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Arts & Lectures presents "I Can't Sleep," a film dealing with murder and personal relationships, tonight at 7 in Campbell Hall. French with English subtitles. \$5 Students / \$6 General.

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Help save the rainforests!

Join Increase the Peace at tonight's meeting at 5 in

UCen Room 2523.

Hmong Culture Event To Further Awareness

By ADAM DEL CASTILLO
Staff Writer

Members of the campus community will have the opportunity to enlighten themselves about the culture of the Hmong people in an upcoming celebration.

Hmong Culture Night, sponsored by the Hmong Student Union, will be held in the MultiCultural Center tonight. The event will trace the history of the Hmong people, according to Hmong Student Union Vice President Yer Cha.

"The night will start out with a skit that goes along with the history of the Hmong from China to Laos to refugee camps and the United States," Cha said. "That will be followed by a series of dances performed by Merci Lo, Lee Her and members [of] Sigma Kappa Chi."

According to HSU Culture Chair Kashia Ly, the event is sponsored by the Educational Opportunity Program, the Asian-American Studies Dept., A.S. Finance Board and Student Commission On Racial Equality, as well as individual donors from the area.

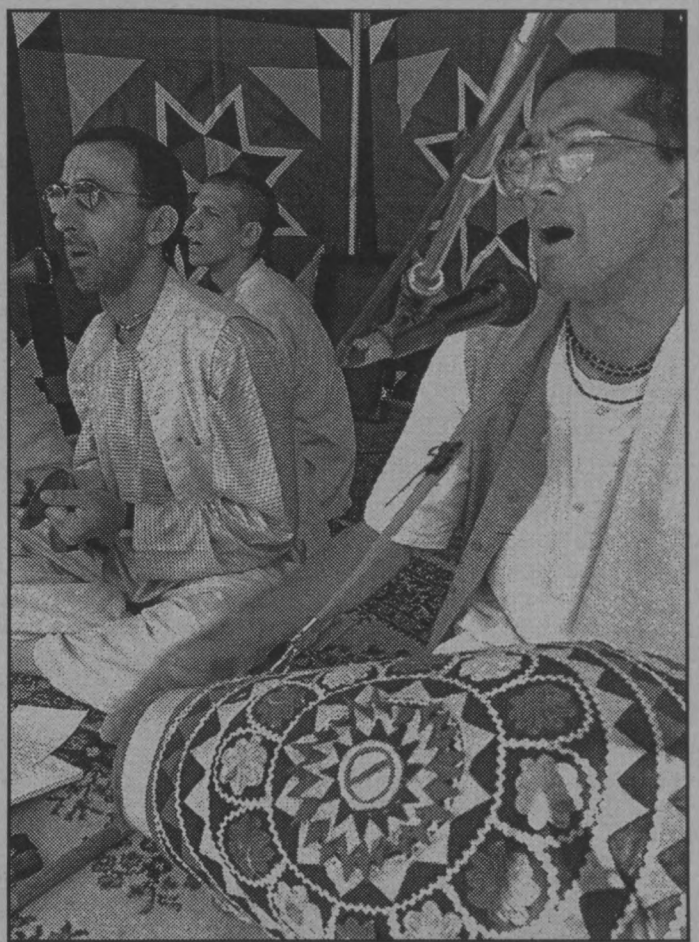
"Campus organizations were helpful, but we also turned to the community to assist with the event's funding," she said. "Several Hmong from the community helped out as well."

A night dedicated to Hmong culture has not been held at UCSB in recent years, but Ly expects a strong turnout due to the publicity the event has received throughout the community.

"We've reached out to the community by distributing fliers and personally inviting local sponsors," she said. "We are expecting 100-150 people to attend."

According to Hmong Student Union member Lyn Lo, a Santa Barbara

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Celebration of Culture

Musicians perform at Wednesday's Festival of India in Storke Plaza in an effort to educate students about Indian heritage.

Leg Council Tables Bike Bill, Establishes Queer Committee

By TED ANDERSEN
Staff Writer

The final full-length Associated Students Legislative Council meeting for this year's representatives ran for five hours, with two pieces of old business dominating much of the discussion.

The Bicycle By-Law change, proposed by Off-Campus Representative Joe Lee, sought to establish the A.S. Bicycle System

Improvement Committee to safeguard the \$34,000 from the recent A.S. elections' bikepath lock-in increase, according to Graduate Student Association Internal Vice President Jim Dalton. The possibility that the university might refuse to match the \$34,000 of student-supplied money going toward campus bikepath improvements next year necessitates a clause that the lock-in fee be terminated under such circumstances, Dalton said.

"[The university] wants to do this. If they don't match the fees next year, then they will lose \$34,000 of the students' money," he said.

However, as discussions progressed on different parts of the bill, too many amendments and questions arose regarding the Bicycle By-Law's prudence, which led to a tabling of the bill, according to On-Campus Rep Erin O'Donnell.

"The longer we discussed it, I realized there were more things

that we couldn't go over [at the meeting]," she said. "There were too many amendments, and it was getting too confusing."

A decision was made following the Bicycle By-Law tabling as Leg Council reps voted 16-1-0-0 to establish A.S.' first Queer Committee. According to A.S. External Vice President for Statewide Affairs Felicia Perez, the new committee will help the gay, lesbian and transsexual students on campus to gain representation from Associated Students.

"The purpose behind this bill is to recognize that there are students on this campus who are tormented because of their sexualities," she said. "There is no institution that would bring people together, to get information out there. This is why we need this committee, so you recognize that these people do exist."

Also introduced at the meeting was the Increase the Peace Bill, which aims to remove the subcommittee Increase the Peace from Community Affairs Board to allow each to better pursue their different interests, according to Off-Campus Rep Carrie Sanford.

"CAB is more towards community volunteerism while Increase the Peace is geared more towards rain forest activism and pressing environmental concerns," she said "[Increase the Peace] has kind of taken its own path. They want to be their own committee."

Several officer-elects showed up to Wednesday's meeting, as they will be sworn into their positions

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Music of Indonesia

Many came out to enjoy Javanese music Wednesday in the Music Building Bowl, taking advantage of the fabulous weather. The UCSB Gamelan Ensemble entertained with traditional metallic percussion instruments.



Top of the News

Asia's Financial Woes Hit American Wallet



WASHINGTON (AP) — The Asian currency crisis hit America full force in March, pushing the month's trade deficit to a record \$13 billion. Trade gaps with Japan and China soared as imports of cars and food climb to the highest levels ever.

The Clinton administration insisted Wednesday that the fallout on the U.S. economy from Asia's troubles should still be manageable despite the worse-than-expected trade performance.

But Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin left no doubt that this benign forecast could be upset if the economies of Indonesia, South Korea and Thailand don't stabilize.

"The concern we have always had is that if these countries don't recover, this could spread to other countries and what is a minor

problem for our country could become a severe problem," Rubin said in an NBC interview.

The \$13-billion March deficit in goods and services was up 7 percent from February's \$12.2 billion imbalance as a surge in foreign goods pushed imports to a record high of \$92.4 billion.

U.S. exports — bolstered by a big rebound in jet sales — rose 3.3 percent, but American producers continued to suffer in many Asian markets where U.S.

exports are down 10 percent from a year ago.

The overall deficit was the largest imbalance since the government began tracking goods and services on a monthly basis in 1992. For goods alone, the \$20.2 bil-

lion deficit was the largest in history.

Analysts predict this year's overall deficit will easily be the worst in history as crumbling Asian economies cut back on U.S. exports while their weaker currencies make their products cheaper in the American market.

"With much of Asia still

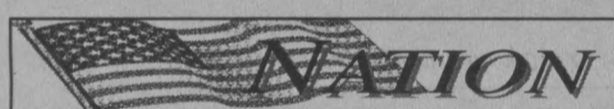
mired in recession and with Japan stagnating after several failed efforts at recovery, the deficit with Asia will get worse before it gets any better," said Howard Lewis of the National Association of Manufacturers.

Sen. Byron Dorgan (D-N.D.), a leading critic of administration trade policies, said the new report should serve as a wake-up call that "our trade policies are soft-headed and weak-kneed. Too many of our trade agreements have been incompetently negotiated and rarely enforced."

Clinton, in Geneva on Monday, urged the 132-nation World Trade Organization to launch new global trade talks next year to signal that governments will continue pushing for lower trade barriers as a way to prosperity for all nations.

— Robert Rubin
treasury secretary

Raging Fires From S. America Blanket Southwest With Haze



PHOENIX (AP) — Smoke from gigantic forest fires in Central America and Mexico is moving north more than 1,000 miles, causing teary eyes and white haze across parts of southern Arizona. Smoke from controlled burns in the state is further reducing visibility.

"Some of the smoke is coming from Mexico," Bob Berkovitz, meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Phoenix, said Wednesday. "I don't think I've ever seen this before." Dust, soot and carbon from the fires have prompted health alerts in Texas as the smoke moves north, spreading a haze across the United States into eastern Canada.

But Arizona officials say there is no need for alarm. The Dept. of Environmental Quality found no sign of the smoke in its tracking of air quality.

"This is more of a visibility issue than a health concern," spokesperson Amy Rezzonico said. "The pollution is actually low right now."

For Arizonans accustomed to brilliant blue skies and dry weather, the haze also looks worse than it really is because of heavier than normal amounts of moisture, or humidity, in the atmosphere, she said.

On Wednesday, visibility was reduced to 10 miles in Tucson, nine miles in Phoenix, 11 miles in Douglas and 15 miles in Gila Bend, Berkovitz said.

AP WIRE SHORTS

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK, Mont. (AP) — Searchers this morning found the body of a 27-year-old summer employee in Glacier National Park who was reported missing Monday, and investigators were attempting to determine whether he was the victim of a bear attack.

Park spokesperson Amy Vanderbilt identified the victim as Craig Dahl of Winter Park, Colo. She said he had just begun his summer job as a "jammer," a driver of the distinctive open-top motor coaches that ferry tourists around the park.

Dahl was last seen on Sunday before setting out on a solo day hike in the Two Medicine area of southeastern Glacier Park.

Co-workers reported him missing on Monday, and his vehicle was found at the trailhead Monday night.

A ground search Tuesday was unsuccessful, and about 50 searchers fanned out in the area this morning at daybreak to continue the search.

CHICAGO (AP) — Jerry Springer's gone too far this time.

Some of the TV stations that carried his fists-flying talk show to the top of the ratings are refusing to run an episode titled "I Married a Horse." The show, scheduled for broadcast Friday, features a man describing his five-year marriage to his horse, a woman recounting her romance with her dog and a man who says he is attracted to canines, not people.

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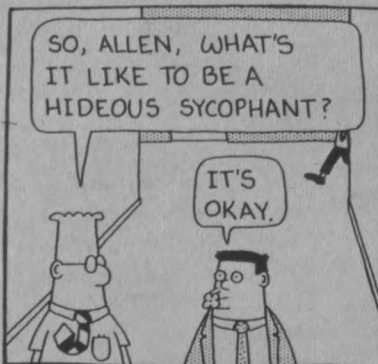
They've unleashed their blind and unjustified fury many times before. Long after you're gone, they'll still be around looking for their temporary and shallow satisfaction, thriving on your energy, digging for your discouragement. These warm and damp evenings seem to promote their nefarious activity, encouraging the shameless back stabbing and bloodsucking. But you can one-up them, my friends, because you know you are better. A better person. They may be older and more experienced, but your bright presence intimidates their efforts, giving them all the more reason to push you down. They can only suck so long before they taste what you're really about.

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Police Report



Is Your Refrigerator Running?

On May 14, 1998, a local business woman entered the Isla Vista Foot Patrol office to report that she had received several harassing phone calls at her business, according to IVFP reports.

"[The victim] began getting annoying phone calls around noon last Thursday, [May 7]," reports state. "She said she had received at least two calls a day since then."

The victim had no idea as to who the suspect might be or any information, according to reports.

"[The victim] said the calls consisted of unintelligible whispers and heavy breathing," reports state. "She said the suspect had made no discernible utterances."

This act is in violation of 653m PC — Annoying Phone Calls.

Go Bruins!

An 18-year-old male subject was arrested by an IVFP officer Sunday, May 17, 1998, for public intoxication on the 6600 block of Del Playa after being observed walking westbound, according to reports.

"[The suspect] was stumbling as he walked and almost fell down two times," reports state. "[The suspect] also walked into a parked car on the side of the road."

Although the UCLA student stated he was en route to a friend's house, he was unable to give a location, according to reports.

"[The suspect] said he could not remember how much he had to drink. [He] smelled strongly of an alcoholic beverage," reports state.

Jack Be Nimble ...

A Loyola Marymount University student was determined unable to care for his own safety Sunday May 17, 1998, at 1:11 a.m. after being seen on the 6600 block of Sabado Tarde, according to IVFP reports.

"There was a couch fire in the middle of the street at the location. There was a large crowd gathered around the fire in the street," reports state. "[The officer] watched as [the suspect] hurdled over the burning couch and almost fell to the ground."

The officer determined the 18-year-old suspect to be extremely intoxicated. He was placed under arrest for public intoxication and transported to Santa Barbara County Jail, according to reports.

— Compiled by Gretchen Macchiarella from I.V. Foot Patrol reports.



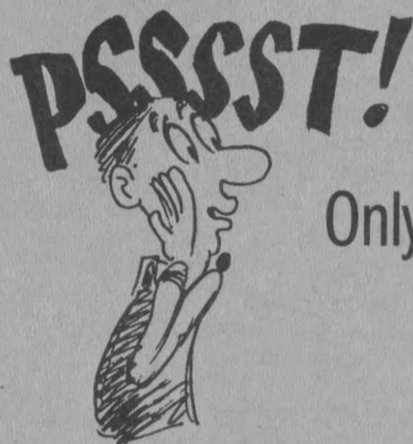
1998-99 Peer Educators Wanted

The Rape Prevention Education Program is a student (women and men) volunteer organization that presents educational programs to UCSB students, staff, faculty, and community on sexual assault.

Please come to the Women's Center Wednesday, May 27 at 5 pm and talk with the current Peer Educators.

For more information, contact Rita or Stacy at the Rape Prevention Education Program **893-3778**.

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— Harry Emerson Fosdick

Opinion

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The Great Nuclear Snowball Fight

How Can Nations Be So Childish With So Much at Stake?

It's a sad state of international affairs when relations between world powers start looking more like the prelude to a snowball fight — and even sadder when the "snowballs" are nothing less than thermonuclear weapons.

It's like this: the United States, the UK, Russia (formerly named USSR), China and France all have large snow forts, behind which they have massive stockpiles of snowballs. Each child makes it public that they have these stockpiles, and, if provoked, will use them to kick anyone else's ass. They spend several decades pointing snowball launchers at each other's houses, but they never quite get into the massive snowball fight that always seems to hover just beyond the horizon. Then they form an agreement among themselves to stop other children from gaining snowballs of their own, so that they will remain the snowball powers of the neighborhood.

They do this while telling each other (and anyone who'll listen) that their aim is to keep people from hurting each other with these snowballs, and it is generally agreed that such an aim is a good one, but there is a little doubt about these children's sincerity — especially since "snowball reduction" treaties consist mainly of ceremonially taking large platters of snowballs into the kitchen and microwaving them perhaps 20 at a time every eight years or so.

They keep up this charade for several decades while one or two other kids — say, Israel and South Korea — are probably stockpiling their own snowballs, but nothing is said about this, since they're keeping their snowball programs pretty well under wraps and not openly challenging the five superpowers. But when India fools the United States' — and everyone else's — efforts to find out just when he's going to test out his own snowball capabilities, and he joyfully announces the breakthrough to the whole neighborhood, then the shit starts to hit the fan. The United States says that India can't sit next to him at lunch, and that he's

not going to share his mommy's home-baked cookies with India anymore because India is promoting the proliferation of those deadly snowballs. The other four superpower children follow suit, but the strength of their resolve to follow up on these threats is uncertain.

But that's not all. India's neighbor, Pakistan, hates India's guts — and the feeling is mutual. Pakistan now wants some snowballs of his own to hold off India's arsenal, especially since the so-called superpowers aren't really doing much about India's supposedly illegal snowball program, so he announces that snowball tests will commence any day now in his backyard.

But now we've got a problem. The balance of power on India's street is now swinging unpredictably. Worse, India and Pakistan may very soon be aiming snowballs at each other, just the way the five superpowers used to before they wised up. The superpowers start begging India and Pakistan to cool it, but both kids reply that none of the superpowers live on *their* street, and they should keep their noses out of what isn't their concern.

Any adult faced with such a situation would swiftly (and rightly) conclude that all of the children involved could have been spending their allowance on something more constructive all these years. However, the current state of things makes it very unlikely that they will be spending much money on anything else — not even Doritos or Coca-Cola or pizza parties — because now they're all too worried about getting the crap kicked out of them in the snowball fight they're all sure is coming, and their best defense is to hurry up and roll more snowballs before the bad shit finally goes down.

So much for a civilized neighborhood.
So much for a civilized world.

The Reader's Voice

Letters to the editor **MUST** include the author's **FULL** name, phone number, year and major.

THE "SILENT MAJORITY" RESPONDS TO AFSCME

Editor, Daily Nexus:

AFSCME Local 3241's latest attack on F.M. and David Gonzalez (The Reader's Voice, "Evidence of UCSB Downsizing," May 13) should be responded to.

We ask the campus community: Please open your eyes and ears. Talk to the custodians and groundskeepers who are the silent majority and spend their time working instead of trying to stir up shit. The lies, distortions and attacks should stop. We need to do our job without interference.

ROBERT PERKO
JESSE GUTIERREZ

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR STUDENT HEALTH PEERS

Editor, Daily Nexus:

This week has been titled "Friendship Days" by the Student Health Services Relationship Peers. The entire week has been full of friendship activities. Today we will be sponsoring a Friendship Fair in the Arbor between 11-1. Students will be able to make Friendship cards for their loved ones and friends for free at the Relationship Peers table. Other peer groups will also be tabling and have fun activities.

Let me tell you a little bit about the Relationship Peers. We are a group of students trained by Student Health in communication and sexual health. As part of our training, we

learn how to facilitate presentations on topics ranging from talking about sex to coping with long distance relationships. Our main focus is on communication in relationships in order to increase comfort and decrease the amount of unintended pregnancies and STDs (Sexually Transmitted Diseases). If you are interested in our program please stop by the Friendship Fair. If you are incredibly busy today, have class or just can't make it to the Fair, look into taking Soc. 91A next Fall Quarter or stop by Student Health to find out more. Thanks for your time and hope to see you at the Friendship Fair.

Celebrate your friends!
P.S. Be on the lookout for blue friendship ribbons all this week and next week.
ROBIN COSTA

Lies, Deceit, and the Second Amendment

Mass Media Has a Responsibility to the Truth in Gun Rights Debate

MARK THOMAS MOORE

As a former reporter and part-time columnist for one of the highest-rated college newspapers in the country, University of California at Santa Barbara's *Daily Nexus*, I am appalled at the lack of editorial judgment displayed by the *Los Angeles Times* on Wednesday, April 15, 1998. Contained within the editorial titled, "A Missed Target," are, in my humble opinion, numerous BLATANT and BOLD FACED LIES, misleading half-truths, ridiculous and argumentative political rhetoric, and a clear portrayal of the illogical ideals held by the editors.

"Even pro-gun Americans generally support tough curbs on these most lethal of weapons — the same type used to slay four students and a teacher last month at a rural Arkansas school ..."

This quote leads its reader to believe that the weapons used in Jonesboro, Ark., are covered by Don Perata's proposed "generic ban on military-style assault weapons." The fact of the matter is that the guns used in Jonesboro were regular hunting rifles. *Time Magazine* reported, in their April 6 edition, that the boys used a hammer, torch and a crowbar to steal seven handguns and three rifles, including a "deadly accurate" deer rifle. To the best of my knowledge handguns were not actually used in Jonesboro and are not covered by the Perata ban. One of the rifles used was obviously a deer rifle or *Time Magazine* would not have reported it as such. One could then conclude after reading the *Time* article that, at most, two of the weapons present, not necessarily used, during the Jonesboro murders may be covered by the Perata Bill. To dispel any further doubt that the two weapons in question were not covered by the Perata Bill, a local TV news program (in all honesty I do not remember if it was KTLA or a Santa Barbara channel) reported on April 14 that supporters of the Perata Ban were mentioning the Jonesboro massacre as a reason to support the Perata Ban while, in the same breath, admitting that none of the weapons used were covered by the bill. Who was reporting the truth in these three instances?

Here are some facts.

According to noted Civil War historian Edward Haggerman, a Confederate soldier using a single shot, 1850s' muzzle-loading musket, could load, aim and successfully engage, two to three (average 2.5) targets per minute at ranges up to 400 yards.

A modern M-16 assault rifle, used today by our own Armed Forces, can fire as fast as 800 shots per minute, with one continuous trigger squeeze (fully automatic), at targets up to 800 yards away. However, Army training manuals state, in order to prevent the barrel from melting during prolonged firing, that no more than 16 shots per minute be fired. This rate of fire requires 16 separate trigger squeezes (semiautomatic). Army marksmanship standards require that a soldier be able to successfully engage 23 out of 40 targets at various ranges. That is one hit per 1.73 shots fired.

The Jonesboro killers fired 22 shots in less than four minutes (roughly 2.25 shots per minute per boy). They killed or wounded 14 females and wounded one male from distances around 100 yards. They hit one person for every 1.46 shots fired.

Why did the *L.A. Times* say that the Jonesboro murder weapons were assault-style weapons of the "most lethal" type when pre-Civil War technology has proven just as lethal? What is the definition of "assault weapons"? Until the media got a hold of the term and confused its meaning for the general public, the only definition that our government used to describe an assault weapons was: a fully automatic, rifle capable of being carried and employed by one individual person. This definition fits today's M-16, however, such weapons have been banned since 1934 and thus are already unavailable to the law-abiding general public. Does the media even know what it is writing about? Does anyone now doubt that the *L.A. Times* editors were telling the truth in their editorial? I hope so.

To add insult to injury, the editors at the *L.A. Times* resorted to calling the National Rifle Association "ridiculous" for opposing Perata's Bill.

Upon rudimentary analysis of the "twisted reasoning" that the NRA used to conclude that Perata's Ban would lead to confiscation, I have found that the NRA's reasoning may not be so "twisted" after all. The bill was written to include a strict ban on the transfer of ownership from the current owner of any gun, covered by the ban, to another person. Thus an owner of one of these guns cannot sell or give his/her private property to another person, even if that person is a law-abiding citizen.

This makes the monetary value of the gun zero because it would no longer be part of the economic market — without a market there is no quantitative value. This type of law is called a "taking law," because the government would be "taking" the value from citizens' private property. Taking laws are generally deemed unconstitutional unless the government compensates each citizen for their financial losses. Perata's bill does not offer any compensation and only allows one final transfer of ownership to be made for any of these guns. This final transfer of ownership can only take place when the current owner dies. The law forbids transfer of ownership even to the registered owner's family. Therefore upon the owner's death, the state has the authority to seize the gun because no one else can keep the gun legally, as the law also forbids anyone from possessing the gun without being the registered owner. One need not be college educated to figure out that this means CONFISCATION. Why would the *L.A. Times* say this is not confiscation?

To the best of my knowledge, most anti-gun Americans support the people's right to hunt with deer rifles, like the ones used in Jonesboro. I remember Bill Clinton saying that he supports hunter's rights. Past *L.A. Times* editorials have stated that they are not against hunting rifles or hunters. They have then said that they are only against those guns that criminals use most frequently, which they then say are "military-style assault weapons."

I would like to see the scientific and unbiased study that reports that pro-gun Americans support "tough curbs" on any kind of gun, let alone the media-hyped version of civilian assault weapons. Ask any of the people that might be polled by this nonexistent scientific study what their definition of an assault weapon is and you would likely get as many completely different answers as there were poll participants. The fact that most people do not understand how firearms work and do not have a clear understanding of what the gun control issue is really about is because we have editorials like "A Missed Target." Have the editors of the *L.A. Times* read the following quote from a pamphlet published by the Educational Fund to End Handgun Violence?

"The weapons' [military styled assault-guns] menacing looks, coupled with the public's confusion over fully automatic machine guns versus semiautomatic assault weapons — anything that looks like a machine gun is assumed to be a machine gun — can only increase the chance of public support for restrictions on these weapons."

Are you part of the confused public? Why might you be confused? Does it disturb you that the gun control lobbies are counting on you to not understand the issues at hand? I hope so.

You may now be asking, "Where can I go to get factual and unbiased information on the topic of gun control?" The following quote from the president of NBC News, Michael Gartner, is a reason why one should think twice before looking to the *L.A. Times* or any other mass media outlet for factual, unbiased, information.

"There is no reason for anyone in this country, anyone except a police officer or a military person, to buy, to own, to have, to use, a handgun. ... The only way to control handgun use in this country is to prohibit the guns. And the only way to do that is to change the Constitution."

Syndicated columnist George F. Will tends to agree with the above statement as he is quoted as saying, "Gun control advocates ... should squarely face the need to deconstitutionalize the subject by repealing the embarrassing Second Amendment." These media giants are saying that America should not only tamper with the Bill of Rights but repeal one of the first 10 amendments. Has this country come to the point where, as a

society, we think that banning a fashioned piece of steel and plastic is going to solve our problems?

Regardless of your own personal stance on the gun control issues, this *L.A. Times* editorial should concern you. The president of NBC News' comment should concern you. A syndicated columnist advocating the dismantling of the Bill of Rights should concern you. In the specific case of "A Missed Target," it is not about answering, "Will gun control prevent crime? Have any of the 20,000 gun control laws in this country made anyone safer?" etc., it is about a breach of trust between an influential media giant and the public.

Lies in the editorial pages are very serious and ruin the credibility of not only the newspaper in question but the media as a whole. I am a strong supporter of the Second Amendment of our United States Constitution and believe it is responsible for keeping this wonderful country free from tyranny. In conjunction with my belief in the Second Amendment, I am a huge supporter of the First Amendment. I strongly believe that the First Amendment has, through obviously different means, been just as important in keeping our country free, and I will do whatever I can to uphold and defend the First Amendment from any legislation that would weaken its precepts.

Much of the anti-First Amendment talk has been centered around the issue of violence and sex on TV. Just as tobacco companies used to lie and say smoking does not cause cancer, the media and entertainment industry used to try to pull the wool over society's eyes by saying that watching violence does not cause violent behavior. While I deplore the desensitizing of American citizens to the horrors of life, I do not believe that it is in our country's best interest to have the government dictate what is right and wrong. Therefore I am against "V-chips" or any other form of government censorship of mass media. With this in mind I believe that the media needs to be held responsible for the accuracy of their reports, that parents need to be responsible for what their children watch and do, and that, as a rule, people need to be responsible for themselves.

Let us be thankful for one thing about the tragedy at Jonesboro, at least it was citizens killing citizens and not the government attacking the innocent. History tells the story of mankind. Absolute power corrupts absolutely. Were the students at Tiananmen Square killed needlessly? How about all of the "undesirables" killed by Hitler and Stalin? The common denominator for these tragedies is that the government had the monopoly of power and the weapons to abuse that power: a deadly combination for the innocent and unarmed.

It is essential that this country, in order to remain free, remember the past transgressions that our own government has made. Our own government practiced genocide on the Native American populations that used to live free where we now live today. Our government also interned thousands of innocent Japanese-American citizens during World War II. During the Gulf War our troops were subjected to many types of hazardous chemical agents. Many of the exposures were from deliberate attempts to vaccinate our troops with untested and unproven vaccines by the government. Now our government is currently in the midst of covering up its mistakes during the Gulf War.

Our peaceful, benevolent and always trustworthy government, in order to help society think that we have enemies other than ourselves, is currently waging a "War on Drugs." Besides being in direct contradiction to the past support our government once gave to hemp farming, this "War" has cost our country over \$100 billion and has been a factor in ruining countless lives. What is even sadder about the "War on Drugs" is that our country already had a blueprint for failure when we voted to make the production and consumption of alcohol illegal. Has everyone forgotten how bad Prohibition was? If our own government has been, and continues to be, a willing participant in so many terrible tragedies, who can be certain that even worse government-led atrocities are not in our country's future? Will a free press be enough to stop them from happening?

I am reminded of a passage I once read by a

Jewish survivor of the Holocaust. While the following paragraph is their idea and I am putting my own constitutional slant on it, I hope that none of you take this as disrespectful to the Jewish community or to the survivor whose idea I am copying. I pray that nobody will ever say for real the words I am about to write. Yes, they may sound far-fetched now, but they are an example of the possible, unforeseen consequences of tampering with the Bill of Rights.

"In 2002 when it became apparent that American society was against the private ownership of guns, for whatever reason, I did not speak up. I did not own any guns, what need did I have for the Second Amendment? The Second Amendment was repealed in 2003. In 2005 I read a lot of negative things in the newspapers about the Fifth Amendment. I had nothing that the government might want to search for or seize so I figured that it was not worth my time to vote against the repeal of the Fifth Amendment. Besides, the TV said that the repeal would help win the "War on Drugs." In 2012 a new militant president was elected to office. He decreed, in order to save government funds on housing our armed forces and to help prevent illegal immigration, that he was temporarily repealing the Third Amendment and would quarter troops in homes near the Mexican border. The newspapers wrote some vicious editorials against the president's actions but after a few mysterious killings the editorials all began to praise the new president for his strong leadership. I figured as long as the troops were not going to stay in my house (I lived in Northern California) and if it would only be a temporary repeal then I would not speak out against the president. In the days preceding the start of the Mexican Drug War of 2022 or as the newspapers called it, 'The Hot Drug War,' a huge cry rose amongst the people to repeal the 14th Amendment and to either imprison or exile all Chicanos, and to execute all who resisted. Although I was of Spanish descent and technically had nothing to worry about, I decided to speak out against these ridiculous proposals. I was put in jail for 15 years and all of my property was seized for doing so. When I got out of jail in 2037, I had grown into an old man. The country had long since gone bankrupt and Social Security, Medicare and welfare were but dreamed-about luxuries of our past responsibility-free days. I made ends meet selling fake bottles of sunblock until 2041 when the state-run newspapers reported that due to recent crop failures and the massive food riots, the governor of California was requiring that all persons over the age of 55 report to the nearest state bath house. Nobody spoke out against this. A police patrol seized my meager belongings and escorted me to the nearest bath house ..."

The people that are trying to disarm America, for whatever reason, are not going to be the people that try to end free speech. The people that will ultimately end free speech will be those that did NOT voluntarily disarm — the criminals, the despots, the tyrants — who will keep their weapons and then have the power to make whatever laws their twisted minds desire. If the futuristic example I have provided does not interest you, then please read a history book or the Tuesday, April 21, *Daily Nexus* opinion page. In them you will find REAL LIFE examples of when and where my fictional future has already taken place. *He who does not remember the past is doomed to repeat it!*

America should not be afraid of the law-abiding gun owner. America should be afraid of those that ABUSE their near MONOPOLY of power to inform and educate the public. Instead of fostering a true intellectual debate, the editors of the *L.A. Times* have fostered deceit and attempted to manipulate the public into believing lies. *Absolute power corrupts absolutely.* The media and the public need to remember this saying.

Mark Thomas Moore is a fifth-year economics and environmental sciences major.

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COUNCIL

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next week. Off-Campus Rep-elect Jennifer Matthews voiced her opinion on the precedent the current reps have set during the last two budget meetings.

"What's the point of regulations if they're not going to be followed?" she said. "I wouldn't be surprised if people came up to us next year and said, 'What's the matter? You [broke the rules] last year.'"

Off-Campus Rep Lindsey Condict voiced her approval of the accomplishments of the 1997-98 Leg Council at the closing of the meeting.

"I feel that we have been very productive this year, and we have left the students with a lot of new ideas," she said.

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City College freshman, the organization is based on the idea of promoting social interaction through the use of higher education. Lo added that the goal of the event is to increase awareness of the Hmong culture through a teaching of its past.

"We're going to show

some old customs and art, as well as explain how the Hmong adapted to life in the United States," Lo said. "We are trying to educate people through the history of our culture."

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| 36 Wading bird | 37 Foray | 25 Records | 51 Florence's river |
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| 40 Part of a pound | 41 Placard | 27 Panorama | 53 Follow |
| 42 Onrush | 44 Help | 28 Box | 54 Wife of Zeus |
| 44 Congo river | 46 Peruse | 29 Wine: Comb. form | |
| 47 O'Neill drama | 56 Waterwheel | 30 Cheerful | |
| 55 Peruse | 57 Scottish hillside | 31 Carve | |
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Athletes of the Year-Honorable Mention

Justin Lehr

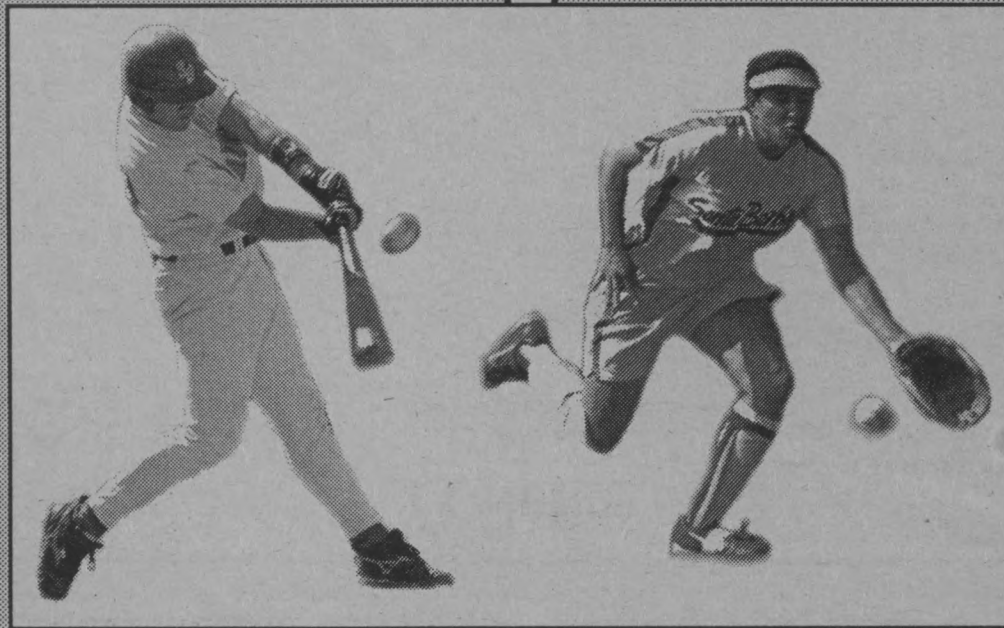
SPORT:
Baseball

YEAR: Junior

HOMETOWN:
West Covina, Calif.

POSITION:
Catcher/Pitcher

Coach Bob Brontsema says: "Justin was the best guy in the league, if not the country, at stopping the running game. He back picks at first and gets bunts, not to mention his home runs and RBIs."



ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Lehr batted .322 and led the Gauchos with 12 home runs. He knocked in 53 RBIs, which was second most on the team. Lehr threw out 33 percent of would-be basestealers, as well as earning three saves on the mound. The junior was named a Second Team All-Big West Conference selection and is expected to be an early-round choice in next month's Major League draft.

Tonya Dias

SPORT:
Softball

YEAR: Sophomore

HOMETOWN:
Clovis, Calif.

POSITION:
Left field

Coach Liz Kelly says: "She's just a real good kid. She always wants to get better, and she works hard. That mixed with her God-given talent has been a blessing for the coaching staff."

ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Dias was ranked third in the Big West Conference with a batting average of .366. She led the team in home runs with seven, as well as in nine other offensive categories. The tri-captain was named First Team All-Big West Conference and Second Team All-NCAA West Region. That marked the first time in 11 seasons that a Gaucho garnered a coveted regional honor.

Athlete of the Year Finalists

Dawn Taniguchi - Gymnastics

Justin Lehr - Baseball

Raymond Tutt - Basketball

Erin Bueshcer - Basketball

Ben Flamm - Cross Country

Lindsay Buwalda - Cross Country

Kyle Kovacs - Golf

Paul Mendoza - Gymnastics

Danny Mann - Soccer

Ilsa Bertolini - Soccer

Tonya Dias - Softball

Jason Lezak - Swimming

Amanda Rose - Swimming

Cory Guy - Tennis

Melissa Dillard - Tennis

Trent Bryson - Track

Eliza Alexander - Track

Adam Renfree - Volleyball

Katie Crawford - Volleyball

Ryan Peddycord - Water Polo

Katie Hill - Water Polo

In Case You Didn't Notice UCSB Has National Champs

BY MATT HURST
Staff Writer

So you think you'll never be around for a National Championship at UCSB? Well, if that's what you think, you missed out on the UCSB men's gymnastics team. That's right, ladies and gentlemen, two gymnasts from the Gauchos men's team won national championships, and you're here for it.

Freshman Gidon Moshkovitz won the national championship in the floor event, and junior Josh Nelson tied for first to win the parallel bars, giving the #18-ranked Gauchos two individual titles at the USA Gymnastics Championships in New Haven, Conn. Winning the event for Moshkovitz was no easy task.

"On the first day, I had a bad meet," Moshkovitz said. "So I did as best as I could on the second day. It was close, I won by only five-tenths of a point."

For the freshman, it was a big surprise to come out on top at such a young stage in his gymnastics career.

"I did a pretty bad job on four events," said Moshkovitz, who is an all-around competitor. "I made the final on the rings and the floor. On the rings I came in fifth because my routine was kind of shaky. It was a surprise to win the floor because it's not my best event, and I didn't think I was going to win it."

Moshkovitz's teammate and fellow champion, junior Josh Nelson, tied with a Naval Academy student on the parallel bars, making him a co-champion with a score of 9.4. For Nelson, a shared place in the record books is just as sweet, especially because it was unexpected.

"It felt pretty good," said Nelson on winning the championship. I didn't expect it because I had more consistent and better events, so this was a surprise."

However, Moshkovitz and Nelson aren't the only gymnasts who performed well in the final events. Senior Paul Mendoza came in second place in the all-around competition, giving him a nice parting gift—as he will graduate this year.

"I guess it's better than third place," a joking Mendoza said. "My dad always used to say, 'Second place is the first loser,' and that was going through my head the whole time. But, I'm happy, it's a good way to end my career here at UCSB."

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According to Mendoza, if he hadn't changed his routine in the floor event, he could have won the national championship, which would have given the Gauchos three championships on the year. Mendoza, despite this change, only lost by four-tenths of a point, a fact that left him a little upset for making the switch right before the final events.

"On the floor, I used to do a round-off back handspring, but I changed that," Mendoza said on his change. "[UCSB Head Coach Mircea Badulescu] told me to change it after I had asked him if I could. So it was kind of a mutual thing. I was ready for it physically, but not mentally. If I had to do it a second time, I wouldn't have changed."

The Gauchos will lose Mendoza and fellow senior Dusty Hyland this year, but Nelson, Moshkovitz and the rest of the nationally ranked squad—along with some new faces—will be back again next year. Even with the new recruits, the team will look to achieve the heights they reached this season.

"I feel great after this year," Badulescu said. "And I have a lot of hope for next year. I expected us to do everything we did this year because we were well-prepared and we were well-focused. We have six new recruits coming in, and in that way, I think we will be better next year."