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## Three Strikes Promotes Less Crime at Risk to Education

By Suzanne Garner  
Staff Writer

Proposition 184, the controversial "three strikes and you're out" measure, will come before voters Nov. 8, with the future of both crime and education in California potentially hanging in the balance.

Prop 184 proposes amend-



ments to a March 1994 state law already in the books, and the adoption or rejection of the measure will therefore have no direct impact on the existing statute.

However, the outcome of the statewide vote will still carry enough weight to sway legislative action, according to Rod Rimmer, Three Strikes and You're Out Committee member.

"It does not change anything technically. However, if it is not passed, that sends the other message to the legislature," Rimmer said. "That gives them the license to unwind the legislation, and they'll do it and they'll do it quickly."

Under three strikes, any crime classified as "violent" or "serious" counts as one strike against the offender. After two strikes, any felony conviction will result in life imprisonment with a minimum term equal to either triple the base sentence or 25 years, whichever is longer.

"Serious" crimes range from residential burglary and attempted rape to murder. The law also requires mandatory sentences equal to twice the term normally required by law.

Currently, the state Dept. of Corrections absorbs 7.7 percent of the state's general fund, while the combined allotment for the University of California and California State University is 8.75 percent, according to Joni Finney, California Higher Education Policy Center associate director.

According to a recent study released by the center, the state will not be able to accommodate both the growing need of the Dept. of Corrections and the state's higher education systems under implementation of three strikes.

Although the center has not officially declared a position on the initiative, Finney expressed concern over the state's ability to provide affordable higher education if the law is implemented.

"Our sense is that we need to protect citizens from crimes, but we need to continue to provide students with the opportunity for higher education," she said.

Funds to state services have increased six percent in the past decade, the allotment to higher education has risen seven percent, and money to corrections has gone up 15 percent, according to the study.

"That's why it's time we take a look at where the state puts its money," Finney said. "We think there should be a way to accommodate corrections and higher

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## Political Science Ph.D. Candidate Killed in Calamitous Plane Crash

A UCSB graduate student was among 68 victims of a commuter plane crash Monday in Indiana that included no survivors.

Patricia Masilo, a Fulbright scholar and former professor at the University of Lesotho in South Africa, was pursuing her doctoral studies in political science. Anticipating receiving a Ph.D. this fall, she was working on her nearly completed dissertation, *The Black Middle Class and Political Leadership in South Africa*.

Political science Professor Cedric Robinson advised Masilo on her dissertation and remembered her vitality. "Her largest gift was that she shared, insisting that her friends stop to savor what was good or be distressed by the evil," he wrote in a statement released Wednesday.

Masilo was an exceptional student, according to K. M. Mathew, dean of International Students and Scholars. "She was a very dynamic person, very hard-working," he said. "We really are in shock. It's a

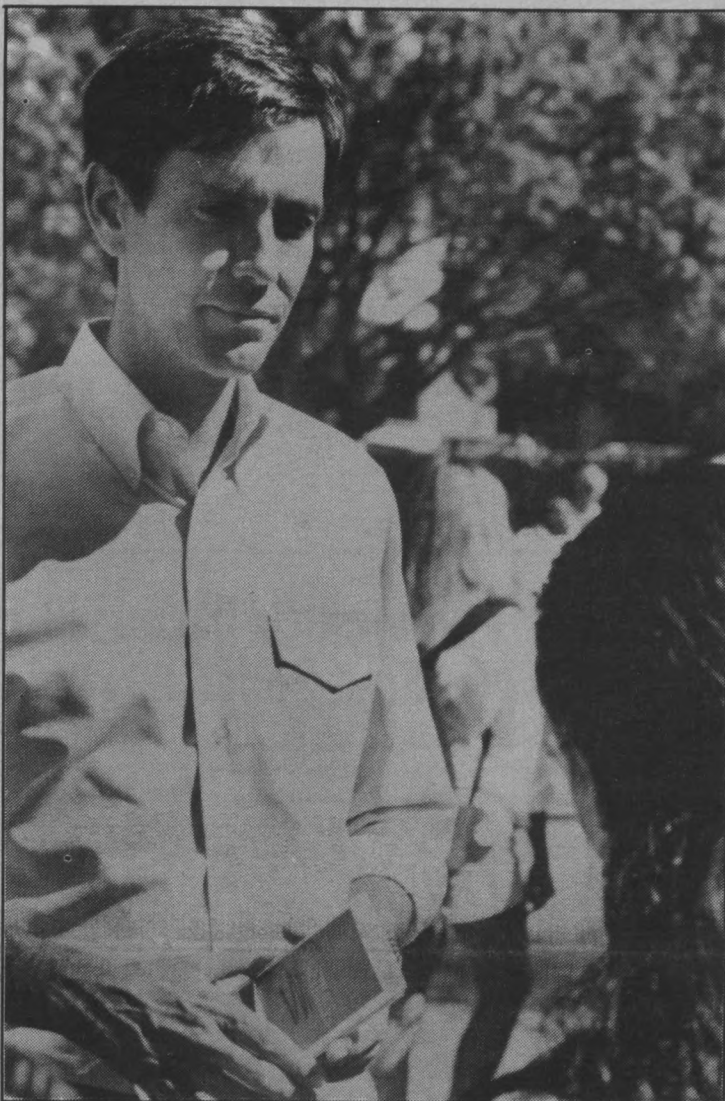


Patricia Masilo

terrible tragedy."

Masilo left behind a son who will remain in the care of her friends until further arrangements can be made.

—Colleen Valles



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Thirty-fifth District Assemblyman Jack O'Connell, candidate for the 18th District state Senate seat, made another campus appearance Wednesday to beef up student support.

## State Assembly, Senate Hopefuls Speak Openly at Noon Gathering

By Michael Ball  
Staff Writer

Local candidates turned out on campus Wednesday to court the student vote once again, in search of a boost to lift them to victory in the Nov. 8 election.

Thirty-fifth District Assemblyman Jack O'Connell (D-Carpinteria), Republican Brooks Firestone and his opponent Mindy Lorenz pressed the flesh with students in front of the University Center.

Lorenz, the Democratic hopeful running to replace O'Connell, who is vacating the 35th District seat, spoke to a gathering of students in Storke Plaza for a rally against Prop 187.

Declaring opposition to the measure, Lorenz believes its approval could seriously threaten funding for the state's educational system.

"We can ill afford anything that will decrease the money going to higher education," she said. "We have to make sure that education is a priority in this

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## Clinton Advisor to Underscore Nationwide Focus on 22nd District Congressional Race

George Stephanopolous, the 27-year-old special adviser to President Bill Clinton, will help get students out to the polls on Election Day in a noon rally today in Storke Plaza.

The rally is designed to drum up student support for religious studies Professor Walter Capps, in pursuit of the 22nd Congressional seat left open by Michael Huffington (R-Santa Barbara).

"The purpose of the rally is, quite frankly, to raise awareness of the importance of this race," said Capps Campaign Manager Kevin Looper.

Stephanopolous has graced the district with his presence once before during the campaign, but kept the visit low-key, meeting with Capps' staff and speaking informally. According to Looper, this visit is intended to underscore the nationwide importance of the 22nd Congressional District this year, as Republicans threaten to make big gains in Congress.

"Hopefully, they'll ... get a sense of the importance that others place on [the race] nationally. It's being looked at as a bellwether," he said. "Essentially, can the radical right be stopped?"

Capps' supporters have associated the professor's opponent, California Assemblywoman Andrea Seastrand, with the Repu-

blican Christian Right.

Santa Barbara County 3rd District Supervisor Bill Wallace will also endorse Capps at the rally.

Wallace aide Mark Chaconas emphasized the importance of the rally in energizing the vote. "It's clear that elections can be decided by a few votes," he said, adding that low voter turnout would damage the democratic

process. "You don't want a minority deciding elections."

The rally will open at noon with local bands Spencer the Gardener and Munkafest. Wallace is scheduled to speak after the bands, followed by Stephanopolous and Capps.

—Chris George



Nexus File Photo

Congressional hopeful Walter Capps (left) and George Stephanopolous, special adviser to President Clinton, will speak today.



# HEADLINERS

## Helicopter Crashes; at Least 11 Killed

**COZUMEL, Mexico (AP)** — A helicopter returning 12 American tourists and an Italian from a day jaunt to Mayan Indian ruins radioed about a mechanical failure moments before plunging into the sea, authorities said.

The bodies of 10 of the tourists and the Mexican pilot were recovered Tuesday and the three missing are presumed dead, said U.S. consulate officials arriving on this resort island, where candles were lit at a church service for the victims.

"The whole island community has been shaken and everyone is grieving. This seems to have been couples on a cruise," said U.S. Consulate volunteer Brian Wilson.

The helicopter was one of two Bell 212s fly-

ing back to a cruise ship from Mexico's Yucatán Peninsula when it crashed Tuesday after-

authorities.

The bodies of the Mexican pilot and the 10 passengers found were re-

located."

The helicopters, rented by a local travel agency, had taken the tourists on a daylong excursion from the cruise ship to the Mayan Indian ruins of Chichen Itza, one of the top tourist attractions on the Yucatán Peninsula.

"As they were flying back from a day at the ruins, the helicopter radioed the control tower saying it had mechanical failure. Shortly after that, the helicopter plummeted into the ocean," Wilson said.

"We had many of the identifications done last night," said American consular official David Van Valkenburg. "Twelve of the fourteen were American married couples" taking part in a Caribbean cruise from Miami.

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Brian Wilson  
U.S. Consulate

noon in the Caribbean off Cozumel, police said. The other helicopter landed safely.

Wilson added that the helicopter reported mechanical failure shortly before it plummeted into the 12-mile wide sea channel separating Cozumel Island from the Yucatán.

There was no evidence of a fierce storm as initially reported by

covered quickly by boats from a nearby naval base and taken to a Cozumel morgue. Today, boats resumed searching for the missing.

Wilson said the search for the missing three passengers could be hampered by fast ocean currents, noting that "the channel is part of the Gulf Stream ... so we don't know at this point if the bodies will be

## Anti-Abortion Activist May Get Life in Jail or the Chair

**PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP)** — A jury deliberated just 20 minutes Wednesday before convicting a former minister of murder in the shotgun slaying of an abortion doctor and his bodyguard.

Paul Hill, 40, could receive either life in prison or death in the electric chair. The jury will return Thursday to decide.

Hill, acting as his own lawyer, offered no defense during his three-day trial, refusing to make any statement or question any witnesses. Circuit Judge Frank Bell had barred him from arguing that the slayings were justifiable homicide to save fetuses.

"I have nothing to say, your honor," Hill said before jury deliberations began.

Hill, wielding a 12-gauge shotgun, ambushed Dr. John B. Britton, 69; his unarmed bodyguard, James H. Barrett,

74; and Barrett's wife, June, 68, as the three arrived at the Ladies Center abortion clinic on July 29.

Hill was also convicted of attempted murder for wounding Mrs. Barrett.

Last month, Hill be-



came the first person convicted of violating the federal law against harassing or using violence against people entering abortion clinics. He could get up to life in prison at sentencing Dec. 9.

Before the shooting, Hill had openly advocated killing abortion doctors. He said such slayings were divinely sanctioned.

## Strike Halts Publication of San Francisco's Newspapers

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)** — Empty newsracks and bare doorsteps greeted San Franciscans on Wednesday after labor negotiations collapsed and 2,600 employees began a strike against the city's two major daily newspapers.

Distribution of the *San Francisco Chronicle* and *San Francisco Examiner*, with a combined weekday circulation of more than 600,000, was virtually shut down by pickets, managers said.

"This place is rather chaotic. I don't think there's one copy in San Francisco," said James Hale, president of the San Francisco Newspaper Agency, which handles advertising and distribution of the papers under a joint operating agreement.

There was scattered violence on the picket lines,

with both sides blaming each other.

Hale said five delivery trucks were destroyed and up to 30 employee cars damaged.

Two Teamsters were ar-



rested outside the *Chronicle's* Union City printing plant for trespassing and vandalism after car windows were smashed, police said.

At the core of the dispute was a company plan to streamline distribution, eliminating 150 delivery truck driver jobs and 400 youth carriers.

## Candlestick Park Will Host Its First Super Bowl Game

**ROSEMONT, Ill. (AP)** — San Francisco was awarded the 1999 Super Bowl, the first time the NFL's championship game will be held in Candlestick Park.

San Francisco beat out Miami's Joe Robbie Stadium in voting held today at the NFL meetings. The Super Bowl was held at Stanford Stadium in Palo Alto in 1985, the only other time the game has been held in the Bay Area.

Miami, site of this season's Super Bowl, was expected to get thrown into the mix for the 2000 Super Bowl along with Tampa, Atlanta, Pasadena, Phoenix and Houston.

The 1996 game already has been awarded to Phoenix, 1997 to San Diego and 1998 to New Orleans.

Members of San Francisco's task force cheered as NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue made the announcement.

"The attractions of San Francisco are obvious," Tagliabue said. "It's a world-class city, a great downtown city, one of America's greatest downtowns."

Earlier today, Tagliabue placed the Jacksonville



and Carolina expansion franchises into the league's current four-team divisions after owners were unable to agree upon a realignment plan. The league will have six divisions of five teams each.

Tagliabue said the plan would be in force for next season only. For 1996 and beyond, club owners must vote to either reaffirm the setup or realign the division.

## Warnings Not to Change Too Much Filter Into Rural Haiti

**VERRETTES, Haiti (AP)** — Adelia Dulcinet found a handwritten note on the ground outside her door a few days ago warning her to behave or else.

The note told Dulcinet, a pro-democracy activist, not to seek too many changes in the government, army and other institutions ruling Verrettes, a town of 5,000 people about a three-hour drive north of the capital, Port-au-Prince.

The message, scrawled in pen on a scrap of paper, was similar to other threats received by backers of Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the exiled president who returned to Haiti on Oct. 15.

A climate of fear persists in many rural parts of Haiti, despite the presence of the U.S. forces whose mission it was to restore democracy. Haitians

afraid of reprisals by military-backed thugs are still in hiding.

"They're trying to dismantle our organization, to create division," Dulcinet said. "I am so afraid, I think I have to leave this



town."

In remote places like Verrettes, reached by driving along a riverside cattle trail in the Artibonite Valley, members of paramilitary groups are also hiding out.

Section chiefs, the rural authorities of the old regime, are to be replaced by communal councils under a law that Parliament has yet to approve.

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## Weather

Recent events have played out that make me seriously consider the possibility that higher powers are trying to tell us something. Of course, the problem, as always, is that determining the exact nature of the communication from beyond is difficult.

Y'see, it starts with the killer bees. Yeah, they've finally made it to California, as evidenced by the discovery of a swarm in the southeastern corner of the state. As it turns out, the swarm was found near one of Gubernor Wilson's ever-expanding pet prison projects. A work detail of inmates was sent to "deal" with the killer bees, and they've been destroyed (the bees).

Which brings me to a few thoughts: Killer bees are a threat from south of the border. This threat was mitigated by the proximity of a prison full of convicts. Does this mean that an increase in the state's prison population will reduce the influx of menacing beings, enhancing the lives everyone else? Sound ridiculous? Sound like the platform of the Republican Party?

OK, OK, this is an unfair depiction of the situation. Surreptitious immigrants are not insects, they're human beings. Pete Wilson is an insect. Or he's the "education governor." Take your pick.

A scarf would probably be a good idea today.



## IVRPD to Focus on Park Upgrades

Park improvement, an arborous event and land acquisition top the agenda for tonight's monthly Isla Vista Recreation and Parks District Board meeting.

Topics to be discussed include Perfect Park and Estero Park Recreation area improvements, a consideration of adoption of a successor Memorandum of Understanding for District Employees, and an update with the Real Property Negotiator regarding the Chase family blufftop properties currently being negotiated by the IVRPD.

"We are hoping to have a tree-planting party in Perfect Park. Everything is going to be finalized this

month. That is going to be the big event," said Director Brad Hufschmid.

Hufschmid also mentioned numerous improvements for Estero Park, including the building of a new district office and community center. Grassy fields are being considered for events such as a casual soccer game, in addition to an area of gardens.

"We are just going to try to finalize our parks and get some equipment we need," Hufschmid said.

Inclusive in the new business will be the consideration of reallocating funds in the district budget, along with the purchasing of new picnic

tables, benches and recreation equipment needed in the parks.

"They are going to go over updates on Perfect Park and Estero Recreation area and the ongoing blufftop project," said Assistant General Manager Joe Burke.

A general manager's report will be given after the public is given an opportunity to speak on any item within the board's jurisdiction, which will occur early in the meeting. A closed session for the board will follow.

The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. at the IVRPD office at 961 Embarcadero Del Mar.

—Sylvia Luis

## VISIT

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state. ... One of the most grievous things about Proposition 187 is that it would throw tens of thousands of people out of school."

After the rally, Lorenz charged that her opponent Firestone was engaged in a negative campaign of false accusations. She took offense to signs on campus proclaiming Lorenz as "ARCO's Candidate," denying any support from oil companies.

"It's Firestone who took oil money for his campaign," she said. "We're struggling very hard to run a clean campaign."

Denying that the Firestone campaign has engaged in dirty politics, Pat-

rick Byrne, head of Students for Firestone, believes the assertion that Lorenz has benefited from oil money is accurate.

"Lorenz is supported by PAC money which she receives from [Speaker of



the Assembly] Willie Brown," Byrne said. "Some of the money Brown gets comes from companies in the oil industry."

Firestone also expressed distaste for negative campaigning. "The negative campaigning turns people off to politics," he said. "They don't feel like

voting after hearing the mudslinging."

O'Connell, who is running for the 18th District state Senate seat being vacated by Gary Hart (D-Santa Barbara), enjoys visiting students on campus, a practice he has maintained throughout his years in the Assembly, he said.

"It's a way for me to keep in touch and to learn students' priorities and concerns," O'Connell said. "It also demystifies the political process."

O'Connell also stated his positions on issues of concern with the voters this year. As coauthor of the "Three Strikes" legislation, O'Connell hopes the law can be revised to minimize its impact on the state's prison population.

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# OPINION

"It's been so long since I made love that I can't even remember who gets tied up."

—Joan Rivers



## Is It Me Or...? Surfing on Stereotypes of Stupidity

Matthew Nelson

Have you noticed that there are no smart men in commercials? Or, I should say, there are no smart men in commercials when there are women in the commercials as well. It's true if you think about it.

A while ago, I was watching TV and channel surfing as usual when I happened to crest over a wave and find myself staring at a talk show in the face. Usually I just paddle on over it to catch the next wave, but this time, something caught me for a moment. This particular show was more of the informative variety, in that the guests came out and sat on stools with the hosts instead of in the Oprah style. The thing that caught me was the introduction of the next guest. He was the president of a group of men that were striving to change the way men are portrayed in advertising. Of course, my thought was, "What the hell is he talking about? What's wrong with it?" and I immediately thought this guy must be a quack.

When he was introduced, for some reason I was surprised he was wearing a suit instead of, oh, I don't know, a dress and pumps. I mean, if this guy was complaining about women having the upper hand in something, he must be nuts. All I had ever seen was how women have constantly gotten the short stick in life. But I'm off the subject. The important thing is that this guy came out and basically said that men were constantly getting the role of the idiot in commercials. They are the ones who always do something wrong and have to learn that using "this" product will make it better, and it's always a woman that shows it to him.

I, being quickly bored out of my mind, clicked the channel and caught the next wave.

But something of what he said stuck in my head and I began to notice truth in it. Watch a few commercials and you'll see what I mean. If there is some kind of interaction between a man and a woman, it invariably has the man doing something wrong or just plain stupid, and the woman comes in to save the day with the product or to chastise him about his stupidity in not using the product in the first place. The correlation is clear, and I'd love for someone to be able to show me a commercial, any commercial,

where the woman is wrong and a man shows her the right way.

Now, that being said and you gathering your own information on the cable waves, let's take a look at the reasons. First off, let me say that I am not chauvinist, I have nothing against women and I think that sexual equality is an eventuality. The human race no longer lives in the Stone Age. But I do have to realize that men and women are inherently different. Go read *Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus* if you don't believe it. There is nothing wrong with this view really. It's just a simple fact that men and women see the world differently. Things have different priorities for the sexes and advertising companies are making use of this.

My psychology teacher once said that when cars first came out, they were only made with two or three colors and the men who bought them didn't really care. It was only the tastes of their wives and girlfriends that eventually made the car companies decide that some variety in colors would sell better. It was women's input that changed the way cars were made.

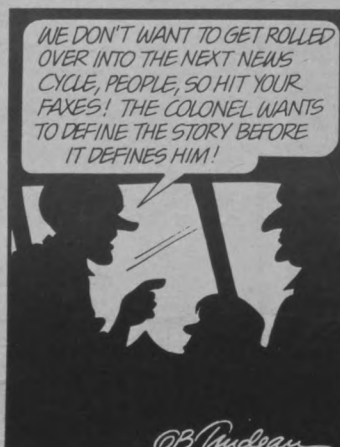
But what does all this mean for commercials and my bitching about them? Just that most of the feminists that are reading this right now, once they're gotten over their initial rage that I dare speak critically of women at all, are saying, "Yeah, men are stupid, what of it?" and most of the men are saying to themselves, "Uh, I usually don't watch the commercials, unless they got some cute chick on it, 'course." But how long will this last? I can't tell you. Probably until the guys all lose their remote controls at once and are forced to realize how they're being portrayed as a gender over the airwaves. But that won't be for a long time.

Advertising companies aren't stupid. They know that women can be a powerful motivating force, especially if it's done by nagging. So the poor idiots will still wash out spaghetti stains using "that other detergent" while their wives keep showing how Biz is better than "hiz" and the profits will continue to soar.

Me? I'm just waiting for the revolution to occur. I figure it's only a matter of time until the men take over the nagging and the women look stupid. In the meantime though, I think I'll catch another wave.

Matthew Nelson is a Nexus columnist.

## Doonesbury



BY GARRY TRUDEAU

## The Reader's Voice

### Thanks a Million

Editor, Daily Nexus:

On Oct. 25, the Nexus endorsed Republican Firestone for the 35th state Assembly seat.

Thanks and congratulations to the Nexus staff for going through the stereotypes and focusing in on the date and the issues. Brooks Firestone has the competitive edge on economic, social and environmental issues. His specific target is the state's fiscal irresponsibility which is putting an undeserved burden on the taxpayer, not to mention the struggling student trying to make it through school with undue fee increases in the midst.

Come Nov. 8, the 35th Assembly district will see a change to California's bureaucratic mess and "yes" to Brooks Firestone.

PATRICK F.

### Don't Vote Brooks

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Well, I hope the Nexus is prepared for a big apoplexy when Brooks Firestone actually gets into office. What are the guys thinking? In terms of environmental issues, Firestone quote that he is "opposed to offshore oil drilling," which was some litmus test for environmental sensitivity. I tried finding a candidate who would run for office in the 35th district, but Barbara that doesn't claim to be opposed to offshore drilling. Not surprisingly, however, when Firestone ran for the Assembly seat, he did so with the help of company money.

What about California's Endangered Species Act, which Republicans have been trying to gut for the last two years? Or what about Mobil Oil's Clearview project? Did you ask him how he stood on the project which could have the biggest impact on UCSB and Isla Vista? Any project in the last 40 years? Well, despite countless requests to take a stance, he refused.

Mindy Lorenz, however, came out months ago and opposed the project because of the obvious threat it posed to humans and the natural environment. She worked on just about every environmental issue and could imagine over the last ten years and has a great care to see a high quality of life preserved for all plants and people.

Mr. Firestone however, does not have any record of ever doing a single thing to help the environment. While he was head of worker safety and quality control at his family's Firestone tire factory, the factory was illegally dumping toxic wastes. In 1993, the Firestone factory fined almost \$4 million by the California State Supreme Court for illegal dumping. Coincidentally, people who worked at the factory during this time suffer a cancer rate 6-8 times higher than average. It was obvious to everyone that Mr. Firestone would have had to know about the dumping. Caring about the workers, safety he was responsible for, seemed to be second to finding a cheap way to dump toxic waste.

The best way to tell what someone will do in the future is to look at what they've done in the past. Mindy Lorenz has spent much of her adult life working to find solutions to social, environmental, and economic problems. Brooks Firestone has made buckets of money.

Now that he's running for office, Firestone can't claim that he's going to start working for people. Mindy Lorenz has already been doing it for years. Santa Barbara is a better place today thanks to her.

WENDY I.

### No on Seastrand

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Well, we now have less than one week until election day! That means that you should be in the process of finding out what propositions will be voted on and, of course, who's running for office. If you're a registered voter, you don't have to worry because a ballot packet has been sent to you. Read it!

## System Potential

Albert Lewis

The expansion and encroachment of the federal government on citizens seems to worry George F. Will and many conservative writers. It worries me too. And I have a solution.

Government expansion is partially the result of public solicitations of a consumer-culture rat race — the more money and more of the time individuals could spend on duties of responsible citizenship. Many people have their political affairs to the federal and state governments full time, the schizophrenic hobby of consumerism.

But why let the federal and state governments do what communities could do better for themselves?

The answer is simple. There are televisions to watch, news to be made. Nobody seems to have time for local issues, to address crime, the environment or health issues. "I'll take care of it and stop bothering me about it," people say. Politics. I have a movie to go see and some shopping to do. Matter anyway — I'm only one person; I can't do it.

In the struggle to maintain our "quality of life," the amount of money and time pursuing superfluous ob-



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If you are registered to vote, please, *please* vote. I hate to be the one to tell you, but if you're registered and you don't vote, you're lame. I can remember my first political science professor saying, "Voting is our most important linkage to politics." It is! We have the opportunity to get Pete Wilson out of office. We have the opportunity to replace Huffington's seat with one of our very own professors ... Walter Capps.

You know that really popular religious studies class on Vietnam? Well, Walter Capps is the professor and has been for thirty years. He is running for Congress as a representative of the people, not a politician. Because of the fact that he has been in Santa Barbara county for so long, he wants to keep it small and beautiful; not another Los Angeles. His opponent, on the other hand, has a different perspective.

Andrea Seastrand has the worst voting record I have ever seen in my whole life. In 1992, she received a floor score of zero (no environmental votes out of 16 considered) from the California League of Conservation Voters. In 1993, she received a floor score of 8 percent (1 vote out of 12 considered). She has not shown that she is interested in "keeping Santa Barbara beautiful." Seastrand has not displayed consistent support for California's waterways or coast, and has consistently opposed timber protection, recycling efforts and multiple proposals to punish polluters.

Remember Mobil's Clearview proposal? Well, guess who Andrea Seastrand receives PAC money from. Yep, the oil companies. What makes you think that if she was elected, she wouldn't support Mobil? That's bullshit! We don't need her to represent us, we need WALTER CAPPIS!

Walter Capps is pro-choice, cares about the environment, is against Prop 187 and, most importantly, he wants to be a representative of the people. He says, "The greatest problem faced by our communities is that we, the people, no longer feel that we have a direct role in our government. I pledge to be a true representative of the people in order to restore the power of democracy to those who work to make this country strong." I agree with Walter on this one. I think that the reason that so many people do not vote is because they feel that their vote will not make a difference. Well, look at it this way. If you vote for Walter Capps, you will make a difference, a big one!

So, when election day comes along, Nov. 8, VOTE! If you want more information on Walter Capps or his opponent, there is a table in front of the UCen with literature. There are also buttons, T-shirts and stickers for Walter Capps. Wear one and show your support for Walter Capps.

LEILA SALAZAR

## Let's Go Capps

Editor, Daily Nexus:

For those of us who don't think our votes count, we need to take a look back in Santa Barbara voting history. Two years ago, our county's race for supervisor was decided by just two votes, both cast by students. Imagine just you and I together could have changed the outcome of the *entire* election. Once again, on Nov. 8, students will have the opportunity to dramatically influence the outcome of our electoral process.

Our UCSB professor, Dr. Walter Capps, faces a tough congressional race against extremist Andrea Seastrand.

Let's break it down! Walter Capps is a pro-choice and a pro-environment candidate. In contrast, Andrea Seastrand is adamantly opposed to a woman's right to choice and has been given a "zero rating" by environmental groups evaluating politicians and their support of environmental legislation. Although both Seastrand and Dr. Capps are educators, only Dr. Capps is a *true advocate* for student rights. He enthusiastically supports the expansion of student loan programs so everyone can afford college or vocational school. Mrs. Seastrand, on the other hand, supports limiting access to student loans in an attempt to balance the national budget through the Republican initiative Contract with America. Maintaining a balanced budget is essential to our nation's future,

but limiting access to education is not the way to go about it!

In a speech delivered to a congregation in Arroyo Grande, Mrs. Seastrand described the recent Northridge earthquake, Malibu fires, and subsequent flooding as punishment from God for the actions of California's largely immoral population (i.e. feminists, gays and lesbians). She further stated that people are led to believe that there should be a separation between church and state, but that our nation's creators did not truly believe so. However, this separation is blatant and integral to the maintenance of our religious freedom. As a professor of religious studies, Dr. Capps teaches religious toleration and autonomy.

Professor Capps is not a career politician. He believes in representative government and understands the importance of student voices. As a member of the National Endowment for the Humanities, Dr. Capps continually testified to Congress for increased funding for educational programs. Although he has no political record, he has proven to be a voice for students on a national level. As an educator, he plans to serve his country and then return to our UCSB community which motivated him to run, and will help elect him to office. As an active citizen of Santa Barbara for 30 years, Dr. Capps is in touch with local issues and has been endorsed by the *Santa Barbara News-Press*, the *San Luis Obispo Times Recorder*, the *Santa Barbara Independent*, and our *Daily Nexus*.

Utilize your right Nov. 8! Make a choice for student voice. Vote Professor Walter Capps for Congress.

For more information call 730-1200.

CAROLYN MUHLSTEIN

## Readin', Writin', and ...

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Don't let extreme right-wing parent groups set the educational agenda for an entire district again by flooding the ballot box with votes for the self-described "Back to Basics" candidate, Joni Zettters. Instead, run to your voting booth and vote for David Chapman, Richard Mayer and Patti Forgie for Goleta School Board.

As a graduate of UCSB's fine teaching credential program, I feel lucky to have received high-quality training based on the latest educational research. In fact, the latest California State Frameworks (models that drive current curriculum) are based on these principles, including cooperative learning, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. Zettters would have public education go back 30 to 40 years when teachers taught by drill and kill. Education has come a long way since then, but apparently some of these parent groups have not.

Should we educate children with an eye toward the future or a strong foothold in the past? Is technology at an early grade simply a toy, as Zettters suggests, or will it help prepare the next generation for its future? Should we, as Zettters states, simply dump our large Hispanic-speaking population into "full immersion" classrooms, where their needs will go unmet and their academic efforts thwarted?

Your vote for David Chapman, Richard Mayer and Patti Forgie will ensure open-mindedness, sensitivity to all ethnic groups and an educational vision reaching into the future. In a small local election like this, it is entirely possible for extreme right-wing parent groups to get candidates elected. Santa Barbara School Board's Sandee Beckers is a perfect example of this.

The silent majority simply cannot afford to remain silent any longer. The children of Goleta are counting on you.

CLARK SAYRE

*Despite the Opinion Editors' life-threatening illnesses, we will continue to be here for you. We're your pals. So drop your letters off at the Nexus office under The Tower. And some Kleenex while you're at it. Thanks.*

Look out, horses and cops:

## The Great Cornholio Is Coming to Town

Benjamin Morse

On Halloween, I dressed up and had much more fun than I imagined possible. For all those who were out there, I was the large, white-headed creature with the mattress cover around me, screaming, "I am the Great Cornholio!" Imagine making your own costume out of your trash, your neighbor's and your roommate's, making something wild, not spending a dime, and having about 200 people coming up to you and saying, "That is the best thing out here tonight!"

Well, that happened to me. A lot of people said, "Damn, I would have dressed up, but my costume was at home," or, "I wish I had money for a costume." To them, I say, "Me too."

This isn't a letter about how I don't own a TV and I don't drink and therefore I am left with time to be creative and inventive, because you'll flip to the sports page or go turn on the TV. I wanted to say that I had a weird experience that night with authority and threat.

Monday night I went out with only one person, my friend Jesse Soto. After I got tired, I let him be the Great Cornholio. Some time after he switched into my costume, we were at the end of the action, the 6700 block of D.P. As we decided to go home and then changed our minds to go for one more pass, walking back down Camino del Sur toward D.P., we found ourselves alone on the block with only four horse-mounted police and two prisoners, handcuffed and tied by their wrists, walking between the horses.

They came to a stop. The horses in the front started to rear up, making all the other cops put their hands on their belts, I suppose over their favorite implements of destruction. It took me a second to realize what was going on, but then I could see the cop in the front was trying to get his horse not to look at the Great Cornholio. The cops started yelling, "Get the hell out of here, you jerk!" Jesse, not realizing at that moment the power possessed by this costume over their horses, continued walking toward the officers, yelling back innocently, "Did I kick something at you?"

The horses *really* started freaking out then, stumbling backwards, and the cops were enraged, each screaming different versions of "Go away, you dummies!" We walked off, slowly, back to D.P., contemplating the enormity of what had happened. We had threatened *them*, and had gotten away with it. With all the money we as taxpayers spent on training riot horses to be fearless, impervious to tear gas, the sounds of sirens and gunshots, no one ever prepared them for Halloween in Isla Vista.

The thing I realized, walking away from it, was that here we were, dressed up in costumes, sober, on Halloween, and these thousand-plus-pound riot animals with little riot men on their backs, leading shirtless young adults to a sobering night in the mountains, probably incarcerated outdoors, were out of their element. I don't know what their ideal environment is; perhaps a place where either there is no crime or one where there are no restrictions on the brutality they dream about sharing with us. One that definitely is not a small beach/college town with students walking around having fun, scaring their horses with their costumes, and others running around with walkie-talkies and eight-millimeter video cameras, making sure they behave.

To all those who asked the many police forces to come and to those who came, thank you. You have succeeded in quelling our party of its wildness. Now go home and let us play music before midnight and live in a democracy without fearing those who were supposed to be protecting us.

Benjamin Morse is a senior sociology major.

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further perpetuate the need for more of the same. At the end of each day, less time and energy remains for constructive political thought or action.

To compensate, many people are buying their political participation by paying central bureaucrats to think and act for them. The loss, however, is more than a monetary one. It is a loss of freedom.

The beauty of the American political system is its potentiality. In theory, it functions as a large, interactive machine, expanding when needed, contracting when overburdened. But without exercising the freedom to participate, choosing its size and functions — and also deciding when matters can be handled independently — our political system becomes an oppressive situation.

However, the most unsettling aspect of this consumer schizophrenia is the resulting poverty of time — that which allows individuals to participate in shaping the world they live in. Time lost to the consumer rat race has three main political manifestations:

First, there is less time to participate in local community and grassroots activities.

Second, there is less time to educate oneself about the best and most effective roles of the federal and state governments.

Third, when federal and state governments have a legitimate role to play, and they often do, there is a lack of accountability because few people find the time to know exactly what is being done with valuable taxpayer money.

There are many additional consequences of this boundless consumptive behavior, including environmental decay, a decline in savings, accompanied by a rise in consumer debt, and a devaluation of personal and spiritual qualities. We no longer acquire our identities from the content of our character — we purchase our identities in the marketplace.

Interestingly enough, this voluntary abdication of political responsibility allows people to redirect political discontent away from oneself and towards some distant authority figure. Instead of taking control, individuals are gambling their political future — and the stakes are high.

Nov. 8 is Election Day. With less than 35 percent of the populace expected to vote, our already questionable "democracy" seems ever more elusive. Constituents must take themselves seriously before Congress ever will. One need only think of the voting lines in the recent South African elections to be reminded of the correlation between freedom and voting.

The "law of diminishing returns" justly characterizes the consumer culture: up to a certain point, material goods add a measure of comfort and pleasure to our lives. Beyond that point, their value quickly depreciates until they become a self-destructive opiate of the masses.

The indirect relationship between consumerism and political participation may seem obscure, but it undoubtedly exists.

Albert Lewis is a recent UCSB graduate in environmental studies.



# 184: Students May Lose Some Funding to Prisons

Continued from p.1 education."

The Dept. of Corrections estimates costs to operate the state prison system will increase \$200 million in 1995-96 and grow by several hundred million annually after that, reaching \$6 billion by the year 2026.

However, Rimmer believes that estimate is inflated and numbers will not grow as anticipated.

"The Dept. of Corrections was wrong in projecting potential inmates. They made the assumption that there's an endless supply of criminals," he said. "By their own admission, they overlooked the possibility of deterrence. We know that three strikes does deter."

Rimmer maintains the law effectively targets ca-

reer criminals and will effectively deter crime rather than inflate the prison system. "I don't think that the explosion is going to happen, I think it has already happened," he said. "The best law is one that you don't often have to impose because people are afraid of it."

In addition, Rimmer contends higher education and other state-supported services should not necessarily lose funding because of three strikes.

"The problem is the question is wrong — it assumes the economy is a fixed pie, which it is not," he said. "Even if we accept that three strikes is going to cost money, I reject that it will cost higher education."

"If there are cuts to ser-

vices in the short-term, it's probably due to mismanagement, not three strikes," Rimmer added.

Reaction from several members of Associate Students has been largely against the proposition.

Kris Kohler, external vice president for statewide affairs, believes education should be recognized as a solution to the prevalence of crime in our society, rather than squeezed in an inverse proportion to the prison system.

"The trend of imprisoning more people and educating less ... I think is completely the wrong way about it," he said.

Off-campus Rep Michelle Schmidt echoed Kohler's criticism. "I think it's a bad solution. Locking people up and taking money from the school

system is being reactive rather than proactive," she said. "Becoming educated is not just the three R's — it's becoming aware."

"184 is somewhat tricky," Schmidt added. "On the surface it seems like it's trying to appeal to women's issues, but I think that's a cover-up. I think it's racist and elitist, but that's somewhat disguised."

Rimmer believes the initiative must be viewed in the larger context of California crime.

"There is plenty of flexibility to make justice available. Somewhere you have to draw a line and say we can't allow these people in society," he said. "It's a difficult thing to stand back and see the big picture, but it's what you have to do."

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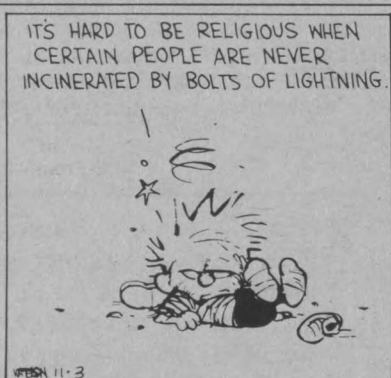
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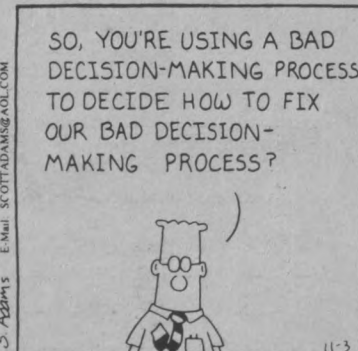
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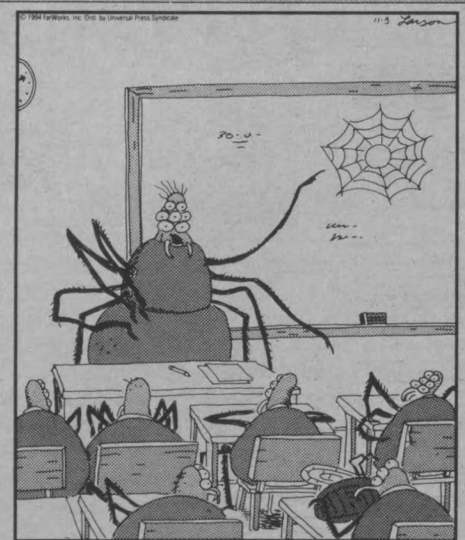
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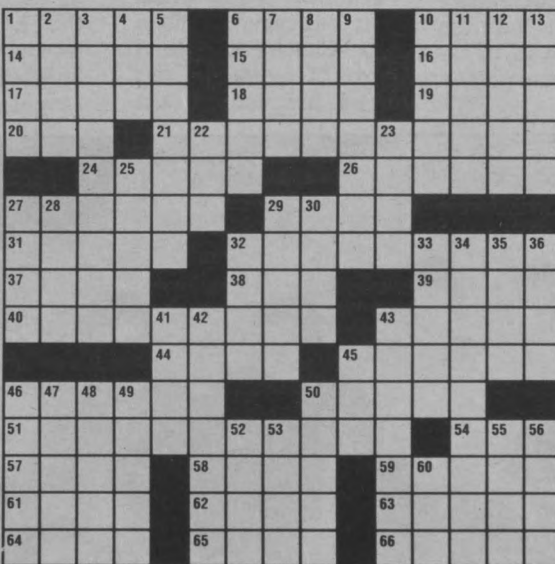
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## Field Hockey Gets Off to Strong Start

By Jenny Kok  
Staff Writer

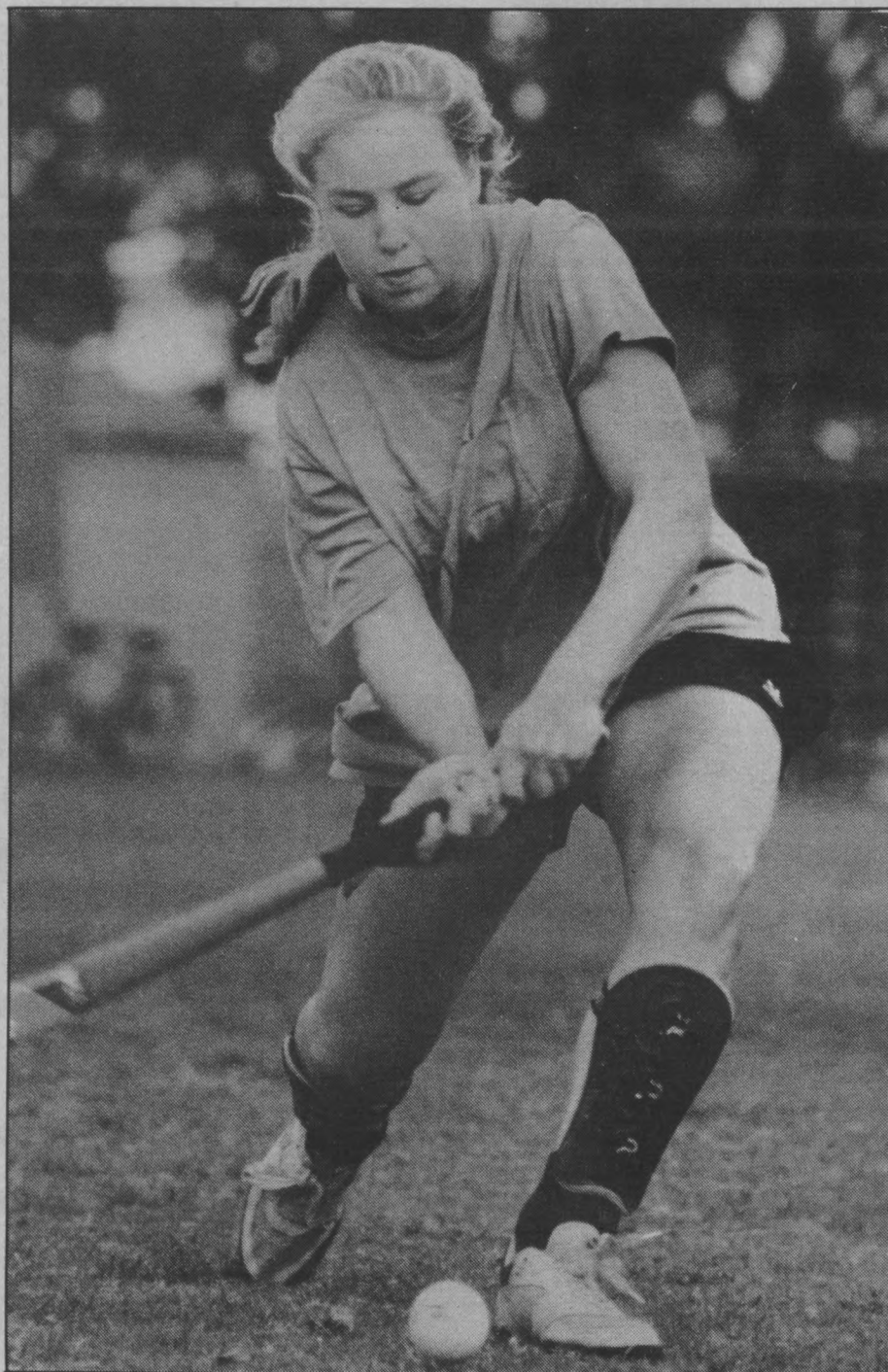
In its fourth year of existence, the UCSB women's field hockey team has been welcomed into the Club Sports program and rightfully so.

With a team made up of only two returning players and a majority of freshmen, the young Gauchos are making an impact in the world of field hockey. They have managed to tie or win each of their matchups with other club teams thus far and have played competitively against NCAA clubs.

"Considering we have been competing for the past three years on a non-club status, now we have the chance to get some financial backing and possibly expand to two teams next season," UCSB Head Coach Bill Davidson said. "With the issue of Title IX, there is the possibility of moving up to a varsity sport. We have the facilities right here on campus, so it is a definite possibility. There are a lot of varsity teams on the West Coast — UOP, Stanford and Berkeley all have varsity programs. We're competing well against them with virtually nothing, no recruiting."

So far this season, UCSB has come out with a 2-5-1 record. Their two wins have come against Santa Clara University, where they defeated the Broncos 3-1, and most recently against UC Davis, 1-0, after tying the Aggies 0-0 in the first game of their 1994 season.

Against UCD, Gauchos sophomore Jennifer Tarvin scored the only goal of the game in the first half off



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In its first season as a club sport, women's field hockey has begun the year well.

of a crossing pass from teammate Erika Isaacson. Angella Bernal, UCSB goalkeeper, amassed 12 saves to earn the shutout.

"Our goal here is not to win," Davidson said. "It is to provide an environment where the kids, both as players and nonplayers,

could participate in a team sport and have an opportunity to play other college teams and meet other people."

## Men's Crew Kicks Off Fall Season With Winning Weekend

By Jenny Kok  
Staff Writer

With a strong tradition of success, the UCSB men's crew team kicked off their fall season last weekend in Sacramento at the Head of the American meet on Saturday and at the Head of the Oakland Estuary meet on Sunday.

The early events gave the team a chance to scout out the competition for the year to come, while it also provided them with the opportunity to look at themselves as a team.

"Overall, this weekend was a tremendous success," UCSB Head Coach Paul Habibi said. "Generally, our sights are set for the

spring season races, but a strong performance this early indicates a strong season. Our biggest surprise was holding off UC Davis. They generally have one of the strongest heavyweight crews."

On Saturday, the race of the day belonged to the heavyweight pair race where UCSB rowers finished first. The heavyweight eight and four

teams both finished second and the lightweight eight ended up in third.

The competition on Sunday was a little bit tougher as the heavyweight eight and four finished fifth and third respectively. Two Gauchos lightweight four teams competed and finished second and third.

"This was a really good weekend," heavyweight captain O'Reilly McMahon commented. "There weren't high expectations for the fall season. We usually don't perform this well, but we did a great job and now our expectations for the year are going to be a lot higher. We beat UC Davis and they are usually one of the toughest teams to beat."

For the lightweight team, captain Allan Renga felt that his team has their work cut out for themselves.

"There were both pluses and minuses this weekend," Renga explained. "We have a lot of potential, especially in heavyweight. In lightweight, a lot of people left last season so we have a lot of work to do."



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UCSB crew's work paid off last weekend with a noteworthy performance.

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"Ganci flips it to Solomon for one. The throw to first..."

## Double Play

By Chris Ganci & Dan Solomon  
Staff Writers

While the sports gods have been exceptionally cruel this year by canceling the baseball and hockey seasons, they did show some sympathy to us sports fans by allowing the 1994-95 NBA season to continue as planned. Thus, with the season set to begin tomorrow, here are the answers to your prayers.

**Q: Will either the Golden State Warriors or the L.A. Lakers have a shot at stealing the Pacific Division title?**

**A:** No and no. Phoenix is clearly the team to beat in the Pacific with Seattle a close second. Golden State is the best team in the league if they have no injuries. But Chris Mullin is already hurt and Tim Hardaway is coming off a knee injury which forced him to miss the '93-'94 campaign. The Lakers are not even close to a division title, but they will be improved if new Head Coach Del Harris allows younger players like Nick Van Exel, Eddie Jones and George Lynch to phase out scrubs like Elden Campbell. Additionally, you can expect big seasons from Cedric Ceballos and Vlade Divac.

**Q: What makes Phoenix and Seattle the teams to beat?**

**A: Depth.** Phoenix has Barkley, Manning, K.J., Majerle, Green, Tisdale and Ainge. Seattle has Kemp, Payton, Schrempf, Perkins, Gill and Marciulionis. Phoenix has no center, but does that matter when you have seven players who could be top starters on any other squad? The only thing stopping the Sonics are their internal question marks, the most severe being the relationship between Kemp and the front office and coaching staff. The organization attempted to smooth things over with the "Reign Man" by throwing him huge money after the draft-day rumor which had him going to Chicago for Scottie Pippen. However, even that may not matter if the team gets off to another hot start only to have Coach George Karl lose control of a team which could implode come playoff time.

**Q: What about the defending champion Houston Rockets and the rest of the Midwest?**

**A:** Houston is just as good as last year and they should

“**Shaquille O'Neal is the second coming of Wilt Chamberlain and Anfernee Hardaway is the next dominant point guard.**”

make it to the Western Finals this time around. The insertion of Sam Cassell into a more prominent role and the phasing out of Kenny Smith may be the one significant change for a team that altered nothing in the off-season. A thumbnail sketch of the other playoff-caliber teams in this division is as follows: Utah — Having Jeff Hornacek for a full season should place the Jazz in a familiar spot, losing in the middle of the playoffs. San Antonio — Great talent, but Coach Bob Hill inherits a team with more diverse personalities (Dennis Rodman, Chuck Person, and David Robinson) than a session of Congress. Denver — A young team with great potential, but their '95 playoff aspirations depend on a healthy LaPhonso Ellis and his emergence as a go-to player.

**Q: Which team is the "Beast of the East?"**

**A:** First of all, there are no beasts, mostly dwarfs. The Knicks reached the seventh game of last season's finals, so if anyone is the favorite, they're it, especially with Pat Riley at the helm. One question: Who's the point guard? Doc Rivers, Greg Anthony, Derek Harper or Charlie Ward? What if Rory Sparrow comes back ... ?

Three teams will be bobbing at the Big Apple: Orlando, Charlotte and Indiana. The signing of Horace Grant gives Orlando the best starting five in the NBA. Shaquille O'Neal is the second coming of Wilt Chamberlain and Anfernee Hardaway is the next dominant point guard. Charlotte has added experienced depth (Robert Parish and Michael Adams) to its nucleus of Larry Johnson, Alonzo Mourning, and Muggsy Bogues. And Indiana, with Reggie Miller as the NBA's next superstar, improved their greatest weakness by acquiring point guard Mark Jackson from the worst franchise in professional sports, the L.A. Clippers.

**Q: Who are the rookies to watch?**

**A:** Starting with the obvious, the Rookie of the Year Award is Glenn Robinson's to lose, especially if he doesn't sign sometime soon. Grant Hill is the next Pippen, only with a better outside shot and, more importantly, a better attitude. Sleepers include the Philadelphia tandem of Sharone Wright and B.J. Tyler, who may unseat Dana Barros as the starting point guard, and Milwaukee's Eric Mobley, the "other" Buck first-round pick.

**Q: Last season belonged to Olajuwon. Who does this season belong to?**

**A:** This season belongs to Barkley and Shaq, both of whom will meet in the finals that will make everyone forget the monotony of last year's playoffs. Shaq will take home the MVP Award but Barkley will wear the ring into retirement.