

Thursday,  
March 30, 2006

Sports



**Hitting the Road:**  
Softball continues fantastic season by visiting Southern California.  
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A & E



**All That Jazz:**  
21st Annual Jazz Festival rolls onto campus this weekend.  
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Campus  
Production  
of ‘Simon’  
Set for May

“Fools,” a classic Neil Simon comedy, is the next theatrical production set for the University Theatre on Friday and Saturday, May 5-6.

Ticket information and purchases are available at (510) 885-3261 or by going to the University Theatre box office between May 1-5, from noon to 4 p.m., and one hour before show time. Tickets also are available online at: [www.asi.csueastbay.edu](http://www.asi.csueastbay.edu).

**Daylights Savings  
Time begins Sunday.  
Remember to set your  
clocks ahead one hour.**

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Caution: Young  
Authors at Work

Newark students display  
their work and get advice  
from the pros.

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Mayor: No One Should Be Ashamed to Live in Hayward

By Danielle Garcia  
Staff Writer

Pioneer reporter Danielle Garcia recently sat down with Hayward Mayor Roberta Cooper to discuss her impending departure:

**Danielle Garcia:** Why aren't you running for re-election?  
**Mayor Roberta Cooper:** Well, it's time for a new perspective on things.  
**DG:** And so what are you going to do after?  
**RC:** Well darned if I know! Probably take about a month to relax; work things over, and probably by September I'll be ready to do something other than just stay home. Maybe even walk the dogs; they would be surprised at that. But I'm thinking about it. I'll just have a pleasant time, a relaxing time.  
**DG:** No stress.  
**RC:** Oh honey, life is always stressful, but less stress.  
**DG:** And the dogs will probably be happy to have you home.  
**RC:** Yes they will.

**DG:** What did you do before you were mayor, what was your profession?  
**RC:** I was a teacher. Taught for 28 years. I started out in San Francisco at a junior high school, and taught there for 2 years. I came back and taught in Hayward, started off as a substitute teacher, then was in charge of a pregnant minors program for 12 years then after that program was dissolved because pregnant young women could stay in school. I was absorbed on the teaching staff of continuation high school, and did that until I retired in 1994.  
**DG:** What year did you become mayor?  
**RC:** 1994.  
**DG:** It was that year as soon as you retired, or did you retire because you were going to become mayor?  
**RC:** Actually, I came down with breast cancer and just could not at that point handle two full time jobs. So I was able to retire and took on mayor as a full time job.  
**DG:** So, you moved in Hayward in 1968?  
**RC:** No, no, no, moved to Hayward in '62.

Both our sons are native Hayward-ites.  
**DG:** So just to go back to your actual career, what is your most memorable moment as mayor of Hayward? 12 years is a long time.  
**RC:** Well, we started the tattoo removal program, and that was ... I felt really good about that.  
**DG:** What was that?  
**RC:** Tattoo removal, for young people. To have them removed. It's a barrier for getting jobs, especially those that are visible  
**DG:** And when was that?  
**RC:** Oh god, 1995 or '96.  
**DG:** How did you help them?  
**RC:** Well, we started it actually, it started at the county level and then we kind of absorbed some of their ideas and there was a dermatologist that came down from UC Davis who was demonstrating and doing tattoo removal and we took those models and we had Kaiser join in with us, free, and St. Rose, and it has been operating for several years.  
**DG:** So it's still going on?

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Roberta Cooper

Homicide Rates  
Soar in Oakland as  
Force Understaffed

By Rachel McCarter  
Staff Writer

The Oakland Police Department said there have been 33 homicides in the city as of Saturday compared to 14 at that time a year ago, at a time when the department is more than 100 officers under their allotted amount.  
Oakland is allotted 803 officers and has a current staff of around 690.  
The department said the growing homicide rate does not necessarily mean the crime rate for the city will keep on increasing this year. In 2004 the homicide rate increased dramatically early in the year but eventually slowed; by the end of the year the overall crime rate for the city was down.  
According to Oakland officer Roland Holmgren, the city's crime rate is determined not only by the amount of homicides but by violent crimes such as rape, armed robberies and car burglaries as well. However, police say violent crime rates in the city have also gone up this year.  
“We can never tell when crime is going to spike or go down, it could have to do with economic hardships or gangs but we are working hard to prevent crimes from happening,” said Holmgren.  
Oakland has formed a strategic area command unit to control crimes and stop them before they have a chance to occur.

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CSUEB Cracks  
Down on Failing  
Students

By Mary Anne Guintu  
Staff Writer

Students now have another obstacle in their way when trying to raise their GPA.  
The new Academic Renewal Policy that will begin in the fall will restrict students to using academic renewal for up to 20 units of course work graded D+, D, F, IC, or WU.  
Previously, the policy set no limit to how many classes a student could renew. If a student were to go over the new limit of the new policy, all subsequent repeated courses will be averaged and the units earned will not be counted.  
Academic renewal is the process that allows students to repeat an otherwise non-repeatable course and have the earlier attempt ignored in GPA calculation, but not removed from your record.

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Futuristic Vending Machine Introduced

By Mike Rosenberg  
Staff Writer

Buying an iPod just got a whole lot easier for Cal State East Bay students.  
CSUEB became the first university in the country to add a Zoom Shop, which is an elaborate vending machine used to sell high end products.  
The shop opened for business Monday in the back of the University Bookstore containing iPods



**Ipod, with nuts :** Davell Juan, a CSUEB computer science major, checks out the ipod nano, courtesy of the new "vending" machine from Zoom Shop.

Photo/ Taunya DeYoung

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ALOHA Spring Break



**Wowie Maui:** The road to Hana has many twists and turns. The four-hour drive allows tourists to view Maui from an elevated view.

It was nice while it lasted . . .

Spring Break has come and gone, in case you missed it. One Pioneer photographer visited Maui, where there were pineapples galore and Mai Tai's to be sipped and macadamia nuts to crack. Other CSUEB students surely spent their off-time in Northern or Southern California or even Mexico. Regardless of where you went, let's hope the skies were clear and the temperature was a steady 75 degrees.

School is back in session and it's back to reality for those students who enjoyed laying on the couch, going to the beach and visiting with family. Here's hoping your financial aid check comes in time to get your new books so you can get started with your new material, and remember - every quarter promises new adventures and an opportunity for a fresh start. If nothing else, you'll be one step closer to that coveted diploma.

**Remember:** At a traditional luau, performers depict Hawaiian traditions and culture in performances of a variety of hula dances.

Photos/Jaymee Weissman



Mt. Eden Approves 149-Unit Housing  
Development Despite Objections

By Caitlin Lujan  
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The Hayward City Council unanimously passed a measure to build 149 new single-family homes on 12.4 acres of land located in Mt. Eden Tuesday.  
The issue regarded a request to subdivide the lot and cut down many trees while forcing out families in order to create the new homes, which will include 78 low-income household apartments.  
The unique neighborhood around Eden Avenue has become cherished to its residents, so some families have yet to give up their land. Because of this, the houses must be built around their property, although developers say they still hope to convince these families to sell.  
“(This will create an) almost gap-tooth like development,” said council member Kevin Dowling.  
In order to alleviate the major problem of the loss of trees, planners have agreed to implement a tree replacement plan equaling the value of the trees lost.  
Designed by one of the nation's largest home builders, KB Home, the houses are all similar in architecture, which officials say is designed to create a sense of com-

munity.  
“I welcome the new development because it will enhance the infrastructure of the community,” said Mt. Eden resident Juanita Gutierrez.  
Each home will contain a unique style influenced by Spanish, Italian, and Tuscan architecture. The plan is for these houses to be built between Saklan Road, Eden Avenue, Middle Lane, and West Street.  
In order to increase the value of neighborhood character, most housing fronts will face the main streets.  
The others will open up to small community alleys, or paseos. Along the alleys will be garages and small areas to provide parking for up to three cars per house.  
Building planners, as well as council members, also claim the new housing will bring infrastructure in Eden Avenue up to standard.  
The \$8.5 million fronted by Dutra Enterprises, Inc. will help to build new curbs, gutters, sidewalks and sewer drains - according to the council - who added that the tax revenue generated by these new homes would then be used to pay back the money fronted by Dutra Enterprises.  
Due to the large numbers of families who will

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