Student Escapes Attack in High School Restroom

A 17-year-old female high school student was physically assaulted Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 8:30 a.m. in a campus bathroom at Righetti High School in Santa Maria. A report from the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Dept. states that an unknown male suspect assaulted the victim as she exited a stall inside a bathroom located on the north end of the school campus. The victim defended herself, a brief struggle ensued, and after a brief struggle she was able to escape her attacker. During the struggle, the victim's sweater was torn when the suspect attempted to grab her breast. The victim returned to her classroom where a teacher was informed, who notified campus security. Sheriff's deputies and campus security were returned to her classroom where a teacher was informed, who notified campus security.

The suspect was described as a Hispanic male, approximately 20 years of age, 6 feet tall, with a medium build. He was wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt with the hood tightly pulled around his face and dark blue jeans. The possibility of the attacker being a student has not been ruled out, although the suspect was described as being around 20, a Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Dept. Public Information Officer Lt. Mike Burridge said. "This is due to the fact that 20- to 23-year-olds can appear similar in age to high school students. The fact that the suspect was wearing a tightly pulled sweatshirt hood leads us to believe that he could have been a student, and we are ruling out the possibility," he said.

The circumstances of the assault are not typical, Burridge said. "I have been a public information officer for years, and this is the first daytime school attack that I have come across," he said.

Anyone with information regarding the attack is asked to contact the Sheriff's Dept. in Santa Maria at (805) 934-4150.
WASHINGTON (AP) — Linda Chavez withdrew her bid to be secretary of Labor Tuesday, saying that controversy over an illegal immigrant who once lived with her had become a distraction for President-elect Bush. She called herself a victim of "search-and-destroy" politics.

Chavez told a news conference that it was entirely her own decision to bow out just a week after being named. But three Republican officials involved said she was apparently strongly steered aside under pressure from Bush's political team, who made it clear that their willingness to fight for her nomination had waned amid questions about her credibility.

Chavez allowed that she should have been more candid about the circumstances surrounding Marta Mercado, the Guatemalan woman her feet had for about two years in the early 1990s. But she said it was "the kind of personal destruction" that brought down her nomination.

"So long as the game in Washington is a game of search-and-destroy, I think we will have very few people who are willing to do what I did, which was to try illegally.

"I think I always knew that she was here illegally," Chavez said Tuesday. "I don't check green cards when I see a woman who is battered and who has no place to live and nothing to eat and no way to get on her feet."

But as recently as Tuesday, Bush aides had said they told her she did not know Mercado's legal status.

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**Police Report**

**Punch Drunk**

At approximately 1:15 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 7, Isla Vista Foot Patrol officers patrolling the intersection of Embarcadero Del Mar and Pardall Road observed a 19-year-old male walking with two other male subjects. The suspect tripped stepping off the curb and stumbled into the roadway. The suspect was arguing with one of the subjects, and the two started fighting in the street. The two had to be pulled apart and separated.

Upon being taken into custody the suspect had a bloody lip. He immediately said to the officers, "Why did one of you cops hit me in the mouth?" The officers advised the suspect that he received the bloody lip from fighting with his friend.

The suspect was arrested for public intoxication and transported to the Santa Barbara County Jail, where he was housed, pending sobriety.

**Memory Lapse**

At approximately 10:15 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 25, a 27-year-old male walked into the IVFP station and said in Spanish he was looking for his brother, who was supposed to be shopping in the area.

The suspect showed signs of extreme intoxication while speaking to the officers. When asked by the officers where he lived, the suspect said he couldn't remember. The suspect later remembered he lived on Embarcadero Del Mar, apartment number seven. However, he couldn't remember the address.

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**He's My Imaginary Brother**

At approximately 12:35 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 1, IVFP officers, responding to assist with a large bonfire in the roadway of the 6700 block of Del Playa Drive, observed a 17-year-old female holding a clear plastic Bud Light cup which was half full.

Based on the severity of the fire and the crowd of approximately 100 people yelling and fueling the fire, the officers walked past the suspect and continued toward the fire. When the Santa Barbara County Fire Dept. arrived and moved the crowd back, the officers walked back to the suspect and saw she was still holding the cup of beer.

The officers took hold of the suspect's left arm and escorted her to the curb. When asked by the officers how old she was, the suspect said 18 years old. The suspect's eyes were bloodshot and watery, and her speech was slurred. The suspect told the officers she was going to walk home. When asked by the officers where she lived, the suspect said, "Palmdale." She also said, "My brother is a cop just like you." During the completion of booking paperwork, the suspect told the officers her date of birth was 08-06-83, making her 17 years old. The suspect initially told the officers she was 18 years old to avoid being arrested. The officers telephoned the suspect's mother, who was under the impression her daughter was at an unknown location with a female friend and was surprised her daughter was in...
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Mike Burridge
Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Dept.
public information officer lieutenant

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Mike Burridge said since the initial rape investigation, three more women have come forward with similar reports.

"As far as the rape victims go, there were originally four rape reports filed by four different girls, and three of those rape cases are still currently under investigation," he said.

"There was the first girl, and almost immediately after reading the Nexus article about that girl, two other girls came forward. Then one girl came forward a short period of time afterwards."

However, Balash said Giles has yet to be formally charged with a rape or sexual assault offense. "The charges are not too serious," he said. "There is no evidence of him raping anybody."

Amid all allegations, Giles continues to maintain his innocence and an optimistic outlook on his situation.

"I haven't had one negative person come up to me, and I believe that is because people know the type of person I am. Everyone keeps telling me, to know me is to know I am innocent and incapable of the lies that the police are trying to say," he said.

Giles said he is eager to get past the pending criminal charges, which he says have left a permanent stain on his reputation.

"It really messed up my finals, and my [Arts Bridge] scholarship is suspended right now," he said. "They took a lot of my stuff. They took my computer — a lot of my classroom-related equipment. They took my cameras and broke one of them. They took my money. ... They took everything. Psychologically they destroyed me."

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Tape your own segment of SportsCenter
SportsCentury gallery
ESPN Hall of Fame
ESPN Innovations and much more...

Next week...

The Game
ESPN Live in the Dome!
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**Lights Out**

California’s Troubled Electrical Industry Belongs Back in the Hands of State Government

From Rockefeller to Gates, the 20th century instilled American consumers with a deadly fear of the corporate monopoly. Those lessons were well learned, and trust busting has protected the economy from the deleterious consequences of cartels. However, privatization of government-controlled industries during the 1990s proved that some advantageous natural monopolies do exist. In Monday night’s “State of State” speech, Gov. Gray Davis finally acknowledged this fact by sounding the call to take California’s crippled electrical industry back into public hands.

In short, the industry is too big, electrical hole and now lacks the juice to crawl out. Shortly after the power industry was privatized in 1996, the state forced Pacific Gas & Electric, Southern California Edison and San Diego Gas & Electric to sell portions of their generator holdings. Now, residents are facing the threat of large-scale brownouts and the even more ominous reality of electric rates going through the roof. How did this happen? California’s electrical industry was simply not prepared for deregulation.

The state has not constructed a significant power plant in 10 years. Private generators such as PG&E are forced to buy energy wholesale from out-of-state power grids, which are charging exorbitant prices. The state has allowed these purchases to be made piecemeal, instead of on the basis of long-term contracts. This renders operators susceptible to violent price fluctuations and, recently, the courts upheld the industry’s right to pass these costs on to consumers so long as purchases are made responsibly and from out-of-state power grids, which are charging exorbitant prices.

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Yes, California could pull this off as well, but there is really no need.

**Staf Editorial**

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Drug War in Washington

Student's Application for United States Drug Czar

TODD DAVIES

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Please send your e-mails to: <dailynews@hotmail.com>
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Evelyn Cutler, the 18-year-old

knew she was in serious trouble when she

walked past the Party Mart and noticed

were staring at her from the window. She

hesitated for a moment, then ducked down

the street.

Cutler, who works as a cashier at the

Party Mart, said she had just finished work

and was trying to get a drink from her car

parked outside the store.

Cutler said the two men who

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caps and sweatshirts, and they

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Retrospection of UCSB's Season: W's, Elite Eight

BY KEITH BUSAM Staff Writer

In a season that began with low expectations from the public, the UCSB women’s volleyball team belied the entire Big West in the last four seasons and an impressive 25-8 final record. The Gauchos opened their season in San Diego with an upset victory over No. 10 Arizona, and then went on to post three wins in four of their next five matches. But Santa Barbara could not continue its winning ways forever. Two of the next three matches would put the team against No. 9 Colorado State and No. 2 Hawai'i, and UCSB could not muster a win in either match.

However, on Sept. 22, the entire course of the Gauchos’ season changed. On consecutive nights, Santa Barbara knocked off rival archrivals No. 6 Long Beach State and No. 16 Pacific. The weekend sweep at the Thunderdome was the first back-to-back-to-back sweep UCSB had notched against two top-10 teams since 1994.

“This is the type of win we were really hoping to get this season,” junior setter Brooke Rundle said. “Beating either of those teams by themselves is huge, but to beat them back-to­back-to-back was even sweeter.”

Santa Barbara would pile on another win in the road on Sept. 30 when unranked, but much-improved Utah State swept the Gauchos in three games. UCSB would rebound and defeat No. 22 Loyola Marymount and No. 4 Pepperdine in the following week to put them back on track. One weekend later Santa Barbara dropped a match to No. 14 UOP in three straight, but then traveled to the Pyramid and again beat No. 19 Long Beach State in five games.

On Oct. 24 in the Thunderdome, UNC-Asheville handed the Gauchos their first home loss of the season. Santa Barbara then won its longest winning streak of the season, notching victories over No. 19 Utah State, No. 16 Santa Clara, and two wins over Central Coast rival Cal Poly in seven days as they amassed eight straight wins.

The Gauchos dropped a meaningful match at the end of the season against No. 46 Brigham Young University, but received a bid to host the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament. After dispatching a pesky Texas San Antonio squad in three games in the first round, Santa Barbara prepared for its battle with No. 19 Stanford. The Gauchos had knocked UCSB out of the tournament the last three years, and the Gauchos wanted some retribution. Behind steady offense and some outstanding individual performances by Rundle and junior outside hitter Brianna Lampe, Santa Barbara restored the Farm and prevailed in an unbelievable 9-15, 15-14, 15-14, 15-16, 14-16 victory.

Senior setter Brooke Niles and the consistent offense of the Gauchos proved too much for even Head Coach Kathy Gregory, who is on the helm of UCLA women’s volleyball for 26 seasons. After the win, she had this to say: “It was 16 years, I have never been involved in such an exciting, tension-filled match ... Does this say what kind of heart and soul our team has? You bet it does.”

Santa Barbara would dentrethone another team yet, as it dispatched No. 9 Minnesota in the third round. But its Cinderella run would stop one match short of the Final Four, as UCSD proved too strong and sent the Gauchos packing.

UCSB could have earned a spot in the Final Four had they continued their win streak against several Top 25 teams, including rugged Oregon and Penn State, the Gauchos may have put their 6-6 season behind them.

UCSB’s season, put it best when she said: “We had a terrific year, and no one on our team has any regrets. But we all know that there is unfinished business yet, and we can’t take care of that until we make it to the Final Four.”

By ELLAY ALLEPPEA Staff Writer

After struggling at times through a rough preseason against several Top 25 teams, including rugged Oregon and Penn State, the Gauchos may have put their 6-6 season behind them.

The UCSB women’s basketball team aacal State Fullerton’s trip Tuesday night in a commanding 74-51 victory at Titan Gym to open the Big West competition. Santa Barbara has now won 43 consecutive regular season games in its conference to tie the Big West record with 1986-89 Long Beach State teams, one of which went to the Final Four. The Gauchos are looking to break the record Saturday night at 7 against Cal Poly at the Thunderdome. Santa Barbara also won 52 games in a row in the Big West overall.

UCSB was never in any danger of relinquishing the perch atop the Big West.

The Gauchos were led by a formidable frontcourt of junior forward Simone Kuhn, senior forward Zoe Rundle and freshman center Lindsay Taylor. Christensen made eight of nine field goals from the field for 19 points and six rebounds. Griseatueatput in 11 points, while shooting a perfect 6-6 from the charity stripe.

The big offensive outburst from Taylor, who used her size and nimbleness down in the post to garner a career and game-high 20 points in only 25 minutes of play, was a welcome surprise for Santa Barbara. Taylor also made eight of her nine free throws and grabbed five rebounds.

The game was reasonably close for the first 10 minutes, yet the Gauchos quickly toppled Fullerton, out­scoring the Titans 44-19 in the first half of play.

“We’ve really been working on our defense, and I felt like we played really good defense tonight,” Christensen said on 1220 AM radio. “We played tough, and we’re trying really hard, and at least our effort is there.”

The two key statistics of the night for the team was 81.3 percent shooting at the free throw stripe on 26-32 shots, and our rebounding the Titans 41-23. In comparison with the 32 free-throw attempts by Santa Barbara, the host Titans shot only 18 free throws.

Though the Gauchos dominated Fullerton, UCSB Head Coach Mary French was searching for more consistent play from his players to get ready for what might be the season in which the Gauchos get knocked off their perch atop the Big West.

“We were trying to work on our turnovrs,” French said on 1220 AM radio. “In a game a team goal of less than 15 turnovers, and we wanted to hold them under 40 points, and we wanted to out-rebound them by 20 (UCSB outrebounded CSUF by 18) ... I don’t think we accomplished any of those goals.”

French’s biggest concern stems from the team’s lack of taking care of the ball. Santa Barbara committed 23 turnovers despite dishing out 21 assists on 23 field goals.

“Our turnover situation has to get better, and we’re all very frustrated about that,” French said. “I’m not sure what we need to do. If I was sure what we needed to do, we’d have probably been doing it for the past month, and we wouldn’t be turning the ball over the way we are. We’re pretty skilled players, generally. We just seem to be up and down ... If we can get to the point where every night out no matter who we’re playing we’re averaging 14-15 turnovers, we’re going to be a good basketball team. If not, we’re going to be a team that defends and rebounds pretty well, 20 games, and maybe has a quick, unexpected end to our season.”

The freshmen on the team, besides the offensive exploits of Taylor, did a very good job contributing to UCSB’s victory after being nurtured slowly at the start of the season; the players have begun to come into their own, especially in the past couple games.

Guard Lisa Willett scored six points, including a driving hook shot made while being fouled, and she had a steal and two rebounds in 18 minutes of play. Forward Jessica Combs scored nine points and gathered six rebounds in 19 minutes of action.

“I thought the freshmen played well,” French said. “Jessica Combs in particular I thought played really good defense, and got involved in the low post – they played well tonight.”

Santa Barbara Wallops Titans in Big West Opener to Tie Consecutive Win Mark

Freshman middle blocker Simone Kuhn and the Gauchos had another excellent year behind Head Coach Kathy Gregory, finishing 25-8 on the year, going deep in the tournament.