



Nature Through a Lens

Wildlife photographer Frans Lanting gives an illustrated talk about the "Pulse of the Planet" at 8 tonight in Campbell Hall.

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Opinion

What are they putting in our water? Nothing yet, and the Nexus hopes it stays that way.



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Sports

The #12 UCSB women's basketball team was a chew toy for #3 Georgia in the finals of the Preseason National Invitation Tournament.



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Sunset: 4:51 p.m.
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Officials Expect Break-ins During Holiday

Local Residents Should Secure Homes, Belongings Before Leaving

BY JEFF LUPO
Staff Writer

Students venturing home to stuff their stomachs this Thanksgiving weekend are being urged to use some common sense to avoid potential burglars eager to stuff their vans on unattended property.

Many student residents leave town to visit friends and family, often leading to increased break-in crimes during vacations. Sheriff's Sgt. Conn Abel said a general lack of residents in I.V. makes it harder to report and detect burglaries.

"When we have a large number of houses and apartments vacant for a period of time, the risk of break-in increases because there are no neighbors to look out for or report burglars," he said. "This seems to be widely known, and unfortunately, it's

a fact of life."

Abel said current trends in I.V. crime might point to more burglaries over holiday breaks this year than in the past.

"One thing that I'm really concerned about is that we've been experiencing upwards of 100 car burglaries within the past few months," he said. "With these types of burglaries on the rise, it seems that the chances of residential burglaries occurring will also go up."

UC Police Officer Bill Van Nieuwenhuize said students can take precautions if they are planning to leave I.V. for the holidays.

"If you leave a car behind, take the face plates off of the stereo, and take all potentially valuable items out of it," he said. "Also take all valuables out of your residence, and if you have a nice bike,

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On-Campus Crime

Alcohol-related arrests:	Drug-related arrests:
1996 — 85	1996 — 53
1997 — 45	1997 — 47
1998 — 31	1998 — 26

Reported Sex Offenses

1996 — 1 (Campus Police)
2 (anonymous)
1997 — 3 (Campus Police)
3 (anonymous)
1998 — 6 (Campus Police)
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Community Service on the Menu This Holiday Season

BY JEFF LUPO
Staff Writer

A traditional feast came a few days early for local needy families, thanks to a joint effort by several community organizations.

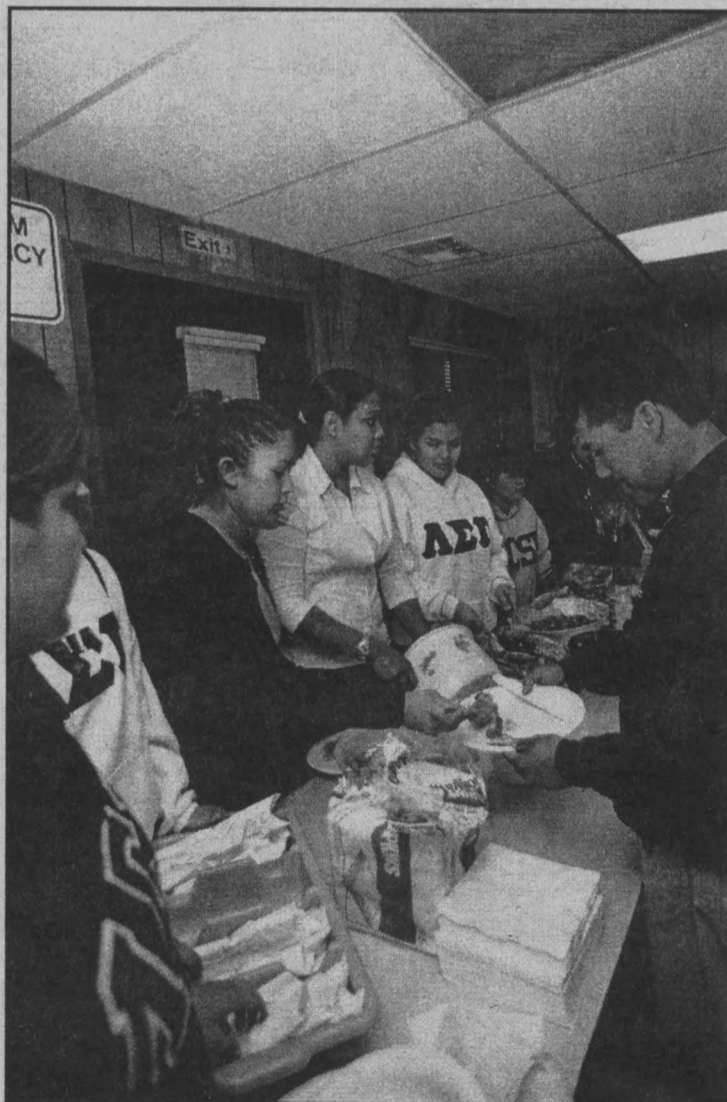
The Isla Vista Teen Center, along with Lambda Sigma Gamma sorority, Lambda Theta Nu sorority, Hermanos Unidos and MUJER, held its second-annual Thanksgiving dinner for over 100 people Tuesday. Teen Center Program Assistant Ricky Ortega, a senior sociology and Spanish major, said food for the dinner was donated by the various organizations involved, and prepared by volunteers throughout the community.

"Everyone was responsible for making something at home and then bringing it here so we could have a full feast of good food," he said. "The dinner is mainly for local Chicano/Latino community members and their families."

Teen Center Director Richard Ramos said the dinner provided a chance for families in the community to give thanks together.

"Most of the people here are families that come to the Teen Center consistently," he said. "The food is served by student volunteers from different groups. We all have a good time while eating good food."

Among the student servers were members of Lambda Sigma Gamma sorority, who volunteered more than just their time



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Sisters of Lambda Sigma Gamma sorority serve a Thanksgiving dinner to local residents at the Isla Vista Teen Center on Monday night.

this Thanksgiving, according to Vice President Jamie Gonzales.

"We have a food drive every Thanksgiving where we use the food that we get to make baskets for needy families," she said. "This is the first year we've

worked closely with the Teen Center to work more closely in the community."

Gonzales said food for the baskets was donated by the

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Office of Student Life Releases Crime Report

Safety Statistics Mailed Locally for Evaluation

BY ALEX CHIU
Reporter

While overall crime on campus decreased in the past two years, the number of reported forcible sex incidents doubled since 1996, a recently released report shows.

The report, released last week by the UC Police Dept., Rape Prevention Education Program (RPEP) and the Office of Student Life, shows that from 1996 to 1998 the number of on-campus forcible sex offenses increased from three to six. However, the number of "other sex offenses" (loitering in public restrooms, indecent exposure, prostitution), robberies, burglaries, bike thefts, other larcenies and arsons all decreased on campus since 1996, the report states.

The report was mailed to students, parents and faculty for them to evaluate their community's safety, according to Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Michael Young.

"I think the brochure helps to make people aware of what kind of crimes are happening, and if you're aware you can operate to protect yourself," he said. "We have a range of programs to help educate people and to provide security personnel."

Although the information does not include hate-crime statistics this year, the university is working to compile numbers for next year's report, Chief of Police John MacPherson said. Young reiterated the university's position on crime with a statement in the brochure decrying acts of violence and hatred on campus.

"There is no place — absolutely no place — on the campus for physical violence, personal intimidation or demonstrations of hatred, as there should be no place in our society," Young wrote. "No one should have to walk in fear for any reason, and certainly not because he or she belongs to a certain group, a particular race, ethnicity, gender or has a certain sexual orientation."

For the first time, the annual report compared crimes in on-campus housing, university-affiliated off-campus housing and other campus locations, and included statistics for crimes in Isla Vista, Goleta and the south county, according to RPEP Coordinator Carol Mosely. The County Sheriff's Stations in Goleta, Carpinteria and Montecito reported a total of three homicides, 21 forcible sex offenses and 551 burglaries, the report states. The Santa Barbara Police Dept. dealt with three homicides, 18 forcible sex offenses, 407 aggravated assaults and 238 bicycle thefts.

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Top of the News

Colleges Support Meningitis Vaccination



AMHERST, Mass. (AP) — Spurred by recent federal recommendations, colleges are mounting a widening attack on meningitis this fall with health advisories, educational campaigns and vaccination clinics. The aim is to curb the spread of meningitis in dormitories.

However, the latest studies suggest that only a few meningitis deaths might be avoided each year in dorms — leading some health authorities to wonder if they could do better by working against more common college scourges like drunken driving or sexually transmitted diseases.

“You’re talking about millions of dollars per life saved. There are known to be many interventions in

public health that do better than that,” said Milton Weinstein, a risk expert at the Harvard School of Public Health. On his family doctor’s advice, he is letting his own 18-year-old son go unvaccinated at

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college.

Meningococcal meningitis is an infection of the membranes around the brain and spinal cord that can be spread by kissing or even sharing a drinking glass. The symptoms include fever, neck stiffness and headache. The disease kills in roughly 10 percent of cases and does

serious harm, including brain damage, in another 10 percent.

At least 91 campuses warn of the disease on pre-admission health forms, often recommending that students consider the vaccine, according to Dr. MarJeanne Collins, the University of Pennsylvania

meningitis vaccine, especially for college freshmen.

Yet, of 3,000 cases nationwide in a typical year, just 100 to 125 occur at colleges. The death rate is highest among freshmen living in dormitories. With about 520,000 such freshmen this fall, five deaths would be expected.

Figures on causes of death among college students are hard to find. However, in 1997, there were 10,208 road fatalities, 4,186 suicides and 276 AIDS deaths for young people ages 15 to 24, according to the National Center for Health Statistics.

The vaccine is deemed 90 percent effective against 70 percent of college cases. In the remaining 30 percent of cases, the vaccine has no effect.

health director who has surveyed campuses nationwide. At least 87 campuses carry out wider educational campaigns and 57 run meningitis vaccination clinics.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended last month that campuses give easy access to the

Proposed Mosque Heightens Religious Tensions



NAZARETH, Israel (AP) — The gates of churches across the Holy Land swung shut in protest Monday as church leaders made a final attempt to block the building of a mosque in the heart of Nazareth, the town of Jesus’ boyhood.

The two-day, Vatican-backed closure highlights the increasingly volatile relations between Christians and Muslims, as well as Israel’s ambiguous — some claim politically tainted — role as mediator.

The dispute has also spilled over into Middle East peace talks, with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat backing the Christians in Nazareth in hopes they will support him when he negotiates the future of Jerusalem with the Israelis.

Saudi Arabia, the guardian of Islam’s holiest shrines, supported Arafat’s efforts, offering to pay for a new mosque at an alternate spot in Nazareth, away from the Basilica of the Annunciation, to avoid friction.

The church closures, just weeks before the last Christmas of the millennium, left many pilgrims disappointed. Some endorsed the protest, while others said Christians should set examples of tolerance and not block construction of the mosque.

“Nazareth should be a city for everyone,” said Jozeph Wietsiers, 54, a Roman Catholic who had walked more than 2,400 miles since May on a pilgrimage from his hometown in Oss, Holland, only to find the Basilica closed.

But the highest Roman Catholic authority in the Holy Land, Latin Patriarch Michel Sabbah, said the Christians, a tiny minority of about 100,000, had to take a stand.

“We closed the churches so the world can hear, and the world did,” Sabbah told a news conference in Jerusalem.

The dispute is uncharacteristic of Israel’s Christians, who usually keep a low profile to avoid friction with Muslims.

Sabbah hinted that Pope John Paul II’s visit to Israel and the Palestinian areas, set for March, could still be called off if the Nazareth dispute is not resolved.

Vatican spokesperson Rev. Ciro Benedettini said Monday that the Holy See “clearly supports” the church closures, but stressed the decision was made by the various local authorities in charge of the churches.

Israel has denied allegations by church leaders that it favored the Muslims because they have more political clout. The vast majority of Israel’s 1 million Arabs are Muslim.

Experts Wrestle With Problems of Unsafe Senior Drivers



SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — It was a baby-boomer anthem: “having fun, fun, fun ‘til Daddy takes the T-Bird away.” But as car-crazy boomers age into grandparents, the question is becoming: when to take Daddy’s license away.

At the American Gerontological Society’s annual meeting this weekend, and around the country, experts are trying to figure out how to get unsafe older drivers off the road without unfairly penalizing those who drive well.

Statistics show that drivers over 65, along with teenagers, have the highest accident rates per miles driven. Proposals in several states to toughen requirements for older drivers have been thwarted recently by senior-citizen lobbying groups who say age-based measures are discriminatory.

“There are good drivers and bad drivers of all ages,” said Nina Glasgow, a Cornell University researcher who opposes age-based testing and favors screening targeted

at all unsafe drivers.

Several states require elderly drivers to renew their licenses more frequently than other drivers, but very few require road tests or medical exams.

Lawrence Nitz, a political scientist from the University of Hawai’i, presented a three-year study of Hawai’ian traffic records at the gerontological meeting. It found that drivers over 75 were far more likely than other motorists to be cited for certain offenses, including failing to yield to pedestrians, backing up unsafely and failing to stop at a flashing red light.

To deal with problematic elderly drivers, Nitz suggested a phased removal of driving privileges comparable to the phased adding of privileges for young drivers. An older driver might be barred from driving at night or restricted to an area near home.

Other experts argued that most elderly drivers regulate themselves effectively, knowing when to avoid nighttime or high-way driving. Some cautioned that any extra push to get older drivers off the roads could have negative effects.

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Weather

The race is on to see which construction firm can take the longest to complete its job. In this corner, the folks who are adding the entrance to the UCSB Art Museum; in the other corner, the Milpas Street roundabout crew. And they’re off ... sort of.

Clear visibility thanks to no construction-work dust clouding the air.

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UCSB Visitor Center, Smart & Final, Santa Cruz Market and families in Ellwood.

"We were able to get nine turkeys, six of which were donated to local families who were picked by us and the Teen

Center, and the other three will be raffled off after the dinner," she said. "We wanted to be able to help those in the community who are less fortunate than the rest of us."

The I.V. Teen Center has numerous volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Anyone wishing to get involved can contact the Teen Center at 685-9170.

SECURITY

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either take it home or put it in your apartment."

Measures should also be taken to secure residences before leaving for breaks, according to Abel.

"Make sure the house or apartment is fully secured, which includes dead-bolting and locking everything, as well as putting sticks in the windows to keep people from going in that way," he said. "Also, all computers, stereos, pocket organizers, jewelry and anything else that is considered valuable should be either taken out of the residence, or locked

and secured in a closet."

Abel said that over past holiday breaks, I.V. has experienced upwards of 50 to 60 residential break-ins in a two-week period.

Junior communication major Jennifer Johnson said she plans to protect her possessions over this holiday season.

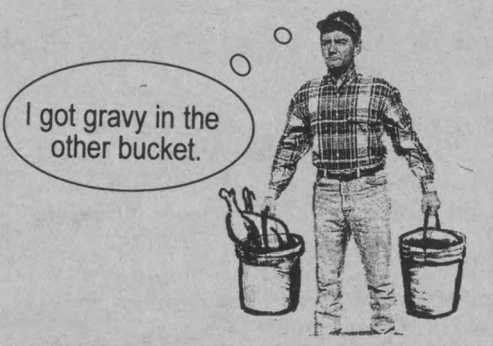
"I am going to go home for the holidays, and I'm definitely going to take my car as well as some of my more valuable things like my stereo," she said. "I heard last year about a lot of people having their apartments being broken into and I don't want to encourage anything like that."

Van Nieuwenhuize gave a final piece of advice for those who plan to leave I.V. for the holidays.

"All these break-in crimes are crimes of opportunity," he said. "The harder you make it for someone to take something quickly, the more discouraged they'll get and hopefully go somewhere else."

Isla Vista Foot Patrol officers will be on duty, routinely patrolling throughout I.V. over holiday breaks. The IVFP office can be reached at 681-4179, or in emergencies, 911.

The Daily Nexus wishes you a happy Thanksgiving.



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Staff Editorial



Not in Our Water

The City Council Should Vote to Prevent the Addition of Fluoride to the Local Water Supply

H₂O, two parts hydrogen and one part oxygen, makes up 70 percent of the human body. These two elements represent the molecule necessary for survival. This basic molecule, then, does not require the inclusion of F⁻, the fluoride ion. The Santa Barbara City Council will decide today whether fluoride should be added to the local water supply. For a number of reasons, the council should reject the addition of fluoride to the water.

The health risks posed to those who ingest fluoride in their water give cause for hesitation. Potential dangers include weaker bones and increased cancer risks. In fact, a study by the National Cancer Institute showed a 5-percent increase in all cancers in communities with fluoridated drinking water. The only benefit from the addition of fluoride is the reduction of tooth decay. Therefore, the only guaranteed benefit is better teeth, while individuals' health and lives may be compromised.

Instead of risking their safety through fluoride in drinking water, citizens may use other methods for tooth care. In addition to daily hygienic practices of teeth brushing and flossing, regular dental checkups should be made. Every major brand of toothpaste on the market includes fluoride, and most dentists give fluoride treatments with every checkup. In addition, some brands of bottled water include fluoride. There are no known health risks in ingesting fluoride through these methods, and they are more than sufficient in preventing tooth decay, so there is no need to fluoridate the entire community's drinking supply.

Santa Barbara tap water is notoriously untasty, and fluoridation will do nothing to alleviate this problem. Whether fluoride is present or not, people will not drink the tap water if it doesn't taste good. Therefore, the money and energy spent on fluoridation would be wasted.

Proponents of fluoridation argue that the addition is necessary for children and their teeth. First, most children already receive fluoride from toothpaste or dental appointments. Second, efforts to educate children on dental health would be more effective than fluoridation. If children could learn how to appropriately care for their teeth and not rely on the lazy man's method, their teeth would be just as healthy.

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ment: the state controlling the individual, supposedly for the individual's own good. People should retain control over their resources, and not allow the government to put unnecessary chemicals in their common goods.

The City Council should vote to not add fluoride to the water supply, even if it means defying a state law requiring fluoridation in communities of 10,000 or more residents. Water without fluoride is not only safer for the community, but it also allows citizens the freedom to make their own dental health choices.

Allowing the government to put chemicals in our water supply sets a bad precedent. This contributes to the Orwellian notion of "Big Brother" government.

The Reader's Voice

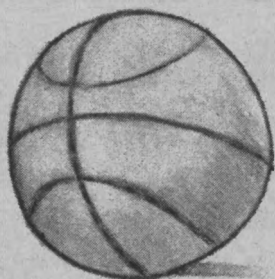
LIVING LA VIDA LOCA AT THE BASKETBALL GAMES

Editor, Daily Nexus:

The talk of the campus last weekend was the men's basketball season opener against Stanford, which took place Saturday night in the Thunderdome. The tickets were advertised to be given away by the Gaucho Locos from noon until 1:30 p.m. on Friday. Unfortunately, many people were turned away as early as 12:35 because all 2,500 student tickets were already accounted for.

The line was large and growing a full hour before the designated distribution time, so by the time the bells rang at noon the line already looped around Storke Plaza five times and moved up the steps and into the UCen. For all of the people who expected to show up around 1 p.m. and pick up their tickets there was nothing other than a prayer for a friend to have an extra one.

The line at the student entrance was also a zoo



a full hour and a half before the start of the game. The heckling of the Stanford players began immediately and its effects were apparent as our Gauchos jumped to an early lead, which wasn't relinquished until the referees incited a comeback with three consecutive bad calls at 2 minutes left in the first half. The rowdy sellout crowd kept the Gauchos in the game with chants of support and by harassing Stanford into missing free throws.

This game represented the power of the noise in the Thunderdome as thousands of screaming fans shook the dome and changed the flow of the game. The next chance to be a part of the Gaucho Locos phenomenon is Dec. 4 against our cross-town rival Westmont, who defeated us by one point last year. The Gaucho Locos will once again be giving out 2,500 free tickets to UCSB students. Distribution begins Friday, Dec. 3 at noon in Storke Plaza. The rest of the season should continue to fill up the dome, so show up early before the tickets are all gone.

BRIAN HAMPTON

PENNY FOR DIVERSITY-MINDED THOUGHTS?

Editor, Daily Nexus:

If you were one of the people who read the Nov. 8 opinion section, you may have been reading an article that seemed harmless, but has very dangerous potential. The article by John Bitterolf, "Dwelling on Differences Leads to Division," (Daily Nexus) proposed some disturbing ideas based on the author's ignorance and obvious denial of his own "white privilege." It is a travesty that he believes that "all the really big fights for civil rights have already been fought — and for the most part, won."

This statement is outrageous and offensive. I fear for the state of race relations for our generation, and our children's, if we as a culture do not address this immediately. The repercussions of this ideology are numerous, because if we cannot recognize race and diversity, then we are collectively denying racism.

Racism rarely consists of individual acts of meanness; it is a consistently invisible system conferring dominance on one group over another.

er. Given that information, understand that mainly Caucasians systematically and oppressively oppressing others through an illegitimate otherwise known as the "white

Now, you may be asking if this is an experience of mine in which I was oppressed because of my race, but let me say that I am in fact white; a white person with an open heart. As a white person, think of the things that you take for granted that people of different races or ethnicity cannot: When you open the paper or watch the news, you can be sure to see your race widely represented; when you use checks or credit cards, you can be sure that your skin color is not against the appearance of financial success and you are rarely asked to speak for the people of your racial group.

Remember, "It's"

The Everpresent Religion Debate Revisited

HENRY SARRIA

Religion is one of those subjects I usually try my best to stay far away from, for a lot of good reasons. I think the main reason is simply that I don't subscribe to one particular view or faith. It would be limiting to me that is not an option.

My criticism of religion is also very minimal due to the fact that I do believe in the religious freedoms provided by our Constitution, and I figure that if it does somebody good to be a part of a faith, then so be it. It can't get simpler than that.

However, I could only wish that people involved in certain religions would go by the same ethic of "live and let live" and tolerance that many of us live by. The worst example is when members of a religious denomination protest something that they haven't even seen, merely on the grounds that "their faith won't allow them."

The first time I saw this phenomenon was back in 1988 at a showing of "The Last Temptation of Christ." Outside of the movie theater was a collection of local Christians passing out pamphlets decrying the film's blasphemous nature. I was handed a pamphlet by a smiling protester and I accepted it in a gracious manner out of common courtesy. I read what the pamphlet had to say and I asked the friendly protester if he had seen the film. His answer was no.

I then asked him, "How can you protest what you haven't personally witnessed?" and this was met with quotes from the Scriptures. I said that this was good and all, but my question remained.

After a friendly chat with the protester I proceeded to go into the movie theater and see this "blasphemous" film. There was nothing to the nature of what was cited in the pamphlet in said movie's content, and this led me to wonder why it was being protested by Christian groups across the country.

Fast forward to present day.



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It's Only a Movie"

ate Rears Its Dogmatically Controversial Head

Kevin Smith (of "Clerks," "Mallrats" and "Chasing Amy" fame) has just released his newest film, called "Dogma." His reasons for this film, based on interviews with him, seem quite well-intentioned. In fact, Kevin Smith is a devout Catholic.

And so the saga begins. This film is being protested across the country by Catholic groups in the same fashion that "The Last Temptation of Christ" was protested by Christian groups.

And just like the Christian groups that protested that movie in 1988, the Catholic groups have also refused to even see the movie, with the excuse that their faith will not allow it. Doesn't this amount to

Church. Basically, the Catholic Church's track record gives it no ground to stand on if you weigh the severity of their actions and history in comparison to Kevin Smith's film "Dogma."

But still, the worst part is the Catholic Church's decision to base their protest on frivolous grounds of ignorance due to their refusal to even check out the flick, based on the excuse that their faith won't let them. I refuse to believe this.

It amounts to intolerance on the side of the Catholic Church, and this is something that the Pope is currently preaching against, and devout rank-and-file Catholics are in agreement against as well.

Perhaps these religious groups protest something as meaningless as a movie because they feel that this "art form" is in direct competition with their belief system. But the question I have for these people is simple: If you have scriptures that have withstood the test of time and faith, then why worry about a mere movie by a mere mortal? Let your God do the judging.

Look, nobody is perfect, especially in the eyes of God, Allah, Jehovah or whoever your faith calls upon as its supreme being. We're all human, and can be asked to be no more than that. It's a pretty simple scheme that is proven daily.

Humility before the eyes of the grace that will grant you salvation must come first, and this humility is not based on hatred or judgment. I assume we all know what hatred is based on: ignorance and intolerance. Is either righteous? I don't think so. So to all of you Catholics protesting the movie "Dogma," all I can say is know what you're protesting before screaming "blasphemy" at anyone.

Dare to step outside of the faith bubble and see what it is you're being told to protest. It may surprise and even shock you.

As for myself, I haven't taken the time from my busy schedule to see this movie, but I'll eventually get myself to the theater to see it. If I think it sucks, it will be based solely on the fact that the plot or direction or whatever aren't good, and not on the film's religious content. And even if I don't agree with the content of this movie on religious grounds, there is one basic, simple fact to remember when all is said and done: *It is only a movie.*

Henry Sarria is a longtime Isla Vista resident and a Daily Nexus columnist.



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ignorance? I've never been too fond of the Vatican's past policies and history. Jailing and torturing respectable scientific minds such as Galileo for heresy and attempting to wipe out two races (Muslims and Jews) during the Spanish Inquisition doesn't amount to anything righteous, in my humble opinion. Then there's the refusal to say or do anything about the Holocaust during Hitler's rule, and what you have is a question of faith for convenience. Regardless of these historical facts, I have never had any desire whatsoever to hate or despise the Catholic

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understand this: It is not only a white person possesses. This privilege is an unrecognizable and powerful advantage. It is only after people like John begin to process and accept this that oppression may begin to subside.

This reason should be enough to convince one that diversity should be appreciated, because without it, ethnic groups become subject to the white domain. Drawing attention to the groups, whether it be by clubs or ethnic studies classes, is the answer. In this way, who are you to say that unity is better, because is that what we are really striving to obtain here? If that were the case, then by your standards, all races and ethnicities would live according to white standards. Is this the *understanding* you were speaking of when you stated, "Rather, we need to shift the emphasis

from diversity to *understanding* among all people?"

Let me clear this up for you: Diversity is not about dwelling on surface differences. It is recognizing a culture as a product of the struggles and triumphs they have achieved. It is realizing the camaraderie between people of different races is a relationship that white people cannot understand, because we are for the most part always winners.

Education is the key to overcoming the obstacles that lie before us regarding race relations. It is only through the understanding and appreciation of other peoples that we can collectively appreciate the diversity of other groups. By doing this, we can cherish them for their differences. We can accept them, not on our terms, but on theirs.

So, I urge you, take an ethnic studies class — take two, three, four — always question what you can do to make the world we live in acceptable to *everybody*, and finally, let your heart explain to you the importance of looking at the world from somebody else's perspective.

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The Untold Benefits

Offshore Oil Drilling Bears Good Reason

MARK PIFKO

Proposed offshore oil drilling is good for the South Coast, good for California and good for the United States and the global community as a whole. Opponents of new oil drilling developments are only concerned with their personal interests. Minor aesthetic impacts are significantly outweighed by the overall benefit provided to citizens as a whole. People need to move beyond their personal desires and think about what's good for our local, state and federal communities. Further oil development will create jobs and decrease our dependence on foreign oil.

Numerous members of Ventura and Santa Barbara counties have been laid off from jobs in the oil industry due to a lack of development. Currently, oil companies are focusing on dismantling oil platforms, so the work force employed by these companies is continually declining. These aren't people from a foreign land; these are people from our communities. Earth scientists and business managers, people just like you and me who may have even attended UCSB, have been forced to take jobs below their abilities because of the anti-oil development politics.

Money earned by these oil company employees and sub-contractors will be spent right here in our local communities, supporting local businesses. Sales taxes generated from these purchases benefit the state of California, where lawmakers can distribute them as needed. Workers will live in houses and pay property taxes that go directly to the local governments. Increased revenue in our local governments can be used to help the surrounding community, making Ventura and Santa Barbara counties even better places to live.

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Not only will new oil developments provide jobs for many of these people, but additional environmental protection jobs will be created from such developments. The very same environmentalists that focus their energy on destroying these projects could better spend their time creatively resolving environmental issues. If the two groups worked with each other, environmental problems as we know them could easily be managed.

Oil drilling technologies have come a long way since the tragic 1969 oil spill out off the coast of Santa Barbara. The possibility of an event of that magnitude reoccurring has significantly decreased. This can be attributed to increased awareness generated from the 1969 event. Similarly, additional knowledge can be gained as environmentalists and oil companies work to develop strategies that work with the natural environment. The community should allow these plans to be researched and created before they condemn them. If issues arise after oil development plans are submitted, they can be properly addressed at that time.

Additionally, oil reserves within the United States should be fully exploited in order to decrease our dependence on foreign oil. The more oil that comes from our country's own soil, the less severe international incidents will be. Although oil development off our coast will not eliminate our need for foreign oil, it will provide Americans with increased security. Our nation's leaders will have more power when negotiating with foreign countries knowing that an event as extreme as an oil embargo, although unlikely, would have less impact on our economy with fully exploited oil reserves at home. Small sacrifices in our communities will benefit the country as a whole as well as our local economy.

Furthermore, if the federal government relinquishes the rights to oil leases, which it has legally guaranteed to oil companies, taxpayers will suffer from legal costs and judgments in payment to oil companies. These oil development leases contractually gave the right to certain oil companies to develop oil reserves located in federal waters off the South Coast. The primary reason the actual exploitation of these reserves has been delayed is so that an accurate knowledge of the size of the reserves can be understood.

So, before you jump on the bandwagon, fighting against our government, think about what you're really opposing. Yes, it is true that we need to look for alternative sources of energy and decrease our dependence on fossil fuels, but that has not happened yet. Until it does, we need to continue to develop United States oil reserves.

Mark Pifko is a senior environmental studies major.

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REPORT

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In response to pressure from parents whose children had been assaulted on campus, Congress passed the Jean Cleary Disclosure Act in October 1998, which requires universities and colleges to inform students about crimes on and around campuses, according to MacPherson.

The congressional mandate now forces universities to change their annual reports by separating campus crimes into specific locations, reporting violations for alcohol, drugs and weapons, reporting disciplinary action on campus and including sexual-assault policy and procedures, Mosely said.

MacPherson said some numbers are low because the report includes only the known statistics. "There are a lot of incidents and crimes that go unreported," he said.

The report also showed the sentences issued for alcohol and drug offences. Santa Barbara County law states that possession of an open container of alcohol in public can result in a \$108 fine. Attempting to purchase alcohol with a fake I.D. can result in jail time and a minimum fine of \$200. Biking under the influence can result in a \$250 fine and a night in jail, and may be documented by the Dept. of Motor Vehicles.

The flyer was mailed to students at their local addresses as of last week. To get this or other information, speak to Carol Mosely at the UCSB Women's Center.

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YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE
By Linda C. Black

Check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is an 8 — Travel looks good. You may have to do a few errands closer to home, too. Your team backs you up, and maybe even comes along on the journey. Are you going on a road trip? No problem. You're lookin' good. It'll work out fine.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — You're most likely thinking about money. How to make more and spend less? If you're not already in a creative line of work, maybe you should find a job like that. When you're happy, saving comes easily. Do what you love today, and the money will follow.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 9 — You could have a successful day. There could be a slight ego battle, however. The other person tries to teach you something that you can't see. You're going to be amazed and amused when you figure out what it is. This will be fun, so don't fight it!

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 6 — Today serving others is a key factor, as is serving yourself. Are you caring for yourself as well as you're caring for others? Listen to somebody else's advice about what you should do for your own well-being. Put in the correction.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 9 — Your focus is on love. A lot of it's going around. Everybody wants your attention, and that could cause problems. They're good problems though, so you'll solve them all easily.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 5 — More work may come in, and that's good. It means you get to work overtime, and that could be good, too. Unfortunately, the family misses you! Promise you'll play with them soon and schedule it in!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Today is an 8 — Education is your upcoming theme. You're interested in so many topics that you may not know which to study first. You could be highly stimulated, and also confused! Make an outline first so you can make sense of all this!

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — If you're trying to borrow, you may be able to get some of it from an older relative. Or, maybe you can increase your income somehow. Ask the one who signs your checks. You may encounter difficulties getting a loan, but if you persevere, you can succeed.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — You're in a growth phase. You're taking on more responsibility, and maybe even getting more freedom. Self-expression is a function of responsibility, you know. Go ahead and stir things up. Even if a controversy erupts, it'll be interesting.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — You have to pay attention on different levels. There's the hands-on stuff, of course, but there's also a lot of wheeling and dealing going on behind the scenes. You can do well, but only if you watch the overview, as well as the details. Enjoy!

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is an 8 — Romance, games and children are in the spotlight for the next few weeks. You might get to take a trip soon, too. Take along the whole gang if you can. You may not be able to do this all day, but have as much fun as you can.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — Things are changing, and you're right in the middle of it. You might even be causing some of it. You want to end up with a better arrangement than you had before. You want your dreams to come true. Look for the financing first.

Today's Birthday (Nov. 23). Learn and grow with support from your mate and friends. You hear the call of destiny in December; change is required. Learn through experience in January and make dreams come true in February. Play leads to work in April and May. Your mate brings you luck in June. Travel in August and spend October with friends. Evaluate your progress in November and accept kudos.

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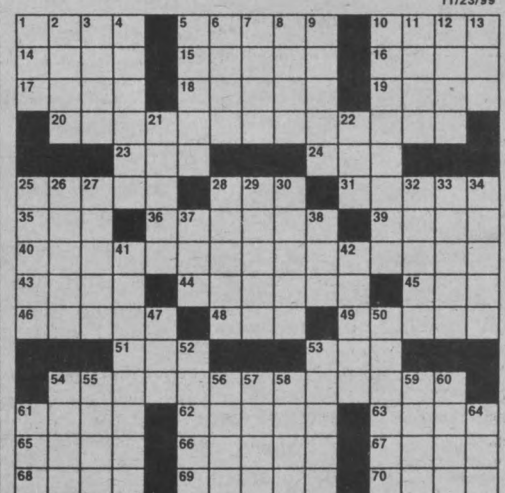
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MATT HURST

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And, if you're looking for a nationally ranked team to cheer — not jeer — for, look no further than your own UCSB women's basketball team. This group of Gauchos is #10 in the country and finished second in the Preseason Women's National Invitation Tournament — a very esteemed honor, especially since they beat #15 Illinois (who was #12 at the time) and hung with #3 Georgia for a half. Hmmm, I think our women's team is that good.

They are one of two teams on our campus that get national recognition (the other being women's volleyball), and they deserve it.

Leading them on the floor is Naismith Award Candidate Erin Buescher. Naismith means best player in the country. And, Buescher is the real deal. We just don't get as much national recognition as we should because when we are playing, all the East Coast media members are in bed. But, I know you aren't. Yes, you, the students. You are probably watching TV or sitting on your butt and eating Cheesy Poofs. Whatever the case may be, you aren't in the stands.

Sure, you say, "It's women's basketball, it's not exciting." Well, if you say that, then you haven't been to one of the women's games. This is exciting basketball. They run and gun and smile and win by 20. Not bad for a UCSB team.

Besides, entrance to the Thunderdome is free for students, so now you have no reason not to go.

Try it out. Come for a game. Watch our team win, and then you will be hooked. Watch Buescher get a double-double making it look easy. Watch Kristi Rohr take it strong to the basket. Watch Stacy Clinesmith dish passes like Magic. Watch Kayte Christensen wipe the glass like she's carrying Windex. Watch Tawnée Cooper run all over the court and try to keep track of her pulling down boards, scoring buckets and stealing the ball.

The games are fun, and since the Goleta community is hooked on this team, you should try it too. Besides, they have to pay to get in. You don't. No excuses allowed.

Matt Hurst is a former Daily Nexus sports editor and current editor in chief.

UCSB Not Quite Ready to Run With the Big Dogs

By MATT HURST
Staff Writer

The Georgia steamrollers came out for the final game of the Preseason Women's National Invitation Tournament, and the UCSB women's basketball team was caught looking into the headlights of the #3 team in the country.

The Gauchos, ranked #10 by the ESPN/USA Today poll and #12 by The Associated Press after knocking off #15 Illinois a night earlier, didn't look like a team ranked in the top 25 against #3 Georgia on Monday night at Illinois' Assembly Hall, losing 85-64 in the final game of the WNIT.

"From a defensive standpoint, we let Georgia do what they wanted to do, and they're very good at what they want to do," UCSB Head Coach Mark French said. "They killed us on the boards in the first half and they did a good job of reversing the ball in the second half."

"Kill" might be a little too kind for what the Bulldogs (4-0 overall) did to UCSB (3-1) on the boards; "murder" might be more like it. Georgia out-rebounded Santa Barbara 48-36,



Stacy Clinesmith

behind 14 boards from Georgia's Tawana McDonald. McDonald subsequently went on to be crowned the tournament MVP after her 14-point, 14-rebound, four-block effort vs. the Gauchos.

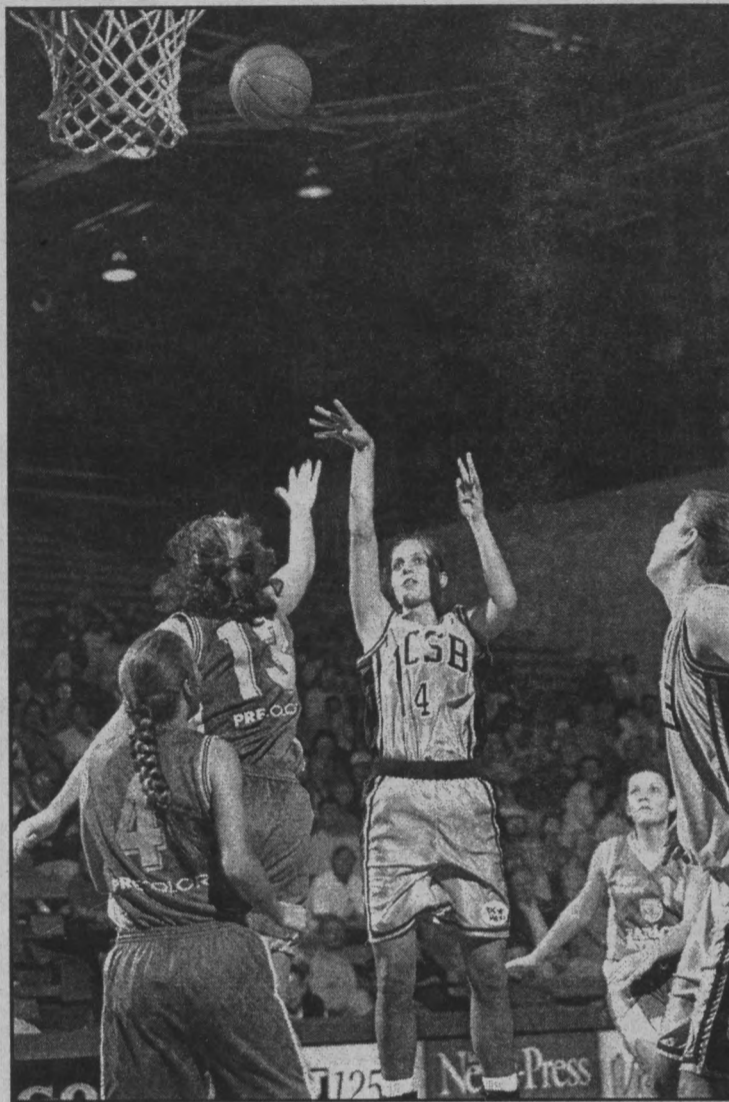
The Gauchos were up 17-16 midway through the first half after a pair of three-pointers by freshman Jess Hansen, but Georgia wasn't about to have that. The Bulldogs' Coco Miller led a 6-0 run and Georgia took a lead it would never relinquish. UCSB played the Bulldogs close until the final two minutes of the first half until Georgia went on an 8-2 run to close out the half, leading 39-29 at the break.

"We were not up to the challenge today," French said. "You let a team like Georgia do that and they're very hard to beat."

Georgia outscored the Gauchos 46-35 in the second half, keyed by the twins Coco and Kelly Miller's combined 28 second-half points. Kelly finished with 24 and Coco had 15 total points. Georgia also forced 23 total turnovers from Santa Barbara.

"We played our best game of the season tonight," Georgia Head Coach Andy Landers said. "We rebounded well, we moved the ball and found the open player and got into transition. We played more aggressively than we have all season."

All-Tournament team members junior Erin Buescher and senior Stacy Clinesmith led UCSB with 15 and 12 points,



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ROHR SCORES: Senior forward Kristi Rohr and the UCSB women's basketball team were dominated by the #3 Georgia Bulldogs on Monday night.

respectively. Senior Kristi Rohr dumped in 10 points and also led the Gauchos with seven boards.

"We just need to come out and play our game and we didn't do that tonight," Clinesmith said. "We came in with a different feeling than the other games. It's hard to explain what the feeling was, but they easily took us out of what we wanted to do."

Maybe it was because Landers challenged the Bulldogs to come out more aggressively after only defeating #20 Virginia

Tech by five points and #18 Boston College by eight points in their previous two WNIT games.

"Georgia is a really good basketball team," French said. "In order to beat a good team like Georgia, we need to do a good job of playing our basketball game. ... We learned we can be competitive with the best teams in the country, but ... we have to be prepared in order to do so."

The Gauchos will next take on Arizona in the Thunderdome on Nov. 30 at 7 p.m.

New Head Coach Helps Erase Gauchos' Old Memories

1999 Season in Review

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Matches against the Mustangs marked the beginning and the end of the 1999 UCSB men's soccer season. The Gauchos played Cal Poly for their season-opener Sept. 1, ultimately dominating the scoreboard in a 2-0 victory. They also closed their season against Cal Poly, winning 4-2. However, the question remains: What happened in between?

The Gauchos gained a new head coach this year in Tim Vom Steeg. Vom Steeg came to UCSB from Santa Barbara City College, and brought several new players to the program to help solidify the team's roster.

"Tim brought in a few new players, which improved the program," sophomore forward Brian Reardon said. "He's very good motivationally. He scouts the teams that we play. He knows all of the levels and he's just a good overall coach."

After winning their opener on the road, the Gauchos headed to Las Vegas to roll the dice in the Coors Rebel Shootout at UNLV. They split two games that weekend, dropping a loss to Kentucky 5-1 and picking up a close-scoring win against West Virginia 3-2. To keep up the theme, the Gauchos split their next two matches after that. They were victorious in their first home game against Denver 2-0, then lost their next contest to Loyola Marymount 3-1.

On Sept. 13, the Gauchos started a three-game winning streak with a win over Sacramento State. Saint Mary's broke the streak, and

from that point UCSB went back and forth until it started its Mountain Pacific Sports Federation matches Oct. 8. The Gauchos played a total of seven MPSF matches, losing their first two contests to #23 Cal State Fullerton and #6 UCLA. After the loss to UCLA, the Gauchos stepped up the scoring action with back-to-back wins over San Diego State and UC Irvine. UCSB didn't stop with two wins; they continued their MPSF games, picking up the next two home games with victories against UNLV and Cal State Northridge.



Tim Vom Steeg

The victory over Northridge marked the end of the Gauchos' MPSF games. From there the Gauchos split two games in the Cal Tournament, with a landmark victory over #16 UC Berkeley. After the Cal Tournament, UCSB played Cal Poly to get its 20th game in. The Gauchos ended their 1999 season on the same victorious note it started on. The UCSB men's soccer team ended its season with a final record of 13-7 overall, and 4-3 in the MPSF — a major improvement from last 98's final standings of 2-17-1 overall, and 0-8-1 in the MPSF.

"If we would have beat Northridge, that would have put us with the same league record as Fullerton, who went to the playoffs," junior forward Sean Herry said. "The people that decide who 32 playoff teams are are going to notice us and consider us next year."

"We basically did what we wanted to do since the beginning of the season," sophomore forward Jaime Ambriz added. "We predicted 13 wins, and that's what we got. I'm sure next year teams will show up to play, and take us more seriously because of our record this year."