Chamberlin Takes Seat as 3rd Dist. Supervisor
Rancher Promises "a Presence" in Isla Vista

By Chris Brown
Staff Writer

Less than a day after learning that he had won the race for 3rd District Supervisor, an elated Willy Chamberlin took his seat on the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors Tuesday.

In front of an overflowing boardroom, Chamberlin, 1st District Supervisor Naomi Schwartz and 4th District Supervisor Tim Stoeffl were sworn in by newly elected Superior Court Judge Rodney Michael.

Upon the first introduction of Chamberlin, many of those fortunate enough to have seats rose to give the Los Olivos rancher a standing ovation. Stoeffl and Schwartz were also warmly welcomed, but one Schwartz supporter termed the mood "bittersweet," in light of the defeat of incumbent Schwartz ally Bill Wallace, who lost to Chamberlin Monday by five votes.

"It's a great honor and pleasure to be here today," Chamberlin said. Chamberlin's first action on the board was to thank "the entire district and the entire county," for his victory. Chamberlin received support during the heated campaign from a variety of pro-growth interests throughout Santa Barbara County, including many from outside the 3rd District.

Two Storm Systems Bring Rain; Runoff to Be Slight

By Charles Hornberger
Staff Writer

A subtropical storm system was expected Tuesday night to start dumping the first of what could amount to several inches of rain on the South Coast over the next two days. Forecasts have run the gamut since Monday, as an unusual pair of weather systems — one rising from the southwest and bringing subtropical moisture, the other a cold front descending from the northwest — began heading toward Southern California.

Tuesday night, National Weather Service Meteorologist Gary Ryan predicted winds up to 30 mph and two to four inches of rain for Santa Barbara, probably not enough to cause the significant flooding or mud slides that some had feared when the two systems were spotted.

"Usually we get one [system] or the other, but not both together," Ryan said. "That's why we're predicting the heavy rainfall."

Temperatures were expected to top off in the high 50s or low 60s, with nighttime lows in the 40s and mid-50s. Showers are expected to continue through to Thursday morning. Ryan said. At the Santa Barbara County

Bookstore to Be Transplanted to Old Gym Over Holiday Weekend

By Sal Pizarro
Staff Writer

Workers and administrators in the University Center are waiting in anticipation for the first phase of the structure's expansion to begin during the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend.

Over those three days, the bookstore will be transplanted into the Old Gym, which has been undergoing renovations since the beginning of Fall Quarter.

"We're still on schedule to move the bookstore, and on Jan. 19, it will be open for business," Ucen Director Alan Kirby said.

Although Kirby is expecting

Revenge Sexists Studying in South Hall?

By Anita Miralle
Staff Writer

In the past months, teaching assistants and graduate student researchers at several University of California campuses have been upping the ante on campus politics.

Prior to the close of Fall Semester, members of the Association of Graduate Student Employees/United Auto Workers at Berkeley withheld grades and reaffirmed an ongoing strike through winter. The Graduate Student Employee Association at UC Santa Cruz is presently debating whether to continue their walkout through the Winter Quarter.

At UCSB Tuesday, representatives of the Graduate Student Association discussed attempts to crackdown on a "black market" at the Graduate Tower study cubicles.

According to members of the GSA, unknown individuals are maintaining illegal access to cubicles on the fourth floor of the Grad Tower, bypassing proper cubicle procedure and controlling use of the facilities.

"There are two sections on the fourth floor — open-access cubicles and private cubicles," said GSA Academic Vice President Elizabeth Jordan. "Graduate students sign up to use the open-access cubicles and get keys from the Graduate Division. After you put in a year in the open-access space, Grad Division will give you a key for your own private cubicle, which you turn in at the end of the year."

According to Jordan, people who never turn in their private keys are distributing them among their acquaintances, denying access to others. "It's like the Soviet Union where Russians used to have to buy their jeans on the black market, not the open market. Graduate students don't get keys through a legitimate source. [They get keys from] friends passing them down to each other," Jordan said. "This is unfair to the people who put in their time at the open-access cubicles, because they never get a chance to get a private cubicle."

History Dept. representative Yolanda Marquez

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Cool Efficiency During First Legal Hanging Since 1965

TANKER DISASTER THREATENS FISHERIES

WASHINGTON (AP) — Howling winds and crashing seas slammed a tanker onto the rocky coast of the Shetland Islands on Tuesday and frustrated efforts to prevent oil from spilling into the waters teeming with sea and bird life. The ship ran aground about five hours later as 63 mph winds buffeted the area, evacuating scores of creatures that the Exxon Valdez disaster dumped into Alaskan water.

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In an attempt to cut out the middle- men in buying and selling school texts, Associated Students is sponsoring a book swap today in Storke Plaza.

Beginning at 10:30 a.m., students will have the option of exchanging, buying or selling books dates another without going through the bookstore, according to organizer Kim Gates of A.S. Business Services.

"The idea is to let students buy and sell books from each other. The bookstore makes so much money off students who sell back their books and sells them for so much more," Gates said, adding that students will be exchanging books under canopy-covered tables to music provided by campus radio station KCSB.

Students interested in taking part should first check into a designated main booth to find a master list of the quarter's courses, Gates said. Swappers will then sign either a buy or a sell list and leave a phone number in case they are not around when a prospective deal comes their way.

Gates added that sellers will offer a 50% discount rate from the initial cost of the book to potential buyers.

The book swap is scheduled to last until 3:30 p.m.

— Joanna Frazier

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—from Beyond Harm

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For information call Arts & Lectures: 893-3535.
By Connie Stevens
Staff Writer

Christmas trees are no longer doomed to end up in area landfills after the holidays end thanks to two local agencies' efforts to recycle thousands of the season'sFavorites.

For people who need to dispose of cut trees, the Santa Barbara County Solid Waste Dept. will continue its tree recycling program for the third year. This year is the first time, however, the county will offer extensive curb side tree recycling conducted by volunteer garbage companies who will transport the trees to recycling centers.

The county offers schedules for curb side tree pickup times through their information line at 568-3051.

Because of the added convenience of the curb side program, program coordinator Jennifer LeMay hopes to exceed last year's yield of 14,000 discarded tannenbaums.

This year we expect to get even more," LeMay said. "Response so far has been great. We've definitely collected over a thousand trees already," she said.

Louise Harding, IVRPD grounds manager

Old Christmas trees will be ground into mulch and given away to the public and landscapers, with preference given to nonprofit agencies such as parks and schools.

Trees can also be dropped off at the Santa Barbara Transfer Station at 4434 Calle Real and at the Foxen Canyon Landfill in Santa Ynez through Jan. 31, according to Transfer Station assistant Sherry Elk.

"The trees stay here locally from the point of purchase," Elk said. "People use the tree, it's recycled here and given back to the community."

Residents who have live rooted trees can donate them to the Isla Vista community through the I.V. Recreation and Park District, which will replant them in eight different parks throughout the seaside town.

IVRPD Grounds Manager Louise Harding instituted the replanting program this year. "Anyone who had a live rooted tree can have it planted in the park," she said.

Harding's introduction to tree recycling was with the Park and Recreation District in Las Vegas, where the community responded enthusiastically to the program by donating hundreds of trees each year. Isla Vista residents have promised to donate four trees to date, and a few more are expected before the program ends, Harding said.

"I wouldn't expect the same response here in a smaller community... but I would expect it to grow over time," Harding said.

Despite the low number of live trees donations, Harding feels the community has been very responsive. "We've had numerous phone calls on what types of trees are wanted or needed," Harding said. "I hope they continue the program forever because we always need trees and plants... Environmentally we can't really plant enough."

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What made it especially worthwhile was the wambats.
The Supreme Court May Soon Force Freedom of the Press Into Hiding Over a Florida Case

OPINION

Editorial

As early as next week, the Supreme Court will decide whether or not to put the lid on a First Amendment case that has come to a boil in Florida. The problem is that if the conservative Rhenquist court gets its hands on this one, the lid could come down on an important tenent of the freedom of the press.

The court is expected to decide whether to hear a case that involves a Florida district attorney's overwhelming need to track down a talkative bureaucratic underling. It seems this unknown leaked the confidential results of a child custody case to a reporter who now feels bound to protect his source. When the reporter refused to tell a prosecutor how he obtained the custody court's decision, he was sentenced to 30 days in jail for contempt. So now if this is to be bad.

If the court decides to hear the case it could easily uphold the contempt charge. This would establish a federal precedent for throwing those journalists who don't want to be cops in jail. This would be bad.

The court could do the right thing and overturn the contempt finding. But then it's altogether possible that they could take the opportunity to create a judicial litmus test for state laws concerning source confidentiality. (If you don't believe us, look at the ludicrous way the court treated state anti-abortion laws last year.)

Journalists and their sources have reason to be concerned, and that concern hurts the most crucial news stories those that inform the public of goings-on that no one wants us to know about. As in this case, many of these controversial stories concern the very government and courts that make the laws under which journalists could be hamstrung. You can guess where, if pressed, their sympathies will lie.

"Is this the wave of the future?" asks Florida editor Thomas E. Weber. "Somebody showed us some important information about the courts or government and the prosecutor can demand to know who gave you that information. And if you don't tell them, they can put you in jail. I hope that isn't the future."

We, too, hope not.

Doonesbury

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—Montesquieu

Shake a Crayon

Pam Rochelle

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If this sounds familiar, that's because it is. Since 1973's Brandenburg vs. Hayes decision, reporters have been forced to reveal their sources only if journalism's need to keep sources confidential has been outweighed by the state's need to enforce its laws. This is a careful balancing act that has pitted the freedom of the press and the prosecutor can demand to know who gave you that information. And if you don't tell them, they can put you in jail. I hope that isn't the future."

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If there is one message that I hope you push, it is this: Life sometimes is tough. We have to learn to apply some of his philosophy and his wisdom, as women everywhere the choice of abortion, despite all the laws.

It became clear that the regents really are a political group: ranged strictly to fatten their own wallets, and their own heads, when the students were "excused" from the regents meeting last quarter.

Legalize What Is Not Evil

Don Frances

My friend Mike has marijuana. Considering that he is in law school, it is a little strange.

I wanted to go to an elitist institution, I would have gone to Harvard, not UCSC. The odd cliché that needing 90% style was more important than content.

Although categorization is wrong, it is presently a means to an end, and so there are three types of people in this world: those that take orders, those who give them, and those that resist the Tao, or natural flow of the universe. We must be allowed and encouraged to participate in our society, and dissolving these harmful categories.

It is the only time we truly learn. Wine passes over the stones in the cistern, the issue, using Mike and myself as examples of my point. Many will argue that we are actually proud that marijuana should stay illegal, but 'm on to know us first.

Last quarter Mike and I were virtual hitchhikers. Not only that, nothing bad happened. We just got stoned a lot, is all, and talked. Over the course of three months Mike and I solidified my pervasive and gathering and community - like to take a humanistic approach to the problem. We must be allowed and encouraged to challenge our society to be transplanted to humanity's mind soon enough, that we may (instead of fighting for our lives) work on transcending our present rigidity of thought and dissolving these harmful categories?

I think not. Soon, perhaps in my lifetime, the Earth will collapse under the tremendous weight of our stupidity, and I can only hope and prepare for the violence and upheaval that will follow. None of this shit you see before you, therefore, matters. God has failed to create meaning, and love has failed and I can only hope and prepare for the tremendous weight of our stupidity.

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Yes, I would like to see the planet harboring perennials and perennials. This philosophy goes something like: Legalize What Is Not Evil.

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I could go on about the Bible preacher sex scandals, the child molester priests, the college student sex scandal. There is a need to mobilize the administrators, really do you want to be heard.

Well, enough of my kind explanations. Pro-choice people must empower themselves. A powerful way to do this is to run for regent or the newly formed "Overground Railroad" which provides grants and loans to help poor women or teenagers in states with parental notification laws. There is information about RU-486 and related abortifacient drugs, an exciting chapter on the court's judicial slash and destroy method of eradicating abortion, and a host of other techniques that guarantee women everywhere the choice of abortion, despite all the laws.

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Would-Be Voters Lament Shut Case vs. County

By Brooke Nelson
Staff Writer

Local elections officials have closed the case of several area residents who say they registered to vote but who were turned away from the polls Nov. 3 when their names never appeared on election rolls.

Several UCSB students complained in November that although they registered to vote through on-campus and Isla Vista get-out-the-vote drives, their registration forms never reached the Santa Barbara County Elections Division.

According to County Elections assistant Stephanie Hull, however, her office has not received a sufficient number of complaints about lost voter registration forms to warrant an investigation.

"We didn't have enough information to pinpoint the specific group or area where it was happening," she said.

Hull said that although the Elections Division has received a sizable number of complaints about unprocessed voter registration forms, the increase was due primarily to the record number of area residents who registered to vote last year rather than a discernible pattern of sabotage.

In November, UCSB student Marissa Landa lodged a complaint with Assistant District Attorney Allan Kaplan that members of a campus political group intentionally destroyed her registration form to prevent her from voting.

Kaplan referred the matter to the Elections Division for consideration, and was informed that an investigation was unwarranted. "The indication we've received is that they didn't discern a significant problem," Kaplan said.

Landa, however, is not satisfied: Although she had saved her proof of voter registration stub, which allowed her to vote with a provisional ballot, her friend Robert Rockhold, who also registered on campus, was denied a ballot when he was unable to produce verification that he had registered.

The problem is especially irksome because the election for 3rd District Supervisor between Bill Wallace and eventual winner Willy Chamberlin was decided by a slim five-vote margin, Landa said.

"It was an awfully close election. I don't know why they wouldn't look into an election that was that close," she said. "I know at least one person who would have voted for Wallace, and that would have made it a four-vote difference."

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STORM

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Flood Control District, employees said they were ready for the rain. "The rainfall amounts have been downgraded enough that we're not really worried," said Assistant Director Rolf Oholmutz.

"All our staff are rested and our equipment is in working order," he said. Because Lake Cachuma still needs an additional foot of rainfall before it fills, water and flood officials do not expect any spillages. Until the ground in the Santa Ynez Mountains is saturated, which won't happen until several more inches of rain fall, runoff will most likely be minimal.

The only flooding Oholmutz saw as possible was on streets in the area. He also noted that the new underpasses beneath U.S. 101 in downtown Santa Barbara haven't yet been tested under a real deluge, and might fill with heavy rains.

As far as topping off the area's water supply system that will also have to wait until the ground is saturated, Matt Nahaly, a hydrologist with the Santa Barbara County Flood Control District, said another four to five inches of rain will have to soak into the ground of the watershed before runoff begins in earnest.

We are beginning to see some runoff into the reservoirs, but I don't expect [this storm] to change the overall picture very much," Nahaly said.

The main beneficiaries of recent storms will be Southern California residents, who rely on water pumped by the State Water Project from the Sierra Nevada. Storms last week dumped nine feet of snow on the Sierras, but coming weather patterns are not expected to result in major runoff. Southern residents who wish to deposit another layer of fresh powder.

Both Oholmutz and Nahaly were agreed on one thing: They're definitely not sure of exactly how much rain will fall on Santa Barbara sidewalks by the time the two systems make their exits.

"A lot of different sources have a lot of different ways of saying whether it's going to be dry or wet, and I really haven't seen one thing consistently correct," Nahaly said.

"The entire spectrum has been forecasted," Oholmutz said. "This is the kind of information that is basically hard to forecast."
L.V. Can Donations Top Recent Levels

By Kimberly Epier
Staff Writer

Isla Vistans generously supported local relief agencies' efforts to brighten this year's holiday season for the needy of Santa Barbara County, bringing food donations to their highest levels in two years.

The Community Affairs Board Hunger Homeless Project and Let Isla Vista Eat banded together throughout last month for door-to-door and storefront food collections. "We did well this year due to more volunteers. When we can get to students, they give what they can. It just depends on how many doors we can knock on," said Hunger Homeless Project Coordinator Sasha Morgan.

Isla Vista residents donated 4,350 pounds of food to relief efforts this year, up from 3,000 pounds in each of the last two years, but down from the Hunger Homeless Project's first-year yield of 5,000 pounds in 1989. "Support was around 50% of the donations (al)lotted to the Isla Vista area. Fifty percent went to the Santa Barbara Food Bank, 50% to Let Isla Vista Eat and the remaining 20% went to two local churches," Morgan said.

LIVE, however, is suffering the consequences of a community hit hard by the recession. Its shelves have been emptied throughout the year by the growing demands of local residents, some of them UCSB students. "People need to understand there is a difference between being hungry and being homeless. Isla Vistans that receive food are not always homeless. Some people have houses, they just don't earn enough to buy food or their families are too large," said LIVE intern and UCSB student Patty Chan.

According to Louise Polis, SB Food Bank public relations coordinator, the north county is one of the poorest areas in California, and long lines for food assistance in Lompoc and Santa Maria are commonplace. "The need for assistance in Santa Barbara County is definitely growing. We were told that the recession was over last March but we really aren't seeing it," Polis said.

Forty thousand people in Santa Barbara County depend on the 92 agencies that use Food Bank donations, Polis said, adding that 50,000 people, or 13% of the county's total population, live at or below the poverty line. Last year, the Food Bank collected 3.7 million pounds of food during the holiday season, but this year's figures have not yet been tallied, she said.

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Rivalry With a Brief, Rich History

NMSU and UCSB Have Played Their Share of Classics
By Scott McPherson
Staff Writer

While perennial conference powerhouse University of Nevada, Las Vegas is the team that inspired an annual spectacle of hype and enthusiasm among Gauchos basketball fans, a new rivalry has developed over the past few years that may come to rival the historic UCSB-UNLV 'Duels in the 'Dome.'

Formerly a division known only for featuring the UNLV Runnin' Rebels, the Big West has gained respect in the NCAA as an improving conference. Helping lead the way to that respectability has been New Mexico State University and UCSB, both of whom have sent teams to the NCAA or NIT Tournament in four of the past five years. And while the Aggies and Gauchos have a 7-3 advantage over each other, both squads have seen some of the most classic games between the teams.

The game helped propel the Gauchos to a 13-5 conference mark and second place in the Big West, while the Aggies had to settle for a 12-6 third-place record.

It's the first time we've beaten them in three years, so it feels good — Ethin Kienart, Kristen Nicholson and Barbara Beainy, whose career total of 404 Close surpassed with a career.

To the NCAA or NIT Tournament. But 28 turnovers and four personal fouls would be nothing to smile about on any other night, but Tuesday Close added eight assists, the first of which broke the program record for assists in a career.

Close is now tops on a list which includes some of the greatest players ever to wear a Gauchos uniform — Ethin Kienart, Kristen Nicholson and Barbara Beainy, whose career total of 404 Close surpassed with a quick dish to Christa Gannon in the first half.

The teams met again at Las Cruces on Feb. 19, 1990, with postseason hopes on the line for both squads. The Gauchos jumped out to a 39-25 lead at halftime, and it looked as though UCSB would pull the upset and secure itself a spot in the NCAA Tournament. But 28 UCSB turnovers and a NMSU three-pointer in the closing minutes gave New Mexico State a 66-64 win.

"We can't turn the ball over 28 times against anybody on their home court and expect to win," Pimm said after the game. "They were feeding like piranhas and we were like putting a fish on a line, they were just going for it, but though UCSB would pull the upset and secure itself a spot in the NCAA Tournament. But 28 UCSB turnovers and a NMSU three-pointer in the closing minutes gave New Mexico State a 66-64 win.

UCSB Avoids Hazards to Defeat UCI, 76-51
Teams Total 62 Turnovers and 51 Fouls
By Jason Manini
Staff Writer

UCSB guard Dio Aguinaldo soars for two of her 12 points against UC Irvine.

It was ugly. Real ugly.

There were tons of loose balls, lots of turnovers, way too many fouls and bodies struck out on the floor, and yet despite these hazards, the UCSB women's basketball team came away with a win.

The Gauchos (5-6 overall, 2-0 in the Big West) ousted UC Irvine 76-51 Tuesday night in the Events Center despite their most lackluster performance of the year.

The two teams combined for a total of 62 personal fouls and 62 turnovers and the only possible bright spot came in the first half when senior point guard Cori Close dished off to junior forward Christa Gannon for her 405th career assist, passing Barbara Beainy for first place on the Gauchos all-time list. Close finished with 10 points and eight assists.

The game was close early on with the lead exchanging hands three times. With 3:13 left in the first half UC Irvine closed to within three points of the Gaicho lead, 21-18, but Santa Barbara went on a tear in the last few minutes, outscoring the Anteaters 11-2 to take a 32-20 halftime lead.

"We were very disappointed about our first half because we felt we came out not really to play," UCSB Head Coach Mark French said. "I felt that our emotion and our intensity wasn't there and we looked slow and lethargic. We're very lucky this wasn't UNLV or Hawaii or we could have been down 20 in this game against a quality opponent."

One of the Anteaters' major problems could have been the fact that they play with eight freshmen, and for much of the last part of the game, they played an all-freshman lineup.

"It was a very ugly game," UC Irvine's Head Coach Colleen Matsu­hara said. "One thing that hurt us was that sophomore Cher Beacock recently sprained her ankle in practice and she was one of our better shooters and rebounders."

In the second half, the game took on more of a wrestling atmosphere as it seemed neither team could go down the floor without committing a foul. Though it all, Gannon seemed the only player who could assert herself down in the low post and finished with a game-high 14 points and eight rebounds. Senior Center Becky Brown led the Gauchos with 10 rebounds.

"Irvine has some good post players, they're a real physical team, and for some reason the ref just let it go tonight," Gannon said. "Our point guard, especially Dio [Aguinaldo], did a real good job of stopping them on the inside, and I was impressed that everyone could step up their game."

In the second half, UCSB outscored Irvine 44-31 with 24 of those 44 points coming from the free throw line. Santa Barbara shot 79% from the line for the game as compared to Irvine's 45%.