

## Happening Tonight

"Borderscape 2000," a performative reading by Guillermo Gomez-Peña, will be presented at 8 in Campbell Hall. Ticket prices are \$8 for students and \$12 for general admission. For more information, call 893-3535.

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### Mmm, Mmm Good!

No longer will your breakfast cereal's destiny be left unfulfilled because you couldn't afford its consummate companion. A federal judge has thrown out the 60-year-old regulatory system that governed the dairy industry's pricing scheme.

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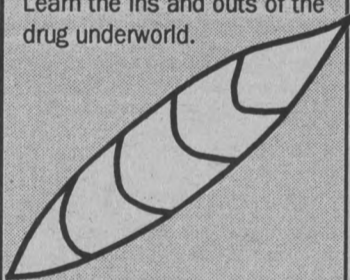
Two members of the Persian-American Club want to get the facts straight about the club's aims and what it represents.



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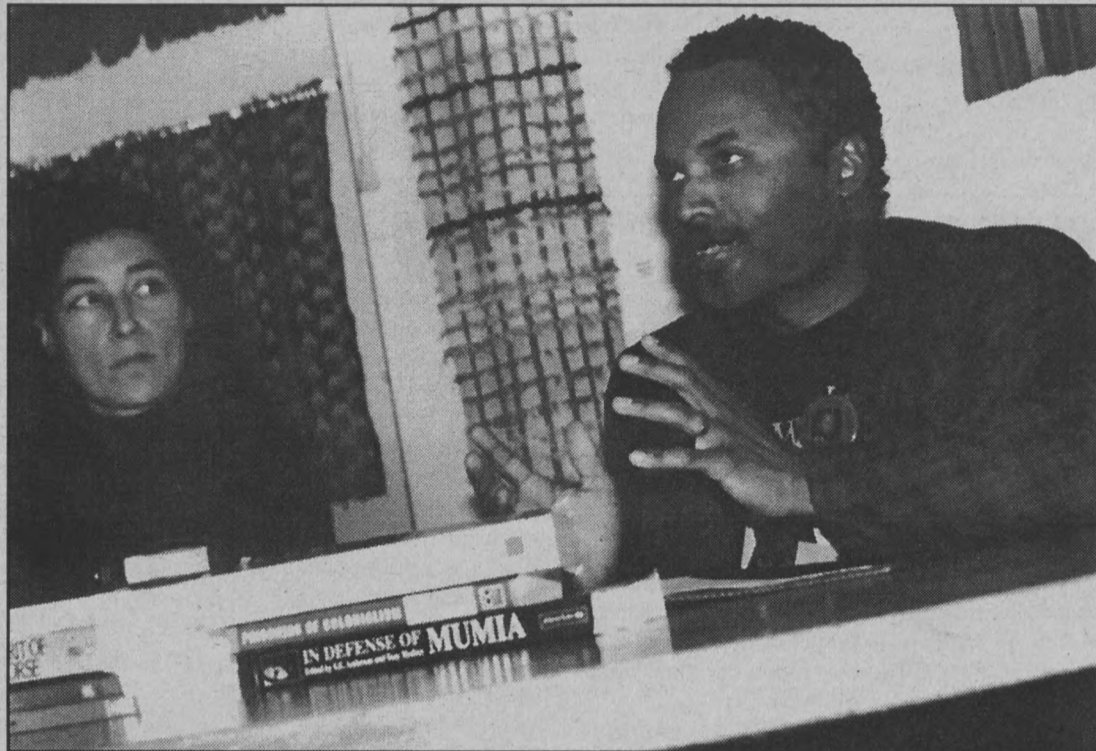
### End of the Road

The UCSB men's soccer team would like to put a positive spin on an otherwise disappointing year by upsetting powerhouse UCLA on Sunday.



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Arts and Lectures hosts Irish Fire, a performance featuring Irish musicians and dancers, this Saturday at 8 p.m. in Campbell Hall. For tickets call 893-3535.



ALAN JACOBY / DAILY NEXUS

Matf Harmachis speaks out during a discussion on the inequities of our criminal justice system. This forum, held Thursday at the MCC, concluded Prisons Awareness Week.

## Panel Discusses Injustice of Prison System

BY RAJA SESHADRI  
Reporter

Students from the Maoists International Movement and the Revolutionary Anti-Imperialists League held a discussion Thursday in the MultiCultural Center Lounge that marked the end of a weeklong series of events in an effort to educate the campus on alleged human rights abuses in America's prisons.

The forum featured a panel of four political activists presenting their views and discontent with the incarceration of political prisoners and human rights abuses in the prison system in general.

MIM, a revolutionary Communist party, prints in its newsletter, *MIM Notes*, that "MIM upholds the revolutionary communist ideology of Marxism-Leninism-Maoism. ... MIM struggles to end the oppression of all groups over other groups: classes, races, gender, nations. MIM knows that this is only possible by building public opinion to seize power through armed struggle."

Steve Jessup, a MIM spokesperson and member of the discussion panel, leveled criticism at the United States' current prison system during the discussion.

"Why is it a crime, punishable by death, for a black man to shoot a white police officer in self-defense, but it is not a crime to punish a government that killed 30 million people in southeast Asia during the Vietnam War?" he said. "Prisons in the U.S. are nothing more than a prop for white supremacy."

MIM believes that conscious political dissenters are imprisoned on false charges by the federal government and are subject to inhuman treatment, torture and assassination. MIM is presently involved in numerous programs to help prisoners presently incarcerated in the U.S. prison system.

Kietryn Zychal, an activist present at the event, pointed out the plight of the falsely accused in the nation's prisons.

"There are as many as 1.5 million people in prison in the United States," she said. "If 99 percent are guilty and 1 percent are innocent, that would be 15,000 people."

Zychal said in her discussion that she is presently involved in researching a case to prove the innocence of two leaders involved in the Omaha Black Panthers, who have been jailed by the U.S. government since 1970. She added that UCSB students should get involved in the "Jericho '98" freedom march in Washington, D.C., next March to demand amnesty and freedom for all political prisoners in the United States prison system.

May Lee, a member of RAIL, believes that students should have a greater consciousness of these type of conditions against humanity.

"Basically students have to wake up and have to start looking at the material, social and historical condition on which this nation was built: slavery, genocide and theft of native lands, and look at how the prison system continues this American heritage."

## War Over Tram Still Rages On

BY HAMIN O  
Reporter

With the recent passage of a recommendation to axe the controversy-riddled tram, its future is still uncertain.

Student ire over the electric tram has evolved from angry letters from readers in the *Daily Nexus* to calls by Associated Students for its removal. Amid the outcry, a Parking and Transportation Services committee has recently taken action to abolish the tram, according to Trena Hunter, manager of Business Services.

"A number of students had signed [a petition] to have the tram shut down," Hunter said. "The petition went to the Parking and Transportation Committee. The Parking and Transportation Committee then in turn recommended to Vice Chancellor of [Administrative Services] David Sheldon that the tram be stopped. He has that recommendation and plans to send it to a variety of groups on campus for input as part of the process."

Opponents of the tram believe that it is an inappropriate use of funds that could be better spent elsewhere.

"I am hopefully speaking for the majority, and I believe that this is an absolute waste of money considering that 12,000 to 14,000 students use the bikepaths every day," said A.S. Internal Vice President Kerry Kops. "I don't think even 500 people ride the tram every day. Why should we cater to them when we could be using the money on bikepaths for improvements and for [new] racks? It is

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## IVRPD Addresses Finances, Drinking Policies, Halloween

BY GRETCHEN MACCHIARELLA  
Reporter

Plants, parks and party-filled holidays dominated local government officials' discourse Thursday night.

The Isla Vista Recreation and Park District Board of Directors reported on the success of Halloween, discussed the use of native plants in the landscaping of local parks and amended the previously passed policy for obtaining private permits to drink in the parks.

IVRPD Chair Jon Wolken began the meeting by praising the efforts of the board members in making Halloween successful.

"I would like to congratulate the Halloween Committee — it did an awesome job," he said.

IVRPD General Manager Derek Johnson divulged the exact cost of this year's Halloween celebration.

"The district spent \$3398.31, the university spent \$3048.81, and A.S. was about \$847," he read from the staff financial report.

Also included in the financial report were grants that had been received by the IVRPD for specific projects.

"The Teen Center received \$11,000 of the \$19,000 applied for," Johnson said.

One of the most debated topics was the previously discussed problem

of whether to use plants indigenous to the area or to bring in species from other regions. Wolken was adamant that the desired plants could be obtained from growers in the Isla Vista area, given an adequate amount of time.

"We could find people that could grow [native plants], and would grow them," he said.

A major concern of the board was that native plants can be more expensive than those provided by large suppliers from out of the area, according to Director Arthur Kennedy. But local vegetation may be better suited to the climate and therefore more economical, he added.

"The \$4 [native] plant may have a much higher chance of surviving," Kennedy said.

The board accepted a staff recommendation with an amendment to increase local grower usage by the district.

Turning from plants to alcohol, the board considered revisions to the policy for acquiring an alcohol permit for the parks.

Johnson emphasized the simplicity of the new policy and described the procedure for acquiring a permit.

"All you have to do is come down to the [IVRPD] office and obtain an alcohol permit. Then go by the [I.V.] Foot Patrol and obtain a signature. There's a \$10 fee," he explained.

# Top of the News

## Judge Dismisses Moo Juice Regulation



**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Since the 1930s, the government has regulated the price of milk based on dairy farmers' distance from Eau Claire, Wis. A federal judge has now tossed out the system, and his ruling could eventually bring lower prices to consumers far from dairyland.

U.S. District Judge David Doty of Minneapolis ordered the Agriculture Dept. not to enforce most of the 32 fluid milk marketing orders because he said the system has "no rational connection" to supply and demand in most of the country.

The Agriculture Dept. could appeal, but this week's ruling is likely to have a far-reaching impact because the law requires USDA to adopt a new pricing system by January 1999.

"We believe the court's ruling could have a profound effect on how USDA responds to the congressional mandate to reform milk marketing orders," department spokesperson Tom Amontree said Thursday.

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Eau Claire. As the nation's top-producing dairy region, the Upper Midwest once shipped its surplus milk to areas that didn't produce enough. The so-called "distance differential" was meant to cover transportation costs.

Over the decades, how-

**— Gary Anderson  
former dairy operator**

ment spokesperson Tom Amontree said Thursday.

Doty's decision came in a lawsuit filed in 1990 by the Minnesota Milk Producers challenging a system created 60 years ago to ensure steady supplies of fresh milk nationwide and stable prices for farmers and consumers.

The main component bases the price paid to farmers on their distance from

ever, most regions have developed sufficient dairy capacity to produce their own milk, in some places even surpluses. In practice, this means higher milk prices for farmers and consumers far from Wisconsin and lower for those in the Upper Midwest.

Tom Cox, a University of Wisconsin agricultural economist, said that without

milk marketing orders, the wholesale price would fall in many parts of the country: the Southeast, Southwest, Appalachia and parts of the Northeast.

In Florida the price of milk would likely drop by \$3 per 100 pounds and in Appalachia by 85 cents, Cox said. At the same time, the price paid to farmers in Wisconsin and Minnesota would likely rise by 50 cents per 100 pounds.

Farmers closest to Eau Claire have traditionally been the loudest advocates of a more market-based approach. They point out the old system was put in place when transportation was slow and refrigeration less sophisticated.

"We've got new technology. We can move milk anywhere in the country in 24 hours," said Gary Anderson, who ran a dairy operation for 17 years in Cecil, Wis.

## Large Masses May Cause Warp in Space



**ESTES PARK, Colo. (AP)** — New observations suggest that enormous astronomical objects can actually move space itself, just as Albert Einstein suggested 80 years ago.

Rapidly spinning black holes and neutron stars make the space around them swirl like water running down a drain, scientists reported Thursday at an astronomy conference in Colorado.

"So many peoples' lifetime work is based on this assumption," said Wei Cui, a scientist at MIT's Center for Space Research. "It's just nice, and important, to confirm it."

Einstein's theory of general relativity predicts that moving objects ought to generate a force in addition to gravity. Austrian physi-

cists Josef Lense and Hans Thirring predicted in 1918 that this force can drag space around.

Ever since, experimental physicists have sought a way to prove Lense and Thirring right.

A method developed by Italian astronomers Luigi Stella and Mario Vietri hasn't quite done that, but comes close enough to make many scientists confident the effect is real.

The physicists presented their work at the Estes Park meeting of the American Astronomical Society's High Energy Astrophysics Division.

The astronomers measured X-rays coming from 15 superheavy neutron stars, which are the remains of stars that have undergone explosions at the ends of

their lives. Material orbiting a neutron star produces X-rays in a characteristic pattern.

This pattern would be regular if the neutron star had no effect on space. If it did have an effect, the pulsing pattern would shift as if the material were wobbling in its orbit.

Stella, of the Astronomical Observatory in Rome, and Vietri, of the Third University of Rome, found such a wobble in three of the 15 stars they examined. That's pretty good, considering the scope of the task—observing material that's moving 60,000 mph at a distance of light-years.

Inspired by Stella and Vietri, Cui tried the same trick with black holes, which are even more massive than neutron stars. He and his colleagues saw wobbling in all five black holes they measured.

## AP WIRE SHORTS

• **ATLANTA (AP)** — Fifteen million American children — or more than one in five youngsters — were exposed to second-hand smoke at home last year, the government said Thursday.

About 41 percent of adult smokers lived with children in 1996, and most of them lit up around the house, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

Children exposed to other people's cigarette smoke run a higher risk of sudden infant death syndrome, lung infections and asthma.

A CDC telephone survey of 120,106 people in 49 states and the District of Columbia found that smoking was allowed in some or all areas of about 88 percent of smokers' homes. There were no figures from Hawaii.

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Uh, I guess I just want to say \_\_\_\_\_ . That was pretty \_\_\_\_\_ or something.

Forecast: \_\_\_\_\_ this weekend, with nighttime temps dipping into the \_\_\_\_\_, and mild westerly gusts during the \_\_\_\_\_. See you \_\_\_\_\_!

## Ombuds Provides Outlet for Gripes

Conflict may be an inevitable aspect of life, but students can take advantage of a campus service whose mission is to ameliorate their difficulties.

The Ombuds Office is a campus organization dedicated to improving the communication between individuals and the institution. Located in the Student Affairs and Administrative Services Building, it serves the entire population by lending an ear to all complaints and tries to ensure that these grievances are heard by the administration.

"The Ombuds Office is a place that really exists to help people resolve their problems within the institution and let students have a place where they can be listened to and resolve their problems," said Associate Ombuds Manager Judith Guillermo-Newton.

The ombuds concept started in Scandinavia in the early 19th century to provide a way for peasants in Sweden to complain about the government. The UCSB office was

created 25 years ago and handles 300 to 500 complaints a year, according to manager Geoffrey Wallace.

"Our organization provides a bridge between the individuals and the institution," Wallace said. "The two main components of our organization are to make individuals know that we care about what they are feeling and to try and find real-world solutions to their complaints or problems."

The service gives some students peace of mind by letting them know that someone is looking out for them.

"It sounds like a very good way for students to express their discontent with the institution and have a chance to feel that their voice will be heard and that something might be done about their problems," said Vanessa Sandoval, a senior political science and Chicano studies major.

— Raja Seshadri

## TRAM

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absolutely ridiculous."

The price tag for each tram was \$30,000, and the cost to pay the workers for three quarters came to \$49,848, according to Kops.

Although it is unclear where the refunded money will go, Parking and Transportation Services will have to sell the trams after they stop in order to receive a partial compensation of its expenditures, according to Rep-at-Large Matt Barrall.

Despite vocal opposition, the tram operators stand behind their work and feel that there is a silent majority who appreciate their efforts, according to tram driver David Carlton.

"The tram is a good idea. It is especially good for the students who have heavy books or don't have wheelchairs. It starts at 9 and ends

at 5:30. I [have] heard very little negative comments," he said.

"I haven't had anybody who rode the tram who didn't like it. ... It is not true that people who ride the tram are lazy," said tram worker Paul Primeau.

Some students with disabilities believe the tram is essential for those who have trouble traversing campus efficiently.

"I hurt my ankle over the weekend [and] I probably wouldn't go to class if it wasn't here," said Tim Simmen, a senior communication major. "It serves its purposes as far as that goes. It gets me from class to class. ... It is definitely convenient for people with disabilities [and] I think they should keep it for that reason alone."

According to Hunter, the tram system was started because PTS wanted to find

ways to aid commuters that have been displaced to the west end of campus by the closure of lots 13 and 16.

"The tram was set up because we were trying to find ways to accommodate as many parkers as possible for the Fall Quarter," Hunter said. "We put together a plan where we could encourage people to park at the far side [of campus], by Isla Vista, and get them to the campus core quickly by tramping them in."

Tram organizers particularly targeted graduate students, who have complained about carrying heavy books and papers across campus, Hunter said. Construction and the subsequent reorganization of campus have forced some grad students to park even farther away than in previous years.

PTS Director Melba Ortiz was on vacation and unavailable for comment.

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# OPINION

## Get Behind the Bus

➤ *Bill's Bus Needs Your Support*

HENRY SARRIA

Our community is full of people who do good things for the sake of doing so, regardless of the possible consequences that can arise in the process.

Take Bill's Bus, for example, and you'll see someone trying to prevent a disaster from occurring by making a difference instead of making money. This is a service that can truly be seen as all good, but now Bill needs our help.

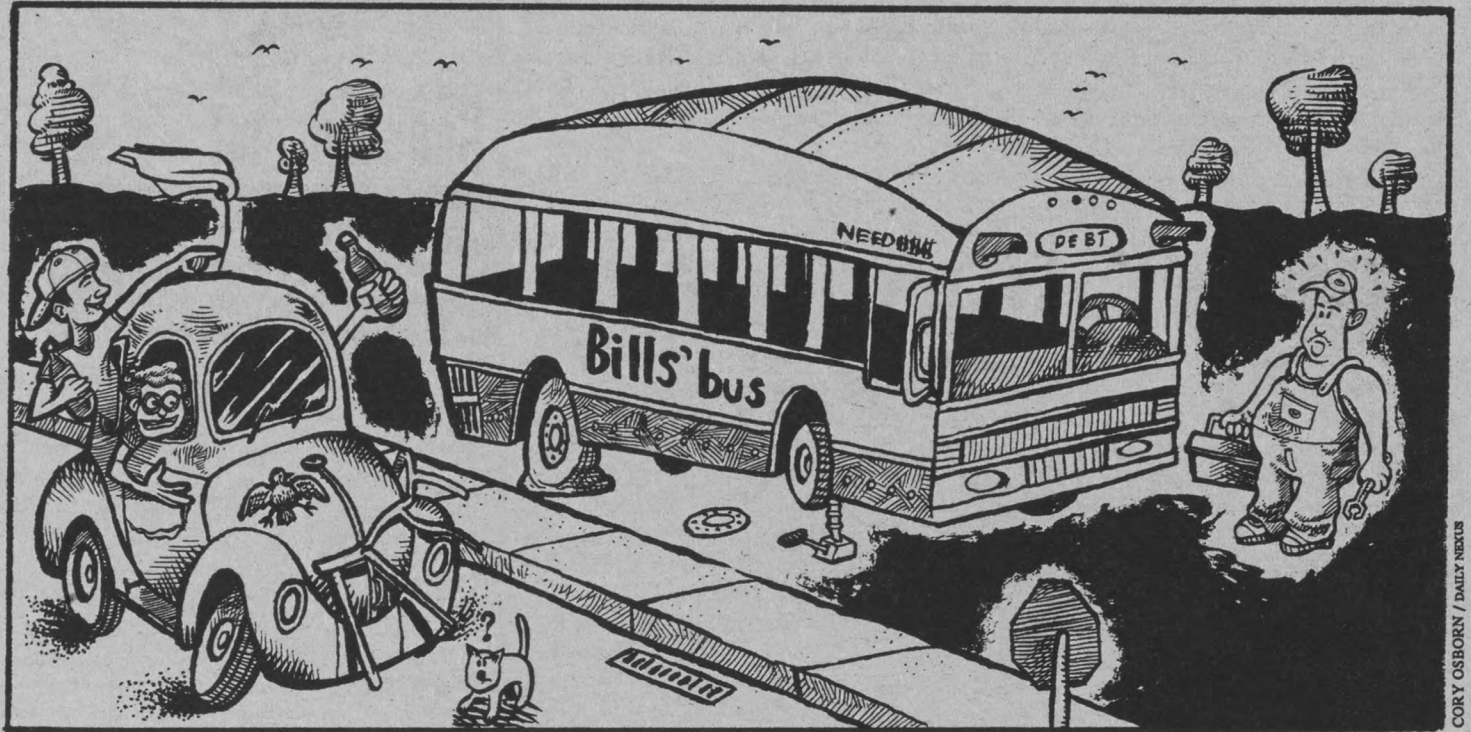
Certain businesses that thrive on the clientele Bill's Bus provides don't want to help contribute to keep his bus service alive, and because

Then there's the Palace Cafe complaining that the clients from Bill's Bus urinate in the alley behind their establishment, but what I've seen in my travels downtown is that ANYONE, regardless of how they got there, tends to water the asphalt behind said establishment. What a crock of crap.

So what can we do to help keep Bill's Bus alive in order for him to keep us away from the grasp of drunk driving's consequences? Call the businesses that aren't supportive and ask them what their problem is, and if they don't give a good enough answer, then don't support them. Simple as that. They don't support your safety, so why support their wealth?

However, the most effective thing we can do is to keep utilizing Bill's Bus whenever possible. This will avoid having to work out the "designated driver" plan, especially since around these parts it doesn't seem to work — usually "designated driver" means the person who has had the least to drink and this is not acceptable since it still amounts to drunk driving.

Bill needs our help, so let's give it to him, because this is a person who



of this, Bill's Bus could soon be a thing of the past.

As of this writing, many downtown night spots are contributing anywhere from \$50 to \$75 a month for advertising on Bill's Bus, and all of the money goes to keeping the service running. The amount the clubs pay comes out to approximately how much three or four customers spend per night on drinks at some of these places, but the issue here is not about the people who already support Bill's Bus. It's about the ones who won't.

When these people won't support Bill's Bus, it can only be seen as an exercise in greed — or just disregard for the well-being of the same clientele who frequent these establishments — and as an Isla Vista I see this lack of support for Bill's Bus as a slap in our face as well as an insult to our intelligence.

These are people who, in the name of profit, want to see us spend our hard-earned money in their establishments or on their products, but they don't care if we make it home alive or not. Bill will be glad to tell you who some of these people are if you ask him, but as of this writing some of the "agents of reluctance" have decided to support Bill's Bus because they figured they'd be doing the right thing and at the same time will avoid potential lawsuits because an establishment where drinking occurs can be sued by victims of drunk driving.

Surprisingly, though, even the local chapter of MADD refuses to help out Bill's Bus because it "promotes drinking" — but does the bus promote the driving aspect of the DUI problem? NOT!

will go to any length to see to it that we make it home safely — even if it means paying a taxi to take someone home if the bus is full (at a financial loss to himself, mind you).

One plea I do have, since Bill's Bus does service the UCSB community: can Associated Students provide some financial support? After all, it's your fellow students who use this service.

I'd like to ask the Santa Barbara City Council to give some financial support as well, since Bill's Bus brings business to the city of Santa Barbara as well as keeping our streets safe from potential drunk drivers. What more can you ask for?

Bill's Bus has reduced drunk driving by a significant percentage, and this can only be good, but if this service is forced to stop we'll be back where we were before Bill had the heart to do the right thing. Believe me when I say that before Bill's Bus was around, the DUI situation here really sucked.

Remember that Bill's Bus has ALWAYS been a nonprofit operation and the biggest satisfaction Bill gets is when someone gives him a mere "thank you" for what he does. He's NEVER been in it for the money, just to make a difference, and this he has clearly done. As for myself, when I do go downtown with drinking in mind, it's Bill's Bus I'll take, and I'll gladly pay the fee — all the while knowing that I drank, Bill (or Dave) drove.

*Henry Sarria is a longtime resident of Isla Vista and a frequent contributor to the Daily Nexus.*

### Editorial Policy

The *Daily Nexus* opinion section is an ongoing discussion of the events and issues relevant to the UCSB community, mediated by the Opinion editor and the assistant Opinion editor. The Staff Editorial is determined as follows: The Editorial Board meets daily to discuss current issues. A board majority chooses a topic for discussion, and the result is written up as the Staff Editorial by the Opinion editor. Columns can be submitted by anyone and should not exceed three pages, typed and double-spaced. The *Reader's Voice* is a public forum for those wishing to respond to or comment on anything current. Only one comment/response cycle will be published. All material **must** include a name and phone number; submissions are subject to editing for length and clarity. Drop off submissions at the *Nexus* office below Storke Tower; alternatively, fax them to (805) 893-3905; or you may e-mail <nexus@mcl.ucsb.edu>.

### The Reader's Voice

#### GETTING IT STRAIGHT, PART I

Editor, Daily Nexus:

To everyone who may have read and been shocked by the picture that accompanied the article about the Persian-American Club in the *Nexus* on Wednesday, Nov. 5 (The *Reader's Voice*, "Come Celebrate Persian Pride"), please hear me out.

The flag of Iran was not part of the article submitted to the paper. The artists of the *Daily Nexus* included the flag of their own accord, without the knowledge or consent of the members of the club or of myself, whose name was signed at the bottom.

Here and now, for those who care, I would like to let everyone know that the Persian-American Students Heritage Foundation (Persian-American Club) does not

have any political or religious affiliations. Everyone on campus is welcome to join and take part in our activities.

Here at UCSB, the reason our club exists is to give everyone a chance to know about the culture and heritage of Persia. That would include things like art, music, dance, poetry, etc. All cultures have their own form of these things, and as we are all aware, UCSB is a very diverse campus. That's why clubs and organizations exist. We can all provide a little bit of culture to make people aware of who we are. Oh, and along with that goes the idea that we're also students and we must have fun too. The club will see to that. Thank you.

Contact me for more info: ur-ostb00@mcl.ucsb.edu.

BAHMAN "BEAU" ROS-TAMA

Letters to the editor should be no longer than 500 words and **MUST** include the author's name and phone number.

#### GETTING IT STRAIGHT, PART II

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I am writing in regard to the Iranian flag that was placed next to the letter announcing the Persian/Iranian Student Association meeting (The *Reader's Voice*, "Come Celebrate Persian Pride," Nov. 5). The flag was placed next to the editorial by an artist of the *Daily Nexus*. We did not request it. I write not out of anger, but out of the desire to promote awareness of the Iranian/Persian culture. The flag has a symbol in the center, which represents the religion that is now affiliated with Iran. I mean no disrespect when I explain that this flag cannot embody our club in its entirety. Our organization is welcoming of all religions as well as backgrounds. I would only hope that the next time the illustrator

works with the writer so that the material will capture the essence of the article. In this way, the *Nexus* can show its cultural sensitivity rather than unintentionally offending someone.

TARA FARRELL

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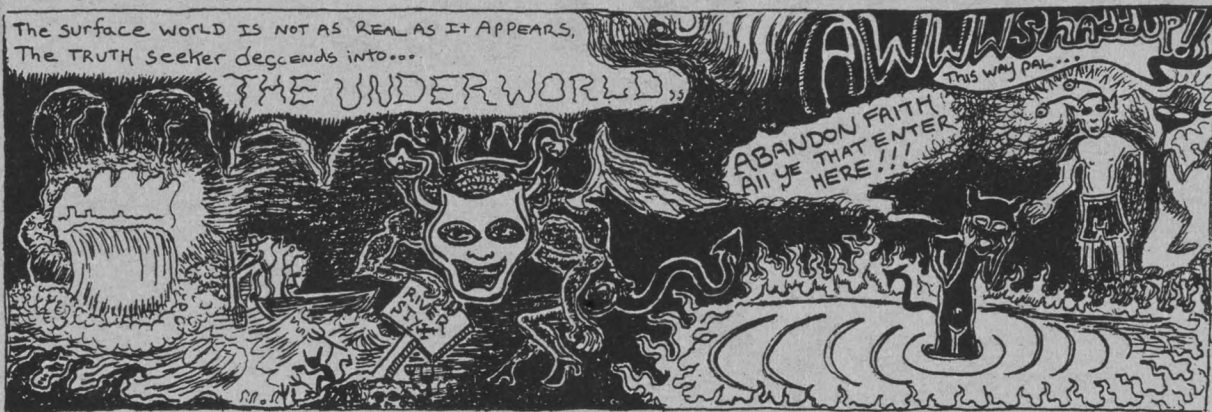
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**Aries** (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 6 - There's a confrontation today between a friend and an older person. Use your considerable influence and have things go your way. This will draw attention to you, but that's OK. If you feel strongly about something, you should stand up and be heard.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - For the next few weeks, people are in the mood to talk freely. Better be careful if you have any secrets, especially concerning money. If you've done anything with yours that you didn't tell your spouse about, watch out. Better get ready to explain your reasoning.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 5 - You generally win arguments, but this will be more difficult for the next couple weeks. It's almost as if the other side is better equipped now than it was before. The good news is that you will be learning a lot, so don't worry about it.

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - If you've been thinking about going back to school, get busy. Find out how much money the other people in your household can afford to contribute to that effort. You'll learn pretty easily during this phase, and it might even help your career. So be thinking about that.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 5 - Think things over carefully and make a decision you can live with for a long time. The truth has been hidden, but now it will be revealed. So ask questions. In the area of romance, this could make for a very interesting evening.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is an 8 - You will be doing more talking to people you live with today. You'll be finding things that were lost, too - like a hardwood floor under the carpet in your new house, for instance. This condition goes into effect this afternoon. Have fun with it.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Today is a 5 - Normally, you don't like to be pinned down to one thing or another. Today you have to choose, concerning a romantic relationship. Take the option that's the more unusual. It will work out fine for both of you. Later on this evening, go ahead and push yourself.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - How long have you been putting off buying that new appliance you need? You may have been reluctant to spend the cash. Well, it looks like the item in question is just about worn out. Better get another before you're forced to live without it.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - Take your time making decisions. You may have to live with these choices for a long time. You are a very interesting person, and now you'll find it even easier to communicate your ideas. Practice tonight on a group of your friends.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 9 - Is somebody asking for a loan? If so, be nice but firm. Keep most of your money to yourself. Secrets will be revealed during the next few weeks. So, if you have any, you'd better tidy them up. They may be out in public soon.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - All sorts of interesting information will be coming out for the next few months. Some of it has been hidden for hundreds of years. Truth is often stranger than fiction, and that'll be the case today. Lots of this new information is to your advantage, so keep your ears open.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - You'll learn a lot today, whether you want to or not. A person you thought quite highly of may turn out to be a disappointment. It's better to find out now. Do the homework and get the facts. Don't just believe idle gossip.

**Today's Birthday** (Nov. 7). This is your year to get firmly rooted. Make money in December by selling things. An older woman teaches you a valuable lesson in January. It helps if you believe. Stay close to home in February. You're luckiest there. Take work you don't want in April. Don't worry. It'll be good for you. Go along with your mate's demands in May. Hide out to avoid confrontation in August. Friends help you win in September.

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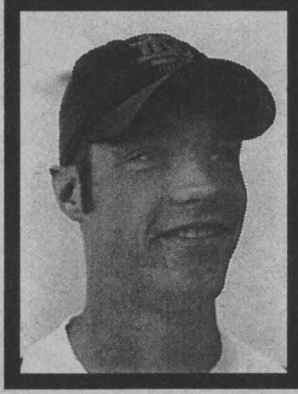
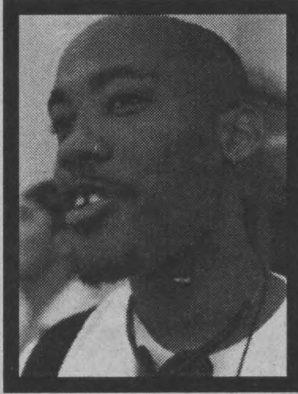
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Interviews by Alan Traeger  
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**Time & Location Change**  
The UCSB women's basketball game vs. Myjava (Slovakia) has been moved to the T-Dome today @ 4:30 p.m.

# Sports

**Men's water polo Saturday vs. UC Irvine — 12 noon @ Campus Pool.**

## Gauchos Looking to Sweep Conference Cellar-Dwellers

BY SCOTT HENNESSEE  
Staff Writer

The UCSB women's volleyball team can finally come up for a bit of air when it welcomes Big West Conference doormats UC Irvine and Cal State Fullerton to the Thunderdome this weekend.

After a week in which the Gauchos (22-3, 10-2 in the Big West) played two of their longest, most grueling matches of the year against #17 University of the Pacific and #1 Long Beach State, they return home for their last homestand of the regular season. UCSB takes on the last-place Anteaters tonight, and the fifth-place Titans tomorrow. Both matches begin at 7:30 p.m.

Although the Gauchos are playing against lesser competition, Santa Barbara Head Coach Kathy Gregory says her team will remain focused.

"This team knows exactly what we have to do," she said. "We can take no team lightly. We need to keep our seeding for the postseason and continue to win."

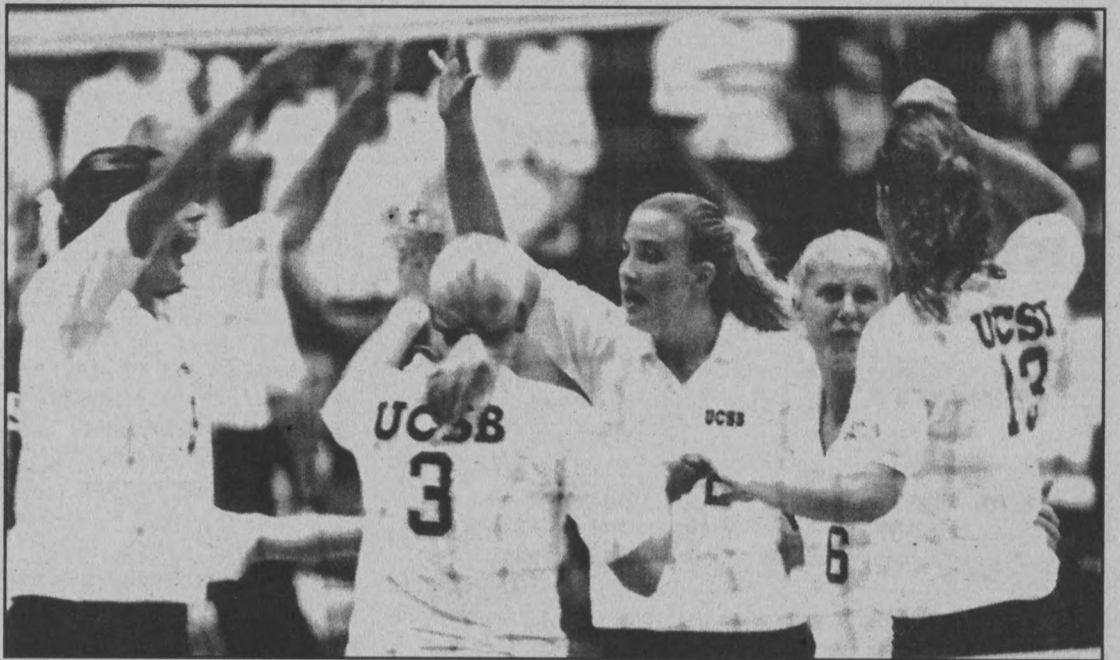
While the Gauchos are trying to hold on to their #2 spot for the Big West Tournament, Cal State Fullerton (12-14, 4-8 in the Big West) is trying to scrap its way into post-season play.

Only the top three teams in each division and two at-large squads make it to the tournament. The Titans are in a battle for the eighth and final spot with Utah State. With only four matches remaining, Gregory thinks CSUF will be hungry for a victory.

"I expect them to play like it's the most important match of their season," Gregory said. "They are fighting for a playoff spot."

While the Titans are trying to battle their way into the playoffs, UC Irvine is just trying to climb its way out of the cellar. At 7-18 overall and 2-10 in conference play, the Anteaters are at the bottom of the Western Division. Only North Texas, in the East, has a worse record.

UCSB junior outside hitter Erin McCown says the team isn't going to overlook the struggling Anteaters.



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**CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES:** The UCSB women's volleyball team does not intend to overlook fifth-place Cal State Fullerton and sixth-place UC Irvine when the two schools visit the Thunderdome.

"You always have to respect your opponent," she said.

The Gauchos definitely earned the respect of the nation's top team Tuesday in pushing Long Beach State to its limit on the 49ers' home court. The Gauchos lost in four games, but each game they lost was by only two points, including a fourth game in which they battled back from an early seven-point deficit to come within 20-18.

McCown says the Gauchos' strong play gave the team a bit of a confidence boost.

"It's always reassuring when you have the #1 team in the nation down, and you look across the net and they fear you," she said. "It gives the team confidence, no doubt."

Fullerton is led by Carolyn Kittell and LaCretia Smith, who rank

first and second in digs per game in the Big West. Kittell leads the conference with 3.56 dpg, while Smith is right behind her at 3.38 dpg. Smith is also fourth in the conference in kills per game, averaging 3.86.

Santa Barbara defeated both Irvine and Fullerton on the road in October. Both victories came in three games.

## Soccer Squad to End Season Against Bruins

BY DAMON DAMELE  
Reporter

It's funny how one big game can turn a season around. The UCSB men's soccer team (4-13-1, 1-3 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation) has a chance to put a positive spin on what has been a tough season when it plays conference rival UCLA this Sunday in Los Angeles.

UCLA (15-2, 3-1 in the

MPSF) is first in the conference and a nationally ranked team. The Gauchos are a young team and have played valiantly through a difficult season. The Bruins will be going to the playoffs, while Santa Barbara's season ends Sunday, regardless of the outcome. Heavily favored UCLA has traditionally dominated UCSB, with a lifetime record of 22-2-1 against the Gauchos.

Santa Barbara, however, is per-

haps more fired up than it has been all season.

"We always pick up for UCLA," junior forward Reza Zamani said. "UCLA is the team to beat, and we want to play hard, have fun and hopefully walk away with a win."

Those sentiments resonate throughout the Santa Barbara locker room. The entire UCSB squad sees capturing this game as a consolation prize for the season, a perfect note to end on.

"Winning this game would definitely take the bitter taste out of our mouth. We'd like to come away with a win and give [UCLA] some of that bitter taste," said junior forward Aron Wellman, the team's second-highest scorer.

Santa Barbara hasn't let the Bruins' success intimidate it. In fact, the Gauchos seem to be looking forward to the game.

"The last three and a half or four weeks, we have been playing quite well," Head Coach Mark Arya said. "We want to go in and get results. Our main goal is to go in and have a good performance. A win would be fantastic, a draw would be great, but we will be satisfied with good, strong play."

Santa Barbara also has a chance to play a spoiler of sorts, since a win over UCLA would knock the Bruins from first place, giving them a more difficult playoff schedule. UCSB has faith in its abilities. And, due to the Gauchos' lackluster record, they feel that UCLA will be overlooking them, which opens a door for a "Rocky"-esque finish to the season.

"We match up well against UCLA. They have some great players, but we always play them tough. We just seem to want it more," Zamani said.

## UCSB Battles UC Irvine, Stanford in Games With Playoff Implications

BY SHANE CULBERTSON  
Staff Writer

And then there were four.

That is the number of conference games, as well as regular-season matches, remaining for the #9 UCSB men's water polo team. In order to all but assure an automatic berth in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Conference Playoffs, the Gauchos (9-8, 1-5 in the MPSF) need to win at least one of the four contests.

UCSB had two opportunities to come up with a conference victory last weekend but failed to capitalize. Santa Barbara lost to Long Beach State 9-11 Saturday, and again Sunday when the team was outscored 8-3 by USC.

Freshman Joey Pacelli insisted that the Gauchos aren't feeling pressured by the playoff situation.

"Our main concern right now is to go out and play fundamentally sound games," Pacelli said. "All we're concentrating on at this point is winning."

UCSB will have two more chances this weekend to assure a spot in the playoffs, but it's not going to be an easy task. As if facing #6 UC Irvine on Saturday isn't enough of a challenge, the Gauchos are due to face #3 Stanford University on Sunday. The only consolation for Santa Barbara is that both are home games.

UCSB Head Coach Joe O'Brien explained that, although he would be elated with a victory, it is not imperative for the Gauchos to win to make the playoffs.

"The way things stand right now, we could still earn an automatic berth even if we lose the rest of our games," he said. "It would take somewhat of an upset by one of the lower-ranked teams for us not to make it. But we would like to get another conference victory. That would pretty much lock a playoff berth."

It might be a good idea for UCSB to seal the deal at home this weekend. Otherwise it will have to do it on the road, where the team has yet to win a match this season.

Although the Gauchos haven't played Irvine (7-10, 1-4) this year, O'Brien has a good idea of what to expect.

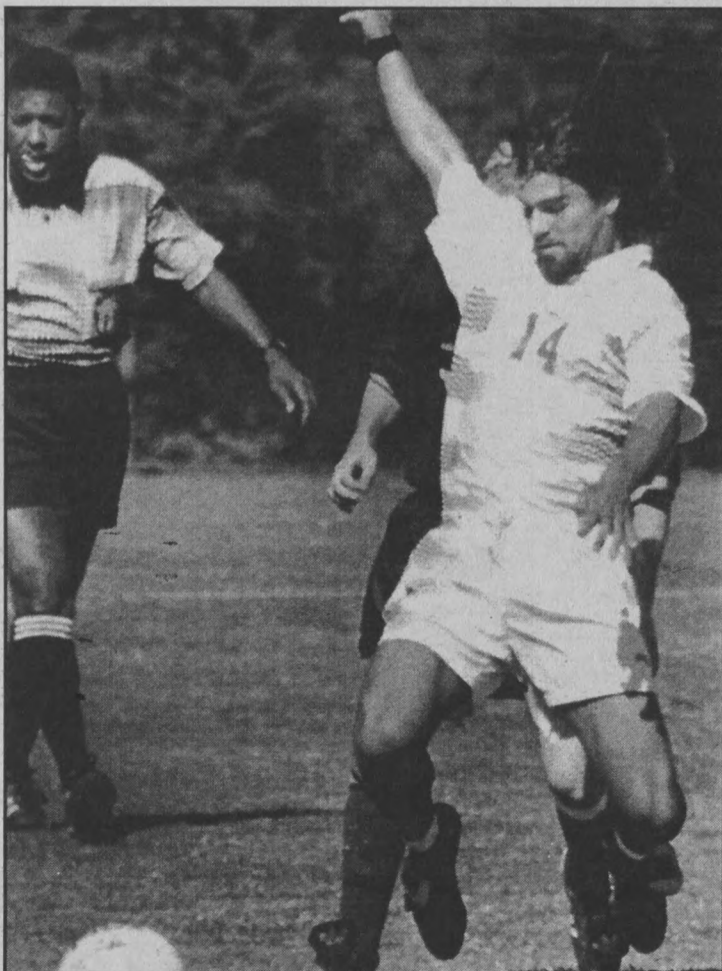
"They play a really patient game," he said. "They tend to let a man drift on defense so that he is able to cherry-pick on the other side. By doing that, they're gambling that our man they leave open won't score."

As for Stanford (13-5, 4-2), UCSB lost to the Cardinals 9-13 in the So-Cal Tournament on Sept. 21. The Gauchos played tough in the match, which was closer than the score indicates.

"We played really well against them last game," Pacelli said. "That last match serves as a good example of what we have to do on Sunday."

O'Brien thinks it may take more this time around to pull out a victory.

"I'm expecting them to be much improved from what we saw earlier in the season," he said. "That was early in the season; they've had some time to have become a much more communicative and cohesive team."



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**OFF BALANCE:** The Gauchos hope for an upset Sunday at UCLA.