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Men's Basketball Wins Regionals

By Michael Bernardi
Chronicle Staff Writer

The Cal State men's basketball team proved this weekend that the improbable is never impossible. CSUSB traveled to Central Washington for the West Regional tournament, won three games in three days and walked away as the best team in the west.

Cal State will travel to Louisville, Ky., Mar. 17, to play in the elite eight against Florida Southern.

On Mar. 4, in their first appearance in Div. II postseason, the Coyote's knocked off Sonoma State. On Mar. 5, the team went on to upset number one seed Central Washington and finally on Mar. 6, the team finished the tournament with an overtime victory against Seattle-Pacific.

Two keys to a winning season are luck and skill and the Coyote's have definitely enjoyed both so far in their tournament wins. In round one they had a sizeable mental edge as they drew Sonoma State, a team that they had blown out in recent history. Round two was a hard fought victory against the top seed Central Washington in which the Coyote's displayed defensive skills. In a stroke of luck however, U.C. Davis fell to Seattle-Pacific on the same day as the Coyote's second win. Davis had beaten Cal State twice during the regular season but had the mental edge.

In the opening game against Sonoma State, Phil Johnson had an off game but managed to come up with 14 points. Scott Duffy checked in with 12 points and Eric Maye had a double double with 11 points and 10 rebounds off the bench.

The Coyotes played a tenacious defense in a second half rally that disposed of Sonoma on route to their first Div.II tournament win and earning a match-up with top ranked Central Washington.

The following night, Cal State delivered the first home defeat of the season to Central Washington in front of a crowd of over 3,000 fans. As it turned out however, it was a home game of sorts to guard Phil Johnson as he had more than

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Racial Discrimination Grievances Filed

Is Another Lawsuit in the Making?

By D'Lorah DeBarge
Staff Writer

Barney Foster and Lee Cooke are the latest students to file racial discrimination grievances against CSUSB. Both were failed by the same professor, in the master's program, Kerry Killian, whom they believe was prejudiced against African Americans. The two are represented by Gil Navarro, an education advocate.

Two other students, Phyllis Ann Hernandez and Pamela Lee Bial -Shimizu have gone through the grievance process unsuccessfully and have since filed Federal lawsuits because of racial discrimination as well.

A protest rally held on Feb. 16 to bring attention to the students' plight attracted only a few students, but,"250 flyers were distributed to students in the area," Navarro said, "some students asked how to file their own grievances with the university." While Navarro is not an attorney, it is legal that he represent students before the United States Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights(OCR).

"Certain procedures must be followed when a student files a complaint or grievance," Navarro said. A paper trail so-to-speak. Apparently, the university's by-laws concerning the handling of complaints and grievances does not meet the federal guidelines which state that a student has 180 days after an incident to file a complaint. The university's rules allow students only 40 days to file, reducing the reporting time considerably. This fact alone could affect a student's decision to file. Furthermore, Navarro said, the rules governing academic grievances and non-academic grievances are obscure and further confuse the process.

My concern is that barriers are put in place so students don't have a fair due process for airing grievances. I say [to the university] either correct the situation and follow the law or I will recommend strongly that the university lose its federal funding," said Navarro.

Former student Barney Foster, an African-American female graduate, said she filed a grievance because it became clear to her that Professor Killian was determined to fail her. "As early as three weeks into the fall quarter," Foster said, "Professor Killian told me she would not pass me because my writing skills needed improvement. She ridiculed me and said I was hostile." Foster added, "I turned in all the work but I still got an 'F'."

Even after Foster attempted to remedy the situation by meeting with the dean and so forth, the failing grade in Social Science 602A, forced her out of the master's program.

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Donors Give $237 Million to CSUSB

Amber S. Miner
Chronicle Staff Writer

In 1997/98, the California State University system received a record $227.4 million from donor contributions. According to the Annual Report of the Survey of Voluntary Support for the CSU, the amount of donor funding has increased by 37 percent.

The donated money came from alumni, parents, foundations, corporations, individuals, and other organizations. The $237.4 million is combined with $410.5 million from special revenue. This special revenue came from sponsorships, bequests, trusts, multi-year pledges, contracts, grants, and property transfers. This makes the total monies received from external funding almost $648 million.

Since the early nineties, when the CSU Board of Trustees began pushing campuses to seek an increase in fund-raising, voluntary support has increased by 117 percent. Since the 1992/93 school year, the CSU system has raised $956.9 million in gifts.
The US-Mexico Summit: Better Relations

By David G. Smothers
Special to the Chronicle

President Clinton visited Mexico in February to attend the U.S.-Mexican Summit. Mexican President Ernesto Zedillo met with President Clinton and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. The Mexican Summit was an attempt to challenge and confirm Mexico's ability to perform under strict anti-drug standards. A failing grade given by President Clinton would have meant that Mexico would be subjected to strict economic sanctions. The Summit appeared to be a success for both nations.

The Bi-National Performance Measures of Effectiveness (PME) agreement would require Mexico to comply with 147 action items laid out for Mexico by the United States. Specifically, the PME will address the following areas of drug control: demand reduction, prevention, border security, chemicals, firearms trafficking, corruption, money laundering, asset enforcement cooperation, extradition, terrorism, chemical production, and technical aid to a new federal police force.

The PME will also include regulation of chemicals commonly used as precursors to illegal drugs.

The U.S. Export-Import Bank will provide approximately $4 billion in export financing for Mexican purchases of American products. The aid will include (in the form of loans) loan guarantees, and credit insurance. It will assist in purchases of aircraft, construction equipment, and needed materials for the broken Mexican infrastructure. U.S. officials say that the program will support 60,000 new U.S. jobs.

Another advantage is that the U.S. will receive the authorities as inefficient and impotent against crime and public security institutions remain seriously flawed: police and military forces lack the tools and training.

In a September 10, 1998 speech before the Chamber of Deputies, Mexico Attorney Madrazo said: "The people's most serious concern is public security. The citizens feel impotent against crime and perceive the authorities as inefficient to combat it. The public is equally afraid of criminals and the police."

Most people at Cal State have heard the horror stories of a Tijuana visit that went wrong. In fact, Mexican Federal Police have an extremely poor reputation with most Americans. The U.S. State Department has made efforts to protect Americans in Mexico. In conjunction with Mexican forces, the U.S. intends to change the reputation of Federal forces on both sides of the border.

Rember, PME's will not completely solve the problems that both countries share, but they will make a dent in the illegal activities in border regions and also develop confidence in border law enforcement.

In California ports-of-entry from Mexico, drug seizures have increased almost two-fold from last year. According to U.S. Customs officials, seizures of major illicit drugs have doubled from 1997 to 1998 with cocaine being the only drug not increasing in seizure rate.

Since the 'War on Drugs' is increasingly appears to be a debacle, many times the scale of Prohibition,' Professor Green said, "one could argue that any concessions made in this area are not 'fair' to US interests."

The President and the First Lady will also be traveling to Central America from March 8 to March 11. The purpose will be to address similar issues in the Central American Summit.

Governor Davis said in February, "I am very pleased to announce that President Zedillo has accepted my invitation to travel to California this spring. This will be his first visit to California as President of Mexico. I have also asked the presiding officer of the Senate and Assembly - and they have agreed - to extend an invitation to have President Zedillo address a joint session of the California legislature."

"I have long believed that California cannot succeed if Mexico does not succeed. We are tied together by a common history and a common tradition. California is home to more people of Mexican descent than any other place on the planet earth besides Mexico City. The president and I agree that we should work as allies to solve common problems."

Davis has taken steps to develop strong California/Mexico relations. He has encouraged

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Women's Conference Charts Path to Empowerment after 2000

Tomorrow Senator Joe Baca will be hosting CSUSB's 7th Annual Women's Conference, "Charting the Path Towards Millennium Empowerment," a free event that takes place from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Upper Commons.

The conference is co-sponsored by the Cross Cultural Center, Women's Resource Center, ASI Cultural Planning Committee, San Manuel Indian Bingo and Casino, and Pacific Bell.

As master of ceremonies, Marilyn Karrig will introduce keynote speaker Maria Contreras-Marilyn Kamig will introduce keynote speaker Maria Contreras.

Sweet, Secretary of the Business, Transportation, and Housing Agency.

Five additional panelists, from the university as well as the San Bernardino community, will speak.

Registration and a continental breakfast begin at 8:00 a.m. The commencement program begins at 9:00 a.m. After the keynote speech during lunch, the event will wind up at 2:00 p.m. Seating is limited, so contact Beverly Munoz at 880-7204 or 797-2493 or sign up at the Cross Cultural Center.

---Jeannette Lee

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Hear Ye, Hear Ye. All Outstanding undergraduate and graduate students. This year the College of Arts and Letters will recognize exceptional graduating seniors and graduate students at its annual June Commencement exercise.

To be recognized simply submit your nomination with proof of eligibility. To be eligible, a student must have completed the degree requirements for a Bachelor's or Master's degree during Summer '98, Fall '98, Winter '99 or Spring '99 and submit recommendations.

The Outstanding Student Selection Committee will forward its recommendations to Beverly L. Hendricks, Dean of College of Arts and Letters by April 1, 1999. For more information contact the College of Arts and Letters at ext. 5800.

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Mexican companies to work with stronger economic bond between both regions.

It is to rekindle relations after eight years of vilification by the former governor. It has been estimated that within the next ten years, California's Mexican-American population will become the majority. Davis seems to have recognized the state's need to foster close working relations with Mexico. "Governor Davis has been gun to reverse many of Governor Wilson's policies regarding state assistance and services to Mexican citizens illegally in this country, and on the degree to which the state government will promote the Spanish language and 'Latino' culture," Green said. "Naturally, Davis' actions in this area are popular in Mexico and may affect the degree to which the Mexican government chooses to direct investments in California as opposed to other border states. Bottom line - I don't think our new governor will be a significant factor in US-Mexican relations."

These programs may be successful, but it seems they may impact our taxes and resources. Our education and social programs will be jeopardized. This will affect not only the US but will lead to higher taxes in California and a continual degradation of social programs.

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By Dan A Farmer
Managing Editor

What pollutes the air, impedes growth of hair, and darkens the organs called lungs? The breath it creates and how bad it tastes, everyone knows it’s tobacco.

Tobacco, tobacco, it’s dirty and ugly and rude. Tobacco, tobacco it’s much worse than bad it’s crude. You should stop smoking now. Better stop smoking now. Doctors will have a cow. Better stop smoking now.

I had to borrow a jingle from the old “Slinky” ad to make the song work, but it sure fits. Everything about tobacco, from the delinquent health effects to the deceitful corporate and political structure that protects it, stinks. Tobacco is a huge problem in modern day society, and it is costing those of us who choose not to partake in the filthy habit greatly.

First, there are the secondary smoke inhalation problems. Do we have the right to breathe fresh, unpolluted air? Or, do smokers have the right to do to the air as they please? When the freedom to smoke directly affects the health of those around the smoker, I say that it has overstepped its boundary. Thank heavens California has evolved to the status of indoor smoke-free environments.

Second, who do you think is paying for all of these lung cancer and cardiovascular medical treatments for those people that make a conscious decision to destroy their bodies? That’s right, all of us taxpayers. All of us non-smokers are paying for the steep medical bills incurred in the treatment of smoking-related illnesses. That’s enough to piss me off right there.

Third, not that air pollution isn’t a big enough problem for me, but what about litter. Look around campus. What is the number one source of litter? That’s right, cigarette butts. These same people that have no concern for their own health seldom exercise concern for the health of the environment. Next time you walk to class, try to count all the cigarette butts you find on your way. It should scare you.

Well, I for one am in favor of making CSUSB a smoke-free campus. Why not? Let’s be the first university to officially recognize the scourge that smoking is and ban it from the academic environment. Let’s be on the cutting edge of evolution into the next millennium and set the standard for the rest of the world to follow.

If you want to promote smoking, addiction, lung cancer, cardiovascular disease, air pollution, littering, and everything else that tobacco stands for, be a walking billboard somewhere else. Go parade around grade schools like so many teachers do, promoting tobacco to our youth. Someone should start up a petition to make CSUSB a smoke-free campus. I’d sign it.

By David Cade
Executive Editor

Smoke ’em if you got ’em that’s what I say.

It’s certainly an unpopular thing to say now days, but I really don’t care. There’s so much whining about the smokers, the smokers, those horrible smokers! I’m sick of it!

Sure there are health risks involved, but there’s a health risk involved in just being alive these days. So when people talk about second hand smoke, polluting the environment, it’s all just noise in my ears—blah, blah, blah!

I think the real reason everyone is so fired up (no pun intended) has to do with money and fashionability, and that’s it.

It’s not fashionable to smoke anymore. It’s no longer a socially acceptable vice-like drinking alcohol, which can lead to LIVER DISEASE.

And then there’s all that money the taxpayers have to spend on cardiovascular disease because of all those horrible smokers. What about all the money taxpayers spend on cardiovascular disease because people are FAT and have arteries clogged by a lifetime of gobbling down SATURATED FATS in french fries, fish and chips, fried zucchini, fried shrimp, onion rings and hamburgers? What about all the people with skin cancer because of VANITY and the pursuit of the perfect tan?

Why doesn’t the government tax the crap out of fast food and sun tan oil? Why isn’t there a lobby trying to ban those vices?

As for the people who cry second hand smoke, all I have to say is INDUSTRIAL AIR POLLUTION. Why are people picking on smokers when industrial corporations are turning the planet into an uninhabitable blob of dirt? If smokers puffed away for the next million years, we couldn’t do one quarter the damage!

So quit bashing the smokers all you hypocrites! If you aren’t going to dish out the condemnation across the board, just sit down and shut up.

Dear Editor:

In response to last week’s article by Assemblyman Bill Leonard I honestly can’t decide which is more absurd: the notion that 500 red-legged frogs are in danger because of toxic drugs in close proximity or the fact that a political system set in motion 150 years ago cannot decide the right course of action.

Here is the way that I see it. An estimated 500 frogs may die if heavy equipment and manpower is used to remove the toxic drums. But, left alone long enough there could be thousands more frogs to die when, and I do mean when, the toxins seep out of those drums, leach into the ground and percolate up into those pristine pools of water where the frogs thrive. Let’s not forget the other creatures drinking that lush water.

Why don’t we simply get two haz-mat suited environmentalists, give them each a plastic bucket, rubber gloves, little nets, and river socks and let them carefully scoop up as many frogs as they can and gingerly tip-toe back to the creek. In all this safety regalia they should be able to scare the dear, pigs, snakes and birds away for a few weeks. Then, those hysterical environmentalists can go straight to Riverside Community Hospital, where they can be housed down in the parking lot for all of the inland empire to see.

With all the animals physically moved or frightened away, the heavy bull dozers can lumber into the Casmalia Resources dumpsite, and carry the toxic drums to where ever they take toxic drums. Herein lies the real problem with this public policy. It shouldn’t be a mystery where toxic waste is disposed. Now, can someone explain why Casmalia Resources was situated next to the largest source of water in the area in the first place?

Sincerely,

D’Leah DeBarge
Invasion of the Kickboxers

By Jim N Karitsiotis
Special to the Chronicle

It seems that everywhere you look, someone is getting hurt nowadays. I remember hearing last quarter that a woman was attacked in the restroom of the Visual Arts Building. If you aren't safe on campus, where can you be safe? The answer to that question is nowhere. Luckily, Cal State has a self-defense class to teach you how to handle a situation if it arises.

The self-defense class teaches various techniques from Kickboxing, Muay Thai (Thai Boxing), Jujitsu, Boxing, Karate, and Jeet Kune Do. The purpose of the class is simply to provide self-defense techniques to the student population at CSUSB. The class is taught by Jim VanOver who has done a lifelong study of martial arts and various styles of combat. Instructor VanOver has an 8th Degree Black Belt in Shorin-Ryu and was the United States Muay Thai Light-Heavyweight Champion under the tutelage of the famous world champion Thaiboxer Master Chai. Instructor VanOver has been training fighters and teaching self-defense since 1981. Although listed as "Karate" in the class schedule, the course is only a karate class in that it teaches self-defense. Other than that, the class is far from your typical Karate class. There are no uniforms, no bowing, no people running around trying to mimic monkeys.

In this class, you learn what works as Instructor VanOver states, "If it works, use it." Instructor VanOver also adds that "statistics show that if you fight back, you stand a greater chance of survival."

When Instructor VanOver first took over under a year ago, the class was not taken very seriously as some people thought it was a chance to catch up on social events. Instructor VanOver quickly "cleaned house" and in two quarters the class went from two sections per week to four full sections per week, gaining popularity primarily by word of mouth. However, the class is still not publicized enough as most students don't know that we have a self-defense class at CSUSB. Those that do know we have a "Karate" class may be turned off by the mental images and stereotypes that term suggests. Instructor VanOver wants to dispel the myths that surround martial arts and fighting. Most people that learn self-defense are not hyper-aggressive and overbearing individuals; rather, they are mild-mannered and confident in the fact that if a situation should happen to arise, they could handle it.

Pulling the best from many arts, the class is divided into two sections, a beginner side and an advanced side. You are equally suitable for the course if you have studied martial arts your entire life, or you have never studied at all as the students are placed according to desire and ability. If you have never studied before, the class will teach you the basic tools of survival for the real world; on the other hand, if you have studied martial arts and/or fighting and wanted to continue your training, the advanced side is just for you.

Instructor VanOver often times takes his fighters to "smokers," which are non-sanctioned amateur bouts for first time fighters. The purpose of the smoker is to give unexperienced fighters a chance to see if they want to fight for competition. Opponents are randomly selected at these events, and a short 3-round bout ensues. After participating in a smoker, if you decide that fighting is what you want to do, then Instructor VanOver will help take you to the next level. If you want to be world champion, he will help you attain your goals, but you have to want it "like you're underwater and you need air."

Instructor VanOver has trained black belts and many other fighters that have gone on to win North American championships and other title belts. Someone who hopes to follow in their footsteps is Angela Rivera, a 19 year old fighter from Victorville, California. She currently fights in the 117lb. weight class and has been trained for 2 years under Instructor VanOver's watchful eye. Angela got into fighting because she wanted to be able to defend herself without actually hurting somebody permanently through an armed defense (guns, knives). She trains 7 days a week, focusing on her goal of being a World Champion Thai Boxer by the age of 25. Prior to taking the course, Angela had no previous combative experience, yet in just 1 1/2 years she has become Instructor VanOver's "best fighter." Highly touted as having "enormous potential," Instructor VanOver stated that one time Angela knocked an opponent's mouthpiece out of her mouth twice in the same fight (a feat that requires an enormous amount of power). Angela won her most recent bout in Bakersfield two weekends ago and is fighting in Valelho on March 20. After that, she plans on fighting as often as possible until she can turn pro and pursue her dream. When asked what Instructor VanOver means to her, Angela replied, "Jim (Instructor VanOver) is the greatest teacher you could ever want, and I'd never trade him for somebody else... he'll take you as far as you want to go."

Whether you want to learn a few self-defense techniques or become world champion, the self-defense class is a nice springboard to get you started. Personally, I would like to see the class grow to the point where kickboxing would have a place in the intramural athletics program, or possibly even inter-school tournaments.

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Winner of 5 Grammy awards, The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill doesn't need to be hyped. With its homage to past R&B greats like Marvin Gaye and Stevie Wonder, Hill's record plays to the heart. Hill's lyrics are provocative ("The Final Hour"), heartwrenching ("Ex-Factor"), and biographical ("Every Ghetto, Every City"). Something new shines with each listen to this album. Hill not only raises the bar as to what constitutes hip-hop music, but what constitutes popular music. It's been awhile since a major artist has released a record that is not only challenging musically, but intellectually.

In R.E.M.'s first record without drummer Bill Berry they have attempted to break new musical ground. Peter Buck's guitars cut in-and-out like sound effects, Mike Mills spends more time at the keyboards than the bass, and on one track ("At My Most Beautiful") the band breaks out into harmony ala Brian Wilson. With the break from contemporary rock tradition, what remains the same are Michael Stipe's enigmatic lyrics, which sound haunting, perverse, and romantic simultaneously. UP may not be the best album of the band's career, but it is certainly one of the most interesting.

Audio Adrenaline is a rock/pop sensation that unrelentingly drives home their message of faith, love, and Jesus Christ. Their unconventional lyrics range from anecdotal ("Chevette") to lacerating ("Blitz"), and will ignite your thinking whether you agree with them or not.

"tune in" By Jeremiah Dollins

Mulch 13 Days

Mulch is a punk band that incorporates some of the typical grunge elements into their sound, much like Blink 182 and Offspring. Their CD on BBR Records, titled "13 Days," is a valiant independent release. The musicianship on the album is very good, as each of Mulch's members obviously know how to play their instruments. The grungy guitars hammer away at power chords all day as the leads that blanket them are interesting, yet not overly complicated.

Although there are no blazingly fast guitar solos on this album, the lead-work is appropriate as it fits the song, not the guitarist's ego. One negative aspect of the guitars is that they often times sound as if they were lost in the mix. Sometimes they blend in too well with the background music, forcing the guitars to drown in the chaos, which makes the crunch disappear and the album sound dated. The bass playing is solid yet minimalist as the drumming throughout the album constantly plays the same 4-4, straight-ahead beat.

Unlike many punk bands, the singer of Mulch, Brad Smith, actually sings. The vocals sound reminiscent of My Mary 3 at times, with a hint of Dexter from Offspring; however, the songs lack a vocal hook. For a song to be great it needs to have a vocal hook, a melody that reels the listener in. On this album there are almost no vocal hooks. The music is great and the songwriting is strong, but the most important part of any song is the vocals.

On the other hand, the lyrics on this album are quite interesting and unusual, a pleasant surprise from the typical punk lyrics. The strongest part of Mulch's package is the changes that they incorporate into their songs. Almost every song features a groove or dropout that slices right into the uptempo mix. You'll be listening to a really fast song and all of the sudden it turns into a ballad. Mulch incorporates these changes effectively and with ease, but so much that it becomes predictable. The good songs on the album are tracks 1, 2, 4, 8, and 9. The OK songs are tracks 3, 5, 6, 7, and 10. You won't be missing out on much if you avoid the other songs. On a sidenote, the title track of the album, "13 Days," is almost a country tune with slide guitars. Considering that the rest of the album is punk, it probably should have been left off the CD. Also, on the side of the CD it reads "13 Days," yet on the cover it reads "Thirteen Dayz." So, which one is it? I give this CD a 2 out of 5 rating.
How much do you really know about the Harlem Globetrotters? Well if you're anything like me, you may not have known much, until the game on Mar. 3. That's when the Globetrotters performed live at Coussoulis Arena. Everyone was there from our ASI vice president Mary Ellen Abilez to our neighboring newspaper the Sun. The stadium was filled with both young and old who wanted to get a glimpse of the famous basketball team.

Before the game began I caught a glimpse of one of my favorite globetrotters, Curley Johnson a.k.a Boo. In case you went to the game and forgot who he is, he's the shortest one on the team—with a lot of energy and a great personality. Johnson is a guard on the team and he is one of the funniest of the globetrotters. I had the privilege along with some of the other lucky guests to sit and listen to Johnson talk before the game about some very interesting facts about the globetrotters.

Did you know that the Harlem Globetrotters are not even from Harlem at all but are in fact from Chicago Illinois? This is where a man named Abe Saperstein, who had an idea to bring a young African-American group of men together to play basketball originally brought the group together. His idea turned into gold because on January 27, 1927 the Harlem Globetrotters played their first game. This game was played in Hinckley Illinois in front of an audience of 300 people and made a $75 profit. This was known as the beginning of an "odyssey."

The globetrotters started off with their famous fancy footwork, and playing horsy trying to get the basketball in the net. Their opponents, the New York Nationals, were doing the same thing. Throughout the game the Globetrotters had the audience in stitches. In particular, one of the Globetrotters was trying to throw the ball to the referee. Every time the referee ran to catch a ball then the player would throw another ball out. All this while the referee is still trying to throw the first ball. Another fun moment was when two of my favorite Globetrotters Curly Johnson and "Showbiz" himself, Matthew Jackson, were throwing water out at the audience. It all started because Curley was trying to drink water right beside the audience. Of course Showbiz tripped and the water splashed all over. Then they would walk toward another section of the audience and a pitcher of water would land in that section of the audience.

A real treat came with the twins. If their names sound familiar it's because they were entertainers on the famous Saturday night show "A Night at the Apollo." They were

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(Above Left) #11 Juquin Hawkins, slam dunks with ease. "trotter" style. (Right) Opposing team, New York National's, kept the Globetrotters on the move and also played along with various stage routines.

(Country is Hot)

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8mm, the type of movie that makes you want to go home and immediately take a shower. As in Paul Schader's 1979 chilly drama Hardcore, 8mm involves the trailing of an innocent man who gets involved in the disgustingly corroded world of pornography. In both, the hero was looking for a young girl.

In 8mm, Nicholas Cage portrays Tom Wells, a surveillance specialist tracking down the stars of a snuff film for a rich old client. The sweet old lady has found a disturbing reel of celluloid in her late husband's safe and simply has to know if the snuff film is real or not.

After accepting the well-paying job, Wells goes from searching police files to purchasing porn magazines to exploring the sleazy porn underground, where anything is available for a price. Along the way, he picks up a young guide, an adult bookstore clerk Max California (Joaquin Phoenix) who knows the scene.

Soon we, along with Wells, are being subjected to numerous scenes of disturbing sexual violation.

The performances are not bad. Cage has a grasp on the shaken, disgusted, and in love looks. His wife, Catherine Keener knows how to project being upset, scared and long suffering. The bad guys are slightly over the top, almost to the point of comic relief, but not quite. Phoenix gives a good performance, as his character is the most versatile. Aside from Phoenix, the actors are not enough to warrant watching this movie; I would consider this one of those ones you just never get around to seeing.

Nicholas Cage gives his all as Tom Wells, a surveillance specialist, in 8MM.
The Truth About Tooth Whitening

By Cheri Dixon
Design Editor

Naturally, everyone wants to have a beautiful smile. A big part of that smile is having bright, white teeth.

But, what about the toothpastes on the market that promise to give you those brilliantly white teeth. Do they deliver?

The answer is "no" according to many cosmetic dentists across the country.

"Only a dentist can get your teeth their whitest," said Dr. Shirley Mathew of Carrollton, Texas.

There are several good reasons for having your teeth whitened under the care of a dentist. Teeth whitening is actually a bleaching process that lightens discoloration of stains caused by coffee, tea, tobacco, and cola as well as aging and trauma.

The quick-fix whitening toothpastes may only slightly reduce stains through use of a harsh abrasive.

The dentist-supervised whitening product contains hydrogen peroxide or carbamide peroxide. For those over-the-counter whitening toothpastes that do include a bleaching agent, there are two problems.

First of all, the bleaching agent in the whitening toothpaste is in contact with your teeth during the length of time you are brushing, which is probably less than five minutes. This is not enough time to effectively bleach permanent discoloration from your teeth.

The dentist-supervised whitening process works for eight-hour blocks of time while you are sleeping, and takes from 10-14 days to get your teeth their whitest.

Secondly, the bleaching agent in the whitening toothpaste is in contact with more than just your teeth. It’s also touching your gums, tongue, and other soft tissue in your mouth. Under dental supervision, after the whitening gel is placed on your teeth, specially fitted trays go over your teeth to protect the rest of your mouth from contact with the bleaching agent.

According to the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, although most folks agree that a smile is a social asset, "only 50% of Americans are satisfied with their smiles."

This may explain why there have been "60 million cosmetic dental procedures performed in this country," estimated the American Dental Association in 1990.

Whitening is one of the primary cosmetic procedures that people want done.

The cost to have your teeth whitened may range from $200 to $350. Not everyone’s teeth will whiten the same. "Yellowish-hued teeth will probably bleach well, brownish-colored teeth will bleach less well and grayish-hued teeth may not bleach well at all," said Dr. Kenneth Burrell of the American Dental Association.

Only a consultation with your dentist will let you know whether you should have this process done.
It’s The Most Wonderful Time of the Year!!

By Dan A. Farmer and Michael Bernardi
Managing Editor and Staff Writer

I love the NCAA tournament! This is the time of year when you call all your friends that you haven’t spoke with since football season and argue over who’s going to win it all.

Look closely, and you will see quite a few interesting matchups that you can debate on for hours.

Be sure to get enough sleep and get your bracket picks in before Thursday the 11th. Then sit back and watch the fun begin!

EAST

This should be a foregone conclusion for everyone out there filling out your brackets for the office pool. Duke will be penciled in to represent the East in St. Petersburg. But hey, this is March madness, and anything can happen. That is anything but someone other than Duke making it to the Final Four in the East bracket.

The number two seed is Miami. No, not the Redskins out of Miami, Ohio: the Hurricanes of Miami, Florida. For the first time since 1965, Miami has posted a 20-win season and they are heading into the tournament with a lot of momentum.

Miami has a lot going for them and should have no problem getting by the first two rounds. They finished 15-3 in the Big East, which ain’t too bad. But, they might run into some trouble with the pesky Bearcats in the Regionals.

Cincinnati finished the regular season 25-5 and enters the big dance for the eighth straight season and despite the NCAA sanctions earlier this year; the Bearcats look focused and ready for anyone. They are the only team to hand the Blue Devils a loss this year, beating them 77-75.

Their biggest obstacle before meeting up with Duke will be the Hurricanes. The Canes are notorious for poor ball control, averaging 19.1 turnovers a game, and that should be the deciding factor for Huggins’ defensive minded club.

There shouldn’t be a whole lot of upsets in this bracket. The top talents should run the table. Be sure to tune in and see Kent’s first visit to the big dance and give John Chaney fits. Tennessee and Wisconsin aren’t legitimate factors, and neither should make it past the Sweet 16.

If you have to have a dark horse, look for the College of Charleston. They have seven seniors on the squad and have the tournament experience to shake things up. I would make two brackets for the pool, one of them with Charleston beating Duke. Besides, who else would have the Blue Devils losing in the second round?

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fabulous. The first stunt was mind blowing; one brother got on top of the other’s head and began spinning around really fast. Then they did a few flips and kicks. Then the most exciting stunt included five children from the audience. Tic explained that his brother Tic was going to jump over the heads of all five of the children in a flying leap. The first try he did not make it in but the second try Tic stood in front of the children and made a circle out of his arms and then the ran fast jumped over the children and through the circle. It was absolutely fantastic, so the Globetrotters were not the talent present.

Of course in the end when the game was all over the Harlem Globetrotters won the game, was there ever any doubt? It was a very great night all around with the mascot Tony the Tiger giving out some yummy Kellogg’s brand cereal, a great end to a great night.

SOUTH
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WEST
After Stanford fell to Oregon State in its regular season finale it was clear that the number one seed in the West conference would not come from the West Coast. Big East champion Connecticut picked up the number one spot while Stanford drew the number two seed. With perennial powerhouse North Carolina following at the number three spot, the West conference boasts two of last years final four seeds look like the final four: Michigan State, Utah, Kentucky, and Arizona.

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MIDWEST
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How do you pick one of these teams to make it to the final four? Not to mention Kansas. Gee, didn’t they win the whole dance a few years ago?

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Then you have Arizona and Kansas sneaking around and hoping to pull some big upsets over the big guns. Neither of these two teams is a factor of what they are used to and pose no real threat but their name the way that Michigan State and Utah are playing.

Look for Utah to fall short again to Michigan State as they look to get their first NCAA title since Magic was in town.

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20 family members and friends in the crowd who came to see him play from his hometown in Oregon. Coming off a game the night before where he shot poorly, Johnson "lit-up" Central Washington for 27 points and led all scorers in the game.

Tarron Williams came up big when he was needed in the game pouring in 20 points and wresting down eight rebounds as the Coyote’s disposed of the top ranked team and earned a chance to play in the West Regional final.

Cal State showed on Saturday night, in their third game in as many days, that they saved their grittiest effort for last. The Coyote’s mustered all their strength and courage to beat Seattle-Pacific in overtime 74-67. The win that will gain them entry to the tournament. Number 2

They move on toward their next goal, the elite eight in Louisville Kentucky. Ty Gordon played huge in the biggest game of his life, finishing with 21 points on a night when the Coyote’s top scorer, Phil Johnson, only had 11 points. Both Gordon and Johnson were named to the all tournament team following the game.

Fatigue was a key factor in this final match as both teams played three games in three days. In this battle of wills, Cal State stepped up and controlled the boards decisively as they out-rebounded their opponent 42-27.

The game was a seesaw battle through out, and the score was tied at half time 31-31. During the second half the battle continued as neither team enjoyed a lead of more than five points. The close knit unity of “The Flintstones” from Flint, Michigan made the Spartans win 29 games this season, and are the heavy favorite to come out of the Midwest.

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Campus Organization Battles Hate

By Ofelia Morales
Special to the Chronicle

It is so hard to be young and gay. So many things are unsettled," said Martha P. Kazlo, the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Student Union (GLBSU) advisor. That's why she and several faculty members, who are also advisors to the organization, are here to offer their support to CSUSB students.

As Dr. Kazlo said, it is difficult enough to be young, uncertain about your future, about your career, and about your financial stability. Gay and lesbians on campus share the uncertainty we all deal with in our lives as students and more of their own personal uncertainties. Not only are our gay and lesbian classmates concerned with getting a job in their field, but they are also concerned with being able to keep it once their sexual preference is known. They are concerned with their family life, because they worry about being loved and accepted after their family knows about their sexual preference.

These are the issues that the GLBSU is here to help out with, as well as many other issues, by offering emotional and moral support. The GLBSU also provides a secure environment in which students who need it can voice their concerns about themselves without fear.

The Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Student Union is also the oldest club on campus. The organization was initiated in the 1970s. Since then, faculty and students, regardless of sexual orientation, have been educated on the diversity that exists among us. Also, support for our gay and lesbian community has been available through this organization.

Although there are some members of the CSUSB student body who do not recognize the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Student Union as an organization that benefits them, there are a great many others who have been touched in some way by the mere existence of it.

This organization aids the campus in cultural awareness. A lot of people do not seem to realize that their brother, sister, cousin, coworker, friend, or neighbor, or anyone they know might be gay," stated Jason Colby, GLBSU president. "If one in ten people are gay or lesbian, then, statistically, this campus alone has 1,306 gay students."

According to Dr. Kazlo, the fact that this student organization exists gives gay and heterosexual students alike an opportunity to look more closely at themselves and think about who they are.

The existence of the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Student Union keeps the issue of diversity in the spotlight to the point that it cannot simply be ignored or swept away with a few stereotypical phrases," said Kathleen Richards, treasurer for the organization. Richards believes that this gay and lesbian organization provides for CSUSB students the chance to explore and face questions about themselves they wouldn't otherwise face if they wouldn't otherwise face if they would continue to be bombarded with homophobic opinions. According to Richards, the GLBSU forces the Cal State San Bernardino community to stay honest about these issues.

Having the GLBSU lets our student body know that the university acknowledges their gay and lesbian community. In a few ways, this acknowledgement helps lower the possibility that gay and lesbian students will suffer the silent anxiety of thinking, "maybe they will know this is me," Dr. Kazlo said. In some other ways, it helps many students to see homosexuality as a variation in the sexuality spectrum and stop seeing it as a reason to hate.
Horoscope
March 11, 1999

Aries: (3/21-4/19)

Having problems lately? The best way to end a struggle could be compromise or surrender. I know what you're thinking...Surrender? Yeah right! Your ambitious nature may rebel at this thought, but letting go can be surprisingly easy. Sometimes it's best to choke back your pride and use your head objectively. Whether it may be relationships, friendships, or matters concerning work, sit back and be honest. Experience the relief of a wise decision. Happiness comes by recognizing your full potential.

Taurus: (4/20-5/20)

If you've been feeling cocky lately, there may be a valid reason. An all-too-familiar set of priorities could force its way to the head of the line. This attitude could put a spin on your personal life as well, by making it have precedence over what others expect of you. You never want to intentionally hurt someone else's feelings, but you also become tired of coating all your opinions in sugar. This week, say what comes to mind. If someone can't accept your words, they might need it. By next week, this could all feel like a dream.

Gemini: (5/21-6/20)

If you want to have a meaningful relationship, the first move belongs to you. The wonderful characteristic that you suspected about someone else is only the beginning of a fantastic truth. With every other aspect of your life going well, romance will flow perfectly. It may appear too good to be true at first, so enter with caution. You tend to fall in love a little too quickly at times. Relationships and romance are greatly favored this week. Don't let this opportunity pass up!

Cancer: (6/21-7/20)

The longer you postpone an unwelcome issue, the bigger it could get. Honesty is the best bet, no matter how painful the investment. This not only applies with work, but also with your love life. For several weeks now, you've been balancing work, school, and your personal life. You have been doing a great job, but you may be more prone to stress as a result. Spend some time alone and relax, you might need it. By next week, this could all feel like a dream.

Leo: (7/21-8/20)

Feeling emotionally repressed? Talk or write to a trusted friend. There's no point in pretending to be objective, but at least you can try to be fair. Relationships may seem tense this week, so be warned. Once you've expressed your pent up feelings, you're ready to go out and have fun. It's better to relieve your frustrations positively to a friend, rather than exploding in a public place where you might be unfairly judged. With all that is going on in your life, you do not need added stress.

Virgo: (8/21-9/20)

When you're making a business deal, a handshake agreement may not be enough. Watch out for hidden clauses and overwritten expectations. Even the most meaningful words can be lost in a blast of static or some other meaningless distraction. Someone may be trying to take advantage of your generous nature. Romance may also be on shaky ground, so don't rush into new relationships hastily. Focusing on school and work might prove more profitable in the end.

Libra: (9/23-10/20)

This is the week to shine! Spend this gregarious time with family and friends. If you are not in a situation where three's a crowd, then feel free to invite a few guests. The more the merrier! You may also feel better after some shopping, although it may not be the wisest choice. Be impulsive for a change, you only live once. Dress to match your mood, instead of coordinating your wardrobe. You will glow among your friends.

Scorpio: (10/22-11/21)

As a relative outsider, you can't help noticing someone else's controlling hand. You may not want to get involved in a situation, but you may not have a choice. There are quite a few uncertainties this week, so tread cautiously on unknown ground. This includes your personal life. Relationships among family members may be strained, but it will work itself out. Time might be your best friend.

Sagittarius: (11/22-12/20)

Stuck in a rut? Your reputation lets you find all the help you could possibly need. You've done enough for others that everyone is eager to return the favor. Gratefully share the rewards of your accomplishments. This could be beneficial since this week may prove more hectic than usual. With finals coming up and spring break to prepare for, your organizer will be booked! Take advantage of this luck and have fun to the fullest!

Capricorn: (12/22-1/19)

So much to do in little time! With all the little things going on this week, distractions may overwhelm your sense of resolve. You may be faced with unhappy consequences if you fail to perform, but don't feel, situations will get better. Stay on track with your professional life, and things should prosper. Romance may be grim, but you'll be collecting new friends. They will keep you entertained without all the emotional baggage.

Aquarius: (1/20-2/18)

Stress!!! Trial and error could be your best friends. Work and school might overwhelm your sense of being, but a friend will bail you out of your dilemma. No matter how much control you may think you have, you don't! Tone down your workload and relax. You won't be able to study for finals with scattered nerves. Love is looking up, but your partner is still sending you mixed signals. Be cautious and avoid misunderstandings.

Pisces: (2/19-3/20)

You're far from the right answer, but you still have time to work your way toward it. The most obvious solution may not be the correct one this time. Consider all options before making a concrete decision. This attitude also reflects upon your love life. As emotional and creative as you are, there is a line between imagination and reality. Keep your feet grounded and you'll eventually gain a broader perception on life.

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Horoscopes by Carol Nishida, The Chronicle Astrologer *For Entertainment Purposes Only*
## Events Calendar

### Thursday, 11
- **OPRAH AFTERNOONS**
  - 3 - 4 P.M.
  - Women's Resource Center
  - X7203
- **FRIENDS OF BILL W. & DR. BOB**
  - 4 - 5 P.M.
  - Student Union Board Room
  - X7203
- **LATINO BUSINESS STUDENTS ASSOCIATION**
  - General Meeting
  - 6 P.M.
  - JB 144

### Friday, 12
- **RESERVATION DEADLINE FOR THE 1999 RENAISSANCE BANQUET**
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- **SURVIVORS GROUP**
  - 3 - 4 P.M.
  - Student Union Board Room
  - X5253
- **UNI PHI CLUB MEETING**
  - 9 A.M. - 11 A.M.
  - Student Union Board Room
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### Tuesday, 16
- **ASI FINANCE BOARD MEETING**
  - 10 A.M. - 12 NOON
  - Student Union Board Room
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  - Open Meeting
  - 12 NOON - 1 P.M.
  - Student Union Board Room
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  - X7203
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  - 4 - 5 P.M.
  - Student Union Board Room
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### Wednesday, 17
- **VIDEO LUNCH SERIES #8**
  - Topic: Equality: Women's History
  - 12 NOON - 1 P.M.
  - Women's Resource Center
  - X7203
- **MAPS MEETING**
  - 12 NOON - 1 P.M.
  - Student Union Board Room
- **LOAN COUNSELING WORKSHOP**
  - 2 - 3 P.M.
  - Student Union Events Center
- **WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT GROUP**
  - 3 - 4:30 P.M.
  - Women's Resource Center
  - X7203
- **PRE-LAW SOCIETY MEETING**
  - 3 - 4 P.M.
  - Student Union Board Room
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- **G.L.B.S.U.**
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