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Online Theft Poses Supervision Problems

BY TED ANDERSEN Staff Writer

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The high-speed Internet access that is provided in residence halls is fast becoming the tool of the trade for epirates sailing the free seas of music and software.

Utilizing the Ethernet connections, which enable the rapid download and duplication of copyrighted material, some oncampus students have turned to the Internet for free access to music, movies, games and software. The most prevalent are compressed music files called

MP3s posted with the permission of the artist and/or label at online sites, which include MP3.com and AudioGalaxy.com, can be legally downloaded for free, but are also widely available without copyright.

UCSB student "Bob" claims to contain over a month's worth of continuous music. August of 1999 to pirating 354 CDs, own 30 gigabytes of pirated files,

people with ten times as much stuff as I have," he said. "I can get any song I really want, and can download movies

and music videos before they're even out in stores." A typical MP3 occupies between three and 10 megabytes of memory, and can be burned onto a CD containing 650 megabytes of space. However, an MP3 must be converted to a WAV file, which occupies about three times as much

Internet sources, he can get software such as Adobe Photoshop, which retails for roughly \$700, for free, and then store the files on blank CDs costing less than \$1. Students break copyright and pirating laws to save money, he explained. "If you spend a couple of hours downloading something off the Internet, it's easier than paying \$500 that's why people do it."

Despite its prevalence on college campuses, trading

copyrighted files without actual ownership can lead to a hefty penalty if detected by police. President Bill Clinton signed into law the "No Electronic Theft Act" in 1997, making it a felony offense to distribute copyrighted digital files without per-

According to a December 1999 article in Spin magazine, University of Oregon student Jeffrey Levy became the first person to feel the brunt of this law after UO computing center staff members noticed an unusually high amount of traffic on his account. Levy pled guilty in

and could face up to three years in prison as well as a \$250,000 fine, the article stated.

In the last 18 months, UCSB police have conducted six criminal investigations of computer-related crimes on campus, according to Chief of Police John MacPherson. He said while police tend to worry about e-mail stalking, exploitation of juveniles and the spread of viruses, computer pirating can lead to severe ramifications if students are not care-

"The risk someone runs [from pirating copyrighted material from the Internet] is: 1) time in jail; 2) fines — several hundred dollars if not thousands, 3) a criminal record,

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totaling thousands of dollars. He said he could get any song or movie available on the web with a little bit of effort. "I have about a half a month of continuous music. I know

memory, before it can play on a regular CD player.

Bob said by downloading programs from friends or other

Board To Review Goleta Now! Proposal, Discuss Addition of I.V. The newest reincarnation of the Proposed Goleta cityhood project, which City Boundary excludes Isla Vista, will be debated

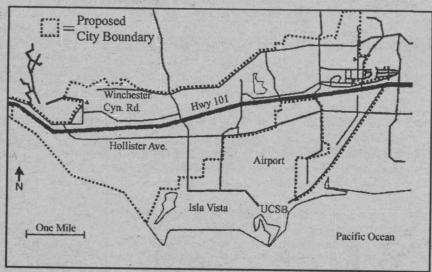
The Santa Barbara County Local Agency Formation Committee (LAFCO) will begin its preliminary examination of Goleta Now!'s proposal for cityhood at 1 p.m. in the

Goleta Valley Community Center. According to Isla Vista Recreation and Parks District Director Pegeen Soutar, today's meeting is the beginning of a series designed to study the possibility of giving city status to the majority of Goleta.

"LAFCO will begin its public process of determining what needs to include fiscal implications and how the proposal will affect the surrounding areas including I.V.," she said.

The proposal will exclude much of the present area of Goleta, according to IVRPD Director Diane Conn.

"All of Goleta and I.V. unincorporated has a population of about 70,000, but the Goleta Now! propos-



be researched. The process will The proposed plans for cityhood of Goleta would include the outlined area and exclude I.V.

al calls for a city of 30,000 right in the would be better if it is incorporated, middle of what we now think of as

Public involvement is crucial if I.V. is not going to be overlooked, Conn said. "I hope that LAFCO will fully consider all options in order to give us a comprehensive option regarding I.V.," Conn said. "I don't know if I.V.

but that is why we need the facts."

LAFCO meetings will be held today at 1 p.m. and next Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Goleta Valley Community

- Shaun McGrady



Floorman Mark Brodie nails down wooden panels in the unfinished University Art Museum.

Gallery Completion Delayed, Opening **Planned for Spring**

BY KRISTIE GRIFFITH Reporter

The date for the finished product of the University Art Museum has been pushed back five months later to April, and is expected to be \$700,000 over budget.

Universal Construction has been rebuilding museum since last December, according to Chief Curator Elizabeth Brown. The museum's opening was scheduled for last month, but postponed until April. Due to the delays, the budget has gone from the original estimate of \$1.8 million to \$2.5 million, according to

Universal Contractor Frank Colaruotolo said, "There were numerous details that took longer to start and finish than anticipated, and changes in certain areas caused delays." One such delay was the need for the museum to remain at 50-percent humidity in order to preserve the paintings, he said.

According to Colaruotolo, the gala opening is scheduled for April 29, and the public opening is scheduled for May 2.

"They are still finishing landscaping, woodflooring, fire sprinkler and alarm testing," Management University Representative Karl Burrelsman said.

One of the most visible aspects of the project is to move the museum's entrance to face Storke Plaza, Brown said. There will be six display spaces in the renovated museum, and three permanent collections will be shown.

According to Brown, the old facility could

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President Proposes Debt-Reducing Plan



WASHINGTON (AP)
— The Clinton administration, seeking to operate in the new world of budget surpluses, adopted rules Thursday that will allow the government to buy back up to \$30 billion of the national debt this year, something that hasn't happened for at least a centu-

Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers, in making the announcement, called the debt buyback program "an important new tool" for the government to use in managing the \$5.76-trillion national debt.

"Reducing the supply of Treasury debt held by the public brings enormous benefits to our economy," Summers said. "It means that there will be less pressure on interest rates than there would otherwise have been and therefore lower borrowing costs for businesses and lower interest payments for American families."

The administration, which first proposed the idea of debt buybacks last August, has sought to portray its proposal as the responsible way to utilize the government's burgeoning surpluses, the product of the current economic boom, in contrast to Republican calls for large

Treasury will conduct what is known as a "reverse auction," in which the government will offer cash to bond holders who indicate their willingness to sell government bonds back to the government.

The price will be set in a bidding process designed to make sure the government pays prevailing market rates for the bonds it buys.

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tax cuts.

President Clinton said the debt buyback plan was a "dramatic reminder" of how much the government's economic fortunes have improved after decades of rising budget deficits and would allow the government to "refinance old debt and pay it down on the best terms possible."

Under the rules the government adopted,

Treasury Under Secretary Gary Gensler, who oversees the debt operations, said Treasury records show it has been at least a century since the federal government has offered cash to buy securities that have not yet matured.

Summers said the debt buyback program would be launched in the coming weeks with several operations conducted in the next 12 months, totaling up to \$30 billion. Officials said the exact timing of the program and the size of each buyback program had yet to be determined.

The national debt now stands at \$5.76 trillion, with the amount of that debt held by the public totaling \$3.6 trillion. The rest of the debt, some \$2 trillion, is held by the government's large trust funds, primarily the Social Security trust fund.

Summers noted that under current surplus forecasts, the entire \$3.6 trillion in debt held by the public could be eliminated over the next 15 years.

However, private economists caution that those long-range projections are based on assumptions that the current good economic times, which have triggered the swelling revenues, continue, and that Democrats and Republicans resist the urge to spend the surplus on new government programs or in tax cuts.

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Weather

The other night I was watching the tube, and "Jerry Springer" was on. His show involved KKK midgets and angry African-American midgets. I have never been a big fan of Springer, but now I'm starting to see the appeal.

Today's forecast: Syndicated freakshow viewing.

Percentages of Minorities With AIDS Is Rising



ATLANTA (AP) — For the first time since AIDS captured the nation's attention in the early 1980s, more black and Hispanic gay men were diagnosed with the disease than white gay men in 1998.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported today that minorities represent 52 percent of 18,153 gay and bisexual men who were diagnosed with AIDS in 1998. By contrast, minorities represented 31 percent in 1989.

Black men made up one-third of the cases, while Hispanics represented 18 percent. Asian and Pacific Islanders made up 1 percent of the cases.

Researchers at the CDC said the report suggests that the stigma of homosexuality plays a role in spreading the disease among minority groups. Blacks and Hispanics are less likely than whites to identify themselves as gay or seek AIDS prevention and treatment services, they said.

"Clearly, all the evidence suggests that it's harder to be a gay man of color in this society than it is to be a white about."

gay man," said Dr. Helene Gayle, director of the CDC's national center for prevention of HIV, sexually transmitted diseases and tuberculosis.

The report found that many black and Hispanic men who have sex with men do not identify themselves as gay. In a survey of 8,780 HIV-infected men who had sex with other men, researchers asked, "Do you think of yourself as heterosexual, homosexual, bisexual or other?" Nearly one quarter — 24 percent — of black men and 18 percent of Hispanics considered themselves heterosexual. Only 6 percent of white men in the survey identified themselves as heterosexual.

Gayle said trends identified several years ago led researchers to project that the number of nonwhite gay men with AIDS would surpass whites, but the increase happened faster than expected.

"The tendency to equate gay and white has persisted," she said. "People have totally ignored the consistent fact that gay men of color have always been the largest single risk category for men ... and this issue is never talked about."

Judge's Ruling Reduces Sentence of Convicted 14-Year-Old



PONTIAC, Mich. (AP)

— One of the youngest murderers in U.S. history

— a boy who shot a stranger at age 11 — was spared life in prison Thursday and sent away to a juvenile detention center until he turns 21.

Judge Eugene Moore said that the tough 1997 Michigan law that allowed Nathaniel Abraham to be prosecuted as an adult is "fundamentally flawed" and that the boy has a chance of being rehabilitated.

"I urge the Legislature to lean toward improving the resources and programs within the juvenile justice system rather than diverting more youth into an already failed adult system," he said.

Nathaniel, who turns 14 next week, did not speak at the hearing. He turned around and looked at his mother and other relatives when he entered the courtroom, but showed no emotion when the judge passed sentence.

A defense attorney said he had to explain to the boy what had happened.

Nathaniel was the first youth charged with first-

degree murder under the 1997 law, which allows children of any age to be prosecuted as adults for serious offenses. The case stirred debate across the country over efforts to crack down on juvenile crime.

He was convicted in November of seconddegree murder for shooting Ronnie Greene Jr., 18, outside a Pontiac convenience store in 1997 with a stolen rifle from about 70 yards away.

The judge had several options, ranging from life in prison with a chance of parole to a sentence of time already served. Prosecutors had sought a

combination sentence of juvenile detention until age 21, followed by a decision on whether to send him to an adult prison.

But the judge said that if society is committed to preventing future criminal behavior, rehabilitation through the juvenile system is the answer.

"Hopefully, far into the future, the Greenes will be able to take some comfort in knowing that their son's death was not in vain, but rather was a wake-up call for our community and to the nation that our youth are in trouble and we need to pay attention," Moore said

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4) the seizure of property they may or may not get back; and 5) the general inconvenience of all this," he said.

MacPherson said a mass amount of illegally downloaded files could jeopardize a student's college career if discovered by law enforcement, but noted that police

have no real means of small-scale exposing

pirating operations. "Pirating may be something that occurs on a frequent basis, but may be something that isn't brought to law enforcement as frequently — it may be something the average person doesn't think about because it's so available," he said. "We don't have police officers sneaking

through windows looking for pirates. But at the same time, if an officer comes across this activity, we are going to take appropriate actions."

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ResNet Coordinator Jason Poley said ResNet — the residence hall network which links roughly 3,200 computers at UCSB - "makes it more convenient" for students to share illegal material. However, Poley said he only shuts down students' connections when a legitimate complaint is brought before him. "We are not actively searching out these shares ... I just don't have time," he

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Freshman computer science major Sachman Bhatti was one such student to have his operations halted. He said after noticing an excess amount of traffic running through his server, residence hall authorities used a standard MP3 login to trace pirated files back to his computer. "ResNet called me up and said the MP3s on my server weren't legal and cut off my Internet connection for two days," he said.

According to Jon So, for-Residence Hall Pirating may be something that occurs on mer Association lead resident computer consultant, the sharing of MP3s in the resifrequently — it may be something the aver-dence halls is a problem "because everyone does it." However, he noted that RHA has a system by which - John MacPherson a server monitors the band-UCSB chief of police width - the capacity of a network to carry data - in order to check for illegal

activity. "The system will actually e-mail an administrator if you are using a lot of bandwidth," he said.

Despite this, Bob maintains that with enough knowledge of the residence halls' shared network, persistent hackers can send viruses and access any file without feeling the consequences.

"If you're a determined guy who goes around looking into stuff everyday, there's nothing [the residence halls] can do," he said. "The bad guy is always one step ahead."

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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — You could perform brilliantly today, but also, expect several disappointments. Don't tell the boss what you really think. Stifle

that. Same goes for traffic cops.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — You can be the mouse in the corner, as your friends deal with big hassles. Don't give your opinion until asked but be ready. They just might listen to your advice this time. Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 6 — There won't

be enough of anything, early in the day. Later on, conditions stabilize. If you want to fight for a bargain, you could brave the crowds. If you can wait, by all means, do so.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 5 — A temperamental person may pitch another fit. Isn't it funny how adults sometimes act like spoiled children? Don't think somebody else's problem is your fault. You'll do more good by staying calm

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — If you want to put your plans into action, do it early. A lot is going on, but

there's also less opposition. Later in the day, there'll be

more resistance to change.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 6 — If you're managing other people's money, tell them to leave it where it is. Same goes for yours. If you're in business, put stuff on sale. People will buy anything that has a red tag on it.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Today is a 5 — You may feel and wired. Pay attention so you don't go too feet. No need a tad wired. Pay attention so you don't go too fast. No need to get into a fender bender. Be cautious, as well as effi-

cient, and you'll save yourself future regrets.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — The intensity continues just a little while longer. This evening and

weekend should go well. Before that happens, however, you'd better keep going at full efficiency. Cut the frills.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — The past few days have been hectic. You've done well, especially compared to others. You can understand what's going on, and that's helpful. Save your explanations for later.

Capticonn (Dec. 23 Jan 19) — Today is an 8 — The Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — The week's been busy; that's for sure. The weekend won't be 69 as intense. You might be able to wind things down by this evening and to make a little time for love. Home's your best location.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 6 — Complete projects as quickly as possible. The earlier, the better. Get home as soon as you can. Tonight a complicated conversation with family members could be relaxing.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 should get easier, soon. You may have been a tad stressed about money lately. If so, you still have time to ask for a raise or to apply for a better job. Make it an early night.

Today's Birthday (Jan. 14). After you solve a few problems, this year should be quite nice. Love's your reward for clear thinking in January. Money's tight in February. In March, learn new skills as quickly as you can. Breakdowns lead to changes for the better in April. Share a secret with a sweetheart in May. Make a long-term investment in August and find time to relax in September. The prize is re Nealed in December.

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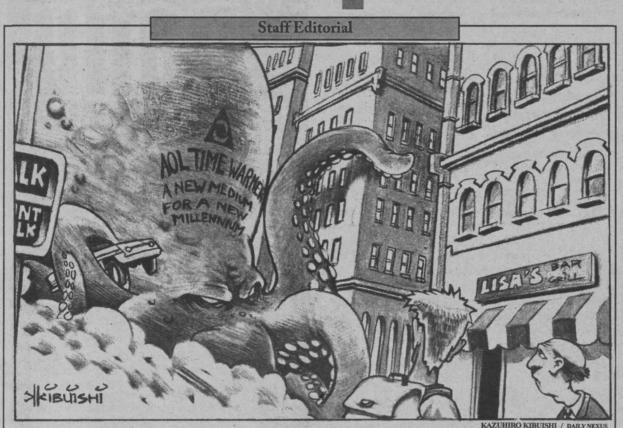


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Giant Media Merger Threatens "Free Market"

or millions of Americans, the search for information and entertainment at home might soon go something like this, if it doesn't already: You, the consumer, plug your computer into a television cable for Internet access, browse the web through your Internet service provider (ISP), and eventually find news reporting and commentary, sports and celebrity journalism as well as entertainment such as movies, television and music. Accessing all of these goods and services from the comfort of your own desk chair sounds incredibly convenient, but what if all of these products — from the TV cable and the Internet service to the online newspapers, magazines, TV shows and music — were owned by the same massive company? This moved beyond the realm of hypothetical questions this week, when the largest corporate merger ever gave one company unprecedented control over many aspects of information technology.

America Online, the world's largest ISP, acquired Time Warner, the world's largest media and entertain-

ment company, for about \$166 billion in stock annual revenues of over Americans' access to information. \$30 billion and a stock value of nearly \$300 bil-

lion, which is close to the Gross Domestic Product of Mexico. In addition to AOL, it will own CNN and Ted Turner's other TV networks, HBO, Time, People and Sports Illustrated magazines, and Warner Bros. movie,

TV and music properties.

The enormous breadth and depth of AOL Time Warner's media holdings raise serious questions about who controls Americans' access to information. When the first totalitarian states appeared in mid-century, people like George Orwell warned of the dangers of complete government control of information. However, media mergers such as this one lead us to wonder whether the real threat might be complete control of information by a few huge corporations. Even casual media observers have been asking this question for years as the number of independent newspapers continues to dwindle, and multinational corporations swallow up TV news outlets from ESPN to CBS.

For AOL, one of the biggest benefits of the merger is access to Time Warner's 13-million cable TV subscribers. Until fiber optics arrive in practical and affordable numbers, cable is the future of Internet access its higher bandwidth makes it many times faster than telephone lines. AOL will now be able to offer its services to millions of potential customers with the best available technology. However, this acquisition makes many people nervous because AOL could offer only its own Internet service to Time Warner cable subscribers, establishing a monopoly on cable Internet access in communities serviced by Time Warner. Surprisingly, AOL has promised to offer open access through its Time Warner cable. This is a welcome, consumerfriendly stance, which may come as a result of the federal government's prosecution of Microsoft. Other corporations realize that the public has an especially low tolerance for perceived attempts to monopolize Internet technology.

While some people see this merger as the Monday. The new compa- The enormous breadth and depth of AOL latest attempt by wicked ny, known as AOL Time Warner's media holdings raise seri- corporations to take over Warner Inc., will have ous questions about who controls our lives, the fact remains that shareholders of both companies decided the

merger would be benefi-cial. Shareholders are motivated by profit; therefore, they must believe that this merger will increase their profits. Profit increases come through increased revenues, so these shareholders are counting on drawing customers and keeping them with their company. There ffering Internet access, some or ire many companie them for free, and if AOL is not satisfying customers' needs, the customers can take their business elsewhere.

It is important to remember that capitalism is called the "free market" for a reason. Freedom as a consumer brings innumerable choices, but it also brings important responsibilities. If information is being unfairly controlled by an elite group of corporate jerks, the American public is partly to blame for not realizing this soon enough. Consumers, educate yourselves aware of who is feeding you your information and what their interests and biases are.

Body Perceptions

Unhealthy Attitudes Surround Beauty

MICHAEL LEE

It seems that New Year's is the time to rehash old promises that one by one diminished the year before. Consistently making the top of many people's list is exercise, and the masses rush to the RecCen in hopes of conquering this resolution. Being physically healthy is a good thing and a necessary element in a balanced lifestyle, but the goal of health is often forgotten, exchanged for and shortchanged by the distorted images found in the fun-house mirrors of our own minds.

It is heartbreaking to see precious souls reducing themselves to the merely physical and trying to achieve the "ideal body" conjured up by the media with images of starving runway models and chemically enhanced musclemen. All too often we fall for the bullshit, and I don't know why, but we start to believe that ever-fading, skindeep superficiality is true beauty. This obsession leads to women getting on that dreaded scale trying to shed their bodies of womanly curves to reach that magic number. Similarly, as men step on that scale, they strive to add the pounds and to reach their respective magic number.

But it is not merely the media at the root of the prob-lem, it is also ourselves. We continually compare ourselves to each other, trying to lift more weight, trying to be leaner, trying to be more shapely than the next person. All the while, we know bodies come in all shapes and sizes and that such comparisons are ridiculous. It is no wonder so many are ashamed of their bodies and so many individuals resort to unhealthy means like eating disorders, drugs and compulsive exercise in order to attain unattainable goals. These unhealthy practices seem especially prevalent on this campus, where the warm climate and sunny beaches provide little reason for covering up our bodies even during the winter.

Bodies are displayed even at night on DP. Some guys become assholes and, fueled by their own low selfesteem and desperate need to be accepted by fellow assholes, shout degrading remarks that objectify other human beings. Even sadder though, is that some women pride themselves on getting hoots and whistles, and they rely on asshole guys to give them the least bit of attention for their self-esteem. The one comment that someone made in jest, the insignificant little insult about someone else's body that you thought no one but your asshole friends heard, may have been the last straw that shattered an already vulnerable spirit, or the trigger of that person forcing herself to waste away on that

Now, some of you may say that it is easy for me to hide behind ink and newsprint, trying to play Mr. Sensitive and trying to sympathize, all the while being distant from the harsh reality of eating disorders, chronic dieting and compulsive exercise. The truth, however, is that this is not easy, and I am not distant. During my six years of bodybuilding, I have had my own bouts with bulimia, and have used laxatives, diuretics and stimulants in my personal attempts to attain the media-driven image of the "perfect body." I know from experience how it feels to be dissatisfied with my body. I know what it's like to be hunched over the toilet trying to purge myself of guilt and pain. I know all too well the loneliness and isolation of out-of-control late-night binges where I feel trapped and yearn to scream and cry out, but no words

So please, please listen to my words. The goal of getting in shape is worthwhile, but don't let it consume you. If you feel that you are tending toward a problem, please use the free services provided by Student Health, or get help somewhere else. But if you don't listen to anything else I say, just please listen and remember this: You are beautiful, so absolutely beautiful. And you are so much more than merely a body, so don't let anyone treat you like that's all you are, including yourself.

As I write this column, I have these foolish aspirations of saving the world, but then I realize that I am merely a lost soul barely getting by myself. In all honesty, I'm writing this for myself as much as for anyone else. And when I stumble out of bed tomorrow morning and stare in that looking glass, I will try to follow my own advice: to not be one of those assholes that degrade others, to not reduce myself to the merely physical, and to let all nagging wishes of being stronger, leaner and bigger fall to the wayside with all other forgotten hindrances to what truly matters in a person.

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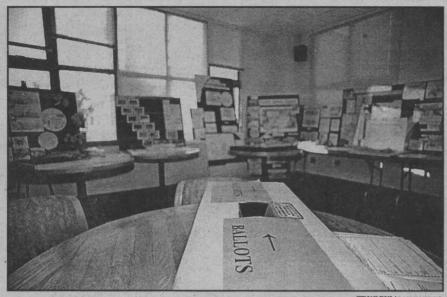
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Ten designs of the proposed Isla Vista Community Center are currently on display in the MultiCultural Center. UCSB students, faculty and community members have the opportunity to vote for their model of choice by filling out a short questionnaire.

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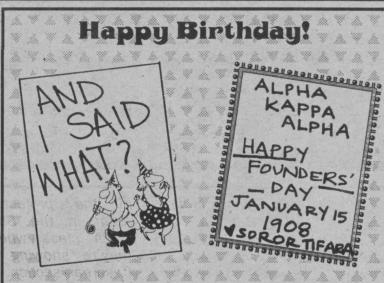
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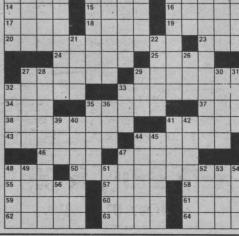
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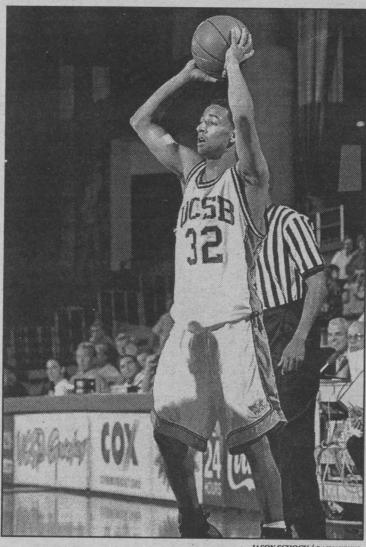
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NOT ENOUGH: Senior guard Erick Ashe had 20 points and five rebounds, but the UCSB men's basketball team still fell to North Texas on Thursday.

Gauchos Out to Continue Dominance of Big West

BY MATT HURST Staff Writer

The UCSB women's basketball team has a lot of things going for it right now: #19 in the nation, a seven-game winning streak and a 16-game homecourt winning streak. But Santa Barbara must focus on what's important for tonight and Sunday: conference play.

The Big West. For the past 33 games, not a single Big West team has beaten the Gauchos, and it does not appear the streak will end this weekend as UCSB (11-3 overall) opens Big West play vs. Boise State and Idaho at the Thunderdome.

Boise State (7-6 overall) comes into the Thunderdome tonight at 7 after a 69-56 victory over Gonzaga last Wednesday. Senior center Stephanie Block (no joke, that's her name) leads the Broncos. Block has averaged 17.4 points per game and 5.7 rebounds per game. She also has 40 blocks in her 11 games thus far, and has tied the career school record with 115. UCSB defeated BSU last season in Boise 71-47, and holds a 5-1 all-time record vs. Boise State.

"I think that we had a good practice [Thursday], and we are pretty prepared for what they run," senior guard Tawnée Cooper said. "It should be a good matchup. They play a pressure defense like us. They are a really good defensive team."

Idaho, like the Broncos, is 7-6 overall and also coming off a victory over Gonzaga. The Vandals also have a three-game winning streak. They play Cal Poly tonight, and are led by All-American candidate Alli Nieman. Nieman tops the Big West in scoring, averaging 21.8 points per game, and is also pulling down nine boards a contest. Sunday's game will be at 2

"I think this year we have done a good job of holding people under their average," senior forward Kristi Rohr said of the Gauchos' defensive strategy for Nieman. "We will probably do the same thing we do every year and do the best to contain her."

The Gauchos are back in the Top 20 for the first time in six weeks. However, a Top-20 return doesn't seem to matter to some of the Gauchos.

"It's an honor; I've wanted this my whole career," Rohr said. "But I've been saying all along that it doesn't mean anything; we need to go out and play hard."

UCSB has also won its past seven games since the loss to KU, and heading into Big West play bodes well for the Gauchos.

"Our inside game is clearly a lot stronger than it was a year ago," UCSB Head Coach Mark French said about the Gauchos after their 89-59 drubbing of Loyola Marymount University on Sunday. "I think our depth is really good; I think our three seniors will make it more imperative to take care of things

Mean Green Does Texas Two-Stomp on UCSB

BY MARVIN GAPULTOS Staff Writer

The Mean Green of North Texas was a machine Thursday evening in its Big West Conference opener against the UCSB men's bas-

While four of UNT's players scored in double figures, only one Gaucho, senior guard Erick Ashe, put up double digits in the 74-67 Santa Barbara loss. Leading the way for the Mean Green (3-10 overall, 1-0 in the Big West) was freshman guard Chris Davis, who scored 22 points, pulled down three rebounds and dished out five assists.

"[Davis] just did a phenomenal job for them," UCSB Head Coach Bob Williams said. "It just seemed like he made every shot he put up. He's just so smooth with the ball."

In contrast, the Gauchos (4-8, 0-1) were rough at times, giving up 20 turnovers to North Texas. Ashe, who scored 20 points and grabbed five boards, had little support from his teammates. Junior forward Adama Ndiaye scored on his first two jumpers of the game. However, those were the only two shots that Ndiaye made in the entire contest, finishing 2-5 from the floor with eight points and six boards.

Trailing 37-29 at the half, the Gauchos heated up in the second half. With nine minutes left to play, North Texas was ahead 54-48 before Santa Barbara made its run. Consecutive layups by junior guard Brandon Payton, senior guard Larry Bell, and Ashe tied the game at 54 apiece. UNT moved ahead by a bucket with 7:20 remaining, but then UCSB freshman forward Mark Hull nailed a jumper to knot the game again. The Mean Green refused to let the Gauchos take a lead however, and went up 61-56 with five minutes remaining. After a layup by Bell, Santa Barbara was down 61-58. Two free throws and a three-pointer by Ashe tied the game at 63, each with just over three minutes left in the game. But this was as close as the Gauchos would get, scoring only one field goal in the final three minutes.

"[North Texas] has a tendency to, at times, maybe coast a little bit, and they allow you back in [the game]," Williams said. "But I thought they played awful well tonight to be honest. I thought we made a pretty good run at them, and gave them every opportunity to crumble. But they made their shots to win the game, and that's a credit to them."

The Gauchos' ability to stay with the Mean Green was due to Bell's defense, who nearly seized the game from North Texas with five steals in the

"There's no doubt that his steals generated offense for us," Williams said of Bell, who also scored eight points and pulled down five rebounds. "He got us in transition, and we made some easy buckets out of it. He did a great job, he was very emotional and played hard. I thought Larry did a great job."

However, North Texas had too many options besides Davis. Senior forward Sam Funches put in 17 points and nine rebounds. Senior center Brandon Gilbert had a double-double with 12 points and 10 boards, while sophomore forward Deginald Erskin chipped in with 15 points.

The Gauchos will travel next to New Mexico State for a game Saturday. The game will be shown on ESPN2 at 9 p.m.

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down the stretch."

Two particular seniors who have done just that are Rohr and guard Stacy Clinesmith. Rohr is having another stellar season averaging 12.8 points per game and 5.3 rebounds per game. Clinesmith is third on the team in scoring with a 12-ppg average and dishing out 7.1 assists per

UCSB's lead scorer is junior guard Erin Buescher, who is averaging 14.9 ppg and has scored in double digits in 56 straight games. The two-time Big West Player of the Year is also averaging 8.3 rpg.



WAR IN THE PAINT: Sophomore center Lisa Hansen and the UCSB women's basketball team are undefeated in the Thunderdome this season.

From the Sports Desk:

In addition to the women's basketball team, the UCSB men's volleyball team is in action at home this weekend against the University of La Verne. The match is Saturday at 7:05 p.m. in the Thunderdome.