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Teens with fake IDs not cops' target

Underage patrons often slip into downtown nightclubs

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Vote on UC admissions proposal nears

STUDENTS COULD BE ACCEPTED TO UC, COMMUNITY COLLEGES

By Neal Huang

MOSAIC STAFF WRITEA

No longer will one class or a low GPA
derail students' college dreams.

Nat week, the University of California
Regents will vote on the "dual admissions"
proposal, allowing college applicants to be
simultaneously accepted into a California
community college and a UC campus. If
the proposal passes on July 18, the graduating class of 2003 will be the first to benefit from this new ontion.

The program is designed to spare students from suffering the same ordeal as 21-year-old Amanda Welcome, a Mission Community College student who was rejected from the school of her choice because she was missing a single speech class.

"I got sidetracked for over a year by one class I didn't have," she said. "It's just frustrating ... because of one little thing I didn't get in. (Dual admissions) would eliminate so many hassles."

The plan was the brainchild of UC President Richard Atkinson, said Brad Hayward, a spokesman for the UC system, who also added that he doesn't know of any vocal opposition to the proposal.

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The plan "received favorable input," he said, and would not have gotten to the Regents without first getting approval from the Academic Senate.

"He envisions the dual admissions as an extension of the 4 Percent Plan," Hayward said. Under that plan, the top 4 percent of each graduating high school class is automatically eligible for UC admission.

The idea behind the dual admissions program is to make the UC system more accessible to students like Welcome, who are good students but are not eligible due to a technicality.

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After years of study in Indian classical dance, Sarita Kamath prepares for her ascension to the stage

On the other side of the news: The alleged attack on De Anza college

I can't believe this, 122 felony counts? 108 years in prison? Al. . . . why did you do it?

My friend Al Deguzman is 19 and he's sting in jail facing eriminal prosecution. In January, police uncovered Al's alleged plan to attack De Anza Community College in Cupertino, and supposedly found about 30 pipe bombs, 20 Molotov cocktails and two sawed-off shotguns in his bedroom.

cuperun, and supposedly found about so pipe bornhs, 20 Molotov cocktails and two sawed-off shotguns in his bedroom. My family has known Al for years, leck, my family has even taken him out to Johnny Nockets. I've played video games with him, laughed at his hilarious jokes and watched many episodes of "Pamily Feud" and "The Simpsons" with him. Al never talked about hurting anyone. None of this makes sense. He's not the kind of person who would do something like this.

When you see a friend on television



kind of person who would do something like this.

When you see a friend on television accused of something horrible, it hurts.

When I first saw Al on TV, I was in the children's drop-off room at the San Jose Police Department headquarters. I wanted to tell those stupid reporters they were wrong about Al. I was brought there to be questioned by police because I knew him, and because he was a close friend of my older brother's.

Earlier, the police handcuffed me. They handcuffed my brother. They searched my home, without a search warrant, without permission from my parents. I let them in my home. I didn't know I could've told them to wait for my parents before they questioned us.

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CARY CODY - MOSALC PHOTOGRAPH Middle school students John Gonzalez, Rachona Williams and Ashley Clay share a laugh while waiting for the light rail to take them home from sum-mer school at Steinbeck Middle School.

It's just another manic school day for Bay Area commuter students

By Armando Lara-Millan

My Amando dare-minar My Amando Magnes Sanchez awakens to a shricking alarm clock. It's the start of a long day of riding noisy buses and crowded light rail trains to get to her high school classes and later, work. Maggie, 16, who lives in downtown San Jose, gets ready and heads to school before most of her classmates are even out of bed. Only she doesn't climb into a car, she piles into a bus that's 15 minutes late. "It's tought to get up," said Maggie, a sophomore at Gunderson High School, which is eight miles from her home, a long ride when you're in a bus that makes numerous stops. With a sigh, she added, "It makes you want to quit." The bus drags along the city streets. When it grinds to a halt at her stop, Maggie pushes her way off

and runs to eatch the light rail. It's about 7 a.m. the beginning of a typical 19-hour day for Maggie.

Like so many other teens in Silicon Valley - where high costs force many to work - Maggie is a commuter-student. John Pilger of the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority, says about 27,000 high school and college students - I4 percent of overall riders on weekdays - use public transportation.

Many students struggle to balance a chaotic schedule that includes traveling to school, then to work and finally back home.

Some don't mind the trouble and actually enjoy it. But others who face the often-unreliable bus and light rail systems complain that long commutes keep them from enjoying after-school activities and makes an already stressful day even more hectic.

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New law puts brakes on late-night drag racers

Fremont's industrial streets, racing movie lead to measure

By Ken Lotich Jr.

In an effort to eliminate the dangerous and illegal sport of street racing, the city of Fremont recently became the first Northern California city to pass a law closing down city streets that attract late-night drag pages.

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The law was proposed by Lt. Mike Eads, the Fremont Police Traffic Unit Commander, who said illegal drag racing in the city has gotten out of control. In the past decade, three people have been killed in Fremont alone while racing or watching races.

"The wide streets and open industrial area make Fremont and attractive place for people trace," Eads said. "Over 100 cars, and 200 to 300 spectators could show up on any given night. There has been gambling illegally modified cars, and these streets are just not made for racing." On July 2, Brian Da-Dong Chuong, a 21-year-old Oakland man, was killed in Alameda after his car flipped over while racing two other modified are.

Toyota MR-2s at speeds exceeding 80 mph.

The Fremont law comes at a time when drag racing is at the fore in popular culture with the release of the summer hit "The Fast and the Purious." The movie has been particularly popular with teen boys. Three drag-racing deaths have been documented actionwide in the two weeks following its release.

"We just don't want the same thing happening in Fremont," Bads said.

With the new law, Fremont police will be able to issue citations of \$500 and tow away the cars of anyone on the restricted streets between 11 pm. and 6 a.m. whether they are racers or not.

Additional fines will be imposed for illegally modified cars. The ordinance was passed unanimously by the Fremont City. Council on July 8 and on July 5 signs were posted on the affected streets, most of them in an industrial area. Fremont police may have to step up patrols on nights they believed legal races will occur.

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Hollywood's 'Fast and the Furious'

Movie gets viewers' adrenaline, cars racing



Youths' racial identities redefining U.S. makeup

MULTIRACIAL TEENS **GROWING IN NUMBER**

By Ellen Kamei

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Sixteen-year-old Alicia Ouellette cringed as she stared at the
SAT II answer sheet. Once again,
she faced the prospect of squeezing her identity into one constraining circle, despite her
Japanese and white heritage.
The dilemma was not a new
one for Alicia, At school and at
home, she has had to grapple
with her mixed identity.
"You're not white enough for
the whites, and you're not Asian
enough for the Asians," said the
Lincoln High School senior.
Alicia's struggle is one that
will increasingly define the adolescent experience in America as
more teens like Alicia are born
into families of mixed heritage.
The U.S. Census Bureau this
year estimated that 24 percent
of the nation's residents - about
6.8 million people - identified
themselves as belonging to
more than one racial group. In
California and the Bay Area, the
percentage of mixed-race people
was about double the national
average.
Nowhere, however, is the cour-

average.

Nowhere, however, is the country's growing multicultural makeup more pronounced than among youth, While only 19 percent of adults checked off two or more races on the 2000 census form, 4 percent of those under 18 identified with more than one race.

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d with more than one race. Professor Gilbert Cadena,



professor of ethnic and women studies at Cal Poly Pomona, said the notion of culture in America is rapidly changing as a result of the rise of multicultural com-munities,

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"The issue of multi-racial and multi-ethnic identity is much more significant for this generation," Cadean said.

For the first time in the nation's history, the US Census Bureau allowed people to choose more than one race on the 2000 census form. Instead of only offering five choices, white, black, Asian, American Indian and other – as it did 10 years ago, the bureau created 63 possible racial combinations.

The change, Cadean said, reflects the country's growing mixed heritage.

"People have assumed that it is a black and white dichotomy, but the reality today is a much more complex issue," he said, pointing to the growing population of Latinos and Asians.

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Front Row: Jo-Ann Fincutter, Tiffany Combs, Kim-Mai Cutler, Vina Tran, Claudia A. Reyes, Linda Tran, Samar Fahmy.

COMMUTE I Long ride

for students

"I do my homework on the bus, no one bothers you. At home, you still get your inter-ruptions," said Ernie Patigoni, 17, who lives in downtown San Jose. He spends three hours a day on the bus getting to James Lick High School, which is on the east side of town He, then

the east side of town. He then heads to work at the Great Mall in Milpitas after school, a 60-

minute ride.

Ernie said he actually enjoys the long commute because he has a chance to socialize. The one-hour ride to his after-school job at the mall is worth it, he adds, because he earns money

for college.
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By Neal Huang and Ellen Kamei

strangers picked to live in a dorm and make a newspaper. Find out what happens when people stopped being polite and started getting real — The Real World: Mosaic 2001. For two weeks, our diverse group

For two weeks, our diverse group would become reporters, make new friends and wreak have in Markham Hall at San Jose State University. It didn't quite occur to us what we were getting ourselves into unit the sec-ond day, when our editors sat down and said, 'So, what are your story ideas?' Silence. Eyes glanced around nerv-ously and then some ideas started

Second Row, Robby Balbuera, Neal Huang, Glade Bauman, Ellen Kamel, Cary, Cody, Rea Alcantan, Third Row, Editor Mitchelle Guido, Armando Lara-Millan, Chris Pera, Ken Lotich Jr., Koren Temple, Daniel Medina, Fourth Row, Dorm Mom Rosana Madrigal, Editor Lori Antani, Editor Ame Martinez, Editor Daniel Vasquez, Editor Donna Kato, Photo Editor enough, we had generated all of our ideas and were ready to start working. Gary Reyes, Editorial Assistant Ryan Balbuena.

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Daniel Medina

Daniel serenading and relaxing to the live concert beats of Moby. Jo-Ann, 19, will be spending the rest of her summer saving money and learning Spanish in order to spend a semester of college in Spain.

Neal Huang Neal Wes born and nised in Sin Jose He spent, most of his childhood shukying so he did net find that very interesting. Now he is 17, and in his own words, "much more released!" He enjoys playing termis and played on his high school termis team. He also achievly participated in speech and didatate as well as journalism. He spends a little too much

— Rea Alcantara time on the Internet but still finds-enough time to

"No one has ever come to us with concerns," said Linda Mors, the Associate Principal at James Lick High School.
Richard Prias, the Associate Principal for Andrew HIII High School, agrees, but added that students who trovel must deal with entra pressures. He said he would do "anything I can to help, should somewee sife for it. Prias said his echool does not have been applied to the said help would be a supplied to the said help with the said help would be a supplied to the said help would be a supplied to the said help with the said help with

mute to work and school.

Louis Ochoapla, 17, has commuted all three of his years at Gunderson High School. Paced with another year, he literally grunts and sighs.

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getting up, but it's nothing,
(because) I do it every day,
Louis said. As he geared up to
slide into the downtown light
rail train at Second and Santa
Clara streets, Louis winced and
said, "It sucks that other people
have even"

Some students are not as accepting as Louis of the long hours on buses and the unpre-dictable schedules that they say detract from their studies.

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"I had an English final and
the bus didn't come," said Janet
Pak, a sophomore at San Jose
State University who commutes
four days a week from south
Fremont, which is about If
Thies away, "It makes it difficult.
I have to worry about it."

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Because buses only come at certain times, some students are forced to miss out on extracurricular activities.

"If I had a ride home I could do sports," said a frowning Arnthony Tran, 16, who catches a farment of the could be supported by the country of the count

the Great Mall in Milipitas.
Some students feet they're in
Jospardy when riding alone.
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are all over the place," said
Maggie, the junior with the 19hour day.
Louis, of Gunderson High,
said his commute definitely
takes a toll.
"It's definitely harder to

graduate," Louis said.

Maggie summed the one feeling that many teen commuters seem to share: "I feel like, because I do this every day and I haven't quit yet, I'm going to reach my goals."

Vina Tran

The Mosaic is a publication of the eighth annual San Jose Vina is 18 and was born in Santa Clara. She is Vietnamese and Chinese and a recent graduate of Yerba Buena High School in San Jose. Her He do actively participated in speech and details are well as jurnation the speech at life to make a jurnation that the speech at life to make a jurnation that the speech at life to make a proposal to a region of the speech at life to make a proposal to a region of the speech at life to make a proposal to a region of the speech at life to speech at lif Urban Journalism Workshop, founded by Joe Rodriguez, For two weeks, under the guidance of reporters and photographers from the San Jose Mercury News, high school students from and photographers for their own publication, all the stories in this

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Pop culture beating feds when it comes to sex ed

When it comes to sex, who are teenagers more apt to listen to, David Satcher or Janet Jackson? My guess is that mary sexually active minors don't have a clue who Satcher is or that as the US. Surgeon General he heavily influences social policies. When it comes to Janet, however, I bet most lidd understand what she's talling about

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Kids grab your dictionaries!

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office is busily crafting five-syllable
words to adorn his report, young
people are tuning out. It's like
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Then there's Wendy Wright, a

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Turning away from technology, teens connecting to religion Nycole Sanchez, 17, a member of St. Mary's Catholic Parish in Gilroy,

by Ellen Kamel

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See RELIGION, Page 5

By Samar Fahmy

Every summer, new fashion trends sweep through the teen population and can be seen in popular teen hangouts such as malls and movie theaters. There, teens get a chance to show off the newest styles while expressing their individuality. A recent day at the Great Mall in Milpitas found teens and young adults making a variety of fashion statements.

Most were dressed to stay cool in shorts and tank tops but a few dressed to express themselves, paying no attention to the heat.

- Michelle Aveno ▶ ■ Michelle Aveno, 22, was wearing a purple tube top, stretchy short shorts and a pair of stylized combat boots. She described her style as a "different and mean look."

and mean look."
Everything about her appearance, from her long, strawberry blonde hair and spiked dog collar seemed to scream rebel. In contrast to her

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Ala Debruyn, 23, from Sheffield, NY, said she never dresses in a consistent way. She doesn't like to be placed into any one category of style, she said, adding, "My clothes reflect my mood and the music I listen to in the morning when I

On this day, she described her

Rockabilly is a unique blend of Rockabilly is a unique blend of swing/country/rock music, and her chic outfit included a blend of all three rolled-up capri pants and a midriff-baring black shirt acces-sorized with a silver-studded belt for a touch of rock culture. Her scrunched up socks and platform Mary Janes jumped right into swing style.

◀ Luke Langskov -

Photos by Kim-Mai Cutler Mosaic photographer

everything would be all right. I don't know why I gave myed such false has been public with the proposed such false has been public with the p While Aveno and Debruyn wore outfits that are somewhat uncommon in the valley, Luke Langskov, 18, had no problem wearing the skater look popular with many young men. His big baby-blue T-shirt, long and baggy Mr. Rags shorts, backbagy Mr. Rags shorts, back-wards visor and well-used skate-board completed his image as a skater. He sported 'stuffed' shoes, a popular trend among teens who stuff their shoes with socks so that the tongue puffs up. He sald he wears this style of clothing. 'Because everybody else is wearing it."

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woke up the next day with a massive hangever. It must me think of the two guys in the car that killed Ryan. Net no matter the car that killed Ryan. Net no matter would have been to pick up the logs to mp car and drive after demants that night, I didn't. Today, I still feel had about the night i chose to drink. I try to live my the contract of the last he had a contract way to not like the the matter way to not like the the that the contract of the last the that the contract way to the last the that the contract way to the last the that the contract way to the last the the that the contract way to the last the the that the contract way to the last the the that the contract way to the last the the con-tract way to be a last the last the con-tract way to the last the last the con-tract way to the last the last the last the last the that the last the last

that you have and ourn't uno some-thing that improves your life.

I know I will never drive drunk.

And if my story prevents just one person from driving under the infla-ence, that's the greatest gift I can give to the families and friends of those who, have suffered the sume kind of loss.

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Christopher Pena Christopher, 16, is a very social person. He adores Janet Jackson and has a poster of her on his desk. He'd love to see her perform on

COLLEGE | Pact would join state college admissions

Continuation time (see 1). The plan applies to students who graduate between the top 4 and 12.5 percent of their powers of the power of the

Chai I. Tameg president of San Jose Oty College, sees value in this program.
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Students generally approve of the program, despite the low numbers of students who would benefit from it.
Vivian Trong, a 20-year-old student at Mission Community College in Santa Clara, said, "that's a small percentage compared to the rest of California, but it is better than nothing."
Sail, students appreciate the extra effort by the UC system to offer new options and aversues for their CR years to follow the control of the

"I had a friend who had his heart set on UC-San. Diego, but he didn't meet the requirements so he was turned down," said Elizabeth Vejar, a 19-year-old freshman at San Jose City College. "It definitely would

freshman at San. Jose City College. "It definitely would have helped."

For others, the program simplifies the transfer process and reduces the chance for complications. "I would have applied for the transfer agreement to Berichely," and Trong, "But I missed the deadline— and I didn't know I' I would get in anyway."

The data in demissions plan in designed to provide an expanded range of choices for students with less-than perfect academie records.

"To a student, it feels good because you get a sec-ond chance," Vejar said. "And everyone's entitled to a



A Japanese-American family gathers on the

MULTIRACIAL | Youths define themselves

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Within the past decade, organizations have been created to offer support to mixed-more teens like Stephanie and promote multicultural education. I-Pride (Internacial intercultural pride), an organization based in San Fruncisco, provides people an outlet to discuss the often-controversial issues surrounding

Neronica Keiffer, director of I-Pride, is white and African-American. She said groups like I-Pride are necessary to help feater self-confidence in children from racially mixed familia.

A sense of cameradorie's important for children," she said. "It's important to know that there are others

Ashlev Kibler, 16, a student at Homestead High

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An urban race goes badly awry in Universal's "The Fast and the Furious."

Racing movie inspires Hollywood believers

Sy Chris Pella

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Shut-down speedways

Roads now closed from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. in Fremont under the city's new

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Ave. and Automal Proxy.
10. Campus Dr. between Kaiser Dr. and
Dumbarton Cir.

DRAG | Fremont trying to put brakes on late-night drag racers

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Teens becoming desensitized to threat of contracting AIDS

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Bonfante Gardens ■ There are 1,200 light bulbs on the 1920s-era



Survival kits make journey a little safer

Imagine walking through 115-degree heat under the scorching rays of the sun and the only hope keeping you alive is the desperate desire to achieve the American Dream. It's a heartbreaking tale too often repeated by thousands of Mexican imaginants each year who suffer injuries, drown or die of delydantion while trying to

each year who miller injuries, drown recross the border.

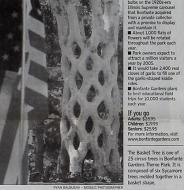
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directly advocate a change in behav-ior. While some will risk their lives to

ior. While some will risk their lives to cross the border, many will continue to stay behind. Fox deserves credit, not only for proposing the survival kits, but also for offering more Mexican migrants-work visus so they can pursue oppor-tunities in the U.S Both efforts would result in fewer migrants apprehended at the border and consequenced

Autologin 70x siles for the sur-vival kits still stands to be tested over time, it's a step in the right direction. It's a long and perilous journey across the border. Whether documented or not, migrants should be given the chance to survive and pursue the American Dream.



Gilrov park's natural beauty a dream come true for owner

A dream come true for owner in order to feed and water them. In 1985, Bookset Start worters

In a rural part of Glory, among the tree and halls, lies a theme part, different form many others. Rather than relying on fast thrills, the part is designed to make evacuation; fun for families.

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entertainment

By Tiffany Combs

Think teenagers, alcohol, sex parties, driving and a lot of skin and you'll get the general idea of what makes up the movie "Crazy/ Beautiful."

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"Crazy/Beautiful" Director: John Stockwell
Cast: Kirsten Dunst, Jay Hernand.
Running time: 1 hour. 35 minutes

By Ken Lotich Jr.

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Top: Ashley Angel sings his solo part in O-Towns debut song, "Liquid Dreams," Above: Angel, 19, serenades Jessica, a lucky fan, who was pulled out from the crowd. The group sang its smash hit, "Shy Girl," to young Jessica.

Band accepts cookie-cutter image

By Linda Tran

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DIVIDED



Top: Lead singer Ryan Reynoso, 22, screams into a microphone during a practice for his local band, Divided, in a storage room at a security systems office. Above: Percussionist Gabe Osorio, 23, keep the heat during practice.

Unlike O-Town, band fights for fame

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Rue de Paris lives up to high billing

By Robby Balbuena

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Too many issues cloud Vietnamese movie's plot

"The Vertical Ray of the Sun"

By Vina Tran

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Michelle: more pop than Alanis, maybe a little happier, too



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Gun control

infringing on

citizens' rights Gun control. The ongoing debate a tinues to raise more questions than

It's possible to believe that the law granting the right to own a gun was written in haste because Americans were prepared to do anything to win independence from Great Britain. The Continental Army led by Gen. George Washington needed the help of well-regulated state militias.

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Students debate the need for high school exit exam

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Classroom construction bothersome to students

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schools.

All of this construction provide future Bay Area youth with mode buildings and facilities. There are some great projects going on that probably will be very

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currently
are enrolled have to put up with.
Unfortunately, there are down
sides to people doing major construction while education takes place.
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you can focus on that essay tor English again.

If we want new facilities, this con-struction is a must, but it's still a pain in the butt. Why can't schools do this type of thing during the summer?

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superintendent for Santa Clara Unified.

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In short, he said that if schools were worked on only during the summer, the buildings would be old before they were completed and students wouldn't get as much use out of them. OK, that makes sense But then what are we students supposed to do? At my campus, Senta Clara High School, hage fences have popped up in the quad, a place usually set saide for lurch and schoolwide activities. The contractive workers of the said of the contractive workers of the said struction workers do a small portion construction workers do a smail portion of digging and fixing pipes in a matter of several hours to a half day, and then move on to the next part of the quad. The air becomes clouded with dirt.

The air becomes clouded with dirt. Because of these minor repair projects, students have to take longer routes to class, which cause delays. On top of visiting your locker and taking care of other small errands such as using the restroom or getting a drink, construction makes getting to class a tremendous task. Oh well.

Loads of quirky little projects to mrove the school have been taking improve the school have been taking place that seem to be counterproduc-tive. One of my personal favorites was when the school decided to re-tar the roof. Isn't it unhealthy to breath tar ers were wearing protective masks around the fumes, while the students

were inhaling away.

"I'm sure it does bother students,"
Adams said. "It's a hassle for people.
There's noise and there's dirt."

TAPPING FOR SOUND



Richard Hoover, owner of the Santa Cruz Guitar Company, checks the sound of the body of a guitar he is making. Hoover, 50, has been in the guitar business for almost

Schools rolling with possible blackouts; budgets analyzed

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Schools offering incentives to get participation in test

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Blek's intentions are good, but clouded by emotion. She is an ant-byem advocate
was more and the state of the

"For a user connecting to Aimster, the process is identical. Aimster is essentially a Napster clone. Napster could even sue Aimster for copyright infringement. That would be the greatest irony." Jano Cahrera

Music-sharing sites sprouting as Napster trouble continues

times to raise more questions than answers.

But before anyone chooses sides and gets comfortable, maybe they should look required to the control of the con

By Neal Huang

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MESCURY NEWS FILE PHOTOGO Ruben "Xochicuauhtil" Colon, left, and Elizabeth Barron, from the Aztec dance group Tlaloc perform at the grand opening of the Mexican Heritage Plaza in 1999.

Mexican Heritage Plaza helps teens explore talent

Seven months ago, Marco Martines, 17, was stuck at Mt. Pleasant High School with a dream of writing a play. But the East San, Jose campus has no theaster facilities and seven and the seven that the sev

untapped talents.
Despite a shaky start, the plaza has found several classes that are working well with students. A few, such as the popular Mariachi classes, also are accepted for credit at San Jose's Hoover and Castillero middle schools. Other classes targeted toward students include an array of musical instrument courses, as well as dance

Since the Mexican Heritage Plaza opened, it has experienced mary ups and downs. A series of financial problems, including a drop in donations and poor attendance at many of its theater produc-tions, have made headlines in recent months. The plaza also has faced criticism months. The plaza also has faced criticism for its slow response to residents within the community looking to rent space at the center.

Marco said.

*Marco said he felt that without the center.**

More receively, management chose to scale back the plant is box office hours because it could not financially support keeping it open all day, said Richard Alejandro, president of the Mexican Heritage Corporation. Despite the estbacks, Alejandro is optimistic about the plant's future. We slowed down a bit, but we are

We slowed down a bit, but we are starting to ramp up again with programs, Alejandro said. "It's all taking off at one time, and the starting to ramp and the starting to ramp and the starting to the plaza's many donors, and the plaza's troubles are not unusual for a new cultural center. "It is an excellent nuchor for the comment of the starting that the programming."

"My group of friends would not have been able to explore theater (without the plaza)," said a grateful Marco. When he first began rehearsals for his play, "Don't Mention Detention," his fellow student

where on a really low budget," he said. "Any problems we had or anything we needed they gave it to us." In addition to offering its space for rehearsals and production, the plaza provided Marco with everything from background materials to

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YEARS OF TRAINING CULMINATE IN HINDU-BASED PERFORMANCE

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"You basically live in the story; Sardia sad." It Im-supposed to be a goddess, that what I'm feeling." Throughout her career as a dancer, Sardia's famil-has strongly encouraged her. Her mother, who studied Bhamtanatyam, but not long enough to have an Arangetram, was especially supportive. "I'm so proud of her," she said. "I've seen where she was and I've seen her persevere."

Story and photographs by Kim-Mai Cutler



Sarita Kamath, 17, assumes the pose of Nataraja, the God of Dance, during her Arangetram, the debut solo performance of a dancer after several years of study in Bharatanatyam, an Indian classical dance form.



Valath, 17, a classmate of Sarita's, who will perform her Arangetram on Saturday offers Poola some M&M's in the lobby of the Mexican Heritage

Exhibit shows influence of hip-hop in today's culture

By Ken Lotich Jr. MOSAIC STAFF WRITER

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Despite the controversy, criticism and debates, high-play has proven that it is here to size, the property of the property of

and "Bulworth."
"Hip-hop drives
everything today,"
said Jihad Saleh, 26, a
fan visiting the exhibit on a recent afternoon. "You see it
everywhere, from
clothes to soda to
movies." 'Hip-Hop Nation' Where: Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, San

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talked about."

Among other items on display are old concert
posters, with one advertising a 1991 concert at
the Oakland Coliseum headlined by Run DMC
along with other acts who appeared on the card,
such as Ll Cool J, The Beastie Boys and
Whodini. Admission was \$15.

Free admission boosts attendance at S.J. Museum of Art

By Glade Bauman

Less than one month after the San Jose Museum of Art announced it would drop its admission fees, average daily attendance at the downtown landmark has skyrocketed to an all-time high of 300 visitors a day, about six times the number of patrons prior the rate reduction, said Diane Maxwell, the museum's spokeswoman.

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The new plan was on of the first changes made by the masseum's new executive director, Dual T. Keepan, public to rejay the masseum's collections for first Control of the C

sometimes just for my own special reasons," she said. "It's really nice for students because we can come back if we need to for free."

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Prothers Christian, 3, and Gabriel Robles, 12, shop for gear at Circle A, a San Jose skateboard

SKATE | Once just for rebels, sport appealing to masses

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Taking a swing at learning baseball

By Rea Alcantara

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I've never really paid attention to baseball. I'd been to a couple of games but nothing was very memorable. The only thing I really knew about baseball was that a foul ball could turn into a free souvenir for someone who was really lucky.

To me, baseball just seemed downright boring. I'm the type of person who wants action – guys in tight pants running right into one another and blood spewing everywhere. Nothing fake either, so no World Wrestling Federation for me.

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But I thought it was time to try to change my attitude about baseball. So my mission while at Mosaic was to learn everything I could about this complex game in five days.

The first thing I had to do was understand the whole concept of baseball and how it felt to be a player. I began my investigation by reading about the sport. I learned that Alexander Cartwright first formalized the rules of baseball in 1845, and that they were first used in a 1846 amateur game between the Cartwright's Knickerbockers and the New York Nine.

From that moment on, "America's favorite pastime," as baseball is known, has grown in popularity—even despite the contentious 1994 strike with the players fighting the owners.

To help me view baseball through fresh eyes, I met up with two San Jose State University assistant coaches, Dean Madsen, 30, and Doug Thurman, 32. Both offered me great insight into the sport. Madsen taught me that being a player can mean hours of doing the same drills over and over again.

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After talking to the coaches, I decided to see how I would do as a player. The most experience I had playing this sport was finching away or trying to run in the opposite direction from the ball. So Madsen and I threw the ball a couple of times, but I caught most of them. As for throwing, I did as well I could for someone who hadn't thrown for years. So with all this new training and reading I thought it was time to get out and put my newfound knowledge to the test. I went to my first minor league game at San Jose Giants beat the Modesto As 4-3 in a sold-out game. The fans were friendly and all seemed to know Krazy George Henderson. Krazy George Henderson. Krazy George, 59, is a fixture at stadiums across the country, the "unofficial cheerleader" for 80 teams, including some in the major leagues. He is a hard man to miss. With his wild white hair, he beats a drum to get the erowd fired up. He is a fan who truly loves the sport. For me, Krazy George is the fan I've always wanted to be. He made my first minor league game one I will never forget.

This experience has taught me alot about myself and baseball. I have learned that baseball isn't about watching the grass grow, it's about discipline and life. And this I learned from talking to the coaches and most of all, from the fans who welcomed me with open arms to their stadium.



Chance to cash in on skills lures high schoolers to NBA

By Ken Lotich Jr.

When the best high school basket-ball players have the option of going to college – or making millions of dollars and becoming famous – it can be an easy decision for the player to go straight to the pros. Over the past couple of years, an increasing number of athletes have cho-sen to skin college by declaring them-

sen to skip college by declaring them-selves eligible for the National Basketball Association draft straight

out of high school.

In the 2001 NBA draft, the
Washington Wizards selected 19-yearold Kwame Brown from Glynn

Academy in Georgia as the overall No. 1 pick.

When the next teams had their chance to choose, the Los Angeles Clippers took 18-year-old Tyson Chandler from Dominguez High School in Southern California – and later traded him to the Chicago Bulls, who picked up another prep star: 18-year-old Eddy Curry from Thornwood High School in Illinois.

With three out of the top five picks being high schoolers, other high school athletes may want to follow in their footstops

"For many, it's a winning situation, from a financial standpoint, that they can't pass up," said San Jose State

University assistant coach Patrick Springer.

Money can be a big factor in the decision for high school superstars. A top pick is guaranteed just over \$3 million in the first year, and \$10 million for three years. NBA commissioner David Stern has been trying unsuccessfully for years to impose minimum age limits for the league.

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San Jose State's Springer said he thinks it's sad that high school players pass up the experience of college life.

"In college you can mature as a per-son and a ball player," said Springer.

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Top NBA draft picks of 2001

1 Kwame Brown (Glynn Academy High School): Washington Wizards

2. Tyson Chandler (Dominguez High School): Los Angeles Clippers (traded to Chicago Bulls)

3. Pau Gasol: Barcelona, Atlanta Hawks

4. Eddy Curry (Thornwood High School): Chicago Bulls

5. Jason Richardson: Michigan State University, Golden State



Jonny Manak, 23, jumps over a bush outside Circle A, a San Jose skateboard shop. Manak holds a degree in engineering, but works at Circle A.



Christian Robles, 3, tests out a new skateboard at Circle A.

Skateboarding:

By Robby Balbuena

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Once a sport for punks and outcasts, skateboarding is quickly evolving from a rebel culture into a mainstream sport open to anyone who wants to pick up a board.

The sport has become so popular that there are now professional competitions, parks designed just for skaters and specialty stores that sell everything from the latest boards to protective gear. But at the same time, San Jose officials have cracked down on the sport by banning skateboarders from downtown sidewalls.

Bob Schmelzer, owner of Circle A Skateboards in downtown San Jose, has seen business pick up since he opened his store in 1998. Then, Schmelzer spotted only a few skaters in downtown. Now they're everywhere.

where "It's deservingly popular because of the things skateboarding has accomplished," Schmeizer said, pointing to the sport's broader audience and marketing appeal.

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Not just a rebel sport

Is Barry Bonds chasing a home-run record or a white record?

It's Saturday afternoon and San Francisco Giants slugger Barry Bonds is crowding the plate at Pae Bell Park. At the crack of his bat, a jolt of excitement pulses through the stadium. And as the ball speeds toward the fence, reality strikes: the little white ball might actually make it. As it floats in the air, a slight gasp is heard from the crowd.

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Is this the gasp of hope and anticipation? Or bewilderment and dread?

As Bonds draws closer and closer to the single-season home-run record, more crowds will hold their breath. Some will hope for success. Others for failure. Does America really want Barry Bonds to break the last homerun record held by a white man? And for those who don't, is it because of racism or because he's a jerk?

Our "national pastime" has come to symbolize the things that are right-and wrong – with everyday America. Racism is stitched into the fabric of America, just as the number 25 is stitched onto Bonds' uniform.

It's been almost three decades since Hank Aaron, an African American, did what no one thought was possible take the title of the greatest home-run hitter of all time from a white man. His name was Babe Ruth. The Great Bambino is still considered an American legend.

As he approached that milestone in 1974, Aaron, who played for the Atlanta Braves, encountered many prejudices: hate mail, threats and ballpark taunts, to say the least.

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"I think the closer (Bonds) gets, the more he's going to be pitched around because of his race. There are certain teams with white pitchers and white managers (who) will do this. It will be obvious," said a Giants season-ticket holder who wished to be unnamed.

Many fans at Pac Bell Park on a recent afternoon seemed to be unawart that there may be animosity toward Bonds because he is black.



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"That race stuff has worn off," said Jim Dugdale, another Giants season-ticket holder. "The fans are color blind," said Al Wise, who was in line for a beer. History has proven people like Wise and Dugdale are wrong. During the Mark McGwire-Sammy Soas home-run chase in 1998, both sluggers had different types of people backing them. Across the country, many Latinos rooted for Sosa. They wanted to see a Latino make it to the top.

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Howard Bryant, who covers the New York Yankees for the Bergen County (N.J.) Record, agrees.
"White fans identify more with white superstars," said Bryant, who is writing a book about the Boston Red Sox and the integration of black players. "They have trouble identifying with a foreign element."
Of course, some argue Bonds is

unpopular because he's a creep, not because he's black.

The "jerk-syndrome" is common among sports superstars. For some it matters, for others it doesn't. Why?

"I remember John Elway (retired quarterback for the Demve Broncos) acted like a jerk sometimes," said Bob Rose, vice president of communications for the Glants. "But he is a white blonde man, so he had an additional asset in terms of marketability."

The question of marketability and image is a another good one. Just what is a good image?

In general, the public has a tendency to become uncomfortable when racism is discussed. As a reflection of that, many professional sports stars of color who have spoken out about racism have suffered, image-wise. Athletes like Muhammad Ali, Gary Sheffield and Charles Barkley have either been loved or hated by fans because of how they openly discussed racial tensions.

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