

Gardner O.K.'s Review of Sedgwick Property

'Friends' of Ranch Fear UC Might Sell Land

By. Lisa Nicolaysen Staff Writer

Controversy over the embattled Sedgwick Ranch land heated up again Tuesday, when UC President David Gardner gave the go-ahead for an appraisal of the prop-erty, sparking fears that much of the land will be sold.

The word from Gardner came after Chancellor Barbara Uehling requested a review of the land to assess its academic potential and financial value in November.

"President Gardner did re-spond in a letter of agreement with (Uehling's) proposal to make a comprehensive review and to do

a precise study to find out what should be set apart for natural reserve and for other general-use ac-tivities," UC spokesman Mike Alva said.

The recommendation for the appraisal originally came from the Academic Senate Committee on **Educational Policy and Academic** Planning last spring.

While some see the review as a step toward selling or developing the land, administrators and Academic Senate officials have denied those claims.

"No one has suggested that (the land) be sold," Academic Senate Chair Duncan Mellichamp said in

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Bill Banning Nude Entertainment Could Be Passed by City Council

By Morgan Freeman Staff Writer

A bill that would ban all forms of nude entertainment in Santa Barbara may be headed into the law books after a City Council committee reviewed the proposal Tuesday.

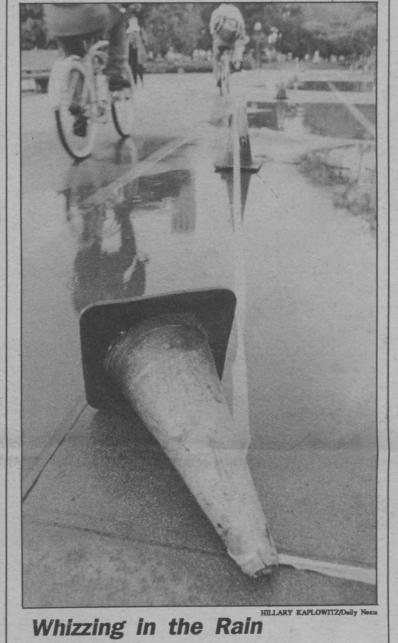
The bill, brought before the council's Ordinance Committee yesterday, is part of an overwhelmingly negative reaction to a recent attempt by two local entrepreneurs to open a bar featuring topless female dancing in downtown Santa Barbara.

"I'll vote for the ordinance as it is proposed," committee member and Councilwoman Harriet Miller said. "I think (nude entertainment) exploits women. It doesn't contribute to the health, safety and welfare of the community," she said.

The bill reads, in part, "It shall be unlawful for any person to en-gage in or participate in nude entertainment or nude entertainment business.

City Councilman Rusty Fairly, who initiated the drive for the ordinance, remained confident

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Bicyclists speed past a flooded portion of the bikepath near Storke Tower Tuesday. A cold, winter rain decreased the amount of traffic along the thoroughfares, making the day, bikewise, a pedestrian's dream.

Before Marriage!?!

120 Officers May Be Cut With County **Budget Woes**

By Ross French Staff Writer

A recent Santa Barbara County report forecasting a \$5.8 million budget shortfall has sent shockwaves throughout the county, as many services face the prospect of deep cuts.

The 1991-92 midyear budget report, to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors Tuesday by County Administrator Charles Wagner, reports that the state expects a \$3-5 billion shortfall in tax revenue, and that Santa Barbara must carry its share of the load.

"This will have a major impact on all departments. ... It will affect everything that the county does: Park Department, libraries, sher-iffs — everything out of the General Fund budget," said acting Assistant County Administrator Barbara Hogdon.

In addition to the budget shortfall, the county has seen a rise in mandated health and welfare programs, and a projected budget gap for the 1992-93 fiscal year, Hogdon said.

The report states, "It is abun-dantly clear that California's present economic and financial problems will be with us for the foreseeable future and that the same forces that are shaping budget problems at the state level apply to Santa Barbara County as well. Immediate action must be taken to scale down operations."

The proposed cutbacks include a \$643,000 cut to the Sheriff's De-



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Residents of the co-ed floor in San Nicolas Residence Hall share an intimate moment in the pristine, segregated bathroom shower. See DORM, p.10

Co-ed Hall Works to Cut Stereotypes

By Mariko Thompson Staff Writer

The televised dispute between Clarence Thomas and Anita Hill, as well as the widely broadcast Wil-liam Kennedy Smith sexual assault trial, had much of the nation fearing that the battle of the sexes was reaching a fever pitch last fall. But at the same time, residents of San Nicolas Hall's second floor were discovering for themselves that contact with the

other sex doesn't always lead to conflict. Even if they have to live under the same roof. San Nicolas is the only hall on campus to offer a co-ed floor, with segregation of the sexes limited only to bedroom assignments and hall bathrooms. Though San Miguel was the first UCSB dormitory to offer co-ed conditions segregated by floor in 1971, it wasn't until two years ago that the San Nicolas experiment was attempted as one of 12 special-interest halls

"The purpose of going co-ed by room was to bring up gender and societal issues," said Linda Croyle,

partment and a \$1.1 million cut to the jail budget.

An unofficial report predicted that approximately 50 sheriff's positions and 70 correctional officers' spots would get the ax in the new cuts.

Other programs that could be eliminated include Park Department programs, human service agencies, veteran service programs and the Los Prietos Boy's Camp.

In reaction to the threat of the cutbacks, the Sheriff's Department has called a special press conference today to warn of the potential safety hazards.

At the hastily planned news conference, Sheriff Jim Thomas and District Attorney Tom Sned-den will "address the drastic effects to the county law and justice system that immediate budget cuts will cause," Sheriff's spokesman Tim Gracey said. "The cuts ... would seriously undermine the effectiveness of the law and justice system in Santa Barbara County," he added.

Any reduction in the sheriff's

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European Community Helicopter Shot Down in Yugoslavia

MADJAREVO, Yugoslavia (AP) — The Serb-dominated Yugoslav military shot down a European Community helicopter on Tuesday, killing five truce observers in an attack that threatened to shatter the country's fragile peace.

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Hours after the incident, the Yugoslav Defense Mini-stry took responsibility, describing the shooting in Croatia as tragic and promised to investigate and punish "the culprits," according to a statement carried by the

Tanjug news agency. The federal presidency suspended the air force com-mander, Col. Gen. Zvonko Jurjevic, pending the investigation.

The EC helicopter, painted white and clearly marked as belonging to the EC, blew up in the air after it was hit by an air-to-air missile over Novi Marof, abut 30 miles northeast of Zagreb. All five servicemen aboard — a French-man and four Italians — were killed.

A second EC helicopter made an emergency landing and the Defense Ministry said it had been damaged, al-

Bush Says No to 'Piecemeal Agreements' With Japanese

TOKYO (AP) — Presi-dent Bush declared Tuesday before meeting with Japan's prime minister that the United States will not be satisfied with "piecemeal trade agreements" in its campaign to open Japanese markets. | In a symbol of U.S. deter-

mination to break down trade barriers, Bush brought a delegation of 18 business executives, including the chiefs of Chrysler, Ford and General Motors. The businessmen followed behind the president in a procession of solidarity down the steps of Air Force One.

"We don't have to apologize to anybody," Chrysler Chairman Lee Iacocca said. Nor do they want "Mr. Miy-azawa's sympathy," added General Motors Chairman Robert Stempel in a reference to Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa's statement of "compassion" for the struggling U.S. auto industry.

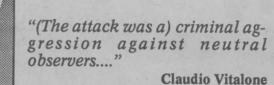
"To say we are coming to Japan to get a souvenir or we're going to sit around and accept whatever favors they can bestow on us — that's not the game," Iacocca said. "The game is, you've got to change the basic trading relationship between these two countries."

Rally in Georgia Causes More Violence in Streets of Tbilisi

TBILISI, Georgia (AP) — Fighters loyal to the military council that drove President Zviad Gamsakhurdia from Georgia opened fire today on thousands of people rallying in support of the deposed leader. Two people were wounded.

"Zviady! Zviady!" and holding pictures of Gamsakhurdia and waving red, white and black flags. Eventually the crowd grew to about 4,000.

As demonstrators began to march through the capital, onlookers waved and cheered from balconies. At one point, someone threw a smoke bomb into the crowd and fired into the air. The marchers continued.



Italy's deputy foreign minister

though reporters who saw it on the ground could detect no damage.

Italy's deputy foreign minister, Claudio Vitalone, told the Italian Senate that the attack was a "criminal aggression against neutral observers, an aggression that represents a premeditated act of sabotage against the latest efforts in the search for peace."

The U.N. Security Council met in a closed-door session

Kennedy Presents Plan to Cut **Continued Military Spending**

BOSTON (AP) — Sen. Edward M. Kennedy presented a plan today to cut military spending by \$210 billion during the next seven years and use the savings to help the economy.

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"It will relieve a substan-

tial part of the human suffer-ing caused by the recession," said Kennedy, who sought advice for the plan from Harvard University economist and former diplomat John Kenneth Galbraith.

"It will help hard-pressed families make ends meet, and help communities preserve essential public services," Kennedy said.

The plan would use \$40 billion immediately to create jobs throughout the country and relieve the tax burden on state and local governments.

The funds would be divided equally with \$20 billion for jobs and infrastructure and the other \$20 billion for educa-tion, job training, health care and safety net programs. An additional \$170 billion would be for long-term in-

vestments over the next seven years including \$90 billion for education and job training, \$20 billion for scientific research and development and economic conversion, and \$60 billion for universal health insurance.

Child Molester Vows Revenge Against Judge, Prosecutor

DENVER (AP) - A man convicted of molesting children vowed in a chilling courtroom speech to seek revenge against the judge and prosecutor in the case, even if he has to sell his soul to the devil.

"Prison bars won't stop me, brick walls won't stop me, bullets won't stop me," James Patrick Bolton, 29, told Den-ver District Judge Federico Alvarez on Monday.

"I will be back out because Colorado's got the softest prison security system there is. If I have to sell my soul to the devil, I will, because someone has to pay for what's been done to me," Bolton said.

The judge then announced a sentence of 172 years for Bolton, saying there is no hope of his rehabilitation. "I have nothing to say in favor of the defendant," the judge said. The prosecutor, Karen Steinhauser, also appeared unaffected.

Tuesday evening to discuss the shooting and the dispatch of an advance U.N. observer team to Croatia. Before the closed-door meeting, French Ambassador Jean-Bernard Merimee said the 15-member council would approve the 50-member team.

U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali said Tuesday's attack demonstrated the need to press ahead with peace efforts.

The two helicopters were on their way from Belgrade, the federal and Serbian capital, to Zagreb, the Croatian capital, via Hungarian territory to avoid conflict regions.

The attack came on the fourth day of a generally successful U.N.-brokered cease-fire in the six-month-old Serb-Croat war, in which Serb militants and the federal army are fighting Croatia over its June 25 independence declaration.

It could indicate that elements of the federal army op-pose the truce, as do some Serb militants in Croatia. Field forces in the civil war often seem to be outside any commander's control.

State Workers Union Votes on Wilson's Pay-Cut Offer

SACRAMENTO (AP) -Members of California's largest state worker's union completed voting Tuesday on whether to reject Gov. Pete Wilson's pay-cut offer and authorize job actions that could include a statewide strike.

The California State Employees Association, which mailed out more than 78,000 ballots, asked its members to decide on Wilson's budget-balancing offer, which includes a 5 percent pay cut for rank-and-file workers and a shift of additional health benefit costs to employees.

Deadline for receipt of the ballots at CSEA's Sacramento headquarters was 5 p.m. Tuesday. The votes were sche-duled to be tabulated and the results announced this

morning. "I think we're fairly confident that the vote is going to reject the governor's offer," said CSEA spokeswoman Pat McConahay. "That's just what we've gathered from the mood of our people.

"Obviously, given the hard economic times, we want to first exhaust every other possible avenue - I don't think anybody wants to strike, but we do need that tool available if it becomes absolutely necessary," she added.

Winter Storms Raise Hopes for Southern, Central Coast

LOS ANGELES (AP) - A series of winter storms raised hopes Monday that California's stubborn five-year drought would be washed away this year, but water officials said the

drought's demise is many deluges away. The recent rains, which followed last spring's "March Miracle" storms, pushed season rainfall totals to above-normal levels for the first time in six years in many Southern California and Central Coast cities.

That was good news for parched Santa Barbara, which gets much of its water from local reservoirs and wells, but only somewhat encouraging for other areas that need more rain in places from which they get their water.



After the marchers passed a hotel, a group of eight to 10 armed men loyal to the ruling military council - some wearing masks - appeared and formed a line across the street. They fired into the air and then some fired at the crowd. People panicked and started running wildly. An Associated Press photographer witnessed the assault.

A pro-Gamsakhurdia rally at the train station was broken up Friday by masked gunmen, and two people were killed and 25 were wounded.

"This man deserves to die in jail," she said. "He is the most dangerous predator of young girls that I have seen as a prosecutor."

"You've got to pay, too, your honor, and Karen Stein-hauser and a few others I've selected out," Bolton said.

Snowfall in the Sierra Nevada, for instance, remains at 50 percent to 65 percent of normal, much higher than last year but still disappointingly low. Mountain runoff eventu-ally gets into aqueducts that provide water for cities from San Francisco to Los Angeles.

Unless we have above-normal water supply this year, we'll be asking people for conservation this summer again,' said Dee Davis, spokesman for the state Department of Water Resources.

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Storm Leaves 101 With Hole, **Brings Runoff to Reservoirs**

By Ross French Staff Writer

While the latest storm to hit the Santa Barbara area chipped away at the region's drought crisis, it left some freeway motorists with that

sinking feeling ... A sinkhole measuring 40 feet long and 20 feet deep dropped out of a south-bound lane of Highway 101 by Seacliff Sunday, backing up traffic and rerouting cars through nearby areas.

The hole began to appear Sunday evening in the left lane of the busy highway an eighth of a mile from the Solimar off-ramp, according to CalTrans representative Margie Taritilli. The CHP closed the left lane Sunday, then shut down the middle lane Monday after-noon as the sinkhole spread, Taritilli said.

No one was injured by the collapse, as it spread slowly enough to allow traffic to be rerouted.

According to CHP spokesman Roger Runjavak, the hole was probably caused by water seeping be-neath a pipe under the highway

Trans was working to fill the County Water Agency."

There were a number of minor things caused by the rain: slick roads, spinouts, multi-car non-injury accidents.

Roger Runjavak spokesman, California **Highway Patrol**

hole with rocks and asphalt Tuesday, and hoped to pave it today if weather permitted.

A brief detour along Highway 1 through Seacliff took much of the traffic burden from the damaged freeway segment.

Sinkholes aside, most of the rain news has been happier, as yet another wet weather system moved through the drought-ravaged South Coast.

"It's very encouraging. The rainfall to date has saturated the ground to a point where we are primed for runoff," said Chris Dahlstrom, a hydrologist Taritilli said that Cal- with the Santa Barbara

However, even with 8.73 inches of rain fallen at Lake Cachuma and 13.19 inches at Gibraltar - much of that coming over the past weekend — the reservoirs themselves have not risen much.

"Gibralter is about five and a half feet from capacity, and Cachuma has a long way to go. It's down approximately 67 feet. But this is priming us for future storms, and those storms will bring in runoff to the reservoirs, Dahlstrom said.

The wet weather caused the usual traffic tie-ups locally, Runjavic said.

"We've had a bunch of minor incidents - nothing really major," he said. "There were a number of minor things caused by the rain: slick roads, spin-outs, multi-car non-injury accidents."

Although the county should get a break from the wet weather for now, forecasters predict another storm will move in Friday.

Runjavak offered a reminder to wet-weather drivers: "Just pay attention to what is going on. Just slow down a little bit, give yourself some more distance for braking.'

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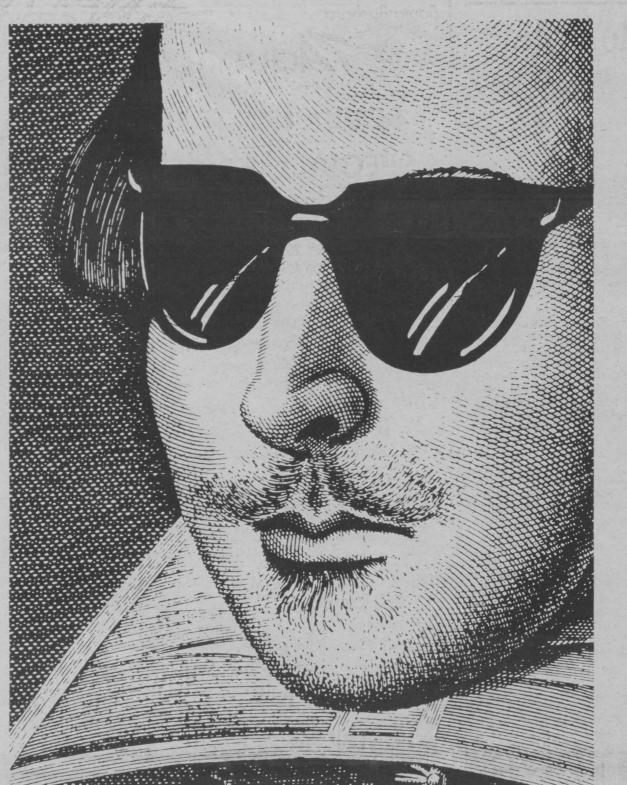
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A.S. Council Vows to Calm **Waves and Address Students**

By Sal Pizarro Staff Writer

With a bundle of New Year's resolutions to tackle and at least one new face, the Associated Students Legislative Council has set sights on a kinder, gentler quarter, starting with its first meeting tonight.

Resolved to quell the infighting that plagued last quarter's meetings, council members are pledging to start attacking student problems instead of each other. First on the list for many reps is the im-pending student fee increase.

"I think we should focus our energies on (fee increases) and not waste our time on things that don't benefit the entire stu-dent body," Rep-at-Large Claudia Mon-terrosa said.

Also high on the council's list is the fu-ture of the speech and hearing department, a program which faces possible closure. On-Campus Rep Roger Chiang was frustrated by the slow progress made on the issue last quarter. "Nothing really got done. We talked to a lot of people and all of them were very unresponsive to us," he said.

"It's an issue that we can lobby the way we did Rescue 7 over the summer." Chiang said, referring to A.S. efforts last summer to save the campus paramedics program from becoming a casualty of budget cuts.

To create a better working atmosphere, as well as plot a course of action for the remainder of the school year, council mem-bers will attend an on-campus retreat this Saturday. There they hope to create an agenda of topics that need to be resolved

over the next two quarters. One topic council members seemed eaer to resolve is the future of the Inside Wave, debates over which took up hours of meeting time last quarter. Conflict cen-tered around Wave Editor in Chief Kezia Jauron, who came close to being fired by the council.

With a bill appearing on tonight's agenda that would help to create an A.S. Press Council to oversee the Wave, Rep-at-Large Michelle Waltuck hopes the situation can be resolved this week.

"I'd like to see the Inside Wave issue pull together so we can move on," Waltuck said, noting that she wants to accomplish more work on campus recycling this quarter.

Waltuck also hopes that replacements for three vacant council spots will bring new ideas to the council, as well as some more working hands. Junior law and society major Guy Herrell is expected to be approved for the position of Santa Ynez Rep soon.

Leg Council will probably need the help as the year winds into the spring budget meetings. "The budget is probably the number-one priority," A.S. President Rachel Doh-erty said. "We've got to take a lot of steps towards having more student involve-ment" she coid ment," she said.

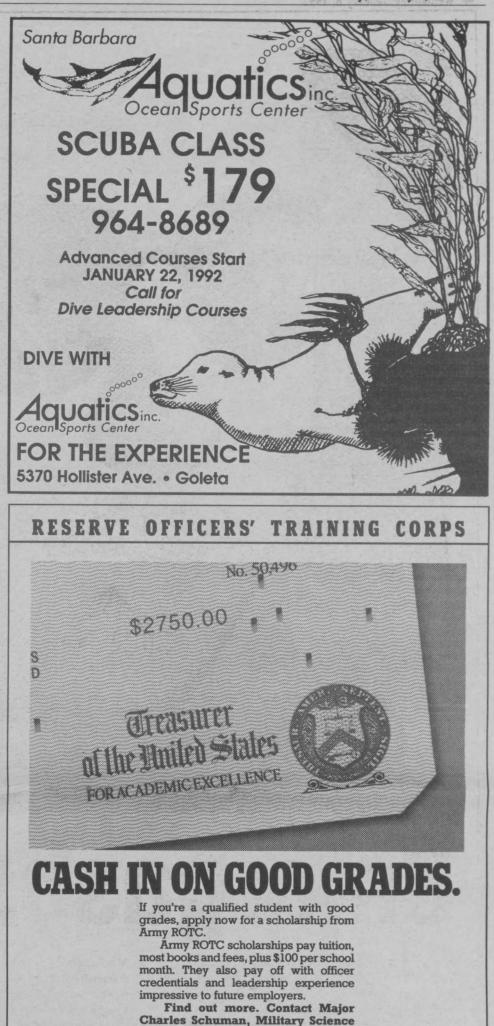
Concerns over the traditionally long meetings that accompany the budget debates have council members looking for ways to streamline the process.

"We've got to get the budget process down and not stay there all night," Monterrosa said.

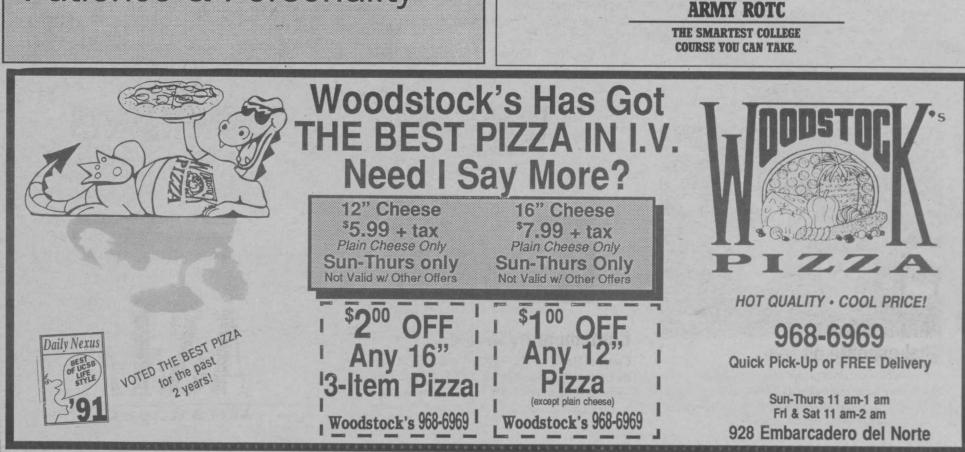
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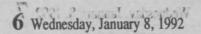
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Where's Elvis? Is the King Dead? No One Will Say

By Denis Faye Staff Writer

The government, for the most part, will not admit that on Aug. 16, 1977, Elvis Aaron Presley died.

As we celebrate today what would have been Presley's 57th birthday, various national, state and local agencies have failed to offer conclusive answers concerning the fate of the man heralded as "the King of Rock n' Roll."

The long-standing national controversy over the alleged death of Elvis was brought back into the limelight recently by President George Bush. At a recent press conference, Bush alluded to the question of Presley's fate in a comment meant to discredit Oliver Stone's latest conspiracy film, JFK.

"Elvis Presley is rumored to be alive and well someplace, and I can't say someone won't make a movie about that," Bush said.

But a White House spokesperson was unwilling to further clarify the administration's position on Presley's fate. Was Elvis Presley spotted alive and well last week at a Little Rock, Ark., laundromat? Bush doesn't want to go on the record either way.

In short, the White House won't say if Elvis is dead.

A spokesperson for the State Department, who would only identify herself as "Nicole" was even more reluctant to disclose her department's view of the controversy.

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"We don't do research on those sorts of things," she said.

When asked what Secretary of State James Baker III's opinion on the matter might be, she said, "It's fortunate that Bush has a comment — but I don't think Baker has an opinion."

"Nicole" mysteriously hung up upon further questioning.

Following suit, inquiries into the matter with both the Central Intelligence Agency and White House Press Secretary Marlin Fitzwater were met with extensive transfers and unreturned messages.

While the present administration seems to be waffling on the subject of Presley's alleged death, former President Jimmy Carter, who served as commander-in-chief at the time, was more straightforward. After the announcement of the King's demise, Carter stated, "Elvis Presley's death deprives our country of a part of itself. He was unique, irreplaceable."

The national media offered little more help than the national government when it came to questions about Presley. Of the half-dozen people contacted at *Rolling Stone* magazine, only one was able to give a straight answer.

Music Editor James Henke's secretary,

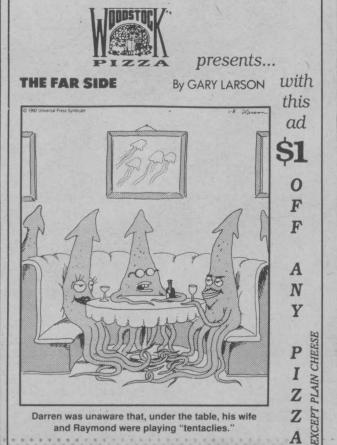
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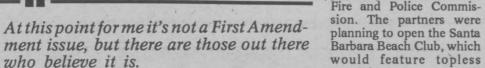
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Continued from p.1 when asked if the ordinance will make it to a council vote, but said it is too early to know how the council will vote. "I know what my preference is," he said in fa vor of the ban, "but I haven't heard both sides of the argument."

Fairly said concerns have been raised by the club's proprietors that the ordinance may infringe upon the their First Amendment rights.

"At this point for me it's not a First Amendment issue," Fairly said, "but there are those out there who believe it is."

The would-be proprietors, Michael Toppings and



Rusty Fairly Santa Barbara city councilman

Joan Urrutia, did not offer comment.

The Ordinance Committee sent the proposed law back to the City Attorney's office yesterday for some "minor amendments" to the wording of the bill.

If accepted by the committee at their next meeting, the revised bill will be put on the City Council's

California Governor Pete

went on record as saying,

"The Governor was never

Toppings has filed an ap-peal of the commission's de-

sure we're not changing the procedure for normal dance permits," Miller said of the changes. "It was only sent back for clarification."

cision, which will be heard by the City Council on Jan. 21 agenda for a hearing on Jan.

entertainment.

Police and Fire Commis-"We just want to make sion Chair Jan Canby, who supports the ban on nude dancing, is confident that the ordinance, "will go for-ward to council."

permit by the Santa Barbara

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planning to open the Santa

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If the seven-person council votes to adopt the ordi-The proposal for the new law comes just weeks after nance, a ban on nude enter-Toppings and Urrutia were tainment will be effective 30 denied an entertainment days after the decision.

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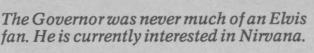
ELVIS: Government Won't Comment on Death

Continued from p.6 who refused to give her name, volunteered the following: "Well ... he's dead."

Pop culture specialist and UCSB history Professor Roderick Nash offered this explanation for the widespread American denial of Presley's death.

"I think that this belief that Elvis is alive — this state officials look Presley's whole conspiracy-reflects death in the face. his power on our culture. In a sense he is alive," said Wilson's press liaison Sean Nash. "He does stay alive in Garrett stated that Wilson his cultural importance."

But this does not explain "Elvis is, in fact, dead." the relative ease with which



Sean Garrett press liason for Governor Pete Wilson

> much of an Elvis fan," added Garrett, "He is currently interested in Nirvana."

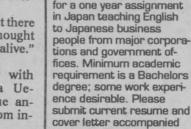
Santa Barbara Mayor Sheila Lodge, agreed with Wilson regarding Elvis' demise, and was quick to dismiss contentions of a cover-

"I wasn't aware that there were people who thought that he was seriously alive." Lodge said.

But an interview with Chancellor Barbara Uehling yielded a vague an-swer akin to those from inside the beltway.

"I think that he is alive in the hearts and minds of his admirers and friends," Uehling said without

elaboration. Palm Springs Mayor Sonny Bono was unavailable for comment.



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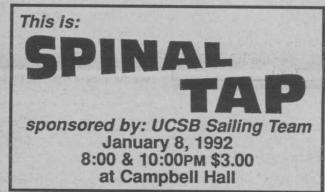
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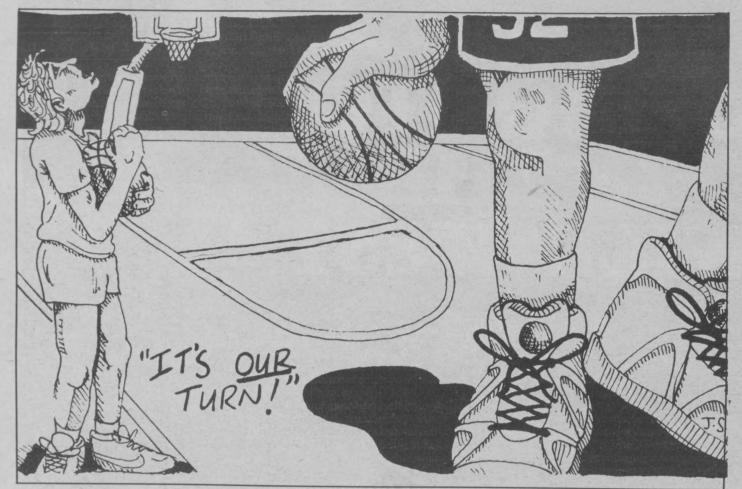
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"Ahh haha, Uh huh huh, ahh haha." —Elvis A. Presley



Wanted: ECen Board with Vertebrae

Editorial

"History never repeats; I tell myself before I go to sleep,"

-Split Enz

With the recent creation of a new advisory board for the Events Center, students have been given a second chance to ensure that history does not repeat itself in the one campus sports facility they can rightfully call their own. For the past eight years, recreational athletes have silently watched the ECen become less and less available to them. Now they will finally have a voice in how the student-funded ECen is run.

The new advisory committee will fill the vacuum left when the last governance board was dissolved in 1984, allowing students who sit on the board to handle scheduling and management for the \$3.4 million ECen. This has been a long time coming, and should have never been let go. Now that students have a say in running the ECen, they must not lose it again.

Those selected for the eight spots on the new board will have a rare second chance to guard students' rights and interests in using the facility. The advisory board has the power to continually review user priorities — a tough position to be in, considering the great variety of sports teams using the ECen. Besides the intercollegiate men's basketball team, IC women's basketball, men's and women's volleyball, intramural teams and individual students use the ECen for practice, games and recreation. This kind of high demand on the facility means board members with plenty of intestinal fortitude are needed to resist pressure from those who would give intercollegiate teams, especially the basketball team, top priority for ECen use. The ECen charter specifies that students using the ECen for recreation have first priority, followed by the intramural and intercollegiate programs, but as anyone who has tried to play open rec basketball in "Pimm's Palace" knows, this is a hierarchy that has notoriously been ignored for most of the ECen's existence. The governance board needs to make sure that any changes in priority are in the general student body's best interest.

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The advisory board also needs members who will regularly attend meetings, a perennial problem with student committees and one of the reasons why the previous board fell apart. Empty or half-full meeting rooms only lend credence to the claim that students just aren't very concerned about their own facilities.

Student members can play an important function in juggling the scheduling to find the most effective use of the building, along with making sure that intercollegiate practice times do not dominate the facility. While no one is saying that the basketball team should not be able to use the ECen for practice, the advisory board should make sure that teams do not abuse their privilege to use a studentfunded facility.

Although the advisory board *is* advisory and its dictates can be vetoed by the chancellor, it can use public opinion to its advantage by publicly criticizing any infringement on students' rights.

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Bush's Off-shore Oil Drilling Policy

Shari Menard

As part of his "environmental presidency" costume Bush announced, in June of 1990, his decision to defer leasing along the coasts of Florida, New England and *most* of California until the year 2000. Subsequent to this decision, the Mineral Management Service, a Department of the Interior agency which is to implement Bush's directive, prepared a "Five-Year Offshore Drilling Plan."

More than half a million acres, or 87 tracts, of offshore land are up for lease off of the coasts of California, Alaska, the mid and south Atlantic states, and the states bordering the Gulf of Mexico. These shores have been designated "National Sacrifice Areas" as part of the new Five-Year Outer Continental Shelf Leasing Program. The Interior Department estimates that an additional 9 million barrels of oil, which will increase the U.S. reserves by a scanty 1 percent, could be available if all the proposed areas were developed at a maximum level. This program will be the template for all offshore drilling plans to be executed between mid-1992 and mid-1997.

The MMS held two public hearings in the California region, one in Santa Maria and one in Santa Barbara, with the focus on the "Draft Environmental Impact Statement." At each meeting, public turnout was large and strongly opposed the proposal. A spokesperson for State Senator Gary Hart (D-Santa Barbara) voiced the congressman's opposition to the plan, and following the hearings Governor Pete Wilson reiterated his opposition to Bush's plan. Many speakers at the hearing labeled the plan as little more than a publicly paid lobby for the oil industry. Thus far, there has been no favorable re-

Thus far, there has been no favorable response from the federal government despite the widespread opposition to the proposal, and officials expect it to go through as planned.

The MMS drafted their own Environmental Impact Statement, which nonetheless reveals some of the hidden costs of the National Energy Strategy and offshore oil drilling. "The specific amounts and locations of activity that would occur as a result of adopting the proposal ... are unknown." But, activ-



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not.

It is also important that the new advisory not back down in the face of administrative opposition to student rights — like the Recreation Center governance board did last quarter when it refused to ban intercollegiate practices from the RecCen swimming pool.

The new student board members must not blow this opportunity to have a real say in ECen management; another one will not likely come again.

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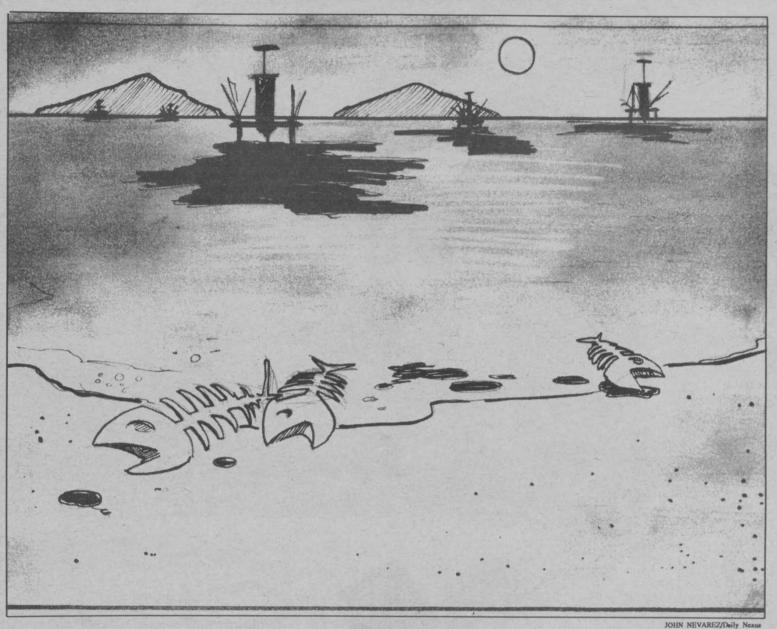
ities that could occur under the plan would go on for "40 years or more." A Greenpeace action memo describes the

A Greenpeace action memo describes the vices of offshore drilling. Water quality is threatened due to the fact that each platform "produces 75,000 to 150,000 tons of drilling muds and cuttings," which contain toxic chemicals, heavy metals and radioactive material. Air emissions of one well "equal that of 7,000 cars driving 50 miles every day." Funny, but the MMS-drafted Environmental Impact Statements claimed, "No substantive degradation of onshore air quality is ex-pected to result from implementing the proposed program," showing the inadequacy of their analysis.

Moreover, once designated as drilling sites, the offshore areas become unavailable for fishing. The Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations estimates that, "40 percent of areas formerly used by trawl fishermen in the Santa Barbara Channel are now unavailable because of offshore oil develop-ment." Additionally, local economies be-come affected by the multinational oil companies that move in with their own trained workers, who usually return to their own reg-ions after their work is done. Apart from the fact that toxic emissions

have adverse effects on communities, the coastal marine biology can't take the impact. This is especially true in light of the local ha-bitation of the California sea otter, which has been federally designated as a threatened species

The EIS draft explained that in almost all cases, impacts are not expected to result in "permanent damage to or loss of resources. Notable exceptions are very small amounts of wetland loss in the Gulf of Mexico, and possible social changes among the natives of the north slope of Alaska. ... The cultural and subsistence activities of native communities in Alaska are expected to be affected by both routine development activities and assumed accidental oil spills. Increasing urbanization assumed to occur from implementing the proposal may result in changes to native culture that could be permanent." This scenario is another example of national policy and environmental degradation affecting indigenous and poor communities more often than not.



Pilulaw Khus, an elder of the Northern Chumash Council, was at the Santa Maria hearing: "Our people have suffered a great deal from the U.S. government. ... If you im-plement that offshore drilling policy you will continue the policy of genocide on native peoples of this land. I have a responsibility to protect those sites.'

The EIS draft warns that "If no Outer Con-tinental Shelf leasing is considered during the period of 1992-97, most of the natural gas and oil assumed to be produced under the proposal would probably be replaced by fore-ign oil imports and increased natural gas production from onshore areas of the US," once again showing the administration's commit-

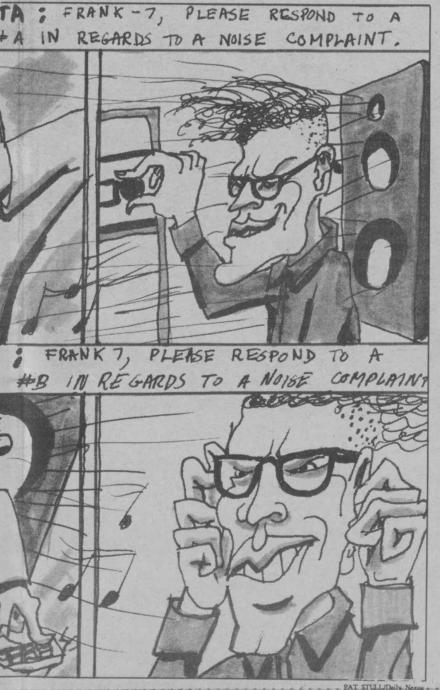
ment to oil production and consumption. Many know by now that Bush's energy strategy offered no significant encouragement, either through tax breaks or research funding, for conservation or renewable energy sources such as solar or wind power. The "Environmental President" also pushed for drilling in Bristol Bay (an even more bio-logically diverse area than Prince William Sound) and Alaska's Arctic Wildlife Refuge, and cut federal funding for mass transit prog-rams. Another hidden agenda item was the

"National Sacrifice Area" on the California coast, which has still gotten little if any na-

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tional media coverage. It is therefore obvious that the administra-tion's interests lie in continuing our dependency on oil, a resource that is filling the atmosphere with lethal gases, contributing to global warming and ozone depletion, and altering and adversely affecting local communities and environments through oil exploration and drilling.

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onservatism Comes to Isla Vista

Ross French

Had a little run in with the Isla Vista Foot Patrol recently. Nothing really bad. My neighbor and I were sitting on our apartment balcony, listening to music when a couple of Foot Patrol guys came up, told me they had gotten a complaint and asked me to turn it down.

"No problem," I answered, as I went into my apartment to turn it down. Just a couple of guys doing their jobs. I asked them where the complaint had come from, but they couldn't tell me as it was an official complaint. They then took my name and phone number and told me they would call me to warn me if the music got too loud again. Now you must be wondering what horrible music I was playing, or thinking that I must have been that we should be more considerate of and tolerant playing it at some ungodly hour at an incredible volume Well, it was loud. We were outside, and the doors and windows were open. But the music was Tchaikowsky's "1812 Overture," and the time was 8 p.m., ever, they shouldn't do it all the time, and should be Saturday night.

particular area, it had I.V. written all over it.

But the main thing that the ordinance has done is raise people's awareness about the section of the penal code dealing with disturbing the peace, which says that anyone can complain about noise at any time. Anytime. Mid-afternoon, late morning, early evening. Whenever.

Of course, it's generally not that bad. But ever since knowledge of these laws got out, the Foot Patrol has had to shut down loud stereos and parties on the basis of citizen complaints.

Which means if somebody finds Tchaikowsky offensive at 8 p.m. or 3 p.m., they can complain. And if a complaint is registered, the Foot Patrol must respond to it.

Eight p.m.? Saturday night? Tchaikowsky? What is happening to Isla Vista?

Why are people here complaining about music — classical music at that — at 8 p.m.? What I was playing wasn't offensive. I swear that the strings, brass and cannons weren't in ear shattering dissonance, nor did they utter foul language. Sure, occasionally it could sound like the building was under attack, but

The problem is that the population of Isla Vista is becoming far too conservative. And worse yet, Isla Vistans are playing into the hands of those who would prefer to see I.V. resemble a Christian Science Reading Room in both moral value and noise level.

First, let's assign a little blame here.

The enemy in this situation is not the Foot Patrol. despite what people might like to think. The main problem lies with someone very close to you. Your neighbors.

It all started when the county Board of Supervisors passed a noise ordinance a few years ago, making it illegal for anyone to play loud music after midnight on weekends and 10 p.m. on weeknights. Although they claimed it wasn't aimed at any is a Nexus associate editor.

Isn't this silly?

So what should we do about it? The answer is toward our neighbors.

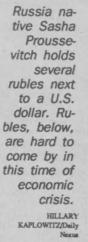
This goes both ways. Stereo owners should have the right to turn their units up until the circuits start to blow. Freedom of expression and all that. Howaware of the time. If it's after reasonable hours, the music shouldn't be loud at all.

In the same way, the people who find all sorts of loud music offensive at all hours should relax a little bit. What is the harm of letting loud music play on a Friday or Saturday night? And during the week, it will more than likely go down on its own before too long. And if it really bugs you, just go ask them to turn it down. Simple communication can be a wonderful thing.

Of course, there are some people who are going to complain no matter what the situation. These are the people who would like students to be quiet as church mice and study at all times. We can't stop them. But we if we can just cut down on some of the "normal" student complaints, maybe we can reclaim this town for our own. Remember "live and let live." Do you like it when the cops descend upon your place asking you to turn the music down? Do you think anyone else does?

And most importantly, let the cops do their job. Let them spend their time stopping crime rather than forcing them to be babysitters.

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By Alex Salkever Staff Writer

Winter is always a trying time in Russia, and this year's cold season promises to be one of the most difficult in memory for both citizens of the former Soviet republic and those at UCSB who have family and friends there.

Since Russian President Boris Yeltsin freed prices on all but the most crucial staple goods on Jan. 2 - following Poland's cold-shower approach to reforming dent States have shot steadily upward. As prices continue to climb, the key question will be, can the people of the fledgling Commonwealth afford to make it through this winter of discontent? For Julia Mamenkova, who is married

to a UCSB graduate student, mixed reports have come from her parents' home in Moscow.

"They are eating normally, even better than normal, and everything is for sale. But they spend all their money on food and nothing is left over. Food prices are in-credibly high," she said. According to Mamenkova's parents,

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how the reforms will affect these already beleaguered people. Randy Magee, a lecturer in Russian language at UCSB and spent the New Year's holiday leading a tour group in the new Commonwealth.

My friends there were in a very deep depression. Earlier they could all manage to smile and laugh every now and then. Now they can't even do that. I think the situation is the worst it's ever been," he said.

"At the farmer's market in St. Petersburg, everything was there but it was all so expensive."

While the current price increases have angered many, others welcome them as a necessary step on the road to a market economy. Sasha Proussevitch, a visiting geology researcher from the Siberian city of Novosibirsk, views the price raises as a po-sitive step toward a better future. Beyond that, he is skeptical of the dire-sounding family and friends in the immediate future. information Americans are receiving ab- "I spoke three days ago with my family and out the crisis in the Commonwea

Mamenkova's parents are fairly well off cording to both Proussevitch and by Soviet standards, with a total house-hold income of over 800 rubles per month. Better in other areas, particularly in the

But they still are struggling to get by. Others have longtime friends in the for-mer Soviet Union and are worried about and Leningrad (St. Petersburg) are the worst," Mamenkova said.

Proussevitch added that public opinion is not all against the price increases. "It is regular visitor to the former Soviet Union, very hard now to take measure of the whole population because of the unbalanced political-economic situation. But you need to satisfy the needs of the major part of the population. And the majority suffer from a lack of consumer goods and food, not a lack of money.

Proussevitch was resigned to the possible effects of the price increases. "Maybe some people will be unhappy about this, the poorest 10 percent. But we have been anticipating these new prices for a long time. Before there was a lot of people who had money to buy consumer goods but there were no consumer goods to buy. I hope that there will be more food and consumer goods (after the price increases)."

Unlike Magee and Mamenkova, Proussevitch is not worried about the fate of his verything was ine. They have plenty of

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manager of residential contracts for Housing and Residential Services. "It was student-initiated and the administration said, 'Sure, it sounds like a good idea." So far, the arrangement is

working out just fine, according to Resident Assis-tant Kelly Voorhies, a junior majoring in sociology. Voorhies applied for the RA position on the special hall because she was interested in conducting a program to break down sexual stereotypes and felt the traditional framework of a single-sex floor might get in the way.

"We aren't segregated, so there are stronger bonds and friendships," she said. "They're more sensitive to each other. ... The men become allies, and not a threat."

Voorhies holds hall discussions every week on various topics, including sexual harassment and rape prevention. In addition to educational activities, life on the hall revolves around co-ed football games, watching videos and just

"The guys here are very open, you can talk to them about anything," said fresh-man resident Rebekah Milbourne, who requested to live on the hall. "If you ask

them, 'Why are men dogs?' they'll say, 'See, it's like this,'" she joked. Others did not go volun-tarily, but were pleasantly surprised once they got to the hall. "I just got stuck here," admitted Jason Kearnaghan, a freshman com-munications major. But Kearnaghan is pleased with his experience. "If I have a problem I can get a different perspective ... it is easier sometimes to talk to women," he said. Predictably, the only

point of tension — which has since become the stuff of running jokes on the floor

- has to do with bath-rooms. Though the bathrooms are segregated, fresh-man Steve Price said some lazier residents have fallen into the habit of using whichever one is closer. The relative harmony

should not come as a shock, according to one expert. "There's really no difference in problems between the same or opposite sex," said Jesse N. Valdez, a staff psychologist at Counseling and Career Services. "When conflicts occur (in a living situation) with the opposite sex, it's usually because the relationship has become more intimate." As a result of their time on San Nicolas' second floor, some of the men and women there are already considering living together next year when they make the leap into Isla Vista. Undeclared freshman Laila Emir has no definite plans yet, but wouldn't mind having male housemates. There are traits more important to consider than (a person's) sex," she said. But others have decided to stick to the traditional, single-sex arrangement in the future.

the prices of such staple foods as meat, cheese and sour cream were sky-high on the eve of the Jan. 2 price increases, which could only have pushed these prices higher. "Sour cream was 80 rubles a kilogram, meat 70, cheese 450. And men's shoes - 2,000 rubles a pair.'

To put this into perspective, the average monthly salary of a Soviet worker is estimated at between 400 and 500 rubles. So a Russian worker would spend between four and five times his or her monthly salary on a pair of shoes, without any money left over for food. Further, the buying power of the ruble has declined so sharply that even at government prices, Russian consumers get much less per ruble than their American counterparts.

"I can't agree completely with the infor- money," he said. mation we are getting from the mass media in the U.S.," said Proussevitch.

This view may have some validity. While most news reports come from the Moscow and St. Petersburg areas, rumors have been circulating for months that these cities are facing unofficial rail blockades from the former republics, who are rebelling against decades of dominance from two metropolitan areas. Historically, these two main cities have received first priority in the allocation of consumer goods — a practice that has bred much animosity in the other areas of the former Soviet Union.

The situation in the outlying republics receives very little press in the U.S. Ac-

However, he expressed concern over the long-term success of the price reforms. "If this policy does not bring enough goods to the stores, then there will be strikes, demonstrations and maybe even violence."

There are some indications that mass civil disobedience may not be far away. Magee witnessed a mass demonstration against the price increases, which clogged up traffic in downtown St. Petersburg.

"They stopped traffic completely," he said. "Nevskii Prospekt (the main street in St. Petersburg) was a mess."

But even with the price hikes, which are

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Continued from p.1 an interview last month.

UCSB acquired the 5,866-acre, Santa Ynez Valley ranch in 1967, when former owner Francis Sedgwick died. At the time, a nosale clause was included in Sedgwick's will.

gents had the clause overturned in a 1990 court case, prompting conflict with those who support preservation of the land.

Members of the group Friends of Sedgwick oppose the development or sale of the ranch, citing its rich oak woodlands and Chumash Indian artifacts.

UCSB graduate student John Cloud, a longtime

wick, said he fears that some CEPAP members would like to see the land partitioned and sold. He added that it is unclear whether the review will assess the academic or real estate value of the property.

"A move to assess the value of the land in terms of potential uses of it in relation to teaching and research functions is com-However, the UC Re- member of Friends of Sedg- mendable," Cloud said, land open to sale.

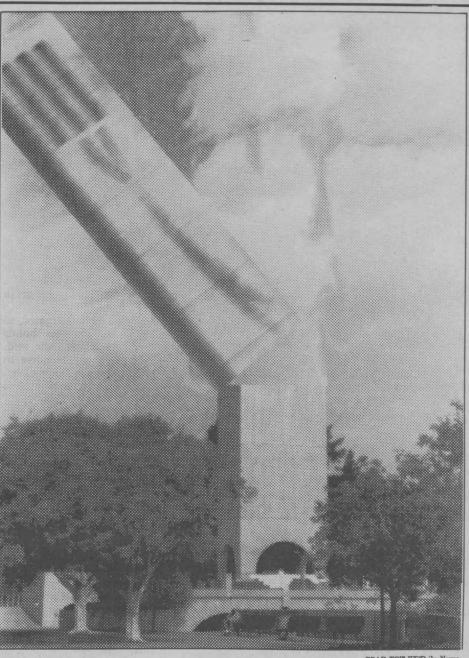
"But Friends of Sedgwick feels suspicious because they see no point in reviewing its estate value unless there are plans to sell the land."

Gardner recommended in June 1990 that 3,500 acres be set aside for a na- added. "Instead, we've seen tural reserve and the remaining land be used for the spirit and intent of those "general campus use" — a recommendations." designation leaving that

"Friends of Sedgwick would like to see Uehling, CEPAP, the Academic Senate and the Long Range Development office rise to the level of responsibility represented by Gardner's recommendations," Cloud an attempt to undermine

Uehling was unavailable for comment.

"It would be different in I.V. because there would be no RA to make sure things are OK. There would be no rules so it would probably be wilder," Milbourne said, "kind of like 'Three's Company."



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Storke Tower. Boring concrete and steel monolith, or a remnant from a stressinduced nightmare? You decide. Only photographer Brad Topliff knows for certain, and he ain't telling.

Continued from p.1 staff could affect Isla Vista, since about half of the I.V. Foot Patrol staff are deputies.

But Hogdon warned against overreaction, noting Liddi said, adding, "I won't that the reductions are not believe it until I see it."



etched in stone. The board will go over each budget reduction, and may limit cutbacks in some areas.

This has some local sheriff's deputies at ease - for now. "I think the consensus of opinion is 'wait and see," Foot Patrol Deputy Mark

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Continued from p.10 expected to make food and other items more available, many Russians could face shortages in coming months. "There is not really enough food and goods to

cover the demand, despite ference. But no one really the price increases," Proussevitch said. "I hope the goods and food being held

knows about this."

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Added Mamenkova: "I can't imagine what it will be in reserve (in anticipation of like tomorrow. They are all the price increases) will be shocked. But there is noenough to make up the dif- thing they can do about it."

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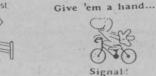
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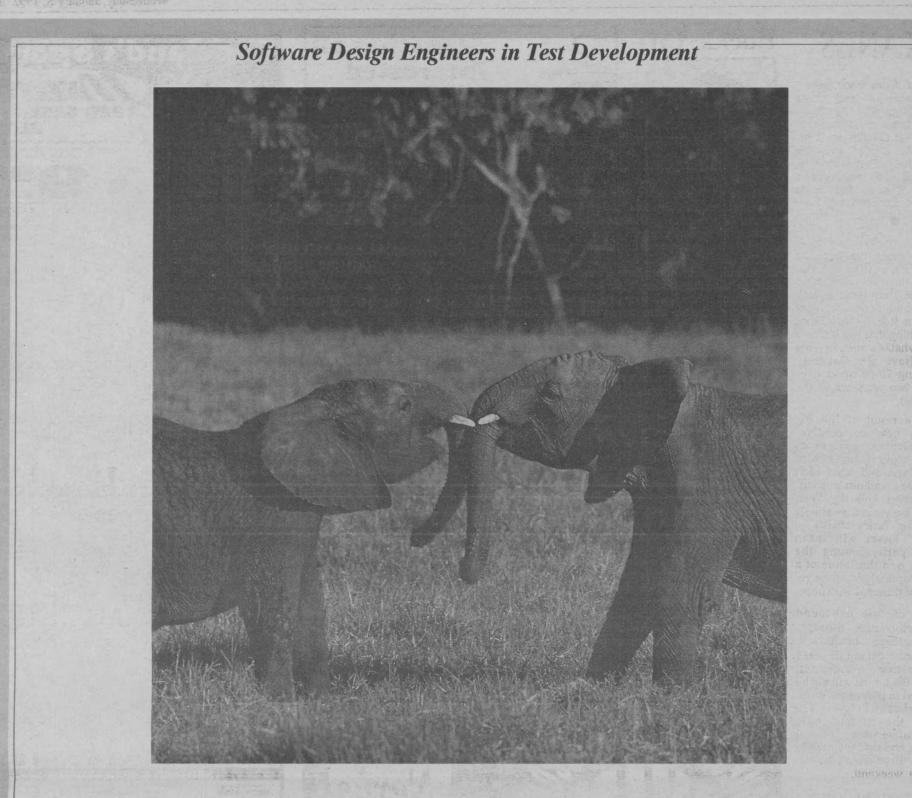
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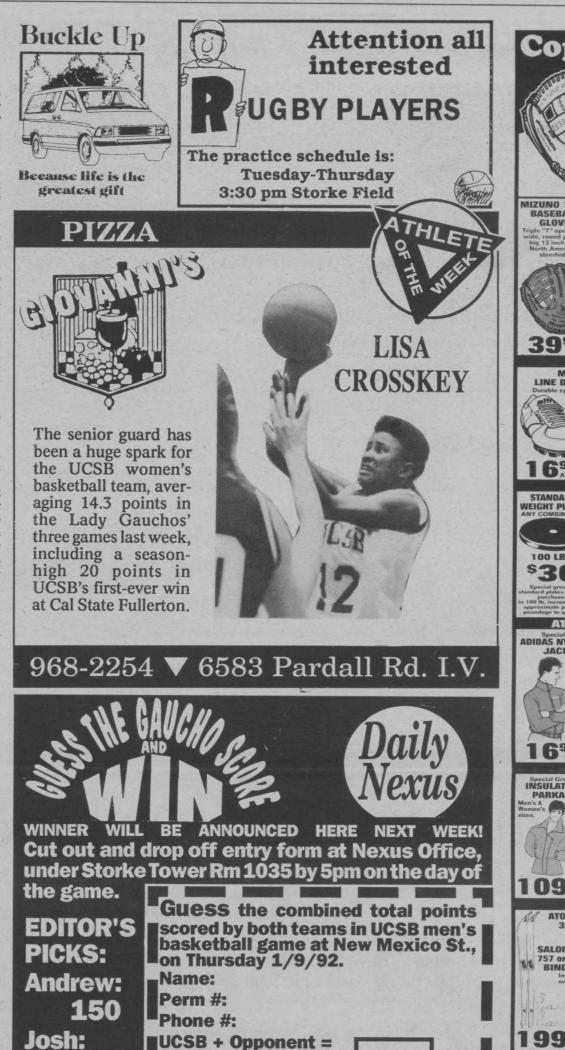
Cont. from back page conference — and that's something that can only mean more excitement for Big West Conference fans.

While UNLV will still most likely win the majority, if not all, of its league games at the Thomas and Mack Center, the Rebs may have their share of problems on the road - at least compared to what they have done during the last two years. Places like the Pan Am Center in Las Cruces and the Thunderdome may see home-team victories over the Rebels this season, something that has become somewhat of a rarity in years past (save the Gauchos' stunning 78-70 upset over Vegas two years ago in the T-dome).

As a result of the Big West's new competitiveness, people are going to become more familiar with each team and what each does well (and not so well). No longer will Big West teams be viewed as simply prey for Tark's sharks — Vegas' losses will mean more parity among the league, and thus more of a need for analysis of the results of different matchups.

All of this newfound competitiveness throughout the league should be illustrated most at this year's conference tournament, where the Rebels will not be allowed to play at all. Whoever is hot and playing well down the stretch could make some waves in Long Beach, and find themselves in the "Big Dance" the following weekend.

In recent years, even if a team was clicking on all cy-linders heading into the league postseason tourney, UNLV's firepower would prove to be too much for the rolling team, and a team perhaps playing well enough to compete in the NCAA tournament would be left at home. In 1990, Long Beach State was playing better than both New Mexico St. and UCSB at the Big West Tournament, but ran into Vegas in the tourney's championship game and ended up in the NIT while the Aggies and the Gauchos received NCAA berths. And at last year's conference tourney, Fresno State was probably playing better than anyone else in the league besides the Rebels, but Vegas put the Bulldogs away in the final game.





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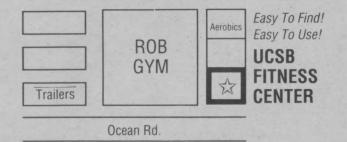
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Overtime Win Was Too Close a Shave

Gauchos Regroup, Recover From Ills

By Josh Elliott Staff Writer

The UCSB men's basketball game against San Jose State last Saturday made one point abundantly clear to Gaucho Head Coach Jerry Pimm the numbers most definitely lie.

Or don't tell the whole story, at the very least. The 1-8 Spartans seemed nothing more than cannon fodder for Santa Barbara entering the game, having been blown out in last year's Thunderdome gettogether, 85-51. SJSU had improved, but so had UCSB, and the prospects did not look good for the visitors. But the Gauchos still came within a missed free throw of losing to the likely Big West cellardwellers.

"My hat's off to San Jose State," said Pimm, very mindful of the loss-thatalmost-was. "They made some very tough shots. It was a real combination of things — them getting it going and shooting well, and, partly, because of a lack of our stopping them. It shows you that things can't go well all the time, and that the numbers don't mean much, especially in this conference." The shaky mental and

The shaky mental and physical state of the team becomes all the more important now, what with their biggest road trip of the year (at New Mexico St. and UNLV) staring them in the face. The team seemed sluggish in the early going against the Spartans, partially due to various infections that claimed players over the past week.

Leading scorer/ rebounder Lucius Davis was among the hardest hit, as he struggled through 43 of 45 minutes against SJSU with a wisdom-teeth infection. He has been taking antibiotics since Monday and should be ready for NMSU Thursday. Pimm thought that the team has rebounded well from Saturday's performance, beginning with their off-day Sunday.

"We had a team meal Sunday, where we sat down and talked about the game and squared things away," he said. "I think the



FENCED IN — Gaucho shooting guard Ray Stewart and his UCSB teammates found themselves in a tiring and somewhat surprising battle with San Jose St. last Saturday.

game's beyond us now —-it won't be a factor this week. More than anything, it showed us that we're not good enough to just show up in the Thunderdome and beat most any team. We've got to play with good levels of emotion, intensity and concentration if we're going win consistently."

Pimm and his staff are left, then, to find the positives from the game. Inevitably, the discussion finds its way to overtime. The Gauchos outscored SJSU, 13-6, for the 77-70 victory. They played their best de-

fense of the night during the extra period, and got back to their basic offensive philosophy — move the ball efficiently, look for the high-percentage shots, and, most importantly, look for Davis, who scored a team-high six points in the overtime period.

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JONATHAN OKANES Vegas Gets Worse; Big West Race Improves

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B ig West Commissioner James Haney should probably send out a few thank-you notes in the spirit of the past holiday season five of them, to be exact.

The thank-you's should go to Larry Johnson, Stacey Augmon, Greg Anthony, Anderson Hunt and George Ackles, for finally leaving UNLV and restoring some excitement to the Big West basketball race.

Now that the Runnin' Rebels have returned to Earth (somewhat), and have been banned from postseason play this season due to NCAA violations, the Big West has entered a new era — the post-"it's a foregone conclusion so what's the point of discussing the favorites for the conference title" era, to be exact. That's right, there actually may be a league-wide pennant race in the Big West Conference in 1992.

The new parity of the Big West was evident by simply observing the *Daily Nexus* sports office during the past few days. As all of us scurried around, putting our previews together for today's supplement, assorted arguments/discussions about the status of this year's league were constantly flaring up.

ing up. "Utah State's a lot better than most people think," I heard one reporter tell another.

"Pacific's my sleeper," said another.

Even I spoke my mind about the potential of Gary Colson's Fresno State team: "They're going to get better as the year goes on," I proclaimed.

But the biggest revelation for me occurred when it came time to make our picks for the conference order of finish. For several seconds the piece of paper I had in front of me to write down my picks remained blank -I knew that I would eventually write down UNLV as my choice to finish first, but for the first time in three years, I found myself actually pausing and running down all the other Big West teams in my mind, just to make sure my instincts didn't tell me I was making a mistake.

Opponents, Disease Get to Netters

When the flu bug wasn't beating the members of the UCSB women's tennis team at the Milwaukee Indoor Classic the last two days, opponents were.

Sickness had already sidelined two of the top players, Debbie Goldberger and Lin Coakley, before the Gauchos even made the trip. Two of the remaining

five were then hit with the bug, and it showed. Laura Rutledge was the only Gaucho to escape the first round, courtesy her firstround defeat of Marquette's Laura Dailey, 6-0, 6-0. **Freshman Courtney Strauss** lost to Marquette's Mary Thompson, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3, Susie Drage lost to Jenny Nasser of Texas, 6-1, 6-1, and freshman Kathy Peterson fell to Cal's Kiersten Alley, 6-0, 6-1. Peterson's sound defeat surprised UCSB Assistant Coach Pete Kirkwood.

"I thought she'd do a little better, but she's been feeling bad all week," Kirkwood said.

Rutledge couldn't pull out the win in her secondround match, losing 3-6, 7-6, 6-2. Julie Coakley, possessor of both a first-round bye and the flu, fell in straight sets to Stanford's Emma Woodhouse, 6-2, 6-4. —Josh Elliott The UCSB sailing team improved on its 14th-place finish of a year ago with a 7th-place in the Rose Bowl Regatta in Long Beach.

UCSB Sails Away With Seventh-Place Finish

By Mark Gabarra Staff Writer

While most students were enjoying their long awaited Winter Break, the members of the UCSB sailing team were busy bringing home victories. During the first weekend of the new year, the sailing club raced in the Los Alamitos Bay in Long Beach, where 17 teams from all across the nation competed in the Rose Bowl Regatta.

Teams from Boston University, Connecticut College and West Washington University joined several clubs from California, such as USC, UC Irvine, Cal-Berkeley and UCLA, in this intersectional invitational regatta. Despite the competitive field and last year's 14th-place finish, the Gauchos sailed their way into a seventh-place finish overall.

"They did really well," stated junior Laura Davis, one of the club's co—captains. "The wind was really fluky; it would change directions every five minutes. Eric (Woodroof) did really well. That's what got us our ranking. It was a physical test of endurance, because the wind changed speed very often and there are completely different strategies (depending on the wind speed). Also, they sat out in

the cold and the rain all day (Sunday), which took a lot of mental aptitude. I'm very proud of them."

The sailing team competes within the South Conference, which includes California universities south of San Luis Obispo. UCSB unofficially ranks second in the conference, just behind UCI. This ranking will remain unofficial until Feb. 1 and 2, when UCSB competes in the South Series One and Two, their first interdistrict regattas.

The team's next interdistrict regatta comes one week later when the club hosts its first South Conference Invitational Regatta of this season. Schools that have been invited include UCI, SDSU, UCSD, LBSU, UCLA and USC. The ships will be raced off Stearn's Wharf in the Santa Barbara Harbor. By May, if the team retains its ranking in the top five of its district, they will travel to the Pacific Coast Championships, from which the top two teams travel to Charleston in June for the National Championships.

"I think the team's goal is to go to the Pacific Coast Championships," Woodroof explained. "Beyond that it depends on how well we do. If we keep sailing like we have I think we'll go. We just have to keep improving. I hope the team will do well. (Sailing is) a team thing." I n recent years, I began testing my instincts with those other Big West teams with second place. However, this year's a different story.

Granted, it was good for the conference's notoriety, not to mention its finances, to have what possibly was the best college basketball team ever last year, but the inevitable decline of the Rebels will result in an increase in the level of competitiveness throughout the

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