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UCSB's men's basketball team takes on North Texas at 7 tonight in the T-dome. Free for students with their Access cards.

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## UCSB Crime Jurisdiction Could Extend Off Campus

By ROBERTO SERRINI  
Reporter

Associated Students Legislative Council is reviving an old debate concerning what rights the university should have to punish students for their off-campus transgressions.

Currently, UCSB can only take disciplinary action against students for infractions committed on campus. However, many universities have disciplinary jurisdiction that extends to their surrounding communities and beyond, and such a policy has been proposed by some at UCSB. Proponents of expanded jurisdiction argue that it would keep violent criminals out of the university, while opponents claim that it gives the university administration too much power.

Wednesday night, Leg Council passed the Safety 2000 Bill position paper. The bill, authored by Internal Vice President Danny Costa, supports expanding jurisdiction to university-affiliated properties, including privately owned residence halls and greek houses.

"A lot of people think I'm trying to get university jurisdiction for all of I.V., and no, I'm not — that would get into civil liberty problems," Costa said.

According to Dean of Students Joe Navarro, this action has been

suggested before.

"[The bill's supporters] want Chancellor Yang to immediately grant extended university jurisdiction over affiliated structures," he said. "All this is already being investigated."

Navarro is currently on a committee investigating expanding jurisdiction to off-campus residence halls.

"For university-affiliated halls to be able to refer cases to me ... they go through a sort of three-tier plan that will change them to have the basic structure of an on-campus residence hall," he said. "That is, RAs, RDs, meetings, programming and orientation classes must all mimic on-campus residence halls."

According to Navarro, past attempts at broadening the university's disciplinary authority have encountered roadblocks in the administration.

"A committee proposed in 1996 to extend jurisdiction for acts of violence anywhere in the universe as long as the [perpetrator] was a student and the victim a university member. The chancellor did not accept that," he said.

With the expansion of university jurisdiction comes the question of how UCSB's crime statistics are reported. The Safety 2000 Bill also

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## Greek Houses Will Rock Out in Support of MS Research

By LISA BUTTERWORTH  
Staff Writer

A local fraternity and sorority are giving the community an opportunity to get its groove on in the name of charity.

Thursday marks the second annual Rock MS, a benefit concert sponsored by the UCSB chapters of Pi Beta Phi sorority and Theta Chi fraternity. The event aims to raise money to combat multiple sclerosis, a disease that targets the central nervous system, destroying control of the body. Proceeds from the event, which features the Latin-flavored rock band Ozomatli and opens with Common Sense, will be donated to an organization founded to aid MS research, according to Theta Chi Philanthropy Chair Jeff Garrett.

"[The money] benefits MS research and goes to the Nancy Davis 'Center Without Walls,' an MS research facility which gives grant money to doctors so they can do research on MS," he said.

Garrett explained that Theta Chi chose to support this particular organization because of the successful steps it has taken toward finding a cure for the disease.

"We like the fact that their money went straight to research," he said. "They seem more aggressive about finding a cure for MS than other

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## Awareness of Rental Legal Rights Can Help Tenants Avoid Troubles

### Second in a Two-Part Series

By IAN BARKER  
Staff Writer

*This is the second in a two-part Isla Vista housing series. The first part in Wednesday's Nexus explained how to find the perfect dwelling. Today's section gives an overview of resources available for those with problems in their current or future homes.*

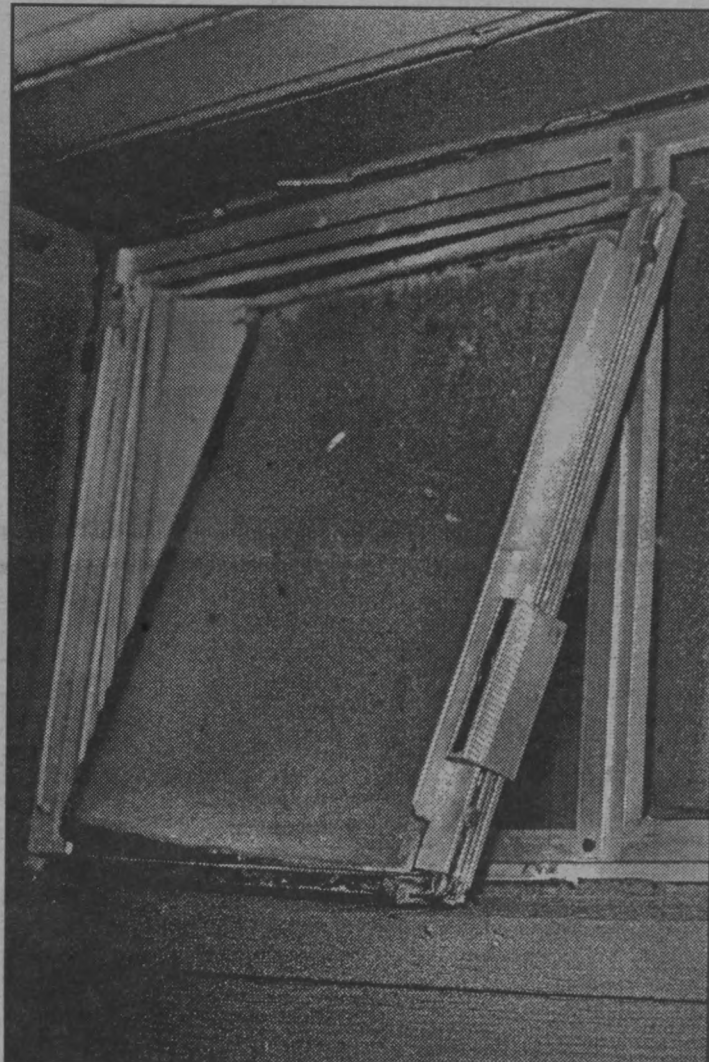
Has your lease turned into a lemon? Fear not, there is help out there.

There are a number of resources to help renters avoid and deal with problems. Isla Vista Housing Inspector Steve Fairly explained that the foundation for a good tenancy can be established long before move-in.

"The very key thing is to think before you sign the lease. Make sure the communication going in covers everything going out," he said. "The 'well-oiled' [real estate companies] all have a move-in checklist. I think that the students should utilize the research of [the Community Housing Office in the UCen]."

According to CHO Assistant Manager Amy Van Meter, renters need to understand all parts of their lease to avoid unpleasant surprises.

"Make sure to read the contract. Make sure you understand it when you sign," she said. "The



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A broken sliding window loosely hangs from its track at an I.V. apartment. Reporting such problems to a landlord promptly and in writing can help promote open communication for the duration of a lease.

biggest one students get in trouble with is the Joint and Several Clause. If four people are sharing and one leaves, they need to replace the person or they have to pay."

The CHO's student handbook outlines procedures for dealing with landlords, and Fairly said, "The Rental Housing

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## A.S. Dumps Virgin Paper in Favor of Used Materials

By NATHAN BUYS  
Staff Writer

Associated Students Legislative Council attacked a behemoth, 15-bill agenda during Wednesday night's meeting and tabled a number of the items until next week.

One of the bills passed unanimously was a position paper encouraging university establishments to further incorporate recycled paper, according to A.S. Recycling Coordinator Jessica Scheeter.

"The UCSB Green Team position paper focuses on increasing the university's role in supporting the concept and practice of recycling through the purchase of post-consumer recycled products," she said. "The idea is to give students the choice of supporting recycled products and refusing to support materials made from virgin sources."

On-Campus Rep Elsie Tanadjaja said the bill is an important affirmation of Leg Council's dedication to the environment.

"We might all believe that recycling is important, but if we don't do it, it means nothing," she said. "It's a simple thing, but you contribute a lot to saving the environment you live in."

Another position paper presented to the council dealt with extending university disciplinary jurisdiction to off-campus housing, as well as increasing the number of blue light phones and lampposts, in response to rising sexual assaults and violence.

"This problem is an epidemic," said Internal Vice President Danny Costa, the bill's author. "People that should be taking responsibility and taking care of the students have not been, and we need to send a strong message to both the students and the administration

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# Top of the News

## "Geronimo" Pratt Case Closes for Good



**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — The three-decade legal battle of Elmer "Geronimo" Pratt ended Wednesday with the district attorney's decision to drop further prosecution of the former Black Panther who spent 27 years in prison for a murder he said he didn't commit.

"The murder at issue in this case occurred over 30 years ago," Gil Garcetti, Los Angeles County's top prosecutor, told a press conference. "Most of the witnesses are deceased. It would be virtually impossible to retry this case. In our professional judgment, there would be no reasonable likelihood of conviction."

San Francisco attorney Stuart Hanlon, who spent 25 years seeking Pratt's freedom, said after Garcetti's announcement, "I'm glad it's over."

"I wish I could say I felt

uplifted," Hanlon said. "But all I feel is frustration and anger that it took this long. It's clear to everyone that Pratt was wrongly convicted." Hanlon said he

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**— Johnnie Cochran  
one of Pratt's trial lawyers**

could not understand Garcetti's decision to appeal the case even after Pratt had been released from prison in 1997.

There was no immediate comment from Pratt. He was at home in Morgan City, La., and had gotten word, a family member said, by telephone.

Garcetti acted in the wake of a 2nd District Court of Appeals decision Tuesday upholding an Orange

County judge's ruling that Pratt was denied a fair trial.

Pratt's belated reversal of fortune came with the disclosure that a key prosecution witness hid the fact he was an ex-felon and a police informant.

Superior Court Judge

Pratt claimed he was in Oakland for Black Panther meetings the day of the murder, and that FBI agents and police hid and possibly destroyed wiretap evidence that would prove it.

Pratt's lawyers blamed his arrest on a politically charged campaign by J. Edgar Hoover's FBI against the Black Panthers and other perceived enemies of the U.S. government. The legal team waged a relentless campaign to free Pratt, winning numerous hearings only to be rebuffed repeatedly.

"They took away the best years of his life," Johnnie Cochran, one of Pratt's trial lawyers, said at a news conference Tuesday.

Garcetti declined to say that Pratt may have been wrongly convicted, telling reporters he stands behind the prosecutors who tried the case and won a conviction in 1972.

## San Francisco School District Settles Quota Lawsuit



**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — The city's school system agreed Wednesday to abandon race-based admissions and come up with a new enrollment plan that might increase consideration of students' economic hardships.

For 15 years, the school system has operated under a court-approved desegregation plan that says no school can have more than 45 percent of any one racial or ethnic group. Sought-after "magnet" schools, including the district's academic flagship Lowell High, have a 40 percent limit.

Facing a suit by Chinese-Americans who were denied admission to Lowell and two elementary schools, the district agreed to stop assigning students primarily on the basis of race, but said it would preserve racial diversity through other means.

The settlement, which avoids a potentially divisive trial, brought proclamations of harmony from former legal and

political foes: on one side, the school district and the NAACP, and on the other, Chinese-American students and parents who have become the city's largest ethnic group.

The agreement includes a ban on the use of race or ethnicity as the primary reason to assign any student to a school or program.

The ban would begin this fall with students entering kindergarten, middle and high schools, as well as students new to the district — about 20,000 of the district's 62,000 students. It would extend to all students a year later.

And if any school showed signs of "racial isolation," a return to the days of de facto segregation in poor minority neighborhoods, the district or the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People could ask the judge to approve changes in enrollment, as long as students aren't assigned primarily because of race.

The district also will redraw attendance boundaries for 2000-01 and try to maintain diversity by combining neighborhoods of different income levels, Anderson said.

## AP WIRE SHORTS

**HUNTSVILLE, Ala. (AP)** — Women who say they can't enjoy themselves in the bedroom without sex toys like vibrators asked a federal judge Wednesday to block a new Alabama law banning the sale of such items.

Those challenging the 1998 law contend it violates privacy rights by indirectly prohibiting adults from engaging in legal acts behind closed doors.

But the state contends there is no fundamental right to a product used to produce an orgasm.

The ban on sex toys in this Bible Belt state was signed by Gov. Fob James, who was defeated last November.

Selling or distributing "any device designed or marketed as useful primarily for the stimulation of human genital organs" was made punishable by up to a year in jail and a \$10,000 fine.

**LOS ANGELES (AP)** — O.J. Simpson memorabilia went up in flames to a chorus of cheers and boos Wednesday, a day after it was sold at auction to help pay off the \$33.5 million judgment he owes in the deaths of ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend.

Two No. 32 football jerseys and a Professional Football Hall of Fame induction certificate were burned and two trophies were smashed outside the Criminal Courts Building in a protest organized by a Christian radio talk show host who purchased \$16,000 worth of items.

The auction Tuesday raised \$430,000, including \$255,500 for Simpson's Heisman Trophy.

"We are destroying O.J. Simpson's property in front of the L.A. courthouse because the criminal justice system is destroying justice before our very eyes," protest organizer Bob Enyart of Denver said.

The prices surprised some collectors because Simpson sports memorabilia hasn't been selling well.

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Even among the provocative advertisements of Times Square, Calvin Klein's new billboard for children's underwear may have gone too far.

The billboard, which has little boys and girls in underwear jumping on a sofa, is scheduled to be unveiled Thursday.

"Whether you like it or not you have pedophiles in this society. Anything that could get them excited is detrimental, irresponsible and reckless," said Donald Wildmon, president of American Family Association in Tupelo, Miss. He said the picture is "nothing more than pornography."

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, who championed the cleanup of Times Square, said there was nothing the city could do.

"The First Amendment allows a whole range of expression," he said. But he added: "I think it was done on purpose, and I think it's in very bad taste."

Robert Peters, president of the New York-based Morality in Media stated, "If the outline of the little boy's genitals can be seen in a photograph taken by a professional photographer, that's not an accident."

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## Weather

Are you underage, don't have an authentic-looking I.D., and are looking for an easy way to get alcohol?

Well, your day has come. No, I'm not some fancy-ass politician who is appealing the drinking laws, nor do I operate an underground illegal I.D. factory (although if you want one, slip a plain envelope with \$50 under the *Nexus* door, and I'll take care of you.) On the contrary, I'm just a studious nerd who likes to give the old liver a workout every now and again. So here's a little secret our friends down at the Foot Patrol would rather you not know: You can make your own alcohol!

I mean, let's face it, alcohol isn't pulled out of the deep ground like oil (although it's just as precious), nor is it some magical fluid that the Beer Fairy makes out of water. Here's what you do:

1) Buy some packets of Fleischman's Yeast at Lucky. If the clerk asks you why you're buying 500 packets, just say you have a big bread fetish. Then before you leave, say something sarcastic.

2) Combine with warm water in a sealable container and add sugar (real sugar, too, not Nutrasweet).

3) Leave in a sunny area for two or three days. Leave it longer if you like a little bite in your drink.

3) Now crack open that container, pinch your nose, and bottoms up!

Well, it doesn't taste like cake and roses, but hey, I don't have to deal with it — I'm not underage.

Today's weather: sunny and warm inside. Sunny and windy outside.

# HOUSING

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Survival Guide is the guide — the absolute best tool that students can get their hands on.

Students with housing law questions also have access to free counsel from Associated Students Legal Services.

"I work on interpreting a lease, what rights a person has in a lease," Associated Students Legal Counsel Attorney Sherrie Taylor said. "I talk mostly about security deposit issues. Students can contact the Legal Services Office. I have weekly hours; they can schedule a time with me."

Taylor said students must be especially vigilant in protecting their rights when dealing with real estate companies.

"With bigger management companies and landlords, you need to be aware that these guys deal with stu-

dents all the time, so they know how to disturb you," she said. "They're good at taking advantage of student situations."

Open communication between landlords and tenants from the beginning is the best way to avoid problems later on, according to Van Meter.

"The best guideline is communication. Make sure to communicate when you're moving in. If things come up that aren't working — trash removal, or the heater's not working — the sooner you report to the landlord, the better it's going to be. We advise students to put it in writing," she said.

Fairly also explained that once a problem does occur, the best procedure for contacting a landlord about repairs is in writing.

"In the letter, ask a question they have to respond to so you know they got the letter," he said. "There are re-

pair and deduct laws if you write a letter and they don't respond for 30 days. The key is written documentation. They will say in the Survival Guide how you do this stuff."

If landlords refuse or fail to follow through on complaints, students have legal resources at their disposal to ensure the needed improvements, Fairly said.

"They call our program or come to our office and fill out a complaint intake form," he said. "The student comes in and we go through our complaint. We get a read on the complaint through a series of questions on the complaint intake form. From that point, if it is imminently dangerous, I call the property company and say, 'We've gotta go now.' Otherwise, we send a letter and they have seven days to respond. Ninety-nine percent respond the day they get the letter."

Landlords face heavy pe-

nalties for noncompliance, according to Fairly.

"There are some people that have been charged some pretty heavy permit fees. If you do something without a permit, your permit fee is doubled and administrative fees are added on top of that," he said. "They are fined \$100 per day per code violation. The first thing that happens is I go out and write a correction notice that says, 'Fix this in X days.' This 'X' is based on how dangerous the violation is."

Junior economics major Catherine Irk vented her anger at I.V. property management.

"Jesus, it sucks!" she said. "I've been trying to get a hold of my landlord — it's impossible. I hate I.V."

A.S. Legal Services can be reached at 893-4246. The I.V. Housing Inspector is at 685-0913, or a complaint form can be downloaded from [www.co.santa-barbara.ca.us](http://www.co.santa-barbara.ca.us).

Golden Key National Honor Society cordially invites its members to the **Ice Cream Social** from 1:30-3:30 PM in the UGen Harbor Room Monday, February 22nd. Please come for the FREE food, meet the officers of Golden Key, and enter to win the Door Prize, a \$25 value! All members Welcome, please come! **FREE ICE CREAM, DOOR PRIZE!**

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Check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.  
**Aries** (March 21-April 19)-Today is a 7-By now you should know how to play by the rules, and that's important, because when you do that, you can go a lot faster. And if you've been doing the homework, you'll have the skills you need to take off like a rocket and land safely on your upcoming expedition. Do just a little more planning today.  
**Taurus** (April 20-May 20)-Today is a 5-The sun is going into Pisces. Pisces is in your solar 11th house of teams and friends, so teamwork is going to be the big focus for the next month or so. Even if you have a heavy load, you're not going to be pulling it all by yourself, starting now.  
**Gemini** (May 21-June 21)-Today is a 6-You'll know who your friends are. They're bringing you good luck, but also a little steam coaching. That's important, because sometimes you get sidetracked. As the sun goes into Pisces tomorrow, your career opportunities start opening up. If you've done the homework, you'll be ready when opportunity knocks.  
**Cancer** (June 22-July 22)-Today is a 6-An older person could get on your case today, noting every place where you've bent the rules. Don't you just love it when this happens? The good news is that you should do well on this little exam. You might even get a raise out of the deal, if you're properly respectful and obedient. Watch your manners.  
**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22)-Today is a 7-This is the first day the sun is in Pisces. Its effects should start to become noticeable, but it's a little difficult to tell, since the moon in Aries makes you feel so vibrant and alive. You could be dreaming of setting sail for the South Pacific, you and your crew of very best friends. That's the kind of adventure you might launch into today.  
**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)-Today is a 6-There's more than enough money, if you know where to get it. Today, you could get it with the help of your partner. The two of you could take out a loan for something you'd like to do at home. Go ahead and make big plans. You can probably make it happen.  
**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)-Today is a 6-Looks like a strong, assertive type is trying to get your attention. That's OK with you. You kind of like that sort of person. You're more attractive than assertive, yourself. You'd rather draw people to you than go running after them, and that's a technique that works pretty well.  
**Scorpio** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)-Today is a 5-The work is finally starting to come in, and there's plenty of it. You're going to have to move quickly in order to keep up. Your mind may still be on your personal life, but you're going to have to set that aside, just for a little while. It's more important right now that you finish an assignment on time.  
**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)-Today is a 6-There's no shortage of love now. In fact, you might have more than you know what to do with. What you'd like to do is run off together to distant places. But if you're really going to go "heads California, tails Carolina," make the commitment to each other first. That's where you'll get the strength to persevere.  
**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)-Today is a 5-You're feeling more intelligent, or at least more curious. You're interested in what's going on around you, and you'll be asking questions. You might even cause a bit of disruption around your house tonight. There is some resistance, but that's OK. If your idea has been worked out well, you'll end up with what you want.  
**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)-Today is a 6-You're learning quickly today, and if you're wise, you'll still be learning about money. That will be your theme for the next several weeks. You'll probably have less pocket change, because you've thought of new ways to spend it, so be careful. Instead of having more through a recent benefit, you could actually wind up with less.  
**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20)-Today is a 5-You feel like spending money today, and since you love to buy presents for everybody, that's the first thing that comes to mind. You see how many people need things you could provide, and that's just exactly what you want to do. Well, take care today. Don't spend more money than you have. Save enough for food and rent.  
**Today's Birthday** (Feb. 18). You'll need to learn about money this year. Whether you have too much or not enough depends on how you manage it. Not to worry. You have all the resources you need to become fabulously wealthy. Do it by selling an idea in March. Don't worry. There are plenty more where that came from. Study through April, but don't squander your abundance. Love could show up from June through July, so schedule your rendezvous then. Hire a builder for your dream in August. Get what you want just by asking, nicely, in November. A change in December is good or bad, depending on your attitude.  
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## Bigger Does Not Always Mean Better

Henry Sarria Takes a Look at Why the SUV Trend Isn't Really All That

HENRY SARRIA

Sport Utility Vehicle. Has quite a ring to the name, doesn't it? It covers the span of work and play in a singular phrase that just rolls off the tongue oh so smoothly. Car buffs refer to them as "SUVs," but even the farthest from a car enthusiast knows what it's about. There's plenty of commercials for them portraying them as the rough-and-tumble breed of vehicle any true American should own. These commercials have the SUV of choice barreling through some sort of rugged terrain either out in the Mojave Desert or Baja or at some secret test track that nobody knows about.

They go as far in some of the ads to portray the driver/owner of the vehicle as a real he-man type, usually with the traditional flannel shirt and the grungy unshaven look that would make it seem as if this is the vehicle of choice for Joe Tough Guy. Yes, image plays a lot and it works. SUVs are the top selling vehicle these days, and even car companies like Lexus, Mercedes Benz and Honda are jumping on the SUV bandwagon to put out a \$30,000-or-more vehicle on the market that everyone just has to have.

Yes, we're all outdoor types and every weekend we'll take our SUVs out to places like Glamis or Pismo and beat the living shit out of them. When the weekend ends, we drive them back home to our regular work week so we can haul the kids, the groceries and whatever else the yuppie suburban lifestyle holds in store.

Personally, I own a '57 VW Baja Bug and a dune buggy as well. I've been to places like Glamis, Pismo, Mojave and Baja, and I've seen every type of off-road vehicle at those places, but SUVs are never in the picture. Everything else is, but not SUVs with flannel-clad drivers.

So if they're not tearing through the desert, where do I see most of these vehicles that are supposed to be so rough and tumble and as American as hot dogs and apple pie?

My friend Jim, who owns a skateboard shop in Santa Monica, pointed out a very interesting trend last Christmas dur-

ing my yearly visit to The City Of Angels, and it's a trend that I found quite amusing and yet confounding—and at the same time it began to answer my query as to where the SUVs are. We were going down Santa Monica Boulevard when all of a sudden one of these behemoth SUV-type vehicles nearly ran into us. Jim blurted out, "Must be another bored housewife with her new SUV yapping on the cell phone again, too busy to watch the road." Amazingly enough, he was absolutely correct to every little detail.

And she wasn't the only one we saw. It wasn't an anomaly. At this point it started to dawn on me that the reason I don't see any SUVs on off-roading adventures is because instead of



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being out where they're supposedly meant to be, they've become the viable replacement for minivans (or "grocery getters" as we refer to them). This would explain why all of the SUVs I see on the road are spotlessly clean, without a scratch on their bodies. Upon further research it seemed that every SUV I passed was spotless and occupied by a housewife-looking driver with cell phone in hand who was exhibiting a massive lack of driving skill. Where is your light antitank weapon (LAW in military terms) when you need it most?

I thought to myself that this must be one of those pretentious little trends only found within the Los Angeles city limits. Kind of like personalized license plates that say stuff like "ACTR 2 BE" or "LEGL EGL" (the list goes on and on and on). I mean, that's L.A. at its best, right?

I got back to Santa Barbara after the holidays with Jim's

SUV/housewife/cell phone blurb still fresh in my mind, and then I started to notice that the SUV phenomenon exists here, too, minus the personalized license plates. This dawned on me just as I nearly got off the road at the Las Positas on-ramp by one of these suburban quasi-off-roader housewives with cell phone in hand. This time it was a spotless, brand-new Range Rover without a scratch to be seen on its dull-green body, which probably went for 40 grand off the showroom floor. It must be nice, I thought. So these are the off-roaders that all those spiffed up commercials (especially during the Super Bowl) were talking about? Housewives with a distraction (cell phone) and BIG vehicle to maneuver?

In all honesty, I don't have anything against housewives, SUVs or cell phones, but the combination of these three components can prove to be deadly for the average motorist like myself.

If this were a city like Los Angeles, this trend would be a welcome model since with their lack of driving skills these road terrorists would wipe out every parking meter in the city within the span of a year, or even less by my humble calculations. But this is Santa Barbara, and we have no parking meters that I know of; we must have tight roads and a small stretch of highway known as Highway 101 that eventually narrows down from three lanes to two.

As for myself, well, I'll stick to my VWs because we've been to the top of the mountain and back many times. If anything ever goes wrong, and sometimes it does, I know I can fix it by myself with a butter knife, pliers and a roll of duct tape. Also, the insurance is cheap. Besides, bugs are cool! They may not have a bumpin' stereo system, airbags or plush interior, but they're both battle-proven soldiers ready for more action at my whim at Pismo, Mojave or Glamis. I love my VWs. You'll never see a Baja Bug or dune buggy in a cheesy commercial with some unshaven buffoon in a flannel shirt pretending to be as legitimate as a three-dollar bill.

As for the SUV crowd, well, I at least know for a fact that I won't be seeing you at the places I like to get away to for off-roading like Pismo, Glamis, Gorman or Baja, since your factory warranty is null and void once your SUV touches any off-road situation. Besides, I know you all dread to have a little scratch or a spot of dirt on the body of your precious New Age grocery getter. It just wouldn't look good in the parking lot of Lucky or Vons and after all, what would the other soccer moms say?

Henry Sarria is a columnist for the Daily Nexus and a long-time Isla Vista resident.

## The Reader's Voice

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

### DON'T REGARD ALL GUYS AS UNDATEABLE

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I wanted to write this letter in response to the column written by Autumn Mena titled "Male Chauvinism Is an Outdated Trend at UCSB" (Daily Nexus, Feb. 9). I don't plan to disprove anything that she has said in the article. All I want to say is that not all guys are like that, even though the majority is.

Maybe I should tell you a little about myself. I am an 18-year-old freshman male that considers himself a romantic (not to mention the shy, quiet type). I'm not going to claim that I'm a saint or anything close to one. I enjoy seeing women in skimpy outfits, I don't mind the occasional hug or kiss. One thing is for sure though; I can barely read a woman's verbal language, let alone her body language. I'm not going to say that I don't want to get laid either, it's just that I believe love means so much more to me than sex ever would. Another certainty is that I would never take advantage of a woman sober or drunk.

When I go out to I.V., I have a different motivation to do so than most. I go to parties with hopes that I'll find the girl of my dreams. I know it isn't the best place to do it, but I try anyway. Looking for that special girl I exchange glances with across the crowd. That girl who catches my eye and I catch hers. Like I told you before, I'm the shy quiet type. So even when I find that girl it takes me a while to muster up enough courage to approach her. I guess another reason as to why I'm reluctant to approach her is because I approach with a desire for love, not like most guys out there.

Ladies, I beg of you, if you ever come across a guy like myself, give him a chance. He may be a little clumsy, he may not be able to dance, and he may not know exactly what to say. However, one thing he will be able to do better than anybody else is to love you beyond measure. He will give you his heart without thinking twice. Frankly, I believe that passing up this guy is something you will regret for the rest of your life. Well, Mike the Romantic is signing off.

MICHAEL OSOTEO

### SCIENCE VS. RELIGION DEBATE CONTINUES

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I would like to thank Michael Jabbara for pointing out some objectionable concerns about religious believers in "Religion Is for Those Who See Too Much Light" (Daily Nexus, Feb. 8). Your pursuit of truth is inspiring, but limited. The statement "nothing in religion can hold up to such testing" undermines your argument.

You employ much reasoning in your claims which themselves do not hold up to scientific reasoning. To assert that science alone is the rational means to securing truth about the world is self-refuting. The truth value of this statement, in itself, cannot be crash tested, or proved by science. You have entered the realm of philosophy and theology. It is here that one may reasonably discuss moral properties, beliefs, desires, determinism, free will, etc.

I confirm your claim, "Just having 'faith' in something does not make it true." Truth is what corresponds to reality. Truth is what is; truth is not what is not. Truth is not affected

by personal opinion, culture, preference, perspective or passion. The sincerity of my belief that my computer is a duck does not make it true that my computer is a duck. Truth does not discriminate. There is scientific truth, religious truth, moral truth, etc. Furthermore, all truth is God's truth. May I add that your belief or disbelief in this statement will not affect its truth value.

As a Christian, I have learned that Jesus encourages a childlike faith, not childish or immature. Like any child, I have always had many questions about God. Thankfully, no one ever told me, "Don't think. Believe." As an academic, it is only fair for you to object to the observable mindlessness which is accepted, or encouraged by some religious believers. Do not be disillusioned about truth because of its followers.

I encourage you to continue to develop your mind as you seek truth. When asked, "Which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." (Matthew 22:37). Michael, use your mind. I believe that if you seek, you will find.

JACI VADEN

## CONCERT

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organizations. They've come up with two new drugs in the last 10 years that slow MS."

Theta Chi President Greg Harrison described the personal element in his house's motivation to aid the research.

"Part of the reason we're involved with MS is because one of our brothers has MS. It's one of the reasons our

house is so behind [the concert] and wanted to do it so badly," he said.

Last year's Rock MS raised \$5,000, and Garrett said Theta Chi and Pi Beta Phi hope to increase this year's total by at least \$1,000, setting a goal of \$8,000.

Pi Beta Phi Concert Chair Lindsay Maas said it takes a collaborative effort to make the event a success.

"This year we really tried

to make it both of our houses working together, getting the women's perspective and the guys' perspective," she said.

The concert will be Thursday at 8 p.m. in the Hub. Tickets are \$10 and are available at Morninglory Music, the Associated Students Ticket Office, the Pi Beta Phi house (763 Camino Pescadero) and the Theta Chi house (760 Embarcadero Del Mar).

## COUNCIL

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that we're not going to take this crap anymore."

One important aspect of expanded jurisdiction would be the inclusion of statistics on crimes committed in Isla Vista with crimes committed on campus, according to Off-Campus Rep Jill Burdick.

"I think that somewhat larger statistics can some-

times motivate more people to act," she said. "If we can include these numbers, then maybe people will be motivated to improve their own behavior or get involved with fighting against crime."

Leg Council voted unanimously in favor of the Safety 2000 position paper and approved the creation of an ad hoc committee to pursue the goals of the paper.

In new business, a proposal for a Take Back the

Night lock-in fee was tabled. Finance Board Chair Christina Costley said a lock-in would assure the availability of funds for the annual Women's Commission event.

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## EXPAND.

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proposes that the university combine Isla Vista and UCSB crime statistics. Costa said I.V. statistics could be a reason for the failure of past proposals.

"[The university doesn't] want to take responsibility for what's out there. They don't want to associate [I.V.'s] statistics with the university because this will undoubtedly hurt the school's ascending image, which is not what I'm trying to do," he said.

Navarro said including I.V. in the university's crime statistics could be misleading.

"How are we going to compare with UC Santa Cruz, which is isolated on top of a hill? If we report everything in I.V., it looks like we have 20 times as much crime as Santa Cruz does, and it is going to give everyone the impression that we aren't safe," he said. "I don't think anyone is trying to hide anything. The Isla Vista statistics are there for anyone that wants to see."

The I.V. statistics are calculated as part of Santa Barbara County, and not

with the university, according to I.V. Foot Patrol Lt. Butch Arnoldi. The reported statistics do not always reflect the actual number of crimes committed, he added.

"We can only assume the true number of crimes committed," Arnoldi said. "And nobody is going to sit here and tell me that in I.V. in 1997 we only had seven sexual assaults — no way in hell. Last year, no way in hell we only had 19. I'm sure there was a lot more."

Fontainebleu manager Margo Thoreson said she would appreciate the opportunity to refer serious crimes to the university.

"If [residents] break our rules, we can deal with it, but if drugs or more serious offenses are committed it would be nice to be able to go to a higher level of authority and let the school deal with the offenses and decide what the punishment may be," she said.

Freshman communication major Ryan Manuel, a Fontainebleu resident, approved of expanding jurisdiction.

"I think people will think twice before committing a crime if they know it

might hurt their academic career," he said.

Sophomore women's studies major Paolo Martin said, "I don't know if it will do anything because off-campus housing is just like on-campus — not many crimes are committed here. It's as soon as you walk outside into Isla Vista that you have to start worrying and being careful."

According to Navarro, expanding jurisdiction to off-campus residence halls is a commonly held goal.

"Everybody wants that to happen," he said. "I think Danny needs to do some more homework and work with the people who have been working on this for a long time. We're not against him. We're all going in the same direction, he's just in a different river."

Costa feels that his proposal is not floating freely down the administrative channels.

"To see me push for something like this and then to see administration throw all these things at it is really frustrating," he said.

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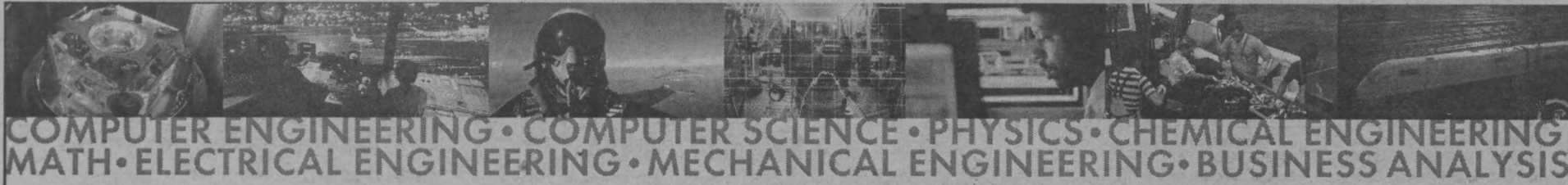
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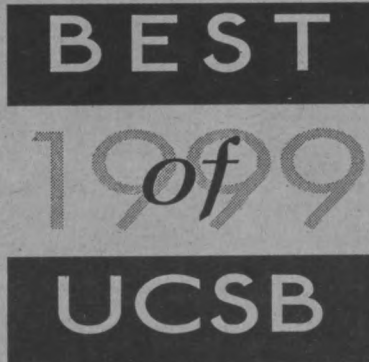
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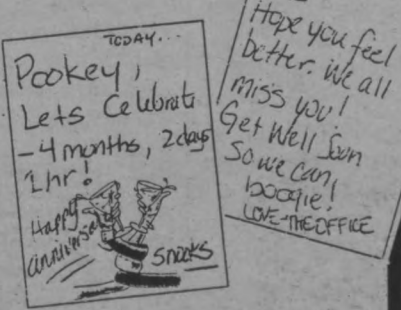
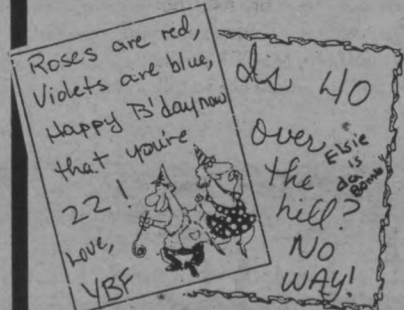
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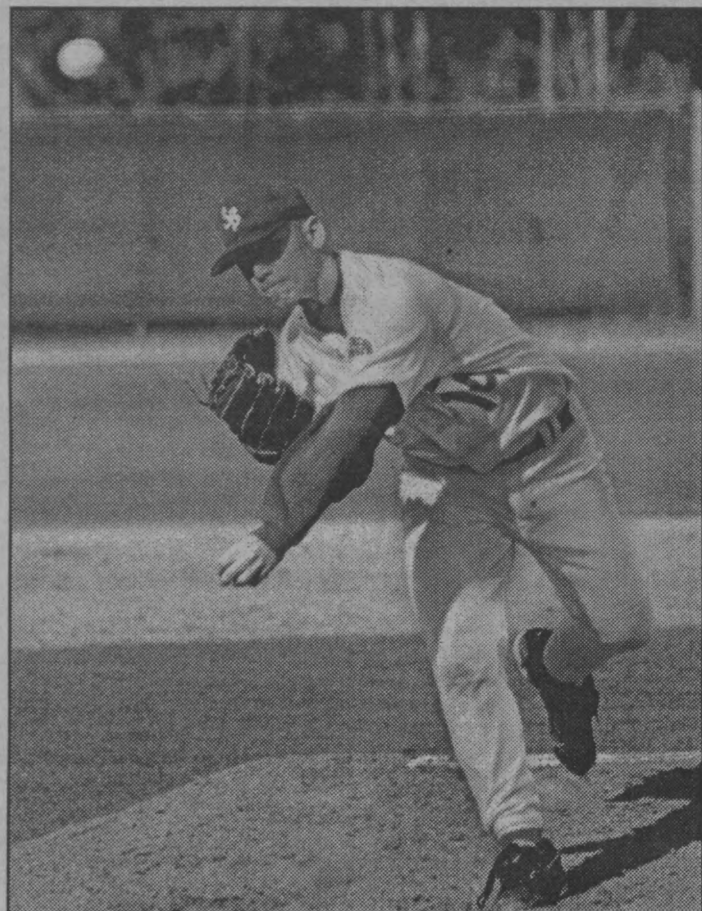
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# Sports



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**TROY STORY:** Junior Troy Kinto and the UCSB baseball team had a strong performance Wednesday in a tight 7-6 victory over UCLA.

## UCSB Sweeps Bruins

BY MARVIN GAPULTOS  
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The UCSB baseball team is in the swing of things lately, as it has won four out of its last five games, including a two-game sweep over the UCLA Bruins.

After defeating UCLA 12-9 on Tuesday, the Gauchos (6-5 overall) handed the Bruins (6-9) another loss Wednesday afternoon at Caesar Uyesaka Stadium. Santa Barbara played great all-around baseball, producing hits from the plate and having a strong performance from starting pitcher Troy Kinto in the 7-6 victory.

"I thought Kinto was very good," UCSB Head Coach Bob Brontsema said. "He was sharp and he looked good, and the win was just great for us."

Kinto made his presence felt early on, keeping the Bruins hitless in the first two innings. However, the junior southpaw would run into some trouble in the third when UCLA's shortstop Jack Santora batted in the Bruins' first score with a double. On the ensuing play, Kinto let fly a wild pitch, enabling Santora to cross the dish. But that was all the Bruins could get from Kinto, who got out of the inning with the Gauchos down 2-0.

After Kinto again kept the bats of UCLA quiet in the fourth, the Gauchos made the most out of their turn at bat. With the bases loaded, senior left fielder Ryan Baderian stepped up to the plate. On a 1-2 count, Baderian connected and took the pitch deep to the right field wall and nearly went yard, but he settled for a bases-clearing double that put UCSB ahead 3-2. Senior catcher Gene Lenzi would bring Baderian home on the next play with an RBI single to right field, upping the score 4-2.

"We had big hits," Baderian said. "We played well and we were

pretty productive from the bullpen."

Thanks to Kinto, UCLA was kept off base once more in the fifth inning. Kinto pitched for five solid innings, giving up only two earned runs on only two hits and walking three.

"I think I did pretty well considering I haven't pitched to hitters in a couple weeks," Kinto said. "I hit my spots for the most part and shut them down."

In the sixth inning, senior Daniel Martinez relieved Kinto and the Bruins took advantage. Bruin second baseman Chase Utley smashed a Martinez pitch to right field for a two-run home run, tying the game at 4 apiece. A few batters later, third baseman Randall Shelley brought in the go-ahead run with an RBI single. With Santa Barbara now down 5-4, Martinez was yanked in favor of sophomore Bing Cain, who was able to get out of the inning barring any more runs.

In the seventh inning of action, UCSB scored two more runs to move ahead of the Bruins 6-5. But it was in the eighth inning that Santa Barbara made crucial plays to score its seventh run. Senior catcher Bill Duplissee led off with a single. Sophomore D.J. Gesswein stepped to the plate next to pinch hit. Gesswein made a perfect sacrifice bunt down the first baseline to put Duplissee in scoring position. With the next at-bat, sophomore shortstop Jeff Bannon hit a line drive over third base for an RBI double. The Gauchos were now ahead 7-5.

"I thought that [play] was critical," Brontsema said. "[Gesswein] had two at-bats all year, and he comes in cold and lays one down for the team. It was just an important play."

The Bruins would be unable to come from behind in the ninth, scoring only one more run for the final tally.

## Athlete of the Week



## At Second Base, Ziegler Is Second to None

BY MATT HURST  
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Facing the #1 team in the nation last Saturday afternoon might have been a little intimidating for the UCSB softball team. But after being swept by the Fresno State Bulldogs, the team looked to senior Katie Ziegler to lead it Sunday vs. San Diego State.

Ziegler, the starting second baseman on the 3-2 team, tore apart every Aztec pitch thrown her way, going 5-7 in the doubleheader. She ripped three doubles, scored four runs, and drove in two RBIs to give the Gauchos a two-game sweep and salvage the home opening weekend.

"I wanted to get the first pitch out of the way, and then I'd feel a lot better," Ziegler said about her performance. "I hope we have more Sundays than Saturdays, but we did play well on Saturday, so hopefully."

For her weekend efforts, the 1998 transfer from Palomar Junior College was rewarded with the first Big West Position Player of the Week for the young season. In the four games at UCSB's Campus Diamond, Ziegler hit .429, scoring five runs along with the two RBIs and played stellar defense, in which she excelled last year, posting a .975 fielding clip.

"Every time I looked up, Katie was standing on second base," UCSB Head Coach Liz Kelly said. "Kiki [McAulay] had been getting on, and Katie's

job is to bunt her over. This weekend, Kiki didn't get on as much and all of a sudden, I look up and Katie's at two. She had a lot of RBI chances and capitalized on them, so that's huge."

In the five games the team has played, Ziegler places second among the starters in batting average, hitting .375, and is holding an on-base percentage of .412.

Despite being a senior and developing into a leader on and off the field, Ziegler doesn't like to be referred to as someone who carries the team.

"No, [I don't feel like a leader], not really, just because everybody is back from last year," the Vista, Calif., native said with a laugh. "There's only three of us [seniors]. I guess maybe if I was here longer, it's only my second year here. We have a lot of juniors."

Even though the history major has been at second base for just two years, Ziegler has grown into a leadership role, according to Kelly.

"She plays very well defensively and she is an overall team leader," the fifth-year coach said. "She's a very solid defender and has a very explosive bat. She's critical for our team. She has the capability to [be a leader], and she's just kind of a leader by example and goes out and works hard and sets a good example for her teammates."

## Hair Not Important, Filling Thunderdome Is

BY MATT HURST  
Staff Writer

OK, how many times do I have to tell you, the established student body of UCSB, to come out to the Thunderdome to watch the FIRST PLACE men's basketball team? This team is playing the best basketball this school has seen from the men's team in ages, and hardly anyone is coming out to the Thunderdome.

Our beloved Gauchos hold first place in the Big West's Western Division, and in an effort to fill the 'Dome tonight, I, Matt Hurst, beat writer for the men's team, will shave UCSB #1 into my head if the student body can help put 6,000 or more fans into the 'Dome. Not only will I shave my head in this very self-esteem-lowering way, but I will do it in the middle of Storke

Plaza in front of the UCen next week.

Now, the only way you will be able to see me do this is if you and everyone you know — friend or enemy — is at the T-dome tonight to witness our version of the Lakers take on the Big West's version of the hapless Clippers.

If you want to see a bona fide ass-kicking, come out to the Thunderdome and watch UCSB (11-11 overall, 9-3 in the Big West) face the University of North Texas (1-21, 1-11). The Mean Green have one freaking win the entire year, and our team will blow them out of the 'Dome.

Now, I know you could care less if I did this act to my domepiece, but this is how much it would mean to the team and to myself to see a full 'Dome with screaming students. You might be saying, "Yeah, North Texas is 1-21, so I know we

will win, so I won't go." That is a good observation on your part, but how often have you been to the Thunderdome this year to see any of our teams play? Why not go out when you know we are going to win? Don't make another excuse to go get drunk, I'm giving you a reason to put your butt into a 'Dome seat.

They are exciting to watch: They dunk well, shoot well, block shots well, steal the ball well, and most importantly, well, they win. This assembled group of your peers just shut down Pacific to a mere 38 points last week, and I bet you didn't even see it. Just 38 points?

Come out and watch the surprise team of the Big West this year. If not to see the Gauchos win, then to see me embarrass myself next week and the following weeks walking around with a UCSB #1 hairdo.