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Commission Responds to County Ruling, Naturalists Protest

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Staff Writers

Poised before an impassioned crowd of activists from throughout the state Wednesday, the California Coastal Commissioners addressed county government's recent action on the Ellwood Shores development plan, many of them rebuking what they consider an attempt to subvert the public hearing process.

After grappling over the intent of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors' Tuesday night action on the Ellwood Shores development plan, the CCC accepted the requested withdrawal of the item from its agenda and determined a new proposal will be considered at a later date, probably in Santa Barbara. Public comment was not heard.

Waving "Save Our Coast" banners, over 50 students, local residents and state activists gathered at the Radisson Hotel to protest the CCC's approval of projects slated to disturb environmentally sensitive habitats and span across the pristine Gaviota Coast.

"I was especially pleased when we first walked in," said David Revell, president of the Isla Vista chapter of the Surfrider Foundation. "I looked up at the commissioners who hadn't quite taken their seats and I got nothing but a look of astonishment."

The junior environmental studies major and other students were adorned in black bodysuits with dollar bills stapled to their

torsos, suggesting the commissioners had been bought off.

Many activists who turned out, fearing the CCC would passively comply in approving a larger Ellwood plan without public comment, were surprised and at times applauded the CCC's scrutiny of the county board's plan and motives.

Until Tuesday night, when the board pulled the proposal, the CCC agenda included the Revised Specific Plan of 31.9 acres. The supervisors instead resolved to urge the CCC to reinstate the previously approved Specific Plan for Ellwood Development — a larger plan preferred by the

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Reports Ratified by Commission Over Golf Links

By Jeff Brax
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The final obstacle standing in the way of development of Arco's Dos Pueblos Golf Links fell Wednesday at the California Coastal Commission meeting as new staff findings were approved with expected rapidity.

At its November meeting, the CCC conceptually approved development of the 202-acre golf course, despite a staff report suggesting denial of the project. It then ordered its staff to submit new findings in response to

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Protesters of Ellwood Shores development gathered before the Radisson Hotel, where the California Coastal Commission met to approve ecological reports and give the go-ahead toward the Dos Pueblos Golf Course. Photos by Dan Thibodeau.

Hostage Situation Arises in Local Family Complex, Gunman Surrenders Peacefully

By Matthew Nelson
Staff Writer

A family dispute in the Married Student Housing residence area escalated into a hostage situation Wednesday night, where a man allegedly held his child hostage in his home while police negotiated for his surrender.

The man, whose identity was not released as of press time, had been involved in a violent dispute with his wife when police were notified by neighbors that the suspect was armed at approximately 10:30 p.m.

"[The call] came in as a family dispute. It got a little more aggressive than that and we were told that there was a possible weapon involved, so that was a concern," said Corporal Sid Caddera of the UCSB Police Dept.

Upon arrival, police surrounded the apartment and were able to remove the suspect's wife from the residence. The suspect had barricaded himself in an up-

stairs bedroom with the couple's youngest daughter and was holding a shotgun. The weapon was evidently stored in the residence, according to Lt. Tony Alvarez.

"The officers could hear him loading shells," Alvarez said.

Officers contacted the man via telephone to try to convince him to surrender. The suspect left the apartment and surrendered peacefully to the officers outside at approximately 11:15 p.m.

While police stress they never actually viewed the suspect with a weapon, the shotgun was found in the upstairs bedroom. The child was found unharmed.

The couple has three young children. The eldest two were not at home at the time of the incident.

The suspect's wife was treated for minor injuries at the scene, but was not required to seek serious medical attention.

This report was unexpected for the particular residence, according to Alvarez. "We're not

aware of any prior incidents of spousal abuse at this residence," he said.

Neighbors were also surprised by the incident and unprepared for the violence of the situation.

"I never expected something like this to happen," said neighbor Hokwon Cho, a statistics graduate student. "He would smoke outside and I would say 'hi' to him and chat out in the back yard," he said.

"He would take his daughters to school and sometimes pick them up, just like a regular daddy," Cho added.

Officers transported the suspect to county jail and, as of press time, planned to charge him with assault and possession of a firearm on university property, according to Alvarez.

Police were relieved the situation could be resolved within a short time and without serious incident. "There were no injuries and that's what we always want," Caddera said.

Enhancement Group Meets Today to Establish I.V. Improvements

The newly formed Isla Vista Enhancement Committee will hold its first meeting tonight to discuss recommendations toward improving the quality of life in the university community.

New members of the committee were chosen earlier this week, representing various I.V. groups. The county and university each selected four of the nine staff members. The ninth member will serve as committee chair, to be chosen by the other members, according to Mark Chaconas, aide to 3rd District Supervisor Bill Wallace.

The board will tackle a variety of pertinent local problems, Chaconas said. "We'll probably spend some time on parking issues and street sweeping," he said. "We'll have a Foot Patrol public safety report where [commanding officer] Lt. Rosales will read some crime stats."

The committee was formed to continue the work of the

previous group which drew up the I.V. Enhancement Report in 1992 — the product of two years' gathering of 100 community improvements. The new committee aims to carry out the recommendations.

The initial meeting was originally scheduled for Jan. 25, but was postponed due to a higher than expected number of applicants for committee membership, Chaconas said.

The formation of the board will bring about a great deal of renovations and programs for the local populace, according to Pegen Soutar, a committee member representing county homeowners.

"I'm definitely excited," she said. "There's a whole variety of issues we'll be looking at."

The committee will meet at 7 p.m. at the University Religious Center, 777 Camino Pescadero. Fifteen minutes will be set aside for public comment.

—Nick Robertson

HEADLINERS

Industry Gave \$2.4 Million to Official

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Insurance Commissioner Chuck Quackenbush received more than \$2.4 million in campaign contributions from the industry he regulates, a consumer group charged Wednesday.

Quackenbush, a Republican in office for one month, has already made decisions that could cost consumers \$221 million, the Proposition 103 Enforcement Project charged.

"Unfortunately, every action Quackenbush took in his first 30 days in office rewarded insurance companies at the expense of California consumers — costing them about \$7.3 million a day," said Harvey Rosenfield, the author of 1988's insurance rate-cutting Prop 103.

A spokesman for Quackenbush said

Rosenfield's charges were filled with "half-truths."

Quackenbush ran on a platform that espoused free-market principles, said Richard Wiebe, his spokesman. "The insurance industry agrees philosophically with that,

ney and "in kind" donations to his campaign.

More than \$225,000 of the \$2.4 million given to Quackenbush came after the Nov. 8 election, the group said.

In his first month in office, Quackenbush granted rate increases,

Proposition 103 "to review them to insure they are consistent with both the law and with his agenda."

Quackenbush's predecessor, Democrat John Garamendi, conducted a similar review after he took office, Wiebe said.

Large rate increases were approved by Quackenbush to help companies absorb staggering costs of the Northridge earthquake, Wiebe said. They included a 100 percent jump in Allstate's earthquake insurance premiums and a \$33 million increase for State Farm Insurance Co. homeowner policy holders.

Allstate gave \$57,416 to Quackenbush's campaign. State Farm did not contribute as a company, but some of its independent agents did.

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Chuck Quackenbush

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Analyzing campaign finance reports, the group found that insurance companies involved in business with the Dept. of Insurance gave Quackenbush about 70 percent of the mo-

cut the amount of money insurers have to pay in overdue Proposition 103 rollbacks and adopted policies favored by insurers, Rosenfield said.

Wiebe said Quackenbush has withdrawn all regulations regarding

Study: Jaw May Be Oldest Human Trace Outside Africa

NEW YORK (AP) — A jaw found in the former Soviet republic of Georgia may be the oldest trace of humankind's closest ancestors ever found outside Africa.

The finding, which one expert called spectacular, provides new evidence that an ancestor called *Homo erectus* left Africa earlier than scientists had long thought, and it raises a mystery about what happened later.

The *Homo erectus* lower jaw, with teeth, was found in 1991 in the Georgian republic, northeast of Turkey. Georgian researchers now report that it appears to be 1.6 million to 1.8 million years old, based on the age of nearby rock and animal fossils.

Last year, other researchers announced that an *erectus* fossil found on the Indonesian island of Java was 1.8 million years old. But that date has been

questioned, and in any case, the Georgian fossil might even be 1.9 million years old, an American expert said.

The Georgian fossil is about a million years older than any widely accepted pre-human remains in Europe, the researchers



said. And that presents a puzzle: If *erectus* had migrated from Africa to Georgia by 1.8 million or so years ago, why didn't it just keep on going and move into Europe?

The jaw is described in today's issue of the journal *Nature* by Leo Gabunia and Absolon Vekua of the Georgian Academy of Sciences in Tbilisi.

Clinton Sends Legislation to Congress to Resolve Strike

WASHINGTON (AP) — Though it already seems doomed, President Clinton proposed legislation to Congress on Wednesday that would create a three-member panel of independent arbitrators to settle the baseball strike.

House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole said they had no intention of moving quickly to force an end to the six-month strike.

"I'm not sure that Congress has the wisdom, or should have the ability to intervene in a single industry that's not a matter of national safety," Gingrich said.

The Republican leaders, who have the power to bottle up any bill, met with mediator W.J. Usery for about 40 minutes. Usery met separately with union head Donald Fehr.

Clinton said he had no regrets about trying to end

the strike. "I'll send the legislation up. They'll hear from the American people and they'll make their own decision."

Dole said his office received about 1,400 telephone calls about the strike by midafternoon and that they ran 5-to-1



against intervention.

Players and owners, who spent four hours at the White House with Clinton and his staff Tuesday, left the capital and returned home. No talks are scheduled, and it appeared they won't meet again until next Wednesday, when they will testify before a Senate subcommittee.

Swimmer Fights High Seas on Last Stretch of Journey

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados (AP) — French swimmer Guy Delage slapped through high seas Wednesday as he struggled to complete the final 36 miles of a solo journey across the Atlantic.

The 42-year-old swimmer was on course to land Thursday morning on the southeastern edge of Barbados, said Julie Willik, a U.S. spokeswoman for Oceanantes, the Paris-based team monitoring the trip.

Delage began his 2,400-mile journey Dec. 16 from the Cape Verde islands off Africa, paddling while holding onto a 31-inch kickboard-like flotation device. Strong westward ocean currents have carried alongside him a 15-foot raft, upon which he sleeps.

But on Tuesday, he quickly clambered aboard

the raft after spotting a shark and lost his kickboard in the six-foot-high seas, Willik said.

Communicating via radio aboard his raft, Delage told his support team Tuesday that "even after



2,350 miles, the dangers of the sea are tremendous."

The swimmer, who has suffered severe seasickness and deep depression, said he was immensely heartened two weeks ago at the sight of North American sooty terns, the first sign that he was getting close to land.

Pediatricians Say Too Few Medications Tested on Kids

CHICAGO (AP) — Children may not be getting the medicine they need or the right doses because new drugs aren't usually tested on them for safety and effectiveness, a pediatricians group said Wednesday.

Over the past 20 years, only about one-fifth of U.S. prescription drugs have been marketed with dosing information for children, the American Academy of Pediatrics said in calling for increased drug testing on children.

Drug labels usually omit information or carry disclaimers for use in children because of inadequate testing, the 49,000-member group said.

Children occasionally suffer severe poisoning and even death after getting such drugs, which can affect adults and young-

sters very differently, the academy said.

Doctors face the unhappy choice of withholding treatment that could help a child, or of using it even though it hasn't been thoroughly tested.

"There is a moral imperative to formally study



drugs in children so that they can enjoy equal access to existing as well as new therapeutic agents," the group said in a statement.

Research involving children carries added responsibilities but that should not cause them to exclude children, they said.

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Weather

When I arrived at the Nexus office, I happened to notice no less than 19 bags of garbage piled up outside the front door. My first thought, of course, was that this was yet another example of the cleverness demonstrated by modern protesters. Perhaps someone didn't like the fact that we turn a lovable cartoon into an unwitting corporate shill. I dunno.

I discovered that the truth, however, was not nearly as elegantly radical as I'd imagined. You see, even though we at the Nexus occupy on-campus office space, we have to contract for our own sanitation and maintenance. It's part of being independent media and all. Anyway, for some reason our people have been emptying our refuse into and near campus-operated receptacles, and the university doesn't think that's proper. So they've given it back.

While this is happening, you (the student) are paying for your undergrad government to get brand-spanking-new offices. Said government has elements within it that find it upsetting that they don't appear as the geniuses they are in the pages of the publication you now hold in your hand.

I guess I was wrong, the truth is elegantly radical after all.

CCC

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developer.

Speculating the CCC might object to this course of action, the board also attempted to forward an amendment to the proposal scheduled for consideration Wednesday. The amendment included an increase to 38 acres of development, to be honored only if the adoption of the old plan failed.

The multiplicity of the plan left many commissioners not only confused, but upset.

Even commissioners giving the board members' motives the benefit of the doubt were unclear as to what exactly they were trying to do.

County Counselor Alan Seltzer attempted to explain the board's action, leaving many stumped over the technicalities.

"I'm not sure what the suggestions are. Are you?" one staff member questioned Seltzer.

Commissioner Madelyn Glickfield expressed disgust at the convoluted county proposal, which she believes was intended only to bypass a public hearing in Santa Barbara.

"Your board knows it could be here today with a 38-acre plan and we could have a hearing. I can think of no other reason why your board is making the decision they are making other than denying the citizens of Santa Barbara County a full public hearing and I am appalled," she said.

Commissioner Gary

Giacomini was equally disturbed. "I've never seen anything this bad," he said. "This is the most Alice in Wonderland thing I've ever seen. I have to agree with one of those signs back there — the inmates are running the asylum. ... I think the board should be ashamed of itself."

Randy Fox, vice president of Ellwood Shores developers Southwest Diversified Inc. and Coscan Partners, expressed satisfaction with the outcome and deflected the commissioners' criticism.

"Resubmittal of the October plan was withdrawn and that was expected. The only surprise was the comments made by the commissioners and I think those who commented were without full knowledge of the public hearing process," he said. "I think they were reacting from a baseline concern that doesn't exist in this case. No one's arguing that there shouldn't be public hearings in projects, but those hearings have already happened."

A consensus appeared to form among commissioners that a new submittal should be heard in Santa Barbara to allow for maximum public participation.

"There's no reason whatsoever we can't change one of the Los Angeles meetings to Santa Barbara," Giacomini said. "When you get around to resubmitting, and you'll have to, I'd like to see it back here in this room."

Stopping short of criticizing the supervisors, Chair Carl L. Williams

agreed any future proposal should be heard in Santa Barbara.

Environmental Defense Center Attorney Linda Krop, representing both the Surfrider Foundation and Save Ellwood Shores, believes the commission was fair in addressing the need for public comment.

"I'm pleased that the commission saw through the subterfuge," she said. "It was clear they could have had the hearing today. Everyone was ready. Southwest didn't want the hearing in Santa Barbara and it really backfired."

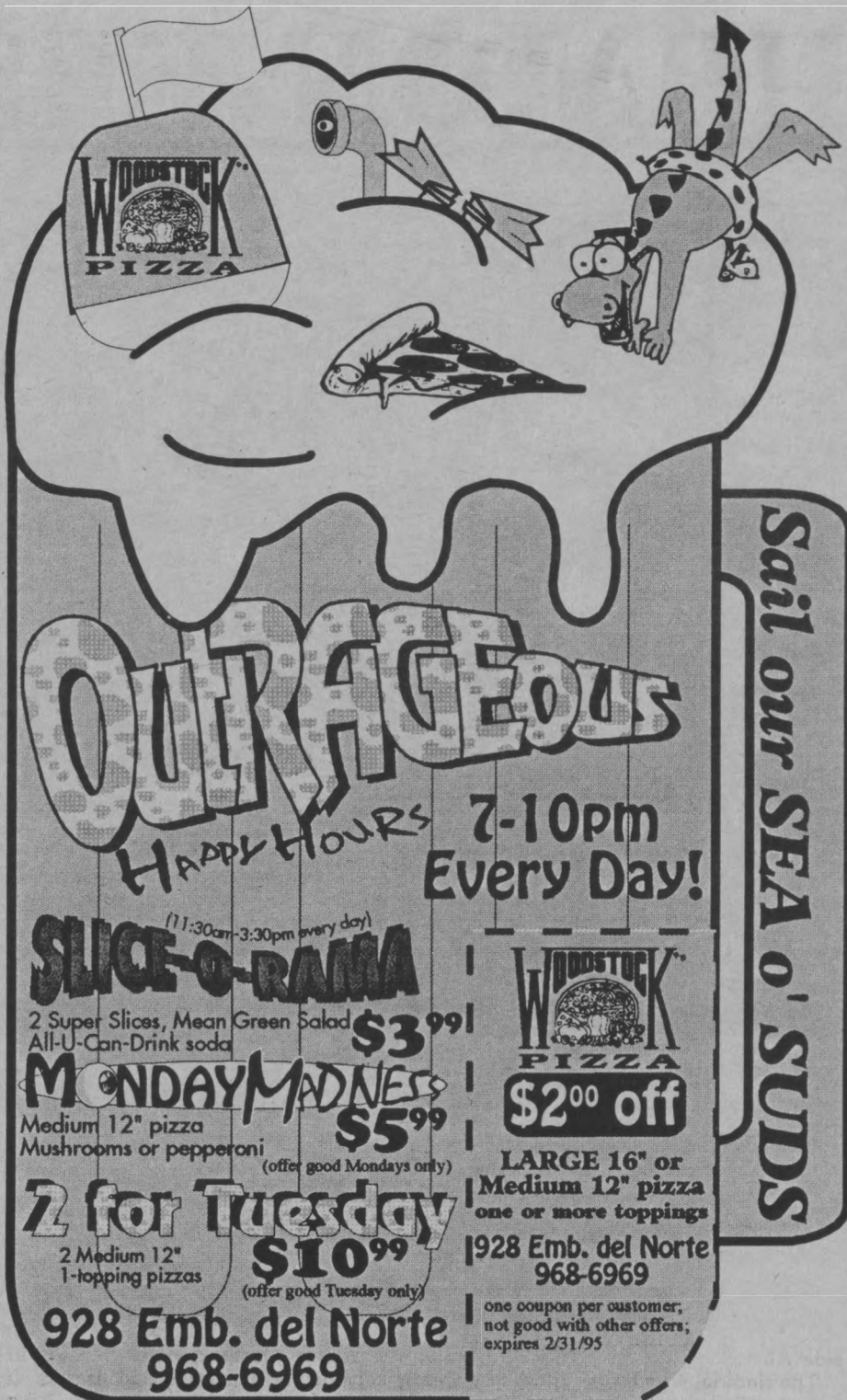
Fox contends another Santa Barbara hearing would be both redundant and superfluous.

"I think it's totally unnecessary," he said. "This is the time to finish the process. This is the end of the process, not the beginning of a new one."

Commissioner Sam Karas strongly disagreed. "I get the feeling that the county in Santa Barbara does not want a public hearing," Karas said. "One of the fundamental parts of this democracy, dammit, is that people have a right to a public hearing."

Wednesday's events reflected the inadequacy of the county board's proceedings, according to Brent Foster, senior environmental studies major and board member of Save Ellwood Shores.

"The county Board of Supervisors basically got called on working against the right of the people to give public comment," he said. "It was great to see even commissioners who were voting for the project criticize our supervisors."



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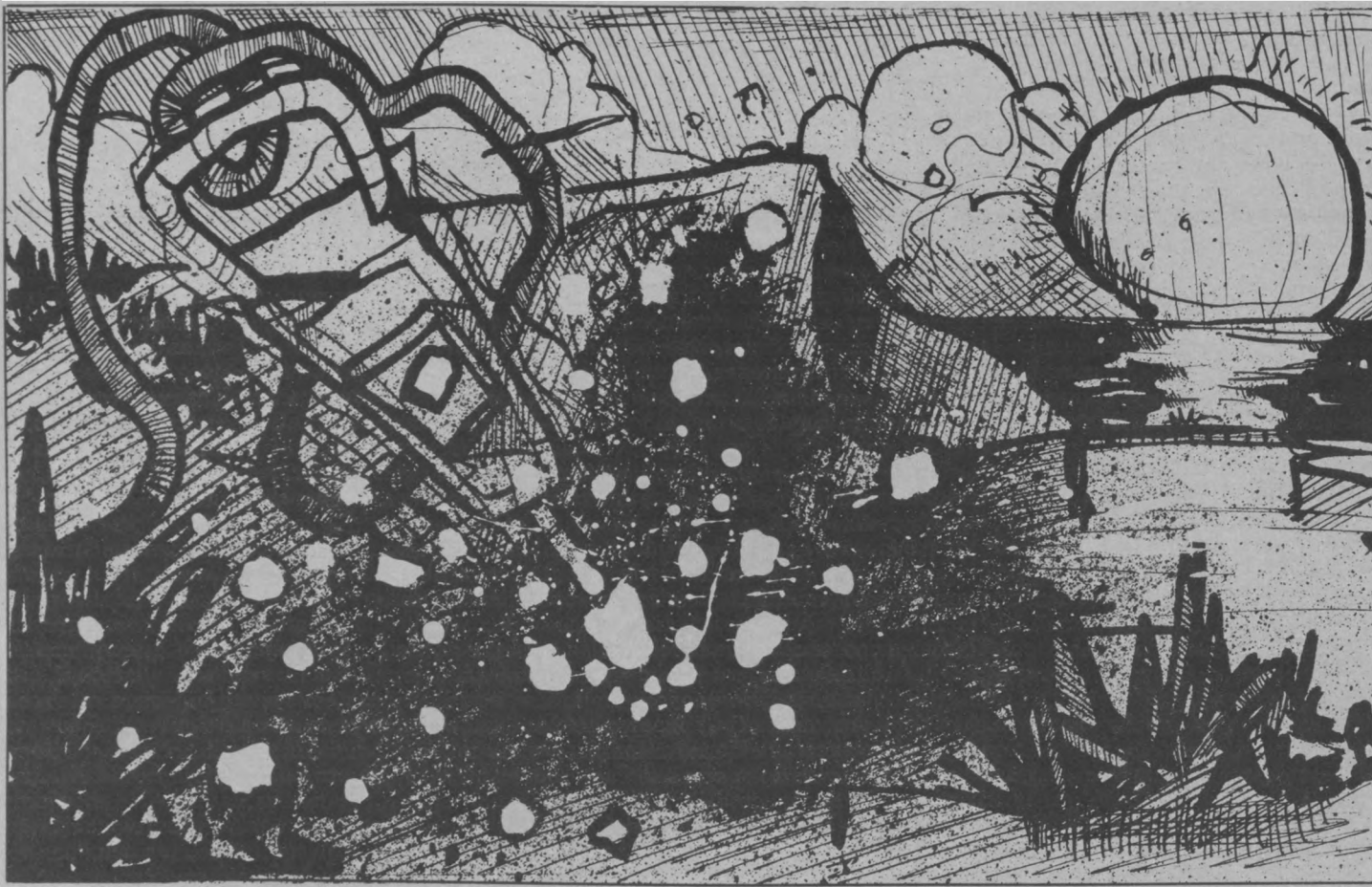
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What's Going on Here?

Developer's Plan Passed Despite Santa Barbarans' Opposition

Editorial

The Revised Specific Plan for Ellwood Shores development is dead. Killed by three members of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors who felt it necessary to bend over backward to meet the whims of a would-be developer.

This compromise proposal, which, when drafted in October, had allowed for 31.9 acres of development in the environmentally sensitive area, was scrapped at Tuesday's board meeting. In its place, the majority of supervisors reinstated August's Specific Plan, a larger one which the developer, Southwest Diversified Inc., had been urging them to use.

Resurrection of the Specific Plan came in spite of a warning letter from California Coastal Commission Executive Director Peter Douglas. In the letter, Douglas declared the proposal officially dead, stating that any implementation of the previous development allotment would be in violation of the law. The Revised Specific Plan had been scheduled for consideration at the California Coastal Commission meeting held in Santa Barbara Wednesday, but its early death has knocked it off the agenda.

Chalk one up for some pretty spiffy timing on the part of Southwest Diversified and its vice president, Randy Fox. In convincing the board to comply with their wishes, they successfully averted the Ellwood issue being heard at this week's local commission meeting. This would more than likely have meant a considerable amount of support, for the anti-development cause would be in attendance and could make their voices heard.

It must be asked, and not for the first time: *What is going on here?* Throughout the roller coaster two years during which this proposal has been under debate, Santa Barbara locals have consistently

shown a distaste for it. In fact, 50 people turned out on Wednesday morning to protest outside the CCC meeting held downtown.

Why is it, then, that the board members are not making an effort to represent or even listen to their constituents? Southwest Diversified may have a slick, sophisticated way in which to present their arguments, but the other side should be heeded as well.

Something else the board majority is neglecting to realize is that, aside from UCSB, tourism is this area's most lucrative industry. People come here to vacation. Quite simply, this town is a nice place to be, a beautiful city with painstakingly planned, high-quality development. We're not Los Angeles or San Diego, metropolises which have been overtaken and, in many ways, ruined by the greedy whims of builders.

Santa Barbara has a history of stringent codes and restrictions regarding building, and it is this strictness that makes our town what it is. We are lucky enough to live in a city that mixes a cosmopolitan nature with a high quality of life. It is this quality of life that makes this city different and special, and it is this quality of life which is threatened by ravaging one of Southern California's last remaining coastal stretches unscathed by development.

We must work to preserve and protect our environmentally sensitive land, for, as with endangered species, continuing to push the boundaries can only result in extinction. Open space is becoming ever more a shrinking commodity, and yet, tragically, three members of the board don't know when enough is enough, already, and when to draw the line — not only for the shore's sake, but for our own and that of our town.

Inside the C

Sylvia Luis

Ever since I can remember, I was labeled an "oil brat" due to the fact that I grew up overseas because my father was in the oil industry. Living in places like Venezuela, Nigeria and Indonesia was a unique opportunity for me, but it was not everything that people imagine it to be.

When I tell people of how my parents raised me and my six siblings in Third World countries due to my father's complete devotion to his work, my peers tend to comment on how lucky and fortunate I was to be raised in such exotic environments. I am here to tell you that we were not the rich expatriates that were served with a silver spoon — the hardships we endured being in such chaotic circumstances are not something to be admired.

My father worked for Mobil Oil for over 35 years as a professional petroleum engineer. After graduating from UC Berkeley with a degree in engineering, he moved our family around from such luxurious places as Taft and Bakersfield before going overseas. The first step across the oceans was to Venezuela, and at the time the oldest five children were already born.

It was during the duration of his nine-year existence in this South American country that my brother and I were born. You are probably wondering why my father, like thousands of other Americans, had to live in such underdeveloped countries in order to drill for oil. It is basically because the United States is not able to provide enough oil for the amount used, or, as my father put it, "In essence, it helps people here be able to drive their cars and have energy because we're not self-sufficient."

Last year alone, the United States produced 6.6 million barrels of oil per day, in addition to importing another 7 million per day from the world balance (with the majority coming from the Middle East). Just imagine, this natural resource is in so much demand that we are producing and importing approximately 13.5 million barrels of oil per day in this country alone!

Because offshore drilling has been limited and new producing in the ocean is not allowed, the U.S. is producing 200,000 barrels of oil less per day than the previous year alone. So it is individuals, like my dad, who venture out into the jungles of deprived countries, who provide you with the gasoline for your car from the corner gas station.

With all the recent controversy over the neighboring oil refineries, I just want to enlighten you with the facts and the life of these devoted oil employees. As you can tell, we rely heavily on these foreign countries for this petroleum, especially Saudi Arabia, as it is the number one producer in the world.

The conflict that has been going on between Kuwait, Iran and Iraq are all related to the enormous amounts of oil they produce and the dependence the rest of the world has on them. Do you remember Desert Storm? A lot of the basis of the major dissension that occurred was the fact that the oil production for the entire world was threatened. "My personal perspective is the reason we went to war was to protect our oil supply, and we can't survive without their oil and neither can Europe," my dad said.

There were many times during my childhood that our lives were threatened by terrorists or rebels that were trying to ascertain their political power. When I was in preschool in Nigeria, my mother used to drive me to school every day, to the British nursery school which was lo-

The Reader's Voice

Dead Babies

Editor, Daily Nexus:

This letter is in response to an article that you printed (Daily Nexus (AP), "Soft Bedding May Contribute to Infant Deaths, Gov't Says," Feb. 2). Seeing as how you found it interesting enough to publish, perhaps you would also be interested in knowing more about Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, or SIDS.

Research by Dr. Abraham Towbin at Boston University Hospital showed that 80 percent of SIDS victims autopsied showed death was caused by bleeding of the upper spinal cord, inside the vertebrae, that is undetectable in ordinary autopsies. The bleeding in the upper back area slowly builds a clot that presses against the major nerve plexus, controlling the action of heart and lungs until both actions quietly break down and the victim dies. SIDS generally occurs between the sixth and eighth week after birth and 80 percent of the victims are Black, as Black babies are smacked harder to get their air going, as research has shown.

Babies are born with a five- to 10-minute supply of oxygen and blood in their placenta. As practiced by birthing mothers and midwives at home births, the umbilical cord is not cut until the child begins to breathe on its own and the cord stops pulsing. In American hospitals, the umbilical cord is cut as

soon as the baby is born instantly which then proceed with baby posed mucous baby take its first breath. In newborns a percent of respiration fails to and artificial respiration. It is this problem America's medical system that realized nation. The top count mortality all with well-informed. Home than hospital 1 cent of natural tions, most of wives, as they species history American birth a massive stud of Health, Ec ported that pe of these oper In 1979, the funded the f made of the ter a three-ye that the nur epidemic of violence done

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU



Oil Industry

cated on Ikoyi Island. At the time, the rebels were attempting to gain power from the government.

Moments before my mother and I arrived at my preschool, the Nigerian rebels had assassinated General Murtala Mohammed, along with his two bodyguards and driver, right in front of the nursery facility. Coincidentally, my mother's car was the next vehicle to pull up, and we were ordered to stay inside the school for hours with about 20 other individuals. The initiation of these major coups usually was with the rebels taking over the radio stations and transmitters and announcing to the whole world that they had just taken over.

You cannot imagine the fear and terror my mother and I endured during those long hours, and it is just one small example of the risks and dangers of living in these underdeveloped nations. Every day, there are numerous Americans that get caught in the political crossfires, and yet they remain in the underprivileged living conditions out of duty to their country and, in essence, the entire world.

Oil is just like peanut butter in the grocery store — it is in dire need and is thus produced by the millions of barrels per day out of necessity, not to destroy the environment. Many of you environmentalists are probably out there fighting to save the ecology, but we literally cannot survive without petroleum. This natural resource provides us with gasoline, jet fuel, fertilizer, LPG (bottled gas), distillate that is used for any kind of processing and oil that is used for any moving part (including your bicycle). And next time you are stumbling down Del Playa with that cup of Miller Genuine Draft, keep in mind that plastics are also made from oil by-products.

There has been natural seepage of oil from the ocean floor washing up on coastal beaches even before the drilling ever came into existence. Besides Alaska, California is the largest oil-producing state in the U.S. today. In fact, many oil geologists believe that there is more oil right here off of Point Conception than there is in the whole state of Alaska. Due to the fact that we are importing the petroleum on tankers, it may even be safer to drill than risk the importation of the natural resource.

The actual offshore drilling is pretty safe and clean — it is so safe that Shell Oil Company in Los Angeles has contracts with several restaurants to capture their fish from the manmade reefs. The water is so pure that the clams and fish thrive there. That is something to think about the next time you order seafood linguini.

I hope that I have enlightened many of you to the reality of the oil industry and the sacrifices that the engineers and employees endure. So the next time you are driving your CAR to an oil protest and see that AIRPLANE fly overhead, while sipping your soda out of a PLASTIC cup, think about how much you use this natural resource in your personal life — DON'T BE A HYPOCRITE.

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False Gods

Tim Molloy

Once, I like to imagine, college students were more focused on learning than on appearing smart. Through four quarters of watching teeth-gnashing campus arguments (usually, but not always, in discussion sections), I've come to believe that along with our needs for food, water and sleep, we have a need to be right.

Unfortunately, many of us will go straight for the knee-caps to distinguish ourselves as right, and have come to recognize that the fastest way to discredit a verbal sparring partner is to call them, justly or not, a racist.

Sure, there are a fairly large number of backward individuals on this campus and everywhere else on the planet. But I'm afraid our application of the label "racist" is disproportionate to the amount of actual racism at UCSB.

Perhaps the best way to explain what I see as ridiculous overuse of "playing the race card" on campus is to share a few observations of three types of individuals I see too often.

The False Victim flourishes under the pretext of having a multitude of problems that the general populace is too ignorant/insensitive/stupid to understand (although, by the definition of a False Victim, the problems are all in his or her head). After establishing him or herself as oppressed, the False Victim will assert his or her righteousness in all matters. The premise on which the False Victim bases his or her existence is that being wronged makes you infallible on all matters. It is, unfortunately for their credibility, a ridiculous notion — in reality, "wronged" does not make universally right.

Look for the False Victim to use their "struggle" to assert their righteousness in all matters and claim that their opinion is somehow more valid than that of individuals who are their supposed oppressors. According to False Victims, the



TIM MOLLOY/Daily Nexus

majority of white males are usually among these oppressors.

A fine example of the False Victim is a white woman I encountered last quarter who asserted that a white professor's rejection of a project she submitted to him for approval was the result of his racism and sexism.

Actual words from the "victim": "My professor told me I couldn't do my report on [the ancient Greek female poet] Sappho because she's not a real poet." She sighed and continued. "He's a white male who doesn't understand."

Sorry? He's white, the student's white and Sappho is white, and yet race is somehow an issue here? Sexism may be at play, but is she just throwing the racial factor in for good measure?

The Spokesperson is the product of an unfortunate feature of UCSB — minorities are vastly underrepresented. (When last I checked, 80 percent of UCSB students were white.) Because members of a minority group often find themselves the only members of their race in a classroom filled with whites, they often seem to feel obligated to offer the perspective of their race as a whole.

A question for those who willingly take on the spokesperson mantle: Did the members of your race elect you their PR director at the '92 or '94 convention? I always expect self-appointed spokespersons to introduce their comments with "As The Definitive Source on the Black/Latino/(fill in race here) Collective View, I believe...." When whites ask for the "collective view" of a race, they are told (rightly) that there is no such thing, and that to believe there is such a thing is a racist generalization. Yet Spokespersons, on a regular basis, will pretend their one opinion is somehow indicative of the perspective of their race as a whole.

Spokespersons will sometimes also take their generalizations to the extreme and offer "insight" into the thoughts of other members of their race in history, as if their shared race makes their views interchangeable. While membership in a race can result in an interest in its history, it does not assure complete knowledge of the race nor a mind link with everyone who was ever a member of it.

The White Guiltist is a white person who, perhaps out of a gullible lack of familiarity with the facts that False Victims are liars and Spokespersons are not the appointed representatives of their races, has come to believe, through others' arguments or their own soul-searching, that whites are inherently bad.

Once they reach the conclusion that they have wronged others because they were born white, expect White Guiltists to look desperately to members of minority groups to assure them that, despite their whiteness, they are OK. A friend told me of a recent manifestation of this: a lecture on Native Americans in which no less than five white students stood up and professed shame at the fact that they were white — as if any of them were present to plot the Trail of Tears.

Perhaps we could halt the three types described above if we stopped interrupting serious intellectual exchanges on this campus with undeserved accusations of racism. It's not hard to predict what constant, unfounded playing of the race card could do to serious, reasonable charges against racism — remember the boy who cried wolf? Let's put away the cards and deal fairly.

If it lends any credibility to his thoughts, Tim Molloy is a CAT-addicted leprosy victim.

birth. Television, by the way, came a close second in destructive force.

What better place can there be than your university to inform future mothers of the need to make informed choices for birthing that will have such a great effect on future generations?

Anyone wishing more information on this subject should read "Evolution's End" by Joseph Chilton Pearce, where all of the above information was taken.

ROBERT CHERNIN

Flagrant Error

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Man, I thought you guys had made some flagrant mistakes in the past, but this one (Daily Nexus, "Mad as Hell," Feb. 6) sets a whole new curve for stupidity. Not only did you omit and misrepresent the facts, you then try to create an innocent victim from a pair of criminals, but maybe that's how things appear when your head's up your ass. Here are the facts:

1. William Masters sees two taggers, Cesar Arce, age 18, and 20-year-old David Hillo, defacing a wall. He writes down the license plate number of their car and begins to leave. Notice he hasn't drawn his gun.

2. The two taggers see him writing down their plate number, surround him and demand the piece of paper and his wallet. They back up their threat with a

screwdriver. Even then Masters doesn't draw his gun.

3. Masters hands over the paper after it is partially torn from his hands and begins to walk away. Still, he hasn't drawn his weapon.

4. As Masters is walking away, he looks over his shoulder and discovers he is being followed. He fumbles for his gun.

5. Masters then turns to confront the two and discovers that one of them is literally on top of him. Masters shoots out of fear for his life. Cesar Arce dies. Masters then turns his gun on Hillo, who is armed with a screwdriver and close enough to use it. Masters consciously decides to incapacitate the assaulter and shoots him in the leg.

Two shots were fired, killing one and wounding another in a clear-cut case of self-defense.

I agree that human life is precious and that vigilantism should not be encouraged, but neither thought has merit in this instance. Once those taggers threatened Masters with bodily harm, they ceased to be human. Secondly, this was not a case of vigilantism, but instead a case of self-defense. Had you bothered to find out the facts, your editorial would not have appeared to have been written by inept morons, but then again, maybe it was.

I applaud William Masters not for killing someone, I applaud him for not being a victim.

LEO SMITH

ARCO

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issues the commission believed had not been addressed.

In what proved merely a formality Wednesday, the four commissioners eligible to vote accepted the updated findings to advance the project.

Members of the Surfrider Foundation, which filed a lawsuit last month against the CCC for approving the project, turned out to voice concerns over the new findings. Linda Krop, Environmental Defense Center attorney representing Surfrider, believes the adopted findings distort the truth.

"There's a lot of new facts that we didn't get to address before and are now placed in the findings after the commission has already made its decision," she said. "These findings are after-the-fact manipulations of policy."

The commission ordered the findings not to resolve questions, but rather to justify their previous approval of the plan, according to Surfrider spokesman Bob Keats.

"They voted on the project and then they had to

find someone on their staff to cook up a report," he said. "The staff report contains numerous factual errors that undermine the credibility of the entire report and invalidate its conclusion."

According to Arco officials in attendance, however, the environmentalists' criticisms merely echoed past arguments.

Whit Hollis, golf links project manager, expressed satisfaction with the commission's ruling and excitement over the project's future.

"We're confident that history will not only show that the findings are true, but that the project will be one that the citizens of the community are proud of," he said. Hollis does not regard Surfrider's lawsuit against the CCC, still in preliminary stages, as a threat to the project.

Consisting of an 18-hole golf course, nine-hole pitch-and-putt course and operational facilities, Arco's project is slated for a parcel of previously unscathed Gaviota coast zoned for agricultural use under Santa Barbara's Local Coast Plan. Opponents contend approval of the course will start the pristine coastline down a dangerous path

toward complete development.

In addition to increased urban development, the golf facility will also lead to toxic runoff, potentially injurious to both seals and surfers, according to Keats.

Nathan Post, head of the Surfrider Foundation Haskells/Naples Task Force, compared the new findings to an apocalyptic novel written in the 1950s.

"The authors have managed to create a document that rivals George Orwell's 1984 in its use of doublespeak," he said. "The report you have before you is duplicitous, inaccurate and terribly misleading."

Brent Foster, a senior environmental studies major, believes the CCC buckled under corporate pressure and has abandoned its duty to protect California's coast.

"When this commission becomes a political commission, the entire state of California loses a valuable and important body in protecting our coastline," he said. "These findings are ridiculous. They're not based in reality. These findings should have been used before you made your decision. Instead, they're a way of covering yourself."

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- 15 Cacophony
- 16 Clay, now
- 17 He went to a tea party
- 19 Shoshonean
- 20 Cavort
- 21 Dancer's garb
- 23 ID
- 24 Reprobate
- 25 Actor O'Shea
- 28 Choler
- 30 About
- 33 Pretty quick
- 34 Scull
- 35 Rough cattle feed
- 36 Convent resident
- 37 Spanish royal heir
- 39 She raised Cain
- 40 Church instruments
- 42 Duffer's goal
- 43 Clinton's canal
- 44 Replace equipment
- 45 Over: Comb. form
- 46 Military repast
- 47 Personification of darkness
- 50 Hoosier poet
- 52 Spanish dances
- 54 Monster: Comb. form
- 58 Cord or mart follower
- 59 Lexicographer of Amherst
- 62 From — Z
- 63 Choler
- 64 Crystalline compound
- 65 Chicago to St. Louis dir.
- 66 Skeptical
- 67 World's longest river

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- 2 Of wings
- 3 Capital of Peru
- 4 City in SE Massachusetts
- 5 Data collection
- 6 16 1/2 feet
- 7 Ohio university
- 8 Ottoman
- 9 Empire founder
- 10 Colonial silversmith
- 11 Choir member
- 12 Regimen
- 14 Ten: Comb. form
- 18 Roman brigades
- 22 Late night host
- 24 Señors' wraps
- 25 Lord's lodging
- 26 Habituate
- 27 "Evangeline" creator
- 29 British military org.
- 31 A Leeward island
- 32 Shoe inserts
- 35 Furrow
- 37 Part of IRS
- 38 Pile
- 41 Leeds' river
- 43 Author of "The Concord Hymn"
- 48 Pat or Daniel
- 49 Practice
- 51 Obligation
- 52 Sampling distortion
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- 55 Gudrun's husband
- 56 Fresh-water duck
- 57 Normandy department
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UCSB (Bear)ly Fails to Dethrone UCLA

By Jenny Kok
Staff Writer

Over the past three weeks, the #4 UCSB men's volleyball team has proven that they are indeed one of the top teams in the nation, but #1 UCLA has shown the Gauchos that they are going to have to work harder in order to get to the top.

Last night at the Thunderdome the Bruins (6-0, 3-0 in MPSF) put the brakes on a four-game Gaucha (6-3, 4-2 in MPSF) winning streak, winning the 2½-hour match, 15-12, 14-16, 15-13, 15-9.

The Gauchos have come a long way since losing to the Bruins two weeks ago. Despite the loss, the match was a positive one for the Gauchos as they discovered that they can be tough competition for the top-ranked team in the nation.

"Obviously we would rather have won, but I am pretty happy because we played them a lot better than we did two weeks ago," UCSB Head Coach Ken Preston said. "They are a big team. They dig balls and they get their hands on a lot of them at the block, but we gave them a run for their money

and now we know they aren't unbeatable."

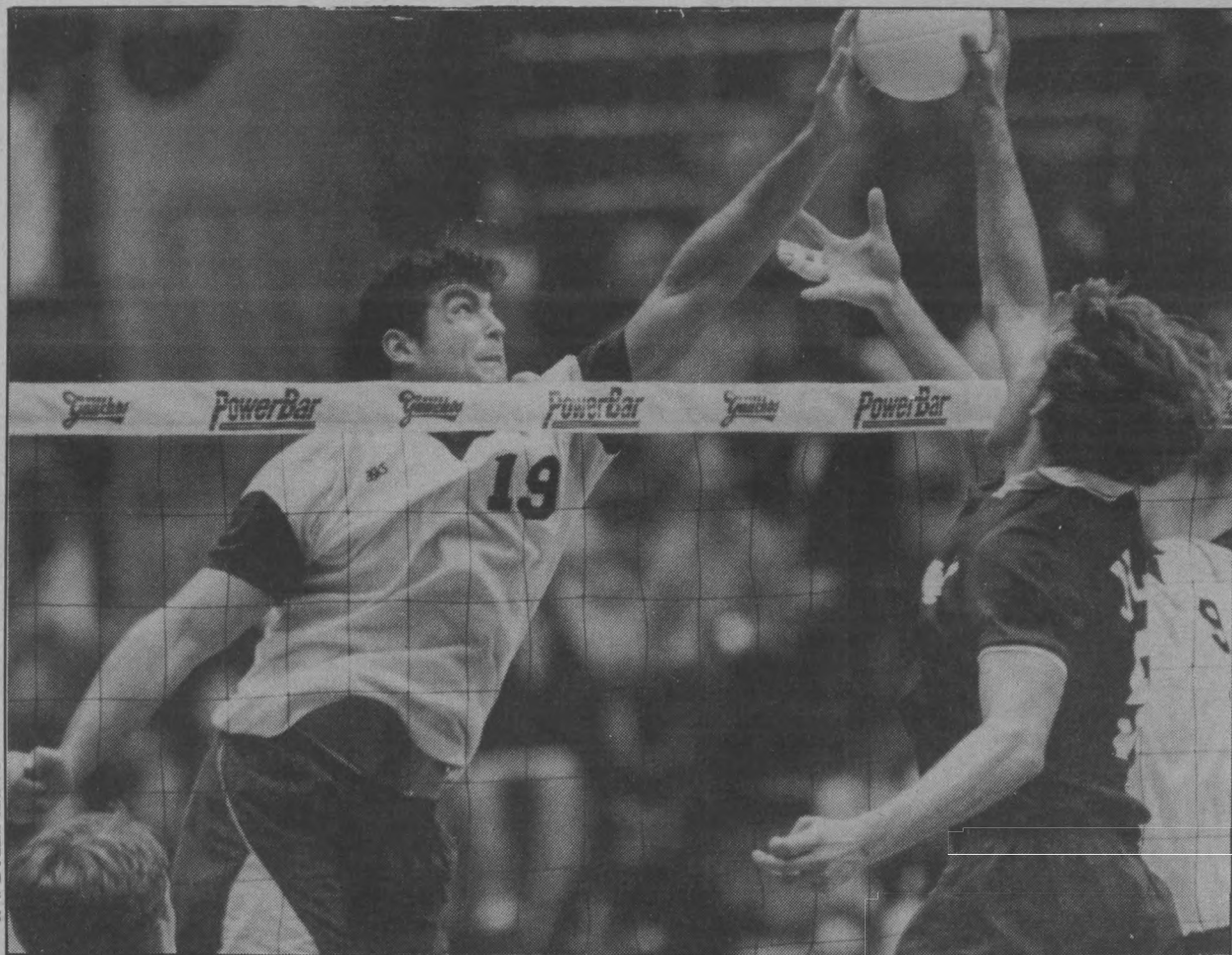
The Bruins definitely are not out of reach for the improved Gaucha squad. UCLA had 89 kills but committed 40 hitting errors, dropping their hitting percentage to .266 — the lowest that the Bruins have hit all season.

Unfortunately, the Gauchos ran into some hitting problems of their own. UCSB was limited to 77 kills and their 37 hitting errors dropped their percentage to .225. UCLA held the Gauchos' top hitter, sophomore outside hitter Donny Harris, to 18 kills at .096 and also held junior Amaury Velasco to nine kills at .111.

The one thing that gave Los Angeles the edge was its defense. At the net they outblocked the Gauchos 21-16.5 and outdug them 59-48.

"UCLA was a lot more consistent than we were," UCSB junior outside hitter Morgan Chapman said. "We've come a long way since we lost to them. We forced them to make mistakes, but they forced us to make them, too. The important thing is that we played well and we still have our confidence."

Chapman came through for the Gauchos down the stretch. He pounded out



Sophomore middle blocker Robert Treahy tries to push the ball onto the UCLA side last night.

11 kills at .381, grabbed 14 digs and made six blocks, including three solos. Senior middle blocker Carter Reese had nine kills at .200 and also made six blocks.

However, the leader on

the court for UCSB was sophomore middle blocker Rob Treahy. Treahy pounded 22 kills at .457 and made six blocks as well.

Senior middle blocker

Jeff Nygaard led the way for the Bruins with 24 kills at .319. Senior Kevin Wong led the team at the net with 11 blocks.

"I am pretty disappointed that we couldn't

pull it out, but we didn't play bad, we didn't take a step back," UCSB junior setter Todd Rogers said. "UCLA isn't as tough as they have been in years past."

Gaucha Road Woes Hope to Cease Vs. Hapless, Winless Spartan Squad

By Daniel Solomon
Staff Writer

After winning its first road game of the season back in December, the UCSB men's basketball team has fallen into submission six straight times away from the T-Dome, including four in Big West play.

However, the Gauchos will have their best chance of the season to break that streak tonight at 7:30 against San Jose State University.

"Sometimes we think about our struggles on the road, but we have a lot of confidence in ourselves and hopefully we'll turn things around on this road trip," junior guard Lelan McDougal said.

When asked if his team had any apprehension about going back on the road, Gaucha Head Coach Jerry Pimm emphatically added, "No, not at all. In fact, I think the players are really looking forward to it."

The Spartans are the

only team with an unblemished losing record of 0-10 (1-17 overall) in conference play. The team is also winless at home, 0-6, with its only victory of the season coming in a tournament against the University of Alaska, Anchorage, which San Jose State narrowly won, 70-66.

The statistics further prove how much SJSU is struggling in '94-'95. The squad ranks last in the Big West in scoring (57.6 ppg) and field goal percentage (.362), and is turning the ball over an average of 4.6 times more than its opponent. The Spartans are also being outscored by an average of 13.5 ppg.

"They're a young team and they're just trying to get together as a team," Pimm said. "But they've been playing everyone tough of late and they are getting better slowly."

In the last meeting between the two schools, the Santa Barbara defense held San Jose to a season-low 14 field goals

(23 percent floor shooting) and three dismal assists. UCSB's defense is currently ranked #1 in the conference in opponent's scoring (64.6 ppg) and opponent's field goal percentage (.390).

With its win over the University of Nevada, Reno last Saturday — which broke UCSB's four-game losing streak — the Gauchos are now sixth in the Big West at 5-5 (10-8 overall). The Gauchos trail UNR by half a game and are one game behind the University of the Pacific squad they will face in Stockton on Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

"The win the other night against Nevada broke the losing streak that we had hanging over our heads and it gave us some confidence that we'll need for the road," McDougal said. "The key this weekend will be putting all of our skills together. Of course, we have to shoot well, but most of all, the defense has to play hard because we will be on the road."

1995 Track & Field Season Preview

UCSB Track & Field Kicks Into Action With Eyes on Improving Upon Last Year's Results

By Colleen Valles
Staff Writer

The 1995 UCSB men's and women's track and field season kicks and throws into action on Saturday as the squad hosts the season-opening meet with hopes for improvement over last year's results.

Both Gaucha teams are expected to excel in the Big West in '95, according to Santa Barbara Head Coach Pete Dolan.

"Both teams are on the way up," Dolan said. "We're always striving to do better than the year before and I think we can do that this year," he said.

Despite a shortage of runners on the women's side, junior hurdler Lisa Knott is anxious for the start of the upcoming season, because she knows with coaches like former Olympian Jane Frederick the squad should still be strong.

"The teams have been training under the same coaches for the last two years, which makes a big difference as far as training plans," Knott said. "I'm anxious to see what the results will be."

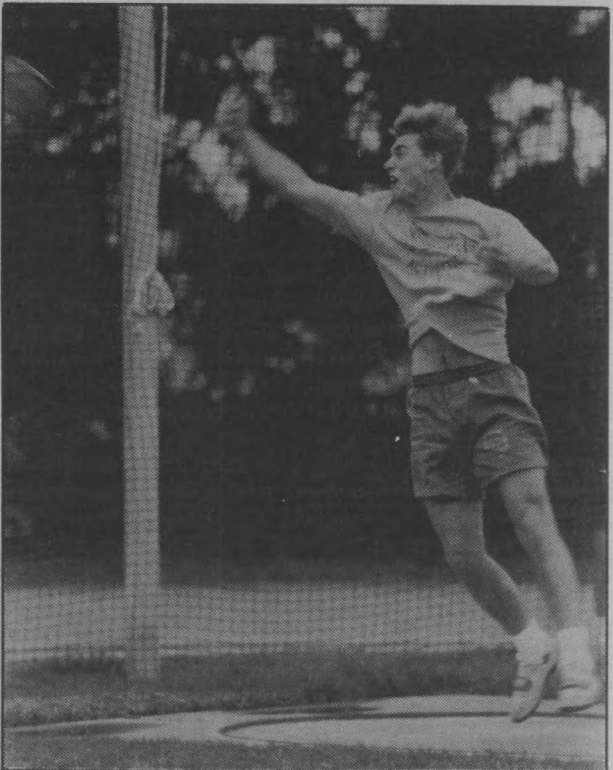
Unlike most sports, the coaching staff has played a major role in the development of the team, according to Dolan. "This is the second year we have a full complement of coaches," he said. "That's helping with the continuity of the team."

For the men's squad, Dolan is hoping for a good showing this season from junior decathlete Trey Smith, sophomore 800-meter runner Adrian Garcia and freshman 400-meter runner Don Oliver.

On the women's side, strong performances are expected from freshman two-mile runners Gabriela Rodriguez and senior Kara Bradbury and junior 1500-meter runner Beckie Levy, who is impressed with the strength of UCSB's schedule.

"I'm really excited because we have a good schedule," Levy said. "There's a lot of good chances to run some good times. Big West is at Long Beach this year and that's good because then we can see the track and get to know the conditions."

Among those who will be starting off on the injured reserve list this season will be senior 1500-meter runner Gus Harper. Dolan expects Harper to win the Big West conference after he returns.



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The UCSB track & field squads get ready to start the 1995 season, which starts on Saturday at home.

Rain changes games:

Women's Tennis vs. SLO moved to Feb. 12 at 1 p.m. at home.

Men's Tennis vs. SLO moved to Friday at 1 p.m. at Cal Poly.

Wednesday's Baseball vs. UCLA cancelled due to rain.