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Stoner Style

Check out a fashion show put on by the United Hemp Council featuring everything hemp today at noon in Storke Plaza.

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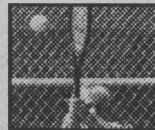
We join the long list of papers to fawn over John McCain and his quest to save American politics.



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Sports

The women's tennis team is off to a strong start in Big West play, plus more golf, gymnastics and men's tennis than you can shake a stick at.



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Locals Make Ends Meet by Recycling

BY JOSH BARON

Staff Writer

TRANSLATIONS BY ELLENA GARCIA

It is 7:30 a.m. on a Saturday morning and most of Isla Vista sleeps. The streets have an eerie calm to them and the overwhelming silence seems out of place. This is an Isla Vista few students see, even after living here for years.

Felipe Ramirez, a 56-year-old Mexican native from Guanajuato, usually arrives in I.V. around 3 a.m. and stays till about 5 p.m. Ever since he hurt his leg in a car accident in Tijuana four years ago, he has relied on recycling as his primary source of income. Somewhat stocky, with a barreled-chest, Ramirez wears a worn hat with a checkered flannel shirt. Leaning on a makeshift metal trash-picker converted from an early '80s ski pole, he speaks with a sense of pride and accomplishment.

Santa Barbara is his home of nine years, after moving from Watts in Los Angeles. In our conversation aided by a translator, he speaks freely of his family life and what has now become a daily job without weekends or holidays.

"I work for myself and nobody else needs to respect me because I respect myself by supporting myself and family," he said.

For approximately 14 hours of work a day, seven days a week, he makes about \$450 every 15 days. It comes out to just over two dollars an hour. Ramirez and his wife share an apartment with three other married couples, along with three children. Their makeshift room was once the garage, but splitting the monthly rent of \$1,830 among everybody makes it both viable and affordable.

Hard data on the amount of money recycling generates for those using it as some form of income is scant. However, sociology professor Denise Segura's report, "Latinos in Isla Vista," published in December, reveals that recycling has the potential to earn as much money as a "regular" job.

Segura's 30-page report on the quality of Latino life in Isla Vista studied the lives of 120 Latino residents. Thirty-four percent of respondents — 24 percent of the respondents being men — reported a weekly income of between \$200 to \$300. Segura sees recycling as falling into

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Protesters Urge Bush to Sign Offshore Drilling Pledge

BY ERIN COE

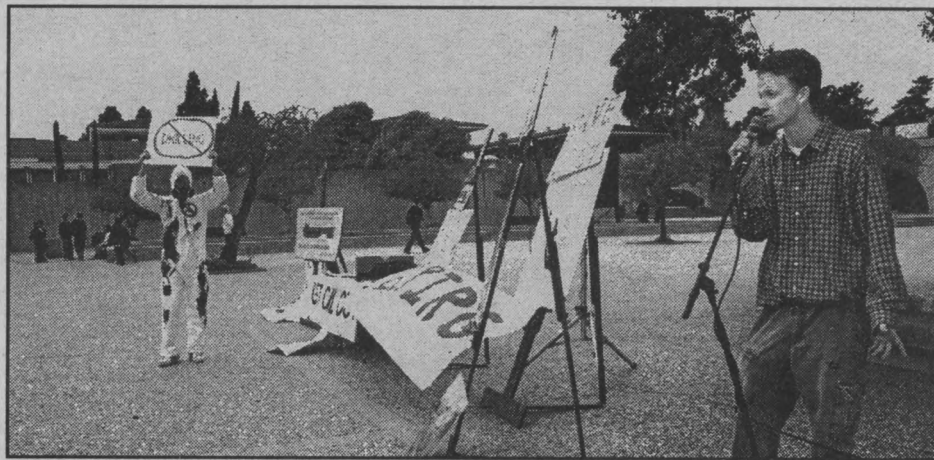
Staff Writer

In an effort to keep the beaches and water of California clean, local organizations staged a rally and letter-writing campaign Tuesday in Storke Plaza.

Demonstrators from CalPIRG and Get Oil Out (GOO) — some of whom wore gas masks, and white jumpsuits doused in black paint — spoke out against offshore oil drilling in California, and urged students and community members to sign letters to Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush. Bush is the only one of four presidential contenders who has not signed a CalPIRG pledge to allow 36 undeveloped oil leases off the central coast owned by oil companies to expire, if elected. The letters are intended to encourage Bush to sign the pledge.

The next president will make a decision on these leases between May and November of 2001, according to Campus Organizer Todd Langager. He said in his speech that "Bush supports the current moratorium, but he won't take the next step and join the rest of the candidates [by signing the pledge]."

In addition to signing the letters, the organizers asked those in attendance to



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CalPIRG Campus Organizer Todd Langager speaks out in Storke Plaza against offshore oil drilling along with junior political science and global studies major Ryan Jennings.

write their e-mail addresses on a petition so they could forward letters to students for them to sign.

Langager said Californians feel strongly against offshore drilling and that CalPIRG intends to voice that concern. "CalPIRG is a nonprofit, nonpartisan environmental consumer watchdog ... it defends public interest against [the] special interests."

CalPIRG Save Our Coast coordinator Stephanie Garbaczewski said she hoped the letters and e-mails would convince Bush to take a stronger stance. "Right now,

Bush says he will take each lease on a case-by-case basis," she said.

GOO, which began 31 years ago in response to an oil spill off the coast, concentrates on the Santa Barbara area, according to GOO Executive Director Hannah Eckberg. Eckberg said at the rally, "Now is the time to end deadly fossil fuel addiction. ... It's not enough to say, 'Not in our backyard,' we must get alternatives in."

She added that it is necessary to "get

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Leggies To Consider Modification of A.S. Employment Procedures

BY BRENDAN BUHLER

Staff Writer

Questionable hiring policies will bring Affirmative Action into the sights of Associated Students Legislative Council when it conducts its second-to-last Winter Quarter meeting tonight.

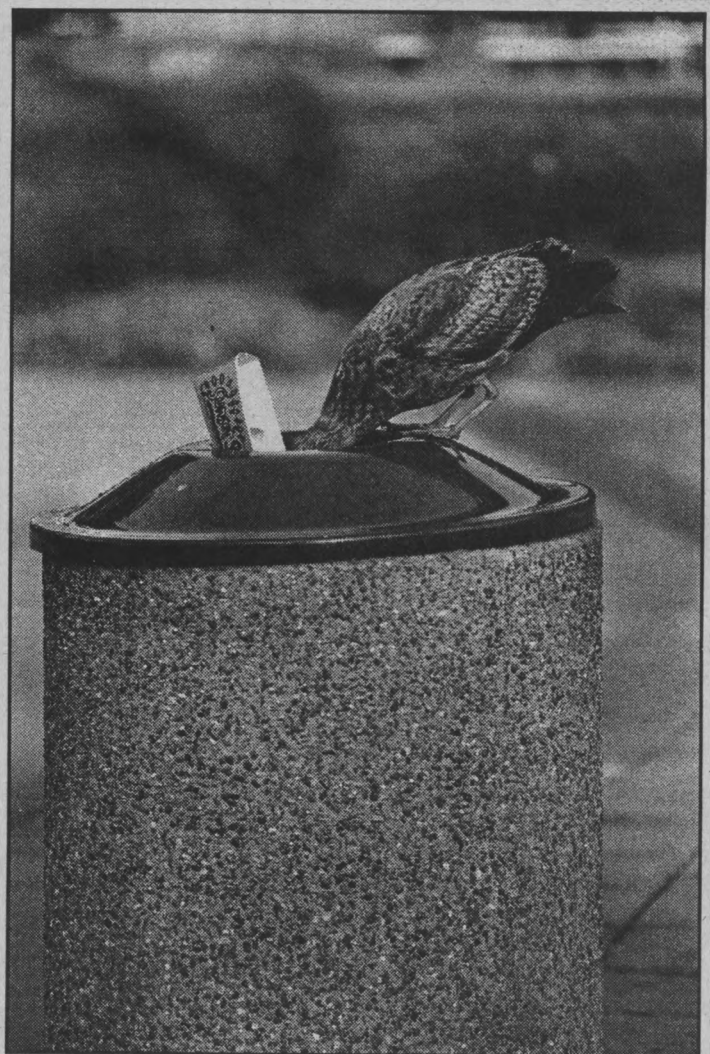
The item likely to stir controversy is the "Recruitment and Selection Process Reform" bill, which would amend A.S. hiring policies to comply with University of California Affirmative Action laws, University-Owned Housing Rep Mel Fabi said.

"Right now, the By-Laws say that you have to take the racial and sexual composition of the campus into account for appointments. However, if you literally took those numbers, the percentages of students, right now, it would translate into only, say, three black appointments or 17 Asian students [out of 100 appointments]," he said. "What this bill is saying is that we want the composition of the campus to be at least reflected in the recruitment for A.S., but the actual appointments should be based on dedication and skill."

Off-Campus Rep Matt McMillan said the council could also open the minutes for the last meeting of Finance Board to question an allocation granted to External Vice President for Statewide Affairs Sergio Morales. On Feb. 28, Finance Board recommended that Morales receive an additional \$1,040 to fund a conference he, along with four other UCSB students, plans to attend in Washington, D.C. The money is intended to purchase a plane ticket for one student and to pay a per-diem fee for three students. Morales had received funds for two plane tickets at the previous week's meeting.

McMillan said the allocation needed to be examined. "It's

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Mmm ... Tastes Like Chicken

This scavenging seagull scours a trash can in front of Sunset Strips at the Arbor on Monday, seeking a scrumptious midafternoon snack.



Top of the News

Elementary Shaken by Youth Shooting

MOUNT MORRIS TOWNSHIP, Mich. (AP) — A 6-year-old boy shot a schoolmate to death Tuesday in their first-grade classroom, authorities said. Police were investigating reports that the two youngsters may have had a playground scuffle Monday.

A single shot was fired inside a classroom at Buell Elementary School about 10 a.m., Police Chief Eric King said.

It was not immediately clear if the shooting was accidental or intentional, but Genesee County Prosecutor Arthur A. Busch said authorities were investigating reports that a playground fight preceded the shooting.

"It would appear from the investigation so far that there may have been some sort of scuffle or quarrel on the playground the day before the shooting between this little boy and this little girl," Busch said.

The 6-year-old girl died about 10:30 a.m., hospital spokesperson



Stephanie Motschenbacher said.

The boy was in the custody of the state Family Independence Agency, Busch said, adding that regardless of what an investigation reveals, it may be impossible to bring charges against the boy.

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**— Arthur A. Busch
Prosecutor**

"There is a presumption in law that a child ... is not criminally responsible and can't form an intent to kill," he said. "Obviously, he has done a very terrible thing today, but legally, he can't be held criminally responsible."

President Clinton, in Florida for a Democratic National Committee fund-raiser, decried the shooting and challenged

Americans to take gun safety into consideration during this year's presidential elections.

"How did that child get that gun? Why could the child fire the gun?" Clinton said. "If we have the technology today to put in these child safety

locks, why don't we do it?"

Buell Elementary third-grader Corey Sutton, 9, said he heard a bang Tuesday morning and thought a desk had fallen.

Then, "The principal came over the PA system and told teachers to shut their doors and lock them. I was scared, my heart was pounding," he said.

The teacher told stu-

dents to line up and get their coats on, and then "she told us what happened. A girl got shot, and the teacher started crying."

About 22 pupils were inside the classroom when the shot was fired. About 500 children attend Buell Elementary.

Police closed off nearby streets, and parents picked up their children from a church across the street. Police questioned the pupils who were in the classroom where the shooting happened.

Busch said officials "will get to the bottom of how that gun got in this little boy's hands."

"We've had other schoolchildren take guns to elementary schools before ... but it never went this far with it," he said. "It's a sign of our times where we have a fully armed society that doesn't take its responsibility to secure its weapons seriously."

Busch said someone may face charges for allowing the boy to obtain the gun.

Three Minors Face Murder Charges Overseas

DARMSTADT, Germany (AP) — With thousands of U.S. military personnel in Germany, police are used to dealing with the occasional Army brat who runs a red light or lifts beer from a supermarket.

But three teenage Americans who allegedly spent their nights hurling rocks at cars from a pedestrian bridge are facing something far more serious — murder charges for the deaths of two drivers.

The community was on edge Tuesday as tabloids blared demands for justice. Military families worried about anti-American backlash.

"They were American soldiers' sons — the killer kids from Darmstadt," screamed a banner headline in *Bild*, the nation's top-selling daily, which devoted half the front page to the story.

On television, German psychologists and commentators tried to explain the mindset behind the attacks. They focused on the sense of isolation felt by U.S. military personnel in Germany and a lack of direction among today's teenagers.

"Germans get their main perception of American soldiers when they go into town, get drunk and get out of hand," Army Spec. Richard Tennant, who has been based



in Darmstadt for two and a half years, said. "Now they'll think their kids are just as bad. I'm definitely

ashamed."

The three teenagers, whose names were withheld by authorities, were arrested Monday night by German and U.S. military police at the U.S. Army's Lincoln housing area near Darmstadt, a sleepy suburb of 140,000 just south of Frankfurt.

Darmstadt police say the three confessed to hurling volleyball-sized stones — some weighing 20 pounds — late Sunday from a pedestrian bridge at cars on the four-lane highway underneath.

They had met regularly for the last four to six weeks to do so, developing a "tradition," police said. But things turned deadly Sunday, when stones shattered the windshields of two passing cars, striking their drivers in the head and killing them.

The boys allegedly threw stones at four other cars, injuring five more people. One of those killed, a 41-year-old mother of two, was on her way to the train station to pick up her husband. The second victim was a 20-year-old Darmstadt woman riding with her grandparents. Both grandparents were injured.

Clinton Proposes Opening Up U.S. Oil Supply to Consumers

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton said today that he may tap the nation's supply of emergency oil if other options fail to reduce prices.

"I have not taken the petroleum reserve issue off the table, and I certainly wouldn't do that in the event that we don't seem to have any other options," Clinton said before leaving the White House for a political trip to Florida.

Several Northeast lawmakers have urged the administration to release oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, but Energy Secretary Bill



Richardson and other administration officials have repeatedly said they do not intend to do that. The reserve is designed to ease supply disruptions and not to influence prices, administration officials have said.

There is also concern that if the strategic reserve were tapped it would make it more difficult to convince OPEC oil producers to increase production when they meet in March to consider future produc-

tion strategies.

If production goes up, "then oil prices will go down, the gasoline prices will go down, and that's really what is needed here," Clinton said Tuesday. "We'll see. I'm encouraged that that might occur."

Richardson visited several leading oil-producing countries this weekend but failed to obtain any firm promises that OPEC would agree to significantly raise its self-imposed

production cuts.

The cuts have caused oil prices to soar since December 1998, from a 12-year low of \$11.37 a year ago to a nine-year high of around \$30 a barrel, leading to the highest average U.S. gasoline prices ever.

Unadjusted for inflation, the price at the pump is \$1.47 per gallon, according to industry analyst Trilby Lundberg. That is up 6 cents on average in the two weeks that ended Friday, the Lundberg Survey of 10,000 stations nationwide reported Sunday.

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Doin' the Humpty Dance

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Weather

I always wondered why Wednesday's were called "Hump Day." Is it because there is a bunch of people boning down on Wednesday? Or could it be that it's the middle of the week and when you've completed that day, you're on the back half of the week? I like to think it's the first one, but it's probably the second. If it is the second idea, they should split it up into two halves of Wednesday — before lunch: foreplay (pre-hump), after lunch: nap (post-hump). That way, it would be more clear as to what Hump Day is all about.

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going to come up if honorable members who believe that it should be opened stick to their guns and don't bow to the whims of the socialist party. Certainly, in recent weeks, funding for our wonderful External Vice President has been questionable and oversight has not been prudent," he said.

Rep-at-Large Jessica Ehrlich spoke

against opening the minutes to examine the Washington conference funding. "Regardless of [concerns], in the job description for the EVPSA and the [Statewide Affairs Organizing Director], they are required to go to conferences, and they've always brought students, and it's proven to be very beneficial in the past," she said.

The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the UCen's Flying A Room.

RECYCLE

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what she defines as the "informal" economy, an employment sector without health benefits whose wages fall well below the poverty line. Ramirez is, to a large extent, an exception in the amount of money he earns, but it proves recycling can be a full-time job.

Recycling is rapidly becoming big business as landfills reach capacity, city populations continue to grow and statewide laws mandate cutbacks in county waste production. The California Waste Management Act of 1989 requires all counties to cut waste production by 50 percent. With the aid of MarBorg Industries' revamped I.V. recycling program, Santa Barbara may be getting close to the mark, but the indirect benefits of I.V.'s full-time recyclers go unnoticed in the county's assessment of reaching that goal.

Catalina, a 19 year-old from San Mateo, Mexico, recycles to supplement her part-time income from Jack in the Box. For a weekend's worth of work, Catalina makes about \$250. It seems a bit on the high side, given that several interviewees reported substantially lower numbers. Tomasa Gonzales, originally from Teluca, Mexico, makes about \$5 for a big trash bag full of cans. At the time of the interview, Gonzales was pushing a shopping cart brimming with a variety of recyclables, and said it was probably worth about \$7.50.

Another man in his late 40s, Alejandro Pacheco, said he and his wife collect recyclables for 2 hours a day. After two or three days, they bring \$80 to \$85 to supplement his income from the car wash where he works. Pacheco said recycling helps to pay the \$950-per-month rent, which provides a home for his wife, five kids and

nephew.

Jose Garcia, an elderly man who wears a shabby blue cowboy hat and rides a rickety bicycle, said this is all the work he does because he is too old to do anything else. After five hours of work, he earns about \$7.

Not all full-time recyclers have a roof or a family to come home to. Joe, a 59-year-old homeless resident of Isla Vista, cleans up the trash along the 6600 block of Del Playa, toting along his dog, Kaya, and a bicycle-cart contraption holding his personal belongings. Joe said he does not recycle to make extra cash, "I recycle to make a living."

For working Friday to Monday, he makes anywhere from \$75 to \$100. After one particularly good weekend, he said he bought a \$107 radio. He recycles for three to four hours a day in order to make about \$5 — enough

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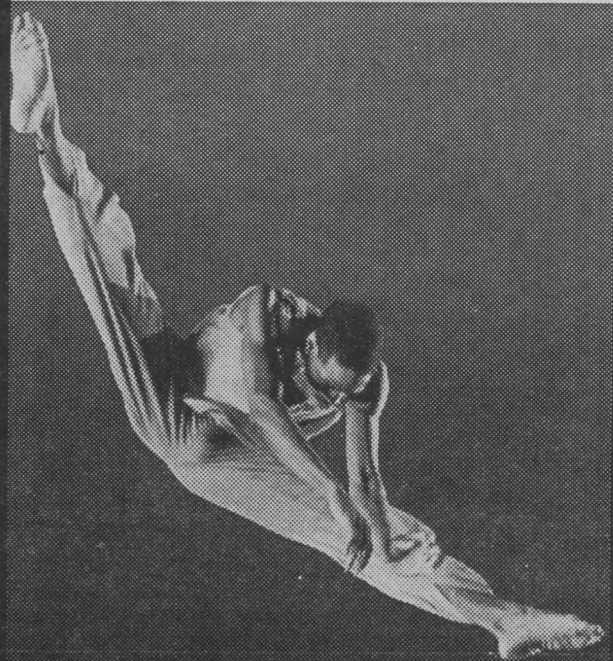
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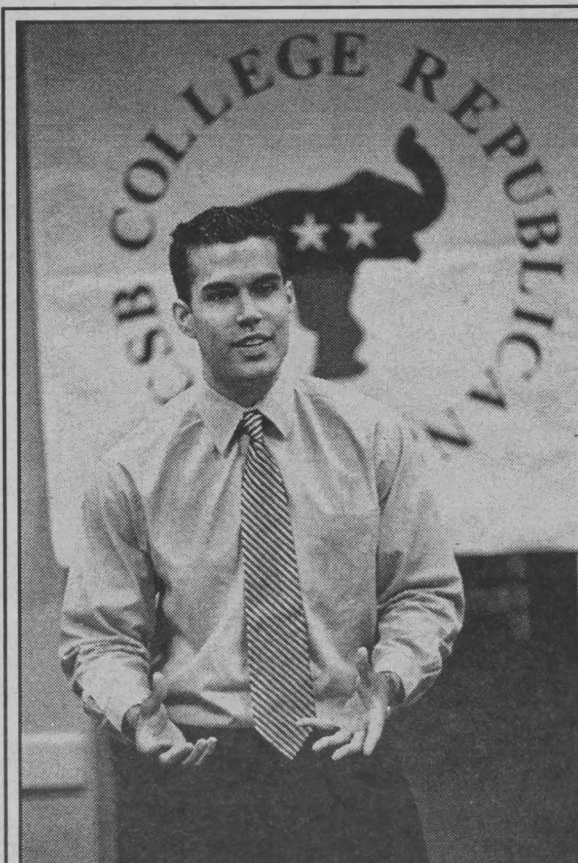
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to feed himself every day. In Anisq' Oyo' Park, he was hailed as the most efficient recycler around.

Mark Berry, a 47-year-old Santa Barbara native and homeless resident of I.V., said he needs about \$10 a day to get by and, with the help of a partner, can make that in about four or five hours. "That's not really going at it good, you know, but I figured it out: These guys make about \$1 an hour with all the effort and hauling it down to Fairview to the California Redemption," Berry reckoned. Berry also relayed a story of hauling in 650 lbs. of glass on a cart after working all day. The take? A mere \$45.

The stories are all similar: long days of work for little cash. Yet, there's a reason they all continue to work day in and day out: It is a guaranteed source of money that is

seemingly endless. EAB Vice-Chair Laura Brands said in an interview in January that, "My impression is that people think of recycling as leaving aluminum and glass



Overflowing recycling bins such as these provide a source of income for a number of Santa Barbara County residents.

bottles on the ground for those that will pick them up," a statement that begs the question, is this wrong? A few students have already discovered the middle ground: setting aside recyclables for those people who choose to make a profit from it, as opposed to throwing them in the trash.

Goodspeed intern and local activist Harley Augustino just finished a week-long program to increase communication and activism between UCSB students and the other 50 percent of the I.V. community. He said the relationships the groups hold is often mired by stereotypes and apathy.

"These lower income people are basically holding the economy together, and they do not get any credit or recognition for it," he said. "These same people are getting involved and making a difference in the community in a lot of ways students aren't."

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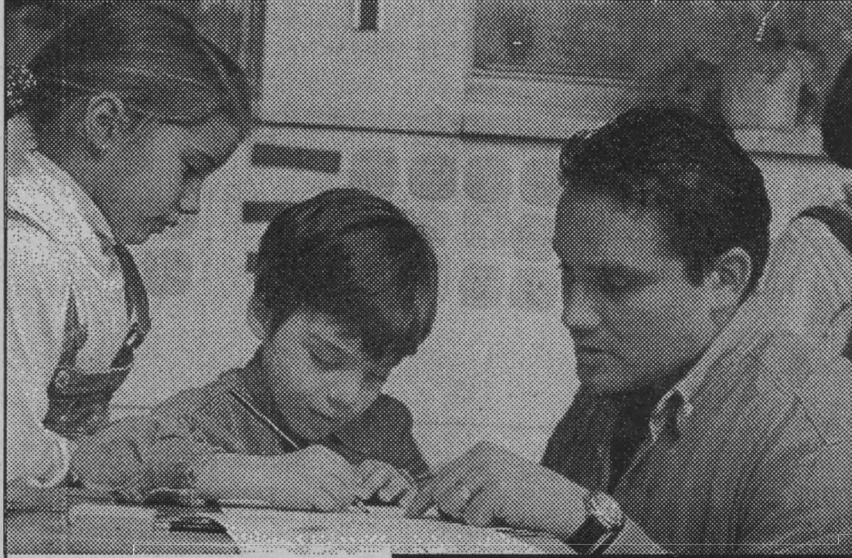
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Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 5 — Don't let your worries get in the way of making a profit. Don't be intimidated by an older person who owes you money, either. If the facts are on your side, the cash flow will turn in your favor. Be nice, but firm. Losing your temper would be counterproductive.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — This might seem like it ought to be a good day to travel, but it's not. If you must, stay alert. Avoid traffic jams, whenever possible. Just about everything may take longer than usual.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 5 — You're working hard, but you might not feel like you're getting anywhere. You're hampered by confusion and complications. Know what the rules are and comply with them. Get your facts straight. The extra trouble will ensure your success.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — Expect complications, detours and misunderstandings. Check all the directions twice and confirm all appointments. Silly little things could prevent you from doing what you want. Don't rely on a partner; you might be the one who solves the problem.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 4 — You're busy, and the job's not easy. You may be afraid that you won't get paid what you're worth, either. Did you get everything in writing? Don't take a risk, with either your time or money. Try not to leave much to chance. Get legal help, if necessary.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — You're in a practical mood. That's good because everybody isn't. Somebody else could waste your money if you're not careful. Don't rely on a person who could get distracted and leave you stranded. Watch out for the most creative and drifty one, especially.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Today is a 5 — You may feel like you're dragging an anchor behind you. Instead of being frustrated, check everything carefully. Take advantage of this mood by going back over your work one more time. Better safe now than sorry later.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — You're probably a good craftsman. You have the energy and the patience to practice. That's what you should do now, in fact. Take time with your romantic relationship, too. A person you care about might want to be with you.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — A domestic matter could frustrate you. Is something not quite the way you'd like it to be? This could be more expensive than you'd like, but it's important to get the job done right. You can make more money later, anyway, right?

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — Be patient, take your time, and explain what you want done. The others need a strong leader, and you could be the right person for the job. Keep an eye on them while they're working, too. Even a person who's usually reliable could mess up.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 5 — Finish old business; don't start anything new. If you can hide out and check things off your lists, you'll not only get a lot done, but you'll make yourself feel a lot better, too. Get to bed early. You'll be stronger and luckier soon.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — Get in touch with an old friend, just for the fun of it. A gathering with the old gang is just what the doctor ordered. Romance will be best in a private setting, but being with old friends and family could put you in a cuddly mood.

Today's Birthday (March 1). Two themes dominate this year: business and completion. Be decisive, not impetuous, in April. There's plenty of money in May if you stick to your budget. By August, you should find true love and your destiny, if you've been looking. December's full of challenges and surprises. Follow your higher self's advice then. Share old stories with friends in January and give up an old habit of criticizing yourself before then.

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Staff Editorial



SHADI MUKLASHY / DAILY NEXUS

John McCain Does It Again

He Seems Determined to Test Whether a Man of Principle Can Become President

On Monday, Republican Senator and presidential candidate John McCain displayed the rarest commodity in American politics: balls.

Religion and politics do not mix, and McCain said so loud and clear in Virginia, in a speech delivered just 30 miles from the Christian Coalition's headquarters. McCain's speech criticized Christian conservative movement leaders Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell for their "corrupting influences on religion and politics," specifically Christianity and the Republican party.

By speaking out about his beliefs, McCain strays from the hard and fast party lines drawn by the ultra-conservative wing of the Republican Party only one day before the Virginia primary. Criticizing the fringe politics of Robertson and Falwell, McCain spoke against leaders of a movement that makes up a large and reliable voting bloc for the Republicans, compromising his chances in the Southern primaries.

In fact, McCain did lose Tuesday's Virginia primary, making his speech seem even more courageous. By voicing strong opposition to a large portion of the Republican Party, he risked the support of states with heavy Christian-right supporters, even though he did not attack the group as a whole. McCain took a gamble by standing up against these leaders, knowing he would probably lose the bet.

But in the long run, his strong stance could prove beneficial to his campaign. Since Bush has won both the South Carolina and Virginia primaries decisively, McCain's criticisms may leave

Bush stranded with religious conservative support and not much more. McCain could succeed in getting the moderates on the East and West Coasts by stating his contempt for the religious fanaticism taking over the Republican Party.

Standing up to the self-appointed moral guardians of the far right is risky because, though most voters are more moderate than the Republican or Democratic Party platforms, the money in each party comes from the fringes. For Republicans, this means Robertson, Falwell and their evangelical Christian allies. These Republicans bring huge donations, heavy church influence in the government and opposition to personal freedom.

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McCain forcefully presented his platform against these views, calling for the Republican Party of Abe Lincoln and Ronald Reagan — conservative, yet not divisive or slanderous. The comparison to Reagan is again a gamble, since McCain aims to

reach the more moderate voters with his take on the religious right, and Reagan was not much of a moderate himself. Instead, McCain is looking to emulate Reagan's strong personal appeal to voters across the political spectrum.

Like his opponents to the right, McCain is pro-life, but he has not made abortion an end-all debate, as religious conservatives have. McCain is telling it like it is, in a system with no place for straight talk. Hopefully, the voting public will rise to his challenge and reject the religious fundamentalism so heartily embraced by the Republican Party.

The
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A Proposal Let Rampart Officers

DAVID DOWNS

"Justice must be done here."

— Dept. of Justice Attorney Alejandro Mayorkas, reference to the symphony of shame that is the Rampart Corruption Scandal.

For those who even fail to get their news from Stewart and his "Daily Show," the West Coast has again shown the East Coast exactly why we're so core.

In New York, a couple of boys in blue just got with putting 19 rounds through an unarmed immigrant and Danny Glover is up in arms. L.A. fires right with the LAPD Rampart Division. They stand at

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of everything from murder to false arrests to perjuring willfully consorting with the true mayor of L.A., Satan.

I have a strong interest in seeing Alejandro and his employer, the Dept. of Justice, do their job on this and I would like to offer a few tips to ensure "justice."

Lets start with Officer Raphael Perez, who rats his gangsta-cop homies in exchange for a lighter sentence from the un-crooked officers who caught him stealing drugs.

Sure, Ralphy, just tell us every evil thing you ever did, and we promise we won't let them eat you at the prison showers. Perez might have earned points if he confessed to his and his co-workers' ties out of the kindness of his oil-pumping heart, didn't. The judge gave him five years, which in my is about 20 too short.

The Reader's Voice

THE COUNTY'S REAL MONEYS HIGHWAY 217 "IMPROVEMENTS"

Editor, Daily Nexus:

In response to your editorial "Let There Be Light" (Feb. 18): I wonder if you are fully aware of the traffic problems in the Goleta redevelopment. Your editorial doesn't even mention the Family Conference Hotel or the Airport Plaza redevelopment. These are the major projects to be "serviced" by the Highway 217 improvements. The general notion, reflected in your editorial, that the improvements are designed to relieve congestion on Hollister is true, and all the county documents make that clear. The purpose of the road crossings is to make the large commercial developments viable (i.e. more profitable). UCSB's inconvenience is a profit. I suggest you investigate the redevelopment project, and then advocate the position you have.

INTERSECTIONS ON HIGHWAY 217 WON'T HELP GOLETA COMMUNITY

Editor, Daily Nexus:

What do you mean by "Proposed Traffic Light Intersections" (Feb. 18)? How many people, while sitting in traffic on Highway 101, will think to themselves, "I pull onto Hollister and become integrated with the community?" What is "integration with the community?" Will it result from this? Will UCSB students suddenly be pouring of love for Goleta and redouble their efforts to improve the area, simply because of a few new intersections? Will entrepreneurs establish bold new high-tech projects in Goleta as a result of the traffic jams?

Also, who is so lazy that he won't shop in Goleta? Driving on Highway 217 is too difficult? Isn't driving downtown



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Sal For Real Justice

Officers Fend for Themselves in the Streets

According to the *L.A. Times*, over 20 cops involved have been suspended, fired or have quit. Alejandro, Mr. Smart Attorney guy, I advise you to watch Ontario and LAX for flights to Central America under German surnames. Then again, that might not be such a good idea for a cop accused of shooting illegal Mexican immigrants in the back and then planting evidence on them.

Such was the case of unarmed 19-year-old gang member Javier Ovando. Ex-Officer Perez and his partner, Nino Durden, shot him, planted a gun on him and falsely testified against him.

"OK, Javier, the good news is we're going to set you free from jail; the bad news is you have to stay in that wheelchair for the rest of your natural life."

Fresh out of jail at 22, Javier is suing the city of L.A. for the monetary value of a life without jumping jacks, and Attorney Alejandro Mayorkas, you should make sure he gets every penny. As for the cops that will stand trial, "justice" should again be served in the courtroom.

Every crooked cop should be represented by the same dumb-fuck public defenders that could let an innocent, unarmed, paralyzed teenager go to jail. With any luck, Johnny Cochran and a couple other bad-ass attorneys will line up for some pro bono work and take turns slow-roasting the bastards. And Alejandro, this is very important:

When those dirty cops go to jail, no special treatment. Put them in the general population just like the innocent citizens they sent to the meat grinder that is our federal prison system. Their asses should not be exempt, literally. The stamp on their left butt cheek should read 100% Grade-A Dirty Cop.

Meanwhile, the rest of Los Angeles is reeling from the economic fallout of the scandal, not to men-

tion the idea that O.J. actually might not have done it. Conservatively estimated civil liabilities float in the stratosphere. Forced with paying hundreds of millions to wronged citizens, Mayor Riordan has decided his brain works better when insulated from the winter weather by his own ass.

Riordan's idea is to take \$300 million in tobacco company settlements and use it to pay off the sue-happy victims of Rampart's finest. Among the many government programs scheduled to partake in the tobacco settlement, was a \$50 million program to retrofit curbs for handicapped people.

If Riordan's plan works — and it has in New York — Javier Ovando won't be able to get onto a sidewalk because the handicapped curb money was used to cover the cost of his settlement against the cops who put him in a wheelchair. Ah, Irony, you never stray too far. On a personal level, the

Rampart scandal pisses me off because it is indirectly costing me money. Every corrupt case was money paid to bad cops, dumb lawyers, blind judges and ineffectual juries. The whole criminal justice system ran like it was owned by a couple of Oklahoma carnies and there are untold millions of wasted dollars in the process. The real people being anally raped are, to no surprise, the average taxpayers.

People get mad at me when all I do is bitch and not propose solutions to problems, so here's my shot this week, and it comes courtesy of the culture that gave us the chalupa.

In the early morning hours of CNN, I watched as 60-

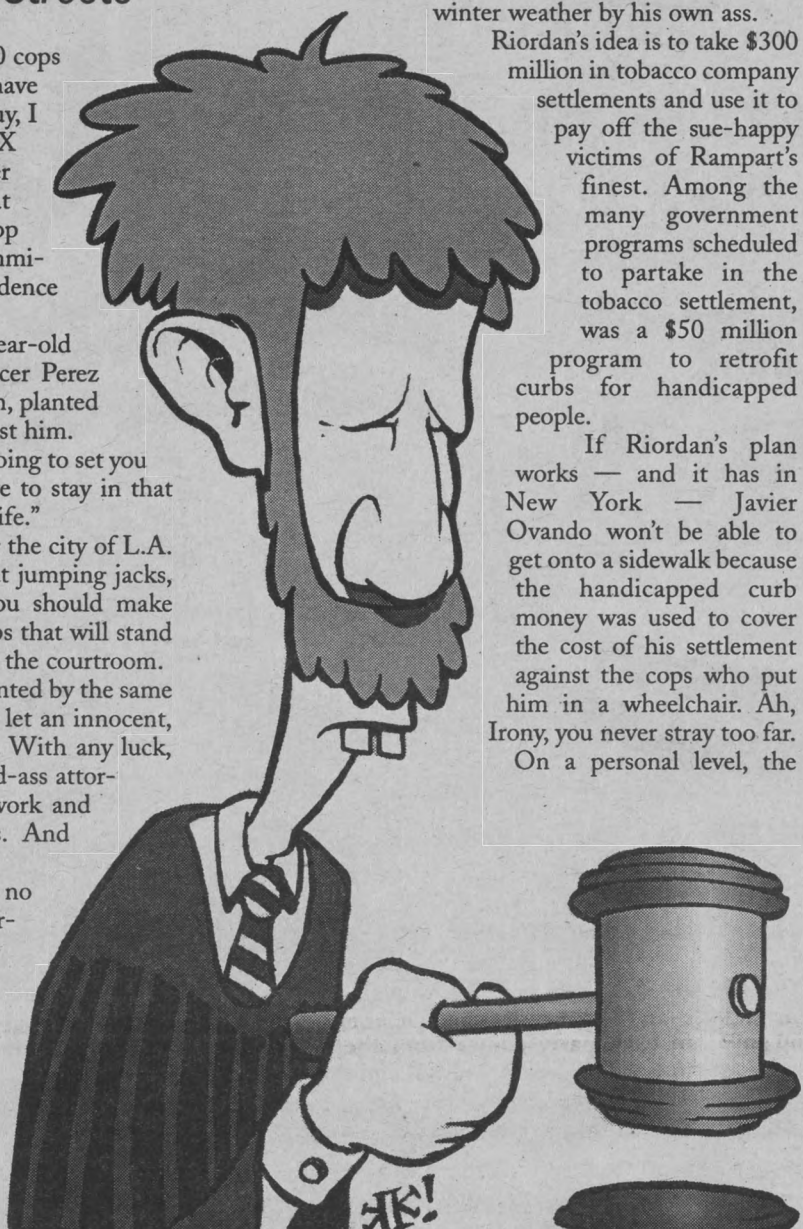
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plus law enforcement officers in central Mexico stood shivering in the dawn gloom — defeated faces, pot bellies, stripped down to their boxers and bound by a big rope.

It turns out these cops were unlawfully busting down doors, harassing women and generally acting like bad monkeys. The local townsmen took up arms and encircled the officers when they were raiding a residence. After getting them to throw down their weapons, the local townsmen stripped them, roped them and paraded them through the town square for international news cameras.

How cool would that be? The LAPD Rampart's finest stripped to their tighty whities and driven down Hollywood Boulevard by a bullwhip, Javier Ovando as the quintessential swine herder. The cameras would love it. That, Alejandro, is "justice."

David Downs' column appears every other Wednesday in the Daily Nexus. After he writes his column late Monday night, he says a prayer before bed for all the great cops who risk their lives every day to protect his weenie butt.



KAZUHIRO KIBUISHI / DAILY NEXUS

MOTIVE BEHIND MOVEMENTS"

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suming? Bad geography hasn't stopped Calle Real from thriving. Perhaps the businesses on Hollister simply aren't as competitive as those on Calle Real.

I know that the phrase "integration with the community" is designed to bestow a humanitarian veneer on this project. But this has absolutely nothing to do with the community. It will cause traffic jams (and extra air pollution), turn a profit for construction forms, make me vote against Gail Marshall, and make a lot of consumers very angry at the Goleta Valley Chamber of Commerce.

ALEX SMALL

ARTICLE FULL OF MISINFORMATION

Editor, Daily Nexus:

I am writing in response to the Feb. 17 article titled "Homeless Share in Breakfast of Surplus Food at Anisq' Oyo" (Daily Nexus). As one of the managers of

Nicoletti's, I was disturbed by the many inaccuracies of the article. First of all, I would like to make it clear that UCen Dining has put in a continuous effort to find a program or organization that is able to collect our food surplus. In the past, UCen Dining has donated the excess food to LIVE (Let Isla Vista Eat). But once this program was discontinued due to a lack of funding, UCen Dining was left without an outlet for the leftovers. We have contacted many organizations since then, but most simply do not have the capability or means to pick up the food from campus. The article states that members of Share a Sunrise, which was established by the Community Affairs Board, "came up with the idea of providing the homeless with

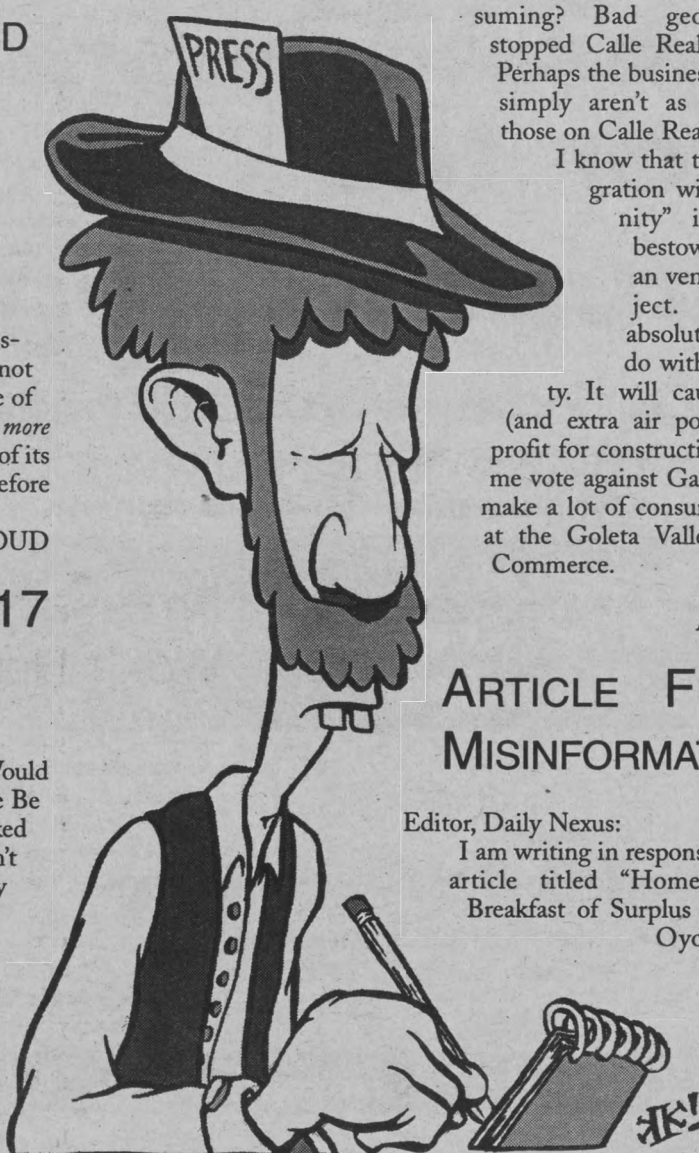
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excess food from the UCen," when in actuality it was UCen Dining that approached CAB with the possibility of donating food.

Another point I would like to make is that many other units in UCen Dining have attempted to donate food as well. The project was not solely a Nicoletti's endeavor. Every unit in UCen Dining plans to contribute to the cause. For the first Share a Sunrise food service on Feb. 16, there was supposed to be more food donated from various units, but due to a miscommunication among staff members, they were unable to collect all that was available. UCen Dining has already followed through with plans to better the food collection for the next Share a Sunrise event.

Although the Share a Sunrise events are a great cause, UCen Dining still wishes to do more. If you have any suggestions or recommendations of organizations that have the ability to pick up our food surplus on a daily basis, please feel free to contact Joanne Antles at the UCen Dining Central Kitchen. UCen Dining has not been neglecting the issue of food excess and/or waste, and we would greatly appreciate any ideas on how to better the situation. Thank you for your consideration, and I hope this clears up any inaccuracies in the article.

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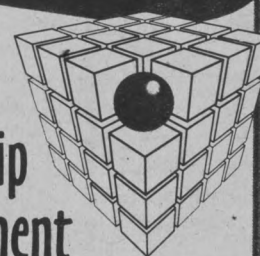
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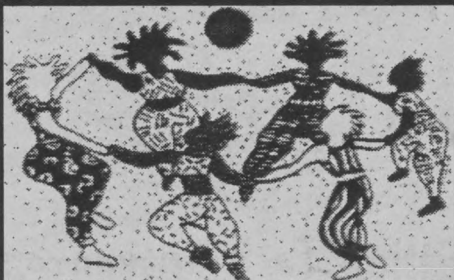
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RALLY

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candidates to carry out plans to stop oil development. ... If Bush doesn't sign the pledge, he will continue to get pressure."

Eckberg said the rally had benefits other than putting pressure on Bush. "It lets students know that they can make a difference by writing a letter, making a phone call or sending an e-mail," she said.

CalPIRG Save Our Coast co-coordinator Chris Hubbard said the ecological risks of offshore oil drilling include beach closures and pollution damage. Reducing offshore drilling serves as an "economic benefit for shopkeepers as well as for the tourism industry," he said.

Junior English major Daniel Huber stopped to receive more information on offshore oil drilling from the rally. "It's an issue that hasn't been publicized in this election," he said. "None of the candidates are making it an issue."

The rally resulted in an estimated 30 signed letters and e-mails. According to Langager, CalPIRG is currently working on three campaigns — Save Our Coast, Earth Day 2000, and Hunger and Homelessness.

Eckberg encouraged the public to vote March 7, as well as attend next Tuesday's Board of Supervisors hearing. For more information, call GOO at 965-1519 or CalPIRG at 893-8319.



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Sports

Santa Barbara Serves Up Losses to Long Beach State and CS Fullerton

BY BROOKE ROBERTS
Staff Writer

The UCSB women's tennis team ran circles around its opponents this past weekend, handing two consecutive defeats out to Long Beach State and Cal State Fullerton, and proving that it is a force to be reckoned with.

Last Friday, the Gauchos (8-2 overall, and 2-0 in the Big West Conference) found themselves pitted against Long Beach State at UCSB's RecCen Courts in their Big West Conference opener. Santa Barbara did not start out very strong on the scoreboard, dropping its first two matches to the 49ers. Sophomore Cindy Ammann lost in the #1 spot, 3-6, 6-0, 6-2; and junior Shannon Wilkins followed suit when she was defeated by Long Beach's Sophie Han 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.

"I underestimated my opponent during the Long Beach State match," Ammann said. "It was kind of an off day for me."

UCSB turned things around in its third singles match, when sophomore Deb Pepkowitz won 4-6, 6-0, 6-2. Pepkowitz must have started a trend because the Gauchos finished singles strong, taking victories in the last three spots and bringing the tally at the end of singles to 4-2 in favor of UCSB.

Doubles play clinched the victory for UCSB, but just barely. Ammann and Wilkins lost 8-5 at #1, and Pepkowitz and senior Melissa Dillard lost 9-8 at #3. The only win in doubles was in the sec-

ond match when senior Jill Katzenberger and junior Gaby Andrade beat their Long Beach opponents 8-2. Santa Barbara came away from the match on top by a final score of 5-4.

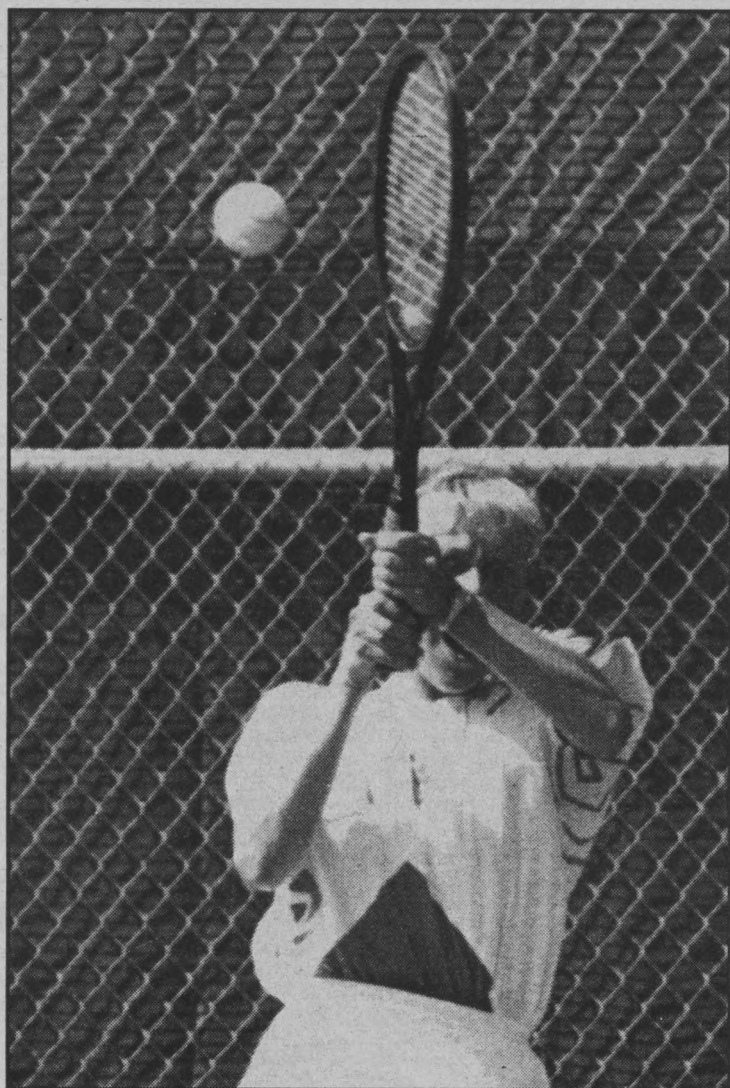
"I think Long Beach was strong," Andrade said. "It was a really good win because they were strong all the way down the lineup."

Saturday, the Gauchos hit the road to do battle with Cal State Fullerton in their second Big West match of the season. Santa Barbara swept the Titans, winning in every spot except #2 singles, where Fullerton's Elanor Luzano defeated Wilkins 6-3, 2-6, 6-2. Out of the singles players for UCSB, all but two won their matches in straight sets. The final tally for the Fullerton match was 8-1, with the scale strongly leaning in favor of the Gauchos.

"We were really motivated [to defeat Fullerton]," said Ammann. "By beating them 8-1, I think we sent a message that we're ready to take on other Big West teams and play like we did last year."

Now 2-0 in Big West play, Santa Barbara finds itself with the weekend off. UCSB will be in action in its next home match at the RecCen courts March 8, when it plays the Owls of Temple. The Gauchos next Big West match will be on April 2, when they face Cal Poly's Mustangs.

"It was a good way to open the Big West," UCSB Head Coach Pete Kirkwood said of the Gauchos' weekend. "We've got a little bit of momentum going, but we really want to keep it rolling."



NEXUS FILE PHOTO

SWING KIDS: The UCSB women's tennis team pushed its overall record to 8-2 last weekend, and won its first two games of Big West play.

Gauchos Rally Behind Casey, Vault Past ASU

BY BECKY FREEMAN
Staff Writer

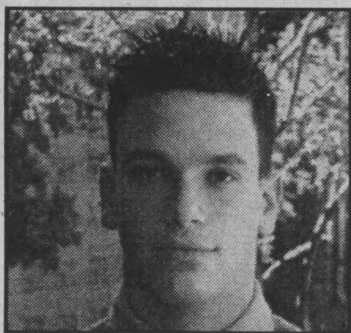
When one is faced with adversity and pushes through it, one becomes stronger. And this weekend, that was the UCSB men's gymnastics team, who stepped up to the challenge Saturday against Stanford and Arizona State at UCLA.

Though the Gauchos fell to the Cardinal 217.9-210.75 at the Peter Vidmar Invitational last weekend, they beat the Sun Devils 210.75-207.40, earned many fine individual performances, and overcame slippery rings and injuries to succeed as a team.

"Due to the rings' technical apparatus problem, we had three gymnasts falling off the rings," UCSB Head Coach Mircea Badulescu said. "As a result, the team score was affected."

Of the three who fell, freshman Daniel Levine was the only one injured, and therefore had to withdraw from the rest of the

competition, making room for alternate freshman Damian Langere to step up and take his place in the parallel bars. Langere responded with vigor and finished with the highest score for the Gauchos in that



Daniel Levine event.

"I felt that the fall might have slowed down the team," Levine said. "But [the team] did really well despite falling on the rings."

Junior Cody Casey shone again in the vault and the floor exercise, winning both with a 9.65 and a 9.9, respectively.

His score in the floor ties his existing school record and places him at second in the nation in

that event, a position he also occupies in the vault.

Other individual successes were achieved by Levine in the rings and sophomore Dushan Mikichi on the high bar.

Levine earned second in the event despite falling off the apparatus (the judges agreed to add half a point to each gymnast's score who had fallen), scoring a 9.35. And Mikichi won the high bar with a 9.0.

"We did really good," Mikichi said. "It was definitely a step up [from the previous meet], and we had a high energy as a team."

This coming weekend, the Gauchos match up against #1 Michigan and #6 Oklahoma in Rob Gym, their last warm-up before the UCSB Invitational March 11.

"We are looking forward to the Michigan meet," Badulescu said. "Especially since Cody [Casey] is tied [in the national rankings] with a guy from Michigan in the floor. I'm looking for a high team score, but I don't expect to beat them."

Santa Barbara Rules Court Against Santa Clara, Falls to #17 Fresno State

BY BECKY FREEMAN
Staff Writer

The UCSB men's tennis team came out swinging at the RecCen Courts last weekend to beat Santa Clara on Friday, but ran out of steam in its Sunday match against #17 Fresno State.

The Gauchos (3-5 overall) defeated the Broncos 5-2, scoring key victories from singles players and sweeping Santa Clara in doubles. The defining moment in the match was in the #6 singles matchup between Gaucho junior Sandy Gentile and Adam Artunian. Gentile was down a set and losing 1-4 in the second set when he did a 180 on Artunian to come back and win 3-6, 6-4, 6-4, clinching the fourth and victorious point for UCSB.

"I started off down," Gentile said. "I had a few teammates give me encouragement [when] I was struggling with him, and I stuck it out and turned it around."

Gentile was not the only Gaucho to complete a come-from-behind victory, as the #3 doubles team of freshman J.J. Stewart and junior David Angert also fought back from an early deficit to win, and complete a doubles sweep over the Broncos. UCSB also got singles victories from senior Simon Shen, sophomore Marcin Kosakowski and Stewart.

"We were tied in the ranking with Santa Clara [at 14th in the region]," Shen said. "So we competed well as a team. Marcin and Sandy both came back from being down, and that was huge."

Against Fresno State the Gauchos did not fair quite as well, losing 5-2, but there were still many highlights for

the team, considering how highly ranked the Bulldogs are. UCSB came out strong in the doubles matchups, with the #1 doubles team of Shen and Kosakowski leading the way in an 8-2 victory. However, the Bulldogs simply brought too much to the table and overpowered UCSB.

"Fresno was a tough match," Gentile said. "We gave them a run for their money, but just couldn't pull it out."

Shen's victory in singles was over the 34th-ranked player in the nation, Peter Luczak. The match was Shen's 13th straight victory this year, and the Gauchos' #1 singles player is 18-2 on the season overall.

"We won the doubles point, and Simon won in singles," UCSB Head Coach Marty Davis said. "We were pretty close in #2 and #5, and we pushed Fresno State and gave them a pretty good match."

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