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Down the Mississippi

UCSB Arts & Lectures presents a film, "Down in the Delta" on Sunday, May 16, at Campbell Hall. It's \$5 for students and \$6 for the public.

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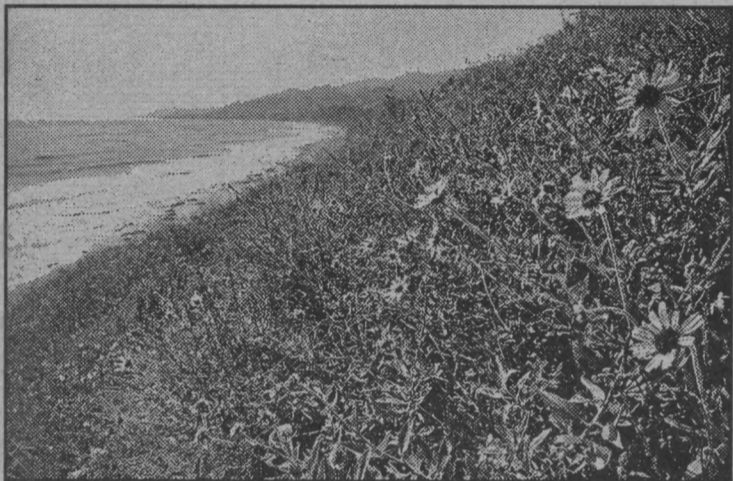
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The Gaviota coastline is on Lois Capps' agenda for environmental preservation as part of an act that is currently under review.

SB Coastal Preservation Bill Given Support From Capps

BY SARAH KENT
Staff Writer

Local concern for enhanced preservation of the Gaviota Coast is being addressed this month in the nation's capital.

Congresswoman Lois Capps (D-Santa Barbara) introduced the Gaviota Coast Act on May 5, which, if passed, will authorize a National Park Service study to determine the feasibility of a national seashore designation. According to Capps' Press Secretary Lisa Finkel, the legislation resulted from local support for the region's protection.

"This is something that local environmentalists, ranchers and businesspeople all agree is a good idea," Finkel said. "Lois testified before the board of supervisors about this issue and they unanimously voted to support her efforts to obtain funding and authorization for a study on ways to protect Gaviota. ... She's hopeful that this dream will become a reality."

According to 3rd District Supervisor Gail Marshall, funding has already been secured for the Park Service study.

"I asked the Board to approve a [Coastal Resources Enhancement Fund] grant," she said. "We've got \$25,000 from CREF money and we put it with the \$25,000 that the Gaviota Coast Conservancy got."

All that is needed now is matching financial support from the federal government, according to Finkel. The bill is currently under review by the House of Representatives Committee on Resources.

"This is the first step in a way to preserving the coast," Finkel said. "We

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Fiji's Islander Promises Fun, Music, Cash for Children's Service Center

BY MEMRY HAMIK
Reporter

Those who can't make it to the Fiji Islands this weekend need not travel any farther than Isla Vista to get some tropical flavor.

Phi Gamma Delta fraternity (Fiji) will host their eighth annual Islander theme party Saturday night — a fundraiser for the Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital. The house will feature extravagant decorations and music from No Use for a Name, Against the Wall, The Rudies and Sick Shift, according to Fiji President Josh Cutler.

"We're going to transform our volleyball court into an island along with the lagoon and everything else," he said. "This year the headlining band will be No Use For a Name, plus we'll have three other local bands perform."

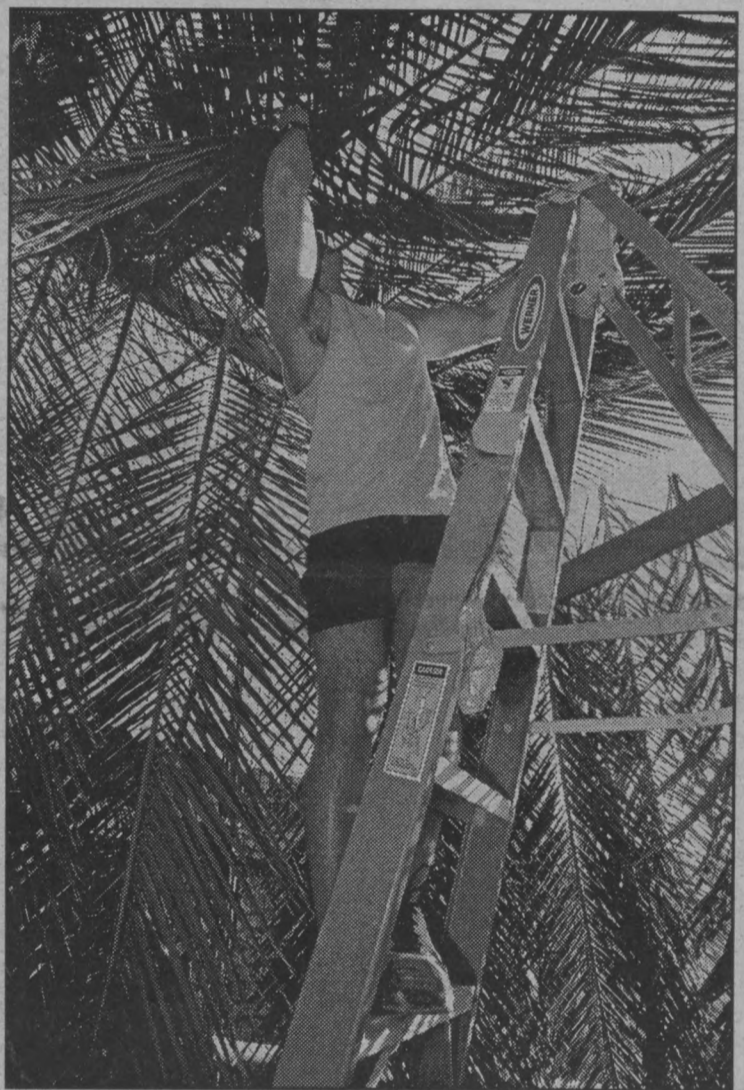
According to Fiji Islander Chair Qui Hua, the event is for local philanthropy, with proceeds donated to the Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital.

"After we pay for the DJ, all the supplies, and the equipment we are going to donate to SBCH," he said.

Fiji Events Coordinator Phil Maurer added that the fraternity tries to keep the money going to local causes.

"We raised about \$500 with the Islander last year that we gave to the Surfrider Foundation," he said. "This year we hope to raise even more money, but that all depends on how many people come."

According to Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital Director of Development Anne Kratz, the Child-



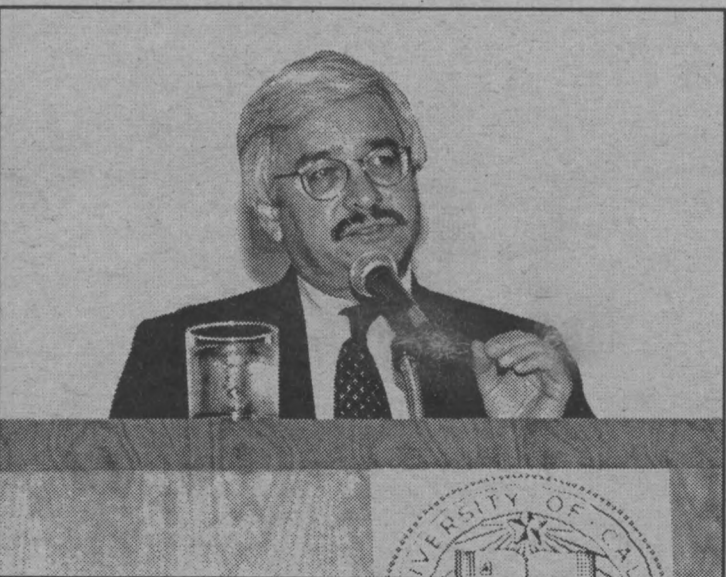
A volunteer puts the final touches on a hut for tonight's Fiji Islander party. Fiji's volleyball court is being transformed into an island with a lagoon.

ren's Services center will benefit from the donations by Fiji.

"We're really thrilled that the fraternity has chosen us. Even though most students don't usually worry about taking their kids to the hospital, we provide a lot of ser-

vices to the community," Kratz said. "We're raising money now to remodel our labor and delivery area. In the future, we hope to have a more comprehensive children's center."

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ABTIN NEIMAN / DAILY NEXUS

In Corwin Pavilion, Frank Del Olmo led off a lecture series discussing the changes occurring in journalism concerning the coverage of minority issues.

Frank Del Olmo Speaks on Latinos' Journalistic Roles

BY TED ANDERSEN
Staff Writer

A prominent newspaper editor blended with an audience of faculty and students created a recipe for success Thursday afternoon, as the media's portrayal of Southern California's Latino community boiled to the surface.

Los Angeles Times Associate Editor Frank Del Olmo delivered a lecture yesterday at 4 p.m. in Corwin Pavilion, hitting hard on the newspaper's evolution of minority coverage since the early 1980s. Olmo, who won a Pulitzer Prize Gold Medal for his Times series "Southern California's Latino Community," was the first speaker in the Ruben Salazar Memorial Lecture Series, spearheaded by the Chicano Studies Dept. and Arts & Lectures.

Driving home his desire to see fair and unbiased minority coverage in the Times, Olmo gave specific ex-

amples of the problems that face Southern California's largest newspaper. He noted that recruiting more Hispanic reporters helped the paper alleviate much of the sporadic "drive-by journalism" that plagued Los Angeles' Latino community for many years.

"A lot of the issues surrounding Latinos — education, immigration — are controversial issues," he said. "Our problem isn't quality, it's consistency. After recruiting these new writers in the early '80s, we finally began to develop consistent coverage of the Latino community."

According to Olmo, this "drive-by journalism" was the result of the paper's focus on too many negative minority issues.

"I began to see a pattern [in the Times] that worried me ... gangs, immigrants, and more gangs. If you're going to do a gang story don't just do a story about unhappy adolescents hanging around a street corner,

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Top of the News

Yeltsin Faces Possible Impeachment



MOSCOW (AP) — President Boris Yeltsin faced accusations Thursday of carrying out policies that claimed the lives of millions of Russians as lawmakers opened impeachment hearings that could test the strength of Russia's fragile democracy.

In an atmosphere of anger and foreboding, the lower house of parliament, the State Duma, accused Yeltsin of destroying the Soviet Union, selling out Russia to the West, starting war in the breakaway province of Chechnya, illegally dissolving parliament in 1993 and waging genocide against the Russian nation with policies that wrecked the economy.

Yeltsin himself "didn't kill anybody, of course," said Vadim Filimonov, the Communist head of the impeachment commission. "But he gave orders to kill people."

The hearings began one day after Yeltsin propelled the country into political

turmoil by firing popular Prime Minister Yevgeny Primakov and his Cabinet. The shakeup, the third in little more than a year, gave

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**— Vadim Filimonov
head of impeachment commission**

added impetus to the hearings, which had already been scheduled.

However, it seems less likely that the upper house of parliament would vote to remove Yeltsin from office, in what would be Russia's first presidential impeachment. Yeltsin's ouster would also require two-thirds majorities of the supreme and constitutional courts — which is considered unlikely.

With 443 deputies in the Communist-dominated Duma, it will require 300 to

impeach Yeltsin. So far, at least 125 have indicated that they oppose impeachment, suggesting the vote could be close.

And the whole matter could be moot if Yeltsin dissolves parliament and calls

for new elections, as many observers think he will do.

Among those opposing impeachment and urging Yeltsin to dissolve parliament was flamboyant nationalist leader Vladimir Zhirinovskiy. There were reports Thursday that Zhirinovskiy was being considered for a top Kremlin post.

Opening the parliamentary hearing, the impeachment commission read out its case on the five charges against Yeltsin in a lengthy report that put some depu-

ties to sleep.

Yeltsin was accused of destroying the Soviet Union to enable NATO to dominate the world. "It was exactly because of the collapse of the USSR that NATO was able to advance to our borders and bomb Iraq and Yugoslavia," Filimonov said.

Yeltsin was also accused of ruining the military and causing the deaths of millions by destroying the country's economy, ruining the health system and lowering life expectancy.

Yeltsin's Duma envoy, Alexander Kotenkov, responded for the president, saying the impeachment charges were groundless. He gave a long, often emotional rebuttal of each of the five charges, and urged the deputies to allow Yeltsin to complete his term.

"We have a choice: either fight for power or hold the next election as scheduled and legally carry out the transfer of power in our state. The choice is yours, esteemed deputies," Kotenkov said.

Bank Introduces ATM Iris-Recognition Technology



HOUSTON (AP) — If you can't tell identical twins Michael and Richard Swartz apart, do what Bank United of Texas does — look them in the eye.

On Thursday, the bank became the first in the United States to offer iris recognition technology at automated teller machines, providing the Swartzes and other customers a cardless, password-free way to get their money out of an ATM.

"It knows you just by looking at you," said Ron Coben, Bank United executive vice president.

The concept works because the intricate pattern of each person's iris is more distinctive than even a fingerprint.

Here's how it works: A customer has a close-up photo of his eye taken at the bank, and the picture is stored in a computer. When the customer goes up to the ATM to take out money, he presses a button to start an eye scan. The ATM then matches the picture of the iris with the one stored in the bank's database to confirm the customer's identity.

To demonstrate, Richard Swartz, a 25-year-old Rice University graduate student, had his iris photographed by a bank employee. Minutes later, Swartz was able to withdraw \$40 from his account without inserting a card or punching in a

secret code.

Then, Swartz's brother Michael walked up to the machine. But since his iris didn't match his brother's, the ATM refused access.

Iris identification is already used at 11 banks outside the United States and may eventually be extended to many other kinds of financial transactions.

Bank United hopes to have more eye-scanning ATMs up and running within the next year. Several other banks in the United States are expected to unveil iris identification teller machines later this year.

"It has a very high cool factor," Coben said. "We think of it as James Bond meets stocks and bonds."

The iris recognition and software process was invented a few years ago by John Daughman of Cambridge University in England. It is marketed in this country to financial institutions by Sensar Inc. of Moorestown, N.J.

"This event clearly establishes iris identification as the emerging standard in personal electronic identification," said Robert Van Naarden, Sensar vice president of marketing and customer service. "Iris identification is the most secure, robust and stable form of identification known to man."

In response to questions about privacy concerns, Bank United said the iris pictures will not be distributed to anyone outside the bank.

Assembly Backs Bill for State-Run Clean Needle Programs



SACRAMENTO (AP) — Drug users could receive clean hypodermic needles from state-approved programs under a controversial bill backed Thursday by the Assembly.

The measure is intended to reduce the sharing of contaminated needles, one way that the AIDS virus, hepatitis and other infectious diseases are transmitted. Critics say such programs don't work and give the impression that the government approves of drug use.

"This bill is not about promoting drug use, this bill is about public health," said Assemblywoman Kerry Mazzoni (D-San Rafael) the measure's sponsor. "Drug addiction is a disease and the people who are addicted will do anything to get what they need and jeopardize people's health to do it."

Under California law, it is illegal to distribute or have hypodermic needles or syringes without a doctor's prescription. Mazzoni's bill, approved 43-29, would allow local governments to establish programs that distribute the supplies without such permission.

Despite the current ban, about 17 clean-needle programs currently flaunt the law, operating via permission of emergency measures enacted by counties, Mazzoni said.

Nationally, injection drug users are the second largest group at risk of becoming infected with HIV and developing AIDS. Those infected commonly pass on the disease to their partners and children, Mazzoni said.

In California, nearly one-third of new AIDS cases reported last year were associated with injection drug use, according to the San Francisco AIDS Foundation.

But Assemblyman Tony Strickland (R-Thousand Oaks) was joined by other Republicans who argued that the bill would do more damage than good.

"It sends the wrong message to the youth of California," Strickland said. "The bill says it's OK to use drugs as long as you don't get AIDS."

Mazzoni told reporters that Gov. Gray Davis has given her indications that he may support her bill.

If approved, the bill would allow drug users to pick up hypodermic needles or trade used supplies for clean ones. The cost of operating a local safe-needle program would be about \$160,000 a year, Mazzoni said.

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Weather

Finally, the night we've all been waiting for ... FIGHT NIGHT!

My God, nothing gets me more pumped than watching two sweaty guys dance around a ring in their underwear while trying to bludgeon their opponent into a state of perpetual brain damage. So yes, the Weatherhuman will be at Fight Night. You'll know who I am because I, too, will be close to perpetual brain damage — only it'll be alcohol-induced. I also intend to heckle the hell out of the fighters ... you know, get their blood boiling a little. Who knows, maybe I could start a little melee in the audience, too.

What's that you say? Fighting and violence is wrong? No, no, no, fighting is a piece of our heritage. All real Americans enjoy a good fight. Let's face it, sometimes you gotta kick a little ass, right? I mean really, what are you gonna do if the Queen of England busts into your room and starts slapping you around? I don't know about you, but I'm going to kick her tea-drinking, crumpet-eating ass back across the Atlantic because damn it, THIS IS AMERICA AND WE LIKE TO FIGHT. Besides, tonight's fight benefits the children ... won't you please think of the children? Get your tickets in front of the UCen ... or I'll kick your ass.

Today's weather: clear and sunny, but watch out for that left jab.

Police Report

A+ for Attitude

On Thursday, May 6, at 11:05 p.m., Isla Vista Foot Patrol officers responded to a couch fire on the sidewalk of the 6600 block of Sabado Tarde Road, according to IVFP reports.

The officers observed a 19-year-old male suspect walk up to the couch and throw a white plastic bottle into the flames. Officers approached the suspect and arrested him for fueling the fire, according to reports.

"After placing [the suspect] under arrest, he spontaneously said, 'I know it was wrong to throw that lighter fluid on the fire. I deserve what I get,'" reports state.

Just Not Very Neighborly

On Tuesday, May 11, at 3:14 p.m., a 22-year-old female called the IVFP office to report that she had parked behind a vehicle on the 6500 block of El Greco Road earlier in the day, partially blocking a driveway, according to reports.

"It was [the victim's] intention to only be parked there for several minutes while she ran into her apartment for school equipment," reports state.

When the woman returned, she found a parking ticket, as well as an offensive note left by the fraternity whose driveway she had blocked, according to reports.

"The letter called the vehicle owner a 'dirty bitch' and never to mess with [the fraternity]," reports state.

You Know Tampering With the Mail Is a Felony

On Wednesday, May 5, at approximately 5:10 p.m., of-

ficers responded to the 6600 block of Picasso Road on a report of stolen mail. A 43-year-old male told officers that he found an open package addressed to his father in the parking lot behind his building, according to reports.

"[The victim] said the package was opened and missing a 'gold seal' nasal mask that his father requires for medical purposes," reports state.

The victim said that several juveniles fled the area as he approached.

Warning: Details May Confuse

On Saturday, May 8, at approximately 8:48 p.m., a 25-year-old male walked into the IVFP office to report the loss of his cell phone. The man said he had spent part of his afternoon on the beach west of Camino Pescadero, according to reports.

"[The victim] believes his cell phone was in his backpack when he arrived at the beach at about [2:30 p.m.]. While at the beach, [the victim] played his guitar and never left his backpack unattended," reports state.

The victim said that when he looked for his phone at 4:30 p.m. it was gone, according to reports.

"[The victim] does not know when, or where, his cell phone went missing," reports state.

— Compiled by Staff Writer Curtis Brainard from IVFP reports.



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YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE BY LINDA C. BLACK

Check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19)—Today is a 5—You could make a lot of money today by calling in a debt from far away. Looks like it's got a couple of barriers to get past before it actually gets to your pocket. If there's anything you can do to speed things along, you're well advised to find out what they are and do them. This could be funding for education, by the way.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)—Today is a 6—The good news is that the sun and moon are both in your sign today, and your power is awesome. The bad news is that you've still got some competition. Somebody wants you to prove you know what you're doing. Put up or shut up, so to speak. Make sure the facts are at your fingertips before going into a confrontation.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)—Today is a 5—You may feel a little fogged in today. That's because you're being pushed hard to make a big decision. It might even be a commitment. Well, don't fret. You've still got most of tomorrow to think about it, too. And it does look like everything's going to turn out fine.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)—Today is a 6—You and your friends have a fabulous plan, but it could run into difficulty. Looks like what you want to do can't be done on the current budget. You might have to shell out a little more money. If this fits your scenario at all, don't despair. Things turn out well in the long run, so just find the best deal you can.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)—Today is a 5—You may not have wanted to ask the question, because you were afraid they'd say no. And today, when you do ask, they might. Don't let that stop you. If you've got a really good idea that just needs a little work, well, work on it first. Then continue to work on whatever areas the experts say need it. That's the path to success.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Today is a 6—Travel looks really good for you today, especially if an old friend accompanies you. You've probably earned a Friday off. If you're like most Virgos, you've worked overtime gratis more often than you can remember. If you get your work done early and you're persistent, you might get today off. If not, start your trip right after work.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Today is a 5—Today, the thing you want most is just out of reach. Despite your best conniving and scheming and planning, the final result seems to be negative. But it only seems to be that way right now. Don't give up. You'll get what you want by tomorrow, if you refuse to take no for an answer.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)—Today is a 6—This looks like a pretty good day for you to take it easy, especially since you have a partner who wants to do everything. He or she has the whole day figured out, and you need only do what you're told. That's not a situation you usually find yourself in, but hey, don't fight it. Just relax and enjoy it.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)—Today is a 5—There's no escaping the work today. It's all around you. People are making demands on your time, and requesting not only your services, but also a cheerful attitude. That might almost seem like too much to ask, but you can do it. Service with a smile! Coming right up.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)—Today is a 6—There's something you and a loved one need to talk about, and today's perfect for doing just that. You might be a little concerned about how to do it. Does this mean you have to say what you've been withholding, that one little tidbit of information you didn't quite know how to bring up? Yep. That's what it means all right.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)—Today is a 4—Take it slow and easy today. You may have to use all your resources to solve a problem at home. Use your experience and your imagination, and you'll come up with a solution. This breakdown could actually lead to a breakthrough. You could wind up with something better than what you have now. Just don't expect that to happen quickly.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)—Today is a 6—You could get an awful lot of studying done today. Your ability to concentrate is enormous right now. And you'll retain the information you gather. Spending the whole day in study, if you can do so, would definitely be profitable, especially if you want to advance to the next level.

Today's Birthday (May 14). You're incredibly powerful this year. Decisions you make now will last, so set up a life that works. Use your experience to save money in May. In July, love teaches you a lesson. In August, confidential information leads you to what you want. In October, you'll solve the problem at work by trying an older method. Stash money away in December, and take an older person's advice in February to succeed in your career. You may not have reached all your goals by April, but don't give up.

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Feature

STILL SEARCHING?

LOOKING FOR A SUMMER JOB OR INTERNSHIP? THINK IT'S TOO LATE? NOT TO WORRY. THERE'S STILL HOPE.

LET THE *DAILY NEXUS* SHOW YOU THERE'S NO NEED TO DESPAIR. FEATURE BY ELIZABETH WERHANE

If, like U2, you're singing "I still haven't found what I'm looking for," you may benefit from a little advice on how to land a summer job or internship.

"For summer internships, it's good to apply early. But there's some myths going around about summer jobs and internships that you have to apply six months in advance, but it really depends on what you're looking for. Sometimes they'll post openings within the month before the summer starts. ... I wouldn't say it's too late," Counseling and Career Services assistant Clarissa Manasala said.

Looking Locally

With employment and internship opportunities neatly sorted by job category, the Applied Learning Program of Counseling and Career Services may be the first place to turn when looking to plant yourself in the Santa Barbara area for the summer.

"For summer internships, locally, we offer workshops," Manasala said. Workshops offer instructions on arranging interviews, tips for the interview itself, negotiation strategies for "getting the most out of your internship" and evaluation forms.

According to Manasala, the workshops also provide the instructions for obtaining employer contacts. Although the APL job and internship binders list pertinent information such as the company, hours required, pay, positions available, descriptions and other statistics, they do not list the contact phone number. To get that information, students need to attend a workshop.

There's a method to this seeming madness, however. "A lot of times students will come in, especially this time of year for summer work — students from other UCs or from the city college — will come and take those jobs we like to just allot to those students on campus, registered students. We like to save them for our students so [workshops are] the only way of really mandating that," Manasala said.

Students who cannot attend the workshops can drop by the APL in the C&CS building from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and from 1 to 4:30 p.m. With the C&CS sticker, which verifies that the student is registered at UCSB, the contact information is also available.

If the local work you're in search of is not available through the APL, you may want to check out the Clear Channel Job Fair on Sunday in Warren Hall at the Earl Warren Showgrounds from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It's free!

There will be "close to 40 different companies," according to General Manager of Clear Channel Jim Votaw. When asked what kind of businesses to expect, Votaw responded "just literally everything — it runs the gamut."

Although the fair does not have a specific focus, "I wouldn't doubt that, given that we are in a market that has a lot of tourism, there could be some summer jobs," Votaw said.

Among the businesses expected to be in attendance are Ratheon, Santa Barbara Band & Trust, InfoGenesis, Farmers Insurance and Four Seasons Biltmore.

No matter how much effort you spend finding a local job or internship, finding housing to stay in the area should be much easier. Community Housing Office Manager Roane Akchurin explained that during the summer, "there's mass exodus so

ahead and call the contact person on the flyer."

The listings are organized by location with separate binders for southern and northern California, New York, Washington D.C. and other areas that are potential promised lands.

"There's also an international section ... alphabetized by company name," Manasala said. International positions have also been recently reorganized by nation.

The job fair may also offer ways to find work outside the immediate area. Votaw explained that some businesses may have locations in other places, so it's worth check-

ing the link that you need to find an internship that is perfectly tailored for your career goals, the experience you're looking for."

One website C&CS directs students to is <http://www.jobtrak.com/>. The listings available on this website are only supposed to be available for enrolled UC students. For this reason, this website, like the local job binders, requires a password. The password is available at C&CS.

Information can be obtained through the C&CS Web page: <http://career.ucsb.edu>.

Other useful websites include: <http://www.tripod.com/work/internships.html>, <http://www.internshipprograms.com> and <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>. For a more extensive list see C&CS or use the search engine of your choice.

Not quite on the information superhighway? Do not fear. Old relics, such as the telephone, also serve as links to summer opportunities. C&CS offers the Jobsline.

Operating 24 hours per day, "The Jobsline is a phone number that is offered to students here at UCSB as well as at SBCC." It is the number "you would call for the most recent information," Manasala said.

Like many other C&CS resources, the Jobsline requires a passcode, according to Manasala. The passcode can be obtained by stopping in at the APL. The number itself is 685-5627, but finding the passcode is each individual's responsibility.

Parting Advice

If you can't find what you're looking for, Manasala recommends taking an active role in your future. "You can create your own internship," she said, "You can call different companies in the area and ask them if they are interested in creating a project or a proposal for an intern. Obviously it's good to know a lot about the business so they'll know that you're motivated."

Should you choose to attend the job fair, Votaw said "I think people should dress as if they were going to an in-person interview with the company and bring plenty of copies of their resume, and get there early."

No matter where you want to spend your summer, it's not too late to finagle your way there. With a little research you can spend your summer making money or building your resume, here or in a foreign country.



RYAN CLAYTOR

supply and demand goes upside-down."

With an increased supply and limited demand, paying for housing doesn't have to consume all your earnings. In fact, "people are getting anywhere from 20-50 percent off regular rates," Akchurin said. Currently, the CHO has listings for 98 summer sublets and expect two or three more to be added daily.

Availability listings are posted outside the CHO on the third floor of the UCen whenever the UCen is open. The CHO office itself is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Somewhere Beyond

You can get away and still get a job or internship. In addition to providing the connections for summer employment in the area, C&CS and the job fair can open doors to far-off places.

Not only does C&CS have resources for local positions, it also has an entire database with over 700 entries of national and a whole lot of international options accessible in their office by simply flipping through large binders.

The nonlocal listings have the contact information immediately available to the public. "You don't need to come to a workshop," Manasala said, "Just flip through the binders and if you find anything that's interesting or fits your career goals you can go

ing it out. If nothing else, "It's a good chance to just talk to a bunch of businesses and get a good idea of what's out there," Votaw said.

Hunting With Technology

Armed with tools of the 20th century, finding something to occupy the summer days can be done without leaving home. The telephone and Internet are links to the world of work.

Manasala described the "computer-friendly environment" and that C&CS has "an index strictly just for websites broken down by geographical area."

Manasala also encourages people not to get discouraged. "There's a lot of stuff out there that people don't know about and that may not necessarily be in those binders, but we have the websites that can direct you to

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Internship Placement Workshop II for Local Nontechnical Summer Placement:

Wed., May 26, Tue., June 1, and Wed., June 2, 4-5 p.m.

Tue., May 25, and Thur., May 27, 3:30-4:30 p.m.



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A: His left

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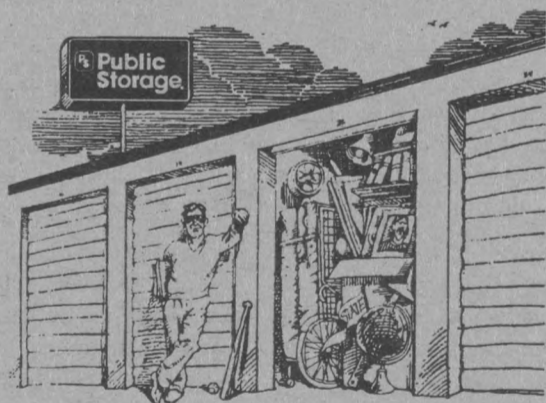
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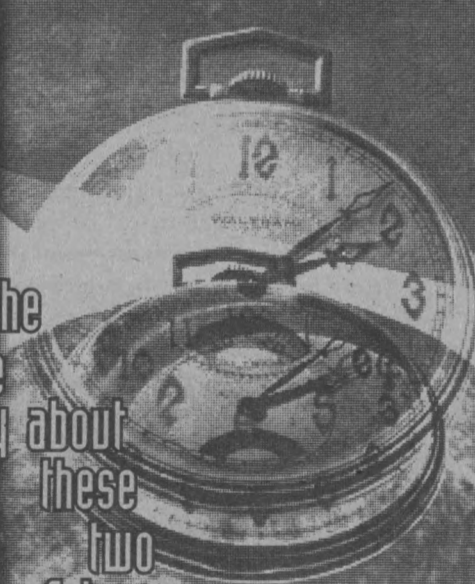
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AND THE COMING MILLENNIUM

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The
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Face It, You're Mortal

Accepting the Inevitability of Death May Improve Life

DAVID DOWNS

Right now, as we speak, people are dying. Animals are being hunted and eaten by other animals; rainforests are being cut down; someone's pet is getting run over. This is the norm for life on this planet; things die all the time. Someone probably died right now. And now, too. And again now. People are dying constantly. You may not live to read the end of this column; there's no guarantee.

We, as human beings, don't like to think much about death, even though we all end up dying eventually. You may die today, or tomorrow, or in 50 years; and the fact that I'm mentioning it now makes you remember that you will die soon enough, and you're probably asking yourself, "Why is he being so morbid? Of course, I'm going to die, that doesn't mean he has to remind me!"

But why is death so taboo? Along with stupidity, death is one constant in this world with which we all have to deal. If you bring up death in a conversation you are being morbid. If you mention to anybody that they will die eventually, they look at you as though you just insulted their mother. But it's going to happen to all of us. Do we just like to live in denial of death?

Death is a great way to put things in perspective. Whenever I get cut off on the freeway, I take comfort in knowing that the guy who cut me off will be dead soon. Of course, that means I'm going to die, too, but I'm relatively comfortable with that. Are you?

How would you react if, after ordering food, the person serving you smiled and said, "Thank you for your business. And by the way, you're going to die." They aren't lying. They're just mentioning something you try to forget. And why are you trying to forget?

I propose we take the morbidity out of death and start dealing with it rationally and logically in order to appreciate the life we take for granted. We need a National Death Day. Maybe make it a three-day weekend somewhere during the winter months, and have everybody take the day off to remember that they,

too, will die. The Mexicans have a "Dia de los Muertos" and I think they are on the right track. "That's depressing," you say. Well, it's only depressing because you haven't been exposed to it enough.

Life, so far as we can prove, is a one-trick pony. You can believe in reincarnation all you want, but until a cockroach strolls up to me and says, "You should really be good or you're going to end up like me," I'm going



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to assume we only get one shot on this rock.

Life is also extremely fragile. The biggest, toughest, strongest man on the planet can't go longer than a few minutes without air. Death waits around every corner, and most people don't ever see it coming. But if you look at it the right way, it is death that gives life its meaning. Death makes life a perishable commodity with no set expiration date other than "soon," something to be appreciated and cherished for every second it is around.

How many people at this school stay up late at night

worrying about midterms — cramming and praying that they will do OK? How many people spend hours worrying about whether s/he will call, what to wear, how to cut their hair or what shoes to buy? How many people worry about what Mom and Dad will say when they learn you got a "C" instead of that "B"? How many people stay up late worrying about what they want to do with the rest of their lives? My guess would be most of us.

But how many of you try to catch every sunset? How many of you make sure to hear the ocean at least once a day? How many of you breathe in big gulps of fresh air, just to feel that air in your lungs? How many of you run as fast as you can for no other reason than to feel the ground flying past underneath your feet? How many of you can still watch cartoons and be enthralled?

We have the gift of youth. Any older person who no longer has that gift will tell you how precious it is. They understand because it's no longer theirs, and they probably didn't appreciate it when they were young, either. It's hard to care about things when you assume they'll be permanent fixtures of your life. But our youth is not forever and we, too, will die. The friends you make and the people you love, they will die, too. Everything around you will go away, and you should appreciate it now.

So put down this column and don't be depressed about death. You are still breathing, your heart is still beating and you can take comfort in knowing you'll probably never see the bus with your name on it.

Go out into the sun and feel its warmth, because the ground six feet under gets pretty cold. Do something completely unproductive by this society's standards, and make sure to have a marvelous time doing it. Laugh the kind of laugh that comes from somewhere deep in your belly and throw your head back and ask yourself, "Why don't I do this more often?" Live deep, suck the marrow out of life, and all that other inspirational crap, because you never know — the light at the end of the tunnel may be the train that will run you over.

David Downs is a Nexus columnist and an assistant county editor. He is also, coincidentally, immortal.

Ready to

A.S. President-Elect

JASON NAZ

THANK YOU UCSB! Over I've put myself up to one of the gr my life. When I decided to run fo had no idea what the outcome wo that I wanted to be in a position to dents in my last year.

First off, I want to thank every and were willing to give me the the students' behalf. I consider th vilege and I hope to repay your and accomplishment. People alw apathetic this campus is just beca of the student body went to vote — agree. The simple fact that studen come to college proves that they ar their lives and have richer experi

Different people care about d those students who didn't vote m day volunteering in a homeless sh maybe they just went to the bea would never condemn other peop don't care about the same things students who did vote, thank yo and effort to get to know the cand an informed decision.

There are a couple of thank yo at this time. In particular, I th fraternity Alpha Epsilon Pi. Th above and beyond the call of dut their time, academics and even s believed in me. For that I will b Our concept of brotherhood and that I will always cherish. But mor fraternity, the entire greek system with support that kept me going campus organizations that welco meetings and supported me in t thanks again.

I'd like to take a moment to reco

The Reader's Voice

STUDENT FILM FESTIVAL

SPOILED BY ORGANIZERS

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Every year the UCSB Film Co-Op presents "Reel-Loud," the student film festival where live bands/music accompany students' films. Unfortunately this year's festival has strayed away, for the worse, from past years' festival goals of presenting as many films as possible. As one of the organizers of the festival in 1997, I was extremely disappointed to hear of dramatic changes made to this year's event. Namely, that this festival will only present 13 films — when over 30 movies were submitted.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind the festival's organizers of the goals of this festival. First, UCSB's film department is one of the best theory departments in the country. Unfortunately, there are only two main production classes, which offer a limited amount of spots for students to make films. The Film Co-op was established as a forum for students who did not get the opportunity to get into the limited production classes, the chance to try their hands at making movies. The goal of every filmmaker is to get the opportunity to present their film to an audience, so eight years ago UCSB film students established the Film Co-op and the "Reel-Loud" festival.

It is extremely disappointing that the show's producers have decided to change the

show in such a dramatic fashion, that an inordinate majority of the films submitted will not be showcased. In a form letter (otherwise known as a power-trip letter) sent out to all those whose films were not accepted, it was explained that films were selected based on



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certain criteria. The establishment of these criteria was to remove subjectivity from the films' selections. First, the criteria established were such things as budget, treatment (brief synopsis of the film), shooting schedule, production value, cohesion and creativity.

These types of criteria are those that the production classes establish. Not a Film-Co-op! For those students who paid \$20 to become members of the Co-op, and then hundreds of dollars on production, who are these judges who decided that the only films that shall get presented are those that are subjectively creative and cohesive. Second, who are these judges that decided which films get accepted. The Film Co-op was established specifically to allow as many students as possible the opportunity to showcase their films, bottom line.

The idea of "Reel-Loud" is to be a chaotic event in which students invite their fellow students and friends to view their film on "the big screen," a feeling that, in my experience, cannot be replaced.

To all those whose films were not invited to be screened, I, as a former organizer, do not believe that the current organizers made the right decision. I do not feel that they are carrying out the tradition of "Reel Loud." I think it would be appropriate to boycott the show and encourage everyone you know to not attend the show. Do not let them get away with their power trip.

Lastly, a word to the show organizers: You are nobodies yet. You are not the ones who

should change a tradition for the worse. If you have had the opportunity to showcase your film in a festival, you know how important it is, and the feeling it generates inside of you when you see your movie on the big screen. If you have had the opportunity to see your film on the big screen, give others the chance, regardless of how much you do not like their films, or how much you may disagree with their message.

RON GRINBLAT

A.S. PROBLEMS START AT THE STUDENT LEVEL

Editor, Daily Nexus:

This is to all those people complaining about how A.S. doesn't do anything for the students and that elections are all BS. I'll begin by telling you that I'm currently not a member of A.S., I'm just a regular student who took the time to find out about what goes on. With a little examination, you'll find that most A.S. representatives are extremely passionate about what they are doing and deep down they are good people. While you're sitting in front of your TV after class, they are out there working as best they can to improve our school.

First, let's start with the current A.S. situation. Despite the fact that A.S. should be more accessible, you really can't expect them to just know what you want. People complain about how A.S. does nothing for them,

but do they ever opinions? You can not doing what tried to tell them.

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Elect Is Excited

NAZAR

Over the past few weeks of the greatest challenges of to run for A.S. president, I outcome would be. I just knew position to meet and help stu-

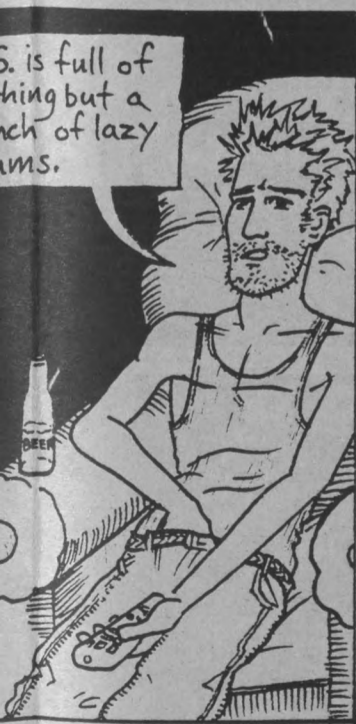
ank everyone that trusted me e me the chance to work on consider this the utmost pri-pay your trust with honesty eople always talk about how just because only 30 percent t to vote — well, I totally dis-that students have decided to hat they are trying to advance her experiences.

e about different issues and t vote might have spent the omeless-shelter, studying, or to the beach. In any case, I ther people just because they ne things I do. Yet for those hank you for taking the time w the candidates and making

thank yous I need to get out arlar, I thank my incredible on Pi. These friends went call of duty. They sacrificed nd even sleep because they I will be forever grateful. hood and friendship is one . But more than just my own nek system rallied behind me me going. Finally, to all the hat welcomed me to their d me in those three weeks, ent to recognize and congr-

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they ever go try to tell them their is? You can't get upset with people for ing what you want when you never tell them. It's really not that hard; go



r offices, go to a Legislative Council g. There is almost always a *Daily* article the day of a leg meeting telling ne what they are going to talk about

tulate Dajuan Cowan. I heard so many people dismiss him from the beginning because he didn't have the biggest posters or the largest laundry list of experience. But in actuality, he worked his ass off and proved to this campus what a hard-working and capable individual he truly is.

I met Dajuan for the first time in a class that we had freshman year. I never told him, but I was always impressed by the way he carried himself. He is an extremely articulate and intelligent man, who always commands respect when he speaks. He's also the type of guy that when people meet him, they want to be his friend. In the three years I have known him, he has always greeted me with a friendly smile and a sincere welcome.

Those things didn't change during the election. In the first race, we were the last two candidates still out in the rain and we were smiling and joking the whole time. He made my experience better just by being who he is. Although the election was decided by only 44 votes, he was one of the first people to come and congratulate me. He wished me well and said that he knew I would do a great job. I am very proud to have earned his respect and friendship.

So now I'm about to take over as our new A.S. president. I think the part that I'm looking forward to the most is getting the chance to meet so many people. I've often walked through this campus just watching all the people around me. I think to myself, "This person could be my best friend," yet arbitrary circumstance never gave me the chance to meet you. There are over 15,000 undergrads at UCSB and for the most part we are all sharing common experiences. We worry about relationships, try to pay our bills and want to learn as much as we can. I love meeting new people and just saying "hi" to randoms as I walk from class to class.

In the year to come, I'll be working on many issues and dealing with various people. But I promise that I will never lose my enthusiasm or desire to make our college experience a little better. THANK YOU UCSB.

Jason Nazar is A.S. president-elect for the 1999-2000 school year and a junior political science major.

and where the meeting will take place. If you want them to help, you have to do your part; it is a two-way street.

Second, I would like to address some complaints about the elections. I'll begin by saying that only about one in four people reading this actually took the two minutes required to vote. Those that complain about how the candidates were all full of BS and lacked any issues, did you ever read any of the fliers or talk to any of the candidates?

As I said earlier, I met almost all the candidates and, although some were more qualified than others, they were all determined to make a difference. If people did not know the issues, that is because they did not try. The candidates were all out there passing out those fliers making it easy for people to locate them and find out what they were all about.

Next time you complain about how A.S. has done nothing for anyone, think about yourself: What have you done to get informed or voice your opinion? If people are really that upset, take some of that energy and educate yourself before yelling "Fire!" in a crowded theater. If you don't care, that's fine, too, but don't ever say nobody does anything. Take some initiative, the A.S. Office is right by the place where you get your notes for all the classes you haven't cared about either.

MARK PIFKO

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No Apology

U.S. Shows Little Regret for Embassy Bombing

HONGYUAN YANG

Three innocent journalists were killed and 20 others seriously injured in last Friday's NATO bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Yugoslavia. When I heard the news, I believed that a prompt and profound apology would soon come out of the White House and a thorough investigation would be carried out immediately. This was such a natural assumption that I could not believe my ears when I heard Mr. Clinton's "light hearted" speech the next morning: "I am sorry about this accident, but Kosovo ..."

I don't know anything about politics, but I know one thing for sure: Killing innocent people, especially on their own land, is barbaric regardless of whether it is accidental or deliberate.

If you think I am over reacting to the media's coverage of the students' demonstrations in Beijing in front of NATO's

Killing innocent people, especially on their own land, is barbaric regardless of whether it is accidental or deliberate.

embassies, then perhaps you are either not Chinese or you have not watched your brothers and sisters slaughtered while the butcher looks on with nothing but a vacant apology.

Soon after the bombing, the Chinese people and government put forward a four-point demand that I believed every decent American citizen would agree with.

However, U.S.-led NATO sometimes feels above apologizing. Therefore, here are some of the recent responses the Chinese people got from NATO in the last few days:

Demand 1: An official apology from NATO.

Response: Mr. Clinton told reporters "I am sorry about the accident" the morning after the bombing, and he called that a sincere "apology" although no one could find any other single word indicative of "apology" except for "sorry." Only after three days' shameful silence following the bombing did Mr. Clinton publicly say the words "I apologize, I regret it."

Reaction of Chinese people: How could Mr. Clinton be so sure that the bombing was an accident, not a deliberate military act without a thorough investigation in the first place? Besides, does his so-called "apology" seem too concise, too reluctant and lacking of sincerity?

Demand 2: Punishment for those responsible.

Response: No culprits have been found yet except for an outdated map of Belgrade.

Reaction of Chinese people: Is the U.S. going to punish an outdated map for the crime of "negligently outdated?" Who on earth is responsible? Is it possible that the government will finally cover up those responsible, just like what they did in Japan and Italy in recent years?

Demand 3: A complete investigation.

Demand 4: Public announcement of the results.

Response: So far, NATO and the U.S. said that the bombing was only due to an outdated map issued in 1992 before China



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built its embassy several years ago.

Reaction of Chinese people: It is virtually impossible to give any credence to these accounts. The Chinese embassy has been housed at its present location for four years. The embassy was well known to many journalists, diplomats and other visitors to Belgrade. For the CIA to have made such an elementary blunder is simply not plausible.

What is making the Chinese people more indignant is the way the Western media reported this tragic incident. After Mr. Clinton's first public "sorry," the tone began to change sour. The focus shifted from the U.S. side to the Chinese side, to those furious students throwing stones at American's embassy in Beijing. The prevailing rhetoric now is no further apology needs to be made (an apology like the one made by Mr. Brian Williams in a MSNBC new program in such a joke manner: Oops, sorry, we didn't mean to hit you). What do you, these insatiable Chinese, want? Are you going to exploit this for any political ends? (See "China at Boiling Point," *Boston Globe*, 05/11/99, "China's True Colors," *Washington Post*, 05/11/99, "Behind the Chinese Rioting," *Washington Post*, 05/11/99").

Chinese students are not fools mesmerized and controlled by government propaganda. Their anger has not merely been whipped up by inaccurate or incomplete reporting. (See "Watch How the Chinese Use the NATO Bombing," *Seattle Times*, 05/11/99, Editorial. "Students Duped by Jiang," *Sydney Morning Herald*, 05/11/99). I don't deny there may be a possibility that the Chinese government intends to take advantage of this bombing for its political or economical ends, nor the possibility that the government has approved those demonstrations in major cities all over China.

The whole Western media is just trying to mingle everything together: the nuke spies, the Tiananmen Square, the Chinese government's political tactics, the Balkan war and even the Tibetan issue. What's the point of doing that? None but for political ends.

Since last weekend, all Chinese students at UCSB have kept silent. However at this critical moment, if you don't speak out the truth, you will probably drown dead in a sea of lies. So here comes the truth, finally, my dear American readers. The question now is: Are you brave enough to face it?

Hongyuan Yang is a mechanical engineering graduate student.

HOT Line

When Birds Attack

A strange occurrence involving an over-territorial blackbird has been going on at the corners of Camino Pescadero and Corboda. The blackbird, which has a nest in the nearby vicinity, has been attacking passers-by in defense of its nest. The attacks are harmless, but nonetheless they are very startling. If you have ever had a bird dive bomb at you from the sky and grab at your hair with its talons, you know what a shock it is. Some advice: Either wear a sturdy hat when walking or avoid this area altogether.

Nature Talk

"Nature has no principles. She furnishes us with no reason to believe that human life is to be respected. Nature, in her indifference, makes no distinction between good and evil."

— Anatole France

Bus Choices

At least a choice is afforded to the poor souls who have to rely on public transportation to get to and from downtown: MTD or Bill's Bus? Both have their own strengths and weaknesses. MTD is cleaner and makes frequent stops. Bill's Bus is more of a joy ride, offering live entertainment in the form of drunken students trying to make it home without passing out.

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Campus Comment

Compiled by David Downs

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If you could be any "Star Wars" character, who would it be and why?



“
I want to be Princess Leia. She gets to be the only chick in the entire galaxy.”

Dylan Brown
sophomore
pre-economics



“
Lando Calrissian because he was the smoothest cat in the galaxy.”

Ben Robertson
sophomore
biology



“
My mom used to call me Yoda because I looked like him as a baby so I guess I'd be him.”

Betsy Lape
freshman
undeclared



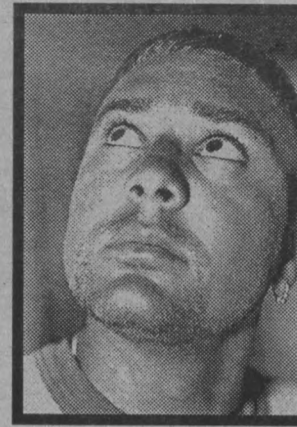
“
I'd have to say Jabba the Hutt because he gets all the chicks.”

Kurt Elackbern
freshman
mechanical
engineering



“
I'd want to be Wedge Antilles. He's the only pilot who survived the trilogy, besides Luke.”

Alejandro Gamboa
junior
CCS literature



“
I would be Jabba's little rat-looking friend; he's way crazy and nutty.”

Kauleen Patel
junior
chemical
engineering

LECTURE

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because that doesn't teach anyone anything. I suggested we do something more," he said. "You can't just focus on the problem people. If we don't portray the wholeness of the community, then we begin to think that all those people are sick."

The lecture was the first of a series dedicated to pioneer Latino journalist Ruben Salazar, a reporter who pushed for improved minor-

ity coverage in his years with the *Los Angeles Times* in the '60s, according to event organizer Mario Garcia, a professor of Chicano studies and history. Garcia said he hopes to continue the series in the near future with Latino journalists such as Gerardo Rivera.

"This lecture kicks it off and I hope it becomes an annual event to bring prominent journalists to speak about some of the issues Salazar worked on — media representation, education, police-community rela-

tions," he said. "I think Frank Del Olmo is a good role model for our students in that it's not just important to get a position, but you have to remain an oppositional edge to push for social change."

Garcia said he hopes Olmo's criticisms of the media for selectively covering Chicano/Latino issues was understood by the few students who attended.

"The mass media needs to start portraying the minority communities in a more ho-

listic way, and I hope that point came across very strong," he said.

Political Science Dept. Chair Lorraine McDonnell said the lecture helped those in attendance better understand the evolving methods of the *Times*.

"I thought it gave a really good overview of the changing *Los Angeles Times* coverage," she said. "The *Times* is so important to this area as far as the changing issues and trends."

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need to have a dialogue with people in the community on how to make this a better and safer environment, ... for people now and in future generations. Basically we need to put preservation at the top of the agenda."

Michael Lunsford, chair of the

Public Outreach and Education Committee for the Gaviota Coast Conservancy, stressed the importance of preservation.

"While there are seven [national] seashores on the East Coast of the United States and only one on the West Coast, we believe that a seashore is an appropriate classification and status to preserve what little remains of these

vital resources," he said.

"The Channel Islands and the channel itself is considered to be an area of high biodiversity," Lunsford said. "This is a global resource, and not only is it important for us to preserve this coast for local reasons, it is just good stewardship on a national and international level to recognize the value of these resources on a global scale."



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On the corner of Camino Pescadero and Cervantes there is a lot which houses an old, broken-down bus that once carried passengers to L.A., but is no longer in commission. The lot is also home to other military vehicles and buses.



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Round of Applause

A student receives the Best Artist Award from UCSB's NAACP President, Daria Peoples. Held in the MCC, the Image Awards were given for excellence in the fields of sports, dance and politics.

ISLANDER

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Last year's Islander party drew large community turnout, and according to Cutler, was a big success.

"Last year was awesome. We had the band Hepcat, and we had a lagoon with a waterfall, lots of sand and tons of people," he said.

Fiji brothers have high expectations for the festivities, Maurer said.

"It's going to be lots of fun this year. Tickets have been

selling left and right — it's going to be packed," he said.

Sophomore dramatic arts major Audrey Nicoll-Johnson plans on attending Islander this weekend. "Last year I had a blast because I fell in love with the drummer from Hepcat," she said. "I can't wait to fo this year."

Tickets can be bought pre-sale from Fiji representatives for \$8, or they will be available at the door for \$10. The festivities will begin at 7 p.m. at the Fiji house, 765 Embarcadero Del Norte.

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-- Frank Leahy

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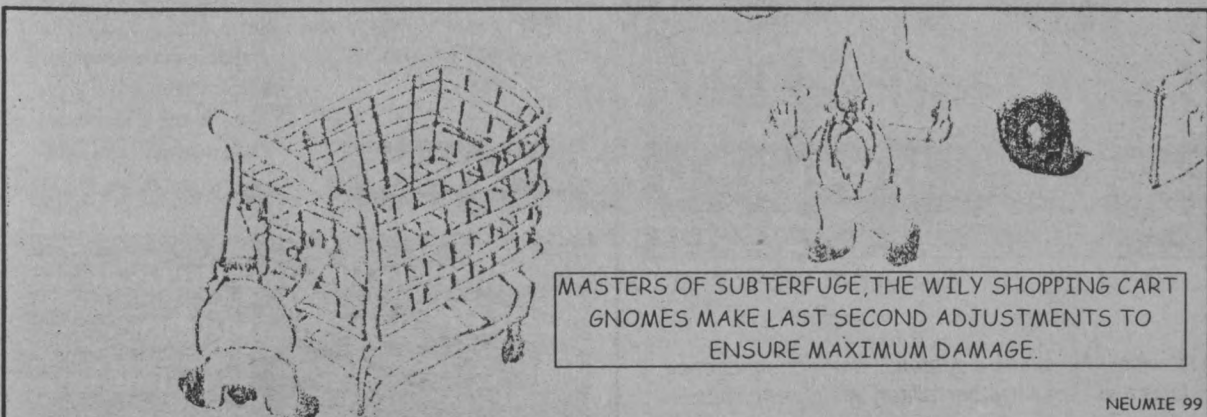
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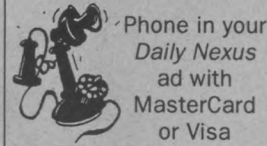
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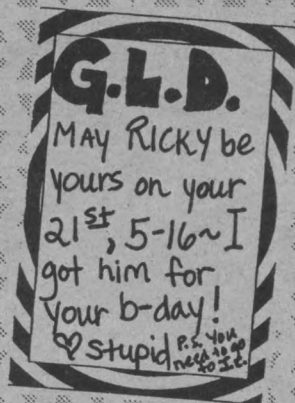


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Thursday Night Woes

MATT HURST

My office has been flooded with calls this past week, wondering what in the world I was thinking. No, this isn't about my botched attempt to knock off the president (that's another column), but rather it has been people asking me to eat my words.

Yeah, OK, I might, but first let me explain. First off, this is about me ragging on the Lakers and how bad they are, or were. Sure, they won their final three games, and were looking to sweep Houston, but did you see how poor they played Thursday night?

They looked bad. In the first quarter they looked like they had brought their brooms to Houston, but I guess they must have forgotten them in the hotel. They threw bad passes, were sluggish and even let Scottie Pippen, who had a terrible year without Jordan at his side, tear them apart. Brent Price, younger brother of Mark, and a significant pine-rider excelled. The Lakers looked clueless and hopeless.

Los Angeles couldn't get it together. Shaq missed easy six-foot shots and Kobe was back to his old self, shooting up nasty-looking shots and thinking that he's all that. Derek Fisher, who had been the MVP of the five-game series to that point even looked bad for the most part.

The Lakers didn't have an answer for Charles Barkley and, unless they bring Rodman back, they still don't. He keeps backing his way in on J.R. Reid and Robert Horry whenever he damn well pleases and the Lakers are cool with that? OK, Kurt, listen up. When Hakeem is not on the floor, put Shaq on Sir Charles and let Reid or Horry or whoever guard Antoine Carr. He isn't good.

If the Lakers keep playing like they did on Thursday night then they can kiss those rings that Jerry Buss had hoped for goodbye. Buss played Wayne Huizenga (owner of the Florida Marlins) and tried to buy a championship, but it backfired, or at least to this point. They have two games left to salvage their season and Rambis' job, so we will see.

I am still going to think that even if the Lakers get out of the first round, San Antonio will run them over in the second. I still like the Lakers, and I guess that's why I can rip on them so much, but for now, I will remain a Clippers fan first and foremost. That way, I won't be seething if the Lakers blow the 2-1 series lead that they now hold. If you have a change of L.A. heart you can sit with me on Draft Day and cheer for the next sorry soul to hold up a Clippers uniform.

— Matt Hurst is the Daily Nexus sports editor and thinks that the Clippers will draft someone good and then trade him for someone bad.

Gauchos Hope to End Season on Winning Note

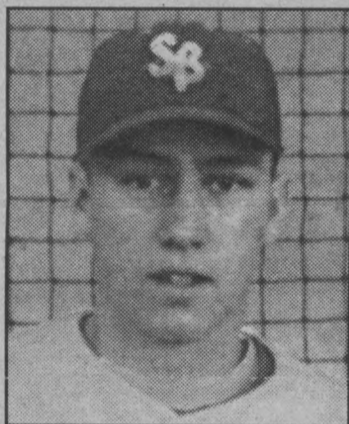
■ UCSB Travels to Cal Poly for Final Games

BY MARVIN GAPULTOS
Staff Writer

For its final three games of the 1998-1999 season, the UCSB baseball team is looking to stifle the horsepower of Big West rival Cal Poly, traveling north to take on the Mustangs.

After two very impressive wins over #24 Nevada last weekend, and a tough extra-inning loss to Cal State Northridge last Tuesday, Santa Barbara is gearing up for Cal Poly.

"Our pitching has been phenomenal the last few games," UCSB Head Coach Bob Brontsema said after last Sunday's victory over Nevada. "Hopefully we can take those positives and use them [this weekend]"



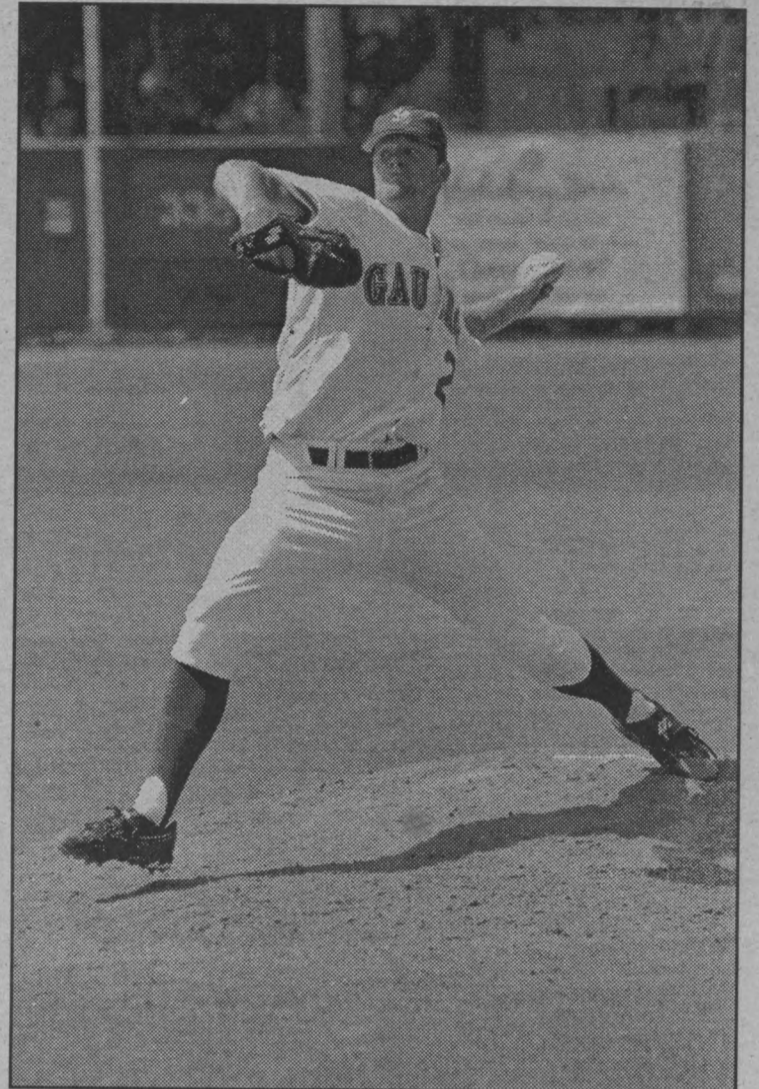
Troy Kinto

One of the positives on the mound for the Gauchos has been junior southpaw Troy Kinto. Kinto pitched a complete game victory last Friday against Nevada and allowed only one run on nine hits and racked up 10 strikeouts. Kinto, who leads UCSB with 49 Ks, was named Big West Pitcher of the Week for his dominance on the hill.

Cal Poly and Santa Barbara previously met this season at Caesar Uyesaka Stadium, with the Gauchos taking the three-game series with two victories. The Mustangs were able to take game three of that series thanks to their ace Mike Zirelli. Zirelli pitched a complete game and allowed two earned runs on seven hits. Zirelli is second on the Mustang pitching staff with a 4.47 ERA. Like Kinto, Zirelli is the probable starter in Friday's first game.

"I think it will be a good matchup," said Kinto, who has a 5.76 ERA. "I think he pitched over his head the last time, so I don't think he can do that to us again. I've done real well my last two starts, so hopefully I can duplicate that."

Kinto's toughest challenge will probably be against Cal Poly's Bryan Gant, who leads the Mustangs with a .380 average and has 16 RBIs.



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DAILEY WORKOUT: Junior Matt Dailey will look to improve on his 1-2 record and 6.29 ERA this weekend in San Luis Obispo.

However, Zirelli has more to worry about. Senior rightfielder Brad Wright leads the Gauchos in average (.384) and hits (81). Sophomore shortstop Jeff Bannon leads the team with 13 home runs and is second in ribbies with 45. The Gauchos are batting a combined .303 on the year.

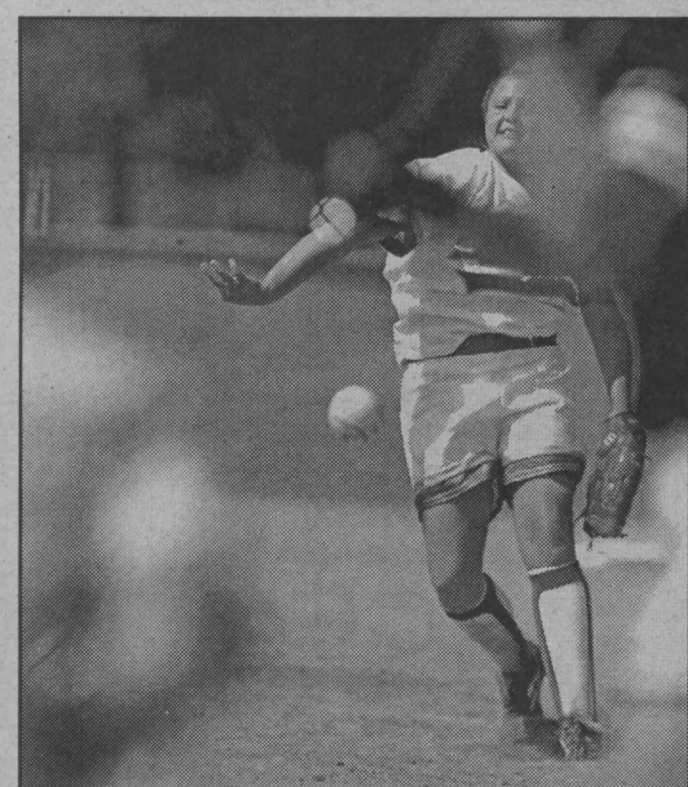
suspect in its two most recent losses, committing five errors in a loss against Nevada, and one error in the CSUN defeat.

"We've been playing great the last few games," junior catcher Bill Duplissea said. "We've had some errors in those losses, but I think our defense will do fine this weekend."

The Gauchos' defense has been

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Big West Baseball Standings

	Overall	Conference
CSUF	43-9	24-3
Nevada	34-17	19-8
LBSU	30-20	17-10
Pacific	31-22	16-11
UCSB	25-25	12-15
Cal Poly	20-29	8-19
NMSU	17-36	6-21
Sac State	16-38	6-21