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Longtime I.V. resident dismisses global criticism of recent U.S. military action against Iraq.

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The men's basketball team defeated Cal Poly on Thursday. The Gauchos face UOP Saturday at 3 p.m. in a game televised by ESPN2. See Sports p.8

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Orlando Firm Aims to Join I.V. to UCSB, Make Anisg' Oyo' Central Point

BY LADAN MOEENZIAI Staff Writer

If chosen, a master plan proposal submitted from the East Coast promises much ado about parks, and very little else.

The design, submitted by the Orlando, Fla.based architecture firm Glatting Jackson, focuses on ending the visually defined separation between the university and Isla Vista by Ocean Road, and on strengthening the presence of Anisq' Oyo' Park as a central development of the I.V.

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Part Four and Five of a Five-Part Series

EDITOR'S NOTE These are the fourth and fifth segments in a fivepart series examining five finalists' second submissions in the [Re]Vision Isla Vista Master Plan Design Competition. Today's articles feature the design submissions of Glatting Jackson of Orlando, Fla., and Urbanus Associates of Los Angeles. All finalists will present their plans to the competition jury Saturday at Embarcadero Hall from 8:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The winner will be announced Sunday at 2 p.m. in Embarcadero Hall at 935 Embarcadero del Norte.

L.A. Company **Urbanus Suggests** Bluff-Top Park, Pier, 'Town Centre,' Tram

BY JENNIFER B. SIVERTS Staff Writer

Once upon a time, a small town began to grow and grow until it could no longer fit into its suburban environment. That town was Isla Vista, and according to an L.A. architectural firm, the answers may be found downtown.

The "Isla Vista 2010 Plan" submitted by Urbanus Associates, a Los Angeles-based firm, offers the Isla Vista Master Plan Design Competition an urban alternative. The proposed changes include

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For Crying Out Loud

Armed with a megaphone and an oil-stained jumpsuit, Gabriel Scherger, a junior political science major, speaks out in front of the UCen in a protest organized by CalPIRG to collect students' signatures on a petition opposing further oil exploration in Alaska.

Town Hall Meeting Examines Issue of Housing Inspections

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Santa Barbara.

BY BRETT BISCEGLIA Reporter

Renters and property owners alike competed for the ear of their supervisor Thursday night to voice their support of or opposition to a controversial inspection proposal.

Third District Supervisor Gail Marshall led an Isla Vista town hall meeting Thursday evening at the University Religious Center on Camino Pescadero. Close to 30 community members dis-

cussed issues ranging from housing inspections to crime. Conversation mainly focused on housing safety in Isla Vista and a current proposal to institute mandatory housing inspection in I.V.

Marshall said mandatory safety inspections are needed to significantly increase the standard of housing in Isla Vista.

"Isla Vista has probably more substandard housing in the smallest area than

any place else in Santa Barbara," she said. "It's only in the discussion phase, but the idea would be to have a mandatory program that would allow each unit to be inspected on a regular basis — probably every five years. It would mean what I feel is a pretty novel cost to property managers."

Longtime Isla Vista resident and property manager Constance Brown said only properties that receive complaints should be forced to submit to mandatory

"I don't like to see everyone targeted

with a blanket forced inspection," she said. "I've been a Democrat all my life, but this smacks of Big Brother. There's just something that seems so wrong about forcing every building, whether they're well-managed or not, to open their doors to inspectors."

Henry Sarria, a longtime I.V. resident, said tenants often fear they will incur the wrath of property managers if they complain about less than adequate living con-

"A lot of people don't phone in complaints simply because of the fact that

> either (a) you'll be labeled a troublemaker, (b) they'll send somebody out to fix it and then charge you for it or (c) your security deposit will be in peril," he said.

Although she opposed to mandatory inspections, Brown said there is room for improvement with the current complaint-driven gram.

"I think we need to educate people how to

complain more," she said. "Maybe at the housing office on campus there could be some complaint forms."

The cost of mandatory safety inspections would mean higher rents for Isla Vista tenants, property manager Chip

"If you raise the cost of doing business, the likelihood is the consumer — in this case the tenant — will end up picking up the cost," Eckert said. Many Isla Vistan properties are in

20-Year-Old UCSB Student Takes Own Life

BY BRENDAN BUHLER Staff Writer

Junior law and society major Miyaka Geh died at her home in Los Angeles on Feb. 12.

The gunshot wound was apparently self-inflicted, LAPD homicide Detective Brian Gasparian said.

Friends remembered a pretty, outgoing and kind 20-year-old woman with dreams of becoming a

"She was the funniest girl I've ever met," junior law and society major Joslyn Timmons said. "She was always willing to make others feel comfortable, no matter what - she had a natural talent for that."

Junior global studies and French major William

Lang went to Bishop Montgomery High School in Torrance, Calif., with Geh and was her roommate this year in Isla Vista.

Miyaka Geh

"When we found out we were going to school together up here we were so excit-

ed. She knew everybody. She was the most outgoing person I've ever met," he said. "Honestly, I'd walk down the hall with her and I would feel like such a loser because she would say 'hi' to probably 50 people, and I'd know maybe one. It's probably unnecessary for me to say anything about her because I think everyone knew her."

Another roommate, junior business economics major Lorna Berryessa, said Geh was good looking, with an easy grace.

"She was one of the most beautiful people I've ever seen, and everyone that knew her would say that," Berryessa said. "She was the type of person you could spot on the other side of campus because she was the most noticeable person. The way she stood, she was very exotic looking and she carried herself like

a movie star."

Geh did well at UCSB, Lang said. "She made the extra effort in school

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ISO Lifts Alerts on State Power Supply



SAN FRANCISCO (AP)

California lifted all power alerts Thursday for the first time in nearly six weeks, thanks to the availability of more imported electricity and the return to service of plants that had been down for repairs.

California had been under a power alert of one level or another since Jan. 13 because of dwindling reserves of electricity. For one 32-day stretch that ended over the weekend, the state was at Stage 3, the highest level of alert, when reserves are so low that blackouts are possible.

The state started Thursday at Stage 1, the lowest level. That was lifted when reserves reached a

comfortable level.

The crisis eased over the past few days after several power plants that were down for repairs came back on line.

"The supply picture has improved and we are glad that we're able to come out the emergency. of However, we are looking at a long-term limited supply of electricity within the whole region," said Lorie

advance, said Terry Winter, the ISO's chief executive.

Meanwhile, state officials' fears that natural gas supplies in Northern California would be depleted by the end of February eased because more suppliers have agreed to deliver gas to Pacific Gas and Electric Co.

At the state Capitol,

The supply picture has improved and we are glad that we're able to come out of the emergency.

- Lorie O'Donley Independent System Operator spokesperson

O'Donley, spokesperson for the Independent System Operator, keeper of the state's power grid.

The California Dept. of Water Resources, which has been buying power for the state's nearly bankrupt utilities, has also been able lawmakers worked on bills they hope will result in more power plants for California. One bill would require local governments where more power is needed to find sites for new power plants. The other would speed up state

to buy more energy in approval for renovating old plants.

> A federal judge is expected to decide Friday whether wholesalers can be forced to sell to the power grid even without a creditworthy buyer. A temporary order requiring three suppliers to keep selling power expires

Gov. Gray Davis' administration met again with company executives Thursday to negotiate a rescue plan for two cashstrapped utilities. The governor has proposed buying 26,000 miles of transmission lines and allowing the utilities to issue revenue bonds to be paid back by ratepayers.

"We're hopeful for an announcement tomorrow," said Steve Maviglio, spokesperson for the gov-

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AP Wire Shorts

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — A U.N. tribunal Thursday established "sexual enslavement" as a crime against humanity, convicting three Bosnian Serbs who took part in the nightly gang-rapes and torture of Muslim women and girls at so-called "rape camps" during the Bosnian war.

The tribunal found Dragoljub Kunarac and Radomir Kovac guilty of sexually assaulting and torturing Muslim women and girls as young as 12 years old, forcing them to perform domestic chores and selling them into further bondage. They received 28- and 20-year sentences, respectively.

A third defendant, Zoran Vukovic, was convicted of raping and torturing a 15-year-old girl — who was about the same age as his own daughter — but acquitted him of most other charges for lack of evidence. He was sentenced to 12 years imprisonment.

The ruling marked a milestone for the recognition of women's special vulnerability during war and the need for legal sanctions to prevent them from being treated as spoils of battle. It will help set legal precedent by outlining the criteria necessary to bring future cases.

WASHINGTON (AP) - President George W. Bush, in his first full-fledged news conference, declared the military strike against Iraq a success Thursday despite the sub-par performance of U.S. missiles. "We got his attention," he said of Saddam Hussein.

Bush said last week's airstrike was ordered both to warn Saddam that he will not be allowed to build weapons of mass destruction and to diminish Baghdad's ability to attack patrolling U.S. and British planes.

"I believe we succeeded in both those missions,"

Bush said.

Pentagon officials say results of the strikes were mediocre at best, with damage detected on about 40 percent of the targets. Bush said he looked forward to the Pentagon's review.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A Utah artist can continue using Barbie dolls in his photographic renderings, some of which depict the doll wrapped in tortillas or posed in sexual positions, a federal appeals court has

Last week's ruling by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, made public Thursday, upholds a judge's decision to deny Mattel's request to bar Tom Forsythe from using the doll in his photographs and from selling the photos as postcards.

El Segundo-based Mattel's lawsuit accuses Forsythe of copyright and trademark infringement. The artist maintains he has fair use based on artistic expression and free speech rights.

Mattel wanted the court to order Forsythe to hand over all the negatives of his work so they could be

The appellate panel did not elaborate on its ruling, but the decision is an indication that Mattel's ongoing suit in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles is not likely to

Forsythe, of Kanab, Utah, uses Barbies "to critique the materialistic and gender-oppressive values he believes the doll embodies," according to a statement Thursday from the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California, which is representing Forsythe.

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Weather

I'm sick of all these "professional" [Re]Vision I.V. designs submitted by "experts."

I've lived in I.V. a long time, and I've been conducting my own \$18,000/year case study on how to fix our cozy little shitbox. Here are my solutions:

1) Parking: Bulldoze all frat and sorority houses; the land is worthless as it is now.

2) Living space: Destroy UCSB (except Storke Tower and the Nexus office). Have Ron Wolfe replace it with additional slum houses.

3) Local business: Liquor licenses for everyone.

4) Erosion: All buildings in danger will be inhabited by the misplaced greek system (population control via natural selection).

5) Aesthetics: Lower the UCSB admissions requirements. We may be dumb (see #2: UCSB = Storke Tower), but boy, will we be good looking.

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and did well in it," he said. "She planned to be a lawyer."

However, Geh withdrew from classes in November. Berryessa said Geh suffered from depression. Geh returned for Winter Quarter, but stayed only six days before leaving again.

Her mother found Geh's body on the morning of Feb. 12. The Los Angeles County coroner's

office pronounced her dead at 11:20 a.m. Friends and family gathered in L.A. for her funeral on

Lang said people from throughout Geh's life attended the service.

"Even her teachers from high school spoke [Thursday] at the funeral," Lang said. "They told everyone she was the light that would come into the room and brighten up everyone."

"There was one time

that really showed that she cared about other people," Berryessa said. "It was back in freshman year, and I did really bad on an exam in one of my econ classes. I had that class with her and I think she even did worse than me. But I was so upset about it, and she knew it. She went to the store while I was buying coffee and she bought me a card. It said, 'I'll love you no matter what your econ grade is.' It was just a really sweet gesture that she did. That's how she was."

Pacific Island Film Fesitval 2001

Monday, Feb 26th 6-9:00 pm - Visitor Center

"Utu" is a film from New Zealand. Te Wheke is a Maori who serves as a Lance Corporal in the colonial army. A new strategy of "controlling" the natives has been put into effect, that of suprise attacks on small villages where everyone is killed and the village burned. Te Wheke finds his entire family slain and seeks revenge for his murdered family.

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need of basic improvements, Marshall said. "We don't want people to get electrocuted because they've got a plumbing problem and their carpet is wet; we don't want people walking out upon their balconies and falling off, either," Marshall said. "What we're trying to do is to come up with strategies to begin to incrementally upgrade the living conditions in Isla Vista.'

At the end of the meeting, Butch Arnoldi presented the audience with recent Isla Vista crime statistics. Arnoldi said a party at the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity last weekend drew over 500 people, and after hired security abandoned the event, the fraternity's president phoned the I.V. Foot Patrol for assistance. Arnoldi said pepper spray had to be used to force the mob to leave.

"We have just as many party 'saves' as party closures," Arnoldi said.

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Finalist #4 Glatting Jackson

Orlando, Fla.
Designer Ed McKinney

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community.

Ed McKinney, architect for Glatting Jackson, said an architectural affirmation of the close relationship between I.V. and UCSB is necessary to compliment the existing ties.

"One of the main issues is the separation [between I.V. and campus]. The idea we came up with was to create esplanade parks to line Ocean Road. Right now, that area is an under-utilized space. It doesn't have any visual accessibility," he said. "The I.V. side doesn't front on that space, and by the university, there is really only a series of parking lots that line the road. What we thought is that you could really make that space almost a central linear part between the neighborhood and the campus. Also, we plan on having new campus development front on [the esplanade parks] so campus development could face the neighborhood."

In addition to aesthetic techniques to enhance the connection between I.V. and UCSB, the firm would also extend road connections, McKinney said.

"We have to connect the neighborhood to the campus more strongly. We spent some time looking at how to connect the east side from where Pardall Road connects to the campus itself; we looked how to recreate that connection by extending the road connections," he said. "We found that some of the roads that dead-end in that neighborhood could be connected to Ocean Road through connecting a network of streets. It's probably not the most critical issue for everyone that lives in Isla Vista, but it is critical from the university's point. And it may be an issue for students as well."

The design seeks to emphasize Anisq' Oyo' Park as the center of the community. McKinney said the park's increased aesthetic qualities would enhance commercial and residential development in the area.

"We took a detailed look at Anisq' Oyo' Park. We wanted to create one singular park that is kind of a central space for the downtown and the neighborhood. What that does is open up redevelopment around downtown that can front on that park and use it as an amenity for new developments," he said. "One of the things, just from our observations, is when you look at a

couple of those parks, they're inwardly focused, there is a lot of vegetation and hidden spaces that are both sort of uninviting from the outside and also could present some security problems."

McKinney said the plan would make the parks more accessible to the community, as originally intended by the I.V. Recreation and Parks District.

"The history of the parks is that the parks district had purchased pieces, as they have been available [and] as they have funds to do so. There is kind of patchwork of parks throughout the neighborhood — they are little lots; some are bigger, some are smaller," he said. "There is not a strong connection between the parks themselves and how they relate to the development around them. What we did is to take a look at the parks and thought of different ways that you could possibly rework them either by purchasing adjacent parcels or turning certain pieces back to development. When we looked at the original historic plan for I.V. itself, it originally intended that the whole loop to Pardall Road would be park space. This is sort of an interpretation of that - trying to recreate that idea of one singular park space."

McKinney said making the parks more accessible is necessary to emphasize their presence in the community.

"We came up with the idea to extend Madrid Road so that it runs through Anisq' Oyo' Park. The idea is to have the park as central to the neighborhood and so it has to be very accessible. We, essentially, wanted to get roads and public access on all sides of that park. Extending Madrid Road is a way to do that," he said. "It's certainly dramatic because there are a lot of historical parts of the park that would be impacted."

The plan also addresses the need for housing in I.V. by increasing density in existing structures, particularly in the downtown area.

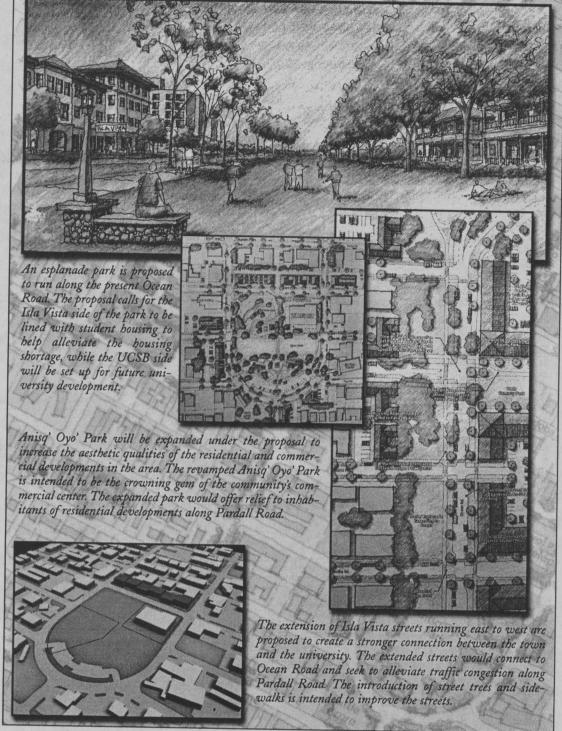
"The commercial buildings on the Embarcadero Loop are single story, and that jumps out as a real opportunity for new development to get density in there where there isn't now,"

McKinney said. Potentially, we want to create two-to-three story development with retail on the ground floor and additional housing units above and adding density. There are probably a lot of areas in the neighborhood where we could take a similar kind of approach."

The plan does not address the housing problem by offering additional parking, but would instead seek to discourage students from bringing their cars to

school by promoting public transit.

"It's a tricky situation because to create off-street parking would be taking away valuable space from the neighborhood for



THE MISSION STATEMENT:

To involve the community in the development of a neighborhood that reflects the unique environment and lifestyle of Isla Vista.

walks and trees to narrow the streets and control traffic speed.

"One of the tricks is the

"One of the tricks is the streets as they exist today have a limited amount of space for sidewalks. Our proposal was to do sidewalks throughout the property," McKinney said. "It is a costly and time-consuming process. But it should be a goal of the community. Street trees will create a more residential nature to the streets, and that is also very important. The road would shrink visually, and that could also help to control traffic speed and make it safer for pedestrians and all the bicycle riders in the neighborhood."

McKinney said the plan would not touch any local natural reserves.

"We left the wetlands and other reserves alone. We made sure to stay out of those. We think that they are good strong things," he said. "We'd like to have passive connections to those places and maybe views of them because they are certainly features to keep prominent in the community. But I don't think

there's any need to get into developing any of those areas. They are really a strong part of the character of the neighborhood itself.

McKinney said Glatting Jackson's redevelopment process would work to include residents in the process to ensure the development meets community needs and expectations.

"One of the first things we would want to do is to meet with the community to find out what aspects of our plan work, and then we would structure a process to complete the plan that would involve the residents in a more direct way," he said. "Some of the road work could happen pretty quickly, but a lot of these things take a lot of time to implement — maybe 20 to 30 years. Some of the danger of this competition was not being able to work with the community in a direct way. We only know a little bit from our few trips and observations, so we need the residents to help with the development of

WHAT THIS DESIGN PROPOSES:

Esplanade Parks

Centralizing Anisq' Oyo' Park

Sidewalks and Street Trees

Developing More Residential Areas in Downtown I.V. strategy is to make parking more restricted, particularly along Del Playa where you have that tandem parking issue. If we were to make parking more difficult, it would be a disincentive for people to bring cars to the neighborhood," he said. "We have to build a transit-supported network to support this strategy. It would have to be led from the Metropolitan Transit District—they've got the ability to find grants that could fund these types of things."

single-use parking lots. Our

McKinney said the plan would attempt to reduce traffic on El Colegio by creating alternative routes through I.V. and UCSB.

"We want to alleviate the traffic on El Colegio by creating street connections that allow you to bypass the street. We plan to create a roundabout by Los Carneros and extend Camino Pescadero to offer an alternative to El Colegio," he said. "It will make the whole neighborhood a lot more livable."

The streets in I.V. would also be redesigned to allow for side-

Urbanus Associates

Los Angeles, Calif. Designer P. Vaughn Davies



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a bluff-top park running along oceanside Del Playa Drive, a pier extending to the ocean, a "Town Centre" on Pardall Road and an electric tram connecting I.V. to UCSB.

Urbanus Associate's [Re] Vision I.V. Principle P. Vaughn Davies said one of the key components of the design is the accumulation of Del Playa Drive property in order to convert it into a continuous public bluff park.

"The major flaws in the current layout of Isla Vista are mostly the lack of connection with the university, and the housing that's on the bluffs that really is kind of a scar on the landscape more than anything else," he said. "It looks bad; it's probably a hazard to most people walking along the beach, and some of those houses are about to tumble off the edge. I don't think the housing really adds any value to Isla Vista per se; it's obviously very valuable for the folks who live on the water's edge, but it doesn't contribute to the town itself."

"Vista Point," an envisaged pier or bluff at the end of Embarcadero del Mar, would compliment the park and remind residents they are living in a close proximity to the beach, Davies said.

"For local residents it would provide sort of a high point when you're walking along the bluffs, or the beach, or going for a stroll in the evening, to end up on the pier and have a romantic moment and be reminded of where you actually live," he said. "It doesn't really have to be in the form of a pier. I actually put a pier there in phase one because

would also house a bluff or pier, as well as multiple

beach accesses.

there used to be a pier in Isla Vista, and it got destroyed, so this is a little bit of preserving and bringing back some of the memories of Isla Vista. We could have a great little tearoom [on the pier] or a fabulous restaurant there. It's really for the community to embrace the notion, and then we'd come up with a specific design with the community."

If the plan is implemented, houses currently located on oceanside DP would be incrementally reclaimed in various ways, including eminent domain and the possibility of houses eventually falling off the cliff and not being rebuilt. Adding density through three-to-five-story buildings will compensate for loss of living spaces creating a

The plan also seeks to revital-Pardall Road and Embarcadero del Mar into a Town Centre" with first-floor restaurants, retail stores, entertainment venues and residential or work lofts above. Davies said the downtown area is where the most significant impact can be made with the least amount of change by using the existing roads and buildings to add onto.

"There needs to be a heart of the town that is much more urban. I think you need to create long-term value for any master plan," he said. "The idea of coming in and fixing things up as they are doesn't work because it just becomes an expensive cleaning-up process. I think you need to create an incentive and value

don't have to rely on the neighborhood block party for your only recreation during the week. That's really what we're seeking."

"[Downtown] is a little bit more of an urban environment, just to provide what's not there right now. You're still going to allow people to have garden parties and block parties and street parties, but it'll be done in a more controlled manner in an urban core where it's not interfering with residents," Davies

The Urbanus plan would also include a strengthened pedestrian and bicycle network, and include a transit system, which would initially consist of an electric tram. According to Davies, a light rail may be an even better

tures get built within a block's walking distance of Pardall Road on the north side and the south side, also at the end where we are putting university square, so the students have an alternative location for parking," he said. "It's a tough thing to build and it's also going to be very expensive, so we're probably recommending that they get built by a private owner."

The parking structures, combined with a different curbside parking system, will eliminate the current parking problem,

You would certainly want to have permit parking, maybe so that residents have priority parking. In other areas you could have curbside parking, which is angled parking, or parallel parking and be limited to two hours at a time so people have to come and go and can't leave their car there for two weeks," he said. "That's why you would have the parking structure. If students come to Isla Vista and they're not really using their car during the week, they can leave it at a much cheaper prorated rate for an entire week at a garage.'

Davies said Urbanus' design would tentatively have a significant portion of the plan complete within five years and the rest done after another five years.

"There were 30 contestants, and there are little bits and pieces of absolute gems in everybody's plans, so I think what you're selecting is not the plan, I think you're selecting a collection of ideas and a team of people who can help the community fulfill your ideas," he said. "It's the kind of thing we've done in plenty of communities in other situations and it's really about making a plan for the communi-

THE MISSION STATEMENT:

To alleviate current issues of housing and parking density in suburban Isla Vista by utilizing urban development techniques.

more urban layout for housing, Davies said.

"Isla Vista is not a dense town, it's a dense suburb and it really seems dense because there are too many students living in single-family dwellings. Those [houses] are designed for a mom and a dad and two-and-a-half kids, or whatever we are in America growing up in a household," he said. "And those are houses that have sometimes eight to 12 students living in them. So it's just that [students] are living in a situation that is not conducive to their best lifestyle and it's not what the houses were designed for. The kind of student accommodation that needs to be provided is of a different kind that we're suggesting. It's much more of an urban loft-like dwelling."

for the university, for the parks department, the county and for private developers so you need to create something like the center area, for instance, for more retail stores and to provide alternative housing."

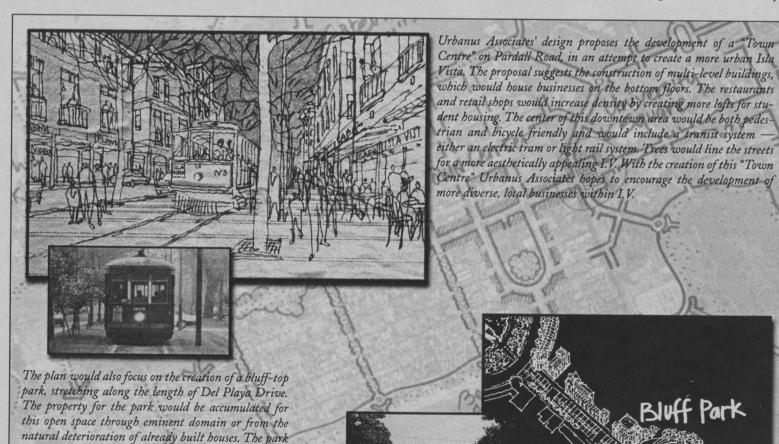
Davies said the downtown area would also serve as a new setting for community interactions, as an alternative to parties throughout I.V.

"I think you also need to provide the students with an incentive to move out of the party district and so you need to provide an environment that gives them a better alternative. For example, right now there aren't any white tablecloth restaurants in Isla Vista, so there is a very limited range of options," he said. "I think having a community that is much more diverse so that you transit system to strive for in the future.

"Subsequently working on it, the new proposal is not to do light rail, which was initially proposed, but to do more of a kind of a quieter electric tram, kind of like they have in downtown Santa Barbara," he said. "I don't think we can predict where Isla Vista is going to be 20 or 50 years from now, but it may be a community that has a dedicated connection in the form of a light rail and a dedicated right of way to the airport or downtown Santa Barbara."

The plan also anticipates the construction of multiple 500- to 800-space multi-level parking structures totaling approximately 2,200 parking spaces.

"We're recommending that probably multiple smaller struc-



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Opinion

U.S. Bombing Campaign Against Iraq Is Legitimate

Russia, France and Other Hyporcritical Nations Have No Grounds to Whine About American Military Policy

HENRY SARRIA

Let's play a little game of pretend. For a moment, pretend that you're a fighter pilot in charge of patrolling a United Nations no-fly zone in Iraq. You're cruising at an altitude of 10,000 to 20,000 feet at close to Mach 1 when all of a sudden your warning system indicates that a SAM (surface-to-air missile) site radar has locked on to your aircraft and you're now a moving target. Do you a) turn tail and run, b) maintain altitude and speed as if nothing is happening or c) blow the living shit out of the SAM site posing a threat with some HARMs (high speed anti-radiation missiles)?

This is the kind of scenario that American and British pilots faced on a daily basis protecting the no-fly zones in northern and southern Iraq. It was the norm until last week when they rammed a few HARMs down Hussein's throat. And now the U.S. and British are the bad guys, but according to

Let's take a look at the Russian opinion on the matter. They claim the action was wrong, but who cares what the Russians think? Russia is a country that had a massive governmental failure known as "the collapse of communism." It still provides Iraq with MiG and Sukolev fighter planes, as well as T-72 tanks so Saddam can build up his military. All this is paid for with aid dollars sent to Iraq to feed its people.

Besides, the Russians are too busy ripping Chechnya and its citizens a new asshole to be self-righteous or critical about anybody's aggression. By the way, Russia provided Iraq with Scud B missiles that slammed into Israel during the Gulf War as well as the very SAM sites that lock onto U.N. patrol planes and got taken out.

Then of course, we have the French opinion, but who even gives a shit what

they think anyway? Talk about a self- therefore have zero business dictating milpreservationist stance. All they're worried about is terrorist attacks on them if they support the action. As if France has any room to speak.

All we've ever had in France as an "ally" is a country that we've had to bail out twice in a single century and that has been the worst colonizer known to man. Ever hear of Algiers? What about Lebanon? The reason those places fell apart was due to French colonization. And while we're at it, let's not forget that love-

ly little quagmire known as the Vietnam War that the French happily

itary protocol, rules of engagement or military action to anyone else.

For all of their criticism, the critics are forgetting that the action taken was executed well within the accords signed by Hussein and the U.N. coalition back in 1991 when Iraq effectively lost the Persian Gulf War. The rules state that

certain areas will be patrolled and protected with whatever means necessary, even if it

the fan in their house. Be it money or military aid, you can bet that most of these critical nations will knock on our door when they need our help. But God forbid if America decides to take initiative or show resolve in a potentially dangerous military situation. We'll never hear the end of it.

My only complaint about the attack is that civilian lives were lost, but let's look at the reality of the matter. There are civilian technicians that work on military sites and if any were present during the strike they were there by choice. I also have news for Saddam on the subject of SAM site location: If you don't want civilian casual-

ties, don't put SAM sites in residential areas. All it does is get civilians injured

Finally, let's look at another source of criticism the U.S. receives concerning U.N. sanctions against Iraq. Under these U.N. ratified sanctions, civilians have died due to famine and disease. But where

is the money that was supposed to be used to feed and care for the Iraqi people going? This one's a no-brainer. Saddam had a choice to either feed and care for his people with the aid money, or build a multi-million dollar presidential mega-palace. He chose to build the palace.

So to those countries with plenty to say, such as France and Russia, the only words of advice on the matter of Iraq are: Either accept the actions taken by the U.N. pilots for their safety or stay the hell out of these matters, as you have no room to talk due to a long history of hypocrisy, lack of backbone or both. If you want the job of patrolling the no-fly zones, go for it and let us bring our pilots home safely. Just don't come crying to the U.S. when Saddam starts to flex his military muscle at your efforts.

Henry Sarria is a longtime Isla Vista res-



dumped on our lap at the cost of thousands of lives, American and Vietnamese. Let's also not forget the fact that France has provided Iraq with Mirage fighter planes and Exocet missiles just like the one that accidentally attacked the USS Stark back in 1986. France's hands aren't that clean. The French can't even handle their own problems and

Global condemnation of U.S. military action, even if within the prescribed requirements, will always be the norm since we're the "Great Satan" in the eves of those that disagree, usually out of envy, with any and all U.S. positions.

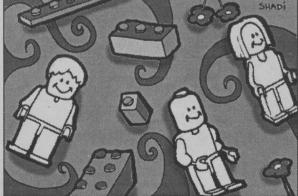
The amusing part of the criticism is that it comes from countries that will always turn to the U.S. when the shit hits

The Reader's Voice

SALUTATIONS TO LGBTA CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS

Editor, Daily Nexus:

This letter is written in praise of the UCSB students, staff and faculty who hosted the 12th-annual UC systemwide LGBTA Conference held over the past weekend on our campus. In particular, congratulations are in order for the entire UCSB Conference Committee chaired by undergraduate Mary Watts and advised by QRC Director Maurice Hudson. The conference drew some 400 attendees from all over the state and nation who converged over the weekend to build coalitions, create change and to recognize the incredible gains made in ensuring basic human rights for all lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered students, staff and faculty. As a UCSB delegate to the UCLGBTA Steering Committee, I took great pride in the amount of praise



received by the conference committee for its role in creating the most well-attended, comprehensive and cutting-edge conference in the history of the UC system.

As a result of all the hard work and dedication shown by the UCSB Conference Committee, other UC stu-

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dents, staff and faculty from across the entire state benefited greatly and have returned to their respective campuses renewed with vigor, commitment, honor, selfrespect and pride. The success of the recent conference has done much to assist the entire UC system in realizing the goal of creating campus living and learning environments in which all community members are valued positively and treated with dignity and respect. Beyond simple tolerance for differences, the courage and commitment of a new generation of students is responsible for helping to create a UCSB campus and UC systemwide atmosphere in which differences are both valued and celebrated. I respectfully salute the efforts of these remarkable students and take great pride in my affiliation with the UCSB queer community.

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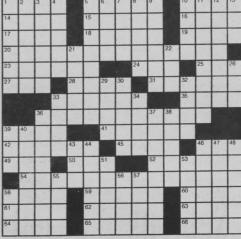
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UCSB Whips Mustangs Again

BY ELIAV APPELBAUM Staff Writer

If the UCSB men's basketball team can get what it wants every time it plays, it'd be sitting on top of the world.

The Gauchos might feel that way for at least one game anyway, after they blazed by Cal Poly, 84-77, Thursday night at Mott Gym and regained third place in the Big West after Long Beach State succumbed to Irvine later in the evening, 83-78.

Sophomore forward Mark Hull paced a balanced offensive attack for Santa Barbara by pumping in 21 points, including six long bombs at critical moments throughout the contest. Freshman received heads-up play

forward Branduinn Fullove drilled in 20 points, and the forwards became the first two Gauchos to score 20 or more points in a game this season.

"I've been fortunate to have a couple good games when we've played Cal Poly this season," Hull said to 1250 AM. "I had a lot of open looks from the three tonight, and I was able to knock down a couple of those."

UCSB (12-12, 8-5 in the Big West) was also bolstered by the first double-double in freshman guard Nick Jones' career. Jones scored 14 points and ripped down 11 boards. Junior forward Mike Vukovich poured in 10 points. Santa Barbara also

from senior forward Juliano Jordani and freshman forward Casey Cook, who both hit rare treys. Freshman center J.J. Todd energized the Gauchos with two offensive rebounds anddelivered a nifty pass to Jones for a layup.

"I thought tonight was a great win for us," UCSB Head Coach Bob Williams said on 1250 AM. "I thought a lot of guys stepped up big. If you look statistically at us, Nick Jones with 11 boards - just a phenomenal effort there ... and I thought Mark Hull hit a lot of big shots, obviously from the three-point line."

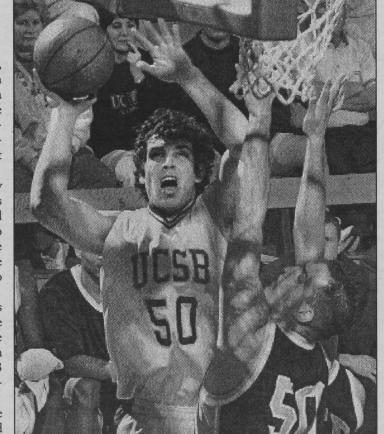
"You know the one I like bigger than any was Juliano stepping up and

hobbled up there, limping out there, with two bad knees and a bad back and yet he still finds a way to contribute for us. I'm really proud of this effort tonight."

Conspicuously absent from UCSB's roster was senior guard LaRon Bryant, who has officially left the team for the rest of the year, according to Williams.

The Gauchos return to the T-dome for their final home game of the season against Pacific at 3 p.m. in a game televised by ESPN2.

"We need a huge turnout, and it would be great to see almost a full house against hitting the three UOP on Saturday at 3 tonight," he said. "He's p.m.," Williams said. UOP on Saturday at 3



Senior forward Juliano Jordani helped guide the UCSB men's basketball team to third place in the Big West, defeating Cal Poly 84-77 Thursday.

Tigers Smother Santa Barbara in Pitchers' Face-off

BY JASON CHAU Reporter

Winning a ballgame requires the combination of balancing offensive firepower, solid pitching and defensive skills.

The UCSB softball team has mastered the latter two disciplines, but has come up empty when it comes time to put runs



The UCSB softball team could not squeeze its way past the Tigers during Thursday afternoon's game at Campus Field, faltering 2-1.

Thursday's home game against Auburn University was merely the latest in a series of hard-fought, tough losses for the Gauchos, who fell 2-1. Despite splitting their two meetings against the Tigers in last weekend's Hawai'ian Tournament, the Gauchos wasted another strong effort from sophomore pitcher Loren Thornburg, while they managed just five hits against Auburn ace Jennifer Lofton.

"We're making the other pitcher look really good," senior cocaptain Teresa Tolson said. "She was definitely very hittable. She wasn't dominating at all, but we're not swinging the bat well. It's

Junior co-captain and second baseman Kim Sawyer agreed with her teammate about the lack of offense.

"The offense is definitely a problem right now," Sawyer said. "We just can't score. We're not getting the clutch hits. Personally, I'm frustrated in my own hitting."

The Tigers took a 1-0 lead early, but UCSB knotted it up in the bottom of the fifth. Freshman center fielder Leslie Simien scored on a groundball by junior designated hitter Stacy Bolton. Unfortunately, the Tigers scored the winning run in the top of

"We're going to have to be smarter than our opponents this year because we're not the same team as last year," Sawyer said. We don't have the same clutch hitters this time around.

The loss dropped the Gauchos to 3-8 on the season while Auburn improved to 11-4. UCSB will play host next to the sixth-annual UCSB/Easton Invitational this weekend.

Santa Barbara Hopes to Make Lions Whimper in Three-Game Series

BY MATT HEITNER Staff Writer

The UCSB baseball team will be in LA today to face Loyola Marymount in a threegame series this weekend.

The Gauchos are coming off an 8-3 whipping of Westmont, and have now won three out of their last four games. Santa Barbara has benefited from a regular practice schedule this week, and UCSB feels that it may finally be finding its groove.

"I think we're finally get-

ting into a rhythm," Head Coach Bob Brontsema said. "We still need to practice more so everybody can get involved. The bench players haven't been able to get enough action."

Santa Barbara has displayed a powerful lineup this season, averaging nearly 10 runs a game in its last four games. The Gauchos believe that they are capable of scoring even more.

"I don't think we were focused heading into the Westmont game," Brontsema said. "I think we thought that

we could just show up and win, so that's a big part of the scoring problem."

Senior shortstop Jeff Bannon, has enjoyed a strong offensive campaign, hitting .400 with six RBIs and scoring nine runs.

"It's been good to get in some practices," Bannon said. "We feel capable of playing some of our best ball now, and the team is confident and ready to get going."

The Gauchos will send senior Rylie Ogle, junior James Garcia and sophomore Jim Bullard to the mound against the Lions.

"Our pitching has been really solid this year," Bullard said. "This year everybody throws strikes and gets good results. We just try to keep us in the game for the offense to win it.

UCSB realizes that it must improve if it is to contend for the Big West title this spring, but the Gauchos know better than to look past LMU.

They are not to be taken lightly," Bannon said. "But if we play some good baseball, we should be able to take at least two out of three games."

Long Beach Outplays Gauchos in Sweep

BY BRITTANY LANGAN Staff Writer

It's back to the drawing board for the #7 UCSB men's volleyball team.

On Wednesday night, the Gauchos tried to work out a few kinks against #3 Long Beach State. Yet, the 49ers (9-2 overall, 7-2 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation) crippled Santa Barbara's momentum, and UCSB (5-5, 3-5) limped away in a 30-25, 30-22, 30-26 loss.

Things aren't going our way right now," UCSB Head Coach Ken Preston said. "It's not easy to put your finger on the problem when a team hits a downward

With the score tied at 16, LBSU widened its lead to 28-20 before UCSB fought back. But it was too little, too late, and Santa Barbara lost 30-25.

"In the middle of the first game, they had a three-point run," Preston said. "We've lost game one in seven of our last eight matches, which means that we aren't doing something right."

UCSB jumped out with a 5-4 lead in game two, but quickly lost its edge. The 49ers took advantage of the Gauchos' nine hitting errors, winning easily 30-22.

"We didn't start out as bad as we've been starting lately, but then we had some hitting errors and that changed the whole mood," sophomore outside hitter Jan Carlo Zegarra said.

A hitting error on the Gauchos' side of the net cost UCSB the match, 30-26.

UCSB will face La Verne tonight at 7 in the Thunderdome.

"This is the first game we've lost where I can't really put my finger on what went wrong," sophomore outside hitter Brian Nordberg said. "We have a lot of physical talent that isn't being brought into the game. If we execute well against La Verne, it will be a step in the right direction."