Advisory Board Endorses Overnight Parking Plan

■ Ordinance for Homeless To Sleep in Cars Still Needs SB County Approval

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China Agrees to India’s Suprise Peace Effort

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — In a breakthrough for peace efforts, Pakistan on Thursday welcomed India’s surprise offer of talks on a variety of conflicts between the two nuclear powers.

However, Pakistan was critical of India for canceling a cease-fire in disputed Kashmir, saying the move gives the soldiers a “red light” for “state terrorism against the Kashmiri people.”

Still, Pakistan’s acceptance of India’s gesture represents a willingness to bring the rival nations closer, to the negotiating table following a two-year lull. India and Pakistan have fought three wars since independence from Britain in 1947, two of them over Kashmir.

Pakistan’s military ruler Gen. Pervez Musharraf will respond “in a positive light” to India’s offer, Foreign Minister Abdul Sattar told reporters Thursday in the capital of Islamabad. A day earlier, Indian Defense Minister Jaswant Singh announced both the end of a six-month cease-fire in Kashmir and the invitation to Musharraf for peace talks.

Pakistan has long said it was willing to hold talks, but India until now insisted it stop cross-border attacks by Islamic militants in Kashmir, a divided Himalayan territory that is a main focus of dispute between the two countries.

Bloody fighting two years ago along the Line of Control dividing Kashmir between India and Pakistan caused the breakdown of negotiations.

Those talks were aimed at easing the numerous conflicts between the South Asian rivals, both of which have nuclear weapons.

The offer to resume talks and the positive response were accompanied by harsh rhetoric from both sides.

The cease-fire ended “has given the Indian forces a carte blanche to continue state terrorism against the Kashmiri people,” said Pakistan’s Sattar.

"Many terrorist organizations continue to operate from Pakistani soil," said Indian Foreign Ministry spokesman Ramesh Sinha Jaisal.

Researchers Discover Mammal Fossil, 195 Million Years Old

WASHINGTON (AP) — A mouse-like animal that lived some 195 million years ago had a body so small that it could have curled up on a half dollar. But researchers say the wee mammal was the ancestor of us all.

A fossil of the animal’s skull was found in China and scientists have identified it as a previously unknown sp that had a proportionately bigger brain and more complex skull structure than other mammals of the era.

Zhe-Xi Luo of the Carollus Institute of Natural History in Pittsburgh, the first author of a study appearing Friday in the journal Nature, said the animal was the smallest mammal of the dinosaur age weighing just 2 grams, like a paper clip. But the animal’s brain was bigger compared to other mammals.

"It was a little smart cookie with an extended brain," said Luo, sort of like a wise miniature mouse that managed to survive in a world dominated by huge and powerful dinosaurs. The animal has been named Hadrocodium wui, using Greek words meaning large and full head.

The ancient animal was only slightly bigger than the smallest mammal we know in existence, the bumblebee but of Thailand that weighs about 1.7 grams. Luo said Hadrocodium may have been tiny, but it held an important position in the evolution of mammals, and could be the ancestor of all mammals, including humans.

Hadrocodium had one of three evolutionary rules, said Luo. "It could represent an extinct lineage, our distant cousin," he said. "Or it could be our great, great grand uncle, ancestral to us, but not in the direct line.

"Or it could be our great, great grandfather, 195 million years removed," said Luo. "We cannot distinguish the differences between the three possibilities. We’re not sure where it fits in.

He said the fossil showed that some basic mammal traits, such as a separate jaw bones, endcranial brain pan and complex inner ear structure, had evolved about 45 million years earlier than previously believed.
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lobby the board to place the proposal on an upcoming agenda.

The CSJ proposal outlines guidelines for the ordinance, CSJ Founder Peter Marin said. The proposal allows three vehicles per site, per night, in designated areas including church and business parking lots and land owned by the county. The proposal could also allow a single vehicle to be parked overnight on private property in accordance with county standards. In addition, an experimental site designated by the county will be used for overnight parking for up to 12 vehicles.

“It is obvious to us that many people can’t afford housing in Santa Barbara anymore,” Marin said. “Ideally, we think the county should leave these people alone all together, but we’re trying to get the county to set up something they’re comfortable with.”

The proposal is still in its planning stages, but the HRC and the CSJ hope to secure the approval of the board of supervisors in the near future, according to HRC administrator Mary E. O’Gorman.

“The Human Relations Commission has approved part of the proposal in concept, in compliance with the county. Our next step is to ask the board of supervisors to craft an ordinance,” she said. “The HRC unanimously believes it is the appropriate time for the county to legitimize the needs of the homeless to have areas to sleep.”

Marin said only a small percentage of the homeless population will be helped by this ordinance, but it is a step in the right direction. “I would think no more than 10 percent of the homeless population will be helped by this ordinance — we don’t really know. We think it’s better to live in a vehicle than a bush and maybe this ordinance will allow people to invest in cheap vehicles,” Marin said. “As for the rest, we think the city should stop criminalizing anything people need to do to stay. We hope that with the [Re] I.V. planning, they will leave space for overnight vehicle parking.”

Third District Supervisor Gail Marshall said she is in support of the proposal, but is unsure when it will appear on the board of supervisors’ agenda.

“I definitely support this proposal, but it is not on the agenda yet. It will probably appear sometime in July,” she said. “I think it’s great that the HRC passed it unanimously. This signifies a small break to those who are homeless, though more still needs to be done.”

-- Mary E. O’Gorman

HRC administrator

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A message by the Santa Barbara County Public Works Department and the Community Environmental Council.
**Opinion**

**Taliban Policy Is Similar to Nazi Treatment of the Jews**

**HENRY SARRIA**

As I watched ABC's production of "The Diary of Anne Frank" the other night, it made me think of relatives who were exterminated between 1938 and 1945 in Europe. Worse than their loss is the humiliation of having to wear a badge of identification to show why they were chosen to be sent to places like Belzec, Auschwitz or Dachau. The yellow Star of David, the unilingual word "Jude" in the middle, that all Jews were forced to wear on their clothing during that dark period in history was a symbol of oppression and ultimately a tool used to round up millions of men, women and children for extermination.

To this day that little badge repulses me and serves as a constant reminder of human nature gone uncontrollably wrong for all the wrong reasons. So imagine my disgust as I read the next day's headline on my Yahoo! news page about Afghanistan's Taliban regime forcing Hindus to wear identity badges indicating that they are not Muslim. When it comes to the Taliban, nothing surprises me, but ...

Thoughts of Nazi Germany in 1938 started to fill my mind. This identification procedure is the first step of the plan. The obvious next step is the roundup, and after that comes extermination. It's the process the Nazis called "the final solution.

This time the Taliban have truly gone far out of their way to show their democracy and evil intentions. Aside from the misogynistic treatment of Afghani women, the implementation of ultrastrict laws, the destruction of historic Buddha statues and providing a safe haven for international terrorist Osama Bin Laden, community. How can we expect anything positive from the Taliban in light of their actions and intentions?

Neither is it stated in the Koran that humiliation, decimation or destruction of other cultures is acceptable in the name of Islam. Ask any true Muslim and they will tell you. Meanwhile the Hindu population in Afghanistan is facing a potential "Nazi Germany, 1939" scenario in the name of radical fundamentalism that has no support from the rest of the Islamic community. Forget about the vast historical contributions made by the Hindu population of Afghanistan. Even in the eyes of the Taliban regime, they are a different culture.

Fight Against Gail Marshall for Every Isla Vista's Right to Party

**MICHAEL WARNKEN**

Our fearless leader, 3rd District Supervisor Gail Marshall, has a plan to force the residents of Isla Vista to register for some party.

Anytime someone plans to have a party with alcoholic beverages in I.V., one would be required to head down to the I.V. Police Station and sign up (register) one's party. A person would need to sign up as the contact person and say where the party is to be held and when.

Now then, let us step back and take a look at this for a moment. They want me to sign a paper stating I am the person in charge of a party with up to 500 people parading through my home in a drunken stupor. Almost all of them are underage and if someone gets hurt, I'm responsible! Sounds great, where do I sign?

Is this possible? Yes, very much so. I attended Georgetown University two summers ago. The students that lived on campus there had to register their parties with the university, otherwise the campus police would come and shut them down and fine the students. Very few students bothered and most just left campus to party.

This was all perfectly fine and legal considering Georgetown owned the dorms. There doesn't seem to be a huge problem in the dorms here — it all exists in I.V. "proper," where students rent their own places and have certain rights along with their leases. One of the things right to privacy. Marshall has apparently forgotten about this.

A few months ago, I attended a meeting hosted by Gail's personal imp, Mark Chaconas. In front of about 12 people, Mr. Chaconas talked about how he wanted students to cut back on their drinking. That, I suppose, was reasonable. He then got into the reasons for registering parties. We understood the rationale, but no one was willing to give up our freedom.

Seeing that he was up against the wall on this issue, I suggested there might be some other things that could be done that would have the same effect. He brought up ideas like having a rock concert in La Playa stadium, block parties in I. V. and bike races. I am not sure how these ideas, if implemented, would curb drinking in I. V., but hey dude, pass the bowl and we'll keep thinking.

There have been a few community meetings scheduled on this topic, but the county seems to have forgotten it was the ones who set up the meetings and didn't bother to send anyone. Neither Gail, nor any of her imp's have even bothered showing up. There was a meeting scheduled last Tuesday at a home on Del Playa Drive.

This leads us to the obvious question. Why didn't she show up? Well, judging by a few recent events, Gail is coming to the realization that she may no longer represent us. County election districts are changing and there is a fair chance that she may not be representing this area. Act, she may end up further north with a whole new constituency. I guess she figures that, in the meantime, why get your hands dirty with problems she may not need (or want) to solve? It was your idea, Gail; don't propose it and then leave us hanging.

This has to do with our constitutionally protected freedom to assemble. When people assemble in the privacy of their own homes, it is just that, "private." Don't infringe on that basic right. I know that there are problems and bad things happen at times. This is sometimes unavoidable regardless of the precautions you take.

As for registration, this is a misconceived idea. It is a misuse of government money, time and effort. I know that problems exist and they are not easy problems to solve, but party registration is not the solution. If you're at a party and there are too many people, what difference does it make if the police come and tell you that you may not exceed 50? They are at your party and your home, and if you have a party at your home and someone gets hurt, it is almost ten times worse if you signed a document saying you were fine.

I am certain Gail has good intentions; however, let me remind all of you: The road to hell is paved with good intentions. I don't expect Gail to be enforcing Marshall's law upon us any time soon. At least not until the new district lines are drawn!

Michael Warnken is a business and economics major.

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Department of Social Services

*He is not going to stay here much longer,* she said. *The sad part is that this did not need to hap­pen. There is a baby aban­donment law in California that says a parent can drop off a newborn baby at any hospital with no repercus­sions or questions.*

Orcio will be arraigned today at the Santa Maria Superior Court.

—Staff Writer Laden

Moenzoi also contributed to this story.

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One of the main opportunities for students to showcase their films outside of class.

*It's a celebration of filmmakers and their works,* she said.

Ian McAroy, the filmmaker of *Flight Night,* a seven-minute version of a documentary he made last year, agreed.

*It's really great because it gives us a chance to show­case our stuff,* he said.

*As Good As Gold,* an animation about a human character in a mechanical world who finds a purpose to his life by acci­dent, stop-motion animation by Ryan Crego, is a film about an eccentric young man. *Melancholy Mechanics,* a film by Ryan Crego, is a film about the Berkeley firm's winning vision. The show it to people.*

"It's cool because the film's been sitting on my shelf for a few years and now I get to emerge from the confusion of the past few days. You need to take a break from it it either did or didn't, so don't worry about it. Count your winnings, deduct your expenses, and get some rest.

**Today's Luck**

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 6 — You're beginning to emerge from the confusion of the past few days. You should notice more of the stuff you've been worried about isn't worth it. You've spent enough time on it. Let it go.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — You're probably pretty tired now. You've been running around all week, trying to have everything go perfectly. By now, either that's over or it isn't, so don't worry about it. Count your winnings, deduct your expenses, and get some rest.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 8 — A gathering with a good friend is welcome. Find a place where you can speak freely. You've done a great job over the past week.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is an 8 — You've been doing exceptionally well lately. That's what it felt like, anyway. Can you prove it? Did you make the sales, produce results, bring in the big bucks? There will be an exam. Be prepared to show the bottom line.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 9 — You're doing some reviewing and checking data, and you probably don't care much. Now about something you're interested in, or something you don't care about.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — Time to get practical again. Count up your expenses, pay your bills, and get some rest. If there's nothing left, if there's nothing in savings, that shouldn't be a big concern. It's what you have. Do your best with it.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 5 — Finish up business, take a rain check. Count up your expenses, pay your bills, and get some rest. This is an unusual day. Try your best to keep your control. Learn how to do something else if you can't do it.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is an 8 — You and your partner have probably come up with a few good ideas by now. You might be getting restless, eager to get started. This is just as it should be. Working together will make your lives stronger.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) — Today is a 7 — The execution of the past few days may have proved to be foolish. Your errors. Tonight, instead of going out, find a place where you can talk to a close friend and a loving person to join you.

**Your Daily Duxus for Thursday, May 25th, 2001**

Today's Horoscope for

Today is a day for no mistakes. You aren't too stupid. That's what it feels like. You have reason to be proud. You've made some good decisions. You have reason to be proud.

-Janda

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- > Isla Vista Design Competition’s winning design.
- > Daniel Panek from Envision Design will speak about their firm’s winning vision.
- > Isla Vista Master Plan process. Learn about the summer and fall work schedule for the Plan.
- > Isla Vista Master Plan public participation. County staff will outline the roles and responsibilities of the Project Area Committee (PAC) and explain the fall election process.

Please visit www.isla-vista.org or contact Jennifer Bidinger at 805-398-2004 of County Planning and Development for more information. This workshop is also sponsored by UCSB and the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District.

- > (A County redistricting workshop is being held on Tue, Visit: http://www.current.barbaracounty.ca.us for more information)

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**Your Daily HOROSCOPE**

by Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday Horoscope:

Today a 9 — It is a busy day. If the most challenging.

-Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 9 — It is the best day for you tonight. Today, all day, too, if you can manage it.

-Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is an 8 — You know that best things in life are free, and you can prove it again.

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UCSB Prepares to Send Florida International Home

By Matt Hestner
Staff Writer

Who the heck is Florida International?
That is the question the #21 UCSB baseball team has been trying to answer since finding out who the FIU will be its first-round opponent in the NCAA Tournament. Although the Gauchos have had only a few days to scout the Golden Panthers, Santa Barbara (39-15) has done its best to familiarize itself with its opposition.

"We don't know much about FIU," senior designated hitter Mike Kolbash said. "They are going to throw a good left-hander against us who is 11-0 or so. They have some better hitting and pitching. They are an aggressive and physical team. They have some better hitters for us.

"I'd say the biggest thing we don't know about is the AL-Americans who don't come out during the game."

Sophomore outfielder Skip Schumaker added that though the Gauchos information is limited, the fact that neither team knows the other very well makes NCAA Regional play that much more exciting.

"We get some scouting reports [about FIU] from teams that played them during the year, but we still only know a little," Schumaker said. "But that's what's fun about it.

UCSB prepares to send Florida International home.

Black Tide Ready for Final Voyage During Another Illustrious Season

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"I'm really excited," sophomore Taylor Cascino said. "I expect him to start," Skip Schumaker said. "Garcia is our guy against whoever we play."

UCSB will need a home run to go [on Friday]," sophomore starter Jim Bullard said. "He threw some in the bullpen on Tuesday and felt fine. He's going to win the championship, that's all there is to it.

The Black Tide has historically dominated the sport of ultimate frisbee, winning six national championships since its establishment in 1984. The team has become known for its strong defense, led by senior second baseman Chad Peske, and its consistent offense, anchored by junior starter David Evan.

"The intensity of the sport really surprised me," first-year player and sophomore Tim Richards said. "I didn't think ultimate frisbee was just a bunch of hippies out throwing a Frisbee in the park, but it's really well-trained athletes competing in an intense game.

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