

Media Highlights

October–December 2001

This summary highlights prominent media placements UCSC has garnered during the period of October through December 2001.

International

Political scientist Mike Urban discussed Russia's role in U.S. antiterrorist strategy on **BBC Radio**. . . . Assistant professor of Earth sciences Erik Asphaug was widely quoted in stories about new images of the asteroid Eros obtained by the *NEAR* spacecraft. Asphaug wrote a commentary accompanying the publication of the images in the journal *Nature*. He was quoted in stories from the *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, *USA Today*, the ***Independent (London)***, Associated Press, U.P.I., **Agence France Presse**, and ***New Scientist*** magazine. . . . Economist Michael Hutchison was pleased to see his recent book about Japanese financial policy cited in the ***Economist***. . . . Physics professor Michael Dine was interviewed for a **BBC Radio** documentary about research by particle physicists on the asymmetry between matter and antimatter in the universe.

National

In the wake of the September 11 attacks, many campus scholars shared their time and expertise with the public. Historian Terry Burke was interviewed by the ***Christian Science Monitor*** for a story about the use of the word “terrorist” in conjunction with the attacks, and he also made a case in the *Monitor* for more in-depth media coverage of the diversity of Middle Eastern societies and cultures. . . . Alan Richards of environmental studies appeared on ***Minnesota Public Radio's Marketplace Morning Report*** to discuss the role oil will play in the way the war on terrorism is fought. . . . Barbara Epstein of the History of Consciousness Department was quoted in a ***San Antonio Express-News*** story about youth reaction to world events. . . . Psychology's Anthony Pratkanis fielded numerous calls about war propaganda from media outlets, including the ***Baltimore Sun***, *Los Angeles Times*, ***Kansas City Star***, *Toronto Star*, and the *Sacramento Bee*. He discussed public reaction to the attacks with the *Santa Cruz Sentinel*, talked about research directions for psychologists in the aftermath of September 11 with the ***Monitor***, which is published by the American Psychological Association, and penned a sharply worded op-ed for ***Newsday*** about the risks of censoring the words of Osama bin Laden. . . . Pratkanis also discussed potential economic fraud scams that are likely to appear in the aftermath of the attacks in the ***American Association of Retired Persons Bulletin***. . . . Rob Fairlie of economics was interviewed by a reporter from the ***Christian Science Monitor*** about immigrant entrepreneurs, and a reporter from ***American Demographics*** magazine quoted him on recent trends in self-employed business owners. . . . Susanne Jonas of Latin American and Latino studies was pleased to see her book, *Of Centaurs and Doves*, cited in a major article on Guatemala that appeared in the ***New York Review of Books***. . . . An article on possible environmental causes of Parkinson's disease in ***Chemical and Engineering News*** included a section on research by professor of chemistry and biochemistry Anthony Fink, who is investigating the role of pesticides and metals in the disease. . . . A long article on gray whales in the ***Phoenix New Times*** featured professor emeritus of ecology and evolutionary biology Burney Le Boeuf. The article also appeared in the *S.F. Weekly*. . . . Don Croll, assistant professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, was quoted in a ***U.S. News & World Report*** article about blue whales. . . . Veronica Tonay in psychology fielded a number of media calls after September 11, including one from the **Associated Press** about dreams—and nightmares—people are having since the attacks. An Ohio radio station and the *Santa Cruz Sentinel* also called Tonay for stories about coping with stress in the wake of the terrorist attacks. . . . Sociologist Bill Domhoff's dream research was mentioned in the ***New York Times***. *DreamBank*, his online database of nearly 10,000 dreams, made the cut in a recent *Online Diary* column. . . . The ***Chronicle of Higher Education*** cited work by sociology instructor Mike Males in an article about violent crime, and Males wrote an opinion piece for *LA Weekly* on the same topic. . . . Professor of computer science David Haussler and biology graduate student Jim Kent are featured in a new book about the human genome project by ***New York Times*** science reporter Nicolas Wade. *Life Script: How the Human Genome Discoveries Will Transform Medicine and Enhance Your Health* (Simon & Schuster, 2001) tells the story of the human genome project and how it will impact our lives. Wade documents the race between the public and private efforts to complete the first working draft of the human genome. An excerpt from the book on *Amazon.com* recounts how UCSC scientists stepped in to provide critical computational analysis in the last stages of the project.

State

Mark Carr, associate professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, was quoted in the *Santa Barbara News Press* in an article about a controversial plan to convert old oil rigs into artificial reefs. Carr coauthored a report from the UC Marine Council on “Ecological Issues Related to Decommissioning of California’s Offshore Production Platforms.” . . . An article about tidepools in *California Wild*, the magazine of the California Academy of Sciences, featured John Pearse, professor emeritus of ecology and evolutionary biology and president of the academy. . . . Psychologist Anthony Pratkanis did another 9/11-related interview with the *Los Angeles Times*, this time on how to promote democracy in nondemocratic nations. . . . Professor of Earth sciences Gary Griggs and graduate student Kiki Runyan were featured in a *San Diego Union-Tribune* story about shoreline erosion and beach restoration projects. . . . David Wellman’s expertise on racism was apparent in a *Los Angeles Times* article about negative attitudes toward Chinese Americans. . . . Sociologist Ben Crow fielded a call from the *Los Angeles Daily News* about his work on rice markets in Bangladesh.

Regional

Regional media converged on Long Marine Lab to cover the arrival of a sea otter named Morgan, who has joined another otter, Wick, in a research program headed by associate professor of ecology and evolutionary biology Terrie Williams and graduate student Laura Yeates. Trainers Brett Long and Traci Fink were also featured in the coverage, which included TV stations **KSBW** and **KION**, the *Santa Cruz Sentinel*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, and *Monterey Herald*. . . . History professor Judy Yung was interviewed by a *Tri-Valley Herald* (Pleasanton, Calif.) reporter for a story about the Angel Island Immigration Station. . . . The *San Francisco Examiner* ran a long article on assistant professor of art Elliot Anderson and his multimedia installations. . . . Psychologist Anthony Pratkanis continues to field calls on war-related topics, including recent queries on wartime propaganda from **KPIX-TV** in San Francisco and **KSCO Radio**. . . . Economist Lori Kletzer discussed trade-related job loss with *Bay City News*, a San Francisco-based wire service, and she appeared in a front-page *San Jose Mercury News* article about the closing of the Salz tannery. . . . The *San Francisco Chronicle* ran a story about research by graduate student Lesley Perg (now at the University of Hannover) and professor of Earth sciences Robert Anderson on the age of the marine terraces near Santa Cruz, which has implications for earthquake frequency.

Local

Sociologist Paul Lubeck made a second appearance on **KUSP Radio**’s *Talk of the Bay* program to discuss diversity in Islam. The *Santa Cruz Sentinel* published a lengthy profile of forensic anthropologist Alison Galloway. Lynda Goff discussed UCSC’s new partnership with King’s College London and the Exploratorium on **KSCO Radio** and with the *Santa Cruz Sentinel*. . . . Economists Michael Hutchison and Lori Kletzer were quoted in a flattering *Santa Cruz Sentinel* article about the popularity of the international economics program. . . . The *Santa Cruz Sentinel* ran a front-page story profiling the career of retiring art professor Doyle Foreman. . . . Film prof Shelley Stamp was quoted in a *Santa Cruz Sentinel* article about a fall campus conference on women during Hollywood’s earliest days. . . . The *Santa Cruz Sentinel* did a lengthy feature about a new book that presents oral histories of the Jim Crow era, focusing on the contributions of Paul Ortiz of community studies. . . . Lora Martin, director of the UC Monterey Bay Education, Science, and Technology (MBEST) Center, was quoted in a recent story about the center’s development and plans for the future in the *Santa Cruz Sentinel*, and she was a guest on the **KUSP Radio** program *Talk of the Bay*. . . . Astronomer Steven Vogt was interviewed on **KSCO Radio** about the new planets he and his coworkers have discovered, and he was also quoted in news stories in the *Santa Cruz Sentinel*, the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, and other newspapers. . . . The *Santa Cruz Sentinel* tapped psychologist Veronica Tonay for a story about kids leaving home for college. . . . On World AIDS Day, the *Santa Cruz Sentinel* ran an op-ed by Patrick Letellier, program coordinator at the campus Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Resource Center, about the impact of AIDS on his life. Letellier’s article was also picked up by Knight-Ridder for distribution. . . . Professor of astronomy and astrophysics William Mathews was a guest on the **KUSP Radio** program *Talk of the Bay*. Mathews talked about his research in x-ray astronomy, the Center for Adaptive Optics at UCSC, the history of Lick Observatory, and other topics. . . . Jim Whitehead, assistant professor of computer science, was a guest on another **KUSP Radio** program, *Geek Speak*. Whitehead discussed his work as chair of the WebDAV Working Group of the Internet Engineering Task Force, which is developing interoperability standards for remote collaborative authoring of content on the web. . . . The *Santa Cruz Sentinel* ran a story about the Christmas lights on the blue whale skeleton at the Seymour Center at Long Marine Lab, and quoted center director Julie Barrett Heffington.