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He Got Da Beat

Master Drummer Piyasara Shilpadipathi will present a lecture and demonstration representing the distinct drumming traditions native to Sri Lanka. Today in the MultiCultural Center Theater at 2 p.m. Admission is free.

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A Northern California company and three of its employees have been indicted for supplying illegal drug labs with most of the chemicals necessary to manufacture methamphetamines.

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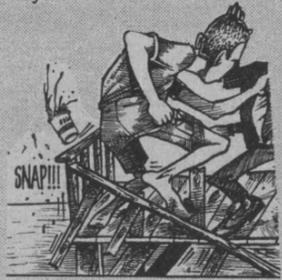
Cow Meets Houdini Meets Great Pumpkin

Read about a heifer trying to find his way home, a magician with a disappearing beverage, and one really smart pumpkin-dweller in this year's Halloween edition of I.V.'s finest on the beat.

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The College Republicans and the Campus Democrats unite in opposition to the Del Playa seawall.



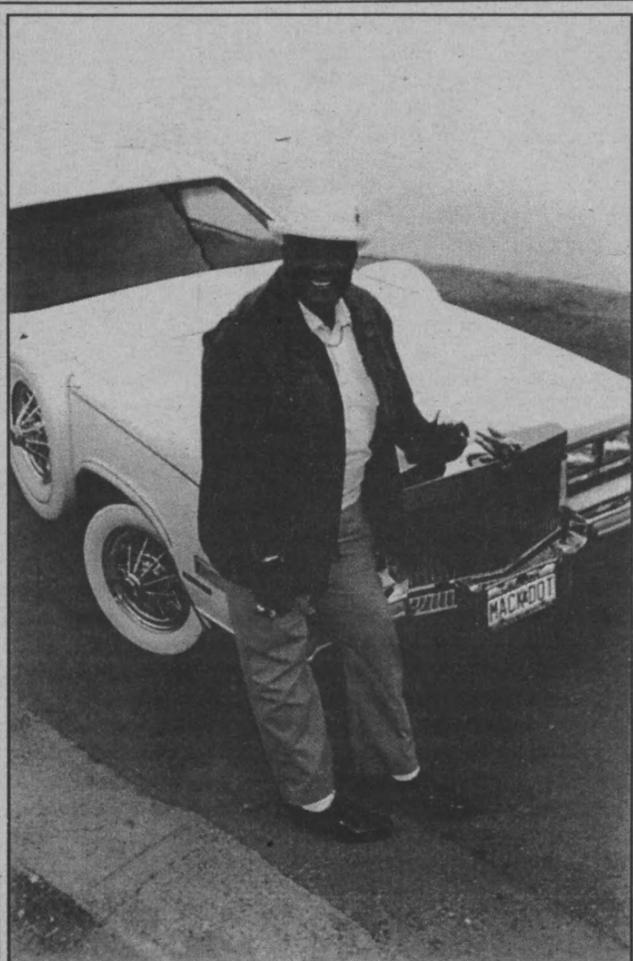
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A Gut-Wrencher

Long Beach State proved itself worthy of its #1 ranking in the nation by beating the UCSB women's volleyball team in a four-game thriller.

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The MultiCultural Center Theater will host a free evening of film as a special pre-event for the sixth annual Santa Barbara Gay and Lesbian Film Festival. Tonight at 6 p.m.



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Mack Attack

He's a complicated man, and no one understands him but his wife, Dot. ... It's Big Mack and his white Cadillac El Dorado, with the license plate frame "Be Kind to Animals." Find him kicking it downtown or on the pier on weekends.

Results Are In, GWSD Board Stays the Same

By JESS BOOTH
Reporter

Incumbency proved to be an advantageous position in Tuesday's Goleta West Sanitary District election.

All three contested seats on the district's board were won by those up for re-election. Larry Meyer, Harvey Gish and Kenneth Hendrickson each earned another two-year term in a vote that drew few Isla Vistas to the polls.

Meyer received the highest percentage of votes in the district with 20.3 percent, while Gish and Hendrickson received another 19 percent each, according to unofficial vote counts given Tuesday night by Santa Barbara County Clerk-Recorder-Assessor Ken Pettit.

Isla Vista voters made up approximately 8 percent to 9 percent of the total, leaving the decision almost entirely up to Goletans, Pettit said.

GWSD board member Harvey Gish expressed his appreciation to the electorate.

"I'm very thankful to the voters," he said.

Gish stressed environmental awareness and fair prices as important components of his agenda for the next term.

"Comprehensive education" about the environmental issues affecting the community will be his main focus, he said. Gish also said he would also like to "keep rates equitable" for the price of water in the future.

Through programs like Watershed, which highlights the serious problem of high toxin levels in ground water, the incumbents will make an effort not only to educate, but to bring together I.V. and Goleta residents to protect their local environment, Gish said.

Some candidates believed the election results were influenced by unequal spending.

"There was a bit of a disparity in campaign funding," challenger Cris Wood said after the election, but in her opinion she "ran a good campaign" and will continue to remain involved in the district, volunteering and maintaining her positions on several local boards and committees.

Wood's opinion on campaign financing stems from the fact that the incumbents who were re-elected were funded largely by wealthy contributors, and not so much their own finances, she said.

Challenger Diane Conn be-

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Agreement Will Prevent Strikes, Produce Salary Increase

■ Drivers Will Enjoy Paid Breaks and Higher Wages Without Raising Student Fares

By JOEL BANASZAK
Reporter

Running from Ellwood in the west to Montecito in the east, the 27 lines of the Metropolitan Transit District bus system will continue to serve the communities of southern Santa Barbara County thanks to a new labor contract drawn up by the drivers, mechanics and staff employees.

The new agreement, ratified Oct. 31, in effect prevents the possibility of future walkouts and strikes so as to better serve the transportation needs of the South Coast, according to a statement issued by MTD.

Undeclared junior Monica Herrera hopes that with the new contract buses will continue regular routes, especially during a year when parking in the area has turned into a sizable hassle.

"The parking sucks," she said. "To a certain extent, [buses] help alleviate the parking."

According to the contract, the cost of riding the bus will remain unchanged for UCSB students, who pay for the service through a student lock-in fee voted on every two years.

Santa Barbara City College student Nathan Wentworth believes the new MTD contract is important for his transportation needs.

"I live in Winchester Canyon,"



LARRY MILLS / DAILY NEXUS

Buses are running and employees are smiling, thanks to the ratification of MTD's new contract with its bus drivers, which raises wages and provides paid vacation time.

he said. "If the buses were still on strike, I'd have to walk or drive [to school]."

Also included in the contract are benefits for MTD employees, including health care coverage and paid breaks.

Additionally, a jump in employees' entry-level salaries will occur, according to MTD spokesperson Jill Yarussi.

"The starting salaries for the drivers will be increased from \$7.50 per hour to \$10 per hour," she said.

The salaries of veteran drivers, which now range from between \$10 to \$15 per hour, will be increased to \$16 per hour this year, Yarussi said. After next year, their salaries will jump yet again to \$17, she added.

The new employee contract has its benefits and its disadvantages, according to two-year veteran MTD driver Cindy Nicholson.

"[The contract] took away parts and really didn't give us the things we needed," she said. "The raise is good, as well as the paid breaks. [MTD employees] need to strive for a better contract."



Top of the News

Feds Indict Company Supplying Drug Labs



SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — In what federal prosecutors say is a first, an Oakland chemical supply company and three of its employees were indicted Tuesday on charges of selling chemicals used by methamphetamine labs throughout California.

The indictment was part of the U.S. Justice Dept.'s escalated campaign against illicit drug labs in the Central Valley, which import supplies from the San Francisco and Los Angeles areas, then export methamphetamine to other parts of the nation, according to federal officials.

"If we don't act quickly, the Central Valley will become to methamphetamine what Miami was to cocaine a few years ago," said U.S. Attorney Paul Seave.

The 20-count indictment

was filed against Custom Lab Supply Inc. and three people listed as employees and shareholders: Terry Crandall Mincey, 50, of San Francisco; Calvin Roberts,

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— Paul Seave
U.S. attorney

34, of Berkeley; and Betty Lou Lewis, 49, of Alameda.

A person who answered the phone at Custom Lab refused to respond to the indictment and referred the caller to the U.S. Attorney's Office for information.

The company and employees conspired with each other, and with others to whom they sold chemicals and equipment, to aid the

clandestine manufacture of methamphetamine in the Central Valley, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Custom Lab commonly supplied chemicals and equipment to people later convicted of manufacturing methamphetamine, accord-

ing to papers prosecutors filed in court. Also, its chemicals and equipment frequently have been found in clandestine labs throughout California, prosecutors said.

However, this is the first time that Custom Lab or any of its employees have been charged directly with aiding in the manufacture of methamphetamine, officials

said. The indicted employees could each be sentenced to life in prison and fined up to \$40 million. The company could be fined \$80 million. Prosecutors said more than \$6.7 million, or 95 percent of the company's 1996 sales, were comprised of six items — iodine, red phosphorous, hydrogen chloride gas, Freon, sodium hydroxide and equipment for heating substances.

The only other chemical needed to make methamphetamine is pseudoephedrine, a drug found in over-the-counter cold medications, officials said.

The indictment follows a yearlong investigation by federal, state and local drug agencies. The Central Valley has become a major battlefield in the war on methamphetamine-trafficking organizations, prosecutors said.

Chinese President Returns Home; Questions Remain



BEIJING (AP) — Jiang Zemin grinned for the cameras, basking one last time in the flattering press provided by China's state media during his trip to the United States.

Back in Beijing, with American protesters and congressional critics left behind, Jiang could safely relish his successful turn as a world leader.

With the focus on form, not substance, luster from Jiang's achievement abroad is likely to fade. China's most important U.S. mission since U.S.-China relations derailed during the 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown merely papered-over persistent divisions.

"We will have 18 months to 2 years of positive developments in Chinese-U.S. relations," said Ronald Montaperto, a China specialist at National Defense University in Washington.

After that, he said, the same disputes over human rights, trade and especially Taiwan will overtake the goodwill Jiang

brought.

When asked at Harvard University about the Tiananmen crackdown, Jiang appeared to indirectly acknowledge "mistakes" in the government's handling of the protests. His foreign minister soon set the record straight: The comment did not pertain to Tiananmen.

On Taiwan, the former U.S. ally China menaced with missiles and war games last year, Jiang got Clinton to renew a pledge acknowledging Beijing's claim to the island.

Jiang appeared happy and tired at a brief welcoming ceremony Tuesday in Beijing's Great Hall of the People. There, he shook hands with Premier Li Peng and other leaders, and he shouted "very good trip" to nearby reporters.

Some of Jiang's prestige now rides on smoother relations with Washington, and the president can count on his control of the state media.

The official media never reported a sharp exchange between Clinton and Jiang over human rights or mentioned anti-China protests during the nine-day trip. Xinhua News Agency did, however, note that Jiang has sent a message to the Clintons expressing his "heartfelt thanks."

UC Davis Prof Awarded for Building a Better Tomato



SACRAMENTO (AP) — A University of California, Davis geneticist known as the "Charles Darwin of the Tomato" has been awarded an international prize for outstanding achievement in agricultural research.

Charles M. Rick Jr. was named the first winner of the Filippo Maseri Florio World Prize for Distinguished Research in Agriculture.

Rick, professor emeritus in the Dept. of Vegetable Crops at UC Davis, is recognized as the world's leading authority on tomato genetics.

Dr. Clayton Yeutter, co-chair of the prize advisory board and former U.S. secretary of agriculture, said Rick "has been a research pioneer whose findings have had worldwide significance."

Rick began his research in tomatoes in 1940 as a faculty member at Davis, when a senior professor suggested he take a look at unfruitful "bull" tomato plants.

Rick's research led to hybrid varieties that are resistant to water-logging, disease and insect pests as well as being drought tolerant.

"Frankly, I am really overwhelmed and deeply appreciative to be receiving this award," Rick said in a prepared statement.

Huffington Decides Not to Pursue Vacant House Seat



SANTA BARBARA, Calif. (AP) — Former Rep. Michael Huffington ruled out running for his old congressional seat left vacant by the death of Rep. Walter Capps, but said he may pursue a state office.

Huffington, a millionaire oil baron who lost a 1994 bid for the U.S. Senate, said he decided to step aside because he felt state Assemblyman Brooks Firestone would be the strongest Republican candidate for the 22nd Congressional seat.

Firestone, currently a candidate for lieutenant governor, was expected to switch to the congressional race later this week.

Huffington, in turn, said he would consider running for lieutenant governor.

"It's possible," Huffington said Monday. "It could be some other race, too."

Republican strategists were relieved about Huffington's decision to step out of the race.

Top House Republicans, including House Speaker Newt Gingrich, had called upon Firestone to abandon his candidacy for lieutenant governor and switch to the congressional race.

Huffington insisted he could have reclaimed his old seat if he had run but was glad to remain in California, where he plans to continue his involvement in politics.

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Weather

How long before what you believe becomes true, if not already?

If you're an optimist or you subscribe to the theory of revolutionary politics or even psychosomatic wagering, you might say that anything can happen if you work long and hard enough toward it. I think it all starts with the individual and his or her own internal liberation of any status quo and the essential recognition of personal empowerment. I don't have any sort of underlying political or social agenda here — I just think anything is possible if you put your mind to it. I thought of this today while I was trying to stay awake through a REALLY boring class, and you know — it worked.

Forecast: Still can't quite figure it yet and I got a feeling you haven't yet either. Let's wait together for something to happen.

Police Report



Got Milk?

At 12:45 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 1, an officer arrived at a residence on the 6700 block of Pasado Road, responding to a call from deputies who needed help clearing a large party, police reports state.

"While monitoring foot traffic I noticed the suspect [a 21-year-old male] walking eastbound on Pasado," reports state. "As he walked, he had to support himself on a friend in order to maintain his balance."

The suspect was arrested for public intoxication and transported to county jail, reports state.

Reports describe the suspect's clothing as a "cow suit [black and white] with udders."

What Beer?

Three officers were on patrol at 10 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, when they spotted an 18-year-old male walking south on Camino Del Sur near Trigo Road, reports state.

One officer noticed something suspicious in the suspect's hand, according to police reports.

"In his right hand I saw a brown bottle that looked like a beer bottle," reports state. "I yelled at the suspect, 'Hold on a minute!' shined my flashlight in his direction and yelled, 'Hey buddy, stop!' The suspect ignored my commands and walked around a parked van, out of view."

The officers followed the suspect around the van, where they confronted the suspect, according to police reports.

"I reached the front of the van just as the suspect reappeared," reports state. "I asked him what he did with the bottle of beer. He replied he did not have a beer. I asked him what he did with the object in his right hand. He replied that he did not have any-

thing in his hand. I asked him why he did not stop. He said he did not know what I was talking about. I asked him what he was doing around the van and he said, 'What do you mean?'"

Observing the suspect's red eyes, strong odor of alcohol, heavy drooling and staggering walk, the officers deemed him to be under the influence and placed him under arrest for public intoxication, reports state.

While the suspect was being arrested, one officer searched the vacant lot adjacent to the van.

"I found a brown, cold bottle of Coors, partially full of alcohol," reports state.

The suspect was very uncooperative, according to reports.

"The suspect became obnoxious, yelling the words 'pig,' 'fucking assholes,' 'liars' and 'faggots' ... [He was] yelling and daring us to rough him up," reports state.

Now That You Ask ...

At 11:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, an officer approached a 21-year-old male at the Halloween Festival in Anis' Oyo' Park, reports state.

"I saw the suspect standing next to a large pumpkin," reports state. "I asked him if anybody was inside. He said, 'I am' in a slurred voice. He was holding a half-full bottle of beer."

The officer took no action at that point because alcohol was allowed in the park. However, the suspect's next comment led the officer to arrest him, according to reports.

"He said, 'I'm sloshed ... do you want to fuck with me?'" reports state.

The suspect was arrested for public intoxication, reports state.

— *Compiled by Tony Biasotti from I.V. Foot Patrol reports*

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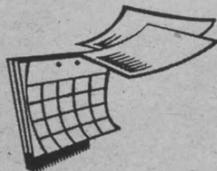
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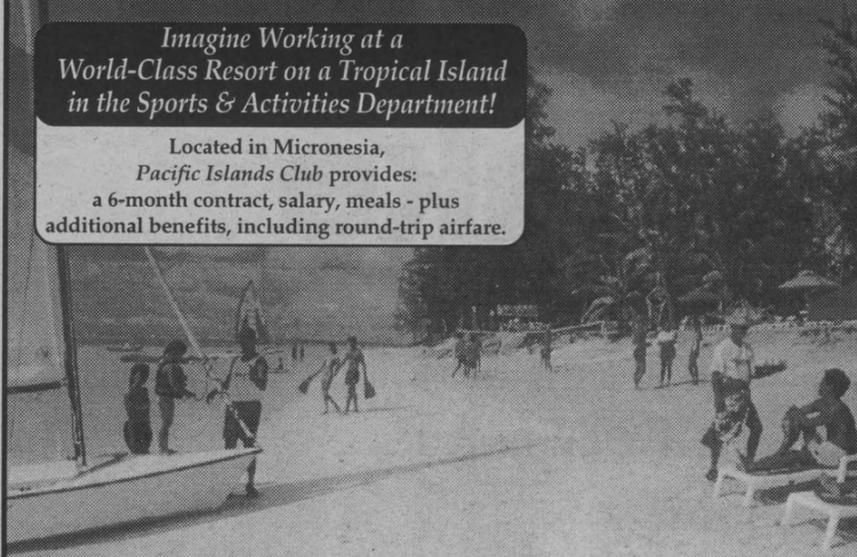
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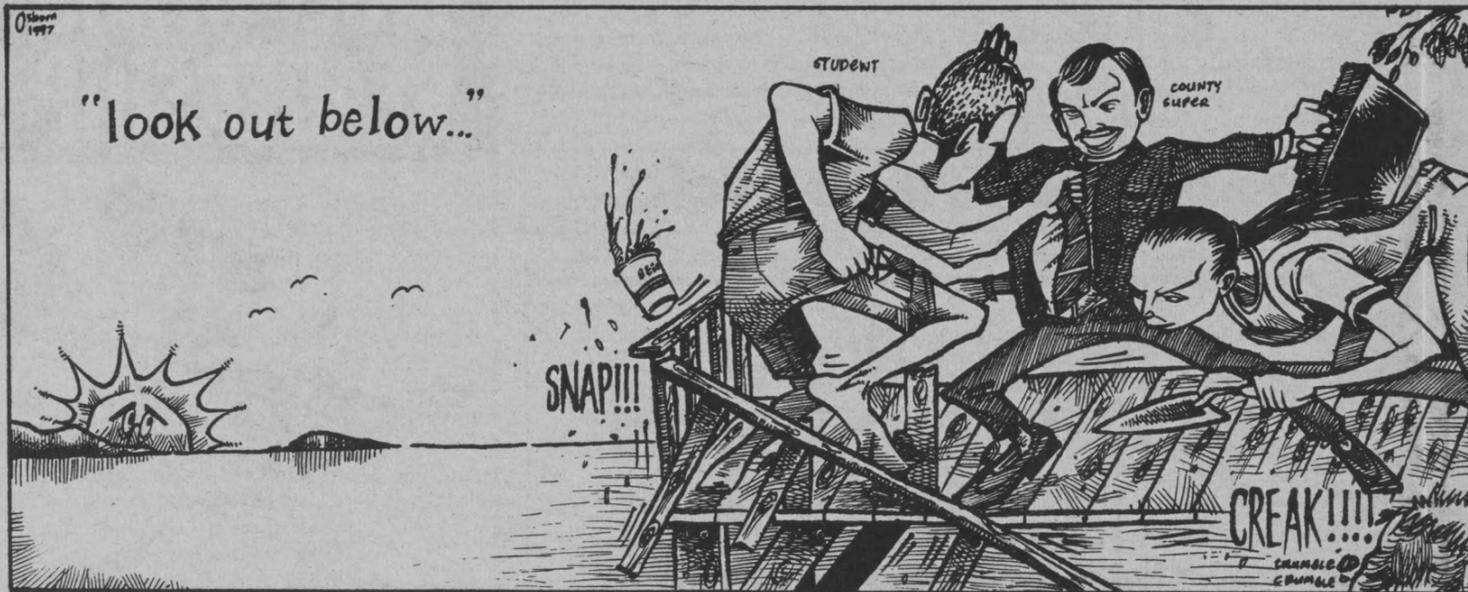
—Jonathan Swift

Opinion

Editorial Policy

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Point / Counterpoint



At Least We Can Agree on One Thing

➤ Democrats and Republicans Alike Express Opposition to DP Seawall

DORIS LEWIS

ZACK STILLINGS
and AMY MITCHELL

Why did you come to school here? I'm sure that it must be a pretty big list: the academics, the people, the atmosphere and, of course, the beach. This is truly what sets UCSB apart and above other universities across this nation. It's peace of mind, and a vital part of our university experience.

And now, a proposal put forward by landowners to build a massive seawall. A wooden wall, standing 10 feet tall and stretching along the beach from the beginning of the 6800 block to the middle of the 6500 block of Del Playa Drive. For anyone who cares about or enjoys our beaches, this seawall is serious bad news, not just because of how ugly it would be, but because of the geological impact it would have upon our beach.

"If a seawall were constructed at the base of the cliff, the sand would go away, but it would not come back. I.V. beaches would be turned to stone."

The Environmental Impact Report prepared by county staff geologists about the proposed Del Playa seawall reported that the seawall would cause significant beach loss to I.V. beaches. Beach loss is actually a naturally occurring phenomenon; it takes place every winter with the changing of the tides. However, every spring, when the tides shift again, the sand is returned and the beach is restored.

If a seawall were to be installed at the base of the cliff, the sand would go away, but it would not come back. I.V. beaches would permanently be turned to stone.

Santa Barbara County policy states that due to their destructive nature, seawalls shall not be constructed unless other alternatives have been explored. To this date, the Del Playa Seawall Owners Association has neglected to look into any viable alternatives to the seawall. French drains, barrier reefs, and even the option of physically moving the properties back from the cliff edge are all possibilities that must be addressed.

Although Gail Marshall, our 3rd District supervisor, stands in strong opposition to the plan, the county Board of Supervisors has given the landowners every chance possible to go forward with the proposal. This is a strong example of the disrespect the greater county has for the UCSB student body.

The most overpowering statistic concerning the Del Playa seawall is that it is not going to work. Seawalls have an extensive history of failure in Hawai'i, on the East Coast, and in California. Even here in Isla Vista one can see how seawalls fail to work by examining the smaller, already-existing seawall located on the beach at the beginning of the 6700 block. The houses there are still falling into the ocean, even though the seawall is supposed to be protecting them.

Geology professors here at UCSB have confirmed that up to 90 percent of the total erosion comes from the top of the cliff. How the heck is a seawall at the bottom of the bluff going to keep the erosion at the top of the bluff from taking place? These houses are still going to continue to fall into the ocean regardless of whether the seawall is built.

So why build the damn thing when science and history has proven that it's not going to work? Our public beaches are at risk of being sacrificed for private interest. As students we have the ability to change what happens in our town. We successfully elected one of our own professors to Congress, and filled our county seat with strong student advocates, we should be able to stop greedy and ignorant landlords from ruining our beaches, but it's not going to happen unless we continue to fight it.

Although we strongly oppose the construction of the Del Playa seawall, the Campus Democrats would like to encourage all individuals to learn more about this matter. If you would like to learn more about the issue of the seawall you can pick up a documentary made by two UCSB students, "Behind the Wall," at your local video store. Furthermore, your participation is strongly encouraged at the next seawall hearing at the county Board of Supervisors meeting Jan. 22.

Doris Lewis is the public affairs director for the Campus Democrats.

Generally our stance on any specific issue relates to the concept of fairness. Looking into the seawall issue, one overpowering thought is the cost of the seawall for the future students of Isla Vista far outweighs the cost to the landlords.

Although we sympathize with the plight of the homeowners on the beach, it is a commonly known fact that 60 percent to 90 percent of the total erosion takes place at the top of the cliffs in Isla Vista. If we are going to pay higher rent to protect our property, the county should ensure that we are actually safe. A seawall protecting the beach would not ensure this safety.

The current seawall proposal calls for a 10-foot-high wall to be built at the bottom of the cliffs. If it is built, the landlords state, it will be taken out of the beach is lost. But can we trust a landlord to follow through on their promise when it will cost them half a million dollars to do so? As the proposal stands, there is no mandate for the landlords to take it out, if and when the beach is lost.

So if they don't take it out, who will? It is the county that will be forced to do so. The result is that the students will see more money coming from their pockets. The result is a decrease in costs, either through property taxes or building maintenance, which will lead to higher rent.

It has taken the Del Playa Seawall Owners Association over a year to get their act together in the county, and they still have yet to assemble all the necessary pieces to go forward with the plan. Time and time again the landowners have simply because they have failed to provide the county with all the necessary information to go forward with the proposal. Time and time again the county has allowed the Del Playa Seawall Owners Association a chance to go forward with the proposal, giving the landowners chance after chance to get their act together. Time and time again the landowners have failed to do so. How many more times are we going to get?

This current seawall proposal is just an example of bad business. The county would have voted this proposal down after the third or fourth or fifth time. The county has allowed the Del Playa Seawall Owners Association a chance to go forward with the proposal 12 times! The supervisors who stand in support of this plan should be held accountable for the sake of their constituents and the future of this county.

However, the opposing supervisors aren't exactly saints either. The

"60 percent to 90 percent of the total erosion takes place at the top of the cliffs ..."

erosion and property protection has been an issue in Isla Vista since the beginning. I think that in the past 27 years, our 3rd District representation (Bill V. Stiller) could have come up with a more competent plan of resolving the problem and letting it reach the point of danger that exists today.

We greatly resent the county Board of Supervisors for failing to establish a means of property protection years ago, and we greatly sympathize with the students wanting to protect their property; however, the scientific fact remains that the seawall will not protect the top of the bluffs, the point of up to 90 percent of the erosion.

The College Republicans would like to encourage the landowners to support an effective way of restricting blufftop erosion, rather than continuing to support a haphazard and illogical proposal. Furthermore, we would hope that in the future leadership will make a greater effort in assisting the landowners in protecting their property as well as the renters, i.e. the students, of Isla Vista.

We, the College Republicans, have concluded that the current seawall is the result of severe negligence for a long period of time on behalf of both the students as well as the landlords. We sincerely hope that in January, when the county Board of Supervisors discusses this matter once again, they will make the professional decision to vote the seawall down once and for all so that plans can get started on a more logical method of protecting the properties that exist on the beach for the student community.

Zack Stillings and Amy Mitchell are members of the College Republicans.

The Reader's Voice

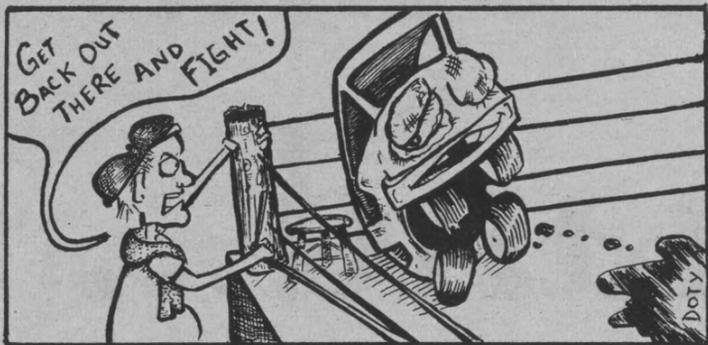
OH, BUT I LOVE THE TRAM! DON'T YOU?

Editor, Daily Nexus:

First of all, I want to say that I think the tram is damn cool! I was very disappointed when I picked up last Friday's *Daily Nexus* and read that the tram might be shut down. It wasn't really the fact that the tram might be shut down that annoyed me, but rather the fact that those "I hate the tram" activists were getting their way and winning the battle vs. the tram. I

small portable cooler so that you can "slap down a cold one" on the way to class. I want doughnuts to be available on the tram for the morning tram-goers. The tram shouldn't even have to stop at the bikepaths. If a biker runs into the tram or vice versa, oh well, sucks for them, they should learn how to ride a bike.

For those of you who think the tram is a waste of money, get over it. Go study or something. The damage is done. Accept the fact that you lazy people will have to go to school where you have to make an effort and move



LISA DOTY / DAILY NEXUS

didn't like the tram at first either, but that was because I was ignorant. So, I gave the tram a try and I liked it.

That's right, I was open-minded about the tram, unlike you close-minded fools. What, are you too proud to sink to "our level"? I look forward to riding the tram every chance I get. It is fun to ride because I get to see all the people who hate the tram and those who think it is a waste of money. Oh, like you really care!

I think this situation is getting a little out of control. For those anti-tram people, I want to say some other things that are on my mind. You need to find something else better to do with your time than to bitch about the tram. I respect the fact that you decided to conform and jump on the bandwagon and participate in the only campuswide controversial issue that has come up in a while.

And to all the tram drivers, you guys have my support. This campus is full of conforming idiots. Because of them, you might lose your jobs! What is up with that? These anti-tram folk are the ones that take their sweet little time in getting out of the way as you escort students down "Gaucho Path," as I like to call it.

You know what I think you should do? Just hit everybody in your way. Who cares about them, they don't matter. They are getting in the way of your job, so the only thing to do is to eliminate them. Lawsuits don't matter. I am sure Chancellor Yang can pull some strings to let you off free. This will urge students to get out of the way of the tram more quickly. It will also teach the students not to mess with the tram because the tram will kick your ass!

In fact, I want more tram drivers out there so a tram drivers' union can be formed. I want more trams to be purchased so we can extend the service into Isla Vista, especially to the 6600 block of Del Playa. I want the tram to be able to make deliveries for people.

I think we should bring the bikers and tram riders together by putting bike carriers on the trams. That way, if you're too tired to ride your bike, you can ride the tram and still bring your bike with you. Forget the bikepaths. I am sure there is plenty more than \$60,000 in the funds to fix the paths. Just take the funds from the residential halls. Our dorms are in fine condition. There is no need to spend any more money or give any more money to them. It is not worth it.

We can put surfboard racks atop the tram to accommodate all you gnarly surfer dudes as well as supply a

out of the way of the tram. In fact, since the money is spent on the trams and not the bikepaths, just ride on the sidewalk.

TIM RATHMANN

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Editor, Daily Nexus:

The Persian-American Club is up and running. Just a reminder to all those who are interested in the wonderful culture that Persia has to represent: Please attend this week's club meeting to plan the year's activities.



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Last week's meeting went great and so many of you missed it! Join us this week and enjoy the refreshments. Elections and plans for activities are in session. YOU can have a say in what we represent to all of UCSB ... so come by on Wednesday, Nov. 5, in San Miguel's formal lounge starting at 3:45 p.m. For questions, e-mail me at urostb00@mcl.ucsb.edu.

BAHMAN "BEAU" ROSTAMA

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Whistle While You Ride!

➤ Some Thoughts on I.V. Bicycle Safety

NICK ROBERTSON

We all know that "bicycle safety" in Isla Vista is almost an oxymoron. Bike accidents occur all the time, and frankly, I'm surprised we don't see more fatalities because of them.

Imagine this typical late-night ride through our lovely cliffside college town. You're haulin' ass toward home on your Univega Islander-Springer around the dark corners of the Embarcadero Loop. You were supposed to call that special someone in the late evening but fell asleep in the library. Now it's midnight and time is of the essence.

Ignoring every stop sign and riding on the left side of the road, assuming any cars will avoid you like the Amish avoid venereal disease, you swing around the corner of Sabado Tarde and Camino Pescadero — right smack into the path of an oncoming biker. Both of you swerve frantically to avoid collision, but the other biker strikes your back wheel, and as the poor jerk goes flying over his handlebars, you're sent sprawling into the street.

Bleeding on the cement and struggling to regain consciousness, you faintly notice the headlights of a big ol' Dodge van filled with pot smoke and drunk sophomores returning from Alex's Cantina, and it's barreling toward you at a healthy 46 mph ... and though you try to drag yourself off the pavement, your clothes are snagged in the bike wreckage, holding you back. As the screeching wheels crush your intestines, you can faintly hear your favorite Metallica song playing on the van's stereo ...

This kind of concrete carnage hasn't happened recently, out of luck or fate, but with thousands of pedestrians, skaters, bikers and drivers all vying to charge through the I.V. streets as fast as possible, it's really just a matter of time before it will happen. And it could very easily be *you* hearing "Enter Sandman" as your guts spill onto the pavement.

Lord knows I've had my fair share of I.V. bike tumbles, but I've been lucky — the worst damage I've sustained has been a fractured arm and many scrapes. Nonetheless, time and time again I've been leisurely riding down the Isla Vista avenues and had calls that were *way* too close.

Other bikers dart out of driveways and side streets with no warning, or persist on riding on the left side of the road like they're in Barbados, or swerve like they're racing a slalom course. It's like playing that old video game "Paperboy" with your life on the line.

And it was on a night when these conditions were at their absolute worst when I stumbled upon a little trick that I still use today. And while my innovation is far from the answer to Isla Vista's transportation problems, it may help avoid at least a few careless bike accidents.

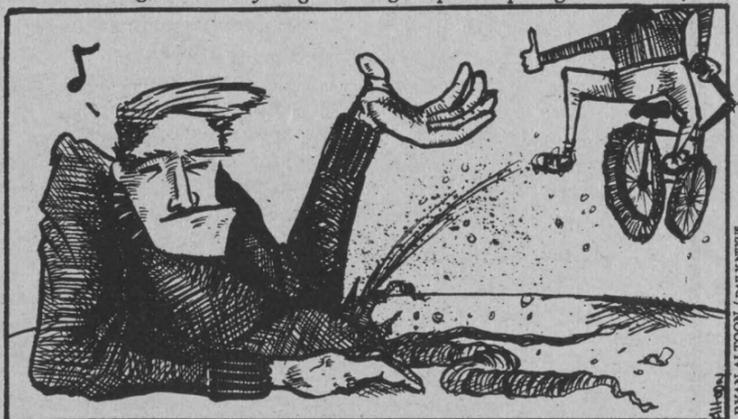
When you ride your bike, especially at night, *whistle*. It was in late summer that I discovered this method, and I haven't been in a single bike accident since then.

A good friend and I were *on tour* in Isla Vista for a solid three days of late August. We started and ended the weekend completely blitzed off cheap "Golden Crown" beers and marijuana resin. We were both stone broke and living the lean life, but we still found plenty of ways to remain besotted with a variety of friends.

That weekend, an earthshaking party was held on Pasado, and after linking up with some quality hallucinogens, my friend and I joined many others in celebrating these lazy summer days for all their worth. After rocking out harder than I had in months, I decided I needed to get out into the streets for a while; my head was clear and I felt a strong curiosity to explore.

It happened to be the first weekend that City College was back in session, and Isla Vista was *going off*.

As I slowly rode to the letter of the law toward the ocean, I noticed more and more people in the streets, and more and more of them were coming out of everywhere. That night I saw *everything* — I saw giant parties spilling into the road, I saw



RYAN ALTOON / DAILY NEXUS

couples macking and couples breaking up, I saw big fights and little spats, I saw people dancing and people puking. I even saw pregnant mothers drinking and smoking. Man, riding through I.V. on Saturday night can be a heavy trip with a head full of acid.

Anyway, as I rode along, people on bikes, skateboards, cars and motorcycles kept rushing toward me on all sides. Obviously, this freaked me out, and in constantly dodging these hazards I started to lose my cool. A total acid breakdown on Del Playa Drive while the cops were out *en masse* seemed unavoidable, and I was on the verge of snapping when suddenly ... came "Ripple."

I had only heard this Grateful Dead classic sung by fellow students during impromptu jam sessions, but its effect has always calmed me, so amidst all the chaos and confusion I rode on, whistling "Ripple." People noticed, some made fun of me, but at least everyone got the hell out of my way, and that's all I really wanted. As the swarms of people parted like the Red Sea, allowing me to ride through in safety, I whistled the chorus over and over again.

And to this day, I still whistle "Ripple" every time I ride through I.V., and especially when going around blind corners. So if you hear that wonderful Jerry tune as you ride along through the darkness, **SLOW THE FUCK DOWN!!!**

At any rate, you can whistle any song you like, just so long as you let the world know you're coming. Even though Isla Vista may remain an unsafe realm for bikers, the least we can do is look out for each other.

Nick Robertson is the Daily Friday editor.

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off-guard to fill the void left by Alexander's departure.

"Stephanie really has no weaknesses in her game," French said. We are really expecting her to respond to being more of a marquee player in our system."

Cooper looks to rebound from an injury-plagued freshman season and will be plugged in at the three spot. According to French, the Simi Valley, Calif., native has shown tremendous shooting range in practice.

Key reserves will be sophomore two-guard Carmel Lampson, junior point guard Sheila Frial and junior forward Yasmeen Benjamin.

Perhaps the biggest question mark for the Gauchos will be the play of its three freshman recruits. Nicole Greathouse from Ventura's Buena High School will start at center while Erin Bueschler, the 1997 State Player of the Year according to *Cal-High Sports Magazine*, can be plugged in at any one of four positions. Center Tande Taylor's playing time will depend on her ability to recover from an offseason knee ligament injury.

"[The freshmen] are doing pretty well," French said. "This is the time when 'pretty well' means they're still confused. Everything we have to do they have to learn right now. They're weathering the frustration quite well."

Greathouse, a top-30 All-America pick last season, is both excited and challenged by the transition to college

hoops.

"It's gone all right — it's way different than high school," she said. "The defensive system is very difficult to learn. It's cool playing with all these people I've been playing against in tournaments."

Santa Barbara's new rotation will be tested early on as the squad faces one of the toughest nonconference schedules in school history. Particularly demanding is an eight-day stretch when George Washington University, Notre Dame, University of Florida and USC — all NCAA Tournament teams in 1997 — visit the Events Center.

"Obviously, our goal is to win all four of those games," Rohr said. "It's really tough to come into the Thunderdome and play."

A quality preseason schedule is imperative because the quality of opposition traditionally drops off in Big West Conference play. This year the Gauchos expect their stiffest competition to come from the University of Idaho, featuring Big West Freshman of the Year Alli Nieman; and UC Irvine, which handed UCSB its sole conference defeat in 1996-97.

Santa Barbara will see its first action Friday at 7 p.m. in Rob Gym. The squad takes on Myjava, a Slovakian professional team, in exhibition play.

"It will be interesting to see what our level of conditioning is," French said. "We're going to try different combinations of patterns. With the freshmen there'll be some game slippage."

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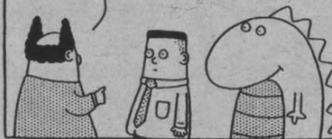
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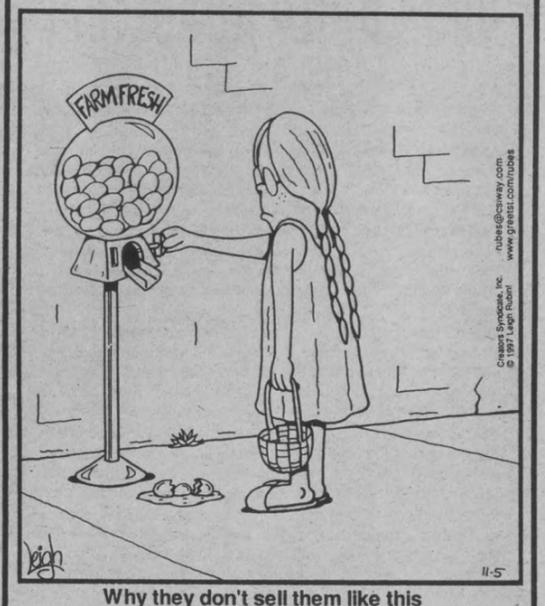


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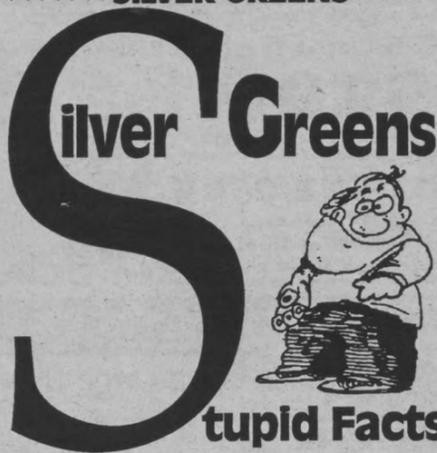
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YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE
BY LINDA C. BLACK

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most chaotic.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 5 - Your sweetheart may have some very good advice. You'd be wise to listen not only today, but for the next few weeks. Even though you're a strong leader, this person is going to try to boss you around. He or she is probably right. Don't put up too big a fight.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 9 - If there's something you've been dreaming about doing but haven't quite had the courage to try, dust it off and see if it still fits. This could inspire you to make some romantic plans for this weekend. That's a marvelous idea, by the way. Conditions will be excellent.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 4 - You and your sweetheart will be discussing jointly held finances for the next few weeks. Instead of arguing, come up with a scheme that will provide more security. If you're going to have to talk about money, talk about having more later, rather than spending it all now.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is an 8 - Something that's been difficult to understand or accomplish in a partnership situation will become easier for the next couple weeks. It will be easier for you and your mate to talk. Legal matters are more likely to go your way. Ask an expert for assistance.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 4 - You won't be able to do things exactly the way you want. There will be some barriers in the morning, and another hassle around the middle of the day. Things are going to turn out OK, but it's not an easy day for you. Be patient and persistent. That's how you will succeed.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 9 - It looks like you're doing really well in romance. If you don't have a relationship going right now, not to worry. You've had a bit of a strain lately, but you're starting to relax. You're looking good and attracting a lot of positive attention.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) - Today is a 5 - An obligation to finish something you promised around the house is weighing on you. The other person is tired of waiting. This will be to your own benefit as well. The more nice things you do for the people at home, the more they'll do for you.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) - Today is a 10 - For the next several weeks, you'll be learning about love. How wonderful for you, and for your sweetheart. It looks like the two of you will have plenty of fun doing the homework in this class. You'll also learn from the one you love. Listen carefully tonight.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 5 - You've got more money coming in, and that's good. There's quite a lot going out, too, and that's painful. Don't spend it all on toys. The temptation will be terrible. Make sure you have your obligations handled first.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 9 - You're going to be luckier in love for the next several weeks. That's only the beginning. You're also getting stronger and more compassionate. You can give good advice without seeming harsh about it. That will be much appreciated.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 6 - Relationships go through phases. Sometimes you feel like being with a lot of other people. Sometimes you feel like snuggling. Sometimes you feel like talking about problems. Sometimes you feel like planning for the future. Today, finish a project you've been working on.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is an 8 - Your relationships with your friends are better than they've ever been. You're a very popular person because you're such a sweetheart. You really are nice, right down to the core of your being. A lot of people care very much about you. Accept their compliments graciously.

Today's Birthday (Nov. 5). This year is about education. Hopefully you won't learn everything the hard way. You're just about to finish one project and start another as November goes into December. Your curiosity knows no bounds in January. An intricate puzzle keeps you fascinated in February. The work is tough, but the money is good in April. Take it easy over the summer. You won't have to do anything important until September. Don't worry. You'll know what it is.

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"I could never be prouder of a team than I am now," Gregory said of her Gauchos. "We showed that we can play with Long Beach. I know now that we

can play with them."

Sophomore outside hitter Roberta Gehlke led the Gauchos with 31 kills on an amazing 83 attempts. She also led the team with 16 digs. Junior middle blocker Katie Crawford and sophomore middle Heather Bown

were the only other offensive threats for Santa Barbara, finishing with 23 and 27 kills, respectively. Bown was the only Gaucho to hit over .300, posting a .431 hitting percentage.

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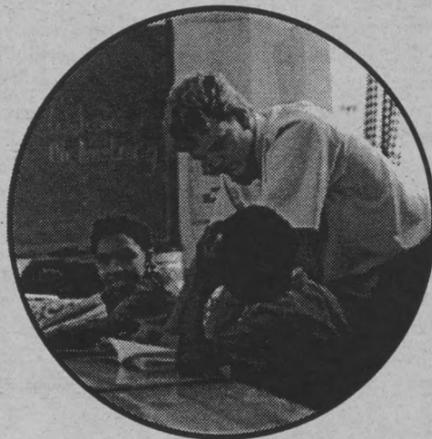
"There was always someone camping on the 18 [yard line]."

There was some bright news for UCSB — despite surrendering four goals, goalie Ilsa Bertolini had a big night. The senior notched 15 saves and a yellow card for body-slammng a would-be goal scorer.

The 15 saves gave Bertolini 176 stops for the year and tied the UCSB single-season save record set by Monica Hall way back in 1985.

"The team worked really hard for me," Bertolini said. "They knew that I wanted to win and post a shutout. That didn't come through for us, but I know they really wanted it. That's how much they care about me. This team means a lot to me."

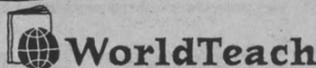
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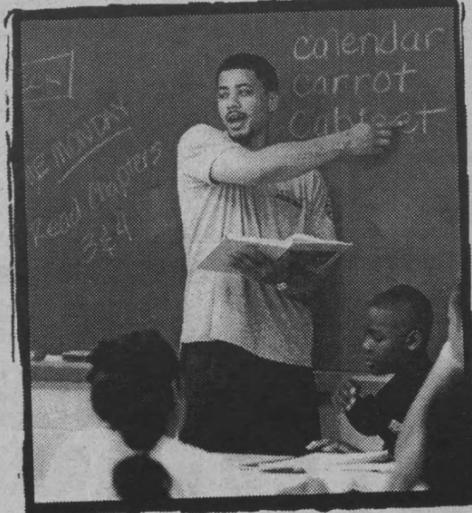
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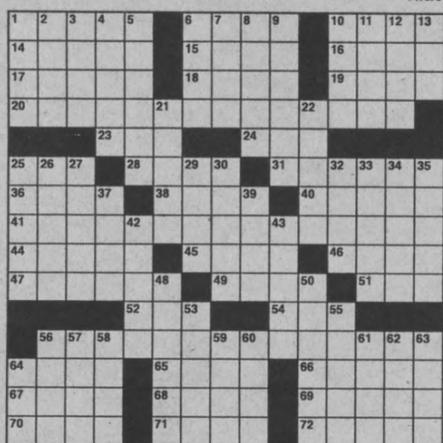
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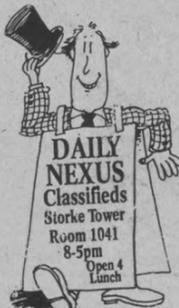
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Sports

Gauchos Misty-fied by Long Beach, Lose Heartbreaker in Four Games

By SCOTT HENNESSEE
Staff Writer

Long Beach — It was everything you could ask for, and then some.

The UCSB women's volleyball team was engaged in one of the most epic battles ever witnessed Tuesday night against the Long Beach State 49ers. Unfortunately for the Gauchos, they came out on the short end of the stick.

Long Beach, recently appointed the #1 team in the nation, proved why they are the top team in the country by defeating #6 UCSB 15-13, 16-14, 7-15, 18-20 last night in the Pyramid.

"That was one of the top-three volleyball matches I have ever seen," LBSU Head Coach Brian Gimmillaro said. "Santa Barbara certainly is one of the top teams in the country. They are as good as I have seen."

The contest saw high drama throughout, game four being the physical and emotional apex of the

match. UCSB staved off an incredible eight match points, and the 49ers held off four game points by the Gauchos in the final 56-minute battle. The 38 combined points are the most ever put together in a Long Beach match.

"I never thought I could be so disappointed at the end of two



Roberta Ghelke

games and so happy in a losing match," said UCSB Head Coach Kathy Gregory. "What it showed us is that we had to find a way to come back, and we did."

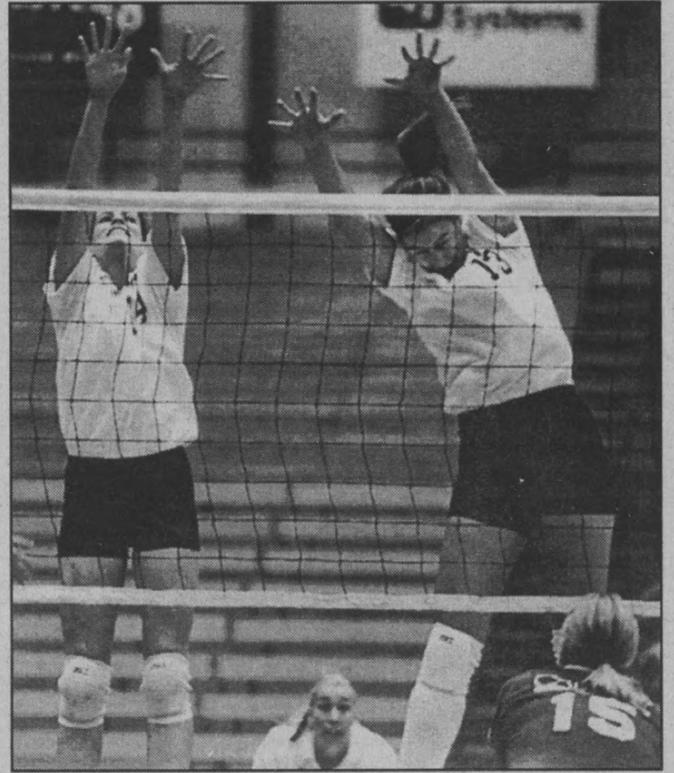
Long Beach junior setter Misty

May found a way to come back from a sprained ankle in game two to play an incredible match on a bum wheel. She finished with 13 kills, 75 assists and 16 digs to give her her third triple-double of the year.

"She spearheaded the comeback [in game two]," Gimmillaro said. "It was one of the greatest individual performances I have seen."

The comeback Gimmillaro refers to occurred when LBSU came from a 14-7 deficit in the second game to get the 16-14 win. UCSB had several chances to close out the game and even things up, but the Gauchos could not convert. Serving was the main culprit for Santa Barbara, with the team committing three service errors on game point. May ended the game with an ace and a kill, immediately after injuring her ankle.

While game two was definitely the low point for UCSB, game four showed how good it could be. In an emotionally draining and perfectly played game, neither team budged an inch. The 2,663 in attendance



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BUMMED: The Gaucho middle blockers couldn't stuff the 49er attack Tuesday night in the Pyramid.

rose to their feet seven times, hoping to will "The Beach" to victory, but each time UCSB responded with a clutch side-out. With both teams out of substitutions and

nearly out of energy, the 49ers finally closed things out with a kill from senior Nique Crump.

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UCSB Women's Basketball Poised to Remain Among Nation's Elite

By BEN ALKALY
Staff Writer

After losing two of the best all-around players in school history to graduation, one might expect the 1997-98 season to be somewhat of a rebuilding process for the UCSB women's basketball team.

However, the return of two All-Big West Conference performers coupled with a core group of role players and a top-20 recruiting class will all but ensure the Gauchos of an eighth straight winning season and return trip to the NCAA Tournament.

"Our goal is to be better than we were last year," said sophomore forward and co-captain Kristi Rohr. "This is not a rebuilding year."

Improving on the successes of last season will present quite a challenge for the current group of Santa Barbara players. In 1996-97, UCSB posted a stellar 24-6 record and breezed through Big West Conference play before losing a heartbreaker to Tulane University 72-69 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

Last year's squad also featured Big West Player of the Year Erin Alexander and forward Amy Smith, who could have easily won the award herself. The senior duo recorded a combined 1,144 points, ranking them as the best one-two punch in Gaucho history, and accounted for over 40 percent of the team's offense.

Santa Barbara Head Coach Mark French, now in his 11th year at the helm of the program, is unconcerned with living up to the high offensive standards set by Smith and Alexander.

"I'm not worried about point production," he said. "I'm more worried about losing the great defensive veterans like [Michelle] Duckworth and Alexander. We're just not going to be as tough defensively for a while. I have no doubt we'll be a fine player-to-player defensive team by March."

A sizeable portion of both the offensive and defensive load will fall on Rohr and sophomore point guard Stacy Clinesmith, both members of the All-Big West Second Team and All-Freshman squad in their rookie campaigns.

Clinesmith, who averaged 10.7 points and a 4.5 assists (third in the Big West) last season, appears up to the

challenge.

"This summer I worked a lot on my ball handling and pull-up jumpers," she said. "I'm looking to maybe score a bit more this year."

French is impressed with the way the Spokane, Wash., native has handled her leadership role as a co-captain.

"Clinesmith has really stepped it up vocally," French said. "I think last year she kind of bit her tongue and let Smith and Alexander lead."

Rohr, a 6'1" power forward who ranked third on the team with 10.8 points and second in rebounding at 6.8, wants to become more of a force on the glass.

"We have a lot of offensive threats. I'm not looking to lead the team in scoring," she said. "I'm looking to be our offensive as well as defensive rebounding threat."

The offensive threats referred to by Rohr include junior Stephanie Shadwell and sophomore Tawnée Cooper. Shadwell, a starter at small forward in 1996-97 and arguably UCSB's most experienced returner, will move to

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ALL DONE: Freshman midfielder Meghann Phillips will have to wait until 1998 to play her next game as a Gaucho.

Soccer Squad Ends Season on a Down Note

By STEVE WENDT
Staff Writer

The UCSB women's soccer team ended its season Tuesday night with a bitter 4-2 loss to conference foe Cal State Fullerton in Harder Stadium.

The hard-fought victory earned the Titans (7-12-1 overall, 3-3 in the Big West Conference) the fourth seed in the Big West Tournament in Irvine and eliminated the University of North Texas from playoff consideration.

The Gauchos (3-14-1) finished the season in the Big West cellar with a conference mark of 1-5.

Fullerton kicked off the scoring in the 37th minute. Sophomore Amy Barnes fed a pass to junior Kelly Bogan, who was all alone and off to the races. Her breakaway culminated with a dribbler just past the outstretched left hand of

Gaucho goalkeeper Ilsa Bertolini.

Santa Barbara responded with a goal of its own just three minutes later. Junior Jana Matteoli found net when she followed a crossing pass from freshman Carolyn Hendrickson that deflected off Titan goalie Maria Nelson.

"I knew we had to score," Matteoli said of the game-tying goal. "I saw Cindy [Goebel] hit Carolyn outside. I had a feeling that Carolyn was going to get a cross off. Even though I saw the keeper get her hands on it, I thought she was going to miss it and that I was going to score."

Fullerton then took the lead just seconds before the end of the half. Titan sophomore Kassie Rypel boomed a shot that sailed just over the fingertips of Bertolini to send UCSB into the locker room trailing 2-1.

The second half started well for

the Gauchos. Thirteen minutes in, Hendrickson took a pass from fellow frosh April Loveland. The forward then perfectly placed a shot over the Fullerton goalkeeper and into the upper right corner of the goal.

The Titans answered right back in the 72nd minute when Bogan scored off a well-hit Rypel cross.

CSUF went on to ice the game in the 88th minute when junior Dolores Browning took another cross, this time fed by Bogan, and found the back of the net.

The crisp crosses executed by the Titans were a thorn in the side of the Santa Barbara defense all night.

"On every single one of the goals, we got slotted one way and they just crossed it back," junior sweeper Chelsea Cleland said.

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