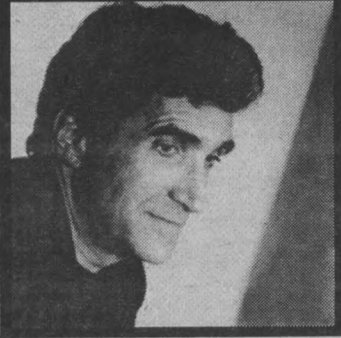


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**Happening This Weekend**

Robert Pinsky, Poet Laureate of the United States, will share his work and views tomorrow at 8 p.m. in Campbell Hall. Free.

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**The Heat Is On!**

After planet Earth's hottest year in recorded history, scientists name humans as contributors to the problem of global warming.

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**Vote Wisely, Vote Well**

The *Daily Nexus* exhorts voters to know who they are voting for in the Jan. 13 special election for the 22nd Congressional District.



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**Got the Munchies?**

Well, let *Weekend Connection*, your bi-weekly *Nexus* restaurant guide, lead you to diggable diners!

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**A Tale of Two Teams**

While the UCSB women's basketball team thrilled the Thunderdome with a come-from-behind victory, the men were being dressed down in Idaho.



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**The Tokyo String Quartet performs Haydn, Webern, and Tchaikovsky tonight at 8 in Campbell Hall. Tickets start at \$12.**

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## Hearing to Decide Fate of Proposed Housing

BY TENNILLE TRACY  
*Reporter*

After 10 years of bureaucratic discussions, a final hearing will decide the fate of a building plan which has sparked many debates between environmentalists and developers.

San Luis Obispo will be the site of the California Coastal Commission's Jan. 12 hearing, where the Santa Barbara Development Partnership will present its proposal to construct 155 one- and two-story homes within a 33-acre parcel of land on Ellwood Shores. An alternate plan has been submitted to Santa Barbara County by the Santa Barbara Shores Homeowners Association, which feels that the pre-

sently proposed building project does not sufficiently protect Ellwood's 102 acres of native grasslands, vernal pools, monarch butterfly groves and coastal access trails, according to SBSHA president Cynthia Brock.

"All we can ask them to do is develop that which will provide coastal access that doesn't have unacceptable impacts to the natural resources on the site and preserves some of the scenic value to the site," she said. "What we're asking is that they apply the highest standards of design and planning, and they're not."

The CCC believes the partnership has made an adequate effort to protect the area by rerouting coas-

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## Car Accident Victim Dies; Gunshot Wounds Revealed

BY KERRI WEBB  
*Staff Writer*

The victim of a Wednesday night accident at Storke Field on the corner of Embarcadero Del Norte and El Colegio Road died Thursday morning at Goleta Valley Hospital, apparently due to a suicide attempt around the time of the crash.

David Lewis, 19, a student at Santa Barbara City College, was confirmed dead after being placed on life support following a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. Lewis, who sustained multiple head trauma wounds, was rescued after his car jumped a curb and crashed into a tree Wednesday night.

According to Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Dept. Sgt. Jim Peterson, Lewis was apparently despondent over bad relations with his girlfriend when he was driving his car down Embarcadero del Norte before a California Highway Patrol officer attempted to stop him on a traffic violation.

"He was going down Picasso and went through a stop sign, which a CHP saw," Peterson said. "He then ran the intersection at El Colegio where he crashed into the tree."

Although an officer at the scene told the *Daily Nexus* Wednesday night that no gun was found, it was later reported by Peterson that a .25-caliber pistol was discovered in

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## Despite Delays, Parking Garage Expected to Be Finished in '98

Through persistent work and minimal weather delays, the completion of the university's first parking garage is nearly one year away from becoming a reality.

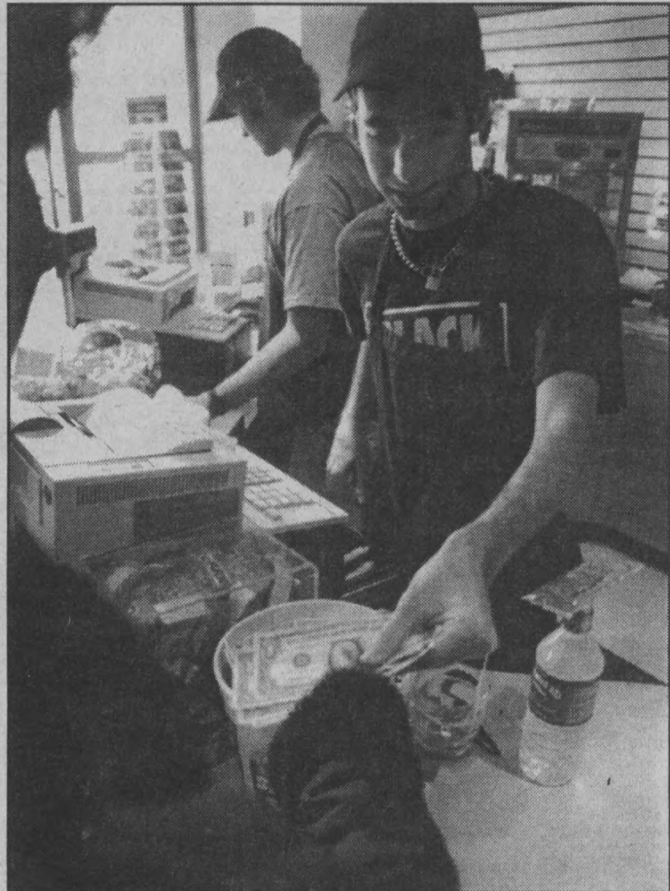
The construction of the four-story, 300,000 sq. ft. garage, which began in July 1997, had its progress slowed by Mother Nature and is now expected to be finished between November 1998 and January 1999, according to campus parking structure Project Manager Ray Aronson.

"The rains have only put us back a couple of days," said Aronson, a senior civil engineer. "Nothing serious. We expect the structure to be

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Bulldozers work diligently to construct the new parking garage, which is expected to be complete by the end of the year.



JEFF CLARK / DAILY NEXUS

Students turn to campus stores, such as the Corner Store, for a quick fix between classes, but many question whether the convenience is worth the higher prices.

## On-Campus Stores Provide Convenience, at a Cost

BY NATHAN BAYS  
*Staff Writer*

Students in search of a quick fix of cola and candy bars may want to try looking off campus to avoid the higher prices of on-campus convenience stores.

In exchange for the convenience of an on-campus store, patrons of the Arbor, the Corner Store and The Place at Buchanan often pay more for basic items than they would if they shopped elsewhere. Many students, such as sophomore geography major Jeff Marsh, don't feel the additional cost is worthwhile.

"All the stuff in the Corner Store is way more expensive than anywhere else," he said. "If I have time to go somewhere else, I always do." "The Corner Store doesn't compare to I.V. Market at all," Marsh

See **PRICES**, p.4

# Top of the News

## Global Warming Evidence Implicates Man



**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Last year was the warmest on record for planet Earth, and for the first time federal climate researchers are willing to say people are at least partly to blame.

"I wouldn't have been willing to say this two years ago. I believe we are seeing evidence of global warming, at least some of which is attributable to human activities," said Elbert W. Friday, research chief of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

"Indeed, 1997 was the warmest year on record," added Tom Karl, a senior NOAA researcher. "The increasing trend of temperatures that we see, we believe, is at least partially attributed to human activities," including pollution from cars and factories.

Karl said the Earth's average temperature last year

was three-quarters of a degree Fahrenheit above normal. Normal is 61.7 degrees, the average for the years 1961-1990.

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— Tom Karl  
senior NOAA researcher

Global warming has been a topic of sharp debate in recent years, culminating in the climate conference last month in Kyoto, Japan, where government officials from around the world sought ways to reduce the potential impact of climate change.

Many scientists believe that carbon dioxide and other gases released into the atmosphere by industrial activities are increasing the

Earth's temperature by trapping heat from the sun, somewhat like a greenhouse.

"We feel more comfortable now in saying there is a human effect because we have more data than before," said Friday.

"The trend of global

temperatures is never due to a single source," commented Karl, noting that factors can include periodic cycles of climate change, ocean circulation and even volcanoes.

But, he added, "the odds that we would be wrong, that there is no relation to human activity, [are] in the area of 5 percent to 10 percent."

The rising temperatures have occurred worldwide, Karl said, though the impact

has been less in eastern North America, China and eastern parts of the Mediterranean.

This may be the result of sulfuric air pollution in those areas, he said, with the hazy air reflecting sunlight and producing a local cooling effect.

As far as the possible effects of global warming are concerned, Friday noted there have been reports of softening of the permafrost in Alaska and a 6-inch rise in overall ocean levels over the last century.

Karl said continued warming could produce "a lot of surprises," including changes in rain and snowfall patterns, though not necessarily a disaster.

"This continues a trend that we see in the records that date back to the 19th century, a trend of increasing global temperatures, both on land and in the ocean," Karl said.

## World Trade Center 'Apostle of Evil' Sentenced



**NEW YORK (AP)** — Declaring "Yes, I am a terrorist and am proud of it," the mastermind of the World Trade Center bombing was sentenced Thursday to spend the rest of his life in prison — probably in solitary confinement.

U.S. District Judge Kevin Duffy branded 29-year-old Ramzi Yousef an "apostle of evil." Yousef was convicted in separate trials for the Trade Center bombing, which killed six people and injured 1,000 in 1993, and the deadly 1994 bombing of a Philippines Airlines plane. Prosecutors did not seek the death penalty.

"I support terrorism as long as it is used against the United States and Israel," Yousef said, accusing the United States of inventing terrorism. "You are more than terrorists. You are butchers, liars and hypocrites."

Yousef's lawyer, Roy Kulcsar, said his client's statements were not "an admission of any kind of personal involvement."

The judge sentenced Yousef to 240 years for the Trade Center attack and life in prison for killing a Japanese man in the 1994 bombing.

Duffy said he will recommend Yousef remain in solitary for life, a treatment he said was historically reserved for those "who spread plague and pestilence throughout the world."

The recommendation is subject to approval by the Bureau of Prisons, which was expected to endorse it.

The judge, noting someone might be "perverse enough to buy your story," also fined Yousef \$4.5 million and ordered him to pay \$250 million in restitution so that any money from book or movie deals would go to his victims.

Duffy told Yousef he was a follower of "death and destruction. That was truly your God, your master, your one and only devotion."

Prosecutors said Yousef came to the United States in 1992 and joined other Islamic extremists in buying chemicals and planning the attack on the Trade Center.

Yousef fled the United States the night of the bombing, leaving behind letters condemning U.S. support of Israel and threatening more terrorism. He was captured in 1995 in Pakistan.

Four others were convicted of involvement in the bombing and were sentenced to 240 years each in prison. Abdul Rahman Yasin, the last suspect in the attack, remains at large.

In the months after the attack, the FBI arrested more than a dozen Islamic extremists. They were accused of planning to bomb the United Nations, FBI headquarters in New York and two tunnels and a bridge linking New Jersey and New York.

## Mideast Nation Grapples With Issue of Virginity Tests



**ANKARA, Turkey (AP)** — Even though Turkey is moving to ban virginity tests on young women as a human rights violation, a Turkish Cabinet minister defended the practice Thursday for girls in state institutions.

The government's campaign to outlaw the widely accepted testing gathered momentum in September following the attempted suicides of five teen-age girls.

The girls first took rat poison and then jumped into a deep water tank after the head of their orphanage ordered the tests because the girls had returned late to their dormitories one evening.

In the aftermath, newspapers quoted Women and Family Affairs Minister Isilay Saygin as minimizing the significance of the attempted suicides.

"Girls of 12, 13 are falling pregnant. If girls commit suicide because of the virginity tests, they would have committed suicide anyway. It is not that important," newspapers quoted Saygin as saying last week.

On Thursday, the minister insisted in published reports that her comments had been misinterpreted. Spokesman Sa-

bri Canbeyli told The Associated Press that the minister's defense of the practice was aimed only at girls in state-run facilities.

"The minister believes that girls in orphanages or other institutions under the state's responsibility should be protected from defamation which could lead to their expulsions from the institution," he said.

"In those cases, virginity tests can be necessary to allow the girls to clear their names," he said.

Women's groups have called for Saygin's resignation, while her own aide has called the minister ill-informed.

"Virginity tests are a direct violation of individual rights," spokeswoman Selma Acuner told the daily *Yeni Yuzyl*.

Virginity is highly valued throughout the Muslim world, but the tests appear to be mostly restricted to Turkey.

The effort to restrict the practice is likely to cause dismay in conservative sections of Turkish society, where relatives wait outside the bedroom of a honeymoon couple to make sure the sheets are stained with blood — a sign the bride was a virgin.

Human rights groups, including the New-York based Human Rights Watch, have disapproved of the testing ritual.

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## Weather

Here comes the rain again ...

Actually, we may get by with only mild to moderate showers this weekend. My sources report a storm front coming in today and lasting through Monday night; however, I think we may be OK by early Sunday.

Also, be on the watch this weekend, not only for the usual first-weekend-of-the-quarter parties and revelry, but also for the weather and that nasty case of the flu that seems to be going around like the plague. You never can be too safe, buckaroos, so remember not to share toothbrushes for a while.

And on that note, I bid you a fun-filled joyous weekend 'n' shit!

## Reps Fill Vacancies, Address Rape

Student reps filled a vacant seat, named another appointment to the Environmental Affairs Board, pledged funds to rape prevention and tabled several bills for future Associated Students Legislative Council meetings Wednesday night.

Christina Costley was approved as the new on-campus representative. The position was left open in November when Rebecca Doubledee resigned because she did not feel capable of providing the time and effort necessary for the position.

In another appointment, the council approved the seating of Off-Campus Rep Justin Glycer to the Environmental Affairs Board 17-0, with one rep abstaining and another abstaining from voting.

Reps also voted to fund the Rape Prevention Education Program for its upcoming 7th Annual National Student Conference on Campus Sexual Violence, which will be held on campus from Feb. 28 to March 1. A total of \$3,190 was awarded to the program in a 16-2 vote.

The Black Student Union, which was looking for \$400 to help pay for their annual Kwanzaa festival, was denied their request. Instead, Leg Council suggested BSU use the funds already in their account.

Among the bills tabled for the next Leg Council meeting was a bill expanding the powers of Judicial Council to police Associated Students.

"Such regulations would hold accountable those who willingly choose to violate the laws that govern the Associated Students government," the bill stated.

A tabled position paper, authored by On-Campus Rep Erin O'Donnell, would officially condemn plans to build academic buildings in the vicinity of several residence halls.

"Associated Students does not support the construction of any building on this site that would further erode the quality of student life," the bill stated.

— Nexus Staff Report

## SUICIDE

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the car and may have contributed to Lewis' suicide.

"He apparently shot himself right then or sometime after the crash," Peterson said. "The CHP officer administered CPR because he thought the injuries were

due to the accident."

According to Goleta Valley Hospital supervising nurse Patty Jackson, Lewis passed away Thursday morning in critical condition after being admitted Wednesday night.

Reporter Gretchen Macchiarella contributed to this story.

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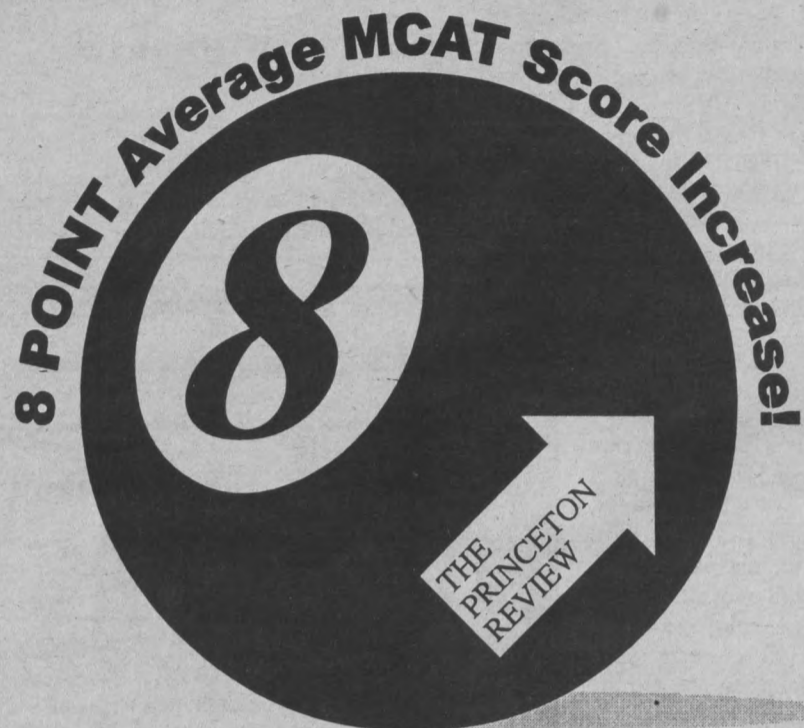
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## ELLWOOD

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tal access trails, erecting walls around the sensitive regions and designing the homes outside of environmentally sensitive areas, according to SBDP representative Randy Fox.

"There is a staff report that has come from the Coastal Commission staff," he said. "They looked at the appeals and objections raised by the neighbors, the Santa Barbara Homeowners Association and the Urban Creek Council, and they said their objections were without merit."

The SBDP has earned support from the CCC, even despite complaints pre-

sented by local and state environmental groups, according to Fox.

"People can always argue about policies regarding minimizing impacts to the environment because people always interpret the word 'minimizing' differently," he said about objections to the proposal.

Efforts to halt the land development have been made by the UCSB Environmental Affairs Board, including weekend bike excursions through the monarch butterfly groves and letters to the coastal commission, according to EAB Chair Eric Cardenas. More drastic measures were taken in 1994 when Save Ellwood Shores and the Environmental Defense Center filed a lawsuit

— which was settled out of court — against the developer for not respecting the natural wildlife and plants, he said.

"The suit was dropped because he did eventually pull his plan for development out of the environmentally sensitive land," Cardenas said. "That doesn't mean that members of Save Ellwood Shores and the Environmental Defense Center are happy, because the development is still proposed to go in."

Those wanting to attend the hearing Jan. 12 can meet a carpool in front of the Bagel Cafe on 6551 Trigo Road at 8 that morning.

## PRICES

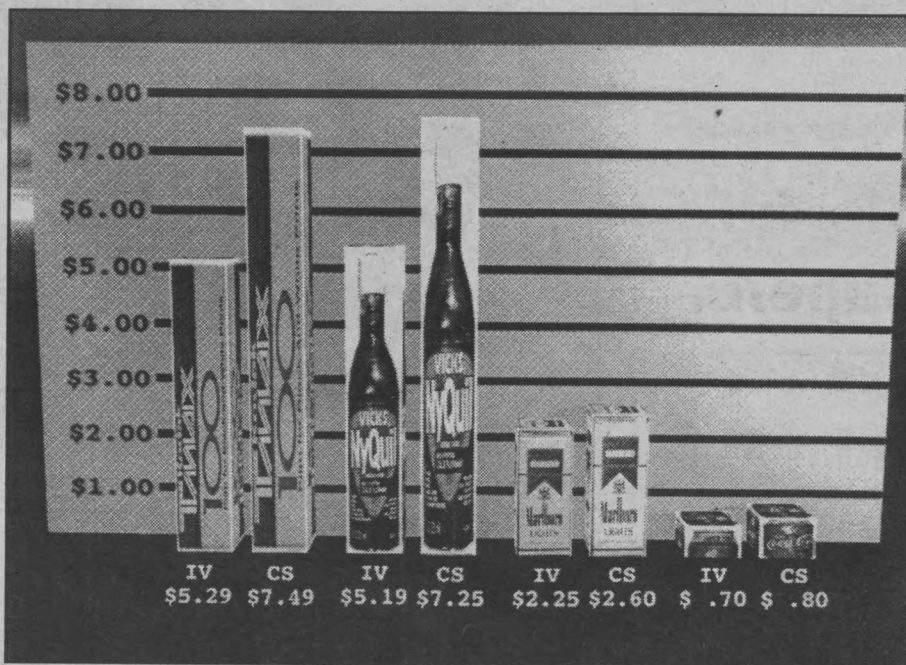
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Comparatively, many items at the Corner Store are priced slightly higher than they are at other locations, including I.V. Market. However, not all products had a high price differential.

For example, one roll of Kodak 100-speed, 36-exposure film from the Corner Store costs \$7.49, while the same roll of film is \$5.29 at I.V. Market. At the Corner Store, a 6-oz. bottle of Ny-Quil cough medicine costs \$7.25. At I.V. Market, the same bottle costs \$5.19. A container of 16 No-Dōz pills, however, was only 10 cents more expensive at the Corner Store.

There is also a notable price difference in popular-selling, less-expensive items such as sodas and cigarettes. A single can of soda comes to 80 cents after tax and CRV at the Corner Store, but only 70 cents at I.V. Market. A pack of Marlboro Reds costs \$2.60 at the Corner Store, while the same pack is \$2.25 at I.V. Market.

The Corner Store, the Arbor and The Place at Buchanan are all owned and



MICHAEL VELASQUEZ / DAILY NEXUS

managed by the University Center Dining Services. UCen Dining Services Director Susan Hawkins explained the differences in pricing between the Corner Store and I.V. Market.

"Our prices are based on student input and price comparisons with other universities, as well as with other Isla Vista businesses," she said.

"I.V. Market and the Corner Store are two different operations," Hawkins added. "I.V. Market is a

high-volume grocery store, so of course they can sell items at a lower cost. The Corner Store is much smaller; it's a convenience store."

Hawkins believes that the on-campus prices are better than most prices at similar off-campus convenience stores.

"If you compare our prices to, say, 7-Eleven, we're much cheaper," she said. "We fall somewhere between the grocery store and the average convenience

store."

Many students, such as senior law and society and environmental studies major Brock Engberg, are willing to disregard slightly higher prices in exchange for the convenience of a store close to class.

"When I don't have time for a full meal, I'll run in [to the Corner Store] and grab a snack," he said. "I'm glad it's there. It makes my life a little easier."

## PROJECTS

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complete in the later part of '98, but it is possible that rain could push us back a month or so."

Because construction has proceeded well so far, building plans have already switched over to phase II of the three-phase construction and traffic schedule, according to Aronson.

"We are now in phase II of construction," he said. "Traffic has been switched over to the new Mesa Road."

For phase II, University Road is also being permanently rerouted to divert traffic around the construction site, according to Aronson.

The construction has apparently put a strain on this year's parking permit sales, said Melba Ortiz, the director of Parking and Transportation Services.

"Parking permit sales are down this year," she said. "People have decided to ride bikes, [take] the bus, or carpool. We have cut the prices of parking permits in remote lots from \$240 to \$120 to motivate students to buy them."

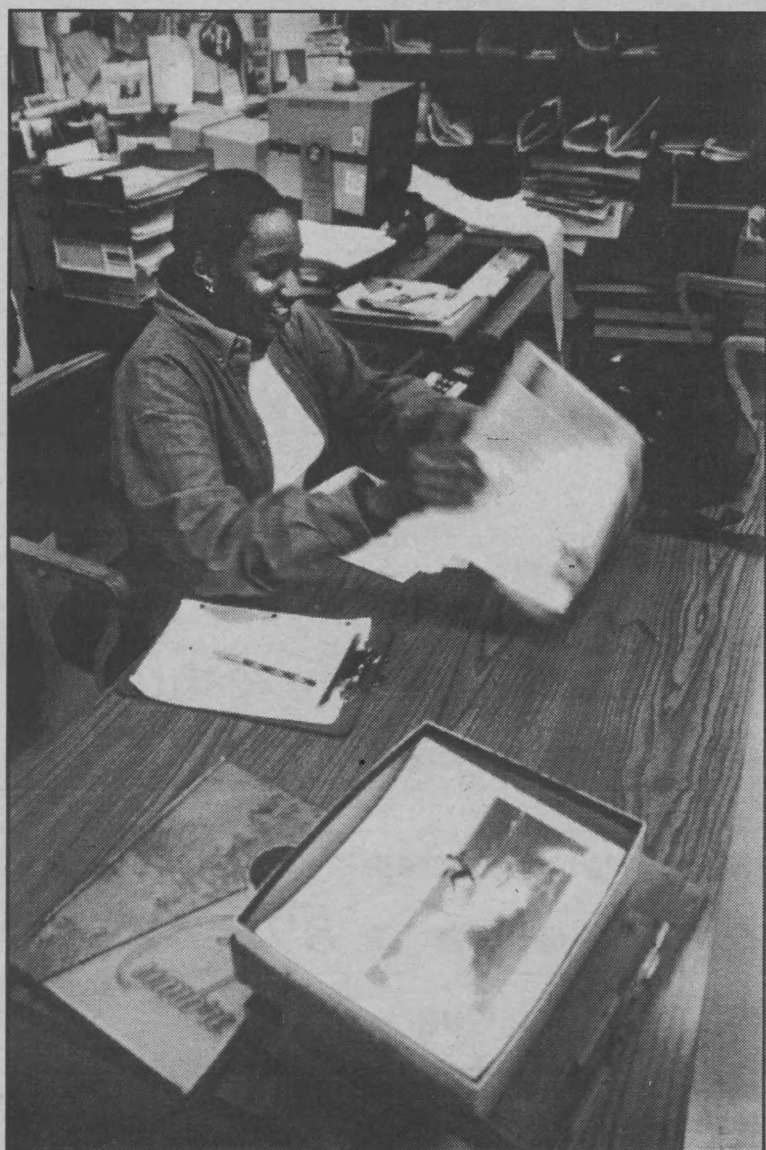
According to Ortiz, UCSB's Transportation Alternative Program has helped ease the problem of limited and/or remote parking spaces for students and faculty caused by the excavation of lots 13 and 16. Shuttles now run between remote lots, such as lots 38 and 10, to give motorists convenient transportation to and from campus, she said.

— Ted Anderson

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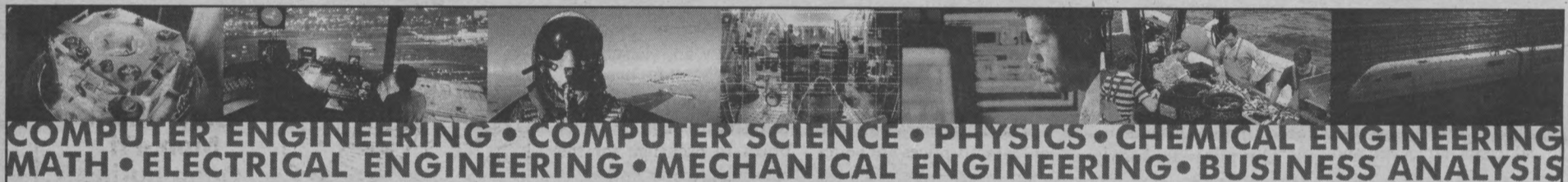
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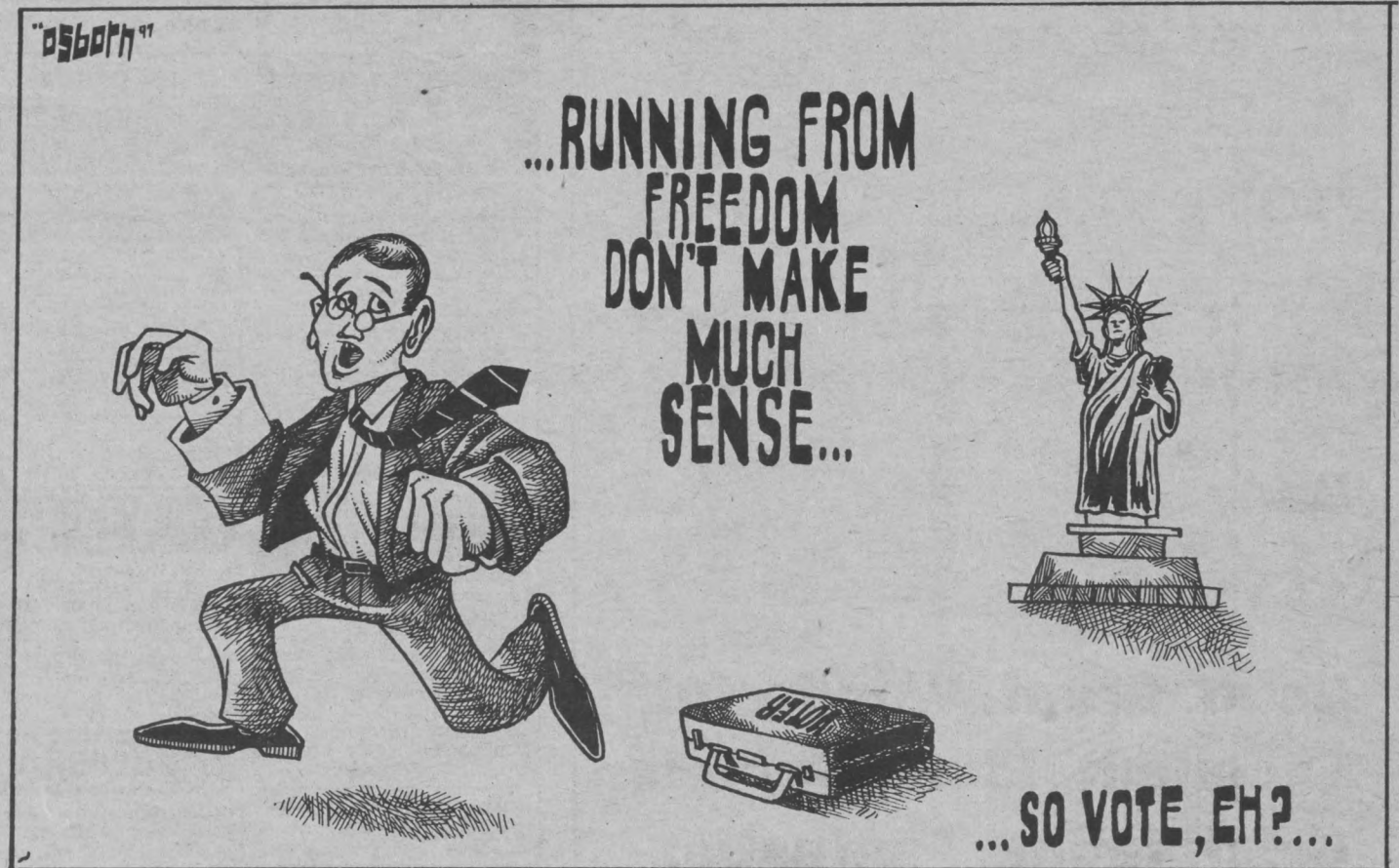
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# Opinion

## Editorial Policy

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## Staff Editorial



## Think, Then Vote

### The Informed Voter Benefits the Entire Community

It was enough to give us a warm, fuzzy and — dare we say it? — optimistic feeling about the American democratic process.

No, Brooks Firestone wasn't handing out free samples. But he *was* in attendance. So were Bob Lovgren, Todd Rosenberger, and representatives from the Lois Capps and Tom Bordonaro campaigns. Robert Bakhaus couldn't make it, but hey, five out of six ain't bad.

The best part of Wednesday night's forum, however, was not the presence of the 22nd District congressional candidates, but the fact that the Graduate Student Association lounge was packed full of interested people.

That's right, boys and girls. There really are some people interested not only in exercising their great American right to vote, but in exercising it with wisdom and with care. Another name for that would probably be "making an informed choice."

Closely following the large turnout in importance was the fact of the forum itself, or, to be specific, the ideological makeup of the candidates attending. Five, count 'em, five candidates (or their representatives), from three different parties, and each with his or her own views within the framework of that party.

This is, we would have to say, a definite improvement over the last race for this seat, which involved only two candidates — the late Walter Capps and Andrea Seastrand — and only two parties — the Democratic and Republican, respectively. This time around, at least for the duration of the primary phase of the election, the race has less of a sharply divided partisan nature and there is more focus on the candidates themselves and their individual philosophies.

This fact alone is worth noting, especially in light of — in spite of — the fact that the rest of America, or at least those Americans who follow politics closely, are watching this race with great interest. Most of these only see it as a question of whether the Republicans will regain this seat so long held by them, or whether the Democrats will maintain the hold they so recently acquired (and lost with Walter Capps' untimely death).

For those of us who will be voting in this primary election on Jan. 13, it is important — *vital* — that we keep our eyes firmly fixed on the candidates as individuals, as potential representatives, and not merely on their party affiliation, be it Democrat, Republican, or Libertarian.

Another extremely central thing to remember is the example of those people who came to the forum. Not satisfied with the one-way communication afforded by television or the various print media, these people came seeking answers to *their own* questions, *their own* concerns — not those composed by a reporter or interviewer. They came looking for a chance to see the

candidate with their own eyes — not that of the camera. It must be stressed again that they came seeking to make an *informed choice* when it comes time to vote on Jan. 13.

This race, remember, is for a seat in the United States House of Representatives. That's governmental representation *at the national level* for the people of the 22nd District. This race requires voters to be as knowledgeable as possible about the issues and the candidates before they drop their ballots in the ballot box and walk away.

Citizens, it's not yet time to vote. Four days remain. Use that time to your advantage and to the advantage of the entire 22nd District. Collect what information you can. Read newspapers and magazines. Watch the news. If possible, find out where you can go see the candidates in person, where you can talk to them and they can talk back to you, and go. Then, when you walk to the ballot box, take with you all that you know and understand and use it to make the wisest choice it is in your power to make.

Now, with that idea in mind, let us turn for a moment to the future. For as long as you live as a citizen of the United States, it will be your privilege and your responsibility to vote in elections each year (and, sometimes, more often than that). Take this idea, the idea that an informed choice is the best kind of choice there is, and apply that idea to each election you encounter.

Another idea worth holding onto is the idea of the community forum, a place for local discussion and debate on local issues. An open forum may very well be the greatest tool available to a community with which to advance its own best interests; in an open forum, the people who don't understand a given issue have a chance to gain understanding, and the people who are confused about something may ask the questions that will dispel that confusion. A community which makes use of open forums educates its members to make the wisest possible choices in any given matter; it is a truly invaluable idea.

Isla Vista might very well benefit from making use of just such an open forum. There are, of course, forums in the classic sense, such as the one held on Wednesday night; there are also forums which need not be physically attended, such as the call-in shows on local radio and television, or the forums provided by print media in letters-to-the-editor pages. All of these, and more (when one considers the Internet), are readily available to almost any member of our community; and if they are made use of, we all stand to benefit by it.

Remember, Isla Vista, we are each of us — tenant, landlord, and temporary and permanent residents alike — part of a larger whole, and if we take the time to consider, to learn, and finally, to make informed choices for our community, each of us as individuals will gain from the resulting improvements in the state of our union.

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# Don't Know Much About Biology ...

... But the Beauty of Ellwood's Monarchs Is a Wisdom Unto Itself

HENRY SARRIA

I am not a biologist. In fact, I suck at that subject as well as organic chemistry, but oh well, that's just me. I always opted for the hard, physical sciences.

However, to appreciate the beauty of Ellwood (just to the west of Vista), it doesn't take knowledge of biology, just appreciation for beautiful surroundings and the many inhabitants of the trees, air and ground.

One of these particular inhabitants is the seasonal visitor, the monarch butterfly, which always makes a stopover here on its yearly migration. Believe me when I say to you that it's one hell of a beautiful sight to witness.

I remember the first time I saw the bundles of monarchs hanging from the tall eucalyptus trees. I remember thinking to myself that someone at the house I used to live in at Ellwood spiked my punch with something strong.

I had NEVER seen anything quite like that before. Whenever I saw the monarchs to a new arrival to town or an out-of-town guest, her jaw hits the ground in disbelief. It's a pretty awesome sight. There are a few things one should know about seeing this cool phenomenon, so I'll share with you.

First off, they migrate here starting during the middle part of October and stay until the middle to end of April. The population peaks in mid-January, so the best time to see them all bled, hanging from the trees is now.

There's only one particular spot in the eucalyptus grove where



they congregate in bundles — the part of the grove just to the right at the end of Coronado.

Sometimes I like to just sit there with my eyes closed. I listen to their wings flapping and the sound of them clinging onto each other to conserve energy in order to continue on their northern migration. This is just a rest spot for them.

It's at this point that I will mention an activity which ruins the whole experience for everyone, monarchs included.

It's come to my attention that some people, in order to see the butterflies flying, have taken to shaking the branches they're resting on, and this ain't too cool.

These little guys have been flying for months on a migration that brings them in from as far down as Mexico, and they're pretty tired from the long flight.

The only analogy I have to discourage this practice of shaking the branches is: How would you like it if after a long day of hard work, when you're getting ready to take a before-dinner nap, I come over and rudely inform you that you have to come back to work only because I want to see you work? Not too cool, eh?

The monarchs are out there, though, and waiting to be seen, but you'd better do it quick, since they're at their peak about now.

Walk out there, ride your bike, do whatever it takes, but don't miss this show that nature puts on every year for free. It's worth the effort, and besides, it's a beautiful place. The sad thing is that we may not have this beautiful place for long, due to possible development in that area. As if we don't have enough development happening right now. Go figure? In any case, go check it out, you won't be let down.

Oh, if you happen to see a couple out there sitting on a log with their eyes closed and smiles on their faces, don't worry, we're not crazy; it's just my girlfriend and me enjoying one of the greatest shows that money can't buy.

We're both terrible at biology, but we love to visit the monarchs and we hope you take the time to do so as well.

Henry Sarria is a longtime resident of Isla Vista and a frequent contributor to the Daily Nexus.

## The Reader's Voice

BROOKS FIRESTONE:

OUR HUMBLE FRIEND

Editor, Daily Nexus:  
I am writing to share my personal experience with Brooks Firestone, our assemblyman and candidate for congress.

Years ago, I left private business in the faculty of Santa Barbara City College as an instructor of economics and finance. Most educators would agree with the Greek philosopher, Socrates, who said, "The foundation of every state is the education of its youth." Certainly, this motivated me to change careers.

Since 1987, SBCC has made tremendous progress in its business education program as the result of the commitment of our faculty, staff and administration. However, critical to success has been the support of numerous business leaders, including Brooks Firestone.

Frankly, some of my colleagues initially were wary of a Republican as an advocate of public education. However, we have found in Brooks a model citizen-representative. He has supported numerous initiatives in the legislature to increase the resources for public education, to empower parents in local districts to implement local initiatives, and to increase the accountability of our educational institutions for the achievements of our students.

He has teamed with Jack O'Connell, despite differing party affiliations, in many of these efforts. He believes that negotiations are more important than posturing and bickering. On the Assembly Education Committee, he has supported reduction in class size, expansion of the after school program, "Scholarshare" free education saving accounts, retention of bilingual education, enhancement of basic skills in mathematics, a balanced approach to English language which includes phonics. He wants to hold down student fees, and wants to end the "social promotion" of students who have not mastered the skills to succeed at higher levels.

Long before Brooks was elected to Assembly, he started visiting my production to business classes as my guest. He has done so annually thereaf-

ter, despite his many obligations to his family, his business, his constituents and the legislature. When he visits, he never mentions his political activities and is reluctant to discuss his successes with Firestone Tire and the Firestone Vineyards.

Instead, he talks about the failure of Firestone Tire to adjust to the innovative Michelin radial tire in the 1960s and how that led to the decline of Firestone Tire and its acquisition by a Japanese tire group. In this context, the weaknesses of large, established organizations are highlighted.

In addition, and in greater detail, Brooks discusses the rise and fall of Firestone's nonalcoholic beer. This case reinforces what the students have learned about product development, market assessment, and distribution. They also learn about the risks of innovation, the pain of failure, and the importance of balancing optimism, tenacity, realism and humility.

In a world in which so many elected officials try to take credit for the sun rising in the morning and blame their opponents for El Niño, I'm encouraged to know a representative who would rather talk about his mistakes and share what he has learned from them, than exaggerate his successes.

When a genuine, experienced, yet humble friend is willing to serve as our representative in Sacramento or Washington, we should support him. We've seen what Brooks can do in Sacramento. Now, we should elect him to Congress.

PETER NAYLOR

JUST THINK A LITTLE ABOUT YOUR TRASH

Editor, Daily Nexus:

Welcome to another round of the chaotic quarter system. Before the race gets going too fast, I just wanted to bring everyone's attention to the A.S. Recycling Program. As the newest member on the team, I realize that most of the student body has absolutely no idea what we are, what we do, or that we even exist.

We are a student-run, student-supported program that is in charge of all of the outdoor recycling on campus as well as providing information about

recycling strategies to campus departments. We work with the UCSB Recycling Committee toward waste reduction on campus. We are separate from the Environmental Affairs Board and other environmental groups on campus, although we do work together on recycling issues. It's a big job, but we're proud of what we do. Working toward a green campus is our goal, and we need as much student support as we can get.

It's about time we all wake up. It's 1998 and there is no excuse for a university campus to lag on the environmental end of things. As educated citizens, it is our responsibility to be aware of the impact our lifestyles have on the environment and to make changes to reduce those impacts as much as possible. It's not too hard to throw your aluminum can or plastic bottle into the recycling bins instead of the trash can.

Even if A.S. Recycling provides all the bins and pick-up services we possibly can, recycling won't work unless students participate. It only takes a few small steps on everybody's part to ensure a clean and green environment for us all. We'd really appreciate your help, and our hard-working bicycle riders could really use a pat on the back. A second thought about where you throw your trash and a small thanks to those riders that drag around all of our waste is all it takes to keep our campus green.

Thanks for your help.

DEVON A. STRAITIFF

IMPORTANT DATES FOR ISLA VISTA

Editor, Daily Nexus:

It's time again to come together. If you love your public beach and are concerned about the future of it, jot down these dates. This Saturday at 2 p.m. (weather permitting), we will be meeting on the bluffs at Pescadero Park. We will be going down to the beach to recreate, then join hands together in a show of protest against the proposed seawall.

The purpose of this event is twofold. Not only do we want the board of supervisors to see how solid our opposition is to this project, but any event that brings this community closer together is worth our time. Information will be available at the event for anyone who still needs some factual education. If it is raining we will postpone this event until the near future.

The next important date is Tuesday, Jan. 13, 10 a.m., in the parking lot at 6777 Del Playa. Blufftop property owners will be having a meeting to form their Geological Hazard Abatement District (GHAD). This is the en-

tirely that will be asking the supervisors for permission to build the seawall. There is a public comment period during the meeting. For us, this means an opportunity to voice our feelings and concerns to the property owners themselves.

Tuesday, Jan. 20 may be the final board of supervisors hearing regarding this matter, where all signs point to them giving the seawall the OK. But there is always hope. Many of us, on leaving the last meeting in October, had a small inkling of hope for the first time in several years, that maybe Urbanske, Graffy and Staffel were actually listening.

I think they understand that this project is ludicrous but for some reason still support it. It's a long shot, but between now and then, if we can show an amazing outpouring of solidarity and concern for future generations of Isla Vistans who will lose their access and beach, maybe together we can stop it at this point in the process.

PEGEEN SOUTAR

Write a letter. Because you can.

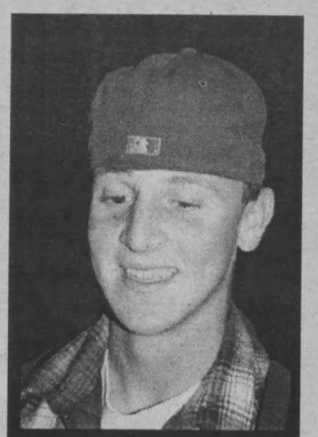
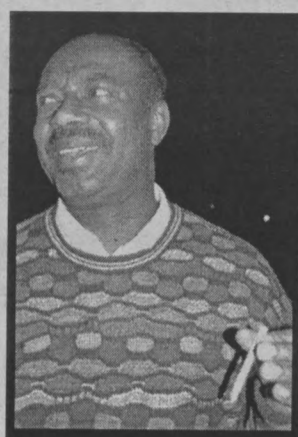
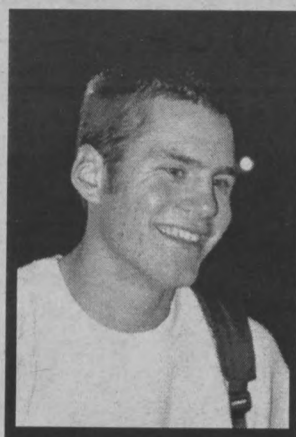
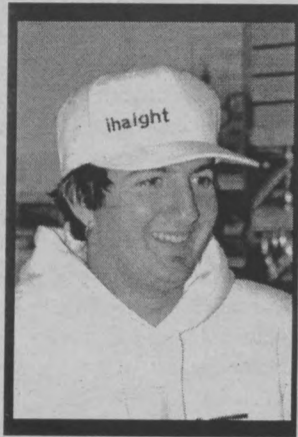
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# Campus Comment

Interviews by Kerri Webb  
Photos by David Gregory

Which New Year's Resolution have you already broken, and how?



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My resolution was not to cuss and I already broke it when I was driving. You can't help it.

Marsi Medrano  
junior  
sociology

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That I wouldn't miss class any more. But on Wednesday the power went out and my alarm clock didn't go off.

Turtle  
senior  
communication

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I was going to do my work and go to class and stop procrastinating, but I'm already behind.

Veronica Saldaña  
freshman  
undeclared

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Mine is not to worry so much about the little things ... like school.

Chris Svensson  
freshman  
art studio

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I was supposed to stop smoking and I blew it on the very first day. I really, really want to quit though.

Rob Donerson  
housing and residential life administrator.

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Not to smoke so much weed, but I, uh, couldn't do it.

Jason Steindorf  
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# Nexus Comics

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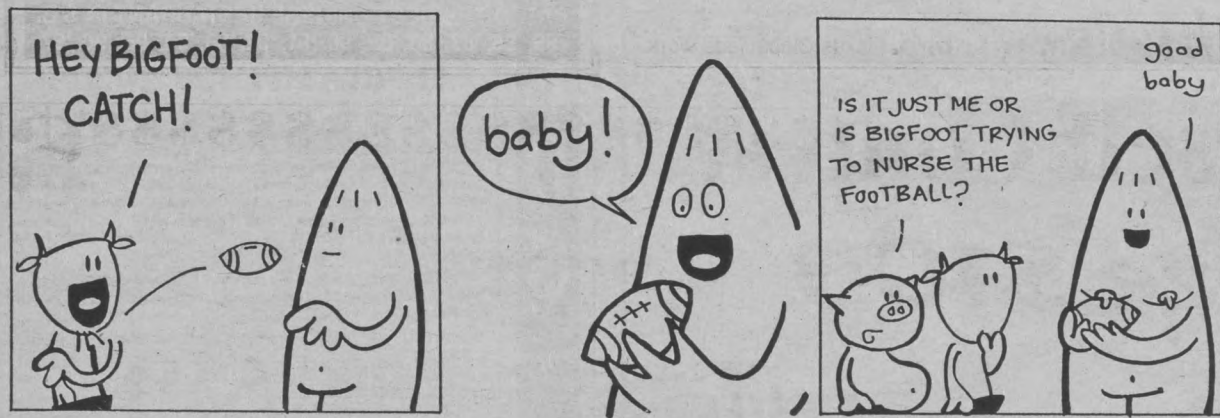
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Check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — A friend might be bossy today. Instead of resisting, use this to your advantage. Ask this person to teach you something. You could wind up learning a valuable new skill. And you'll make an absolutely fabulous impression on your friend.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 5 — You could get money from an unexpected source this morning; someone who's turned you down a thousand times before could finally come through. It may be as much a surprise to this person as it is to you. Later this afternoon, you'll get a shove in the right direction. Work you've done in the past is finally starting to pay off.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 6 — You're looking very attractive to a very attractive person. No need to let on that you can't afford the price of lunch. Work through it instead, and diet at the same time. If you're really lucky, the other person will offer to buy. Today, it looks like that's a winning formula.

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — Phone tag this morning is making you crazy and costing you money. Go with the flow. Instead of talking to Person A, go to Person B and C. You'll learn more than you ever wanted to know. You like games of strategy. Today, take the long way around and you may discover an opportunity you never would have known existed.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — Your sweetheart may be in the process of changing a decision. What looked OK yesterday may not be quite as attractive today. Don't get defensive. Discuss the matter tonight. If you can involve a third party, it'll be easier to be objective. A friend can help you stay calm. Don't worry. You can get it all talked out.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Stay on your toes to keep up with the action today. There are all sorts of interesting developments. People who are normally very nice could get cranky. Don't take it seriously. This evening, follow through on a project you and your sweetheart have been working on. Don't start a new one yet, however. Hold off for a while.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Today is a 7 — Be very careful with secrets. Don't talk to a far-away friend about a situation near at hand. It might seem to be a safe enough thing to do, but it's not. The information will get back to the other person, and you'll be in trouble. It will be easy to talk people into doing what you want today, but remember not to tell everything you know.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — Paying bills could make a major dent in your pocketbook. There's a lot more money going out than coming in. A roommate may help you find another source of revenue. Discuss your options this evening. He or she is coming from a slightly different perspective, and that's what makes the input more valuable.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — The good news is that you'll be making more money. The bad news is that you'll be working harder. Attend a class this evening, and you'll be motivated to try something you've always wanted to do but never quite knew how. Once you get the information, you'll be launched into a great new adventure. Go for it.

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**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — You and your sweetheart need to discuss plans for the future. Expenses are coming up, and you should decide how to spend the money. There's a difference of opinion, so it takes a while to reach an agreement. But, it'll be fun to hang out together for a while.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 6 — There's confusion today, and you're in the middle. People are coming into your life and going out with alarming rapidity. Not to worry. You flourish in this stimulating environment. If you lose your sense of direction, rely on a friend who loves you. He or she will point you the right way.

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# Sports

## Men's Basketball Spanked in Idaho by Hot-Shooting Vandal Hoopsters

■ Gauchos Have Lost 19 of Last 20 Games Away From Home

BY SCOTT HENNESSEE  
Staff Writer

A season that started with high hopes has deteriorated into this: a 27-point loss to the University of Idaho.

Idaho! Are the Vandals really that good? No. The Gauchos just played that bad.

"We started with a lack of aggression and intensity," said UCSB men's basketball Head Coach Jerry Pimm. "And we were really soft. Mentally and physically soft. They just took it right at us and we didn't respond."

The game began with Idaho (7-4 overall, 1-0 in the Big West) jumping out to an 18-4 lead six minutes into the game. Idaho scored 13 straight during the stretch, until senior Dwayne Williams hit his only field goal of the game to end Santa Barbara's scoreless string.

UCSB (3-8, 0-1 in the Big West) began the game by committing six turnovers while attempting only four field goals. When the squad did manage to get a shot off, it wasn't very successful, making only two of its first 11 tries. On the other hand, the Vandals couldn't

miss, making eight of their first 10 attempts.

"The shot charts show the story," Pimm said. "They had a lot of layups, and we had some tough, tough shots. We didn't read their defense very well."

Senior guard Raymond Tutt led the Gauchos in scoring with 15, but only attempted 10 shots during the game. He was 6-10 from the field, making one of one from behind the three-point arc, and sunk a pair of free throws.

Freshman point guard Brandon Payton was the only other UCSB player to score in double digits, posting 14 points. Most of Payton's points came from the charity stripe — the freshman was seven of eight from the free throw line.

The game was plagued by fouls from both squads. Santa Barbara committed 25 fouls to the Vandals' 29.

"They committed 29 fouls and they only called about one-eighth of the ones they could have called," Pimm said. "Usually that's what happens. The most aggressive team usually wins."

There was no doubt as to who the most aggressive team was in this game. After the first minute of

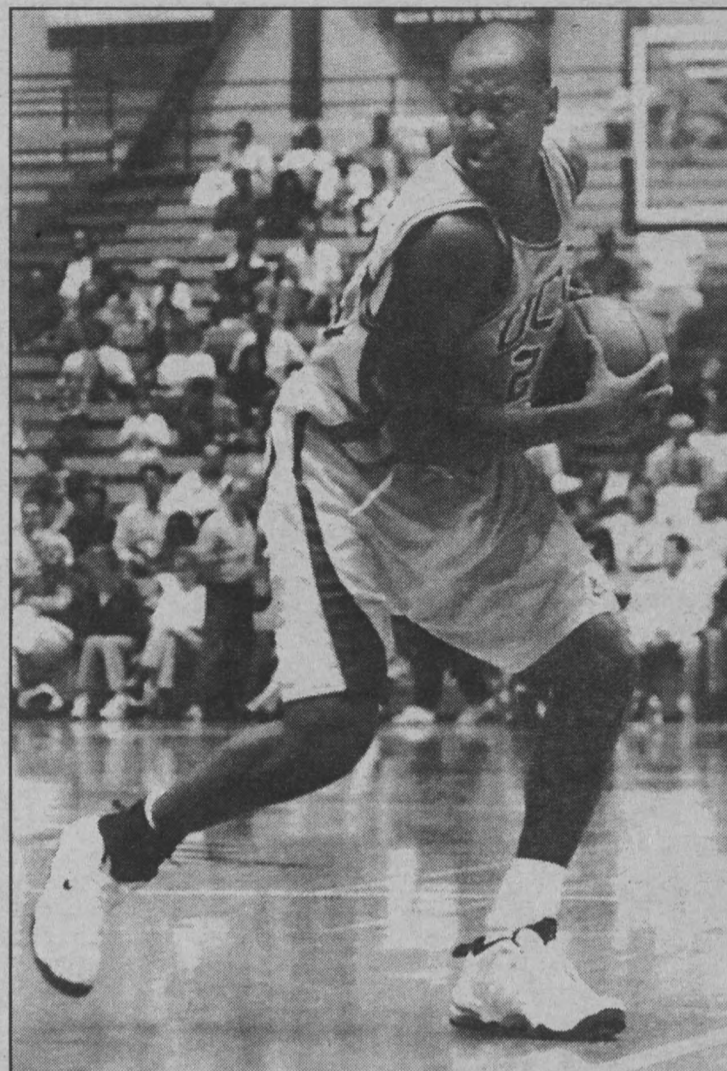
the contest, when Santa Barbara was down 3-2, the Gauchos never even reached earshot of the Vandals. Idaho kept its lead above 20 for most of the game. The shorter Vandals even out-rebounded UCSB 38-27.

Idaho was led by junior guard Avery Curry, who scored 28 points in as many minutes. The 6'0" junior college transfer missed only one shot in 11 tries from the floor and was a perfect 8-8 from the free throw line. Three other Vandals scored in double figures and the team's shooting percentage was a sizzling .627.

On the bright side for UCSB, the team may have found some talent that's been sitting on the bench most of the year. Little-used freshman Chris Lynch scored a season-high nine points while grabbing five rebounds.

The loss was the fifth in a row on the road this year for UCSB, and dating back to last season, was the 19th defeat in its last 20 road games. The 97 points was a season high for Idaho, 14 more than its previous best, which came against Idaho State earlier this year.

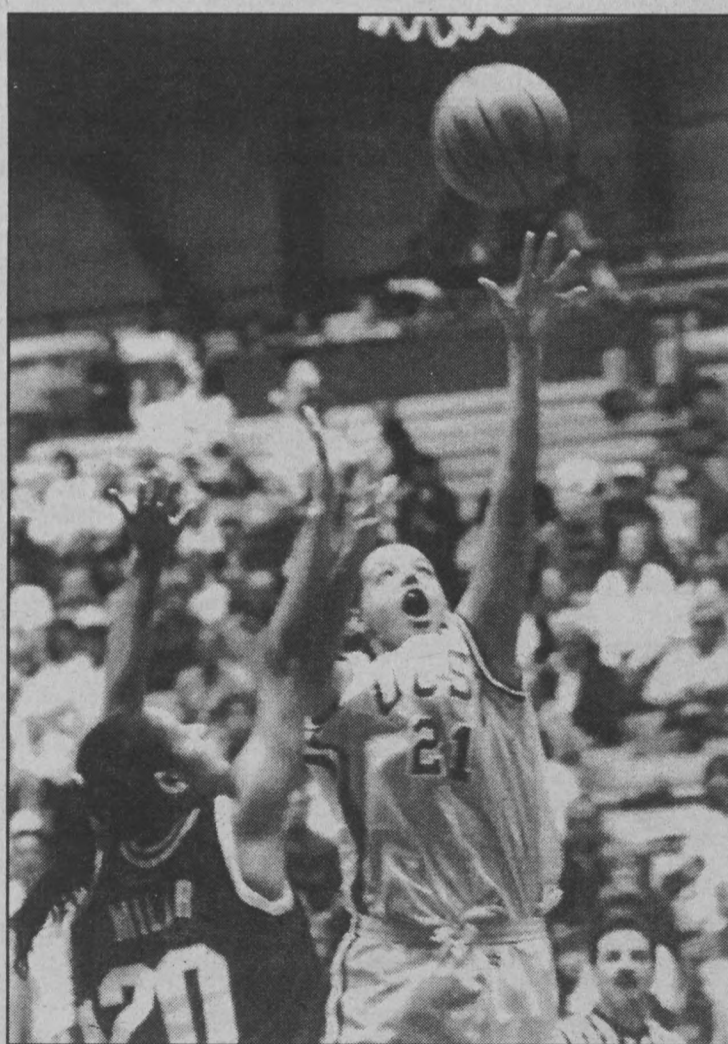
Next up for Santa Barbara will



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**LOOKING FOR HELP:** Raymond Tutt led the Gauchos with 15 points on 6-10 shooting, but the team shot a miserable .356.

be Boise State on the road Saturday 8-5 entering last night's contest night in Boise. The Broncos were with Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.



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**OVER YOU!:** Tawneé Cooper helped UCSB erase an eight-point first-half deficit by scoring a game-high 21 points.

### Zito Withdraws From School

Sophomore pitcher Barry Zito has left UCSB and plans to attend a junior college, according to a Thursday press release. Zito, named to the Freshman All-American Team by *Collegiate Baseball* magazine last season, posted a 3-6 mark in '97 with a team-high 123 strikeouts.

## Gaucha Women Win With Defense as Big West Conference Play Opens

BY BEN ALKALY  
Staff Writer

The UCSB women's basketball team learned a valuable lesson Thursday night — it can't rely on simply lighting up the scoreboard to win games.

The Gauchos (10-4, 1-0 in the Big West Conference) chanted "defense from the start" in their pregame huddle and followed through. With the UCSB scoring machine in low gear last night, the Gauchos used stifling pressure to defeat the University of Idaho 77-63 in the Thunderdome.

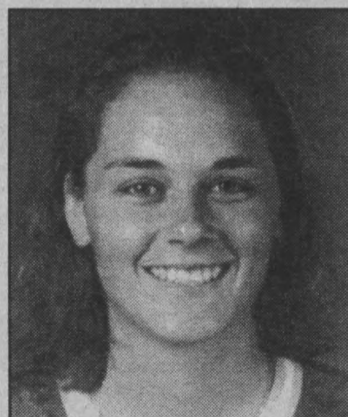
"You're never pleased to be down eight at halftime, but I thought it was good for us to realize we're not playing real well offensively tonight," Santa Barbara Head Coach Mark French said. "We weren't shooting real well, we seemed to have fumbled fingers, we were just a step slow. I think it was good for them to face the reality we better go out and defend pretty well right now, or we're going to be in trouble."

UCSB was anything but slow during the first five minutes of the game, when it forced four Vandal turnovers and grabbed three steals to take a 9-5 lead.

Idaho (4-10, 0-1) quickly regrouped, thanks to the inside-outside tandem of sophomore forward Alli Nieman and sophomore guard Susan Woolf. Nieman scored at will in the paint while

Woolf drained two of three three-pointers to help the squad build a 35-27 halftime advantage.

Santa Barbara, meanwhile, shot a collective 34 percent from the floor and at one point went scoreless for over four and a half minutes.



Stephanie Shadwell

"First half we were playing all right defensively, our shots just weren't on offensively," sophomore point guard Stacy Clinesmith said.

After the Vandals built a 12-point lead at the start of the second half, the Gauchos decided it was their turn to put the ball in the basket. Clinesmith captained a 20-6 run ignited by a Tawneé Cooper three-pointer at the 17:24 mark. The Simi Valley native led all Santa Barbara scorers with a career-high 21 points.

"We shot very poorly the first half, and coach just said at halftime, 'That's not going to keep up, we're going to be shooting better,'"

said junior forward Stephanie Shadwell, who hit two key jumpers during the comeback. "It all turns to defense. Defense breaks up [plays], and that helps our offense."

The UCSB defense made eight second-half steals and forced the Vandals to shoot a dismal 20 percent. Nieman could not score with consistency, while Clinesmith took the outside shot away from Woolf, limiting her to one second-half basket.

"I tried to follow her more on the screens, and she didn't get as many shots off in the second half," Clinesmith said. "She's a good shooter, but I tried to get in her face a little more."

The Gauchos also won the battle of the boards, out-rebounding their opponent 43-35.

Idaho mounted a mini-comeback when it went to a full-court press late in the half. The Vandals closed the gap to 64-59 with 3:45 to play, but would get no closer. Santa Barbara made all of its free throws down the stretch to preserve the conference-opening victory.

The Gauchos will next play Sunday at 2 p.m. when Boise State visits the Thunderdome. Coach French anticipates a much tougher battle with the Broncos (6-6), who are riding a six-game winning streak.

"They're the hottest team in the Big West, probably," he said.