Thursday



Tonight's Freaky Film

Arts & Lectures presents "Fast, Cheap, and Out of Control" tonight at 7 in Campbell Hall. The film documents the odd professions of four men and their quirky outlooks on life. Tickets will be sold at the door only.

\$5 students/\$6 general. For more information please call 893-3535.

INSIDE:

3 p.m. Guinness Time

In the spirit of April Fool's, the brewing giant proposed that - under its new sponsorship program -Greenwich Mean Time would be renamed Guinness Mean Time. A London-based financial publication erroneously included this fake fact in a legitimate story and hilarity ensued. Would that place us in the Sierra Nevada Time Zone? This and more ...

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While You Were Out

Catch up on the films and music you should have seen and heard - plus Van Halen and the Leprechaun film series!



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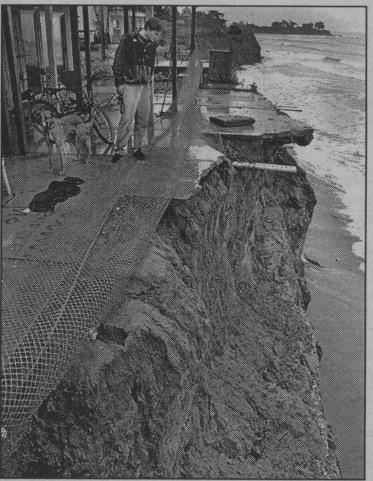
Spare a Dime?

Sports Editor Scott Henessee examines how a vote for Gaucho athletics in the upcoming A.S. elections is a vote for us all at UCSB.

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The I.V. Rec and Park District will be having a meeting tonight at 6:30. There is an open time for public comments, so come on down and say your piece. The IVRPD is located at 961 Embarcadero Del Mar.

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An oceanside Del Playa resident peers over a makeshift fence at what's left of his patio after erosion from recent storms.

County Orders Repair of Dangerous DP Decks

BY ALEXIS FILIPPINI Staff Writer

The ocean view from Del Playa has gotten a little closer for some residents of Isla Vista, due to the harsh storms earlier this year.

Following an annual inspection of Isla Vista blufftop properties, several residences on the 6700 block of DP have been advised to repair decks that present a potential safety hazard, according to Nick Andrade, Santa Barbara County chief building inspector. Despite allegations that many of these homes are uninhabitable or being demolished, Andrade said that these rumors are false.

"The houses are not condemned," he said. "The property owners have been put on notice to remove any decks hanging over the bluffs and to obtain an engineer's report that ascertains the stability of the buildings."

While the residents were concerned with the safety of their homes, they had not been officially informed of the situation, junior English major Analise Maggio

"Our neighbors put a note on the front bulletin board that, like, 11 houses were ordered demolished," she said. "At first it was only a joke with us, not to say we weren't taking it seriously, since the deck nearby fell down. So, we're relying on the authorities [to inform us].

Junior English major and Del Playa resident Kristen Fitzhenry said that all the residents of her house are worried about their longterm living arrangements.

"We've signed leases for next year already," she said. "Nobody's contacted us; we just know it's dangerous."

Junior political science major Jesika Noblas echoed her fellow residents' disappointment about being uninformed.

"I'm a little bit shocked that nobody's told us," she said.

Though some renters were not

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C&CS Offers Depression Counseling

BY ANNE BINGHAM Reporter

As grey skies and storm clouds become a thing of the past with the approach of spring, Counseling & Career Services will be meeting this quarter to help students who are still experiencing personal bad

Staff psychologist and counselng psychology Professor Peter Russell will be one of the group leaders dealing with topics affecting many people.

The top three presenting issues we see at C&CS are relationships, anxiety and depression," he said.

The on-campus group will be as much a therapy group as a training seminar in communication and cognitive-behavioral approaches to problems, according to Russell.

"We'll focus on strategies to combat depression. The group will create safety and provide support in a nurturing environment," he said.

Staff psychologist Holly Bradbury stresses that seeking help for depression in the form of therapy groups or other treatments is an essential aspect of healthy living.

"Depression interferes with the ability to function well in work and relationships," she said. "Dealing with it on your own may not help because even your perspective gets skewed by depression. Friends often don't know how to help either."

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Capps Speaks Out in First Weeks of Term

BY TONY BIASOTTI Staff Writer

Representative Lois Capps (D-Santa Barbara) has althe House on a major issue.

Capps addressed her colleagues on March 24 in a one-minute speech about campaign finance reform, according to her press secretary Lisa Finkel. Capps spoke in favor of the Shays-Meehan bill (HR 493), a campaign finance reform attempt that was the first bill often filtered to individual candidates. Capps co-sponsored.

I'm fresh off the campaign trail. My race was tight, from both sides of the aisle after her speech, Finkel hard-fought, and too close to call, right up to election night. Today, I feel like a soldier just back from the

battlefield, whose generals just aren't listening," she said, according to a transcription of the speech issued by Capps to the Daily Nexus. "My opponent and I didn't agree on much. But we agreed completely that In her first three weeks in Washington, freshman outside special interest groups were distorting and manipulating our election to serve their own narrow ready sponsored a number of bills and spoken before interests. ... Let's vote on Shays-Mechan and stop the corrupting influence of pressure groups who confuse the voters and skirt federal law."

According to Finkel, the Shays-Meehan act, defeated on Monday, was seeking to limit "soft money" contributions to national political parties, which are

Capps distinguished herself, drawing applause

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Silent Lucidity in the Artistic Soul

A solitary art lover stands motionless as he contemplates a painting in the University Art Museum that is part of an exhibit featured through Friday.



Ancient Stone Monument Found in Egypt

NEW YORK (AP) Researchers have found a complex of slabs and stones

in the Sahara Desert that might be the oldest known monument built with astronomical considerations in mind - far older than England's Stonehenge.

It was constructed by nomadic cattle-herders as much as 7,000 years ago in southern Egypt, and probably was intended for rituals rather than astronomical observations, said J. McKim Malville of the University of Colorado at Boulder.

An expert in ancient astronomy said that it would be among the oldest astronomical monuments known, but that the ages of such monuments are so uncertain it's impossible to know if the Egyptian complex is the oldest. He also said the study presents suggestive evidence, but not proof, for astronomical design.

Malville, an astrophysics professor, describes the stone complex in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature with anthropologist Fred

The Egyptian stone complex, which isn't circular like Stonehenge, is spread over an area 1.8 miles by threequarters of a mile. It includes 10 slabs some 9 feet high; 30 rock-lined ovals; nine burial sites for cows, each under a Wendorf of Southern pile of 40 to 50 rocks weigh-

The calendar circle offers intriguing evidence of astronomical awareness that is worth investigating further.

> — Edwin Krupp ancient astronomy expert

Methodist University in Dallas and other researchers.

The monument was discovered during several years of field work ending in

Stonehenge was first used about 5,000 years ago and gained some of its current stones about 4,000 years ago. The stones indicate the points of midsummer sunrise and midwinter sunset, but nobody knows just what people used Stonehenge for. ing up to 200 or 300 pounds apiece; and a "calendar circle" of stones.

Many of these features line up in five radiating lines, one of them running east-

The calendar circle is a 12-foot-wide arrangement of slabs about 18 inches long, most of them lying down. Two pairs of upright stones stand directly across the circle from each other, defining a view that would have displayed sunrise at the summer solstice, the re-

That would be an important day to the cattleherders, because summer is when monsoon rains would begin, Wendorf said. But the circle wouldn't have been a very accurate indicator of when the solstice was occurring. It was "more symbolic than practical," Malville said.

Charcoal from hearths around the circle and wood from one of the burial sites date to about 7,000 years ago. It's not clear when most of the rest of the monument was erected, but it was at least 5,000 years ago, Wen-

Edwin Krupp of the Griffith Observatory in Los Angeles, an expert on ancient astronomy, said the calendar circle offers intriguing evidence of astronomical awareness that is worth investigating further.

If the indications are real, he said, "then this is one of the very oldest examples of the incorporation of astronomy into a monument."

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Eight European Nations Begin Opening Borders



VIENNA, Austria (AP) - Marching bands played, politicians gave speeches and crowds cheered as officials removed border barriers between Austria and Italy early Wednesday.

Customs and border controls also were halted on the Austrian-German border at midnight, despite widespread concern in both countries that unimpeded travel may increase the influx of illegal immigrants.

The removal of all controls along the two borders inaugurated Austria's full membership Wednesday in an agreement on open borders. The first step had come Dec. 1, when border controls were removed at Vienna's international airport in some people's heads."

for citizens from eight European countries.

The countries, in addition to Austria, are Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal and Spain.

In a ceremony near a road checkpoint, Austrian Interior Minister Karl Schloegl, in the presence of his Italian counterpart Giorgio Napolitano, warned against putting up a "new Iron Curtain," saying Austria must not cut itself off from its former communist East European neighbors.

Napolitano spoke of a "symbolic act" by which old lines of separation between Austria and Italy were overcome.

Schloegl also said there was a need to remove "the barriers

AP WIRE

 LOS ANGELES (AP) — Elvis has left the boulevard. into a home to take a nap. Persistent cracking in Elvis Presley's Hollywood Walk of Fame star forced a jackhammer crew to remove it from sleeping in the bedroom of his home late Monday, said the spot where it's been attracting fans for 38 years. An empty star was in its place at 6777 Hollywood Blvd. on

Wednesday. Walk of Fame administrators can't figure out why the King of Rock 'n' Roll's star keeps cracking. The pink terrazzo base was replaced 16 months ago but it began deter-

Until they figure out why, the Elvis star will be relocated a few blocks west near La Brea Avenue - next to the stylized gazebo featuring actresses Dolores Del Rio, Anna Mae Wong, Dorothy Dandridge, Mae West and Marilyn Monroe.

"I thought about moving Elvis in front of a fast-food restaurant," joked Johnny Grant, Hollywood's honorary mayor. "But he'll like being over there with the women." Elvis will be reinstalled on Hollywood Boulevard by the end of the week, said Ana Martinez-Holler, spokesperson

for the Chamber of Commerce. The removal had some fans all shook up.

"I'm looking for Elvis. I brought Nicole here to show it to her," fan Gary Dingillo of Orange said Tuesday. "I'm very disappointed." "Oh no," Marcha Kitterman of Little Rock, Ark., said. "Why did he leave us?"

Others joked about Elvis' whereabouts. "I see him all the time at Cubs and Bulls games," Toni Schulte of Chicago said. "Elvis is always with us."

 HEMET, Calif. (AP) — A naked man apparently exhausted after a night of running through the streets broke

A startled homeowner found Joseph Lee Davidson, 22, Riverside County Sheriff's Sgt. Scott Baeckel.

Davidson was booked on suspicion of forcible entry into a home and released Tuesday from the Southwest Detention Center, jail officials said.

About 8:15 p.m. Monday, authorities received several calls about a naked man running through parking lots but officers couldn't locate him, Baeckel said.

When the homeowner, who was not identified, arrived home, he found his front window had been broken, apparently with a bicycle that had been taken from the garage. The man found Davidson in his bedroom, sleeping soundly under the blankets.

Baeckel said deputies ordered Davidson to get out of bed and discovered he was naked and had no clothing with him.

· LONDON (AP) — The Financial Times went from pink to red Tuesday.

Brewing giant Gunness issued a joke news release that under its millennium sponsorship, Greenwich Mean Time would be renamed Guinness Mean Time. The paper ran with it Tuesday in a story that was supposed to be a serious look at corporate millennium sponsorship.

The reporter, Brian Groom, said he raised no questions about Guinness Mean Time after asking the company for materials on millennium sponsorship and receiving a batch of legitimate information with the joke release mixed in.

"At the end of the day, it was only a paragraph in the story," he said. "The rest of it was true.

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Weather

Strange things abound after April Fool's Day, and with the threat of this next incoming storm front combined with those unpredictable tumultuous meteorological tides of everyone's least favorite seven-year itch, these next few days will definitely be a test of patience and the ability to adapt to any sort of situation that may come up unexpectedly. Weather, new love prospects, or job opportunities.

And it will ... I promise.

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My advice is to move slow and save those quixotic intentions for later in the quarter — it is only the first week of school, and time is on your side. You know you're good, others will find out in due time.

Tutoring Program Assists Children

UCSB Students Find Enrichment in Helping Kids to Read

BY IAN BARKER Reporter

Students are lending a hand to help bestow the power of reading upon local school

Created in August 1997, the UCSB chapbeen helping students at 13 local elementary through individualized attention. According program. to Coordinator Dennis Naiman, the project, which is backed by federal work-study appropriations, was the collaborative effort of a number of area organizations.

"It was a big job to put in place. Fortunately, the university, the Chancellor, the South Coast Writing Project and the Department of Graduate Education picked up payments for training," he said. "The tutors are paid \$8 an hour, and that's the federal

Students interested in tutoring responded to flyers sent out with their work-study information, Naiman said.

"We started in late August once we were sure of the federal funding," he said. "We received 200 requests and selected 100

The tutors assist the classroom teachers in a variety of reading-oriented tasks, according to tutor and senior anthropology major Ramona Carter.

"I read with them, make stories, play grammar games or have them write a story," she said. "It's an extension of what's in class."

Goleta, says she is optimistic about the benefits of the tutors' efforts.

"It's a great program. It gives kids confidence to try other things," she says. "Parents comment, 'My kids are reading at home by themselves now and reading in front of the

Senior English major Jaime Jarvis, who ter of America Reads Tutoring Program has works with second graders at Kellog School three to four times per week, expressed the schools improve their basic reading skills rewarding aspect of being a part of the

> "It's not even like work. I really enjoyed it," she said. "I graduate in June, but I would definitely be returning."

> Lois Brandts, co-director of the South Coast Writing Project, is in charge of training tutors and says that the program has lasting effects on both the tutors and their

> pupils.
> "We've been doing research on the side to see what impact this has on the tutors themselves," she said. "We've had half a dozen tutors so far who have decided to change their majors to become teachers."

> Brandts says that, although the project's future could be shaky because of the federal funding factor, the America Reads Initiative will most likely be renewed.

> "The government has set it as a five-year project. From what I can tell it's only getting bigger," she said. "It's showing so much success there is a good chance it will continue."

Students interested in tutoring should contact Dennis Naiman at 969-2078 or the Carter, a tutor at La Patera Elementary in Work Study Office on campus at 893-2294.

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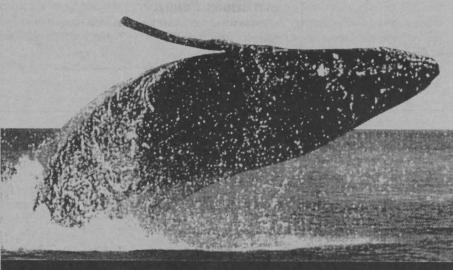


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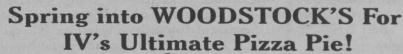
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Armchair Athletes Don't Score Points as Par

People Who Are Raising Children Should Keep Their Own Level of Emotional Developme

HENRY SARRIA

It's a fact that kids can sometimes be the antithesis of the bundles of joy they were meant to be. I know this to be a fact as my mom has thought of me as the antithesis many times;

"It's when the adult starts acting in the same fashion as ... the child that leads me to wonder if that parent has some serious personal issues."

but she wasn't without good reason — and my being hyperactive didn't help.

With children, well, let's just say that misbehavior is more often the rule than the exception and the occasional temper tantrum is a sign of normal development in a child.

How a parent deals with it shows if any development has occurred in that adult's life.

It's when the adult starts acting in the same fashion as (or worse than) the child that leads me to wonder if that parent has some serious personal issues to contend with.

For the purpose of example we'll use a night at the BMX track as a basis to better explain what the problem with some parents is. Every Friday night, after a long week of work, I head off to the BMX track with the purpose of racing in mind, but most importantly to have some fun and hang out with other people who share the same interest as myself.

I've been racing BMX since I was seven years old so you can say that for me it's more than just a pastime, it's actually a sport that requires skill, balance, timing, endurance and sportsmanship, among many other positive traits or attributes. I mostly race against people my age (25 and over), but every now and then they stick some poor youngster in there with us veterans so that the kid can race in a class if not enough people show up for his or hers. This can be either a challenge or an intimidating experience for Junior.

In most cases, the kid is intimidated, and this is where the trouble with some parents begins.

What usually is intended to be a pep talk or an effort at encouraging the kid turns into a berating full of insults and belittling comments that are maliciously meant to make the kid do better — but this tactic usually falls short of the mark.

The amusing part of this is that the parent doing all the heckling has more than likely never been up on the starting gate with a bunch of seasoned riders, or much less on a BMX bike

Just another armchair athlete calling the shots without any clue as to the skills needed to get from the starting gate to the finish line in one piece.

Not all parents are like this. In fact the number is very low (fortunately), but the ones who are only take the fun out of something that's supposed to be fun for the kids in the first

place. Once the fun is gone, so is the innocence.

This can be applied to any activity that kids are involved in, from Little League baseball to football to soccer, and it's sad because these are activities intended to help the child develop positive attitudes. But with an irate, overbearing parent or coach, what kind of positivity can possibly be achieved?

"I'm not telling parents how to raise their children ... but positive encouragement should be the basis in raising a child."

In any sport that I participated in competitively (skate-boarding, BMX, motocross, soccer or track and field), my mother attended the events and never once did she ever talk about my attempts or my performance in a negative way.

She would always give me helpful, constructive advice full of positivity and be happy with the fact that the effort on my part was there, regardless of the outcome.

But then I would see the parents that would nearly reduce their kid to tears with the most cruel language at the same time pounding out the message that winning at any cost is all that matters, and I would have to wonder what rock this parent crawled out from under.

I saw this occur last Friday night, and it just brought me to thinking how fortunate I am to have a mom like mine.

The organizers of the track ejector facility since this type of behavior is reactually glad to see this parent being least now it was because he jerk he made himself to be in front

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I don't have any kids, but if it wer lives would be full of encouraging we attempts at effort, any effort.

I'm not telling parents how to r can't since I'm not a parent, but p should be the basis in raising a chil him or her to continue the activity to become the best.

Parents always want their kids to rents) never had the chance to be, esp possibly being great athletes — but cost and to what extreme should thir rents are living vicariously through ends justify the means?

I look at where I am, see where I've knowledge of where I'm going as an all the time knowing who was responsible, even when the times were tought

Henry Sarria is a longtime resident quent contributor to the Daily Nexus



SING SWEET SOUNDS OF MUSIC WITH US

Editor, Daily Nexus:

This letter is for all the women who have singing talent but haven't found a place to exercise their voice. In Santa Barbara, there is a chapter of Barbershop Sweet Adelines which I am a member of and love immensely. I first joined the Sweet Adelines Barbershop group in October 1997 when I wanted to sing with other women — who doesn't? — in a fun, lighthearted environment.

Sweet Adelines is a group of women that sing four-part harmony in the barbershop quartet tradition. The purpose of Sweet Adelines is to improve our harmony and our love of music. The women that sing in this group come from all age groups and backgrounds. Practice is once a week from 7-9 p.m. on Tuesday nights at Grace Lutheran Church. Sweet Adelines is not affiliated with any church. An example of the songs that Sweet Adelines sings are: "Harmony Collage," "Yesterday," "San Francisco Bay Blues," "Beauty and the Beast," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "New York, New York," "Rock Around the Clock," the theme song from "Fame," and "For the Longest Time."

Sweet Adelines is for every woman who can count, loves music and loves a sense of community. We are always recruiting new voices and new attitudes. Sweet Adelines sang at the Goleta Lemon Festival in October and performed Christmas carols in December. There is an annual competition that we compete in as a large group or you may enter the competition as a quartet with three friends.

Sweet Adelines is an international education organization promoting four-part a cappella harmony, barbershop style, for women. No previous formal training is required, although possessing it does make it easier. If you can sing "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" in a round, you are welcome! If you enjoy singing, have a desire to learn, want to have fun and make friends, this is a great opportunity for you.

Please feel free to join us any Tuesday and check us out. For more specified vocal training, the director offers one-on-one vocal instruction before practice. We hope to hear your voice in our group! Be our welcome guest. We want you to relax, sing and have a wonderful time helping us put meaning into our theme song, "Harmonize the World!" We extend a most "Chordial" invitation to you to join us Tuesday at the Grace Lutheran Church [at 3869 State Street]. Come and bring a friend.

COSETTE COWLEY

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UNCLE SAM DOES MORE THAN YOU THINK

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Hey, psych major Ethan Witt! In the March 4 issue of the Nexus ("Textbook Tax Proposed"), you said that "the state has a great idea, for once. They could make up the money by taking it out of the military budget. They already pay for them to go to college." If you have to disagree with something, get your facts straight first.

The armed forces of this nation are funded by the federal government. This includes the National Guard forces of each state, even though they are commanded by the state governors. The state has no say in how much money the military gets. The UC schools are funded (partly!) by the state, but the Army ROTC program is funded by the federal defense budget.

Besides ... what's wrong with the armed forces paying for someone's college education? The Montgomery G.I. Bill, in effect since 1944, has helped thousands of veterans pay for an education. These people would otherwise have to settle for low-paying jobs or become a burden to society because they would: a) have to be on welfare or b) go into crime and cost taxpayers the money to try and imprison them.

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MICHAEL JABBRA

A Reader's Voice

Special Feature

GERALDINE GOMEZ

Marc Valles, Editor in Chief:

You seem like a nice, sensible intelligent individual, as do others on the staff, Kerri Webb, for one. Which is why I am a little confused about what is going on concerning "the article" (Daily Nexus, "Number of Dogs Present in Classes Declining This Year," March 4).

I know that any article written by a reporter goes through a process of numerous revisions by the editors, and there have even been complaints about reporters not being able to print articles exactly as they are originally written. So it is a little difficult to figure out how the infamous quote was overlooked or not seen as problematic by ANY ONE of you.

It is also ironic that the Daily Nexus has in the past printed comments that implied an A.S. president was a racist. A good rule for everyone, not just for the Nexus, is that to make sure you are not guilty of the same accusation that is being made.

The reason for the insufficiency of the Nexus apology, I believe, is what I have previously mentioned: the scrutiny of articles by editors.

The apology fails to explain exactly who decided the article should be printed as is, and how they came to the decision. Did they decide to print, for example, knowing that it contained a racial remark, or was the latter completely overlooked?

The article, "Protests of Inflammatory Article Continue" in today's issue, March 11, is a continuation, if I am not mistaken, of the implicit racism present in the first article.

One part of Constance Chang's quote, in response to the first article "It is not true," is in complete contradiction to another part, "I mean, even the Hmong did eat dogs. I mean, Chinese people have eaten dogs -you know it's just a part of the culture." Is this contradiction an error on her part, or your part? But whether or not Chang misspoke is not as important as the Daily Nexus staff deciding to print it.

I'm wondering what the meaning is behind that decision: bad journalism, as your paper's apology is claiming, or racism?

LAURA PRICE

This letter is intended to serve two purposes: to give some additional information regarding the sheriff's department employee Dianna Halliburton, and to reveal the true reason Isla Vista saw a drastic decrease in the dog population 20 years ago.

From 1987 to 1991 I worked as a social worker in Isla Vista for the Community Action Commission. The clients we served were low income families, homeless people and folks trying to access welfare and health benefits. It was at this time that I came to know Dianna through her work at the Isla Vista Foot

What everyone should know is that she was always a kind and compassionate person in regard to being helpful toward low income clients. Oftentimes I would need to find homeless people who were ill or were in danger of hypothermia from sleeping outdoors in the winter. She was wonderful in helping me work with the deputies in finding and helping homeless, mentally ill or intoxicated Isla Vista residents. If she was aware of individuals who needed social work assistance, she would let me know. This was not one of her job assignments, she did it out of the kindness of her heart. If she did make negative comments about Asians in Isla Vista I'm sure this was done out of ignorance, not racism or cruelty.

My Isla Vista experience began in 1976 when I moved here to attend UCSB. At that time people were always talking about the dog problem. One would frequently hear about the dogs being controlled by recently arrived Asian immigrants. Now I know that this was an ignorant and ugly rumor, but at the time I didn't have any idea whether it was true or not. I don't remember people stating it with the intention of perpetrating racism, but again, looking back it was a bigoted thing to say. If I had realized at the time the amount of hurt that would be generated by this stupid rumor, I would have taken steps to expose the truth.

In the 1990s I became aware of the real reason the dog problem had been solved. In the 1970s a rugged individualist by the name of David Hoskinson was appointed official Isla Vista Dogcatcher. As a result of his dedicated work, Isla Vista was finally freed from the dogs that roamed our streets.

I'm sending this letter to ask everyone to remember, there are good and bad sides to all people. Is there anyone who can honestly say they have never made an ignorant remark which has caused harm? Knowing Dianna Halliburton as I do, I can't imagine that she would purposely make a racist and hurtful statement about any ethnic, economic or cultural group. I be-

lieve it was an unthoughtful mistake that the Nexus was wrong to print without further investigation.

Most of us are guilty of some ignorance and misunderstanding of other groups of people. As long as she is apologizing and the Foot Patrol is planning some education, I hope Isla Vista residents will stop scapegoating Dianna. She actually is a kindhearted and community-minded person. This sad situation will help all of us to be more critical of the bigoted and sexist trash we are exposed to and blindly put up with every day.

Tu Huynh

I've always asked myself, "So, what does it take to make Asian/Asian American/Pacific Islander students on this campus aroused and begin to organize over some type of 'political injustice' that is directed Hmong community's name, this portrayal of the at them?" I know Asian Americans are far from being Hmong only exemplifies your lack of understanding. the "model minority" and are not excluded from dis- Further, it contributes to the dehumanizing of a marcrimination or America's racism, classism, and sexism. For example:

Vincent Chin was killed because he was mistaken as a Japanese who was responsible for taking jobs away from auto industry workers. His death triggered some Asian Americans to question what it means to be just an Asian American. It means that our group's cultural identity gets erased.

Thien Minh Ly was murdered two or three years ago down at UCLA because he was Asian. Around this time and even before, Orange County's Asian Crimewatch agency reported an increase in hate crimes against Vietnamese youth in their town.

issues of the Asian American student population

In lecture, there are professors who make stereotypical, discriminatory remarks targeted at particular groups (this whole idea of Vietnamese people eating dogs is not new, an economics professor made that "joke" before during one of his lectures on demand/supply. His "joke" stirred one student to write him an anonymous letter requesting an apology

There was a shooting incident by Asian youths at one of our local Santa Barbara high schools (I was still studying abroad in Beijing when this happened, so I can't say much about it).

But when I studied abroad in Beijing, some Chinese people had a difficult time accepting and conceptualizing the fact that I'm from America. In their eyes, those living in America can only be blonde haired and blue eyed. How come we can't belong here? That is because America only presents a "white" middle class America to the international world, while domestically, terms such as multiculturalism, diversity and affirmative action are hot boiling topics. This is America signalling to us that our presence does not matter, nor does it count.

I know a good number of us have been taught to not stick out like a sore thumb, but, perhaps, it's time for us to take some risks. It's not even about being "political," it's about being passionate about how we want our society to be like for ourselves, the people we care for now, and our future generations in this American society. Our parents hold onto the belief and hope that one day the whole family will return to "our home country," but we know that there's a long way to go. So while we are here, if we don't act, others will be more than happy to act for us.

There is a Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Asian American Issues here at UCSB. The Committee is composed of Asian American students, faculty, staff and Student Affairs administrators. The purpose of its existence is to address the needs of and issues confronted by the Asian American students here. The Asian American student population at UCSB has changed dramatically over the years. From

a few percentage to about 18 percent now, the students are no longer just Chinese, Japanese or Koreans (your typical Asian Americans). We are mainly Southeast Asian immigrants who were refugees.

My freshman year, I didn't know one person who was Hmong. Now? From no awareness of who they are at all, they are now being negatively misrepresented. What does this say about our silence in the past few years? Are we going to sit around and let other people construct our identity or tell us who we are and who we can be? I encourage you to attend this committee's meetings to voice your concerns and to check whether or not the committee is representing you in correctly informing the Chancellor. (Just because he's Asian American, it doesn't necessarily mean he inherently knows what our issues are.)

I'll just end by saying the racism is not just a black and white issue. If we allow racism to be seen this way, we, the people of all other shades, will always be stuck in the middle and not be seen nor heard.

CHRISTOPHER SOHN

I write to express my disappointment with your coverage of the public statement made by the I.V. Foot Patrol regarding the problem of stray dogs. While you did eventually correct the spelling of the ginalized people.

If you do not understand why I am angry, I would invite you to attend the rally against racism at noon

[on March 11] at Storke Plaza.

ANDREA ROBERTSON

I am writing in response to the following quotations from articles written in your paper:

From Wednesday, March 4: [Dianna] Halliburton (I.V. Foot Patrol Office Manager), "The prob-Tom Tieu was physically attacked by a graduate lem disappeared after the Vietnam War when the student in the San Raphael dorm at least 10 years ago state subsidized housing for the Vietnamese and the at UCSB, that's why there's been a continuous push Mongs (sic) in I.V.," she said. "Not only did the packs to establish an Asian American Student Resource disappear, but you couldn't keep your dog out. You Center that services the diverse needs and addresses never wanted to look in a dumpster 'cause you would commonly find heads and other discarded portions [of animals]. Since then the dog population in I.V. has been under wraps."

In addition, in the next day's (Thursday, March 5) issue, the Nexus printed the following correction:

In an article in Tuesday's (note: it was Wednesday) Nexus titled "Number of Dogs Present in Classes Declining This Year," the Hmong, an Asian tribe, were misidentified in a quotation as "the Mongs."

I find these two quotations both frustrating and offensive. There is no basis for printing such blatantly stereotypical information. The implications made in the first article are outrageous. That there may be some connection between the refugee population and the disappearance of wild packs of dogs is not a theory that should be stated so lightly and without any information in backing. It is clearly based on nothing more than an age-old stereotype held against the Asian communities.

Furthermore, to classify such an ethnic community as a tribe is an ignorant assumption that one should be able to assume a newspaper would know to avoid or not overlook.

I urge you to take much more care in any further articles you publish, as it seems that too easily things have been overlooked this far. The Asian American communities deserve respect and should not be reported on based on stereotypes which can be avoided.

JAMES CHANG

This kind of irresponsible journalism is deplorable. I hope you are paying attention to the anger and pain you have caused in so many of your community

Higher education will not succeed in preparing responsible citizens for life in a global community if its own institutions, i.e. the Daily Nexus, cannot have enough care or sense to treat its members with simple

Please learn from this, albeit unnecessary, incident.



The Weekend Connection. In Friday's Daily Nexus. Mmmm Good!



CAPPS

"It was really wonderful, she really conveyed the point," she said. "She is definitely going to be a force on this issue."

Libertarian political philosopher and former congressional opponent Robert Bakhaus disagrees with Capps' stance on the Shays-Meehan bill.

"Even she admits it's probably violating the First Amendment," he said. "[Legislators] don't take it upon themselves to protect the Constitution, they just try to get something passed into law. ... A person that's sworn to uphold the Constitution will take every opportunity to defy the Constitution until someone slaps it down in court."

Capps' other main priorities during her time in office have been health care and education, Finkel said. Capps gave a speech on the House floor advocating the Patient Access To Responsible Care Act, Finkel added.

"The PARCA will reform managed care and rein in HMOs and bring power back to people," Finkel said. "It would establish standards so patients can choose their health care provider ... [and] eliminate 'gag rules' [that some HMOs place on discussing-controversial procedures including abortion]."

According to Finkel, Capps also cosponsored two bills that would allocate more money for schools: the State Infrastructure Banks for Schools Act and the Partnership to Rebuild America's Schools act.

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The symptoms of depression are many, according to Russell, and may include changes in one's perspective, sleeping habits, energy levels, motivation and sex drive. Specific signals could be a slip in grades, weight loss, or a desire to just stay home, Russell said.

"It's like viewing the world through dark-colored glasses," he said. "Depression even affects thoughts about the future."

Training coordinator and staff psychologist Jeana Dressel emphasized a group therapy's power to create positive peer support.

"Some of the benefits of group therapy are that people don't feel like the only one with the problem. Hearing from others clarifies your own issue and cuts through loneliness," she said. "Students listen to others and think that those words could have been coming out of their mouth."

Gathering students together in one group could be a positive first step, according to freshman law and society major Adrian Ramos.

"I think the group will help depressed students to overcome their problems,"

According to Russell, participants for the C&CS group will be chosen through careful screening and will begin meeting in week three of the Spring Quarter. Interested students should contact C&CS immediately at 893-4411.

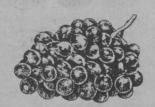
notified, owners of the buildings were issued letters informing them of the requirements, according to Andrade.

"The property owner, [or] whoever has charge of the property, whether it's a manager or an owner [were sent letters]," he said. "The county will hold the owner liable for any repairs or injuries that result and has the option to impose fines."

Other residents experiencing similar difficulties with their decks, like sophomore biological sciences major Sean Fargo, have not been informed of the potential danger at all.

"[Part of the balcony] fell down one day during the storm, and we were on the beach one day and saw it," he said. "I haven't talked to anybody. I guess there's someone who's supposed to tear off half the balcony."

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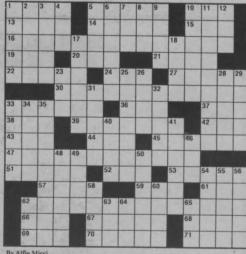
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A Little Money Goes a Long Way

BY SCOTT HENNESSEE Staff Writer

In a few short weeks, you will be faced with some tough choices on how to spend your money. Campuswide elections are scheduled for April 21 and 22, and more than one student group are going to ask you to voluntarily raise your tuition to help their cause. I know that we are all being charged enough money to attend this fine institution as it is, but there is one proposed lock-in fee that, if passed, will benefit your university and you a lot more than you think.

The intercollegiate athletic initiative is back for another try after narrowly being voted down a year ago. Many of you did get out and show your support for Gaucho athletics, with the initiative falling only 10 votes short of the necessary two-thirds majority the measure needed to pass.

If you're reading the sports page already, the chances of you voting for the initiative again are pretty good, but we need to join together to convince the other 33 percent of the voters that improving athletics at this school is well worth another \$9 per quarter. And there can be no doubt that, if this measure passes, UCSB sports will grow by leaps and bounds.

As it stands right now, Santa Barbara athletes receive the least scholarships per sport than any of the other schools in the Big West Conference, yet our athletes con- are giving out 10 scholarships to sistently compete at a level equal to their men's programs and as many or often better than those more heavily funded colleges. UCSB's athletic budget is one of the lowest in the nation at under \$4 million per year. There are 21 intercollegiate sports on campus, yet only three of them (men's and women's basketball, and women's volleyball) are fully funded. Many sports are left to compete with as little as said. one scholarship, which is often divided among several athletes.

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may not sound like much, but when you're starting with only one and competing with schools who have 10 or more, and you're still winning a fair amount of the time, 21/2 more sounds like a hell of a lot.

Those 2¹/₂ scholarships can and will - go a long way toward each team. Gaucho coaches are masters at dividing up whatever moneys they have so that they can get the greatest possible amount of talent to come play in Santa Barbara. UCSB in all its beauty and educational prowess is not a hard sell, but when you have nothing to offer the athletes as far as a scholarship, a full ride to Fresno State doesn't sound so bad.

UCSB swimming Head Coach Gregg Wilson has made the most of the four scholarships he has for his men's team, winning 20 consecutive Big West swimming titles, but it's nearly impossible for him to get his program to the highest level when it is so grossly underfunded.

"We try to sell the campus, the winning tradition, and that we work hard," Wilson said. "A lot of people say they really want to come here but can't afford it."

To be able to offer 21/2 more scholarships could mean offering partial tickets to six or seven athletes who otherwise wouldn't have been able to come here. For Wilson's swimming program that would mean an increase to 61/2 for the men and 51/2 for the women. Considering that the elite schools as 14 to the women, it would be a small step, but a step that is necessary to continue fielding a compe-

"This is of critical importance to maintaining any kind of competitive level in our programs," Wilson

So here's where some of you are If passed, what this initiative saying, "So what. I don't care if our would do is add about 21/2 scholar- sports teams do well. I hardly ever ships to every sport (barring the go to the games anyway. My tui-

I can't argue that tuition isn't exactly cheap, but what I will say is that winning athletic teams make our diplomas worth more, and that's what we all want, isn't it? Not only from a feel-good, morale-type standpoint, but from a recognition standpoint. How many of you thought USC was a great institution, with high academic standards? I know I did growing up, because I would see the Trojans on TV every weekend, and they were successful. The truth is, Jeff Spicoli from "Fast Times at Ridgemont High" could have gotten into

Many people, including employers, correlate athletic achievement to academic success. It's no accident that once the Gaucho basketball team started bringing national media attention to our seaside hamlet that UCSB's academic rankings started climbing into the top 10 in the nation. How many of you got your first look at UCSB through the lens of an ESPN camera and saw that this was the kind of winning atmosphere you wanted to spend four years of your life in?

Santa Barbara Athletic Director Gary Cunningham knows the kind of effects this initiative could have on the athletic program.

"It would be a tremendous boost to our program," Cunningham said. "Athletics are a point of pride for the university and this initiative would greatly enhance the quality of our teams."

This year it will be easier for the initiative to pass than last when it needs a two-thirds majority. This year the vote is counted on a sliding scale depending on voter turnout that could necessitate a backing of anywhere from 50 percent plus one vote, to 66.6 percent. Don't assume the measure will pass and that your vote doesn't count - if anything last year's narrow loss taught us that much. So each one of us needs to get out and vote for the athletic initiative. We'll all be better off for having done it.

Gaucho Golf Weathers Foes in Two Tough Tournaments

BY BRETT LOTZ Staff Writer

The UCSB golf team faced the best the West had to offer over last week. The Gauchos participated in two big tournaments, the Spalding/ Anteater Invitational at UC Irvine on Monday and Tuesday and their own annual tournament last week at Sandpiper Golf Course in Goleta.

On Monday, UCSB traveled to Coto de Caza Country Club to play 54 holes over two days against some of the most elite schools in the country. The field included UCLA, Stanford and UC Berkeley.

The Gauchos struggled to find consistency and ended up with a combined score of 910. That was 46 over par and placed them in ninth place

Santa Barbara had a good individual performance from Naoya Takemoto. After starting off slow with a 77 and then a 73, he rebounded on the last day and had a three under par 69, which was tied for the best round of the day. Takemoto finished in a tie for eighth place overall in the

Takemoto felt the team is capable of doing much better, but that the consistency is just not there.

"Everybody has the potential to do good, it's just a matter of putting everyone together," he said.

Last Wednesday and Thursday UCSB hosted the "Bite" Pacific Coast Intercollegiate Golf Tournament in Goleta. Rain shortened the tournament to 36 holes, with the final round being played in very tough, windy

The Gauchos led the pack of 22 schools after the first day of competition, shooting a combined score of 286 that put them at -2. Brian Helton and Greg Snider shot scores of 70 on the par 72 course for Santa Barbara.

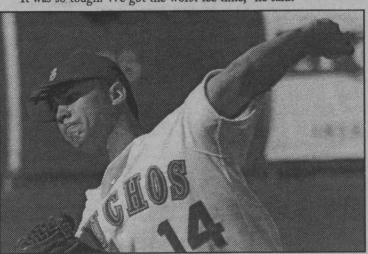
As the next morning progressed, the wind began to whip and the conditions suffered as the weather got worse. UCSB had a late tee time that forced them to play in the most adverse of circumstances.

"We played pretty well the second day," Head Coach Steve Lass said. "It was just horrible conditions."

On the second day the average score went up five strokes per player, and the schools who had the earliest tee times had the biggest advantage. Santa Barbara and schools such as Stanford and San Diego State all played later and fell off the pace. Cal State Stanislaus ended up winning the tournament, becoming the first Division II school to ever win the

Takemoto knew his team could have done better if they had gotten out on the course earlier.

"It was so tough. We got the worst tee time," he said.



CANCELLED: The UCSB baseball team was rained out vs. UCLA Wednesday. The Gauchos travel to Reno this weekend to take on UNR.



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