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Revisit the dating scene in "Next Stop Wonderland" tonight at 7 in Campbell Hall. Tickets cost \$5 for students and \$6 for the public.

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Hustler magazine publisher Larry Flynt has threatened to release incriminating evidence about the sexual affairs of a GOP member.

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But before it is forgotten, the Artsweek staff tells you what sucked, what didn't, and why.

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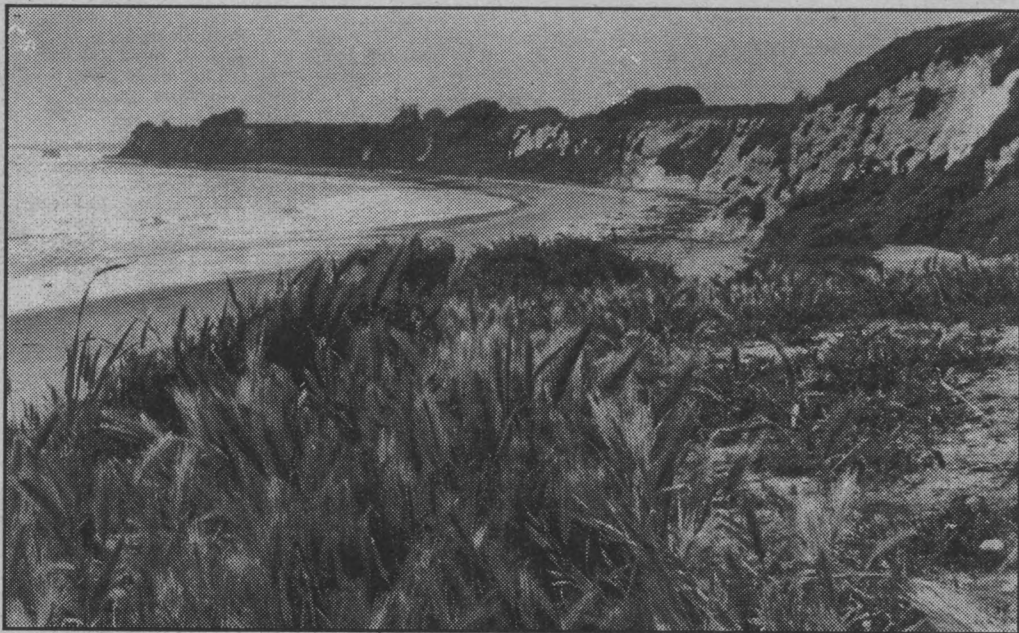
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The local government will seek to ensure the future beauty of the Goleta and Isla Vista coastal wetlands using funding obtained from county and state environmental agencies.

3rd District Acquires Funds for Shorelines

BY ERIC SIMONS
Reporter

Local government secured a substantial portion of some highly coveted funds to protect a large section of coastal wetlands.

Third District Supervisor Gail Marshall received \$930,000 from oil mitigation funds for coastal renovation in the Isla Vista and Goleta area. The funds come from two sources: Coastal Resource Enhancement Fund awards from the county and state grants from the Coastal Resource Program, according to Planning and Development Energy Division representative Doug Anthony.

CREF was created by Santa Barbara County to mandate retribution from oil companies whose actions have detrimental effects on the community. The state program receives federal revenue generated by lease, royalty and rent money from the oil companies and distributes it to coastal communities, he added.

"CREF mitigates the visual impact on Santa Barbara. The oil and gas projects pay the county for mitigation to coastal aesthetics and coastal tourism," Anthony said. "The state bill has amounted to over \$500 million, but the county has received very little of that. We were able to get a small amount for coastal communities, but we must compete for it annually."

The bulk of the money will go to purchasing con-

servation easements, or development rights, along the Gaviota coastline, according to 3rd District Executive Assistant Mark Chaconas.

"We purchased the development rights so that property owners can still farm the land, but it removes the ability to build," he said. "The idea is to develop a plan to keep the slough and the wetlands alive."

Marshall said she was aided in her CREF acquisitions by the absence of former 2nd District Supervisor Jean Graffy at the appropriations meeting.

"My district made out really well this year. Last year we didn't do as well," she said. "This year Supervisor Graffy left before the item came up. I thought that because the 3rd District has more coast we deserve more money."

Other plans for the money include restoration of the Goleta and Devereux sloughs, enhancement of Coal Oil Point and renovation of I.V. beach-access stairways, Chaconas said. The projects have varying starting dates, he added.

"There are 10 to 15 projects in the area right now," he said. "We're working on the coastal easements, and we're taking designs for the I.V. beach accessways. Once we get the award, we move on it."

The offshore oil companies that pay into the CREF fund are Chevron, Exxon, Texaco, Molino and Torch, Anthony said. The federal program goes to all of the states, but coastal states receive more money.

New Congress Debates Format of Clinton Trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate leaders haggled over ground rules on the eve of President Clinton's trial as impeachment proceedings dominated the opening day of the 106th Congress. House Republicans sought the right to call several witnesses to testify in person.

"We have our responsibilities under the Constitution, and we will meet those responsibilities," Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott said. He was involved in complicated negotiations Wednesday involving rank-and-file GOP senators, Democrats and House Republicans over the shape of the first presidential impeachment trial in 130 years.

Rep. Henry Hyde (R-Ill.), in charge of the House's impeachment team, met privately with Lott seeking permission to call witnesses, although congressional sources offered differing accounts as to whether Hyde's list was as long as 15 names or as short as five to eight. Lott spoke more in terms of five to seven, these sources added.

Separately, one lawmaker, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Lott (R-Miss.) had indicated to Hyde that each side in the trial — the House and the White House — might be given three or four days to present evidence. At that point, the full Senate might decide whether to issue subpoenas for witnesses.

Despite Hyde's request, Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle said there was "universal, unanimous opposition to witnesses" among Democrats. And in polite but unmistakable terms, he urged members of the House to butt out of the Senate's business.

"We didn't involve ourselves in their proceedings, and it is very disturbing that they now seem to be intent on involving themselves in ours," he said.

The maneuvering came as lawmakers took the constitutional

oath of office, some laying claim to their hard-earned seats for the first time. Vice President Al Gore administered the oath in Senate, after which lawmakers, family and guests repaired to private receptions marking the day.

In the House, Republicans and Democrats alike brought their young children into the chamber for the opening-day ceremonies.

As expected, conservative Republican Rep. J. Dennis Hastert of Illinois — a genial, former wrestling coach from a congressional district in the nation's heartland — was elected the new speaker in place of the harder-edged Newt Gingrich. Hastert's supporters were readily identifiable by the lapel pins they wore bearing the inscription, "The coach is my speaker." But Clinton's impeachment, the first of a president since Andrew Johnson's in 1868, trumped the other events of the day. And only the barest of details had been settled.

The House late last year approved two articles of impeachment on near party-line votes. They allege that Clinton committed perjury and obstruction of justice in his attempts to cover up a sexual relationship with Monica Lewinsky that was carried out in the vicinity of the Oval Office.

Hyde is expected to formally present the articles of impeachment in the Senate on Thursday. A few hours later, Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist will enter the chamber and be sworn in to preside over the trial, his oath probably to be administered by Sen. Strom Thurmond, the Senate president pro tem. Rehnquist would then administer an oath to all 100 senators, who will sit as a jury to rule on Clinton's fate.

Across the Capitol Rotunda — clogged Wednesday with tourists eager to witness the opening day ceremonies — the House Republi-

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UCSB Professors Receive Real Money to Participate in Virtual Institution

BY TED ANDERSEN
Staff Writer

Aided by a grant of nearly \$1 million, two electrical and computer engineering professors were recently given the opportunity to embark on a three-year, nationwide research project.

Professors Kwang-Ting Tim Cheng and Malgorzata Marek-Sadowska are currently involved in a long-term computer chip ad-

vancement research network spanning 10 campuses throughout the U.S. According to Cheng, the project, which officially began Dec. 9, attempts to test and create a formula devising a more powerful computer chip for the future.

"The mission is to develop new designs and test technologies for future computer chips," he said. "The project will be ongoing. If this is successful, it will be continuing past the three-year contract period."

Known as a VLSI chip, this integrated

circuit mechanism will be the subject of major testing in the next three years because of the unusual amount of transistors it houses. However, if it is successful, it will enable much more information to be transmitted through a smaller package than today's computer chips, Cheng said.

"The complexity will be tremendous. We project that in eight to 10 years, the industry will be able to produce a circuit with 100 million transistors," he said. "We foresee that in the future the business world will move for-

ward and use more complex circuits. We are not targeting a particular application, but we are developing technology so we can supply a large range of applications."

Marek-Sadowska emphasized that the nationwide research network has broader goals than its current project.

"It is not the point of designing one chip," she said. "It is the point to come up with a sequence of designs so each time you design it,

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can leaders pressed toward a vote to permit the presentation of evidence against the president when the trial opens.

Democrats conceded privately the proposal would pass, but they sought to frame the issue as one final chance for majority Republicans to derail an impeachment that is unpopular with the public. "This is a new Congress, this is an opportunity for members who are returning as well as new

members ... to cast a vote to really, in my view, end this nightmare and bring us to some sense of what the American people want," said Rep. Robert Menendez (D-N.J.), a member of the

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Democratic leadership. Senate Republicans and Democrats met separately in private before the noontime

opening of the session, discussing how Clinton's trial should proceed.

And Lott and Daschle both referred to the momentous events in remarks on the Senate floor.

Daschle said all sides must "put aside our partisan instincts" for the duration of the impeachment proceed-

ings. At the same time, he said, "We must also set aside — until this matter is resolved — important legislative work on matters like education, health care, Medicare and Social Security."

Lott had a tart, one-word reply to the suggestion that all other work must halt: "Wrong." Important work can go ahead, at least in committee, he said.

In fact, little legislation is customarily brought to the floor in January or early February, so the lawmakers have a window to deal with impeachment.

NBA Resolves Strike; Games To Begin in February



NEW YORK (AP) — The NBA lockout finally came to an end Wednesday on its 191st day, a nasty and divisive struggle that cost the owners and players hundreds of millions of dollars and scarred a league at the pinnacle of its popularity.

"Everybody lost. We lost three months of the season and we did a disservice to the game, so there are no winners and losers," Charles Barkley said. "There's going to be a lot of damage."

The season will begin the first week of February, with teams playing about 50 games each, some 30 fewer than a regular season.

The agreement was reached just 29 hours before the NBA Board of Governors was to vote on canceling the remainder of the season. It came just before dawn, following an all-night bargaining session at NBA headquarters between commissioner David Stern and union director Billy Hunter.

Each side made significant compromises to close the deal, but the owners clearly walked away with a much better agreement than the old one. The players, for their part, came away with their dignity intact and with more money for the non-superstars.

Hours later, the deal was ratified by players in a 179-5 vote after being approved by both negotiating committees. It gives owners the unprecedented concession of a maximum limit on individual salaries and will be in place for six years, with owners having an option for a seventh year.

The lockout will not officially be lifted until terms of the agreement are formally drawn up — a process that could take 10 days.

The union agreed to accept 55 percent of about \$2 billion in annual revenue in the fourth, fifth and sixth years of the

agreement, according to several sources involved in the talks who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Players would get 57 percent if the league exercises its option for the seventh year. In the first three years, there is no limit on the percentage of revenues players can receive.

Also, the agreement includes a ban on marijuana, with all players undergoing drug testing once per season, and tougher player discipline penalties and conduct rules.

Among other compromises: The union agreed to a \$14 million maximum salary for players with 10 years' experience. Players with one to five years' experience can get a maximum of \$9 million, and players with six to nine years' experience can get \$11 million.

No professional sports union had ever agreed to a maximum salary before, but the NBA had been pushing for one throughout the lockout. The union initially refused, then suggested a luxury tax be charged to any owner who signed a player for more than \$15 million. The league kept holding out, and eventually the players relented.

NBA players have the highest average salary in professional sports, about \$2.6 million annually, and the median salary is about \$1.3 million. NFL players average about \$900,000, and major league baseball pays an average of \$1.45 million.

"Guys can still make \$14 million, and that's a lot of money," said Kevin Willis of the Toronto Raptors. "If you can't live off that, something's wrong."

Once the deal is finalized and the lockout is lifted, it will unleash a 3-week frenzy of teams scrambling to fill rosters, make trades and sign some of the 200 free agents while running abbreviated training camps.

"We'll probably have eight months of NBA basketball squeezed into four months, with trades and signings," Karl said.

Larry Flynt Attempts to Oust Politicians' Sex Lives



LOS ANGELES (AP) — Politicians are talking about being "Larry Flynted," and Rep. Bob Livingston warns darkly of "government-by-Larry Flynt." Suddenly, Flynt, the self-described "pornographer, pundit and social out-cast," is being taken seriously on Capitol Hill.

As senators get ready to put President Clinton on trial, the *Hustler* magazine publisher is threatening to serve up a second helping of the kind of scandal that drove Livingston to resign from the House. Flynt has hinted only that his next target is a "big fish" Republican in the House.

The campaign to unmask what Flynt calls hypocrisy in the Clinton investigation is shaking up more than politicians. Some political experts

fear that in driving the public discourse to new lows, Flynt will deepen cynicism about the impeachment process and government in general.

"This is sexual bounty hunting," said Sherry Betch Jeffe, a political scientist at Claremont Graduate University. This is a man who made his name with a hardcore sex magazine that once pictured a woman being put through a meat grinder, a man who went to the Supreme Court over a magazine spoof ad suggesting the Rev. Jerry Falwell lost his virginity to his mother in an outhouse.

Flynt, who is 56 and has been in a wheelchair since an assassination attempt in 1978, won the Supreme Court fight. He gained a shred of legitimacy in some

eyes when the 1996 movie, "The People vs. Larry Flynt," portrayed him as a First Amendment hero.

And now he is making waves on Capitol Hill.

Livingston, a Louisiana Republican who was about to take over as speaker of the House, turned down the gavel and said he would resign from Congress in six months after admitting he had had adulterous affairs.

Flynt had flushed Livingston out after putting an advertisement in *The Washington Post* offering to pay up to \$1 million for verifiable information on adultery by members of Congress or other government officials.

Flynt said he will hold a news conference next week to make his latest disclosure. He described his next victim as a GOP House member who has been a strong critic

of Clinton in the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

"This guy is really a gem," Flynt said. "We've got enough to go on now, but we are waiting for an affidavit from his ex-wife." He said that he will probably name a third politician later next week, and that he is paying between \$3.5 million and \$4 million to a number of women who responded to his ad. He will publish details in a one-time magazine called "The Flynt Report."

The shooting that paralyzed Flynt from the waist down was blamed on a man incensed by an interracial photo spread in *Hustler*. The same white gunman also admitted shooting and wounding Vernon Jordan, the Washington lawyer and Clinton confidant who is a key figure in the Lewinsky investigation.

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Weather

I spent my entire vacation watching TV and sleeping. In fact, I was able to peel myself from the sofa only when fulfilling my basic biological needs (e.g. eating, numbers one and two, etc.). While watching the old idiot box I can't tell you how many times I had to endure those lame septuplet commercials ... you know, the ones where the dad's installing seven swings or seven toilet paper dispensers with his Home Depot screwdriver.

Now remember back when these seven kids were born and the father was on the cover of *Newsweek* saying, "We're putting our trust in God"? What confuses me is that if they had that much faith in God, why did they find it necessary to take fertility drugs? According to God's plan, shouldn't they still be childless?

I mean, I don't want to sound cold, but this is hypocritical, right? Isn't this just a perfect example of how people employ religion only when it serves their own interests. Pretty pathetic, huh?

Today's weather: nice, just like today ... I'm putting all my faith in it!

Police Report



Are You Sure That's a Deadly Weapon?

On Thursday, Dec. 17, an Isla Vista Foot Patrol deputy arrested a suspect for indecent exposure and possession of a deadly weapon, according to IVFP reports. The deputy was flagged down at the intersection of Hollister and Los Carneros roads at 3:12 p.m. by a female school bus driver.

"[The bus driver] yelled, 'That guy in the blue Cadillac right there was masturbating!'" reports state.

The deputy then caught up with and stopped the Cadillac, according to reports. When he informed the suspect driving the car, a 32-year-old male, of the bus driver's allegation, the man denied exposing himself.

"[The suspect] immediately began yelling that he had not been masturbating," reports state. "[The suspect] stated, 'I was just tucking in my shirt and adjusting my shorts.'"

Five minutes later, the school bus pulled up behind the patrol car, and the driver got out and gave the deputy her complete story, according to reports. The woman told the deputy the suspect pulled up next to the bus in his Cadillac and tried to make eye contact with her, reports state.

"[The suspect] then pulled his penis over the waist line of his shorts. [The suspect] began to stroke his penis with his right hand, as he looked over at [the victim]," reports state. "[The victim told the deputy], 'I can describe his penis for you if you want.' [The victim] stated that the subject's penis was brown, soft (not erect) and she could distinctively see the head of his penis as he was stroking it with his right hand."

The victim made a positive identification of the suspect and signed a citizen's arrest form. When the deputy searched the man's car to prepare it for towing, he found a 6-inch push knife in a compartment behind the passenger seat, according to reports.

"The push knife, based solely on its design, is illegal to possess, manufacture or sell in California," reports state.

Spreading Holiday Cheer

On Wednesday, Dec. 23, at 12:40 p.m., Foot Patrol deputies responded to a call regarding a break-in and vandalism at an apartment on the 6600 block of El Colegio Road, according to reports. A front window of the apartment, which is managed by Ron Wolfe and Associates, had been pried open.

"The suspect vandalized the apartment by writing on the interior walls with a blue marker," reports state. "The words 'FUCK YOU' [name of Ron Wolfe employee with-

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Blood Drives Should Change, Not Stop

JENNIFER TOBKIN

By this time I am sure that most students are aware of the blood drive position paper that was introduced by the Queer Commission in November to the Associated Students Legislative Council. Because blood drives discriminate against gay males, the position paper argued, A.S. should not allow blood drives to take place on campus.

As an Off-Campus Representative on Legislative Council who voted against the bill, I have been subject to harassment and labeling, branding me as one who favors discrimination. As a result, I feel compelled to respond.

I would like to start by asserting that I strongly believe that blood drives, as they are currently conducted, are discriminatory. The Food and Drug Administration's required questionnaire is outdated and indeed targets specifically gay males, as opposed to anyone who has engaged in risky sexual behavior.

A male donor is asked if he has had sex with another man since 1977. As a result, honest gay males are not allowed to donate blood. In the pre-screening process the FDA is confusing sexual acts with identity. It has been shown many times over in the past that men who have sex with other men are not the fastest-growing risk group for HIV, AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, yet the FDA still takes the opportunity to pick out these men and discriminate against them.

The questions asked by the blood donation questionnaire regarding sexual acts are just part of the heterosexist ideal our society promotes.

We are always hearing that the blood supply in this country is not nearly enough for everyone who needs to receive blood. So why are we continuing to deny certain people from the lifesaving choice of donating blood?

Even though all donated blood is thoroughly checked for viruses, the rationale behind the targeting gay males, I suppose, is to prevent donors who may be at more risk for carrying the HIV virus than the average heterosexual person from donating blood in the first place.

Is this right, correct, justified? In my opinion, no, and there is no doubt in my mind that the ques-

tionnaire, as it is worded right now, must be changed as soon as possible by those with the power to do it, the federal bureaucrats with the Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control.

However, asking the Legislative Council to ban blood drives on campus is not an appropriate protest. Banning blood drives on campus is a wrong, and never do two wrongs make a right. Fight dis-

crimination in favor of perhaps denying someone the chance for survival? That is what the position paper handed to us was asking Legislative Council to justify.

We were asked to assert that preventing blood drives from taking place on this campus, because they violate the University's Anti-Discrimination Policy, would be a right. However, in my opinion, it is a wrong and that is why I voted against the position paper.

The Tri-Counties Blood Bank, the agency who oversees all blood drives for Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo Counties, depends on UCSB and its blood drives sponsored by the A.S. Community Affairs Board (CAB) and other groups. Up to 1000 pints of blood are donated through blood drives on our campus every year. And every pint of

blood given by a donor can save the lives of as many as three people.

The donated blood goes to those suffering from cancer, severe burns, leukemia, anemia and hemophilia and others undergoing surgery. Over and over, proponents of the bill said that the purpose of it was not to stop people from giving blood, but I disagree.

The position paper was given to Legislative



bill, those that voted in favor of tabling it, ready, quite unfairly, being labeled as in discrimination.

The next week, when it was clear that we would not get the necessary two-thirds majority to pass, and it was clear that the students supporting the bill were not in a position to compromise, modify the bill, as a Legislative Council would, it was best to create a committee to deal with the issue, and to explore other forms of protest that would not entail possibly denying someone the right to live because blood was not available for

There were some on Legislative Council who were not comfortable with the creation of a committee, because they thought the only right thing to do was to "put a stop to the discrimination" by banning blood drives on campus.

The entire issue was debated for several days at a meeting that went well past midnight. Arguments were voiced, and repeated over and over. I personally believe that we came to a fair decision, an answer, as does the majority of the Legislative Council. We were not trying to match a wrong with a wrong, and more importantly, we were not allowing an issue to die, either. Unfortunately, the Queer Commission is not satisfied with our answer, and I feel that it is a shame that we will not have our bill put in the committee.

I thoroughly respect those who brought this issue to Legislative Council, and I cannot thank them enough for bringing this issue to my attention. Personally I was not aware of the discrimination in the system of blood donation, and that now the general awareness of this issue on our campus as a result of this position paper stand by the decision reached by Legislative Council, even if I am being labeled as in discrimination.

Obviously, I am not and I just wish others would see that. The next step from here is real action, fighting the discrimination, not a protest that possibly endanger one's life. If you would like to become involved with the newly formed Queer Commission, you can contact Danny Costa in the A.S. Office, at 893-2566.

Jennifer Tobkin is an off-campus rep and member of Legislative Council.

The Reader's Voice

ISRAELI CONFLICT HAS TWO SIDES

Editor, Daily Nexus:

In reference to Daniel Snyder's letter, "Hooray for Israeli Independence" (Reader's Voice, Nov. 19):

How refreshing it is to see a fellow student express such an open, well-reasoned and critical view of a difficult issue. Mr. Snyder's ability to simplify what we'd thought was a terminally complex issue is truly remarkable.

We are by no means experts on Israeli history — and from Mr. Snyder's polar view, it appears that neither is he.

Nonetheless, we do recognize that the Israeli conflict is, in fact, a conflict. That is, there's a reason why people have been fighting (and dying and being killed) over the issue for at least the last five decades.

It is no mere statement of opinion to suggest that, since achieving statehood, Israel has doled out its fair share of aggression, largely at

the expense of Palestinians (who, Mr. Snyder neglects to mention, "were there first" — to grossly understate their legitimate claim to the land).

To use a few examples, in April 1948, Zionist terrorists surrounded the village of Deir Yassin and slaughtered nearly 250 Palestinians, including pregnant women and children.

The Six-Day War, which Mr. Snyder proudly cites as evidence of Israel's military might, resulted in the occupation of the West Bank, Gaza Strip, Sinai, Golan Heights, and Jerusalem — more than doubling existing Israeli land (i.e. the land it was given in 1948).

In 1990, Israeli police opened fire on Muslim worshippers at the Al-Aqsa Mosque — the third holiest site in Islam — killing 22. Numerous other atrocities — not to mention the implementation of "occupiers' laws," which have effectively cleaved the inhabitants of Israel into citizens (Jews; those with rights) and non-citizens (non-Jews; those without rights) — have characterized Mr. Snyder's 50 glorious years of Israeli

Independence.

But let us be clear: our argument is not that Mr. Snyder's selected list of "facts" is any less valid than ours. Of course Jews themselves have been victims of aggression and anti-Semitic oppression — both prior to and since the establishment of Israel. Who would argue against that?

Rather, our point is that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is considerably more complex than Mr. Snyder's praise lets on. To suggest otherwise is to replace critical, intelligent discourse with ideological spew.

We hardly think the 50-Year Anniversary of Israel is cause for hardy celebration, at least not without a sober acknowledgment of its effect on Palestinians and its implications in regional instability.

In closing, we offer a simple warning to UCSB students (and, of course, to Mr. Snyder himself, who seems to need it badly): "When you wake up to find your paper is Tory, just remember — there's two sides to every story."

NATHAN FAIRMAN
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Council originally at 6:30 p.m. right at the start of one of our meetings. While it is not uncommon for Legislative Council to accept bills the day of a meeting, the general rule concerning late added bills is that they should be tabled a week in order for the public, the students, to learn about the bill, as well as for the members of Legislative Council to research the bill and consult our constituents.

Many in the audience, members of Queer Commission and Queer Student Union knew that the bill was going to be presented, although Legislative Council members did not, along with the student body population as a whole. We were being asked to vote on something ignorantly, and that is not fair to us, or to the students we represent. That first night when Legislative Council voted to table the

More Reader's Voice

BE KIND TO THOSE WHO SERVE YOU

Editor, Daily Nexus:

To Amanda Reynolds (or I think that's who it was, us Ortega workers can't read) (Reader's Voice, Nov. 18):

I just wanted to clear up this misunderstanding we have.

Last year I lived in Santa Cruz Hall and had the (mis?) fortune of getting a meal plan. Of course, I made fun of the food, we all do, who doesn't?

As we all know this university contains all walks of life. A lot of us scrape by on loans that we might pay off when we are 40. Just because we work at the dining hall to eat does not make us less human or dirty to you aristocrats. I personally don't mind being teased about being an Ortega worker. I card swipe every Friday breakfast, and you can tease me all you want.

Just remember who fucks up the waffle machine and tries to hide it by closing the lid and leaving with

it full of burning batter.

I just want you all to take the time today to look at every dining commons worker you see. He's the one sharing a peak with you at depressions on a head-high day or the one who gives you last class period's notes. We're all good people. Just please don't bite the hand that feeds you, even if you think it feeds you shit.

MILES ROBERTSON

CHRISTIANITY IS COOL ... NOT BAD

Editor, Daily Nexus:

This letter is in response to a Nov. 11 Reader's Voice letter titled, "Stop Attacks From Evangelists." It addresses the author, Tom Moseman, and is only the opinion of myself, not the Christian community.

I was extremely disturbed by the ignorance of Tom Moseman. He constantly avoids "believers" and has no real knowledge of our be-

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American and U.N. Priorities Are in Need of Redistribution

A Parody on the State of the U.S. Involvement in U.N. and World Affairs

PATXI ZABALETA

Dear President Clinton:

My name is Bark Simpson. I'm 9 years old and I'm kind of a slow learner, but lately I'm learning a lot about democracy and justice.

I'm writing to you because I'm confused about a couple of things my teachers don't know how to answer, and I thought you could help me.

The main problem is that I'm not quite sure what kind of reward one gets by not complying with U.N. resolutions, and breaking international treaties and signed accords.

Is it \$3 billion, as in the case of Israel, or

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just \$500 million worth of bombs, as in the recent case of Iraq? The disparity in these two amounts makes me think that perhaps U.S. foreign aid should be redistributed in some other way, so that everybody gets a fair amount of money.

Don't get me wrong, \$500 million is still

a lot of money, and the Iraqi people should be, as I'm sure they are, thankful for your generosity. Yet, somehow I think they should've got much more than that.

With the money we save by not being a member of the U.N., we can make a lot more bombs.

Despite this, there are many other issues in which I agree with you 100 percent. For instance, I completely agree with you in how you feel about the United Nations. What a waste! This organization is absolutely worthless. Instead of procrastinating in your due payments to the U.N., the U.S. should withdraw its membership once and for all, so that the voice of freedom and democracy is heard all over the world.

But that's not all. With the money we save by not being a member of the U.N., we could make a lot more bombs. We could spread them across the earth — especially among the needy — and that way everybody would learn what a kind and gentle society we are and what we mean when we say, "In God We Trust."

I know bombs are not the same as money, but they represent expensive American technology and these poor countries



really need a hand in that area. Take the case of Sudan, for example: American technology to revamp the only pharmaceutical factory of the country. That was a great gesture on our part, and it makes me feel proud of this country and its government.

That's all for now. I really wish my teachers were as brilliant as you are. Your leadership is terrific. Keep up the good

work and answer me when you have time. My history teacher sends his regards to Augusto, Jorge, Tony, Margaret, Ronald, Idid, Saddam, Benjamin and Monica. I don't know who they are, except for Monica. She's cool, man.

Patxi Zabaleta is a member of the Spanish and Portuguese Dept.

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s. Yet, he has the audacity to call "narrow view." How can you possibly criticize something that I know little to nothing about? His comments on how the "born-again" population hates anyone who is not like them shows his lack of intelligence on this issue. I will speak freely because I am a part of the "born-again" population. We do not hate anyone. There is a saying that states, "Love the sinner; dislike the sin." That is what we do. And, as a matter of fact, we do have great ethics. You know why? Because our message created ethics, morals and laws. These things maybe you need a lesson in. I am truly sorry that you are so angry. All of that negative energy wouldn't possibly be healthy. You have no faith. I show sympathy to anyone who invests time, love and respect in you. It's horrible that you are willing to tear down a community of people who want to help better society. It's horrible that you can so freely talk of such gruesome things about people you don't even know. It is extremely horrible that you

will not submit yourself to the best thing that can ever happen to you, and for that I am truly sorry. It's sad that you are so intimidated by unashamed evangelists who want to tell the world about Jesus' Good News. There is nothing wrong with preaching about His glorious ways. There is nothing wrong at all with not being ashamed of the gospel. Why are you so furious at someone else's happiness? I'm probably one of those "Jesus freaks" you despise so much. But you know what ... I don't care!! I can't keep it to myself. I am crazy about the Lord and I will never be compromised or diluted by someone like you. I wish that there was some miraculous way that I could make you understand how perfect this relationship is that I have with the Lord. I even wish that you would want it as much as I do. But, no one can push you to want something that you don't. I'll just tell you that you're missing out **BIG TIME!!** I understand that being constantly pushed to believe something can be a little irritating, and you are entitled to your opinion.

But, you have no right to blame us for your problems. You have no right using the Lord's name in vain. You have no right approaching the situation in such a brash, disrespectful, harsh, vulgar and profane way. The least you could have done was shown some maturity. We believe that you shouldn't criticize others. You should take heed to this, Tom. The Bible says, "Why worry about a speck in the eye of your brother when you have a board in your own eye." First, you need to get rid of your board. Then you can see clear enough to help your brother. So here's my help for you. As you write about what us "evangelical" Christians should do, let me make a couple of suggestions for you. With your bitterness, you attack people with great sarcasm. Our theological explanations fail to bring any relief to you not because they are a "barrage of propaganda" but because you are too angry to accept the truth. I don't know what experiences you may have had with other

have been, it does not give you the right to criticize or blame Christian organizations or believers as a whole. Maybe it makes you feel more like a man, but you accomplish nothing positive by attacking "Jesus freaks." When I first started evangelizing, I had problems addressing doubters like you. But I know now that I should show compassion to you and forgive you for all of the harsh words you spoke in your article. For you are like "lost sheep without their shepherd." Compassion produces greater results than criticism or blame. I also know that

compassion is in action. So, instead of me "trespassing" at your door, and even better than me (as you stated) "finding a quiet little corner out on the 6800 block of Trigo," why don't you come to my door? I welcome you to my Small Group on Wednesday nights at 7:30 in Tropicana Gardens #104. You did say that you came to college to gain knowledge and expand your horizons. Here is your opportunity. Without being pushy, I welcome you to my home for some cookies and a warm glass of religion! **NICOLE S. DILLARD**

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"It is a virtual institution — there is no actual location," he said. "There are 10 campuses and 22 people with different expertise who make up this network." Sophomore mechanical engineering major Brendan Applegate said that having such important research on the UCSB campus enables students and faculty to stay on the cutting edge of technology.

"One thing important in the engineering major is not just understanding the theories taught but getting some real life experience with technological problems," he said.

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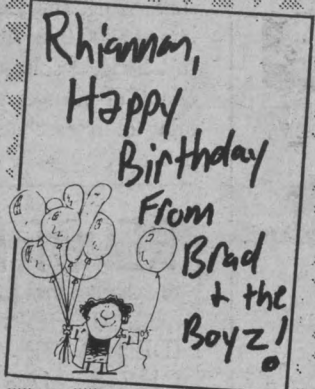
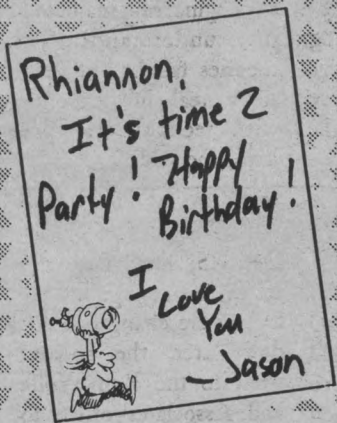


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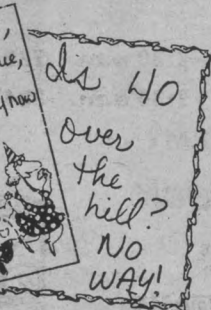
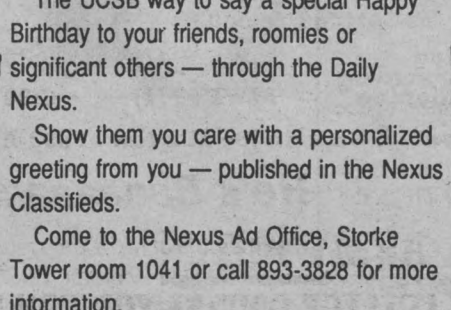
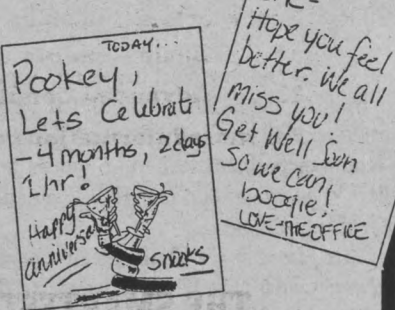
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Sports

Sweet 16 Berth Equals No. 12 Spot in Nation

Year in Review

BY STEVE WENDT
Staff Writer

How sweet it was.

The UCSB women's volleyball team finished its season last month with an NCAA Tournament Sweet-16 appearance in Lincoln, Neb. The Gauchos fell to the Wisconsin Badgers in a thrilling five-game match that seesawed between two of the nation's finest volleyball programs.

Santa Barbara finished the season with a 28-6 record and a #12 ranking in the USA Today/AVCA poll while putting one of its stars, junior Roberta Gehlke, on the All-American Second Team.

In addition, Gehlke was named All-Big West Conference First



Roberta Gehlke

Team with fellow junior Charlene Conley and freshman Brooke Rundle (who was also named Big West Freshman of the Year). Senior Katie Crawford was named to the Big West Second Team despite missing a month of the season with a fractured right thumb.

For UCSB Head Coach Kathy Gregory, the season was a gratifying one.

"What struck me about this

team was that we weren't anticipated to go as far as we did because we lost so many players from last year," Gregory said. "This team had to work a little bit harder than last year's team. It didn't come easy, the team worked very hard to go as far as they did."

Gehlke was proud of the Gauchos' accomplishments this season but was not too pleased with the quarterfinal 15-9, 8-15, 15-8, 5-15 and 13-15 loss to the Badgers.

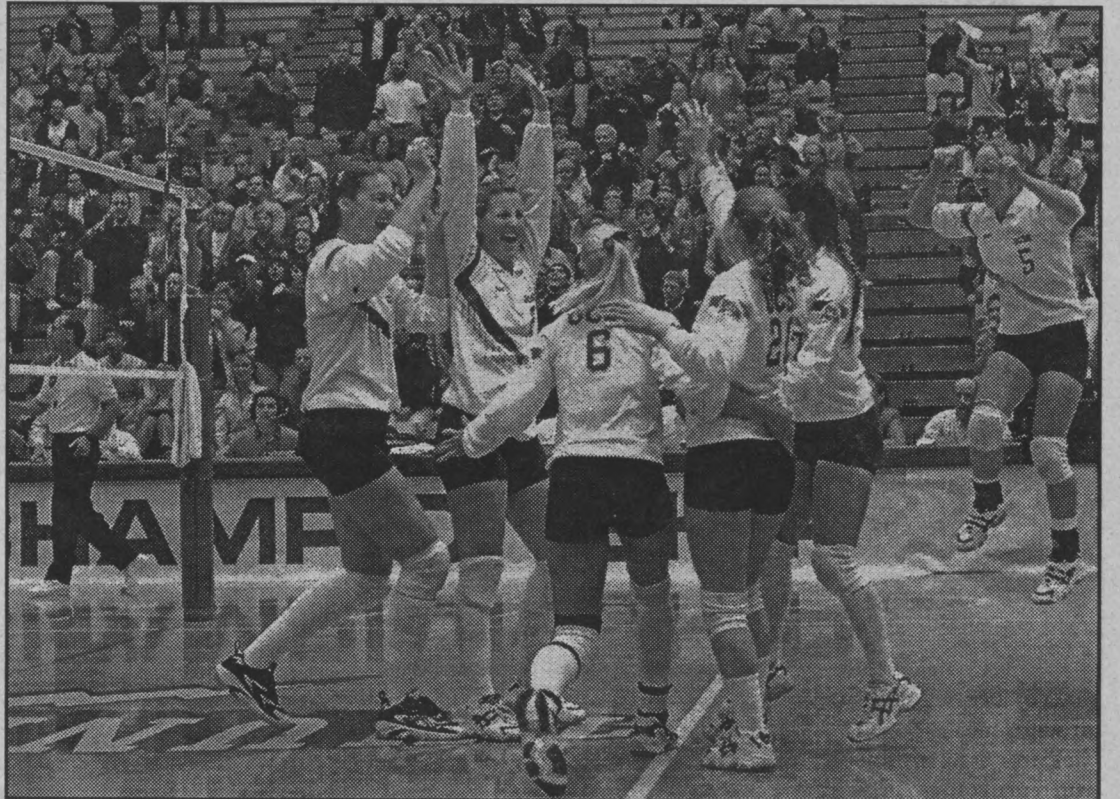
"You can't turn back the clock and do it over," said Gehlke, who had a 25-kill, 21-dig performance vs. Wisconsin. "It was hard to lose a game we should have won. I knew we could go further, but we just didn't play our best. I'm really disappointed for the seniors on the team."

"The match was one that we could have won," Gregory said. "[Gehlke] had one of her best matches, [senior] Hilary Gunsaulus played probably the best match of her career and [senior] Tania Yamashita was magnificent; but we could have got more production out of the whole team."

While the Gauchos weren't as physical a team in the middle this season as in years past, UCSB made up for it in guile and tenacity. Conley credited that to the work ethic of the team and the relentless pushing of Gregory.

"What impressed me was that everyone was willing to put in the hard work to make us a better team," Conley said. "Even when Kathy would have us do early morning practice, everyone pushed themselves."

The Gauchos will be losing a quartet of talented seniors that will be sorely missed. Gunsaulus, Yamashita, Crawford and Erin



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CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES, COME ON: The UCSB women's volleyball team had a lot to celebrate this year with a 28-6 record, three Big West All First Team selections and an All-American.

McCown were all integral cogs in the Gaucho machinery.

"Erin McCown is going to be a hard player to replace," Gregory said of the co-captain who, along with Gehlke and Yamashita, joined the elite 1,000 career dig plateau this season. "She is a player who doesn't make any mistakes and is well balanced."

"Katie Crawford we're going to miss of course, for what she has done for the program," commented Gregory about the middle blocker who was a First Team All-American in '97. "She was unique because she was a middle who could pass and play the back row."

Another player that will be sorely missed is the defensive specialist Yamashita. The senior turned in her best match in the loss to Wisconsin, notching a career-best 23 digs.

"Anyone who tries to replace Tania Yamashita has pretty big shoes to fill," Gregory said of Yamashita, widely considered the greatest back-row player in UCSB history.

The final senior leaving the Gauchos is middle blocker Hilary Gunsaulus, who saved her best performance for last, a 12-kill, .435 hitting percentage vs. Wisconsin.

"Hilary Gunsaulus proved her value hitting that c-slide that was so effective, but more than that was her hunger to play and tremendous attitude," Gregory said. "I found myself during the Wisconsin match saying, 'Look at Hilary, she's an inspiration.'"

UCSB notched impressive wins in '98, including a season-opening victory over defending national champion Stanford and a 13-game win streak to start the year. But Gehlke felt the biggest win of the year for Santa Barbara was the one that sent the Gauchos to the Sweet 16: a four-game victory over UCLA, who had beaten UCSB in a mid-season match.

"Whenever we play them, we really battle head-to-head," said Gehlke, who led the Big West in kills and digs per game and is expected to be named to the U.S. Na-

tional Team in the World University Games. "Losing at their gym the way we did made them just think that they could overlook us here. They were saying that they thought they had an easy draw. That got us going because we were playing for pride. We were on fire."

Gehlke is also cognizant of how the loss of four seniors will affect the team, but she is still optimistic about the future.

"We're going to lose those great seniors," said Gehlke, "But our freshmen did a great job this year, and Brooke Rundle was amazing. I'm looking for next year to be our best year."

Next season will also mark a milestone for Gregory. The first victory of the '99 season will mark win #600 for the 23-year head coach, who has built UCSB into a national powerhouse.

"The state of the program is that we are one of the best," Gregory said. "We're one of four teams in the NCAA that has been to every NCAA tournament."

NBA Lockout Is Over, but Hate Rages On

BY MATT HURST
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Well, if you haven't heard, the NBA ended the lockout yesterday after 190 days and over two months of inactivity. The season will begin Feb. 2 and only last until May 1 — when playoffs will begin.

This can be taken two ways: You are ecstatic (not to mention stupid) that the season will resume in less than a month, or you are like pretty much every other sport-loving American and have no interest in the NBA.

I never hated baseball for striking in 1994. Hell, I would've watched replacement players. But the major leaguers at least played half of their season before they walked. And it wasn't until this year and "The Great Home Run Chase" that fans came back to the ballparks. The NBA has nothing comparable that might put butts in seats because Michael Jordan is going to retire. So basically, they're screwed.

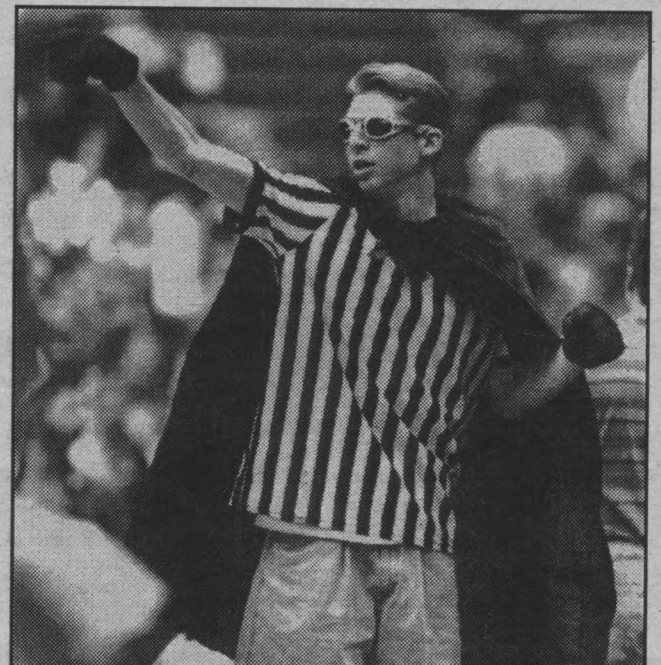
The NBA players haven't even played for real yet, and when they held a pickup game for charity, on Showtime (a cable network that costs a lot of money to have), only about 400,000 people nationwide watched. In an ESPN.com poll yesterday, out of close to 60,000 people polled, 82 percent said they had little or no interest in the NBA.

Frankly, hockey has now become the major winter sport, picking up the NFL's slack in February and on weekdays. I'm all for watching people hitting each other legally and bashing each others brains in with sticks while chasing a puck and sliding all over the ice. Sounds cool, eh? Besides college basketball is in season, but there's two words why I don't watch it on TV and only in the Thunderdome: Dick Vitale.

However, there are a few that want the NBA to come back. Take for example Marty Anderson, a Portland Trailblazers fan. This guy lived on a billboard for 65 days until the lockout ended with the billboard saying, "Save Our Season." First off, why would a Blazers fan want the NBA to begin? He has to watch crackheads like J.R. Rider play (if that's what he calls it) and come in second-to-last place only in front of the Clippers. I think that guy has smoked some crack with J.R.

So, I guess this is what I'm asking, or rather telling you: Boycott the NBA. Wouldn't it be great to see empty stands all across the nation? Who would Dennis Rodman perform for? Who would taunt Reggie Miller? Who would boo Derrick Coleman? That's the great thing: nobody.

— Matt Hurst is the Daily Nexus sports editor and will now watch "The World's Strongest Man Competition" over an NBA game.



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He's Baaaaaaaack

The Phantom of the 'Dome returns for the 1999 Big West Conference season tonight when the UCSB men's basketball team takes on the University of Idaho in the Thunderdome at 7.