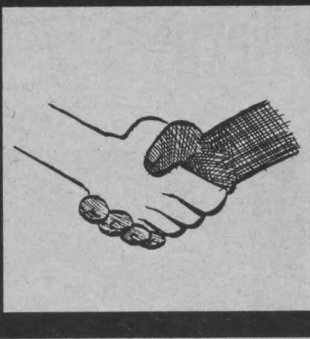


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Cultural Workshop

Participate in an interactive workshop: "Ending racism: working for a racism-free 21st century." Today at 4 in the MultiCultural Center lounge.

INSIDE:

An Accident Waiting to Happen

Outdated and decrepit Russian submarines are rusting away in dry dock, while the nuclear materials they hold stand a chance of leaking with possible environmental effects.

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A Monument-al Event

The Perfect Park Implementation Committee met Monday night to discuss future plans for a peaceful-protest monument.

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One More Time

Pandora's box is reopened today with a discussion of immigration issues in today's "Point/Counterpoint."



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Prime Time

The UCSB men's basketball team takes to the road tonight to play the USC Trojans in the L.A. Sports Arena. The game starts at 8 and will be shown live on Fox Sports West 2.

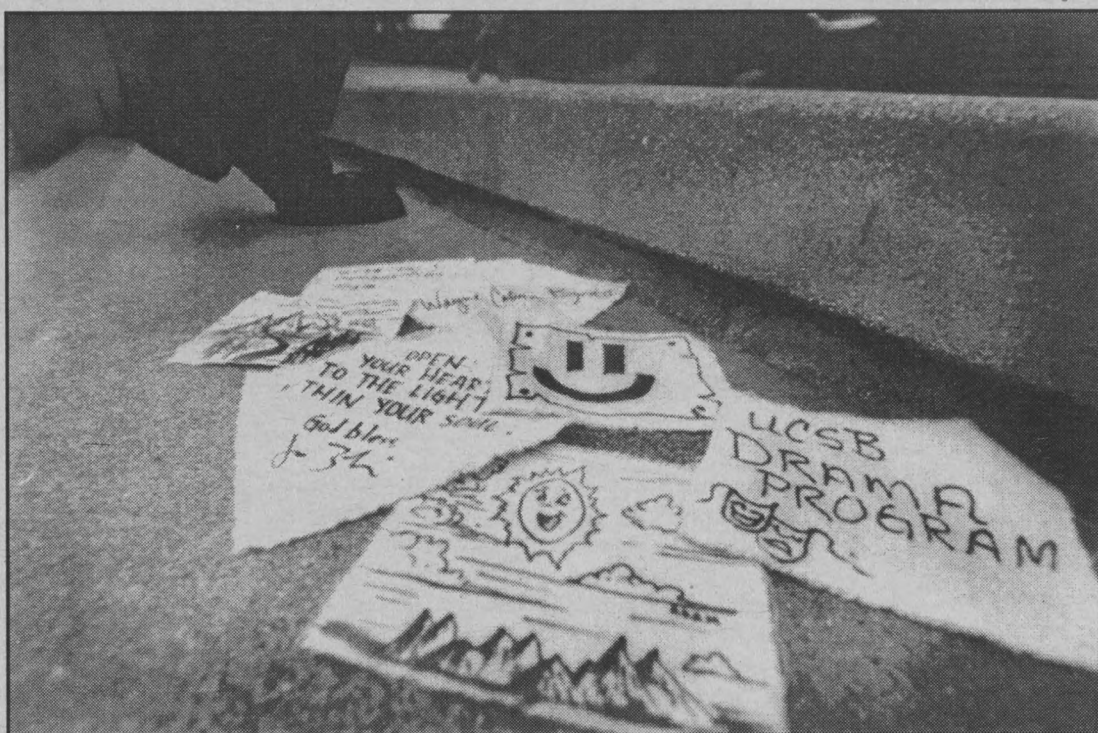
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International peace worker Gene Knudsen Hoffman will lecture today at 4 in the McCune Conference Room, HSSB 6020.

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These are a few of hundreds of patches that will be sewn into a giant quilt for CALPIRG's Hunger and Homelessness project. The squares are being sold to individuals and organizations in order to raise funds for children's activities at Transition House.

Quilt Raises Funds for Homeless Children

BY JENNIFER ATKINSON
Reporter

In a display of unified support for the fight against hunger and homelessness, university students and faculty are patching their concerns together into a giant quilt.

CALPIRG's Hunger and Homelessness project has currently sold over 230 cloth squares, which will be sewn together to form a giant quilt to raise community awareness of the area's destitute population. Funds raised from the sales will be used to purchase art supplies for children at the local family shelter Transition House, according to project co-organizer Betsy Cosand.

"I wanted the quilt, which is a whole made up of individual squares, to represent that the issue of hunger cannot be solved ... until we have a group unity first," she said. "Also, the quilt should symbolize that people who are hungry and homeless are just as diverse as the population here at UCSB."

CALPIRG participates in Evening Enrichment programs at Transition House twice a week through activities such as arts and crafts and storytelling time for children. The quilt money will help make the continuation of these projects possible, according to project co-organizer Daniel Mirell.

"Transition House is a shelter with a 100 percent

success rate," he said. "Every single family that has entered in has left with housing and income. The goal is to get [homeless] families on the road back to independence from welfare and back to stability," he said.

The squares have been purchased by a wide variety of members of the campus population, including Associated Students President Wayne Calvin Byrd II and the UCSB ski and snowboarding team.

"We've had an overwhelming response," said CALPIRG chapter organizer Holly Ross. "We were initially selling the patches for 25 cents, but we've averaged \$1 each."

When completed, CALPIRG plans to display the hunger quilt in the UCen and several downtown locations, including the Earthling Bookshop and the Santa Barbara City Library, Ross explained.

"We're a diverse community but can come together to support a united cause," she said. "We can reach out to the larger community when [the quilt] tours downtown."

Many students are supportive and enthusiastic about the hunger quilt project.

"I think it's an expressive way of showing concern for hunger in the community," said Kelly Van Valkenburg, a sophomore film studies major. "Students can see something tangible, some physical result from their donation."

Victims of Car Crash Mourned

Students, friends and faculty congregated in the Santa Rosa Formal Lounge on Monday night to mourn the passing of two UCSB alumni.

Tavio Lucas, Ones Polk and David Smith were killed in a car accident at 1 a.m. Sunday morning when an alleged drunken driver careened, hitting their vehicle head-on. All three were killed instantly. The other driver was apprehended by authorities.

Lucas, a 1997 black studies graduate, was in Nashville, Tenn., visiting Polk, who was completing his final year at Vanderbilt Law School. Both Lucas and Polk, a 1994 graduate, were planning to return to Santa Barbara this week before visiting their families for Thanksgiving.

The vigil was attended by approximately 150 mourners, who sat in a circle while friends and acquaintances shared their memories and offered one another moral support.

Among the eulogies was a reading from Lucas' college entrance essay in which he wrote, "You never realize what you have until it's gone."

Lucas was a resident assistant for two years in the Santa Cruz and Santa Rosa dormitories. He was also the RA for the first African-American interest hall.

The driver is currently free on \$30,000 bail and will be charged with three counts of drunken driving and vehicular manslaughter. If convicted, he could face a maximum punishment of 30 years in prison.

Funeral services for both Lucas and Polk will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday in Oakland and North Carolina, respectively.

— Nexus staff report

Tip Leads to Easy Capture of SB Escapee in L.A. Hotel

Local authorities can breathe easy now that the last of four escaped convicts from the Santa Barbara County Jail has been apprehended.

On Monday afternoon the Los Angeles Police Dept. received a tip regarding the whereabouts of convict Daniel F. Villescas. According to Santa Barbara County Public Information Officer Sgt. Jim Peterson, the apprehension of Villescas went smoothly.

"[Villescas was arrested] shortly before noon [Monday]," he said. "We had detectives down in Los Angeles this weekend. An informant called the LAPD homicide department and gave us the location of where this guy was: the Pa-

cific Grand Hotel in downtown L.A. They went to his room and arrested him without incident. He did have a knife on him, but no one was hurt. They transported him back to the Santa Barbara County Jail this afternoon. He was charged with escape."

Last Friday, four convicts — Robert V. Alley, William K. Charles, Dubba Kahawia and Villescas — escaped from the Santa Barbara facility. Alley and Charles were both apprehended later that day, and Kahawia was taken back into custody Saturday afternoon. With the capture of Villescas, authorities were happy to resolve the incident,

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Bus Owner Receives A.S. Support, Still Seeks Help From Local Bars

BY MEGAN SOLOW
Reporter
and JODIE STOUT
Staff Writer

Bill's Bus can now log a few more miles thanks to some help from student government.

Associated Students voted at Wednesday's Legislative Council meeting to approve legislation giving bus owner Bill Singer financial aid. Singer's service, which shuttles partiers between Isla Vista and downtown Santa Barbara, has been threatened in recent months by insufficient funding.

According to A.S. Internal Vice President Kerry Kops, the money will hopefully help the bus stay afloat until other means of financial stability can be found.

"We gave him a one-time \$300 fee until he can talk more with the bar owners downtown," she said. "It's just like a thing to support it for a little while to continue the use."

Singer is extremely grateful for the donation and the involvement the school is taking in his efforts.

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Top of the News

Subs Wait for Removal of Nuclear Cargo



MOSCOW (AP) — Once doomsday instruments of the Cold War, scores of mothballed nuclear submarines are rusting away in Russian harbors, threatening to unleash radioactive waste and wreak environmental havoc.

Russia's cash-strapped government can afford to dismantle only five or six of the vessels a year. So far, just 16 of the 156 retired nuclear submarines have been fully disassembled with another 100 slated to go out of service by 2000.

Russia has called in its former foe, NATO, to help assess the problem.

"When we were building up our nuclear potential, no one thought about the need to dispose of the waste someday," Ashot Sarkisov, a member of the Russian

Academy of Sciences, said Monday. "It's a lesson for the future — before building something nuclear, we must first think what to do with it later," he added.

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Disarmament Technologies, Scientific and Environmental Affairs Division.

Decommissioning nuclear submarines is a complex problem also faced by other nations. Russia, however, has the largest number of mothballed subs and is

Also, Russia cannot afford to build Western-type facilities for storing submarine nuclear reactors. It lacks capabilities to unload spent fuel from those reactors — the first step in the scrapping of a submarine.

Russia's Atomic Energy Ministry, which is in charge of reprocessing nuclear waste, has only four railway cars capable of carrying radioactive waste, limiting the number of submarines that can be serviced.

As a result, over 60 percent of the submarines still have fuel in their reactors, making them particularly prone to accidents.

"Such a submarine may leak radioactivity and its reactor may spin out of control, leading to an uncontrolled chain reaction," Sarkisov said.

— Ashot Sarkisov Russian Academy of Sciences

also plagued by severe fund shortages.

"Our economy is ill, and our leaders clearly downplay the potential danger," Sarkisov said.

Dismantling Russia's old submarine fleet is expected to cost hundreds of millions of dollars. Sarkisov said the government is providing only 10 percent of what is needed, but did not give exact figures.

FDA Approves 'Moderately Effective' Diet Drug



WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration approved the first new obesity drug since a ban of two popular diet remedies left overweight Americans clamoring for help — but the new medicine poses a serious risk, too.

Knoll Pharmaceutical's Meridia is "moderately effective" at helping patients shed pounds — in studies, they lost about 7 to 11 more pounds than mere dieters, the FDA said Monday.

But Meridia can cause increases in blood pressure and pulse rate that may endanger certain patients, the FDA warned.

"We still have some concern; this drug should not be used for those who want to lose simply a few pounds," said the FDA's Dr. James Bilstad, who urged doctors to rigorously check patients' blood pressure and pulse and to prescribe it only to the seriously obese.

But the FDA said Meridia does not appear to pose the risk of heart valve damage that forced a ban of the nation's most

popular diet drugs, Redux and fenfluramine.

The agency approved Meridia on Saturday night over the objections of its own scientific advisers, who called the drug too risky.

Because of Meridia's side effects, no one with irregular heartbeat, poorly controlled hypertension, heart disease or who has survived a stroke should use the drug, the FDA cautioned.

Knoll pledged Monday to educate doctors and patients to use Meridia responsibly.

"We are going to actively discourage cosmetic use of this medication," said Carter Eckert, president of Knoll.

Some 58 million Americans are overweight, and obesity experts welcomed Meridia as a desperately needed option — particularly after September's ban of Redux and fenfluramine.

Dr. John Foreyt of the Baylor College of Medicine said he hoped September's diet-drug scare had convinced dieters that Meridia is only for the seriously obese.

"It's great news for dieters," said Foreyt, but "It's not to be used willy-nilly."

New Website Combats Internet 'Cyberhate'



WASHINGTON (AP) — Responding to President Clinton's call to fight hate crime, the nation's largest civil rights coalition and a regional Bell telephone company have created a website designed to combat Internet hate speech.

The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights said Monday the site — www.civilrights.org — was developed and will be maintained for two years with a \$100,000 contribution from Bell Atlantic.

Clinton issued a call two weeks ago at a White House Conference on Hate Crimes to find ways to fight the problem.

"You are providing an antidote to cyberhate," he told the civil rights coalition in a letter read by Transpor-

tation Secretary Rodney Slater at a news conference Monday.

Wade Henderson, LCCR executive director, said the idea to create a website was triggered by a proliferation of Internet hate speech by groups such as the Ku Klux Klan and White Aryan Resistance.

Bell Atlantic Chair Ray Smith cited a study by the Anti-Defamation League showing the number of hate sites on the Internet has doubled to 250 in the past year. He called the new site "an antidote for poison."

The idea is to "counter the frightening espousal of hatred and violence against Americans because of their race, gender, religious or

sexual orientation," he said.

Henderson said hate groups have become more sophisticated in communicating their doctrines and recruiting.

"Instead of the street, they recruit on the Net," he said.

There is also concern for the First Amendment protection of free speech, Henderson said.

"This website will respond to hate with information and competing ideas without seeking to restrict Internet speech."

In addition to providing information on hate crimes around the country, the site will explain various strategies to address those crimes and offer materials for young people, parents and teachers to encourage diversity.

AP WIRE SHORTS

• **NORFOLK, Va. (AP)** — An Air Force F-15 fighter jet crashed into the ocean Monday, but the pilot ejected and was rescued in his rubber raft about an hour later.

First Lt. David M. Nyikos was reported in good condition at the hospital at Langley Air Force Base in Hampton, where he is based.

The single-seat fighter went down shortly before 10 a.m. about 60 miles off Virginia Beach.

The cause of the crash was unknown.

Nyikos radioed for help and was picked up by a Coast Guard helicopter.

• **NOGALES, Ariz.** — Up to a dozen men — some armed with semiautomatic weapons — attacked Mexican customs agents who seized more than \$100,000 of suspected drug money being smuggled from the United States, authorities said Monday. One customs agent was killed in the battle Sunday night.

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Since this is a short week, so will be this column. If you ask me, *this* week should be called Dead Week, just 'cuz there's too much to be done in too little time. I mean, today's already this week's Hump Day.

Forecast: Here comes the rain again. My sources say that there will be a storm front Wednesday lasting a few days, but I think we may get some showers today sometime. For those who won't be here, then I guess it doesn't matter 'cuz your weather will be different anyhow.

And for the record, I don't play bumper pool — just wanted to get that straight.

BY JILL ST. JOHN
Reporter

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"[Members should include] people who are active in the community and care about the construction of the monument," she said. "In addition, there has also been an expressed desire for a Vietnam [veteran] to be on the committee."



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YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE

BY LINDA C. BLACK

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is an 8 - Pay attention to another person's signals. If he or she is saying "Slow down," then you'd better do just that. Let the other person take the lead. If you hold back a little, the person might get aggressive. That would suit you just fine!

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is an 8 - Another busy day for you. Your creativity is flowing. If you need money for work expenses, ask around the middle of the day. Your boss will be in a generous mood then. Postpone tonight's date. You and your sweetheart will have trouble making the connection.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is an 8 - You want to write poetry and have long, meaningful conversations. Do it now, because you're going to have to face tough money decisions soon, maybe tonight. You might have to start getting realistic. Do that after you've been unrealistic for a while, just for the fun of it.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - The focus is on home and family, but you need to be at work. Don't stretch yourself too thin. You're learning how to do the thing you do best. Don't be discouraged by setbacks. This day could be very productive. You're moving faster and getting more done.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - You're creative, intelligent and darn good looking. You're going through a transformation. Try things that are bolder and more assertive than ever before. Why not? Go farther, leap higher and make freedom and justice prevail from sea to shining sea!

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - You're getting in alignment with your destiny. If you don't know what that is, just watch. Also, there's either more money, or it's coming from an unusual source. Don't spend it foolishly. There are more expenses this time of year. Some of them are coming up today.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Today is an 8 - Not only are you interested in everybody, but they're interested in you. That's because you're so nice to be around. You and your sweetheart might have an argument tonight. Let your opinions be known, but also listen. You can reach a compromise this time.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6 - Don't begin new enterprises. You don't have time. Something is overdue, and it must take top priority. It could mean more money for you. The bad news is that you're under some stress. Don't worry. Conditions ease up later in the week.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 - Your energy level is high and you're thinking clearly. Don't wait. Launch that new endeavor. Use what you've just learned to push ahead of the competition. If you don't have the job you want, go get it. Don't settle for second best.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 6 - There's money coming in. Is there a class you've been meaning to take? Or did you want to travel to a distant place? Take this opportunity to get yourself registered or signed up for the cruise. Make the commitment, even if you can't take the action quite yet.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - There's a conflict between where you'd like to go and what you have to do. There isn't much time for new adventures right now. You have too many old ones to finish. Don't ignore them or you'll find yourself in trouble later. Clean up old messes before they get any worse.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - Career and money are foremost in your mind. You don't like to think about financial matters. You'd rather have somebody else take care of that. That's not a bad idea. You could get an expert to help you. This is a better time for reviewing your options than for making big decisions.

Today's Birthday (Nov. 25). You're even more popular than usual this year. You're one of the beautiful people. Money's short in January, though. Sell something to cover expenses. Learn a subject you thought was too difficult in February. That will also bring you luck. Get into a friendly competition in April. If you do the work, you'll triumph. August is good for romance and travel, with romance dominating slightly. Your career requires attention in September. There will be a test, but you should do fine. Visit friends in October to put old fears to rest.

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"It is better to emit a scream in the shape of a theory than to be entirely insensible to the jars and incongruities of life, and take everything as it comes in a forlorn stupidity."

— Robert Louis Stevenson

Point / Counterpoint

Focus on the Issue

➤ Don't Lump Illegals, Legals Together

ZACK STILLINGS

On March 18, 1996, the Republican National Committee was quoted in print as saying "America is a nation of immigrants — that is one of our greatest strengths."

America was built on immigrants from many countries in search of political freedom, religious tolerance and economic opportunity. Legal immigration is still one of the greatest assets to our nation. It brings in some of our most highly skilled workers and professors in many fields. Immigration is also used, and granted, for political refugees. Many people try to make the immigration debate more unclear by lumping legal and illegal immigration into one category when they are entirely different issues.

"Each year, 300,000 illegal immigrants join the 2 million to 4 million already here." This report was seen in *USA Today* on Jan. 3, 1996. It is this number that worries us. This form of immigration is what leads to higher crime and higher taxes.

Since illegal immigration is not leading to the highest-paying jobs in our country, crime is on the rise. This is not solely the fault of illegal immigrants, but poverty directly correlates to crime, such that the more illegals we have in our country, the more crime there is on our streets.

Taxes are higher because taxpayers are having to pay more to support illegal immigrants, whether it be on the welfare rolls or in prison. Although there is no way to accurately account for the number of illegal immigrants on welfare in some capacity, people on both sides of the debate acknowledge that there are some.

That's enough of the complaining about the problem, something many people are extremely guilty of. I, along with many of my colleagues in the College Republicans, would like to suggest some solutions to the

problems of today.

Since nearly a quarter of the nation's federal prison population consists of illegal immigrants, wouldn't it make sense to expedite the deportation process? In doing this, we could educate these immigrants on how to become legal residents of this country, if that is what they truly want.

In his budget for fiscal year 1994, Bill Clinton cut 93 agents from the border patrol. Republicans have suggested doubling the number of border patrol agents over the next five years. Is cutting the numbers of the highly understaffed border patrol really the answer to stopping the flow of illegal immigration?

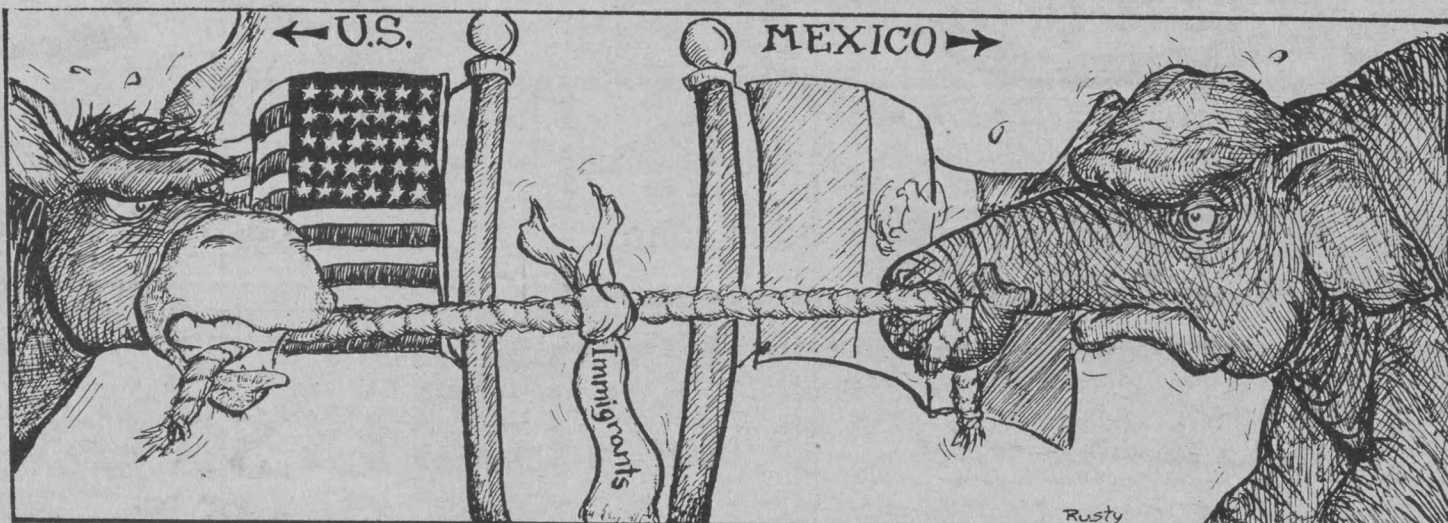
In 1994, our governor, Pete Wilson, got tired of the federal government's lack of support on our federal borders. He wrote a letter to the president requesting that the federal government start paying for the illegal immigrants that California is housing in its state prisons. Bill Clinton denied this request, stating that the illegal immigrants in our state were the problem of the state.

In that same year, the president decided that Florida's borders were the responsibility of the federal government when we saw an influx of Haitian and Cuban illegals. Could this be because Governor Lawton Chiles of Florida is a political ally of Clinton? This is outrageous. The president is refusing to accept responsibility for some of our nation's borders based on the political ideology of the governor of that state. What he does not realize is that he is not only hurting that state's governor, but all of the citizens of that state as well.

If an invasion of military troops was taking place in any of our states, would the president turn his head in the same way? I sincerely hope that this man would not assess the political affiliation of the state's governor before deploying the military.

We have to quit playing political games with these real issues. I would like to convince any politician in Washington to separate legal and illegal immigration as issues. Jack Kemp and Ronald Reagan have done so, noticing that legal immigration is an asset to our country whereas illegal immigration is a liability. I would then challenge our president to look at this issue with common sense instead of focusing on the political affiliation of the states' governors.

Zack Stillings is a co-chair of the College Republicans.



RUSTY YATES / DAILY NEXUS

Why Blame Them?

➤ Immigrants Shouldn't Be Scapegoats

JENNIFER TOBKIN

The Statue of Liberty, a 200-ton copper figure gazing out over New York Harbor, has come to represent a distinctively American ideal: Her lighted torch symbolizes hope, freedom and the opportunity for all who seek asylum in our land. Yet immigration is remarkably under attack for the simple reason that people need a scapegoat.

Reasonable Americans should recognize that unless they are Native Americans, they have an immigrant background and thus understand immigrants' plight. Regardless, polls show general condemnation of and support for increased limitations on immigration. So just how does immigration really affect society and the economy? However the problem is approached, benefits of immigration far outweigh any costs.

During the 19th century, the U.S. experienced the largest wave of immigration ever in the history of the world while witnessing the greatest growth in production and standard of living ever in the history of the world. This was no coincidence. Along with providing labor, these immigrants were also consumers who helped create a greater demand for manufactured goods. And because they saved and invested their money, immigrants helped to finance more production and a larger job market.

It is wrong to assume that there is only so much money to go around in an economy. Rather, with a larger work force, there is greater overall wealth because more is produced. Moreover, because workers produce for trade rather than for personal consumption, they produce more than they consume. Therefore, the amount of wealth can expand beyond the number of people who immigrate and there is more wealth per person, not less. Although most believe that immigration has a negative effect on economic development, recent studies have proven otherwise, including a well-publicized report this month issued by the National Research Council.

Immigrants bring with them much more than human capital. They tend to be harder-working than natives, because they are hungry and highly motivated rather than settled and affluent. By definition, those who chose to emigrate are self-selected for vigor among the populations they come from.

Many falsely believe that welfare, medical care and educational benefits are this country's main attractions, but few immigrants and even fewer illegal immigrants take advantage of these benefits. Jobs attract, not social programs. And while it is correct, as President Clinton has acknowledged, that illegal immigration is indeed illegal, we must understand and sympathize with the reasons why these people want to come to our country so badly. "Push factors" are the local conditions in foreign countries that push people out to seek a better life elsewhere; Mexico offers a somber example of deteriorating economic conditions hastening the exodus to the U.S. as our border separates one of the richest countries in the world from one of the poorest.

So why then is there still such a resistance to immigration? One of the most common reasons is simply xenophobia, or fear of strangers and those who are different. Yet historically, immigrants have brought numerous benefits because of their different perspectives and backgrounds in the arts, sciences, education and entertainment. The result is cultural diversity, an incredible benefit of immigration. America is unique because it has adopted the idea that national origins can be transcended in order for diverse cultures to be combined in the creation of a uniquely strong and rich new society.

In tough economic situations, the easiest thing to do is to find a person or a group of people to blame, and more often than not someone of a different race, culture or religion is the one who is labeled responsible. Immigrants are unfairly used as scapegoats for society's problems, which have much deeper causes.

Just recently there have been new calls for restricting entry, sending immigrants home, and reducing the status of immigrants to that of a lower class. To illustrate, California Gov. Pete Wilson, a Republican presidential candidate, ran on a platform of blatant immigrant-bashing in 1996. Instead, Americans should be concentrating on learning how to live with others with respect, because only together can natives and immigrants make the U.S. the best place to live. When all the evidence is examined, clearly the best policy on immigration is not to shut the door and continue to waste tax dollars on failed border enforcement.

As a country we must remember our distinctive heritage and honor our continuing obligation as a nation of immigrants; resentment and hatred must be stopped because it is neither fair nor accurate to blame immigrants for economic problems whose source lies elsewhere. At a time when many are calling for tighter restrictions, it is especially important to remember our distinctively American commitment to immigration.

Jennifer Tobkin is a member of the Campus Democrats.

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Conference Addresses Green Issues

Hundreds of representatives from some of the largest corporations in the world were on campus last week to discuss the relationship between industry and the environment.

The sixth International Conference of the Greening of Industry Network, hosted by both the Environmental Sciences Dept. and the Greening of Industry Network, brought leading industrial and environmental activists together to discuss the future of the environment, according to Paul Lambert, vice president of corporate research and development at Polaroid Corp.

"This is really an attempt to bring together all of the principal actors in the whole environmental and social ac-

tivity issues — members of industry, members of the investment community and members of certain activist groups like the Sierra Club," he said. "This gets us all in the same room together, and instead of throwing daggers at each other, we have a meaningful dialogue."

Corporate representatives at the four-day conference discussed their ideas of a "sustainable society" — one that can avoid depleting its natural resources beyond their capacity to renew themselves.

Leading environmental groups hypothesized on the requirements of creating such a society and current obstacles to environmental progress.

Sierra Club Chair J. Mi-

chael McCloskey argued that inconsistent media coverage has been a serious hindrance to environmental issues.

"We are somewhat whipped around by the press as to how fashionable the issues are," he said.

McCloskey distinguished the importance of the environment from other issues by its immediate relevance to everyone's lives.

"The underlying urgency of the issues keeps reasserting itself: The atmosphere and the climate starts to warm, Chernobyls go off, tropical forests are burning, real things keep happening," he said.

— Nathan Bays

CAPTURE

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according to Peterson.

"We're relieved we got all four back into custody where they should be," he said.

Four-month Pacific Grand resident Elena Hernandez was not even aware of Villescás' circumstances until his capture.

"I didn't even know about it," she said. "We didn't even know he was an escapee. He

wasn't seen in the building that often. I only saw him a couple of times before today. I saw when they were escorting him out. But I didn't even know that was going on in the building."

As for the future of the four escapees, Peterson said that there will be a trial, but the exact charges are presently unknown.

"There will be additional charges, but I don't know what they will be," he said.

— Jodie Stout

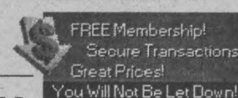
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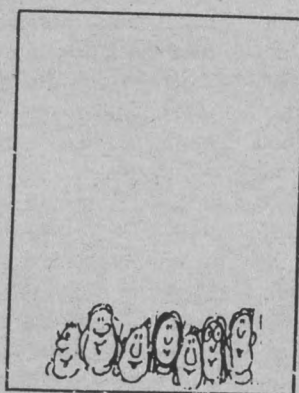
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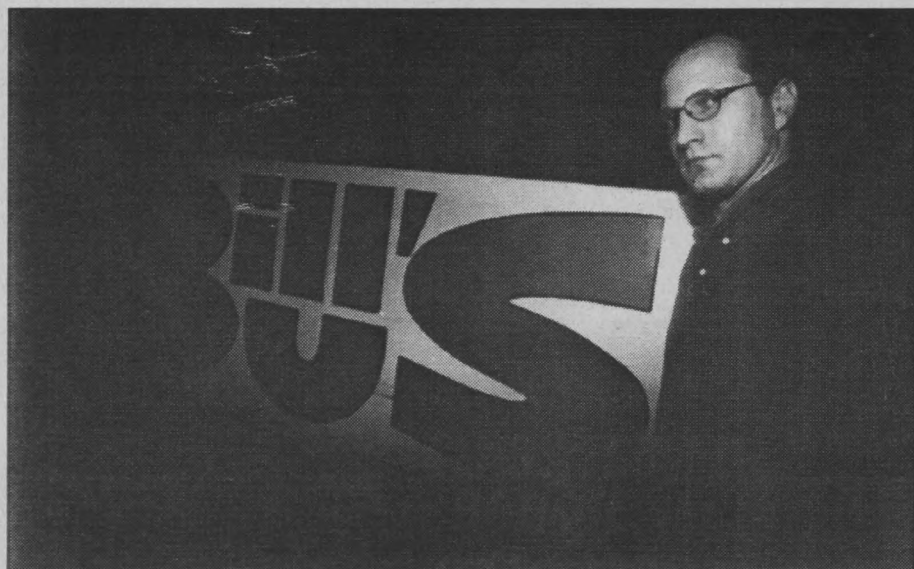
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Bill's Bus will continue to run for at least a little while longer thanks to a \$300 donation from Associated Students. Bill, the owner of the downtown drinkers' shuttle, is extremely thankful for the donation.

SERVICE

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"I think it's phenomenal," he said. "I'm really happy they're making efforts to help out. It's very much appreciated."

Singer said he is still unsure about whether the money he was depending on before will still be coming in.

"Bars downtown have given some support, but it is still up in the air whether or not they will continue the support," he said. "That's the unfortunate thing."

Singer attended a bar owners meeting in downtown Santa Barbara in hopes of regaining financial support.

"They had a core committee meeting downtown to lessen the problems of downtown, to make it a fun, safe atmosphere," he said. "I told them what I wanted, and whether or not I get it is another issue."

Singer requested a monthly fee from the bar owners.

"I wanted \$75 a month from all the bartenders," he said.

After Singer's presentation before the committee, Madhouse Martini Lounge owner Duncan Westley contributed a donation, and is still interested in finding out more on how he can help in preserving Bill's Bus.

"We are waiting for a final

response of what exactly he wants and how we can support him," he said. "It was a real positive meeting."

Bar owners should take into consideration what happens to their customers after they leave the bars, Singer said.

"Keep the streets safe," he said. "People are going to come downtown whether or not I'm here. [Bars] should take responsibility in how they're getting home."

Some organizations will not give support because they are against the idea of Bill's bus, Kops said.

"There are certain aspects that people don't support," she said. "[Mothers Against Drunk Driving] thinks it promotes drinking. I kind of see the logistics behind it, but not a whole bunch."

Calypso Bar & Grill supports the service, calling it a safe way for Isla Vista residents to get downtown and back safely without having to pay \$30 for cab fare, according to general manager Paul Smith.

"It's a good thing for the community and for I.V.," he said. "Bill's Bus is safer for everybody. Cab fare is so expensive that people are motivated to drive home drunk."

Though Bill's Bus is getting some financial support, Singer said that many of the downtown bars are in denial of where their main source of customers come from.

"For a long time, the downtown bars said they didn't want I.V. trash coming," he said. "This is their main source of income. This is a college town and they spend their money downtown. Some of the bar owners say they don't benefit from the bus. They're limiting where students go. I think a lot of students have a lot of different tastes, and the bars have different opinions about that."

James Joyce bartender Dan Peyton said that his establishment is not frequented enough by students to warrant funding the bus.

"I know that he has been coming in to get funding from all the bars," he said. "Most of the kids coming downtown don't come to this bar, so we don't think we should give money without it coming back."

Singer is in the process of finding additional fundraising opportunities, including transforming his business into a non-profit organization.

"My wife and I are looking for new places to advertise because we need to do some repairs and I don't know if the bars will continue to support us while we put a new engine in," he said.

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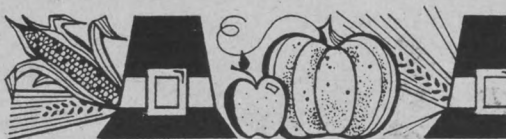
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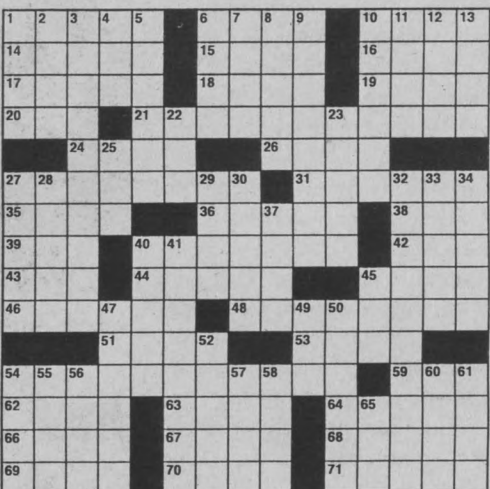
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Sports

Sport Clubs Update

NCAA athletes aren't the only ones in the throngs of intercollegiate competition — many of the 18 Sport Club programs have already begun their seasons.

The UCSB rowing team competed last weekend at the Stanford Fall Regatta in Palo Alto, a meet featuring top schools from throughout the state.

The men's varsity squad posted the highest Gaucha results, finishing fourth in both the eight- and four-person divisions, trailing only powerhouses Stanford, Cal and Sacramento State. The varsity women also performed admirably, placing fifth and sixth out of 11 in the eight-person divisions.

Senior Renda Dennis is pleased with the team's fall results, which serve as tune-ups for future events. "It's still early, but so far we've shown quite a bit of improvement over last year," she said. "Fall is kind of an indicator of what's to come in spring."

The novice rowers, most of whom are new to the sport, also competed in Palo Alto. While the eight-person squad ended its 5,000-meter race in 14th place, the four-person squad turned in a solid fifth-place performance. An eighth-place finish was turned in by the novice women in the eights.

The Black Tide took the first step toward defending its ultimate Frisbee national crown Nov. 9 at a tournament in San Diego. Santa Barbara defeated Cal Poly Pomona 11-2, Arizona State University 11-3, and the UC San Diego B team 11-5 before losing to UCSD's premier squad 11-9 in the semifinals.

Graduate co-captain Greg Husak was impressed with the performances of junior Tommy Burfiend and senior Mike Hall, and feels the Tide will only get stronger.

"With more practice, we're going to three-peat," he said. "The rookies are getting better, [and] we have about 10 solid returners who are going to contribute in the spring."

The ultimate Frisbee team encourages anyone interested in the sport to attend one of its practices Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Rob Field.

Cachuma Lake was the site for the North-South Intersectional Regatta on Nov. 15-16, an event attended by the UCSB sailing team. Santa Barbara placed fourth overall behind Stanford, USC and UC Irvine.

Linda Stephan was the top Gaucha finisher, tying for second in the women's individual division. Zach Maxim took a third-place finish on the men's side of the board.

— Ben Alkaly

Men's Hoops Battles USC Tonight; Trojans Look to Set Pace of Game

BY SCOTT HENNESSEE
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The UCSB men's basketball team begins its difficult preseason road schedule today when it travels to the L.A. Sports Arena to take on USC at 8 p.m. The Gauchos are coming off a season-opening 88-74 win over Westmont College on Saturday, but can expect some much tougher competition out of the Trojans tonight.

USC (2-1) has turned its program around after struggling to an 11-19 record two seasons ago. Last year, Head Coach Henry Bibby took over the Trojans and led them to 17 wins and a second-place finish in the Pac 10 Conference.

Santa Barbara Assistant Coach Gary Stewart said Southern California is a deep team that will try and wear the Gauchos down.

"There's not much difference between their first five and their next five," Stewart said. "They are going to play 10-11 people. That's

part of their philosophy — to try to wear you down and tempo the game."

USC is lead by a pair of forwards that can fill it up. At 6'7", Gary Williams is USC's top returning frontcourt player. In the Trojans' 92-88 win over Loyola Marymount on Nov. 21, Williams scored a career-high 23 points and had eight rebounds. Six-foot-eight forward Jarvis Turner has also been a force, scoring 19 and grabbing six boards against the Lions.

USCB will counter with senior guard Raymond Tutt, who led the team with 25 points against Westmont. Dating back to last year, Tutt has led the team in scoring 27 straight games.

Last season the Gauchos tended to rely too much on Tutt to score, but he says this year things will be different.

"The thing with our team this year, other teams, they're not going to be able to key on me or anyone else," Tutt said. "They're not going

to know what weapon we are going to hit them with at any given moment. It could be anybody in any game so they are going to have to play us honest."

Santa Barbara showcased a pair of weapons in the backcourt in its season opener Saturday. Senior Les Bean and freshman Brandon Payton both showed flashes of brilliance against the Warriors. Payton had five assists in only six minutes in the first half, and Bean had seven assists and only one turnover in the second.

USCB Head Coach Jerry Pimm said that a healthy competition exists between the two point guards which brings out the best in them.

"They've been good during practice against each other," Pimm said. "I think playing against each other every day is going to help them — help each one of them. They both have things that can help this team."

Tonight's game will be televised live on Fox Sports West 2.



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BRING DOWN THE HOUSE: Just a few years ago, scenes like this weren't uncommon in the Thunderdome.

Just Why Is It Called the Thunderdome?

So you've been to that big building in the front of campus called the Events Center, but you can't quite figure out why people keep telling you it's the Thunderdome. Well, this article — which appears in the UCSB men's basketball media guide — should help you to understand.

In 1979 a new basketball facility was completed on the UC Santa Barbara campus. In its early days the building was known simply as the campus Events Center. Eventually that was shortened to the "ECen."

With the arrival of Jerry Pimm as head coach in 1983, things began to change for Gaucha basketball. The level of success began to rise. The crowds began to grow. By 1986 the program and its facility had earned a new identity. The team was now known as a winner. The Events Center had become "The Thunderdome."

USCB's Thunderdome has quickly become one of the wildest and noisiest places in the country. The 6,000-seat arena is now considered one of the most effective home-court advantages in college basketball.

"This is as good an atmosphere as you'll find for college basketball," said former UNLV Head Coach Jerry Tarkanian. "I don't believe there's any place in the country better than this."

Considering the lion's dens that Tark took his Rebels to, his is the word of authority.

Tom Odjakjian, program manager at ESPN and

the man in charge of scheduling college basketball, explains the appeal of the Thunderdome from television's standpoint.

"I think the Thunderdome ranks right up there with Cameron Indoor Stadium at Duke as one of the great college basketball arenas in the country," Odjakjian said. "We [ESPN] love doing games from the Thunderdome. The proximity of the students to the court, the loudness and the enthusiasm make the Thunderdome a fabulous college basketball showcase."

ESPN announcer Barry Tompkins had this to say during a UCSB-UNLV game.

"The noise in here is at least the equivalent of an airplane firing its engines for takeoff. This is unbelievable. I can't even hear myself."

All of these quotes come from years back, when people would camp overnight for tickets and the average attendance hovered around 5,000. But there is no reason we can't fill up the place again. The 3,700 who showed up for the Gauchos' opener last Saturday should be commended, but they need reinforcements. This year's team has promise; with a solid returning group, an explosive freshman class and a likely future NBA player it's an entertaining group to watch. The next home game is Saturday at 7:05 vs. Portland. See you there.

— Scott Hennessee

Ask the Athletes

What's Your Favorite Sports Movie?

"'White Men Can't Jump.' It's so funny and it's a basketball movie. They talk so much trash — us Gauchos don't talk trash though."
— Sophomore guard/forward Tawneé Cooper, women's basketball

"'Rudy.' No one thinks the kid is going to succeed, but he does — just like me."
— Sophomore setter Vicki Viso, women's volleyball

"'Hoosiers.' It shows teamwork, motivation and dedication. That's how I like my teams to play."
— Assistant Coach Ted Gilkey, women's volleyball

"'Ladybugs.' It shows phenomenal soccer. It's a movie that I'd watch before games."
— Senior goalkeeper Ilsa Bertolini, women's soccer

"'Hoosiers.' I really like Gene Hackman as an actor. It's a great portrayal of high school basketball. It really captured the energy of the high school games."
— Sophomore guard Carmel Lampson, women's basketball

"I'd have to say 'Hoosiers.' It goes back to the old time. I remember that I liked it, even though I haven't seen that show in like 10 years."
— Senior forward Matt Pinkney, men's basketball

"'Above the Rim.' I like 'Above the Rim' because it's about basketball, but it's got a lot about real life too. It has a hip-hop twist to it."
— Senior guard Raymond "King" Tutt, men's basketball

"'Rudy.' It's inspirational. We actually all watched it before our first game. We had a pasta dinner and watched. I don't know if it worked or not, but I liked it."
— Sophomore midfielder Lacey Coffey, women's soccer

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