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UC Santa Barbara

## Opinion

John Bitterolf ponders why there are so many stupid people willing to open their wallets for more buildings on campus.



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## Sports Monday

The #13 UCSB women's basketball team broke an attendance record over the weekend, and also rolled over two Big West opponents.



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## Officials Discuss Merits of Youth Crime Statute

### Board of Supervisors Denounces Proposition

By JAMIE FRANCISCO  
Staff Writer

Rehabilitation vs. incarceration continues to be the subject of hot debate this election as local community leaders come out against a new law which would jail violent juveniles as though they were adults.

Billed as the Juvenile Crime Initiative Statute, Proposition 21 advocates the direct filing of juvenile offenders age 14 and older into the adult justice system. While proponents claim laws must be strengthened to safeguard the public against violent youth, opponents say the 45-page proposition dangerously broadens the definition of what constitutes a serious juvenile criminal and removes opportunities for rehabilitation.

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Tom Sneddon said if Prop 21 passes on March 7 it would only affect the most violent 1 to 2 percent of the youth crime population; those guilty of crimes such as drive-by shootings, home invasion, robberies, car jacking or sex offenses.

"The initial juveniles convicted of felonies who successfully complete their probation are eligible to have their entire case dismissed. There's no such provision in the law now," he said. "And the people who are subject of the enhanced sentencing provisions, who will be remanded to adult court, are not people who are capable of being rehabilitated anyhow."

According to Director of the Isla Vista Teen Center Richard Ramos, Prop 21 is not the answer; instead more funding and support should be given to existing rehabilitation programs.

"I think that it just reinforces the cynicism that people have about politicians and their solutions to problems," he said. "It reinforces the attitude that people have that higher-level politicians are out of touch with the real problems in the community. Their solution is this harsh-stance attitude that,

to me, only perpetuates the problem."

Last Tuesday, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors took a 4-1 position against Proposition 21. Third District Supervisor Gail Marshall expressed strong opposition to incarcerating youths at age 14 without considering rehabilitation programs as an option.

"Moving the juvenile population closer to an adult system is the wrong way to go," she said. "The juvenile population is the population that we have the best chance to rehabilitate.

They have the best chance to turn their lives around, and putting them straight into an adult system if they have any relation with a gang is a big leap, and I'm not ready to take that leap."

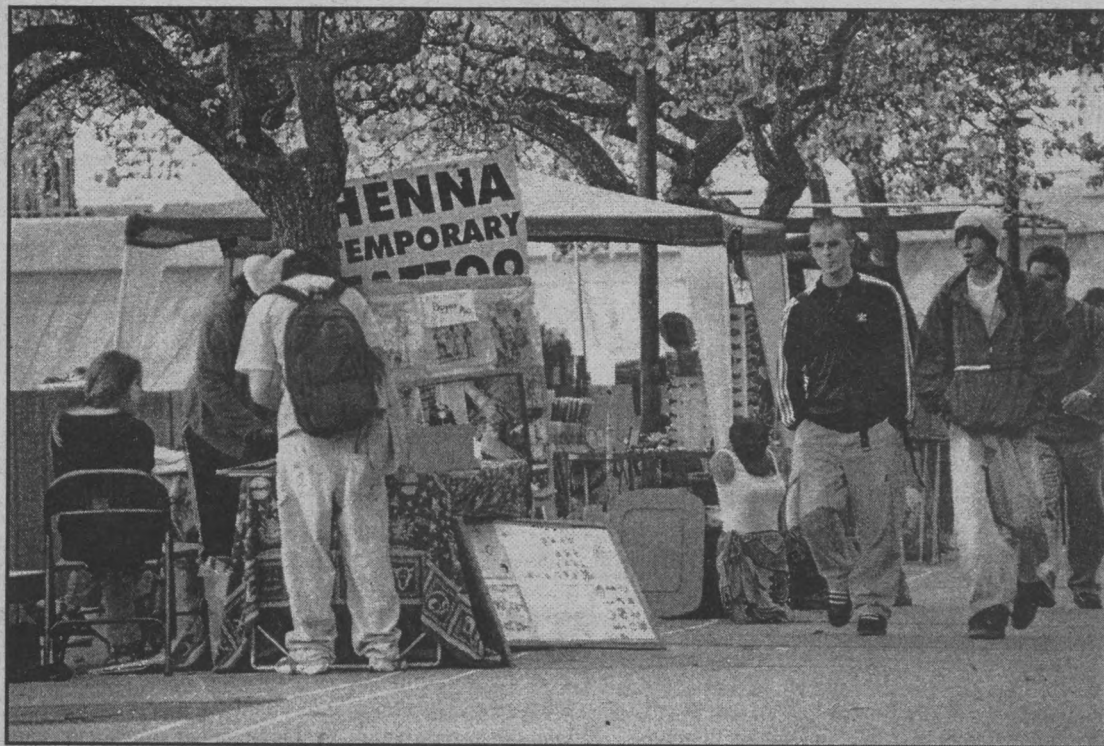
Marshall said juvenile crime in the Santa Barbara area has decreased, and the passage of Prop 21 would have a negative impact on all youth in the county. However, Sneddon disagreed and said statewide juvenile crime rates are on the rise.

"I'm supporting it because it addresses a problem with gang violence," Sneddon said. "We've had our problems in Santa Barbara. If you live in big cities you know it's a far greater problem than is encountered in places like this."

Chief Probation Officer Susan Gionfriddo said Prop 21 addresses juvenile crime problems that occur in larger jurisdictions, not necessarily those in Santa Barbara County. According to Gionfriddo, the juvenile justice system in Santa Barbara is effective, but more facilities need to be built to accommodate the current juvenile crime population.

"We work very hard at maintaining a strong prevention system. We don't have any examples to show why Prop 21 is needed in this county because the current laws allow prosecution for young adults that are unfit for juvenile care,"

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Salespeople on "Vendor Row" in front of the UCen offer their wares to passersby. Credit card solicitors outside of this area using free goods to lure information out of students are doing so against campus policy.

## Vendors Tempt Students With Free T-Shirts

By ERIC SIMONS  
Staff Writer

*This is the first of a two-part series examining the problems students have with credit card vendors offering free merchandise. Today's article focuses on the legality of vendors on campus that have the potential to exploit students' personal information. Tomorrow's article will center on credit problems students can face with readily available plastic.*

Coaxing personal information out of students is an art that campus credit card anglers have found works best with a sharp 4-

### First in a Two-Part Series

Twenty or John Belushi hook.

Campus vendors offer a variety of free T-shirts or other materials to students who fill out applications for credit cards or online services. However, some of the vendors are not registered with UCSB and are therefore operating in violation of campus policy, leaving students' personal information in the hands of independent salespeople.

"Anytime you get folks on a university campus that don't have relations with the universi-

ty, it's a danger," UCSB Bookstore Director Ken Bowers said. "Students are perceived by unscrupulous people as being easy to exploit."

According to Bowers, "Vendor Row" in front of the University Center is the only place on campus where solicitation is allowed.

"When [Bookstore staff] see solicitation going on, we usually call the campus police, and the police usually tell the person that the university is not to be used as a commercial flea market."

On Feb. 2, Graduate Student Association External President

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## Corporation To Address Slave Labor Practices at Meeting

By CARRIE MCCRAY  
Reporter

Oakland-based Lucent Technologies will address a resolution for sweatshop policies at their annual stockholders' meeting Feb. 16, prompting the anti-slave labor grassroots organization State Department Watch to look at the relationship between Lucent and the University of California Board of Regents.

The regents own stock in several large companies, including Hewlett Packard, Exxon, Sysco and Disney. The board has 10 million shares invested in Lucent — a telecommunications manufacturer accused by State Dept. Watch of soliciting slave and forced labor in China.

According to State Dept. Watch President Carl Olson, Lucent Technologies has multi-million-dollar deals with China but has no comprehensive anti-slave labor policies.

"Resolutions are coming up for votes at the annual stockowner meetings to create anti-slave labor policies. These deal with the slave labor 'lao-gai' system of 1,100 factories, farms and other facilities with eight million forced laborers making numerous products for export to the U.S.," he said. "This is not mere sweatshop, low-paying work. These laborers are beaten, and even executed."

State Dept. Watch Vice President Mark Seidenberg, who is also a Lucent shareholder, wrote a resolution for the shareholders' meeting with a list of items he said should be added to Lucent's international slave labor policy.

Seidenberg said he has repeatedly tried to get his resolution on the ballot for past meetings, but "Lucent has tried to get it thrown off the agenda." However, he noted that the item will be up for a vote at the meeting in Oakland.

The resolution would implement stricter laws

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# Top of the News

## Police Raid Ends 291-Day Student Protest

MEXICO CITY (AP) — In a surprisingly smooth conclusion to the nine-and-a-half-month occupation of Latin America's largest university, police raided the main campus Sunday and arrested 632 striking students.

The raid ended an exasperating ordeal in which Mexican authorities from President Ernesto Zedillo on down seemed unable to wrest the country's most important academic institution from a tiny band of radical students with names like Mosh and The Devil.

Armed only with batons and shields, about 2,400 federal police marched into an all-night meeting of the student strike council at 6:45 a.m. and rounded up about 430 students, including the eight top strike leaders.

The strikers didn't resist arrest and there were no injuries. Police then swept through the giant campus, detaining hundreds more strikers.

"A democratic society



cannot allow the kidnapping of the national university," said Interior Secretary Diodoro Carrasco.

Rector Juan Ramon de la Fuente said that, where possible, the university would withdraw criminal complaints filed against

**A democratic society cannot allow the kidnapping of the national university.**

be affected by Fuente's declaration.

The 291-day strike at the 260,000-student National Autonomous University of Mexico began in April to protest plans to raise annual tuition, which had been just a few cents, to the

**— Diodoro Carrasco  
Mexican interior secretary**

students during the strike.

In cases where the university lacks the authority to withdraw complaints, Fuente called on prosecutors to offer leniency. He also asked them to drop charges against minors.

Several hundred strikers were already jailed on various charges before Sunday's raid. It was unclear how many would

equivalent of \$140.

The university backed down, but a small core of radical students continued to occupy the campus. They pushed a six-point agenda to reverse recent academic reforms and give students more power within the university administration. They also used the strike as a stage to denounce the free-market

economy and Mexico's political system.

What little public sympathy may have existed for the strikers gradually faded as a result of their traffic-clogging and sometimes-violent protests, vandalism of university buildings, intolerance of dissenting opinions and intransigence in negotiations. A referendum last month showed students and teachers overwhelmingly sided with the university in the dispute.

But, fearing bloodshed, officials were reluctant to forcibly retake the campus. The strikers were believed to have guns and explosives. No one wanted to risk repeating one of the darkest moments in modern Mexican history: a 1968 massacre of striking university students.

Sunday's raid came five days after a clash that injured 37 security guards and two days after a failed negotiating session.

## Hijacked Plane Continues Flight From Moscow

MOSCOW (AP) — The Afghan passenger airliner forced by hijackers on a tense journey across Central Asia and Europe left Moscow early on Monday after nine passengers were freed.

The plane flew across Belarus, Poland and into Germany, but officials said they did not know where it was headed, the German Interior Ministry said.

The Ariana Airlines plane was seized earlier Sunday while on a domestic flight from the Afghan capital, Kabul, to the northern city of Mazar-e-Sharif. The plane made stops in Uzbekistan, Kazakstan and Russia before flying to Europe.

Russian security service spokesperson Alexander Zdanovich told reporters at Moscow's Sheremetyevo-1 airport that the hijackers released nine passengers, but made no political demands. He said the hijackers had asked only for food, for the plane's toilets to be cleaned and for refueling while in Moscow.

None of the people aboard the Boeing 727 had been harmed, Zdanovich said, although it remained unclear how many people were aboard. Russian news reports said there were 131 passengers and nine crew members before the release in Moscow, but other sources said there were as many as 160 aboard.

The passengers included 20 women and 23 or 24 chil-



dren, said Zdanovich. All the passengers released in Moscow were male.

An emergency official in Kazakstan said there were 20 hijackers, but three passengers who were released in Kazakstan said eight to 10 hijackers were aboard.

The identity of the hijackers remained unclear. A diplomat familiar with the negotiations in Moscow said the hijackers were seeking the release of a prisoner from the Afghan city of Kandahar.

Afghan media speculated that the hijackers wanted the release of opposition figure Ismail Khan, a former regional governor who has been held since 1997 by Afghanistan's ruling Taliban movement.

But a spokesperson for the alliance fighting Afghanistan's ruling Taliban militia denied that the Afghan opposition was responsible for the latest hijacking. "We condemn any act of terrorism," the spokesperson, identified only as Abdullah, said.

Ten passengers were also released in Uzbekistan, the hijacked plane's first stop, Abdullah said.

The hijacking comes six weeks after an eight-day hijacking of an Indian Airlines plane ended peacefully in southern Afghanistan. The hijackers in that case freed their hostages after India released three pro-Kashmiri militants from jail.

## Irish Peace Breaks With Falling of First IRA Bomb Since 1998

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Suspected Irish Republican Army dissidents bombed a rural hotel Sunday — an attack that caused no reported injuries but gave Northern Ireland a bitter reminder of the days the province is struggling to leave behind.

It was the first such attack here since 1998, and it came as international pressure was building on the mainstream IRA to begin disarming in support of Northern Ireland's peace accord.

A caller claiming to be



from the Continuity IRA, a small dissident group opposed to the IRA's 1997 truce, told the BBC in Belfast that bombs had been left at two hotels in rural County Fermanagh.

Police evacuated both hotels shortly before a bomb went off at the rear of Mahon's Hotel in the village of Irvinestown. They said the bomb was placed beneath the hotel's main oil storage tank,

causing a fire that spread to nearby cars.

Officers and British soldiers couldn't immediately find any suspicious devices at the other threatened hotel. They expected to resume their search at daybreak.

Every political party in Ireland condemned the attack, including the IRA-allied Sinn Fein.

But the blast under-

scored demands from the province's major Protestant party, the Ulster Unionists, for an immediate start to IRA disarmament.

"We cannot allow any paramilitary organization, republican or [pro-British] loyalist to remain in existence with illegal guns and explosives," said Ken Maginnis, Fermanagh's Ulster Unionist member of British Parliament. "Even if they adhere to their own ceasefires, their weapons of war will inevitably end up in the hands of dissidents."

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## Weather

Let's recap the weekend for those of you that went elsewhere, or those of you who didn't make it out of your houses because you are lame:

Friday: The 'Dome got filled; everyone drank.

Saturday: People slept in, some made the walk of shame, a lot of people got breakfast at 1 p.m., everyone got drunk again.

Sunday: People slept in, others made the walk of shame (let's hope it's not the same people from Saturday morning), a lot of people recovered from their hangovers.

That's about it. Ain't Santa Barbara grand?

Monday's forecast: Recovery.

## VENDORS

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Jim Dalton reported a vendor offering free shirts to students who filled out credit card and online applications in the Arbor.

"Over the last [Tuesday and Wednesday], there was a credit card vendor doing applications in front of the library, which is a non-vendor-approved area, and they operated for eight hours on two days. Four hours into the first day, I called the police department and ordered them removed ... and the next day they were there all day, in violation of university parking rules, vendor rules and credit card rules," he said.

This salesperson, "Ben," who refused to give his last name, said he distributes T-shirts for an independent contractor who works for a number of Internet companies. According to Dalton, one of the forms "Ben" gave to students was a credit card application.

Although "Ben" did not know the name of the contractor or whether the operation was registered, he said he believed it was worked out through the Office of Student Life. However, according to UCSB Bookstore Administrative Assistant Debby Baker, OSL does not register vendors, and solicitation is not allowed in the Arbor.

On subsequent phone calls, "Ben" declined to comment.

The Bookstore controls the permits for Vendor Row. Groups are allowed to pass out flyers and petitions, hold tables and talk to passersby in the Arbor, which is designated as a free-speech area by the OSL, according to Associate Dean of Students Carolyn Buford. "We do allow free speech and people can circulate petitions and give out flyers, and they don't ask permission," she said.

Bowers said that it is difficult to regulate vendors in the Arbor, and that the university has to struggle with a freedom of speech argument when vendors appear.

"The debate goes back and forth. One side is that the university should not be allowing solicitation of any sort. The other side is that this sounds like censorship," he said. "Students are smart; should we be sheltering them from things they can get in the mail at home?"

Bowers said there is a danger that unauthorized vendors could use the information to exploit students by capitalizing on their trusting natures and desire for free merchandise.

"Isn't there kind of an implied feeling that if somebody is standing on UC property that they have approval to be there? ... That's dangerous," Bowers said. "It may be one of those things where somebody needs to be hurt badly before the proper people will sit down around the table and say 'this needs to end.' And that's sad."

However, the lure of "Ben's" John Belushi and 4-Twenty T-shirts was enough for freshman physics major Jawad Ahmad to fill out the necessary forms. "It's all about the free shirts. I don't think he's going to exploit me," he said. "Basically it's just credit card stuff."

Junior biopsychology major Willow Buckley, who filled out four of "Ben's" forms to get two free T-shirts, said she was confident that her personal information would not be mismanaged.

"I'm not even reading [the application form]. I just want to get free T-shirts for my friends," she said.

If a student has a problem with one of the permitted vendors, the Bookstore will provide help to resolve the problem, Bowers said. However, the non-affiliated

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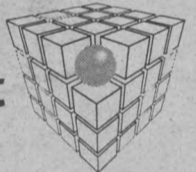
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# LUCENT

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regarding working conditions and enforce those against the use of slave labor, Seidenberg said.

"[Lucent's policy lacks] specific written guidelines for buyers, sales personnel or other employees, bylaws or corporate articles and specific penalties for violations by customers, suppliers, employees or agents," he said.

According to a statement prepared by Lucent, the corporation "has already adopted a policy against the use of forced labor in China. Lucent's policy applies to substantially all our operations and suppliers in China."

However, Olson charged that existing slave labor policies are not enough. "The policy that Lucent is talking about covers one little chunk of Lucent," he said. "These necessary laws do not exist in the board's resolutions, or in contract, and

they are not in employee guidance manuals. This is a public relations statement with no particular coverage."


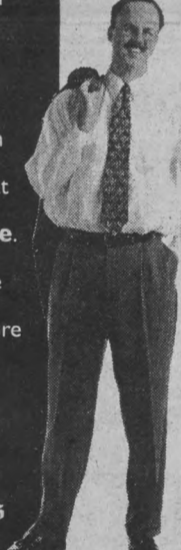
As shareholders, the UC Regents voted on the resolution proposed by Seidenberg last March. The 26-member board did not approve the proposal. The only one who voted for the policy was Student Regent Max Espinoza.

According to Olson, the regents passed a resolution for their own trademark materials in 1997 that read: "It is the policy of the University of California that no foreign-made equipment, materials, or supplies furnished to the UC system shall be produced by forced labor."

Olson said he was disappointed that 16 regents abstained from voting on Lucent's labor policies. "[The regents] think [anti-slave labor policies are] good for them, but not for Lucent," Olson said. "I hope that changes this year."

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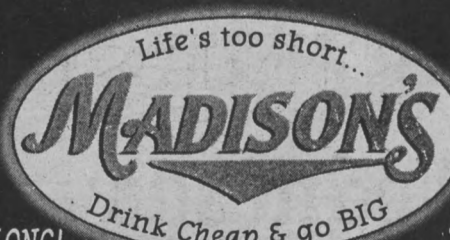


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### Staff Editorial

## Black History Is Everyone's History

*Appreciate Black History in February, but Don't Forget About It the Rest of the Year*

American history is as diverse as the nation itself, encompassing the histories of indigenous peoples and a wide variety of immigrant nationalities. Unfortunately, the American history taught from junior high civics classes through college courses on Western civilization often focuses on the contributions of white males, sometimes at the expense of the rest of America's rich tableau of cultures. Because of this, we need a special time to focus on the history of underappreciated segments of the population. February is Black History Month — a time to educate ourselves and reflect on the history of our nation, and to remember that Black History is American history.

Black History Month traces its roots to Carter G. Woodson, a black scholar and historian who founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History in 1915. Woodson founded Black History Week on Feb. 12, 1926 — the second week of February was chosen because it coincides with the birthdays of Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. In 1976, the week was expanded to Black History Month as part of the nation's bicentennial celebration.

Black history includes the well-known contributions of Douglass, Martin Luther King Jr., Harriet Tubman and Jackie Robinson. However, Black History Month is not meant to draw our attention to a few popular events or issues, but rather to the broader social issues surrounding race in America and the innumerable contributions African Americans have made to science, art, popular culture and every other aspect of American life. White Americans betray the spirit of Black History Month if they use it as an excuse to assuage their guilt for ignoring black history for centuries — "They have their month" is an easy cop-out. "We have our month," is a better statement, meaning that Black History Month should encourage all Americans to think about the racial divisions that still exist in the country. Rather than focusing on black history for one month, this celebration should bring awareness to everyone of the importance of black history every day of the year.

Setting aside one month to raise awareness about black history is not going to solve the nation's racial problems. But the publicity it creates can be an introduction to a vibrant and unappreciated culture and a first step toward tolerance and understanding between Americans of all races. As touchy as the issue of race relations remains, opening a dialogue about black history does not have to be divisive.

The Education Program for Cultural Awareness is putting on a month-long celebration on campus called "Unity in the Community: Why Black Music Heals." The EPCA will feature concerts spotlighting different musical genres each week, includ-



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ing doo-wop, reggae, jazz and gospel. The goal of the concert series is to recognize African heritage in American culture, while raising awareness of racial issues that are present all year long. The concerts have been held in the MultiCultural Center in the UCen, so they are accessible to the entire student body.

Best of all, these events use music to highlight black history, a perfect way to entertain and educate a diverse group of people. Black contributions to popular culture are sometimes emphasized at the expense of contributions in other areas, but the fact remains that music can be a crucial first step in promoting understanding and interaction between races.

You have three weeks left to take advantage of the concert series and other programming offered in celebration of Black History Month. So take a friend and expose yourself to part of American history that is your own culture, regardless of your race.

## Stupid People A

*Common Sense Says Students*

JOHN BITTEROLF

It's difficult, sometimes, to be open to new ideas, especially if those ideas were conceived by stupid people. I heard a real whopper of an idea last Monday, after a weekend chock full of, shall we say, "social drinking."

It had been some time since I had officially been "punk in drublic." Not that my drinking habit had slowed any — it's just that I'm a senior now, and less of the optimistic alcoholic I was when I was underage. Nowadays most of my drinking takes place on Wednesday afternoons, alone in the bathroom with the lights turned off.

So it was nice to be drinking around people again. I even got to taste my old freshman concoction: gin-vodka-rum-in-a-cup, lukewarm, with a nose pinch for a chaser. *Bella!*

But on Monday following my three-day bender, something strange happened. Aside from the feeling of having walked around on my eyeballs all weekend long, I felt a new sensation mixed in with my hangover. Had my drink been spiked while I was outside taking a piss in the bushes? What was this new feeling of *guilt*?

For whatever reason, I began to feel pretty lousy about all the drinking I had done. I decided it was high time I gave something back to my decrepit shell. A kind of physical equilibrium — payback for abuses previously incurred. Gathering myself off the kitchen floor, I made my way outside. Destination: RecCen.

As I neared the RecCen, the fine specimens that were gathered in and around the building enamored me. I decided that it was time to join them. I would walk the walk, talk the talk and pump some iron, even if it did cost me a few points on the IQ scale.

Sadly, I never made it through those double doors.

My quest to be knighted "Sir Meathead" was cut short by a young woman handing out fliers in front of the building. Though I tried

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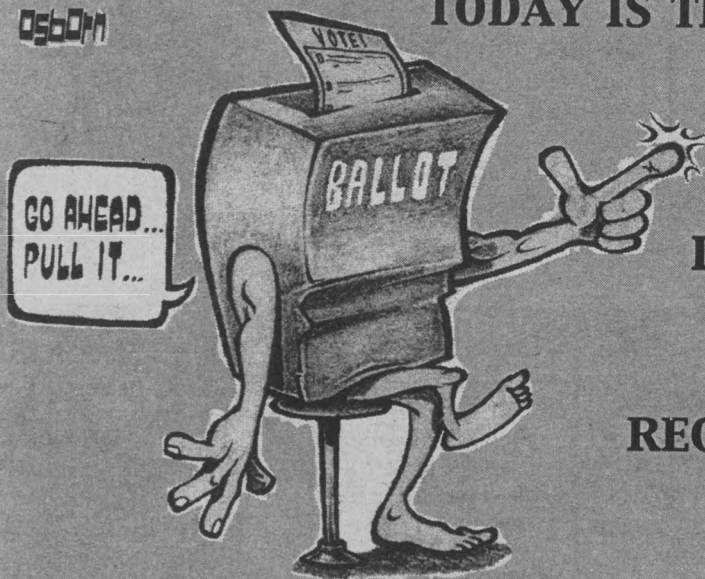
LEG COUNCIL LACKS COMMON SENSE IN APPROVING BOARD MINUTES

Editor, Daily Nexus:

On Feb. 2, a majority of Legislative Council members objected to opening the Finance Board minutes to public debate. At the Finance Board meeting in question, more than half of the student funds available to the council were allocated to the Finance Board. Several Legislative Council members, including myself, argued that the allocation of such a large amount of student funds to the Finance Board was unscrutinized by the council (since we are the only body on this campus charged with the oversight of these funds). The majority of the council members argued that the Finance Board should be protected. As a result of that argument, the Finance Board minutes were passed without examination.

Feb. 2 the council was faced with another opportunity to scrutinize the Finance Board minutes. This time it was Program Board minutes that were being discussed. An allocation of money to a student group by the Program Board and the group receiving the allocation (the Educational Program for Cultural Awareness) are subject to the majority of the council voted to return the minutes to the Program Board for further review. The decision — regardless of the fact that no members of the Finance Board or EPCA were present, regardless of the fact that the Finance Board has the authority to initiate its activities, regardless of the fact

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## They Are Everywhere

### Students Shouldn't Pay for Buildings

to resist my curiosity, I took one of her fliers. Not only that, I even read what was written on it. It was a plea for the newly proposed "sports center" to be erected next to Robertson Gym.

After reviewing the flier, I asked the young woman what the big deal was all about. If the school was in dire need of a new office building for its athletic staff, I say, *go ahead and build it, school*. Why go to all the trouble handing out fliers to students?

"The center is going to be student-funded," the woman explained.

"Oh yeah?" I asked, "How much student funding?"



"About \$14 million," she frankly replied.

After repeating the figure she gave me and adding my own string of colorful outbursts, the woman interrupted me, declaring snidely, "You're a non-athlete, aren't you?"

"Non-athlete!" I cried. "Are you kidding? Take a look at these wrists, honey." It wasn't like I was trying to show off to her, but my wrist muscles are pretty spectacular. She didn't seem too impressed, though.

It was then that I decided to ditch the RecCen, right along with my dreams of becoming the next Kerri Strug. I had tried to fit into the jock scene, but my efforts had

failed. I knew it wouldn't be very long before I was hitting the bottle again. And all because of some stupid building proposal!

But really, how could I ever expect to fit in among people who thought that shelling out an extra \$35 a quarter for 27 years to buy Coach a better office was a good idea? Why, so we could someday advertise our school in *Sports Illustrated*? No, it was useless. I was just too smart to fit in.

You see, it's not an issue of athlete vs. non-athlete. It's an issue of stupid people vs. smart people. It's *stupid people* that enjoy paying for things on campus for which their university should be paying. What kinds of things do I mean? Oh, I dunno. The BUILDINGS, maybe?

*Stupid people* think that every building on campus was built for just them, because stupid people get confused by maps and don't see any problem with the proposed athletic center being situated in a remote area of campus for students, yet conveniently adjacent to the staff parking lot.

*Stupid people* apparently have very short-term memories, and can't seem to recall the yearly effort by our administration to make its students foot construction bills. Last year it was the RecCen expansion and the "Student" Resource Center. The year before, it was the UCen "improvements." And so it goes ...

Well, I've had just about enough. I have a new proposal that I would like to see on this year's student ballot — a proposal targeted at *smart people*.

I'd like to see some bars on campus. With the money that would be spent on Coach's new office, we, the smart ones, could install 14 of the nicest bars you could ever imagine on a college campus. What's more, there would be enough money left over to serve free beer for the next school year.

If this dream were to become a reality, I guarantee that the enrollment for incoming freshmen would skyrocket, as would the number of returning students. If my 14-Bar Plan was executed, I myself would stay right here at UCSB as a fifth-year super-senior, downing drinks along with the rest of you smart people. And without a guilty feeling in the world.

*John Bitterolf's column appears every Monday in the Daily Nexus.*

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and the members of the group in question were happy with the allocation (i.e. the identical conditions of a week earlier) and regardless of the precedent of non-interference they had set at a meeting only a week earlier.

At least one council member argued that the difference between the two situations revolved around the fact that the members of Legislative Council sitting on the two boards came to different conclusions regarding the particular allocations. Basically, it was argued, since Legislative Council members on Finance Board agreed with their allocations while Legislative Council members on Program Board disagreed with their allocations, we, as a council, should return the allocation to Program Board for further consideration. I find this reasoning ridiculous. It insinuates that the votes of Legislative Council members who serve on the boards under their scrutiny are somehow more important than the votes of the rest of the council members. Granted those members should have more expertise and firsthand knowledge of specific situations in regard to those particular boards, but we all represent students. Distinguishing between the significance of that representation, which this argument does, is at odds with the nature of representative government.

I would encourage my fellow Legislative Council members to stick to a precedent once they set one. Without consistency we have no hope of sustaining credibility and stability with the various boards and committees it is our charge to oversee. Further, we must establish consistent representation if we ever expect to gain the trust and support of the students on this campus. Indeed, without that trust and support there is no representation.

JAKE WHITE

## Don't Glorify Cuban Abuses

### If Castro Is So Great, Why Are People Dying to Leave?

HENRY SARRIA

Considering the circumstances of where my life began and where I am now, it can truly be said that I consider myself very fortunate. You see, very much like Elian Gonzales, I was born in Havana, Cuba, my parents got a divorce and my mother chose to bring me here. The only difference being that we came here by plane in 1967.

I am proud to say that the U.S. is now my home, but Cuba is my homeland and someday I will return. For now, I'll just present a few thoughts on what is perceived by the pseudo-socialists as "Cuba-bashing" by the U.S. and the media.

I know plenty of people who have visited Cuba and I hear many opinions on how great a job Fidel Castro is doing for his country. But I can't imagine any truth behind these opinions. My rationale is simply: If Cuba under Castro is such a great place to be, then why are people literally dying to get the hell out?

American tourists who visit Cuba have a choice to leave, while most Cuban citizens don't. Nice place to visit, but you're glad you don't live

there! Also, most American tourists that do visit Cuba bring American dollars, which entitle them to goods and services that the average Cuban citizen is not welcome to. I guess that some people are more equal than others.

Now, I'm not a raving anti-communist or right-wing nut here, just a person who was born in Cuba, and due to the convoluted type of "socialism" set up by Castro, my mother decided it was time to get the hell out of Dodge.

Castro's concept of socialism didn't even look good on paper (unlike "true" socialism) and even the late Che Guevara told him this, but in Castro's view it was "on with the revolution" at all costs. But what was accomplished? All Castro's revolution did was isolate the country and lock it into a system of food rationing (which, by the way, was occurring even before the U.S. embargo took effect), limited rights, imprisonment for opposing points of view and zero access to travel outside of the country for the average Cuban citizen.

In other words, the Soviet Iron Curtain found its way to Cuba and Castro was the usher. The U.S. embargo has harmed Cuba. But if Cuba is such a "revolutionary" country that has so much to offer, then why don't other "revolutionary" countries, like Libya (which has NO ties to the U.S. and has amassed wealth from oil revenue and other resources), come to the rescue of their brethren?

It amuses me how some people (even educated ones) consider Cuba's government "democratic" since they have a Central Committee that will rubber-stamp any of Fidel's demands. All the voting is for is to elect new rubber-stamp-

pers to do the job of the last ones. This is a mockery of the word "democracy" since it only involves one candidate for actual leadership. That's because any opposition will be jailed, detained, arrested — whatever you might want to call it. Any country where dissidence is met with imprisonment and possible execution is not a democracy.

Granted, during Fulgencio Batista's reign corruption was rampant and democracy was nowhere to be seen. But Castro's Cuba is no better, if not worse. Do you really think corruption doesn't exist in Castro's inner circle? Where do you think all of those rubles the now-defunct Soviet Union dumped on Cuba went? I can guarantee you that these were converted to hard currency, in the form of dollars that probably sit in some Swiss bank account. Ah, the perks of being Supreme Leader Castro!

I've also heard that the U.S. media has given Cuba a bad rap, but the same media gives a bad rap to U.S. policies, actions and issues as well. Can the Cuban media do the same in the form of equal treatment and reporting? I don't think so, because the Cuban media is a state-run entity. All you'll see reported is the Communist party line.

The American media does just as much "bashing" of the U.S. as it does Cuba or any other country. Just try the same in Cuba.

Do you really think the Cuban national newspaper, *Granma Internacional*, will report on the atrocities committed and the money and lives wasted in Cuba's involvement in Ethiopia, Angola, Nicaragua or El Salvador?

Do you think that this same publication will publish a story linking Castro to the capture and execution of Che Guevara in Bolivia?

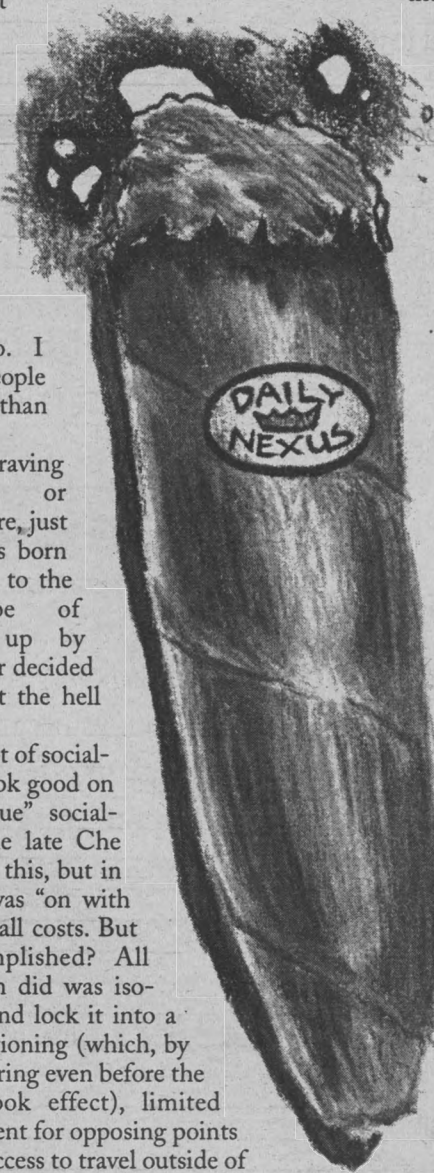
Will they even acknowledge that Cuba was actually a threat during that little thing called the "Cuban Missile Crisis" back in October 1962?

With all of this in mind, it's good to be where I am. The U.S. may be home for capitalist evils and plenty of other associated problems, but it is also the land of free speech, and this freedom is something that Cubans don't have.

In all, it is naïve, hypocritical and ludicrous to think that Cuba is not guilty of committing errors and atrocities as a function of Fidel Castro's rule.

So, you can call me an asshole or a capitalist pig (a poor one at that). You have every right to do so. But the bottom line remains: I like to live in America.

*Henry Sarria is a longtime Isla Vista resident and a Daily Nexus columnist.*



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## CONSISTENCY

### AND MINUTES

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by Linda C. Black

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**Aries** (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 4 — You could run into trouble if you travel far today. Take it easy and watch where you're going. If it does look like you're getting a boost concerning your career, however. People are talking about you, and they're saying nice things.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8 — You should be in a great mood today. Most things will go well, but don't spend too much company time talking with your friends. They're interested in hearing your stories, true, but the boss may not be amused if the work doesn't get done. Take care not to have too much fun.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 5 — There are all sorts of complications. You're smart, but you don't need to make your final decision yet. Something may be going on that you don't know about. If anybody's asking for your money, get the advice of an older person before you hand it over.

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22) — Today is an 8 — Make sure you've done the homework on an impending purchase. Have you investigated the possibilities of getting this item from a more distant source? Check out the catalogs and the Internet. You'd hate to find out later that you spent too much.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 5 — You're being tested today. This could turn out to be good, but right now it may feel like you're getting nowhere. The trouble is you may have to go along with what the other person wants. It happens every once in a while. Be smart. Consider the possibility.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — You could have some problems with your partnership now. The other person has some strong ideas. If the other person cares more about it than you do, just let it go. It's hard to give up, but you can do it. Reserve your energy for a battle you can win.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Today is a 7 — Service to others should be your primary focus. If you hear about somebody who needs something you can provide, go ahead and pull a few strings. You always feel better when you've done a good deed, and it looks like there's one that needs doing.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — Your life revolves around home and family. You may have more love than money, but that's OK. You're pretty smart right now, so you're learning quickly. That will help you improve your financial situation. And, two out of three ain't bad.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 5 — Take it easy today. Listen more than you talk. Spend more time at home. If you get a little more rest, eat good food and catch up on all the news with your loved ones, you might keep from getting a cold. It's called preventative medicine, and it could work.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — You're learning quickly, and that's good. The bad news is you may realize you've been doing something the hard way. The good news is you'll start doing it an easier way now. Don't be embarrassed; it's all part of growing up.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 5 — You're focusing on business, most likely. That's what you should be doing, anyway. Don't move too quickly, though. You may not understand everything yet. Do the research now and make your purchases later in the week.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is an 8 — You should be clicking along now. That's fine; get as much done as you can. You're under a little bit of pressure, but that's OK. It's motivational. Make yourself practice, and your chances of becoming perfect are pretty good.

**Today's Birthday** (Feb. 7). Use what you already know to improve your status. A change may be required. You've got all the facts figured out in February. Then, add what you couldn't have known in March. There's almost too much of a good thing in April, and old stuff works better than new does in May. A partner puts pressure on finances in August, and a friend could disrupt your home in December. All's well that ends well in January.

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she said. "The system works for us here. We don't have any examples of 14-year-old serious offenders that need to go through adult court."

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According to Associated Students External Vice President for Local Affairs Rebecca Prather, Prop 21 is not a viable solution to the problem of juvenile crime and could lead to an increase in intolerance.

"It's undeniable that there's prejudice in our community and I think that if Prop 21 goes through that'll be enacted in this community," she said. "It's already being done. What Prop 21 does is give more leeway for cops, and I'm not trying to demonize the police, but it gives more leeway to demonize Latino and black youth. That's already happened in I.V., so [Prop 21 will] just take it another step."

Judge Frank Ochoa, presiding judge of Santa Barbara juvenile court, said the proposition will negatively affect judges' and probation officers' ability to take into account the past history of juvenile offenders during sentencing.

"In the years that I've been in juvenile court, the vast majority of kids get straightened out," he said. "The vast majority get on a good course and have productive adult lives. [If Prop 21 passes] I don't think they'll have the resources available to them in the juvenile justice system, and I think that they will be worse off."

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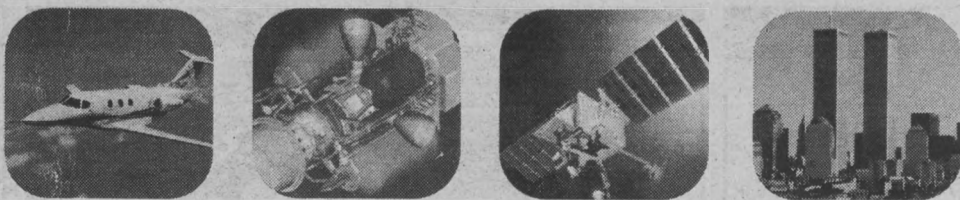
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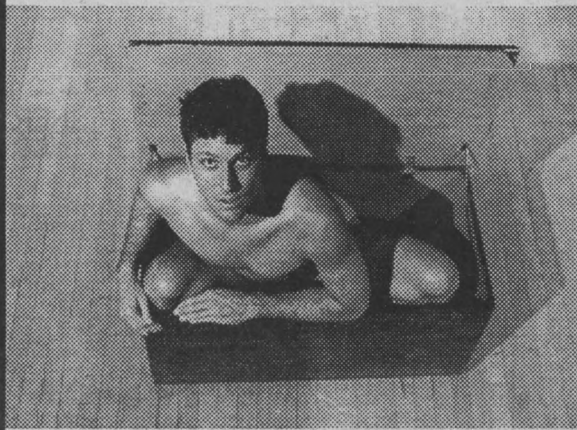
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# On Campus This Week

**ASPB PRESENTS**  
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**Change of Heart**  
 Auditioning for Couples and Singles  
 Feb 8th in front of the Ucen 11-4pm

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 7:30 & 10pm Tues, Feb 8th  
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 @ the UCSB Hub  
 Feb 9th, 2000  
 3:00 - 5:00pm

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 \$18 STUDENTS \$18 GENERAL AND DOOR

**LEADERSHIP 2000**  
 BUILDING COMMUNITY

Wednesday, February 16, 2000 • 5:00 - 6:00 pm  
 Office of Student Life Conference Room  
**Passing the Gavel—**  
 Preparing Your New Officers for the Challenges Ahead

By this point in the year, many organization officers feel they have already "paid their dues" and forget their role in helping those who follow in their footsteps. This workshop helps you organize a smooth transition between outgoing and incoming officers. No organization has to start at ground zero—if you create an effective transition.

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**Get Involved in YOUR University!**

**Positions Available on AS Boards and Committees!**



Applications are available in the AS Main Office (UCen 1523-Across from Corwin Pavilion). If you have questions about any position, contact the AS Main Office at 893-2566.

**Campus Organization Publicity Tip**  
 To Post Events on UCSB Electronic Calendar and Monday Daily Nexus Calendar:

1. Go to <http://events.sa.ucsb.edu>
2. Log-in as an organization in the administrative pull-down menu
3. Enter your user id and password that you were given during group registration
4. Follow the user friendly screen to submit your event/s. (Make sure am or pm is correct.)
5. Events will be approved by OSL and submitted on-line.
6. Events must be submitted by midnight on Wednesday to appear in the following Daily Nexus Monday calendar.

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## ALL WEEK

### ATTENTION CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS:

UCSB Activities are also available on-line:  
<http://events.sa.ucsb.edu>

UCSB Organization Directory is on-line:  
<http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/campusorgs/>

Your On-line access lets you publicize your activities in the UCSB Events Web Calendar and Monday Nexus Calendar Page

Student Affairs also offers free web page hosting. Registered groups can apply on the web <http://orgs.sa.ucsb.edu/webaccounts>  
 Student Life has a posting service. Drop off 7 flyers at the front desk. Flyers not posted and stamped by OSL will be removed from the kiosks.

## Monday, February 07

Office of Student Life, 10am-2 pm. UCSB Student Voter Registration Drive in front of UCen and Arbor through February 7. TODAY'S THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER!!!

Counseling and Career Services, 12-1 pm. Basic interview skills, C&CServ 1109

Office of Student Life, 3-4 pm. Meet the UC Student Regent, Michelle Pannor! Interested in being the Boss of the UC Chancellors? Apply for the 2001 - 2002 Student Regent! Come and meet the present UC Student Regent, Michelle Pannor, and find out if you are interested in applying for next year. OSL Conf room

Hillel, 7 pm. Holocaust Remembrance Week Planning Meeting, URC, 777 Camino Pescadero. Everyone welcome, Woodstock's pizza provided. More info 968-1280

Sri Chinmoy Association, 7-8 pm. Learn to Meditate, all welcome. HSSB 1207

Swing and Ballroom Dance Club, 8:30-10:30 pm. Weekly practice meeting, Rob Gym 2320. \$15qtr/membership

## Tuesday, February 08

MultiCultural Center, 12-2 pm. Video: Gotta Make This Journey: Sweet Honey in The Rock. MCC Theater, free

Professional Women's Association, 12-1 pm. PWA Steering Committee meeting, NH 1131

MultiCultural Center, 4-6 pm. Thirty Years of Writing and Activism for Justice and Political Change by Barbara Smith at MCC Theater. Free

Women's Center, 4-5pm 30 Years of Writing and Activism for Justice and Political Change -- BARBARA SMITH, Hatlen Theater, free

A.S. Community Affairs Board, 5-6 pm, weekly meeting, CAB office, UCen 2523

6-8 pm, Incident at Oglala, join the American Indian Student Association for a viewing of Incident at Oglala, a documentary about Leonard Peltier convicted of murdering two FBI agents on the Pine Ridge Reservation. Phelps 3519, free

Zen Sitting Group @ UCSB, 6:15-8:15 pm. Zen Meditation Join our UCSB sangha (community of practice) for sitting and walking meditation followed by a reading, refreshments, and discussion. Bring a cushion to sit on. Beginners are welcome. Girv 1106

Persian-American Student Heritage Foundation, 7-8 pm, meeting, UCen Flying A N.O.R.M.L. at UCSB, 7:30-8:30 pm, general meeting. Phelps 1420

Arts & Lectures, 8-10 pm, Montreal Danse, Campbell Hall. General \$16/19/22; students \$12/15/18

Hillel, 8 pm, Jewish Music Jam. Strum, sing, or bang your drum at the weekly Jam session with Brett! URC

Nikkei Student Society, 8-9 pm, general meeting, SH 1431

## Wednesday, February 09

Front Porch/Presbyterians of Reasoned Christian Faith, 7:30-8:30 am. Morning workshop, UCen Goleta Valley

Hillel, 12-1:30 pm, Lunch in the Hub, see ya downstairs! UCen Hub

Counseling and Career Services, 1-2 pm, Introduction to graduate school, C&CServ 1109

Counseling and Career Services, 1-2 pm, Dream Career Seminar, Girv 2128

Hillel, 4:30-6:30 pm, Senior Happy Hour at the UCen Hub

MultiCultural Center, 6-8 pm. LA NOUBA DES FEMMES DU MONT-CHENOVA, MCC Theater, free

Hillel, 8 pm. Food for Thought: Rabbis from the Santa Barbara community present insight and learning at Hillel on Tuesday nights. URC

Persian-American Student Heritage Foundation, 8-9:30 pm Weekly Farsi Night. Have some fun, get some culture. For more info visit: <http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/orgs/paha>

## Thursday, February 10

Counseling and Career Services, 2-3 pm.

Resume Writing When You know What Job/Internship You're Seeking, C&CServ 1109

Hillel, 4 pm, Poetry Reading: Jerome Rothenberg. HSSB 6020

MultiCultural Center, 4:30-6:30 pm, Sangre Boliviana: A Digital Story. MCC Theater, free  
 Hillel, 6-8 pm, Kosher Klub, fascinating discussion, great kosher food from L.A. Contact Jon for more info, 685-0385. URC

Zen Sitting Group @ UCSB, 6:15-8:15 pm, Zen Meditation. Give the gift of being present! Zen Sitting Group invites you to do silent sitting and walking meditation with us. Bring a cushion; beginning instruction is available. Girv 2128

Increase the Peace/Rainforest Alliance, 6:30-7:30 pm, meeting, CAB office, UCen 2523

Campus Crusade for Christ, 7-8:30 pm. Real Life, Broida 1610

Increase the Peace/Rainforest Alliance, 9:30-11:45 pm. Rainforest Thursday, live music at Giovanni's, all ages, always free

Friday, February 11

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Front Porch/Presbyterians of Reasoned Christian Faith, 5-7 pm

Dinner and Discussion, come discuss your intellectual challenges in the Christian faith amongst an open and friendly group. Plus, free GOOD FOOD! RecCen upstairs

Hillel, 5 pm. Torah Study. URC

Hillel, 6 pm. Shabbat Happens! Valentine's day is comin' up... why don't the two of you stop by Traditional or Liberal services before you get TOO busy... we'll even give the two of ya dinner.. ON THE HOUSE! URC

## Saturday, February 12

Hillel, 5:45 pm. Havdalah, a quiet, beautiful, and meaningful ceremony that makes the separation between Shabbat and the rest of the week.

Locations vary - call Hillel @968-1280.

Swing and Ballroom Dance Club, 8-11:45 pm. SBDC 4th Annual Valentine's Dance (Swing and Ballroom), Goleta Valley Community Center, 5679 Hollister. All welcome! \$10 at the door

## Sunday, February 13

Arts & Lectures, 7:30-9:15 pm. Film: Earth. Campbell Hall, \$5 students, \$6 general