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'Captain Cut-In' Cuts a Rug Undeclared sophomore Andrew Barash sends Santa Barbara resident Arcelia Alvalez spinning Monday during the Swing and Ballroom Dance Club's "Super Hero"-themed meeting. The club meets Mondays at 8:30 p.m. in Rob Gym.

A.S. Hears Funding Requests, Dispenses Money To C.O.D.A., College Republicans

Sheriff Announces Decision Against Seeking Re-election

Three County Law Enforcement Veterans Declare Candidacy, Begin 2002 Campaigns

BY KIM SADLER Reporter

With the inauguration over and many still recovering from the last election, a local sheriff's announcement to halt plans for a fourth term has sent three candidates' 2002 campaigns into gear.

In November, Santa Barbara County Sheriff Dept.'s current sheriff, Jim Thomas, announced he would not seek re-election after completing his third four-year term in the position. Since the announcement, three Santa Barbara County Sheriff Dept. officials have announced their candidacy for sheriff in the elections: retired 2002 Undersheriff Dave Dorsey, Commander Jim Anderson and Isla Vista Foot Patrol Lt. Butch Arnoldi.

Thomas, whose term does not end until January 2003, said he announced his retirement early in order to let candidates prepare their campaigns for the Nov. 13, 2001 filing deadline. The three candidates have all been with the Sheriff Dept. for at least 25 years, and list main issues such as improving the community/law enforcement relations and the construction of a north county jail.

Dorsey said his experience in the number-two position in the sheriff's administration has prepared him for the job as sheriff and distinguishes him from the other candidates.

"I believe all the candidates are good, honest men. They are all doing jobs that I have done in the past," he said. "What distinguishes me from them today, is that I understand how the challenges of the position of sheriff are handled, which is quite different from being in patrol or detectives or the jail."

Dorsey, who was born and raised in Santa Barbara County, said the best way to prevent crime is through education and communication with the community.

"The ultimate crime-prevention tool is the education of youth, helping them to understand the uselessness of violence, the self-destruction of drugs and show them positive ways to achieve selfrespect," he said. "As sheriff, I will emphasize communication with the community, continue to promote community-oriented policing and encourage citizen involvement."

Anderson said he will continue to provide the best service possible to the community as sheriff, and expressed the

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Coalition Pushes for Living Wage

This ordinance is

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- Ana Rizo

A.S. off-campus rep

BY TRACY BENTSON Reporter

If local activists get their way, permanent city and city-contracted workers may receive a

Harley Augustino, the coalition's field organizer, said the primary objective of the coalition is to improve the standard of living for full-time city and county workers living in poverty.

"We don't want our tax dollars going to pay

BY ANGELA POTTER AND BRENDAN BUHLER Staff Writers

Superman, the NRA and too many people needing too much money led to a four-hour Associated Students Finance Board meeting Monday.

Twelve student groups came to the meeting requesting a total of \$49,651.22 from the board's remaining \$18,851.36 Winter Quarter budget. The board doled out 68 percent of their remaining money for the quarter to pay for the requested speakers and to support local organizations.

The largest sum went to the Commission On Disabled Access (C.O.D.A.) for a two-day conference for disabled students at UCSB featuring keynote speaker Christopher Reeve.

C.O.D.A. Co-Founder Bill Flores predicted the conference would draw a large crowd.

"I think that this will bring in a lot of students," he said. "Some disabled students will be there for self-inspiration, some students will be there to be educated, and some will be there to see Superman, but all will leave with more knowledge about a minority group."

The total event will cost nearly \$12,000, with \$10,000 donated to the Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation. Finance Board unanimously approved the allocation of \$4,618. The rest of the money will come from donations.

The College Republicans received a chillier reception to their request for



\$5-per-hour raise this spring.

In the next few months, the Coalition for a

Living Wage will attempt to persuade the Santa Barbara City Council to pass the Living Wage Ordinance, a common sense. proposal which supporters People who are workclaim will allow workers to live with dignity by ending not have to live in their constant struggle to make ends meet. The Living poverty. Wage Ordinance would require companies contracting with the city of Santa Barbara to pay workers \$11 per hour with benefits or \$12.25 with-

out.

If the ordinance is passed at the city level in April, the group will form a separate coalition, dedicated to lobbying the county for its passage. The coalition, which is endorsed by 25 local organizations, is made up of Santa Barbara residents interested in raising wages, employers receiving subsidies from the city or county, and service contractors conducting business with the city and county of Santa Barbara.

people poverty wages," he said.

Last week, UCSB's Associated Students passed a position paper supporting the ordinance. Off-Campus Rep Ana Rizo, who voted in favor of supporting the ordinance, said it would stimulate the local economy.

> "This ordinance is common sense. People who are working full time should not have to live in poverty," she said. "Low-wage workers are more apt to contribute to the local economy [by purchasing goods], whereas the upper class is more likely to leave the community to purchase

goods, therefore benefiting the local economy with the increased tax revenue."

Off-Campus Rep Jon Kalinski said he voted in opposition to the ordinance due to concerns about its effects on taxes and businesses. Kalinski said he was concerned about the possible increase in the cost of services provided by the affected companies.

"If you increase wages by five to six dollars





Bush Limits Foreign Abortion Clinics' Aid



WASHINGTON (AP) Opening the White House for business, President George W. Bush pleased conservative supporters Monday by imposing strict restrictions on U.S. funds to international family-planning groups involved in abortion.

Pushing his education and tax-cutting proposals as well, Bush told senior aides, "We are not here just to mark time." He also called on them to uphold high ethical standards.

Abortion rights groups accused Bush of "bending to the will of the far right" by reinstating limitations on U.S. aid that his father and former President Ronald Reagan had imposed.

his presidency, on the day of the 28th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court ruling, reversed actions by the Clinton administration and dominated media attention, an early test of his ability to govern from the middle while appeasing his conservative base.

"This policy recognizes our country's long history of providing international

affirming that every person We share a great goal, to work toward a

day when every child is welcomed in life and protected in law.

> - George W. Bush **U.S. president** at every stage and season of

> life, is created equal in

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In a statement to anti-

swing voters.

health care services, including voluntary family planning to couples around the world who want to make free and responsible decisions about the number and spacing of their children," read a statement by press secretary Ari Fleischer. Bush had

The first major act of addressed the abortion rights supporter Kate Human Clones Research

House of Lords Approves LONDON (AP) — The House of Lords approved a

proposed change to government regulations Monday, making Britain the first country to effectively legalize the creation of cloned human embryos.

The measure is aimed at allowing research on so-called stem cells — the unprogrammed master cells found in early stage embryos that can turn into nearly every cell type in the body. Like all other embryos used in research, the clones created under the new regulations would have to be destroyed after 14 days, and the creation of babies by cloning would remain outlawed.

The change passed late Monday after an amendment that would have delayed it was defeated. The new regulations take effect Jan. 31.

Before the measure won approval, an impassioned debate on the topic ran into the night.

Many lords said they were concerned that ethical worries were being sidelined in the rush to be at the forefront of medical research. They proposed an amendment that would have withheld approval of the government's proposal until after the ethical, moral and scientific issues surrounding the research had been studied by a specially cells to produce insulin for diabetics.

created committee.

The amendment was defeated by 212 votes to 92, with the lords saying the ethical issues should be debated by a special committee later. That cleared the way for the cloning measure's approval. The change relaxes the rules that limit medical research on human embryos under the 1990 Human Fertilization and Embryology Act, which permitted research on donated embryos only for strictly limited purposes, including studies on infertility and the detection of birth defects.

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quickly shed his facade and

his cloak of moderation on

use of U.S. funds for any

abortions in foreign coun-

tries. Former Presidents

Reagan and Bush further

banned U.S. aid to interna-

tional groups that use their

own money to support

abortion — either through

performing the surgery,

counseling on abortion as a

family planning option, or

lobbying foreign govern-

ments on abortion policy.

policy, which some critics

call "the global gag rule,"

two days after he entered

office in 1993. It went

through several subsequent

versions as the Democratic

president reached different

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without Bush's action.

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Clinton repealed the

Current law bans the

Regulators will now be allowed to expand the types of research permitted under the Act so that scientists can use embryos to investigate the potential of stem cells, which experts say could revolutionize medicine, offering the possibility of transplants that would prevent or cure scores of illnesses from Parkinson's disease to diabetes.

The Human Fertilization and Embryology Authority, which polices embryo research, has promised to consider cloning applications for some types of research, such as stem cell experiments. Those would inevitably involve cloning of embryos, because the goal is to treat patients with perfectly matching tissue transplants.

The hope is that one day it will be possible to grow neurons to replace nerve cells in a brain killed by Parkinson's disease skin to renair burns and pancreatic

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AP Wire Shorts

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) - Transmission problems aggravated California's power crisis Monday as the state continued its struggle to keep the lights on.

Stage 3 alerts — the most severe and the prelude to. rolling blackouts - remained in effect, marking the seventh straight day with electricity reserves near or below 1.5 percent.

The Independent System Operator was expecting to avoid blackouts like those that darkened thousands of businesses and homes for several hours last week. Credit was given to conservation and the return to service of several newly repaired plants in Southern California.

But the transfer of power between south and north was slowed when the three major conduits were jammed at a bottleneck consisting of just two 500,000-volt lines in central California.

"The ISO is caught in the middle, caught in a system not improved in three years," ISO spokesperson Patrick Dorinson said.

Blackouts occurred briefly Sunday for as many as 75,000 customers in Northern California, but they were caused by a spike in power from Oregon, not from shortages.

TABA, Egypt (AP) - Optimism was scarce, but Israeli and Palestinian negotiating teams plowed ahead Monday with peace talks, forming a group focused on the future of some 4 million Palestinian refugees.

The leader of the Israeli team, Foreign Minister Shlomo Ben-Ami, said an accord was unlikely before Israel's Feb. 6 election, and even if an agreement was reached, it would be signed only after the vote. The sides are trying to reach a comprehensive settlement to end more than half a century of conflict, but they remain at odds on main issues.

Negotiator Yasser Abed Rabbo, the Palestinian information minister, said the atmosphere was "not negative."

Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak said he would be willing to give the Palestinians more than 90 percent of the West Bank for peace. "We can't end the conflict and have peace and security for Israel any other way," Barak said in Tel Aviv.

Palestinian officials said four committees would meet Tuesday to further discuss the major issues, including the future of Jerusalem, the borders of a Palestinian state and the Palestinian demand that the millions of refugees be allowed to return to homes in what is now Israel.

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Weather

I spent Saturday watching the presidential inauguration. To be quite honest, it irked me. Dubya doesn't seem comfortable with any facial expression. Instead, we get sporadic face twitching and the occasional girlish/ghoulish smirk. He looked like he was sucking on his own lips ... as opposed to our last president, who had someone else do the sucking. Tuesday's forecast: Four years of sucking.

Correction

Monday's Chumash article stated that the casino will add 2,000 slot machines in its expansion. The casino will actually have a total of 2,000 machines after the expansion. The Nexus regrets this error.



Best Dressed Guy in the Drunk Tank

At approximately 2:30 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 19, Isla Vista Foot Patrol officers patrolling the 900 block of Embarcadero Del Norte observed a 21year-old male attempting to ride a bicycle southbound in the middle of the roadway.

The suspect immediately fell over the handlebars on the bicycle. When the suspect attempted to get up, he said, "oh shit" and fell back down on the ground. The officers contacted the suspect to see if he was injured.

When the officers escorted the suspect out of the roadway and onto the sidewalk, they could smell a strong odor of alcohol emitting from his breath and person. When officers asked how much he had to drink, the suspect said, "We were drinking downtown."

When officers asked where he was going, the suspect said, "I was trying to go home." The suspects' eyes were red and watery and his speech was slurred. The officers detained the suspect and began leading him to the IVFP station.

While *en route* to the IVFP station, the suspect asked the officers four times why he was being arrested. The officers explained to the suspect that he was unable to care for his own safety due to his level of intoxication.

Upon arrival at the IVFP station, the suspect became argumentative and uncooperative. The suspect said, "I am 21, I am allowed to be drunk. You fucking dick, you can't arrest me. I am 21, just let me go home. Why are you doing Stories from the files of Isla Vista Foot Patrol. this, I am the best dressed guy in Isla Vista." The officers noticed the suspect had a rip in the right knee of his pants.

The suspect was arrested for public intoxication and transported to the Santa Barbara County Jail, where he was housed, pending sobriety.

Missed the Bus, but Found a Ride

At approximately 2:45 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 21, IVFP officers patrolling the 6500 block of Trigo Road heard the sound of someone banging on a vehicle.

As the officers approached, they saw a 20-year-old male walking eastbound, leaving the area where the officers heard the banging sound. The officers observed the suspect pick up a potted plant from outside a Trigo Road residence and throw it in the middle of the roadway.

When officers approached the suspect, he suddenly turned to go into a nearby apartment complex. When the officers contacted the suspect, he told them he hit the vehicles and threw the plant because he was upset at a bus driver for not giving him a ride home.

During a routine search, the officers found less than one ounce of marijuana in the suspect's front left pocket.

The suspect was arrested for public intoxication and possession of marijuana and transported to the Santa Barbara County Jail, where he was housed, pending sobriety.

— Compiled by Jennifer B. Siverts from the Isla Vista Foot Patrol Reports



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ROTC helicopter ride





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\$11,262 to pay for a speech by William La Pierre, vice-president of the National Rifle Association. La Pierre is scheduled to speak about the rights granted by the Constitution's Second Campbell Hall.

Jonathan Kalinski, treasurer of the College Republicans, said it was education."

important for UCSB to have controversial speakers, such as La Pierre, because they spark discussion.

"We've had several, notable speakers come to UCSB, such as Ollie North and Ward Connerly," he said, "and the events were well-Amendment on Feb. 20 at attended. This is a hot topic, which will provoke opposition and debate, which is all part of our

among workers,'" he said.

nity as they live.

munity for all of us."

more time with their families, and

ideally, to work in the same commu-

They could now work one job instead of three," she said. "This is

one way of making it a better com-

Mary O'Gorman, an administra-

tor in the Santa Barbara County

Human Relations Committee,

which is monitoring the progress of

"To me, it's a quality of life issue.

Several costs within the request were debated, including the security and advertising. Finance Board eventually approved \$839 for the event.

Environmental Affairs Board also requested and received a large chunk of money. Finance Board allocated \$2,450 to help fund their projects in the absence of the group's lock-in fee. Last spring, students approved a lockin fee to fund EAB, but

lawyers for the University of California worried EAB's mission statement might violate a Supreme Court decision, and held the referendum before the Regents could approve it. EAB has recently rewritten their mission statement and could receive its fee Spring Quarter, but will not receive the fee this quarter.

"Students voted for this

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[per hour], services will be more

costly," he said. Alejandro Moreno, an A.S. Repat-Large, said he voted in favor of the ordinance after learning more about the project, but still harbors

some doubts. "I originally came in thinking it was a bad idea, but after Harley answered some of my questions, I changed my mind. I still have a few apprehensions regarding small businesses and also unemployment [caused by employers having to pay higher wages]," Moreno said.

Supporters of the ordinance claim it will not result in layoffs because is it not a minimum wage increase, and will only affect a relatively small body of people. Augustino said the ordinance would instead improve

the coalition before taking a posispirit among workers and encourage them to stay at their jobs. tion, said that more research is need-"There have been construction ed about the effect of the ordinance companies, who have said, 'Hey, it's a on non-profit organizations in Santa lot easier to retain workers now. It Barbara.

has resulted in a higher morale "We have no position on the issue, pro or con, because there is not Former Lompoc Mayor Joyce enough information," she said. "There is still research to be done, Howerton, a member of the coalition, said the ordinance would especially concerning the non-profits enable city and county workers curand lease-holders with the city." rently living in poverty to spend

> Seventy-five wage ordinances statewide are currently pending, including one in Ventura. Fifty have already been passed, the most recent in Santa Cruz, at the same wages proposed in Santa Barbara, according to Augustino.

The Coalition for a Living Wage can be reached by phone at 963-0601, ext. 16, or by e-mail at <sb_livingwage@hotmail.com>.



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Student organizations and campus departments wishing to get a ballot measure considered for the Spring 2001 election must first submit to the Campus **Elections Commission petitions of support** by Februrary 6, 2001. Final proposals are due by Februrary 21. Please call 893-4467 for further information.

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son all the information he or she needs to argue your case. And remember to keep quiet. Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - Your relationship

should be well-established by now. What to do next? Why not launch a project you can work on together? This could be for fun or for profit, or both. The first step is to work out your plan.

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Libra (Sept. 23-Oct 22) - Today is an 8 - Difficult issues need to be discussed, and some changes need to be made. Seeing what a loved one wants will get easier, and so will deciding whether or not you'll provide it. A storybook romance can come

true if you do the work. Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6 - Your house is full of change, ideas and opportunity. It may be so full, it's hard to 69 move around. Maybe it's time to recycle a few things. Is it time for major renovation? This could be your big excuse to get creative

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - Acquiring new technical skills would improve your financial situation and would also impress your friends. They always come to you for m advice. This will give them more things to ask you about. Become an expert in something else. Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 6 - Quite a bit of

money could slip through your fingers if you're not careful. 6 You've been so busy playing the game, you may not have had time to keep score. That's OK for a while, but doing it for long 0 is foolish.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - You've been focused on finishing old business. Soon you'll know why. Something you've learned recently will be quite useful. Your 1700 confidence improves, too. Get ready to take bold action tomorrow

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - You should be 8 writing your dreams down over the next few days. Your imagination will be fertile. Your head will be full of arguments and battles, being won and lost. Remember these visions. You might have a movie in there that's good enough to sell! 69

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#### **Columns and Letter**

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## **Casino Crapshoot** County Makes Claim That Chumash Betray Environmental 'Good Faith'

the expansion of the Chumash casino in Santa Ynez may be seriously compromised if the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors gets its way. Under the guise of environmental concern, the county and the Santa Ynez band of Indians have drawn up battle lines. But the real issue is whether the county, or even the state, has the legitimate authority to impose development restrictions on the tribal land of a sovereign nation.

The Chumash tribe has plans to expand its current casino by adding 21,600 square-feet to their operation. The temporary structure, to be erected by May, would serve as the centerpiece for a proposed multi-million dollar expansion to be completed at a later date. To meet its obligations under the tribal gaming compact, the Chumash released a 200-page environmental assessment, which detailed plans for an additional gaming room as well as a 1,100-space, five-level parking garage - the largest in Santa Barbara County. The document also contained a proposal for two new traffic signals along Highway 246 in an effort to handle an estimated daily increase of 3,200 vehicles traveling the road after expansion.

Since its 1994 opening, the casino has offered the Chumash tribe hopes for economic profit and self-sufficiency. Reservation unemployment has dropped by more than 70 percent, and the casino is now the largest employer in the Santa Ynez Valley. Currently, the Chumash casino contains 880 slot machines, although they are allowed an additional 1,120 by the state. However, these must be installed by May 15 or they will be placed back into a statewide pool available to other Indian casinos, hence, the tribe's rush to finish construction by May and the county's reticence to see this construction completed.

Historically, state and local government has opposed Indian gaming, and a number of statewide ballot measures have attempted to do away with or curtail the enterprise. The county's plan to derail the Chumash expansion hinges on environmental concerns. The county claims that local agencies have identified important health and safety considerations - fire, traffic, air quality, wastewater and airport safety. These concerns were addressed in a letter to Gov. Gray Davis that calls on him to take action against the Chumash tribe for what county officials saw as a lack of "good faith effort" in analyzing or implementing measures to mitigate significant off-reservation environmental impacts.

The exact nature of the county's concerns were not outlined, nor were their grounds for claiming that the tribe did



not act on "good faith" in assessing the casino's environmental impact. This lack of clarity begs the question: Is the county hiding development restrictions behind the façade of environmental concern?

The Chumash tribe has sovereign nation status. Precedent was set by the U.S. Supreme Court in Worcester v. Georgia (1832), which held that Indian tribes, as separate nations, had defined territorial boundaries within which state law was null and void. However, Congress has historically placed restrictions on this sovereignty. When the U.S. Supreme Court allowed Indian gaming on reservations in 1987, Congress required that participating tribes enter into a compact with their respective state. The 1999 tribal-state gaming agreement was signed between Indian gaming tribes and the state of California. Although it requires that tribes make a "good faith effort" to incorpo-

rate state and federal regulations in their environmental analyses, tribes may, in fact, proceed with projects regardless of the existence of one or more potential adverse offreservation impacts.

It seems hard to argue that the Chumash tribe did not comply with the compact. That is not to say that the county has no legitimate grounds for concern — the casino will undoubtedly create more traffic, and will require more sewage capacity and wastewater treatment, both of which are in limited supply. But the county has room to negotiate with the Chumash in all these areas. To hide the county's distaste of the casino behind an alleged lack of environmental compliance and to ask the governor to infringe on the Chumash nation's sovereignty moves both the tribe and the county significantly further from their purported goal of being neighbors.

### **The Reader's Voice**

### SOCIETY REQUIRES MODERN INTERPRETATION OF BIBLE

#### Editor, Daily Nexus:

This is a response to Constantine Economides' column (Daily Nexus, "Bible Pervades Society, Preaches Unholy Message," Jan. 12) regarding the Bible and homosexuality. When I read this article, I was shocked by its content. Then I was angered by its accusations.

To begin, I must state that I do agree with Economides' point that the Bible has been "taken as an absolute and literal truth by others who use it to rationalize and support the mentality that leads to crimes such as Matthew Shepard's murder." What he does not write is that these people do not understand the Bible. God did not write the Bible; human beings wrote it. Humans wrote it after they had gone through inspirational experiences with God. The Bible is a human entity, not an entity of God. Therefore, it is flawed, because no human is perfect. It is not a book of rules, it is not perfect, and it should, in no way, be taken literally. It does contain many valuable truths, which should be examined and applied today as they were thousands of years ago. It should be read with intelligence and common sense.

Next, the Bible does not brainwash people. A person can

read the Bible or not read the Bible, gain knowledge from it, or choose not to gain anything from it. Anthropologists, ancient historians, theologians and scripture scholars have broken off from the "old" way of seeing the Bible as the literal truth. The people who killed Matthew Shepard are not Christians because of what they say and because of what they did. Rather, they are ignorant human beings. According to the murderers, the same book that holds as one of the Ten Commandments, "Thou shalt not kill," also told them to kill Matthew Shepard. If they understood the Bible, they would not have killed him. They are ignorant and evil for having gone so far astray from God's word and then calling themselves Christians. It is one thing to say that the Bible is an evil book. It is another to use it as an excuse for what you really want to do.

#### PAIGE SCHOKNECHT

DO NOT VANDALIZE MLK DAY WITH RACIST WORDS, DEEDS

#### Editor, Daily Nexus:

This past weekend we commemorated the life and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Some of us

attended the commemoration at the eternal flame. Some of us attended the commemoration held by Alpha Phi Alpha near the MultiCultural Center. Some of us, however, chose to commemorate Dr. King in other ways.

Some of us chose to honor Dr. King by vandalizing and scrawling racial and sexual slurs on the doors and elevators belonging to female residents of San Miguel Residence Hall

Others chose to honor Dr. King by distributing business cards in Davidson Library that read "Save the White Race."

One person chose to honor Dr. King by writing an opinion column in the Nexus ("Reverse Racism in Education," Jan. 16) that dubbed one of the most beneficial gains of the Civil Rights Movement, Affirmative Action, reverse racism. Keep in mind that Dr. King fiercely supported Affirmative Action.

Racism is not something that exists only in the history books, it exists right here at UCSB, and it exists right now in the present. It can be subtle, as it was in Mr. Black's article, or it can be blatant, as in the hate crimes that occurred in San Miguel. Either way, racism must be openly confronted if we are to advance as a campus community and achieve the dream that Dr. King had for us all.

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## **Boycott Private Lenders That Hike Cost of Student Loans**

Large Corporations Seek Personal Gain in Lieu of Government Benefits That Make Education Less Expensive for All

MEL FABI

If you're like most college students, you have student loan debt. If you don't, just wait. By the time you finish UCSB, you will. Those loans come from one or both of two federal programs: Direct Student Loans and Federal Family Educational Loan. Direct Student Loans are held and serviced by the U.S. Dept. of Education. FFEL loans are held and serviced by private lenders, but the federal government insures lenders if you fail to pay them off. For each program, the U.S. Congress sets some restrictions on things like interest rates and origination fees (fees paid at the outset of the loan), but each program has a certain amount of flexibility in offering borrowers benefits that make students' lives better.

Recently, many lenders in the FFEL program, including USA Education (formerly Sallie Mae and USA Group), Bank of America, Citigroup and other big names, filed suit against the U.S. Dept. of Education for lowering the origination fees in the direct loan program as well as interest rates for students who pay their consolidated loans on time. In other words, private lenders are suing the Dept. of Education for making loans less expensive and have the audacity to say it's for our benefit.

The lenders say that if the government is going to provide loan benefits to students in all. Let's just reflect for a moment and thank Direct the

Student Loan program, they [1]f the private lenders win, many stu- loans should provide dents in the Direct Student Loan pro- expensive. these benefits to gram will not be able to get these benestudents. fits at all. Let's just reflect for a moment all OK, until you loans more expensive. realize that most lenders already

offer similar, and sometimes better, benefits do with you. Wrong. Although the FFEL to their borrowers. They just want the government to start picking up the tab for loan benefits in addition to existing subsidies.



Even worse, if the private lenders win, many It turns out that the Dept. of Education is students in the Direct Student Loan pro-

private lenders for making our more

Maybe That sounds and thank private lenders for making our you only have FFEL loans, so you think this has nothing to

> program has many private lenders, only a couple of lenders hold the vast majority of loans, so there is relatively little competition.

the only lender able to compete with the gram will not be able to get these benefits at financial giants, so conditions for FFEL borrowers have actually improved dramatically in the last 10 years, thanks to the Direct Student Loan program. The Direct Student Loan program actually keeps costs down for ALL borrowers, even if they don't participate in the program.

> Some lenders have acknowledged that this lawsuit may ultimately hurt students, and have refused to participate. This act of good conscience on the part of a few private lenders only makes it more obvious that those participating in the lawsuit understand that only they, not students, will truly benefit from this suit.

SHADI MUKLASHY / DAILY NEXUS Do you know who your educational lender is? Find out. If they are part of the lawsuit against the Dept. of Education, ask your financial aid officer to drop them from UCSB's preferred lender list. After all, why give more business to the folks who are try-

If you have any questions, feel free to contact either Mel Fabi at «fabim@sa.ucsb.edu> or (805) 893-5085 or Ali Fischer at <ussa@usstudents.org> or (202) 347-8772.

ing to make loans more expensive?

Mel Fabi is the Golden Pacific Region vice chair of the United States Students Association and a senior film studies and Chicano studies major.

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#### AFFIRMATIVE ACTION BRINGS **POSITIVE CONSEQUENCES**

#### Editor, Daily Nexus:

Writing this piece, I tried to figure out a way to approach the arguments presented by James Black in his recent opinion column (Daily Nexus, "Reverse Racism in Education," Jan. 16). I wanted to present my opinion without playing into the angry black man stereotype, but then I said, "Fuck it, I am an angry black man." It's painfully obvious that Mr. Black fits the literal meaning of a sophomore: a wise fool. He is wise because he sees that his future may be in jeopardy because Affirmative Action will help diversify the university that was once dominated by white males. That means he may not get into the graduate school he wants, and his little brother may not be able to follow in his footsteps so easily. He is a fool because he expressed opinions rooted in myths and misconceptions about Affirmative Action.

irred Here are some facts Mr. Black obviously overlooked. Affirmative Action does not let unqualified minorities into ontuniversities. Everyone who gets into a UC school is qualinieve fied according to the admission guidelines. Affirmative Action examines other considerations, such as race, as well. ESO So, in contradiction to Mr. Black's statement, all 2.7 percent

of blacks on this campus are UCSB material.

Another fact that Mr. Black didn't seem to know is that blacks do not benefit the most from Affirmative Action. I know it's a shock because there are so many of us blacks on campus, but the truth of the matter is that white women benefit the most from Affirmative Action. So I think that Mr. Black should augment his statement and say many white women are not UCSB material, either.

Now, another point made by Mr. Black is that minorities should just change schools if they are getting a substandard education at their present high school. Once again, Mr. Black has no fucking clue as to what he is talking about. Now, in order to change schools, the student would have to get an interdistrict transfer. They don't just hand those out like candy. You have to have some compelling reason why you need to change schools, and even if you do change schools you have to find some way to travel to and from school. Some high school students do not have the luxury of switching schools. Some high school students have little brothers and sisters to take care of because their parents are working multiple jobs, or because they do not have parents at all, so commuting 30 minutes is not an option. Also, many minority high school students do not have the tools, such as computers, up-to-date books or a selection of honors and AP classes, that their white counterparts have across town.

#### name, phone number, year and major.

Let me see you write a 12-page report on the American government without an AP class in U.S. History. Let me tell you, it's fucking hard to do.

The example of the one black student in your high school that went to college on a football scholarship is, how does one say this politely, so fucking lame that the lamest lamo would call it lame. The fact that you know only one black person who even went to college should tip you off that Affirmative Action is needed. I know you come to UCSB and see more minorities than in your high school and think that the Rainbow Coalition has its headquarters in I.V. But diversity is lacking in the student body here at UCSB, and to prove this, let me give you an example.

Imagine you walk into Campbell Hall, which seats about 500 people. You look around and don't see another white face in the packed auditorium. You feel a little uncomfortable and out of place. Well, that is how minorities feel almost every day here at UCSB. My whole life, people have looked at me and thought that I am not good enough. Well, Mr. Black, I had a 4.0 GPA and 1440 on my SATs coming out of high school, so I know I am UCSB material. And I can't let Affirmative Action die because I have two little black nephews who need to follow in their uncle's footsteps.

**RAY SMITH** 

## MANY MIDDLE SCHOOLERS IN LOW-INCOME AREAS ARE WRITING AT AN ELEMENTARY LEVEL.

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lock-in," board member Keenan Lampkin said, "and the only reason we're not giving them all the money they requested is because we don't have that much cash."

Finance Board allocated \$12,815 at the meeting, leaving them \$6,036.36 for

the remainder of the quarter. Groups such as the Isla Vista Youth Projects, which requested \$11,422 to pay students in the work study program, could be forced to scale back their plans because of the shortfall. The request was tabled so other sources of funding could be located.

K.C. Mmeje said he would Flying A room.

try and persuade A.S. Legislative Council to dip into the Capital Reserves fund.

"We're not looking too good as far as finances go," he said.

All Finance Board decisions are subject to approval by Leg Council, which meets Wednesday Finance Board Chair night at 6:30 in the UCen's



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necessity of a north county jail facility.

"There has been an overcrowding in the main Santa Barbara jail for almost 10 years," he said. "We are under court order to let the prisoners out early to relieve this problem. This poses a danger to the community."

Anderson, a resident of Santa Barbara County for the last 37 years, said improving officer/community relations is another high priority for his campaign.

"I want to improve service to the public and really partner with the community," he said. "The Isla Vista Foot Patrol is an excellent example of that."

IVFP's Arnoldi said his extensive police experience, combined with three years in I.V., makes him the best candidate for the job.

"I think the three years I've been working in I.V. with the community and building a good relationship has been a good model for the position," he said. "I'd like

to expand that to the rest of Santa Barbara. I'm very much into community, communication and helping out the population as a whole."

Arnoldi, a native Santa Barbara resident, said, if elected, he plans to focus his energies on the creation of a north county jail facility and improving public safety.

"I want to get back to basics, especially with the possibility of Goleta becoming a city. Patrol is important in order to make it safe, not only for Goleta, but for the unincorporated areas as well," he said. "I will be sheriff to all the people and will uphold the law to the best of my ability."

Arnoldi said his unmatched crime reduction record as IVFP lieutenant qualifies him for the position.

"I'm proud to say that in the three years I've been working in I.V., working together with the community, Part I crimes — the most serious — have been reduced by over 25 percent," he said. "No one else in the department can say that. All other stations have increased by 3 percent or more.'



1. NO PHOTOCOPIED BALLOTS. 2. Ballots must be dropped off at the Daily Nexus Ad Office, underneath Storke Tower, by Friday, February 9 at 5pm. 3. The "Best Of" Issue will be published on Wednesday, February 28. 4. ONE ballot per person. 5. Ballots must be filled out with reasonable completeness. Ballots with less than half of the blanks filled will be considered votes for Pat Buchanan. 6. NOTE: The Nexus' "Best of UCSB" is intended to be a good-natured contest among business groups and others in the community. In other words, this is not a cutthroat competition whose results are somehow of lasting significance. So please do not take it as such. 7. No recounts! Decisions of Ballot referees are FINAL, Supreme Court rulings notwithstanding.

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# Sport

## Santa Barbara Rouses Rebels, **Settles for Split During Meet**

BY BROOKE ROBERTS Staff Writer

Another weekend of mixed results for the UCSB swim team hampered a strong showing by the women's team.

Two weeks ago, the men's team left the pool smiling after streaking by Pacific, while the women's team faltered against the Tigers. This past weekend, the coin landed on the flip side, while the UCSB women notched their first win of the year and the men's team walked away empty-handed.

The Gauchos traveled by bus to Nevada for a face-off against UNLV on Saturday. The Rebels' lineup included a number of Olympic swimmers that had returned to the program after taking the 1999-2000 season off to compete Sydney, Australia, including Jacint Smith and Lorena Diaconescu of the women's team, and Andrew Livingston of the men's squad.

While UNLV came into the meet healthy, the UCSB men's team was already at a disadvantage. Three of its top swimmers were out due to illness. Among the Gauchos not present at the meet were senior Ryan Koch and juniors David Madden and Dan Cottam.

Although the men's team ultimately fell to UNLV with a very onesided final score of 167-94, Santa Barbara did have a number of highlights in individual performances, including a strong performance by sophomore Matt Wheeler, who won the 200-meter back event and the 200-meter individual medley.

"Three of our guys were out sick," Wheeler said. "We were pretty tired, but there were some people that had really good swims. Junior Chris May swam really well in the 200meter breast."

"[The UNLV men's team] was really fast," sophomore Kristal Haesler said. "They had a lot of depth, meaning there was a fast swimmer in every lane."

On the brighter side of last weekend's action was the UCSB women's team, which was able to roll over the Rebels, 131-111. The victory was all the more meaningful as UCSB had suffered a brutal defeat at the hands of UNLV last season. The first half of the meet proved to be a close competition for Santa Barbara, but it managed to clinch a win in the last few events.

"It was a completely good.'

different team this year," Haesler said. "[Head Coach Gregg Wilson] told us at the break how close it was; we were only four points ahead. We got psyched and we knew that we had to step it up and win the last events."

The meet's last and most-critical events include the 200 individual medley and the 200-meter free relay. Senior Suzy Bagg, iunior sophomore Wilkinson, Brenna junior Karin Finger, and sophomore anchor Danielle Steadman racked up a collective win in the free relay.

"It's fun to be an anchor," Steadman said. "It's a lot of pressure, but I like it better than any other place. That was the first meet



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we had won in a long Sophomore swimmer Tammy Pratummas glides using the breast sroke time. That felt really during Santa Barbarara's meet with University of Nevada at Las Vegas.

## **Ravens Drubbing Defense Will Shellack Giants Into Submission on Super Sunday**

ELIAV **APPELBAUM** 

The gridiron awaits you, gentlemen.

The Baltimore Ravens and the New York Giants of the NFL have fought their way through 20 weeks of football purgatory for a chance to play in Super Bowl XXXV. The Super Bowl festivities have enveloped this country faster than Raven defensive tackle Tony Siragusa smothering a porterhouse

of the Chicago Bears, only the Bears tore off Patriots' quarterback Tony Eason's head in the slaughter. "The Monsters of the Midway" were the greatest, most colorful Super Bowl champions of all

time. But the Ravens have had their moments in the 2000-2001 season, and will have their parade in downtown Maryland if



Dent was more commanding. Trent Dilfer is like Jim McMahon. They're both blowhards with no talent. Yet Baltimore does

three things, and it does these three things well.

They're faster than you, smarter than you, and tougher than you, and they are going to make you pay. The efficiency of the defensive line allows Baltimore to dictate how the offense on the opposing side is going to operate. They know how they're going to kill, and they'll do it. They break you until you are nothing. Allowing 165 points in 16 games is no small feat, and 56 takeaways in the 19 games they have played is proof that they make things happen on the field. Baltimore will pound the ball and play it safe on offense and unleash their defense this Sunday. The Giants will try to entice Dana to join them on the sideline. Baltimore, 23; New York, 7. The Bears are simply letting the rest of the league catch up with them, cause nobody can pull off another "Super Bowl Shuffle" quite like the greatest player on the greatest team of all time, Walter Payton.

## New York Will Win Game of Underdogs, Send Ravens Packing Out of Tampa Bay

**JASON CHAU** 

For those of you who have been hibernating in a cave, this upcoming weekend marks the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the most precious of national holidays: Super Bowl Sunday.

This year's rendition features the New York Giants and the Baltimore Ravens in Tampa, Florida. While both teams have their eyes set on becoming World Champions, only one will be going to

put some points on the board, period. Remember that their quarterback is Trent Dilfer, the same Trent Dilfer who lost his starting job in Tampa Bay to then-rookie Shaun King. This is the same team that went a stretch of five games without scoring an offensive touchdown. It's true — they are trying to recreate the type of



second in the NFL in run defense, which could create problems for a Ravens team that might have to rely on Dilfer.

From an offensive standpoint, the Giants aren't dynamic, but they are solid. Sure, the 41 points against the Vikings was an aberration, but with a balanced passing and running game, they can wear a defense down. QB Kerry Collins threw for over 3600 yards and 22 touchdowns, and the Giants had a potent inside-outside running attack with Tiki Barber and Ron Dayne. All three will need to be on top of their game to have a chance against the suffocating Raven's defense. The last time the Giants played in the big one, Super Bowl XXV, it was also in Tampa. They won that one with a lot of luck. This time they won't need it. The Ravens won't even smell pay dirt. Prediction: Baltimore attempts to become the first team to win on field goals. In retaliation, New York serves up a heavy dose of thunder and lightning to bury the Ravens and their pathetic offense. G-Men hoist up the Lombardi Trophy this Sunday, 13-9. -The author maintains that next year, definitely, the

One more game, and one team will be left standing at the gates of football immortality. The other team will be sniffling and grabbing their blankies faster than Linus in a pit of dingos.

This Super Bowl will be summed up in one word: defense.

The team that is destined to win will be the Ravens, without serious question. The Giants can't win the game: they'll soon be stitching a tent covering the city with all the banners and pennants the city has accumulated. My friend Dana Gelb from New York is a Jets fan, and I don't think either of us can handle watching Lawrence Taylor buttering up television sets for at least the next decade. The Ravens remind me

they are able to capture that moment. No one can compete with the 'Mouth From the South,' tight end Shannon Sharpe, who will be donning his third ring in less than a week. No player has the physical ability to slice his way to the end zone quite like Sharpe. Wide receiver Qadry Ismail is the perfect complement to the versatile Sharpe, and will help stretch the field for running back Jamal Lewis.

Middle linebacker Ray Lewis has those beady, snarling eyes and that ferocious attitude on the field that is similar to former Bear linebacker Mike Singletary. Right defensive end Michael McCrary is like Richard Dent, only

- Eliav Appelbaum is the Daily Nexus sports editor, and he'll be thinking of

Disneyworld. Being native Angeleno, it pains me to say it, but this year, it's all about New York.



Baltimore (15-4, 10 straight wins) got here on the shoulders of a defensive unit that talks the talk and then walks the walk. But that's all they got. Everyone says that defense wins championships, but the Ravens are the one exception to this rule. You need to have an offense to



football played before the advent of the forward pass.

The Giants (14-4, seven straight wins) don't play with the same flair as Baltimore, but will succeed because they can play a complete game of football on both sides of the ball.

Their defense, ranked fifth in the league overall, shut down the NFL's most versatile player, Philadelphia quarterback Donovan McNabb, three times this year and Minnesota's silenced three-headed monster of Randy Moss, Chris Carter and Robert Smith in the divisional championship game. They surrendered a meager 15.4 points a game in the regular season. Additionally, they were . Buffalo Bills will win it all.