonsense. Kickball kicked ass. Back then, it didn't matter how big or strong you were, it was all about the shoes. If a kid had a nice pair of kicks, the better kicker he was. I had a pair of buck-white Keds with the two velcro straps. The outfield always came in on me when it was my turn to kick. Maybe I should've gotten the ones with three velcro straps.

The most hardcore sport of the playground, though, was Suicide.

For those of you unfamiliar with this innocent little game, let me explain the rules. All you needed was

a tennis ball, a wall, and a bunch of crazy kids. The object of the game was to simply throw the tennis ball against the wall and catch it. But, if you dropped the ball, you had to run over to the wall and tag it before someone else could huck the ball at the wall. Simple right? Well, it ain't called Suicide for nothing.

If someone dropped the ball, all

the other players could beat the crap out of the kid until he tagged the wall. Pretty much anything went: elbows, punches, kicks, headbutts, Rainbow Brite lunchboxes (girls play dirty). This was sadly banned from my elementary school when a playground supervisor tried to break up a dropped-ball scuffle. All the kids beat the crap out of her, and she lost the use of all her limbs. Damn playground supervisor.

Well, children, that concludes our look back at the old-school playground sports. If you're like me and are finding yourself depressed over the whole NBA situation, forget about it. Just get a bunch of your closest buddies together and go out for a game of Suicide. In fact, the RecCen actually has professional Suicide facilities. But

they call them racquetball courts for some reason. So go on down to the RecCen, huck a ball at the wall, and beat the stuffing out of your friends. And if a RecCen supervisor tries to break it up, hand him a beatdown.

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