



### Tex Mex

Accordianist and singer Santiago Jiménez Jr. will perform a demonstration of conjunto music tonight at 8 in Campbell Hall.



### Three Is the Magic Number

Nader isn't the first third party candidate to be dissed by the big two. Check out the plight of the third party.

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### So Close ...

The women's soccer team fell one goal shy of making it into post-season play against Cal Poly SLO.

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## Sign Tampering Upsets Isla Vista Campaigners

Accusations Abound Among Campus Political Groups

By **SHAUN P. McGRADY**  
Staff Writer

Suspicious and accusations between campus political groups marked the pre-election weekend in Isla Vista.

With Tuesday's election drawing near, both Campus Democrats and College Republicans claim campaign materials have been illegally removed and defaced in the last week.

According to Campus Democrats President Scott Vernon, campaign signs were taken down and posted over, in an attempt to sway voters in the last few days of campaigning.

"Basically all of our signs on both Embarcaderos, El Colegio, Camino Pescadero and Camino del Sur have been torn down," he said. "On every telephone pole and corner where we placed a sign for Hannah-Beth Jackson, Lois Capps or an IVRPD [Isla Vista Recreation and Parks District] candidate, [the signs] were torn down or posted over with a Bush or Stoker sign."

Republican candidate signs have also been targeted and removed from the campus and the community, according to College Republican Chair Russell Johnson.

"Some of our signs have been pulled down and vandalized as well. Almost all of our Bush/Cheney, Stoker, and a few Sullivan signs on El Colegio have been pulled down," he said. "But I don't think it was one group, it was more likely a result of individuals who don't particularly like a candidate."

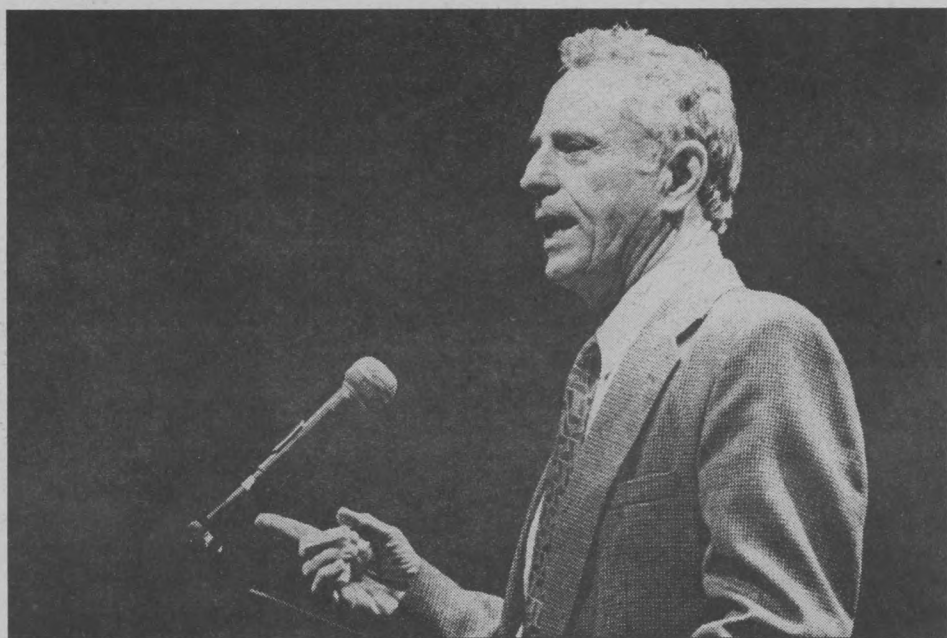
According to Vernon, the Campus Democrats suspect that a group effort was required due to the sheer number of vandalized campaign materials.

"Considering it took us at least 40-50 hours to cover the area with signs, it basically shows that it must have taken a massive effort to take all the signs down. It must have been a planned attack because two or three people couldn't have done it by themselves. They would have needed ladders, staple guns, and a lot of people to take all the signs down in one night," he said. "It is pretty obvious who is responsible, since they are ripping down ASH [Ariana Katovich, Selena Gonzalez, Harvey Augustino] signs, even though they will categorically deny it. I suspect the College Republicans, with the help, perhaps, of some other campus group. Considering if it was the Bush or Stoker camps, they would not have ripped down the ASH signs."

According to College Republican Treasurer Alejandro Moreno, the group played no part in the defacing of the democratic candidates' campaign signs.

"First of all, I haven't heard anything about it; it is an unfounded allegation. We have had extensive vandalism to our signs as well," Moreno said. "I put signs up on Wednesday and within 40 minutes they were no longer there. I encourage the Campus Democrats to come and speak with us before making allegations. I have no idea where this is coming from. It is not sanctioned in any way or form by

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ALEX WARD / DAILY NEXUS

Morris Dees, a civil rights attorney, speaks to a full house at Campbell Hall on Sunday afternoon. Dees shared his philosophies by relating stories of his court trials to the crowd.

## Longtime Civil Rights Attorney Speaks on Need for Tolerance

By **ERIC SIMONS**  
Staff Writer

Thomas Metzger had a dream for the future America, a dream in which whites would rule the country and save the nation from the perils of diversity.

Civil rights attorney Morris Dees has a different dream for America, a dream familiar to followers of civil rights legend Martin Luther King, Jr. — that some day children from diverse backgrounds will sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

Since he started the Southern Poverty Law Center in '71, Dees has worked to protect that diverse America from hate groups that wish to see it erased. Sunday afternoon, he brought his message of tolerance to a packed Campbell Hall, where he told stories of his trials and the war for America's future.

"Whose America is this? And whose version of America is going to prevail in the next century?" Dees asked. "I promise you, there are people who feel very strongly about their version

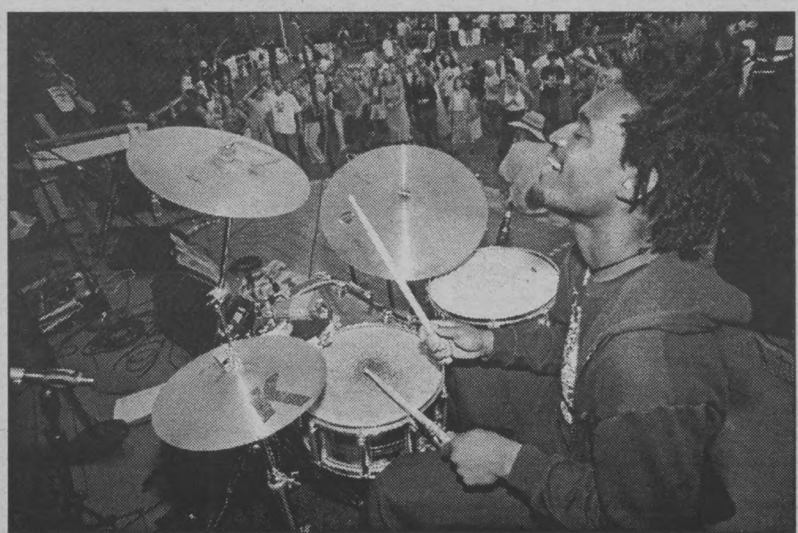
of this nation."

He told the story of Timothy McVeigh, who bombed the Alfred P. Murrah federal building in Oklahoma City, killing hundreds of people.

"He did his best ... to make sure that his version of this nation would prevail," Dees said. "He thought of himself as a hero, as a patriot, as a good citizen and a good soldier."

Dees spoke of the case of 26-year-old Ethiopian student Mulugeta Seraw, whose church paid for him

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### Drumming Up Votes

Animal Liberation Orchestra drummer Shree Shyam Day lays down the beat Sunday afternoon in Anisq' Oyo' Park during a rally organized by IVRPD candidates Katovich, Gonzalez and Augustino to encourage students to vote.

## Blood Drive Seeks Greater Diversity, Aids Patients With Terminal Disease

By **MARYSIA MANN**  
Reporter

Local minorities were asked to give a part of themselves this weekend to help those with rare blood and bone marrow types.

The Junior League of Santa Barbara (JLSB), the Tri Counties Blood Bank and the National Marrow Donor Program held their fifth annual Blood and Marrow Registry at the Earl Warren Showgrounds on Saturday. Approximately 200 donors ages 18-61 attended the drive designed to locate blood types and bone marrow matches for millions of patients on a nationwide waiting list who suffer from leukemia, breast cancer,

Hodgkin's disease and many other life-threatening diseases.

The JLSB also held a rummage sale raising approximately \$50,000 in order to attract more donors. American Red Cross Marrow Program Recruitment Specialist Anissa Ayala said money isn't the problem right now.

"[The blood donated] is patients' only hope for survival," she said. "Out of the four million on our list seeking a donor today, only one out of one million are the odds of successfully finding a match."

Lisa Keller, JLSB member and rummage sale volunteer, said the Red Cross estimates

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# Top of the News

## Police Quell Pro-Anwar Demonstration



**KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP)** — Police fired tear gas, swung batons and sprayed chemical-laced water from trucks Sunday to break up Malaysia's biggest anti-government protest in recent months.

Led by the country's top opposition leaders, thousands of people blocked a major expressway linking Kuala Lumpur, the capital, to a neighboring state and shouted slogans against Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, who has ruled Malaysia for 19 years.

At least 116 people were arrested in the protest. Demonstrators called for greater democracy and the release of Anwar Ibrahim, Malaysia's imprisoned former deputy prime minister.

Anwar's 1998 arrest,

and subsequent conviction for corruption and sodomy, triggered unprecedented street protests against Mahatir's authoritarian government. Anwar has said the charges against him were trumped up to block his attempts to bring democratic reform to Malaysia.

Opposition activists have tried several times to hold public rallies in sup-

**Malaysians are showing their stand on democracy. They also want fairness and justice for Anwar.**

**— Azizah Ismail  
Justice Party head**

port of Anwar, but police have thwarted them either by using force to break up gatherings or by scaring away supporters. Police have dubbed all gatherings against Mahathir, Asia's longest-serving leader, as illegal.

About 5,000 people gathered for the rally early Sunday, but as the police started to move in, the

crowd appeared to swell and soon officers faced several parallel protests that blocked the expressway.

Police chased protesters into jungles alongside the expressway. Officers forcibly removed some participants from their vehicles, beat them, herded them into police trucks and drove them away, witnesses said.

Officers snatched cam-

eras and film from several news photographers who were taking pictures of the scuffles, the national news agency Bernama reported.

Anwar's wife, Azizah Ismail, the Justice Party head, was in the front of the protest, seated in a wheelchair. Her aides said she had an injured ankle.

She was joined by Kit Siang and Fadzil Noor, the president of the fundamentalist Pan Malaysian Islamic Party, or PAS, and Syed Hussien Ali, who heads the Malaysian People's Party. The four parties are in an anti-government coalition.

"Malaysians are showing their stand on democracy. They also want fairness and justice for Anwar," Azizah told reporters during the protest.

Anwar was convicted of charges stemming from allegations that he sodomized his family's former driver, a crime in this predominantly Muslim nation.

denmed the police as heavy-handed. "There was no need for aggressive action against what was a peaceful pro-democracy rally," said Democratic Action Party chief Lim Kit Siang.

A policeman was injured in the head after he was attacked by protesters, police said.

Officers snatched cam-

## Rise in Mail-In Votes May Delay Election Results



**SACRAMENTO (AP)** — A record 3.2 million Californians have requested absentee ballots for Tuesday's election, which could leave the results of close races throughout the state in doubt for days or even weeks.

More than 1 million of those absentee ballots, or nearly 10 percent of the 12 million votes expected in California, will not be counted on election night, according to county election officials surveyed by *The Associated Press*.

That means that if the presidential election comes down to an extremely close race for California's 54 electoral votes, Americans might not know on election night which candidate won.

Vice President Al Gore has been leading in California polls, but not by an overwhelming amount. A recent Field Poll showed Gore ahead of Texas Gov. George W. Bush by 7 percentage points with a 3 percentage point margin of error, but it also showed 6 percent of those polled were still undecided.

Alfie Charles, spokesperson for Secretary of State Bill Jones, said the estimates that 1 million absentee ballots

might not be counted by election night sounded right because of the growth in absentee applications in the state.

In 1980, absentee voting counted for 6.3 percent of the vote in California; in 1990, it was 18.4 percent; and in 1998, it was 24.7 percent, or about 2.1 million ballots. "The balance of power in Congress may hinge on races in California, and those California races may be determined by the late absentee ballots, which will be counted in the days after Nov. 7," Charles said.

For the closest races, he said, it could be one to two weeks after the election before the results may be known.

Absentee ballots that voters mail in or drop off at their polling places must be processed separately because voter signatures must be verified in county records, election officials said.

In 1994, when 22 percent of the voters cast absentee ballots, Sen. Dianne Feinstein's narrow victory over Republican Michael Huffington wasn't confirmed until two and a half weeks after the election.

The counties have until Dec. 5 to report final results. This year, only 10 small counties, together only 0.6 percent of the state's voters, expect to have 100 percent of their votes counted on election night.

## AP Wire Shorts

**JERUSALEM (AP)** — Scattered clashes Sunday across the Gaza Strip and West Bank left two Palestinians dead, 17 injured and tensions high despite a truce agreement and plans for upcoming meetings in Washington.

President Clinton, who has been trying to restore calm to the region, will play host to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat on Thursday, and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak three days later, on Nov. 12, the White House said Sunday.

Both Palestinians killed Sunday were shot dead in the Gaza Strip. One was Maher Mouhmad Alsaïdi, a 16-year-old boy hit in the head during a confrontation near the Al Bureij refugee camp, according to Shifa hospital director Mouawia Hassanian.

The current violence has hardened attitudes on both sides and put seven years of peace negotiations on hold. Many dovish Israelis, including some of those at the rally, said their faith in the peace process has been shaken. Many Palestinians, meanwhile, said they have little to show for the lengthy negotiations.

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Twelve people protesting the Navy's use of the Puerto Rican Island of Vieques for bombing exercises were arrested Sunday after a man climbed out on the spires of the Statue of Liberty's crown and attached flags and banners to it.

A spokesperson for the U.S. Parks Police said the 42-year-old man attached flags of Puerto Rico and Vieques to spires and draped two banners reading "Peace for Vieques" in Spanish from the top of the crown.

Alberto DeJesus Mercado, 42, was charged with unlawful demonstration, criminal mischief and reckless endangerment and was in police custody Sunday night, Battista said.

Carlito Rovira, a member of the New York-based Vieques Support Campaign, said the protest was planned by members of Amigos del Mar and the Amigos de Vieques.

The Navy has used two-thirds of the island for exercises since the 1940s. The island's 9,400 civilians live between an eastern training ground and a former weapons depot in the west.

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## Weather

As I was getting into the weathermobile yesterday, I noticed a full, 8.5" x 11" piece of paper attached to the weatherwiper. I opened it up, and it was exactly what I expected: a piece of political wastepaper. However, this ad was different. It urged me to vote for Ralph Nader, the candidate who "cares" about the environment. Now, I don't know about you, but I can't think of anything that says "I love you" to Mother Earth quite like 800 full sheets of dead trees.

Monday's forecast: 95 percent chance of sunshine, so the pro-Nader styrofoam bonfire tonight at 7 is still on.

## MARROW

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about 70 percent of their donors are white, making it even more difficult to find blood and bone marrow matches for minorities.

"This particular drive sends blood to local hospitals, but we also send it to San Luis Obispo and Santa Maria. However, any blood drive we have also seeks matches for patients nationwide," she

said. "A major problem that we have is that the numbers of minority donors is too small. It's bad enough to try to find a blood match if you are a white patient; if you are part Cherokee Indian for example, you might as well forget it. It's sad, but the chances of finding the right donor out of the thousands is really slim."

JLSB member Kalai Vincent said this year the JLSB put the picture of a 7-year-old Mexican-

American boy from Santa Barbara, who is seeking a specific blood type for a bone marrow transplant, on the cover of the club's brochure, hoping it would attract more donors from the Latino community.

"We make a special effort to advertise over the Spanish radio and television stations to reach out to the Latino community," she said. "Even though the numbers of donors has not increased significantly, at least this kind of brochure

might raise awareness."

Keller said she donated blood for the first time 20 years ago when she worked at Cottage Hospital in order to get an extra day of paid vacation, but her motive has changed.

"What really made me want to donate was after I saw a patient bleed to death because there wasn't blood available to match the patient's blood type," she said. "That just shouldn't happen. I have been a donor ever since."

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## DEES

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to come to the United States to attend Portland Junior College. Seraw's father drove him to the airport, Dees said, and as he got on the plane, Seraw turned and said, "Dad, I'm gonna make you proud of me."

He never got his chance, because a group of skinheads, members of the White Aryan Resistance (WAR), killed him in the street.

"He said, 'Peace, peace, please. No trouble. May I help you?'" Dees said. "And while one of them continued to taunt him, another walked around behind him with a baseball bat tucked down behind his leg and ... crushed his skull. He died that night."

After the skinheads pled guilty and were jailed, Dees pursued a civil lawsuit against Metzger, the founder of WAR. Metzger spoke on his own behalf at the trial.

"As he began to speak, I could see Adolf Hitler in those newsreels that we used to see at the end of World War II," Dees recalled. "And he said, 'I will not apologize for my views. America is a great nation because of the contributions of white people.' And he sat down."

Dees stood for a moment before the jury. He then pointed out Metzger's three children, sitting behind the defendant. He told the jury that those three children had never needed to worry about getting polio because of the genius of a Jewish doctor. He told them that in

Metzger's America, the country would not have great leaders like military general Colin Powell.

"I said, 'You know, ladies and gentlemen, the America that Tom Metzger believes in is an America that never existed,'" Dees said. "America is great because of diversity, not in spite of it."

The jury agreed, returning with a \$12.5 million verdict — the largest civil verdict in Oregon's history.

"People need to hear this talk, think about it on their own, not what their parents taught them," junior business economics major Loc Hong said of Dees' message.

"He's more into educating people and giving them awareness," junior Cameron Ahler added. "Trying to get our nation to understand."

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# Opinion

## 'Two-Party' System Traps Voters With Scare Tactics

CODY BERTSCH

This summer I went to the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles to protest the corporate control of our government and the exclusion of third parties from the political system. This experience awakened me to several realities that I was previously only slightly aware of. I joined a growing grassroots movement that promotes and raises awareness about issues I support. We consist of students, labor unions, environmentalists, parents, grandparents, and activists from all walks of humanity, coming together because we are dissatisfied with the government that is supposed to represent us and the political system that excludes our voices.

We are unwilling to play into a corrupt system of fear and exploitation. Democrats and Republicans are all dependent on corporate wealth for campaign contributions. Companies like Microsoft and Phillip Morris often donate millions to both parties and reap the favors, regardless of who gets elected. Republicans and Democrats are also dependent on nonmonetary support, especially from corporate media, who ensure the perpetuation of the "two-party system" by excluding information about third parties and demonstrations like those that took place in Seattle, Washington, D.C., and L.A. By excluding third parties from debates and other exposure opportunities, media plays into the two-party game by dramatizing the races and the candidates' petty differences. In return for large investments and a sure win for the two-party system, cor-

porations are allowed — and encouraged — by our government to exploit our neighbors in Third World nations, with disregard to environmental or social consequences.

Such exploitation is justified by the ever-growing economy (widening the gap between the rich and poor), and what they call "globalization." The WTO, IMF/World Bank, NAFTA, etc. regimes force Third World nations to industrialize beyond sustainability and open their doors to competition for first world nations, devastating subsistence farmers, forcing families into sweatshops and poverty, and creating a dependence on billion-dollar corporations.

Corporate ownership of the two-party system and the fact that both dominant parties have been moving closer to the center to attract more moderate votes, accounts for the sameness of the candidates this year. The system plays them against each other, saying Gore is the liberal candidate, and Bush would doom us to conservative Supreme Court justices. Well, if you still think Gore stands for social and environmental justice, why does he own \$1 million worth of shares in Occidental, an oil company that is pushing the native U'wa people off their own land in Colombia? And even Republicans admit that overturning *Roe vs. Wade* would be political suicide.

The point is not that specific rhetoric is false but that we need to step out of this two-party system of fear. People are scared by the short-term possibility of one of the "two" candidates winning, so they vote for the lesser of two evils. They say things like, "A vote for Nader is a vote for Bush," but they don't see that a vote for



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Nader is a vote for getting our democracy back. If we keep falling into this trap, not only will the "evils" keep getting more evil, the "two" will continue to become more similar, and real options will be completely shut out of the system. What kind of democracy is this, where monopoly parties can corner us into selling out our ideals, stifling our voices and voting out of fear instead of hope?

The majority party in the United States is not Democratic, Republican or Green, it is the Nonvoter. In '96, 55 percent of eligible voters refused to participate. The system perpetuates this trend by keeping us disinterested enough to shrug off our right to vote or by making us think we have to choose between the "two" parties. Nonvoters and those who are not content with what the system offers become a negligible factor in exclusionary politics. By not playing into this vicious cycle, by standing strong and voting for our ideals, we can reclaim our democracy

and throw a loop at the plutocrats.

I believe the Green Party is our opportunity to democratize and revitalize our government. The 10 key values of the Green Party are: grassroots democracy, ecological wisdom, social justice and equal opportunity, nonviolence, decentralization, community-based economics, feminism, respect for diversity, personal and global responsibility, and future focus/sustainability. Voters disillusioned with the two-party system will rally behind Nader, whether they view the Green Party as the future of our democratic government or as a steppingstone to greater social change. Both Nader and Senate candidate Medea Benjamin have decades of experience fighting corporate power for human rights. We must remember that social change never starts at the top. Every voice counts.

Cody Bertsch is a sophomore environmental studies major.

## Conscientious Voting Will Bring Greater of Two Evils

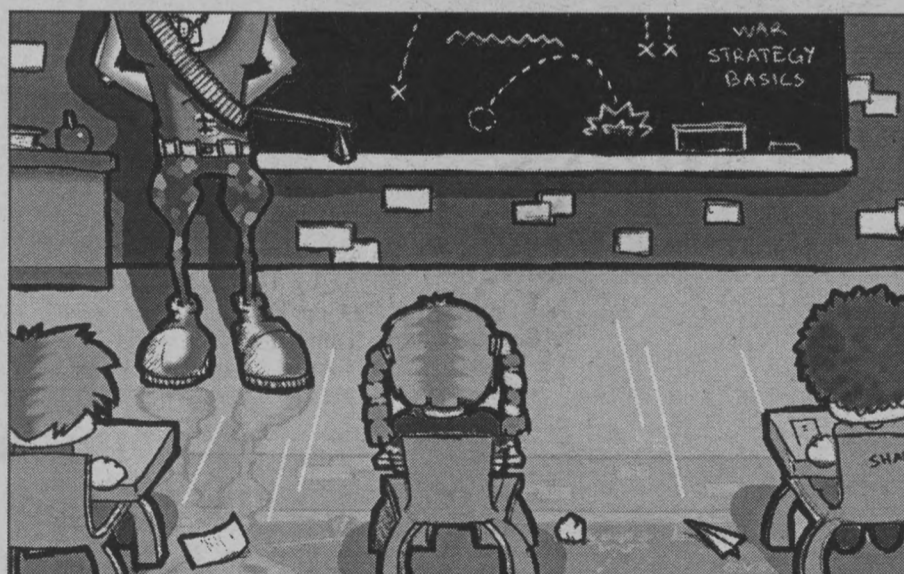
MARY INGRAM

After weeks of discussing the three candidates with friends, colleagues, students and random bus passengers, I feel that I must petition you, the *Daily Nexus* reader. Specifically, I want to open a dialogue with those disillusioned Democrats voting for Nader and those of you still undecided.

Let me be blunt, I don't think we, as disillusioned Democrats, have the luxury to "vote our consciences" or vote for Nader. Now, please allow me to tell you how I've reached this conclusion.

First of all, I am a bit disappointed in the Democratic platform. I would love to back a candidate who supports a universal healthcare package. I'd like to see solutions for the social security system, homelessness and domestic violence. I want to see proposed educational reforms designed to benefit children of all races and socioeconomic backgrounds. Yes, I'm pro-gun-control, pro-union and pro-choice. I want to alleviate environmental problems. But I will not be voting for Nader. Why not?

1) He doesn't address all of those issues (no candidate does).



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- 2) He won't win.
- 3) He's dividing the Democratic vote.
- 4) He shirks responsibility for dividing the Democratic vote.
- 5) WHAT IS HIS FOREIGN POLICY? Does anyone know?
- 6) A vote for Nader is a vote for Bush, and I WILL NOT VOTE FOR BUSH BECAUSE:
  - a) Our educational system will be even less important than our military.
  - b) The interests of oil companies will be a higher priority than environmental

concerns.

c) Big businesses (multinational and global corporations) will be licensed to wreak havoc on Third World nations and disenfranchised persons right here in the United States.

d) The gulf between the super-rich and everyone else (especially the superpoor) will increase.

e) Not even a chance for universal healthcare.

f) Appointments of two to three CONSERVATIVE (read: anti-choice)

Supreme Court justices. We're talking 30 years of back stepping!

g) Enforcement of traditional family values (includes: racism, ageism, sexism and heterosexism).

The way I see it, a Naderite is as selfish as a Republican. Both claim to be "voting their conscience." I, too, want to effect change. For me, voting my conscience means taking responsibility for everyone — not just myself!

Finally, there have to be more effective, and less dangerous, means to reform the Democratic platform than voting in Bush — which is exactly what will happen when Naderites and Republicans go to the polls.

I implore you to make an informed and thoughtful decision. Can you personally accept the consequences of voting your conscience?

By the way, in response to the College Republicans' editorial (*Daily Nexus*, "Bush Brings It On," Oct. 26), Bush is anti-choice. Make no mistake; he is anti-abortion and anti-RU-486 (abortion pill). He has explicitly said that he will appoint anti-choice Supreme Court justices. Do not mislead your readers!

Mary Ingram is a graduate student in sociology.

# ELECTION

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the College Republicans."

The most recent removal of Democratic posters was determined to have occurred one night last weekend, Vernon said.

"I actually have spoken with the College Republicans, and they all deny having any part in it," he said. "We figure it must have happened between 3 and 8 a.m. last Friday. When we replaced our torn down signs, we could have placed ours over their signs in retaliation, but we didn't. We took the high road and worked from noon to midnight the next day to get all of our signs up again."

Johnson said the fact that Democratic candidates' signs were removed does not incriminate the Republican campaign or any other opposing parties' campaign simply because they support another candidate.

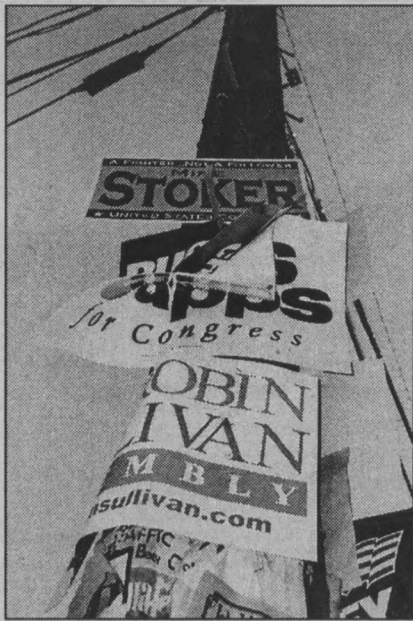
"Our group doesn't condone the pulling down of any signs. First of all, it

is bad politics, and we have a standard rule regarding vandalized signs. If we have our signs pulled down, we put two signs next to it," Johnson said. "If you look at signs that have been pulled down or vandalized, it may appear to be someone from the right, but it is not our organization. That is an example of dirty politics, and it is unfair. I hope people will stop this; it is unethical and has no place on our campus or in our community. We as a group have nothing to do with it, and it has to stop."

According to Vernon, Campus Democrats policy forbids the destruction of opposing candidates' materials.

"We are not going to lower ourselves to their

level and rip signs down, and if we discover someone in our club that was taking part in the vandalizing of signs, they would be forced out of the club," he said. "The day our signs were down, we sent an e-mail to all of our members urging them not to retaliate, because that is what they want us to do — start an all-out sign war."



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# Feature

## Party Poopers

The Big Two Muscle Them Out, While the Media Ignores Them. Sometimes Being a Third Party Just Stinks.

BY SARAH HEALY  
Staff Writer

After this year's presidential debates many voters feel they must choose between one doofus in a blue suit and red tie and another doofus in a blue suit and red tie.

Meanwhile, hundreds of smaller parties remain ignored in America, the exception being Green Party candidate Ralph Nader, who held a ticket to the debates but was not let on the property.

Aside from dire media warnings of Nader "stealing" votes from Gore, why don't third parties get more coverage? Why don't they have members in Congress or in local city government?

The answer is rather obvious. There has been a very deliberate effort by both major parties to increase their power by taking away the ability for diversified representation. Republicans and Democrats feel threatened by third parties, and for good reason. If voters really knew they had more candidates and choices with which they could relate, the two-party system would crumble faster than Bush or Gore could say "democracy."

**"The only wasted vote is a vote for someone you don't believe in." — George McGovern**

Ideally, a democracy is a system where everyone gets equal representation and equal treatment. Most of the media has forgotten this and continually covers the two major parties. Third parties are only featured when it is necessary to heighten myths such as "a vote for a third party is a wasted vote."

Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader had to "steal" votes from Gore before he received media recognition. However, his status as a third party spoiler, and not his status as a 25-year champion of consumer rights, is the main focus. During an interview on "Dateline," Nader criticized the media's portrayal of him as a "spoiler."

"I can't understand saying to anyone who tries to improve their country and tries to do things better in accordance with a large number of people who are disgusted with politics as usual being called the spoiler," he said during an interview on "Dateline." "I think a vote for Gore is a vote for Bush because he's taking votes away from me."

The media's excuse is more widely broadcast than information on minor parties. They argue there are hundreds of third parties and they cannot waste time on candidates with no chance of winning. But who decides?

Minnesota Independence Party Chair Rick McCluhan worked on the campaign to get Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura into office. McCluhan said a necessary first step is to allow third parties to participate in debates where their diverse views can get publicity.

"Governor Ventura probably wouldn't be our governor if he wasn't included in the debates. I think that's a great argument for third parties right there," he said.

**"The blame for the declining number of choices on our ballots can be laid squarely at the feet of state legislatures. Many of them have made it far too difficult for candidates to get on the ballot."**

— *Richard Wagner, editor and publisher Ballot Access News*

Before candidates can worry about whether or not they can get their name on TV, they have to worry about getting their name on the ballots.

Originally, ballots were used as a way for voters to express which candidates they felt were most qualified. Before 1888, anyone who wanted to run for government positions could simply fill out a ballot, writing in his or her name or the name of whomever they wanted. Restrictions familiar to today's candidates, such as petitions, filing fees, or candidacy declarations, did not exist until 1930. Fearing that the Communist Party would gain too much popularity, states began passing require-

ments candidates had to meet before they could be put on the ballot.

The current political system operates with positive feedback behavior. An initial incident causes a series of reactions that serve to promote the initial incident.

### Nipping At The Big Dog's Heels

The Top 10 Most Successful Third Party Bids By Percentage of Popular Votes

Party	% Votes	Year
Progressive-T. Roosevelt	27.5	1912
Whig-American	21.5	1856
Ross Perot/Reform Party	18.9	1992
Southern Democrat	18.1	1860
Progressive American Independent	16.6	1924
Constitutional Union	12.6	1860
Free Soil	10.1	1848
Populist	8.5	1892
Reform Party/Perot	8.4	1996

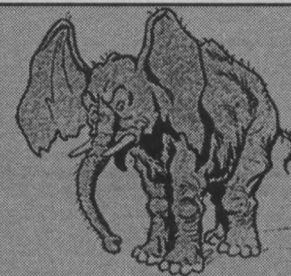
Such is the case with ballot restrictions that make it harder for minor party candidates to get elected and easier for major party candidates to stay in office. Once in office, these officials help perpetuate the two-party system by creating regulations about who can and can't get their names on a ballot.

**"I will spend \$5,000 this year. My opponents the Democrats and the Republican parties will spend over 5 million. When you look at just that discrepancy alone, gee, that's a big discrepancy."** — *Rick McCluhan, chair of Minnesota Independence Party.*

If the current government is Goliath, then the third parties would be David. Not only must they fight against a large, biased media and a hostile government, they have to do it with little ammunition. Unlike Democrats and Republicans, they receive no federal funding unless they have 5 percent of the popular vote. Also unlike the major parties, most third parties don't take soft money from special interest groups or corporations.

Natural Law candidate for California state Assembly Eric Dahl said financing is the primary reason for the difficulty of mounting an effective third party campaign.

"They can mount a very expensive publicity campaign to put the name of their candidates in front of the voters," he said. "For that reason it's more challenging for a local third party candidate to get his or her ideas out in



This political cartoon appeared in *Puck*, a major political magazine of the early 20th century.

It depicts Teddy Roosevelt as a third party Progressive candidate (Bullmoose) splitting Republican votes (Elephant) from Taft, giving the Presidency to Wilson (Donkey). Roosevelt was the most successful third party candidate, receiving roughly 27 percent of the 1912 vote.

front of the people so they can make an informed decision."

Clearly, big companies are donating to the two major parties because they believe in their issues and want to support the candidate with whom they agree, right? McCluhan says wrong. These companies are labeled "special interest" for a reason and will often influence their recipients in office — which is precisely why most third party candidates don't accept these types of donations.

"These parties, they don't represent the people. Your congressperson, wherever you live, should represent you and the other half-million people that make up your congressional district. They don't. They represent the big money and political special interest that got them into office," he said.

**"The old parties are husks, with no solution within either, divided on artificial lines boss ridden and privilege controlled, each a jumble of incongruous elements, and neither daring to speak out wisely and fearlessly on what should be said on the vital issues of the day."** — *Theodore Roosevelt*

Both Gore and Bush have worked hard this election to appeal to a mass of voters: senior citizens, minorities and the middle class. But they haven't spent campaign time wooing new voters, 18- to 25-year-olds.

Apathy has become a buzz word, and the younger generation has been labeled as lazy, hormonal, alcoholic and disinterested in politics. Yet, when a candidate from a minor party appeals to the interest of young voters — say from the Pot Party or the Socialist Party — young voters are told not to waste their vote.

"Nader's voters aren't really people who have voted before, so if you're going to vote for Al Gore, then by all means vote for Al Gore. That's not going to make a lot of difference in the big scheme of things. But I can't get over where these guys are dumping it all on Ralph Nader saying 'Gee Ralph you have to back away so Al can win.' How sleazy is that," McCluhan said.

Voting for whatever candidate you feel is right without unwanted influence is a democratic privilege. So, go out there and vote wisely and fearlessly on the issues you feel are vital to today.

**"A vote for the lesser of two evils is still a vote for evil."- Jerry Garcia**



# On Campus This Week

Get your picture in the La Cumbre yearbook.



(how else is VH1 going to find a photo of you for "Before They Were Stars"?)

## PUBLIC FORUM

Hear about recent developments affecting Monarchs in Ellwood  
**Monday, November 6th**  
**6pm at the MCC**  
 Call 893-5165 for more info

pledged yet?

till Nov 10<sup>th</sup>  
 893.2424 or 893.2425



All events are free unless otherwise noted.

**ATTENTION CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS:**  
 UCSB Activities are also available on-line: <http://events.sa.ucsb.edu>  
 UCSB Organization Directory is on-line: <http://www.sa.ucsb.edu/campusorgs/>  
 Your On-line access lets you publicize your activities in the UCSB Events Web Calendar and Monday Nexus Calendar Page  
 Student Affairs also offers free web page hosting. Registered groups can apply on the web <http://orgs.sa.ucsb.edu/webaccounts>  
 Student Life has a posting service. Drop off 7 flyers at the front desk. Flyers not posted and stamped by OSL will be removed from the kiosks  
 Watch for ads for next week's Celebration of Communities Calendar of Events including great lunch on Building 434 lawn at on Tuesday sponsored by a number of student organizations offering a variety of delicious foods!

### Monday, Nov. 6

Office of Student Life Remember To Vote Tomorrow! Your Vote is Your Voice. Use It. One Vote Can Make A Difference! Polls Open From 7am to 8pm. For polling place, ballot or general election information refer to the Santa Barbara County Clerk-Elections web site at <http://www.sb-democracy.com/home1.htm>

Counseling and Career Services 3-4 pm. Basic interview skills, C&CServ 1109

Associated Students 6-7 pm As Shoreline Preservation Fund Public Meeting, Marine Biotech, third floor conf room

Associated Students 6-7 pm. Save The Butterflies Public Forum Come hear about recent developments affecting Monarchs in Ellwood! MCC

Orientation Programs 6:30-8 pm. Monster Workshop: Academics, get help picking classes, find out more about majors! And more! Check out the services of CLAS. Tropicana Gardens Lounge

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 Associated Students 7-8 pm. Isla Vista Community Relations Committee General Meeting, I.V. Community Center, behind Déjà vu

Multicultural Outreach Program 7-9 pm. Mop Forum on the 2000 Elections — come listen and share views in order to be better informed on voting day. MCC Lounge

Arts & Lectures 8-10 pm. Performance: Santiago Jimenez, accordionist and singer. Campbell Hall

Swing and Ballroom Dance Club 8:30-10:30 pm Swing and Ballroom Dance Club Weekly Practice Meeting, come learn to dance! Rob Gym 2320

Wrestling Club 9-11 pm. Open Practice, including collegiate, Olympic freestyle and Olympic Greco-Roman. All weights and levels of experience welcome! Rob Gym 2120

### Tuesday, Nov. 7

Office of Student Life 7 am-8 pm REMEMBER TO VOTE TODAY! Polls Open From 7am to 8pm. For polling place, ballot or general election information refer to the Santa Barbara County Clerk-Elections web site at <http://www.sb-democracy.com/home1.htm>

Counseling and Career Services 2-3 PM. Resume writing when you know what job/internship you're seeking, C&CServ 1109

Associated Students 5-6 pm. Community Affairs Board (Cab) general meeting, UCen 2523

Hillel 5-7 pm. Hillel 21+ Election Day Party. Come meet Jewish Seniors and Grad

Students, watch the election returns, and enjoy drinks on us! UCen Hub  
 Associated Students 7-8 pm. Environmental Affairs Board (EAB) meeting, NH 1105

### Wednesday, Nov. 8

Office of Student Life 5-6 pm. Leadership Series: Show Me The Money! Most organizations need a healthy budget to sponsor programs. This workshop is primarily for treasurers or for anyone involved in fund-raising. Help create and sustain your financial success and achieve your organization's goals. Learn first hand from an A. S. Finance Board representative about their application process and funding procedures. OSL Conf room

Students Stopping Rape 5-7 pm. Weekly meeting, Women's Center Library

Habitat for Humanity, Campus Chapter at UCSB 6-7 pm. General meeting, HSSB 1207

Orientation Programs 6:30-8 pm. Monster Workshop: Academics (description under Monday Monster Wkshp). Francisco Torres res hall

Comic Artist's Co-op 7-9 pm, general meeting, UCen Chumash

Arts & Lectures 8-10:30 pm, Performance: Habib Koite and His Band Bamada, Campbell Hall General: \$19/\$22/\$25 Students: \$13/\$16/\$19

Wrestling Club 9-11 pm. Open Practice, free to all. Rob Gym 2120

### Thursday, Nov. 9

Associated Students 6:30-7:30 pm. A.S. Increase the Peace General Meeting, UCen 2523

Associated Students 7-8 pm. Academic Affairs board general meeting, A.S. Conf Room, UCen

Campus Crusade for Christ 7-8:30 pm. Real Life, Come meet other students and hear more about how to grow in a relationship with God. Chem 1179

Arts & Lectures 7:30-10 pm. Film: Dream of Light (El sol de membrillo). Campbell Hall, students \$5, general \$6  
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### Friday, Nov. 10

Hillel 6-9 pm Shabbat Happens Whether you are unaffiliated or Orthodox, Whether this is your first Shabbat or your thousandth, Come meet others, eat a free meal, and have a good time! URC

### Saturday, Nov. 11

Club Juggling @UCSB 2:45-4:30 pm. All welcome, beginners and pros alike, Club passing, tricks, unicycling and more Anisq'Oyo Park

### Sunday, Nov. 12

Swing and Ballroom Dance Club 11:15 am-4 pm. Lindy Hop and Charleston Dance Workshops! No partners needed. No prior experience necessary for the beginning level classes. Cost: \$15/one class; \$10/additional classes. Rob Gym 2320  
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 Wrestling Club 7-8:30 pm. Open Practice, Rob Gym 2120

Arts & Lectures 7:30-9 pm. Film: Good Kurds, Bad Kurds: No Friends But the Mountains. Campbell Hall, \$5 students, \$6 general



DUDE. IT'S WINTER REGISTRATION TIME! DON'T MISS OUT!

THREE MORE TIMES ONLY

## MONSTER WORKSHOP: ACADEMICS

- \* Get help picking classes!
- \* Find out more about majors!
- \* Talk to professional advisors! (from College of L&S, EOP, Math, Writing)
- \* Learn how to manage exam stress!
- \* Check out the services of CLAS!
- \* And much more!

6:30-8:00PM (Drop-In Hours)  
 MONDAY, NOV. 6, TROPICANA LOUNGE  
 MONDAY, NOV. 6, SANTA ROSA LOUNGE  
 WEDNESDAY, NOV. 8, FT. TORRES ROOM

## Leadership 2000 FALL SERIES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 5-6PM

### Show Me the Money!

This workshop is primarily for treasurers or for anyone involved in fund-raising.  
 Office of Student Life Conference Room, SAASB 2201



Big Wednesday  
 11/8  
 Tim Reynolds  
 UCen HUB  
 3:00. Free

11/7 Jaka. Storke Plaza. Noon Free Show!

11/7 I.V. Theater Movie Night  
 \$3student \$5General (\$5 for both!)  
 7:30 Pecker (Tix @I/V Theater)  
 10:00 Hairspray



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