

# Media Highlights

April–June 2002

This summary highlights prominent media placements UCSC has garnered during the months of April, May, and June 2002.

## International

Research on star clusters by **Jean Brodie**, professor of astronomy and astrophysics, and postdoctoral researcher **Soeren Larsen** was featured in the *Santa Cruz Sentinel*, *Western Mail* (United Kingdom), the *Advertiser* (South Australia), and the U.K. Press Association news wire. . . . An article about changes in Earth's magnetic field in the *Daily Telegraph* (London) quoted **Gary Glatzmaier**, professor of Earth sciences. . . . *New Scientist* magazine ran a story about research on the origins of modern mammals in Asia by graduate student **Gabriel Bowen** and associate professor of Earth sciences **Paul Koch**. . . . Research by biochemist **David Deamer** and graduate student **Charles Apel** suggesting that life began in a freshwater environment was the subject of a story in *New Scientist* magazine. . . . Linguistics professor **Geoffrey Pullum** spoke on radio programs in Australia and America about his new book *The Cambridge Grammar of the English Language*, which he coauthored with Rodney Huddleston of Queensland University. Pullum was interviewed for the *Lingua Franca* program on Australia's ABC Radio National; was the guest on a language and grammar call-in show on an ABC affiliate station in Newcastle, New South Wales, Australia; and was interviewed for the program *Radiogram* on KUSP Radio in Santa Cruz. . . . Psychology's **Jean Fox Tree** fielded a media call about her research on conversational speech from *abcnews.com* while on sabbatical in Scotland even as reporters from the *National Post* in Toronto and KGO Radio in San Jose scrambled to cover the story. Fox Tree's latest findings were picked up by *Nature*, which triggered the media flurry.

## National

Research geophysicist **Steven Ward** was quoted in a *New York Times* article about tsunamis. . . . Anthropology's **Diane Gifford-Gonzalez** contributed to a news story on the genetics of African pastoralism that appeared in the April 12 issue of *Science*. . . . Astronomer **Gregory Laughlin** was quoted in an article on planet formation in *USA Today*. . . . Music professor **David Cope** was cited in *Billboard* magazine for creating a software program that compiled a single song from 193 national anthems, and he was quoted in the *Washington Times* on the relationship between music and mathematics in the work of Johann Sebastian Bach. . . . Chancellor **M.R.C. Greenwood**'s speech to the American Association for the Advancement of Science was quoted in a *Chronicle of Higher Education* article about a Bush administration proposal to bar some international students from certain fields of study. Professor of computer science **Ira Pohl** was quoted in the same article. . . . **Peter Orner** of legal studies continues to get great press for his new collection of short fiction, *Esther Stories*, the latest a Q&A with the author in the *Hartford Courant*. . . . Associate professor of theater arts **Danny Scheie** discussed his UCSC production of *The Most Fabulous Story Ever Told* on the Fox News Network program *Hannity & Colmes*. . . . Assistant professor of philosophy **Alva Noë**'s research on neuroplasticity and consciousness was the subject of a recent article in *Wired.com*. . . . Professor of physics **Joel Primack** was quoted in a UPI wire story about space debris and the problems it poses for the space shuttle, the International Space Station, and satellites in low-Earth orbit. . . . **Manuel Pastor** of Latin American and Latino studies penned a commentary about President Bush's missteps with Mexico for Minnesota Public Radio's *Marketplace* program. In addition, he was interviewed by the Associated Press for a story about rates of home ownership in California. . . . The *Nation*'s lengthy story about the abominable state of women's health care in prisons included the research findings of **Nancy Stoller** of community studies. . . . Professor of astronomy and astrophysics **Garth Illingworth** was quoted in news stories in *Newsday*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and the *Australian* about the first photos taken by a new camera on the Hubble Space Telescope. Illingworth is deputy leader of the camera's science team. . . . Newhouse News Service tapped **Pamela Perry** of community studies for a recent in-depth story about race relations, circulating the article to its 22 papers across the country. . . . Economist **Lori Kletzer** was interviewed by the *Washington Post* about pending legislation to establish a wage insurance program, a proposal she put forth last year while associated with a Washington think tank. . . . American studies professor **Dana Frank** had an article about globalization and the banana industry in Ecuador in the *Washington Post* Sunday Outlook section. . . . The Environmental News Network ran a story about the Science Illustration Program featuring graduate student **Jennifer Kane**. . . . Astronomers **Steven Vogt** and **Greg Laughlin** are members of a planet-hunting team that recently

discovered a planetary system with similarities to our own solar system. Their contributions were mentioned in stories that appeared in the *Baltimore Sun*, *Dallas Morning News*, *Detroit Free Press*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Miami Herald*, *New York Times*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *San Jose Mercury News*, *Washington Times*, *Edmonton Journal*, *Montreal Gazette*, *Glasgow Herald*, the *Scotsman*, and other newspapers. Vogt was interviewed on KGO radio. . . . Professor of computer science **David Haussler** was quoted in a *New York Times* story about efforts to improve the accuracy of the draft human genome sequence. . . . Research on prion proteins by professor of chemistry and biochemistry **Glenn Millhauser** was covered in stories appearing in *Pain & Central Nervous System Week*, *Proteomics Weekly*, and *Vector & Zoonosis Week*.

## State and regional

**Lisa Sloan**, associate professor of Earth sciences, was so busy with media interviews she could hardly get any work done for several days after announcing the results of her research on expected changes in California's climate due to global warming. Media coverage included stories in the *San Jose Mercury News* (which also referred to her findings in an editorial), *Sacramento Bee*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Los Angeles Daily News*, *Stockton Record*, *Modesto Bee*, *Contra Costa Times*, *Santa Cruz Sentinel* and the Associated Press and Reuters news wires. Sloan also did interviews with KRON TV, KPIX TV, KION TV, KSBW TV, KCBA TV, KCBS Radio, KGO Radio, and KFBK Radio (Sacramento). Stories also appeared online on *CNN.com* and *ScienceNOW*. . . . Stories in the *San Jose Mercury News* and *Santa Cruz Sentinel* about the new STEPS Institute included quotes from professor of ecology and evolutionary biology **John Thompson**. And associate professor of ecology and evolutionary biology **Mark Carr** was interviewed by KSBW TV (Channel 8, Salinas) about the new institute. . . . **Brent Haddad** of environmental studies was quoted in a recent *Los Angeles Times* article about California's water woes. . . . **Alan Richards** of environmental studies penned an incisive op-ed for the *San Francisco Chronicle* about the social, economic, and political conditions underpinning the crisis in the Middle East. . . . **Pamela Perry** of community studies discussed her new book about white racial identity on the *California Report*, a public radio program produced by KQED Radio and distributed across the state. . . . **Brian Walton**, coordinator of the Predatory Bird Research Group, was quoted in stories about golden eagles preying on endangered island foxes on the Channel Islands. Stories ran in the *Ventura County Star* and the Associated Press news wire. . . . The Farm's **Thomas Wittman** had a hit with his recent gopher-control workshops, and his expertise was featured in articles that appeared in the *Santa Cruz Sentinel*, the *San Jose Mercury News*, and the *Monterey County Herald*. . . . Professor of ocean sciences **Mary Silver** was featured in a story on KGO TV (Channel 7, San Francisco) and another on KPIX TV (Channel 5, San Francisco and San Jose), which also ran on CNN, about a bloom of toxic algae in southern California that is poisoning sea lions and other wildlife. Silver has been analyzing water samples from the area. An article on the same subject in the *San Francisco Chronicle* quoted assistant professor of ocean sciences **Raphael Kudela**, who is also studying toxic algal blooms. . . . The *San Jose Mercury News* interviewed assistant professor of music **Karlton Hester** about the three-day Global African Music Festival he produced. . . . **Sharon Daniel**, assistant professor of film and digital media, was interviewed by the *San Diego Union-Tribune* on the power of temporary memorial shrines. . . . The *San Francisco Chronicle* gave a nice nod to the **UCSC Farm & Garden** in a lengthy profile of organic gardening visionary John Jeavons. . . . Award-winning fiction writer and legal studies lecturer **Peter Orner** floated a witty proposal in the pages of the *San Francisco Chronicle* recently, suggesting a certain West Coast university—"hey, maybe one with a prestigious journalism department!"—establish an in-house awards program to rival the East Coast-oriented Pulitzer Prizes. . . . The world premiere of *Rituel II*, a music and dance performance piece by composer and associate professor of music **Hi Kyung Kim**, was reviewed by the *Sacramento Bee*. . . . The *Riverside Press-Enterprise's* coverage of changes in the 10 years since the Los Angeles riots included sociologist **Hiroshi Fukurai's** insights about the jury selection process. . . . An op-ed about youth written by sociology instructor **Mike Males** for the *Los Angeles Times* that also appeared in the *San Jose Mercury News*, *Edmonton Journal*, and other papers, triggered calls from KGO Radio and New Hampshire Public Radio. . . . KSBW TV (Channel 8, Salinas) covered a visit by wildlife biologist **Glenn Stewart** to Natural Bridges Elementary School in Santa Cruz. Stewart talked to students at the school about his work with the Predatory Bird Research Group and showed them the peregrine falcon he raised from a chick. He gives presentations to schoolchildren throughout the area as part of the group's education and outreach efforts. . . . **Paul Ortiz** of community studies spoke with the *San Jose Mercury News* about the Reel Work May Day Labor Film Festival. . . . **Graham Pearson**, recently visiting UCSC as a Regents' Lecturer, was interviewed on KGO Radio about his work on biosecurity issues. Pearson served as director general of the United Kingdom Chemical and Biological Defense Establishment. . . . Anthropologist **Olga Nájera-Ramírez** fielded a call about Cinco de Mayo from the *Salinas Californian* and hosted a crew from KSTS TV (Channel 48) the Spanish-language television station in San Jose. . . . **Manuel Pastor** of Latin American and Latino studies was quoted in a *San Jose Mercury News* column about the growing economic divide in California. Pastor also appeared in a *Los Angeles Times* article about new census figures that show a drop in household incomes in much of southern California during the 1990s. In addition, the *San Francisco Chronicle* tracked down Pastor for a story about a Watsonville program that's helping span the digital divide by teaching Latinos computer skills. . . . Anthropologist **Triloki Pandey** was interviewed by the *San Jose Mercury News* for a story on the guru Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, who was speaking in San Jose. . . . Economist **Rob Fairlie** was interviewed by the *San Francisco*

*Chronicle* for an article on Latinos and the digital divide, providing statistics on computer and Internet use among different Latino groups. . . . The Santa Cruz Predatory Bird Research Group was in the news for its efforts to prevent bird deaths caused by power lines and its work with a pair of peregrine falcons nesting on the Oracle building in Redwood City. Bird group coordinator **Brian Walton** was interviewed by KSBW-TV and the *Santa Cruz Sentinel*, a wire service story appeared in the *Los Angeles Times*, and KGO TV (Channel 7, San Francisco) was among the media covering the falcon story. . . . The grand opening of **Life Lab**'s new children's Garden Classroom drew nice coverage from the *San Jose Mercury News*, KCBA TV, and the *Santa Cruz Sentinel*. . . . The *Los Angeles Times* is turning to UCSC for expert commentary, most recently from economist **Lori Kletzer** about a wage-insurance proposal making its way through Congress and from **Brent Haddad** of environmental studies about water politics in the Imperial Valley. . . . **Richard Hughey**, professor of computer engineering, was quoted in a story in the *Silicon Valley/San Jose Business Journal* about a new microprocessor design from a Soquel start-up company, Ascenium. . . . Biologist **Burney Le Boeuf** and campus veterinarian **David Casper** were quoted in a story in the *Contra Costa Times* about a recent shark attack at Stinson Beach. . . . Biologist **Jim Estes** was quoted in several stories about the annual count of California sea otters, which showed a small decrease for the second year in a row. The stories appeared in the *Monterey County Herald*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, and *Santa Cruz Sentinel*.

## Local

A front-page story in the *Santa Cruz Sentinel* focused on efforts by UCSC researchers to save threatened species, including research on sea otter populations in Alaska by **James Estes**, adjunct professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, and a project to save endangered foxes on the Channel Islands involving **Brian Latta** of the Santa Cruz Predatory Bird Research Group and **Josh Donlan**, a researcher with the Island Conservation and Ecology Group. Both groups are based at Long Marine Lab. . . . **Peter Macht**, aquarium curator at the Seymour Marine Discovery Center, was quoted in the *Santa Cruz Sentinel* in a story about "by-the-wind sailors," hydrozoan sea creatures that washed up on local beaches by the thousands in April. . . . Sociology's **Melanie DuPuis** made the local media circuit, discussing her new book about milk on KUSP and KSCO Radio and in *Metro Santa Cruz* and the *Santa Cruz Sentinel*. . . . **Amelie Hastie**, assistant professor of film and digital media, was a guest on KUSP Radio's *Talking Pictures* program. . . . **Gary Griggs**, director of the Institute of Marine Sciences, and **Mark Carr**, associate professor of ecology and evolutionary biology, were quoted in an article in the *Santa Cruz Sentinel* about a visit to the Monterey Bay Area by the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy. Griggs and Carr both gave talks to the commissioners. . . . **David Swanger**, professor of education and creative writing, was a guest on KSCO Radio's the *Saturday Special* for a program about education. . . . Junior business major **Mark Ng** was interviewed by the *Santa Cruz Sentinel* for a story on the fundraising efforts he is spearheading to purchase new playground equipment for the Granary Child Care Center. . . . **Susan Schwartz**, associate professor of Earth sciences and director of the Keck Seismological Laboratory, was interviewed by the *Santa Cruz Sentinel* and KION TV (Channel 46, Salinas) about the recent magnitude 5 earthquake centered near Gilroy. . . . Biologist **Terrie Williams** and her *Exercise Physiology* class were featured on the front page of the *Santa Cruz Sentinel* when they investigated the physiology of surfing. The class project was also covered by local TV stations KSBW and KION. . . . Professor of ocean sciences **Mary Silver** was featured in a *Santa Cruz Sentinel* story about toxic algal blooms. . . . **Jenny Draper**, one of the first graduates of UCSC's bioinformatics major, was interviewed on KSCO Radio about her achievements in science. Draper was also the subject of a *Santa Cruz Sentinel* article on her science studies and her work in science illustration. . . . **Karen Ottemann**, assistant professor of environmental toxicology, was interviewed on KSCO Radio about her research on ulcer-causing bacteria.