

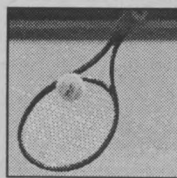
Aid India

The India Association is taking donations in the Arbor today between 11 and 2 in the afternoon for victims of the recent earthquake in India. Officials estimate the quake may have claimed 16,000 lives.



Flaming 'Jackass'

Nexus columnist concludes that MTV's hit show is merely an expression of a new masochistic art form. See **Opinion** p.4



Trojan's Net Gauchos

The men's tennis team fell to USC on Tuesday at Los Angeles.

See **Sports** p.8

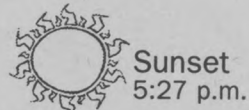
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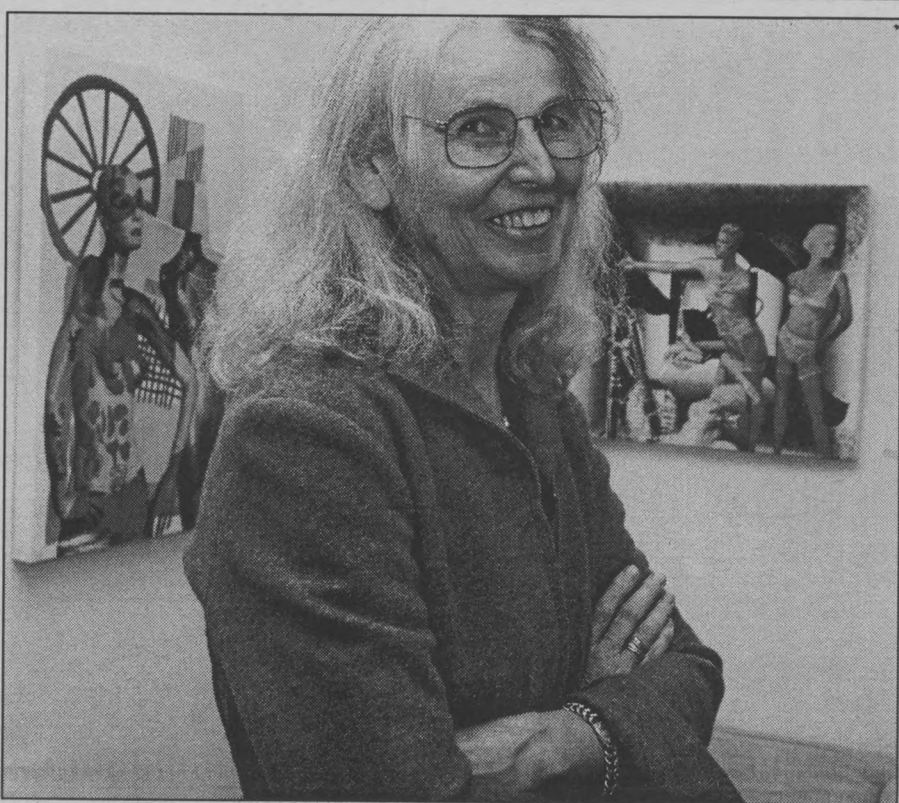
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'The Other Side of Sameness'

Santa Monica artist Janna Stern stands in front of her artwork focused on the "mythology of eating disorders," which she spoke about Tuesday at the opening of the Women's Center Art Gallery show, "The Other Side of Sameness." The exhibit continues through March 16.

ALEX WARD / DAILY NEXUS

Lunchtime Performances Draw Crowds to International Sound

By **MICHERA COLELLA**
Reporter

Wednesday at noon — the sun is shining, the campus is bustling, and in a little haven behind Lotte Lehmann Concert Hall, music is playing.

For 10 years, groups from UCSB's ethnomusicology program and outside performers have come to play every Wednesday afternoon in the Music Bowl. The free performances attract students with sack lunches, elementary school students, and faculty and staff on lunch breaks. The crowds have grown increasingly larger; the average performance draws 50-75 people, and the more popular ones get as many as 300.

The weekly concerts, dubbed the World Music Series, are the creation of music Professor Scott Marcus and his wife, MultiCultural Center Director Zaveeni Kahn-Marcus. "I wanted to work with the Music Department because it would help the MultiCultural Center

to work with an academic department," Kahn-Marcus said. "So, me and my husband created the World Music Series."

Marcus continues to organize the World Music Series in collaboration with the MCC.

"Each quarter the World

In addition to featuring international music, we present a diverse selection of musical traditions.

**- Zaveeni Kahn-Marcus
MultiCultural Center
director**

Music Series presents some of the ethnomusicology department's performance ensembles, including the Gospel Choir, the Gamelan Ensemble from Indonesia, the Mid-East Ensemble, the Music of India Ensemble and the Jazz Ensemble," Marcus said.

MCC Center Programmer Leigh Melander

said that this quarter, three musicians from the area will play music ranging from traditional Mexican sounds, to percussion music, to the music of Norway. "It's a little different each quarter, which is one of the things that is so great about it," Melander said.

"In addition to featuring international music, we present a diverse selection of musical traditions, including American Indian music, gospel music and such," Kahn-Marcus said.

From time to time, local elementary schools bring students to the event. "The children really seem to enjoy the performances," Khan-Marcus said. "Sometimes they dance, and after the performance they get to go touch the instruments and meet the performers."

"You can bring your brown bag lunch, and it's a really fun way to spend your lunch," Melander said. "It's very informal. People can come and go."

The World Music Series is always looking for new performers, Marcus said. The Music Dept. can be contacted at 893-3261.

Environmentalists Fight UC Over Merced Campus

■ School 'Would Be Devastating' for Endangered Shrimp, Sierra Club Says; Officials Stand by Construction Schedule

By **BRENDAN BUHLER**
Staff Writer
AND **NICOLAS PASCAL**
Reporter

Puddles, simple depressions in the ground filled with rainwater three months a year, could swamp the \$400 million plans for the next University of California campus.

The puddles are called vernal pools — temporary bodies of water, ranging from 6 feet to a few inches deep, accumulated during rainy months before drying out in the summer. These pools are a rallying cry for environmentalists trying to block the construction of the 10th UC campus in Merced.

Plans call for a 910-acre campus, with 340 acres reserved for future construction, on a plot of land two miles from Lake Yosemite. The land, 2,000 acres sold to the UC for \$10,000, is packed with vernal pools,

home to endangered microscopic organisms called Fairy Shrimp.

The UC is trying to assuage critics, pointing out that 750 acres of the land will remain undeveloped and that a natural reserve of up to 60,000 acres is being planned with help from the Nature Conservancy. Environmentalists, such as the Sierra Club and *Vernalpools.org*, are unimpressed.

"[T]he consequences of this would be devastating to the region," said Allan Eberhart, Sierra Club chair of Northern California and Nevada Conservation. "The Lake Yosemite site is as close as we have to a genuine Central Valley wilderness. It's the largest remaining concentration of vernal pools in the state. ... It's absolutely beautiful."

Vernal pools are not rare and should not hold up the 10th UC's construction, UC Merced

See **MERCED**, p.3



Part Two of a Two-Part Series

EDITOR'S NOTE —

This is the second in a two-part series on the building of the 10th University of California campus in Merced. The first part of the series examined the reasons for building a new UC in the San Joaquin Valley and why Merced was chosen after nearly two decades of searching, and the effect a campus would have on a city with a population of just over 100,000 was chosen. Today's story looks at the environmental impact of construction, which threatens endangered species and vernal pools. Conservation groups, including the Sierra Club, have organized against the proposed site.

Robbers Tie Up Victim, Ransack House

Two male suspects dressed in suits forced their way into a Goleta residence and burglarized the home Tuesday morning, holding a temporary caretaker at gunpoint.

The suspects tied up the 26-year-old female subject, who was present during the invasion on Girard Drive, but did not harm her. The two are described as Asian adult males, one of whom carried a blue, steel, semiautomatic handgun. Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Dept. reports state the victim said the suspects left with a black briefcase.

The residents were away for the morning and had asked the female to wait at the house for a Cox Communications cable service person. The suspects entered the home after the female answered the door because she assumed it was the Cox repairman.

The suspects tied up the female

and "spent approximately 15 minutes ransacking the residence," reports state. The homeowners and Sheriff's Dept. were unable to identify what was missing from the residence. No vehicle was identified as arriving or leaving the house at this time by any neighbors.

The residents returned home at approximately 12:10 p.m. and immediately called 911. Sheriff's deputies responded to the call and canvassed the neighborhood, but were unable to locate any suspects. Sheriff's detectives are working with the victim and residents to learn more information about the suspects and why this particular house or family was the victim of the robbery.

The victims all requested to remain anonymous. The Sheriff's Dept. is investigating the case.

— Nexus Staff Report

Top of the News

Doctors Admit to Taking Babies' Organs



LONDON (AP) — Doctors at a prominent children's hospital took hearts, brains, eyes and heads from thousands of dead children without the consent of their parents, a government report said Tuesday, calling the findings "grotesque" and "appalling."

The hospital apologized and announced punitive steps against those involved, but families said that did little to diminish their horror and heartbreak over the unauthorized raiding of their children's organs for research and teaching.

Health Secretary Alan Milburn told lawmakers that Dutch pathologist Dick Van Velzen, who was responsible for post-mortem examinations at the Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital

between 1988 and 1995, had "systematically ordered the unethical and illegal stripping of every organ from every child who had a post mortem."

"The appalling record keeping means that some parents will never know the truth about what happened to their child, and I regret that deeply. And I am afraid that sadly there is little that can be done about

The pain caused to the parents by this dreadful sequence of events is unforgivable.

**— Alan Milburn
British health secretary**

it now," Milburn added. The report found Van Velzen lied to parents, other doctors and hospital managers and that he stole medical records, falsified reports and encouraged others to do the same. The report, which was referred to police for possible criminal prosecution, recommended that his medical license be revoked.

Van Velzen, who is

wanted on criminal charges in Canada, is now on indefinite leave of absence from Westeinde Hospital in The Hague, Netherlands. The hospital said Van Velzen was not available to comment.

Van Velzen spent three days giving evidence to the British inquiry and admitted wrongdoing, said Michael Redfern, the attorney who led the inves-

tigation. "To that extent, he was honorable. But his procedures were totally unacceptable, and he accepted that," Redfern said.

The "inept handling" of the return of organs by the hospital resulted in some parents facing third or fourth funerals, the British report said.

"The pain caused to the parents by this dreadful

sequence of events is unforgivable," said Milburn. Arrangements will be made to return organs and other tissues to families who want to receive them, he said.

The Liverpool hospital apologized Tuesday and announced suspensions of high-ranking staff. But parents demanded a personal apology from both the hospital and the University of Liverpool.

"The fact is that the parents have had to deal not only with the removal and retention of their child's organs but the disgraceful manner in which they have been treated," said Ed Bradley, whose daughter Niamh's heart, lungs and brain were kept at the hospital without his knowledge.

Besides over 2,000 children's hearts, a large number of brain parts, eyes taken from fetuses, more than 1,500 stillbirths or fetuses and a number of children's heads and bodies were obtained without consent, Milburn told lawmakers.

Consumer Confidence Drops to Four-Year Low



Federal Reserve opened a two-day meeting to decide whether to cut interest rates for the second time this month to revitalize the staggering U.S. economy. An announcement is expected Wednesday.

Federal Reserve Chair Alan Greenspan said last week that he did not believe "the fabric of consumer confidence" had been shaken enough to bring on a recession.

The Conference Board reported that its Consumer Confidence Index dropped more than 14 points to 114.4 in January, the lowest level since December 1996, when it was 114.2.

The decline heightens fears about the fragility of the economy, with consumers decidedly more pessimistic about business and employment conditions, said Lynn Franco, director of the Conference Board's Consumer Research Center.

"Since apprehension leads to caution, and cautious

consumers spend less than the confident ones, confidence levels in February will be carefully watched," Franco said. "Further erosions in consumer confidence will create more serious concerns about the overall health of the economy."

But economists noted that consumers still view the current situation in relatively favorable terms, with their doubts focused on the future. The question is whether consumers will act on those fears.

"Historically, when we see confidence decline, we have to watch and see if it shows up also affecting spending," said Gary Thayer, chief economist with A.G. Edwards & Sons in St. Louis.

The Conference Board index, based on a monthly survey of some 5,000 U.S. households, is considered a key indicator because consumer spending accounts for about two-thirds of the nation's economic activity. The index compares results with its base year, 1985, when it stood at 100.

Consumer confidence has fallen four months in a row since the index hit 142.5 in September.

Only 12.4 percent of consumers expect conditions to improve, down from 16.9 percent last month. The board also said 21.8 percent of consumers expect fewer jobs to become available, up from 15.7 percent in December.

AP Wire Shorts

ATLANTA (AP) — Georgia lawmakers agreed to shrink the Confederate emblem on the state flag to a tiny symbol Tuesday, heeding a plea from the governor to apply the "salve of reconciliation" and avoid the turmoil that swept South Carolina.

The 34-22 vote in the Georgia Senate virtually consigns to history a flag that some say symbolizes Southern valor but others contend represents slavery. The measure won House approval last week, and Gov. Roy Barnes promised to sign it quickly.

"I think the people of Georgia were ready to move on; they were ready for this matter to be resolved. They did not want a long, drawn-out process like they just had in South Carolina," he said.

The rebel banner, added to the flag in 1956 in what some historians say was a gesture of contempt for school desegregation, occupies two-thirds of the current flag.

On the new flag, it will be reduced to one of five

historic flags displayed along the bottom edge, below the state seal. On a standard 3-by-5-foot flag, the small flags are little bigger than a dollar bill.

DANVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A \$200 bill bearing the likeness of President Bush would seem to be an obvious fake. It seemed real enough to fool one fast-food cashier.

Police are looking for the person who used the bill to buy \$2.12 worth of food at a Dairy Queen, and drove away after getting \$197.88 in change.

In addition to the Bush portrait on the front, the treasury seal is marked with the phrase, "The right to bear arms." An oil well appears on the back of the bill.

Whoever passed the bill Sunday could be charged with failure to pay for a purchase, Danville police said. It was such a clear fake that police say it cannot be considered a counterfeit.

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Talk to Me, Goose

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Let the carnage begin.

Wednesday's forecast: The low-pressure system of incoming email at the *Nexus* will dramatically change around 11 a.m.

We're poised and waiting to see what the UC does. ... There's the hope that they will do the right thing, but we're not holding our breath over it.

— Carol Witham
Vernalpools.org coordinator

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Communications Director James Grant said.

"There are vernal pools from one end of California to the next — it's like going to Vermont and looking for a maple tree," he said. "Basically the land is now grassland, on which you will see a whole lot of cows."

Higher magnification, however, shows an endangered species of freshwater shrimp. Fairy Shrimp range from one-sixteenth of an inch to 1.5 inches in size. During wet months, the shrimp eat algae in the vernal pools and lay their eggs, which lie dormant in the soil until rain comes again. Vernal pools do not support fish, which leave the shrimp to thrive with few natural predators except for the larvae of flies and mosquitoes. In Merced, Fairy Shrimp also have a fierce, unnatural predator to compete with: bulldozers.

Vernal pools would have to be drained, flattened and paved over to build UC Merced — nei-

ther side disputes that. Debate arises over the exact amount of draining, flattening and paving that will be required, as well as the UC's thoroughness in evaluating the environmental impact.

The University has proposed modifying its plans and moving 200 acres of the campus onto the Merced Hills Golf Course, which is owned by the Virginia Smith Trust — the same organization that sold the original 2,000 acres to the UC for \$10,000. Given the golf course land, Merced's campus would require another 710 acres to reach its full size of 910 acres.

Construction on the Merced Hills course would allow the University to get its foot in the door and eventually pave over vernal pools, Vernalpools.org Coordinator Carol Witham said.

"Trying to build on this golf course is piece-mealing," she said. "They have to do more than just a study of the golf course. ... It has a footprint that is much larger than 200 acres."

University officials acknowledged that UC Merced would need to expand off the course.

"No final decisions have been made on this," Grant said. "The golf course is only 200 acres; we would need additional acreage under any scenario. We are committed to ensuring that our students have access to on-campus and off-campus housing that is affordable and situated in close proximity. Final decisions on location of student housing haven't yet been made."

UC Merced will be "the environmental campus," Grant said. "Smart buildings," partially built with recycled materials and solar-power roofs, will automatically reduce heating and lighting to save energy. A natural studies department will work with the National Forest Service to study the Sierra Nevada mountains. Grant said the University has conducted an extensive environmental impact review.

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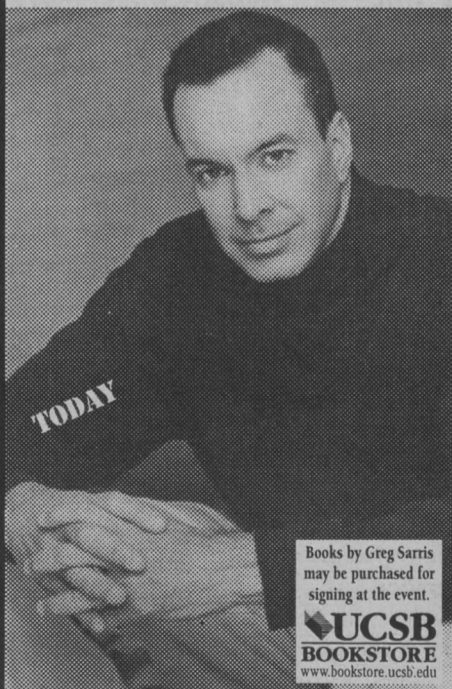
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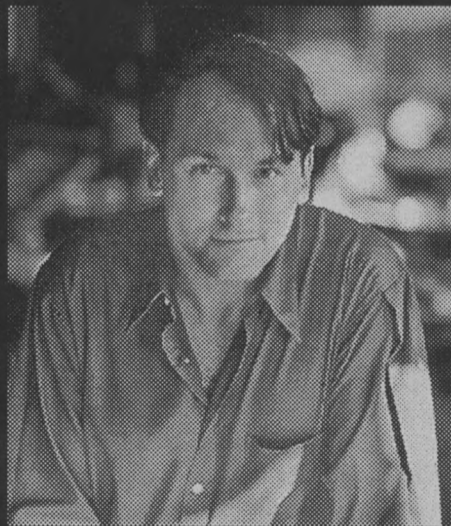
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Opinion

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Those Wild, Crazy Kids

Youth Finds Sounding Board in MTV's 'Jackass'

DAVID DOWNS

What's the difference between a Chinese monk who lights himself on fire and an American punk who lights himself on fire? Well, the first one is illegally exercising his right to free speech, whereas the second will be used to ban said speech.

Connecticut native Jason Lind should be receiving his nomination for the Darwin Award some time this week as he fights infection and struggles for life in the Boston Shriners' Hospital burn ward. Thirteen-year-old Jason learned two valuable life lessons that will cost him major skin grafts: 1) the people on TV feel no pain, 2) gasoline, when ignited, is really hot.

Thirty-five million skater punks and TV junkies watch MTV's "Jackass" every week and only one decided to light himself on fire. For those of us with little faith in *Homo Americanus'* critical-thinking skills, those are some damned good odds. Consider the once-popular, insipid trends of the "Rachel" haircut and quoting Austin Powers. Yet only one punk kid managed to round up gasoline, matches and enough moronic friends to cheer him on.

The knee-jerk moral reaction to the latest episode of "Little Timmy Imitates Something Bad on TV" should begin right about ... now. Congressmen and soccer moms will unite against Johnny Knoxville and his band of depraved pranksters. The skater punks turned All Stars of Pain will be whipped and scorned by fickle media execs eager to bury the

issue. The show will fade back into cult obscurity, and we'll all sleep a little easier with Tom Green humorously sucking milk from the udder of a dead cow.

Keep in mind that the moral idiots who will charge Knoxville with corrupting the youth of America are the same type of people who helped kill Socrates, Jesus, the Marquis de Sade and other glorious freaks of the industry. The charge of corrupting youth has always been an easy out when faced with someone who runs so grossly against the grain that they defy the basic conventions of society.

Here you have this "twentysomething" wannabe actor who becomes a hero to millions for lighting himself on fire, swimming in feces, faking car accidents and screwing with the cattle culture of America. He's a disgrace and an idol. He doesn't act at all and yet communicates the most visceral, empathetic experience of all dramatic art — pain.

Watching "Jackass," the viewer becomes both the gleeful sadist and the cringing masochist. Our sadistic ratings are the impetus for him to take bullets and stun gun barbs. Our masochism lives vicariously through his screams. Make no mistake, true reader, "Jackass" is pure avant-garde art for a generation with a most depraved palette for beauty.

As for those who point a self-righteous index finger at Knoxville's self-immolation, they need only inspect the three fingers pointing back at them. For every horrible gag Knoxville commits, there are a million bored, unsupervised, pissed-off American kids with a video camera and nothing better to do. Take it from me, I



ERIC LISTER / DAILY NEXUS

was one of those skater punks until I found the safe, sane world of drug abuse.

Knoxville and his boys came from the same grocery-store loading docks and waxy curbs of suburbia that their fans and imitators currently inhabit. They originally started doing their gross stuff for the skateboarding magazine *Big Brother*. Like any good art, the skaters made the innovation for themselves, completely ignorant of the ground they were breaking. Like any good artists, they promptly sold out for every dollar they could get when the fat cats told them it was time to become famous.

Ours is an age in which snuff films gain national audiences under the title

"World's Most Dangerous Car Chases." Our aesthetic sense can be summed up in chillingly accurate phrases like "pretty explosions" and "poo cocktail."

As for the story of the 13-year-old who lit himself on fire — it is met with chuckles and laughter by everyone to whom I tell it. It's too bad his friends didn't get the whole thing on tape. It would've made a damned fine exhibit in our evening news gallery.

David Downs is the Daily Friday editor. At the stroke of noon today he will smother his naked body with hollandaise sauce and perform a half gainer into the reflecting pool from the top of Storke Tower.

The Reader's Voice



ABUSIVE CALLER SHOULD PUT OPINION IN WRITING

Editor, *Daily Nexus*:

Many of you who picked up the *Nexus* on Monday, Jan. 29, may have read an interesting letter to the editor about one student's opinion on the UC Santa Barbara athletic program (The Reader's Voice, "Real Gaucho Fans Are Corn Tortilla Slingers"). Raymond Camahort expressed his own personal opinion about his dislike of various elements of the sports program and Gaucho fans. I thought the letter was rather humorous and harmless — I didn't think much of it. As his roommate, we joked that there would probably be a lot of contrary opinions submitted to the *Nexus* in the next week.

Sure enough, there were some people who didn't agree with Raymond. Yet, it seems that some people don't value individuals' rights to express their personal opinions in a public forum. In submitting a letter you must include your full name, year, major and phone number. This is to prevent people from submitting fake or bogus letters, but unfortunately it also puts people at risk.

I know this because at around 10:30 p.m. on Monday we received multiple phone calls at our residence from someone who would not identify himself. He had clearly gotten both Raymond's home and school phone numbers and addresses. He made threats to Raymond and stated that he would settle the score later this week. The caller alluded to having some affiliation with the athletic program, but refused to say what his name was

or any other information about himself. The guy continually made threats — he said that Raymond would get "fucked up," "strangled" and even "butt fucked." I am not sure why Raymond's article prompted such a strange homoerotic fantasy in this individual, but it is clearly unwarranted. This person also mentioned that he had Raymond's mother's phone number and address, which he must have obtained from the school directory.

Whoever this individual is, he is the biggest fucking coward. To reply to a personal opinion printed in the school paper with late-night threatening phone calls is the most cowardly thing a person could do. To fail to identify himself after multiple threatening phone calls and to mention a person's parents is fucking bullshit. For someone to actually escalate a rather humorous letter into threatening someone's parents is just asinine.

He claimed that he wanted to speak to Raymond because he got to express his opinion, and now he wanted to express his. Well, put it in fucking writing you coward. Grow some fucking nuts and write an opinion in the paper, and then sign it with your real name. Then you can open yourself up to the possibility of weirdoes looking up your number, calling and threatening your bitch ass. Do not call a person's home late at night and just threaten them!

I hope for the sake of the athletics program and all the fans of Gaucho sports that this person is not representative of members of their ranks. But if he is, then Ray's remarks did not belittle the athletic program enough. In actuality they came nowhere close to expressing how terrible it really is.

DAN TAYLOR

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

ENFORCING IMMIGRATION LAWS WILL STOP THE FLOOD

Editor, *Daily Nexus*:

I was outraged when I read that protesters are calling for the release of confessed criminal Sui-Yi Paul Chang ("Community Calls for Release of Chinese Restaurant Owner," Jan. 25). One person was quoted as saying that he should not have been "singled out." Criminals need to be singled out. We need to make examples of them so that the rest of the population knows that the law means business. Laws are made to protect the public, and if someone breaks the law then that person goes to prison. That is how the system works. If laws are not enforced, then anarchy will prevail.

This situation represents a trend toward the enforcement of immigration laws. The United States is currently being flooded with illegal immigrants who overcrowd, bring down the educational system, and set up linguistic and cultural barriers. Most U.S. citizens do not like it (Prop 187 passed overwhelmingly), but cannot do much about it because the government does not readily enforce the immigration laws. Hopefully the Chang situation, and the fear of penalty, will cause other business owners to think twice before hiring illegal immigrants, and hopefully law enforcement will crack down on the immigrants themselves.

CARL BOONE

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However, Eberhart said the University's environmental reviews have been shoddy and sneaky.

"We feel the UC is piece-mealing," he said. "They were doing studies one at a time. The environmental study was done separate from the road study, as was the sewage study, and so on. They aren't taking the process seriously."

Merced County and the UC released a statement pledging that environmental concerns will be accounted for, as "the vernal pool complexes in the planning area are part of the largest, intact vernal-pool grassland ecosystem remaining in the San Joaquin Valley."

Economic concerns will also be protected, the statement said. "[The county and the University will] protect the region's important natural habitats, wetlands and endangered other species, while also accommodating development of the University community and other development necessary for the economic growth of the region."

That may be, Witham said, but she is not optimistic.

"We're poised and waiting to see what the UC does," she said. "There's the hope that they will do the right thing, but we're not holding our breath over it."

UC Merced will be built, Grant said. "We are committed to our mission of seeing the first students beginning in Fall 2004," he said. "We believe we are on track to meet this goal."

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By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (Jan. 31). You're putting down roots, and it's about time. A goal you've been after for ages can finally be yours. You've got the good ideas in February, but something's missing. Ask for the money you'll need in March and by May you should be ready. Have your plan all worked out and doing it will be easy. Then celebrate in June by indulging your fantasies. A labor of love takes up most of July. Make time to get things done right in August. Others fund your dreams in September, if you approach them properly. Career stresses October, but you can get through it. Accept your friend's kudos in December.

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

Aries (March 21-April 19) (Today is a 6 (Even if you can't get exactly what you want, you won't fly off the handle. You'll be patient, calm and thoughtful instead. That could actually lead to greater rewards. So go ahead and bite your tongue, and don't feel ashamed about it.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) (Today is a 6 (You have new determination, and you're probably right. Somebody else's fabulous idea could go up in smoke. The others don't know something you learned long ago from experience. Give them a break and tell them, if they're nice.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) (Today is a 6 (Travel is not a good idea right now, even though your friends are enticing you to try something new and exciting. It may not be quite as wonderful as it looks in the photographs. This time, the fantasy may be better than the reality.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) (Today is a 7 (Working or shopping could cause a delay. You may be late for a get-together with friends. You can usually use your cellular phone to call if you get stuck in traffic. Technical difficulties could interfere, however.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) (Today is a 6 (You'd be wise to simply hold your position. Others will be pushing and shoving, trying to get you to change. Don't let them make you do something you wouldn't have done otherwise. Just take a stand and hold onto it.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) (Today is a 7 (You could finally get through to your sweetheart. You haven't seen that gleam of comprehension in your loved one's eyes, but you haven't used an example to which the other person can relate. That makes all the difference.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct 22) (Today is a 7 (Your idealistic, romantic bubble may burst. You may realize you don't have enough money to do what you'd like. The money is out there. You'll have to take time away from billing and cooing in order to get it.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) (Today is a 6 (There's a bit of controversy between you and your mate. You need to talk things out. Don't just dummy up because your feelings are hurt. If all else fails, make a list and just hand it over. Using "please," and "thank you."

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) (Today is a 7 (You're full of new ideas. Don't expect your co-workers to go along with your innovations immediately, however. The rut you find so confining could be the path of least resistance for them. Be patient and respectful.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) (Today is a 6 (Your mind's on love today, not money. But it looks like you need to pay somebody who's taken over part of your job. When you've generated a little more time, you can spend it on romance. Don't lie; that will only make matters worse.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) (Today is a 7 (You need to get all the test questions right before you can get that A-plus. Also do the extra credit. This works in your career and domestic relationships, too. You have to be truly empathetic. Sure it takes more time, but nobody said this would be easy.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) (Today is a 7 (You're getting smarter. It's getting easier to learn, too. So instead of getting bounced around like flotsam in the tide, build yourself a little boat with a keel and a rudder and a sail. Get yourself some control over your situation.

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Trojans Rock Gauchos off Their High Horse in Overwhelming Loss

■ Santa Barbara Struggles to Notch Even One Win Against Southern Cal

BY JOHN LIU
Reporter

The UCSB men's tennis team was beaten soundly Tuesday afternoon by #13 USC 7-0.

The Gauchos failed to win a match against the Trojans in singles or doubles play. Freshmen netters Scott Schnugg and Alex Yaftali lost a close doubles match against USC junior Andrew Park and freshman Damien Spiezo, 9-8. This match was the highlight of a long afternoon for an overwhelmed Santa Barbara team.

"[The Trojans] were a very crafty team," Schnugg said. "The style they played was very different. They always made us hit one more shot than we wanted to. They really played with their brains on the court."

Santa Barbara junior co-captain Marcin Kosakowski and sophomore J.J. Stewart also lost a close doubles match against a very good USC doubles team of

juniors Ryan Moore and Nick Rainey, 8-6. The Gauchos struggled even further in singles play. No Santa Barbara player won a set in any of the six singles matches played.

"USC played really tough," junior co-captain Marcio Pepe



Marcio Pepe

said. "We had a chance to win some doubles matches, but when we didn't it really discouraged us. We tried to do too much. We gave them too many free points."

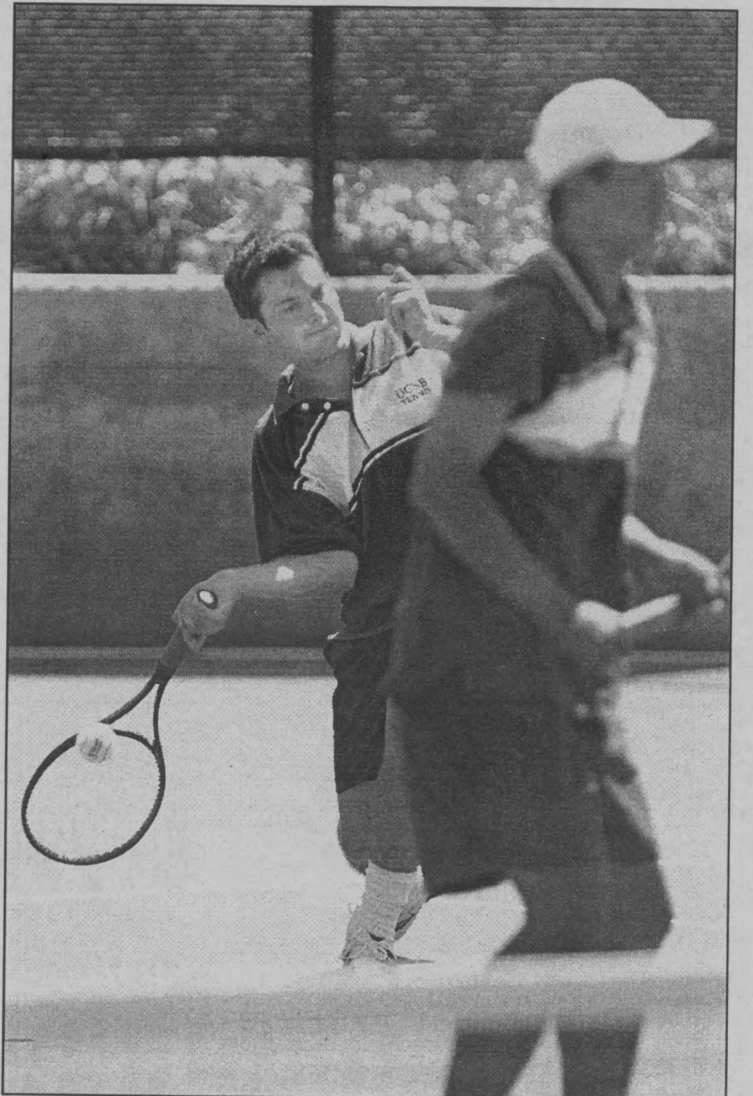
USCB redshirt freshman Jerome Chan and freshman Mike Placek lost their doubles match 8-6. Stewart was defeated

in singles play by the Trojans' top player Park, 6-3, 6-0. Kosakowski lost his singles match to Moore 6-4, 6-2. Schnugg lost to Spiezo 6-4, 6-3. Rainey defeated Placek in singles play, 6-1, 6-2. Yaftali lost to USC freshman Ruben Torres 6-0, 6-0, and Pepe lost his match to Trojan sophomore Parker Collins 6-4 in the first set and 6-3 in the second set.

"It was frustrating to look up on the score board and see everybody losing," Schnugg said. "It brings everyone down. I guess it's kind of a cop out, but it affected our play."

Santa Barbara's next game is at home against Loyola Marymount this Saturday. After losing their last two matches, the Gauchos find themselves at a crucial juncture in the season.

"[Loyola Marymount] is a must-win match," Kosakowski said. "It being a home game should raise our level of play. We need to get the ball rolling."



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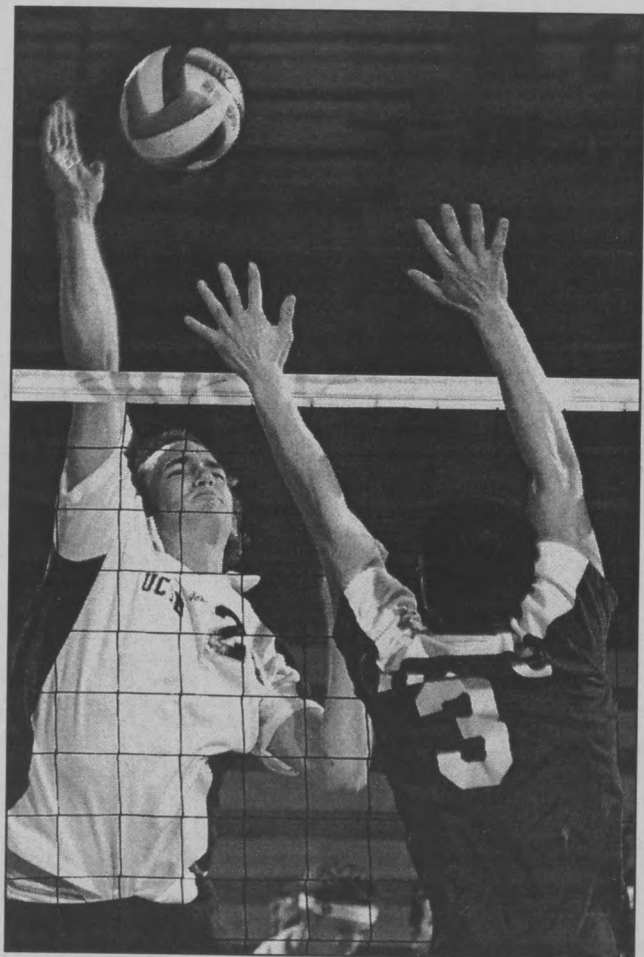
The men's tennis team struggled to find any kind of rhythm in its 7-0 loss to USC at Los Angeles on Tuesday for its second loss of the year.

New Season, New Track, New Outlook: UCSB Looks to Hit Its Stride

SEASON PREVIEW

BY NICOLAS PASCAL
Reporter

Have you caught any track-and-field home meets in, say, the last three years?



'We're Going to Hawai'i!'

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Freshman outside hitter Matt Larson prepares to smack the ball against UCSC in an earlier three-game match win. The #2 UCSB men's volleyball team will travel to Hawai'i to face the Rainbow Warriors tonight and on Friday night at 7.

You haven't missed much. In fact, you haven't missed anything. For the past three seasons we have supported a UCSB track-less and field team.

This year the team will finally compete on its own turf following a \$210,000 appropriation for a new track, approved by students two years ago.

A team with high hopes will be breaking in the new track Feb. 17 when the Gauchos take on Westmont and Claremont at 11 a.m.

"We are dedicating this first meet to the student body," Head Coach Pete Dolan said.

Look for the men's team to come flying out of the gates despite the absence of seniors Eric Gans and Ron DiMaggio, both distance standouts who will redshirt the season. Junior Josh Horton and sophomore junior college transfer Bryon Lamorandier promise to fill their void. The beauty of "The Beast" Horton lies in his notorious kick, one that helped him garnish first and second, respectively, in the

10,000 and 5,000 meters in the Big West Conference Championship last season.

Lamorandier comes to the Gaucho squad from Cuyamaca, where he was the champion in the 1,500 meter in California.

"He will solidify our middle-distance crew," Dolan said.

Add junior Jacob Green, who earned all-conference honors last year with a third place finish in the 800 meters, a dash of "Freshman Sensation" J.T. Service, who scored in the steeple-chase and 5,000-meter events last season, and the men's distance squad is ready to cook.

"Training has been going really well, and everyone is looking to make a huge step up from last year," sophomore distance specialist David Monico said.

Junior transfer Cheyne Murray (San Mateo) gives the throwing squad another gear.

"Our goal is to have this track team become nationally recognized," Dolan said. "We feel like we are strong enough and can continue the upward momentum

[of last season] despite the two key redshirts [of Gans and DiMaggio]."

The women are looking to bounce back from a disappointing season last year, one hampered by injuries. However, last year's bright spots continue to shine. Sophomore pole vaulter Deborah Samson — of volleyball notoriety — set a school record last season at 12'6".

The throwing squad's prospects will rest in a trio of seniors: Elizabeth Foster, Mary Kailihiwa and Jen Gardner.

The distance squad is in a similar predicament, with the pressure on fifth-year senior and team leader Jessica Lunt. Placing third in both the 1,500- and 3,000-meter events in the Big West Conference Championships last season, Lunt has Dolan's confidence.

"The success of the distance team will fall on her shoulders, but she is ready for it," Dolan said.

2000-01 Men's Basketball Standings Overall (Big West)

Utah State	18-2 (7-0)
Irvine	15-2 (7-0)
Long Beach State	12-8 (5-2)
Pacific	12-7 (4-4)
Boise State	11-9 (3-4)
UCSB	6-11 (3-4)
Fullerton	3-14 (2-5)
Idaho	4-15 (1-7)
Cal Poly	6-11 (0-6)

2000-01 Women's Basketball Standings Overall (Big West)

UCSB	11-6 (5-0)
Pacific	11-7 (4-1)
Long Beach State	9-9 (4-1)
Boise State	7-11 (3-2)
Irvine	11-9 (2-3)
Cal Poly	8-10 (2-3)
Idaho	3-15 (0-5)
Fullerton	0-18 (0-5)