A Time for Thanks
Take a moment this weekend from studying all that food on your dinner plate to think about what you really have to be thankful for. Happy Thanksgiving.

Inside...
Web Influence
Find out about a SB professor's study of the Net and how the Net may or may not be affecting society.

Tourne-Time!
Thanksgiving weekend won't include any locals for the UCSB women's basketball team. This year they'll be busy playing ball.

Many Thanks
Count your blessings. The university community has much to be happy about this Thanksgiving, including campus water. A North Korean spy and Star War. Praise be.

Save Up To 44%
OK, not really, but FCC action Tuesday could lower the cost of international calls.

Hands Across I.V.
Local organizations are helping out the community this holiday season by performing a variety of charitable acts.

Phone Call
Keep up to date on the activities of your UCSB friends via the Associated Students phone directory. Pick up your free copy today at A.S. Note taking Services.

New Water Proposal Process
Examined by Board of Supes
By Michael Ball
Staff Writer
Preparing for an influx of new Goleta development applications, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors discussed options for implementation of a new water allocation system for project proposals at their meeting Tuesday.

The board is one step closer to changing the system after Tuesday's hearing examined a proposal that would allow developers to send projects through the county's permitting process prior to securing service from the Goleta Water District. The proposed system will return to the board for final approval next month.

Currently, project applicants must obtain a "can and will serve" letter from the GWD guaranteeing them water service prior to sending their proposal to the county.

"Under this option, all development permit applications would be accepted for processing prior to securing service from the Goleta Water District," said county planner Dianne Meester. "Projects would be conditioned to receive a water allocation and can-and-will-serve letter prior to final..."

International Mediator to Speak on Middle East Conflict
By Diane Reid
Reporter
A message of Middle Eastern peace and prosperity will highlight the presentation of an influential speaker, writer, reformer and several-time Nobel peace prize nominee who will address the campus early next month.

Chacour has received international attention for his efforts in mediating this conflict in the Middle East, said Bess LaRiffe, who sits on the board of directors of the Filgrims of Bilin, an American-formed Middle Eastern peace organization.

"He's been nominated several times for the Nobel Peace Prize...because he has been able to gather these different factions together to sit down and talk at a leadership level behind the scenes...not in the press," LaRiffe said.

Chacour was born and raised in Galilee in 1939, and was later forced to emigrate by the Israeli authorities.

"He became a displaced person in his own country," said chemistry Professor Emeritus John Kennedy, who has coordinated this event in conjunction with Westmont College. "In trying to get to even get him tried to get peace between the Jews and the Arabs. He's in a position to try to bring about some form of reconciliation."

LaRiffe explained Chacour's importance in working toward peace in the region.

"He plays a significant role in the Middle East because he is not only an Arab but he is a Christian minority and he understands the Semitic mind," she said.

The Rev. Dr. Chacour has used the negative experience of being evicted from his home to bring about positive changes, Kennedy said.

"He led a peace march in Israel that brought about concessions for the Palestinians that is described in his book, Blood Brothers," Kennedy said. "His main effort right now is that he has established a college in Israel called the Prophet Elias College in Bilin."

LaRiffe believes Dr. Chacour's lecture will present new views of the situation in the holy land.

"It gives you so much more ability to see..." she said.

Chacour is scheduled to address the campus community about Middle Eastern conflicts in early December.
PHOTO: The committee, with money donated primarily by Saudi Arabia, is renovating dozens of crumbling and abandoned stone buildings in the heart of Hebron, especially those surrounding the tiny Jewish settler community.

"If these homes stay empty, then it will be easy for the settlers to come here and say, 'They don't live here,'" said Khaled Qawasmeh, chief engineer of the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee. The committee was formed three months ago, just as it seemed Israel's long-delayed troop withdrawal from Hebron's old city was about to happen. The pullout is still on hold, but the renovation effort is well under way. Many of the buildings were abandoned during the Palestinian uprising of 1987-1993. Today, with an Israeli government settlement expansion, Palestinians say leaving the buildings empty is inviting trouble.

Paint, Plastered, New Weapons in Hebron Fight

HEBRON, West Bank (AP) — The clink of hammers and rumble of cement mixers signals the opening of a new front in the Palestinians' battle for Hebron. Encouraged by Yasser Arafat's government, they are renovating dozens of crumbling and abandoned stone buildings in the heart of Hebron, especially those surrounding the tiny Jewish settler community.

"We think that the old city is Palestinian and not Jewish," said Khaled Qawasmeh, chief engineer of the Hebron Rehabilitation Committee. The committee was formed three months ago, just as it seemed Israel's long-delayed troop withdrawal from Hebron's old city was about to happen. The pullout is still on hold, but the renovation effort is well under way. Many of the buildings were abandoned during the Palestinian uprising of 1987-1993. Today, with an Israeli government settlement expansion, Palestinians say leaving the buildings empty is inviting trouble.

New Drug Approved by FDA Slows Alzheimer's Symptoms

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. government is getting a second drug that fights the memory-robbing symptoms of Alzheimer's disease — but it may not help all patients because it causes fewer side effects.

The drug, Aricept, created by Japan's Eisai Co., won Food and Drug Administration approval late Monday. Pfizer Inc., which will sell the drug here, said it will be on pharmacy shelves in several weeks.

Aricept, known clinically as donepezil, works by inhibiting the breakdown of acetyl- choline, a brain chemical vital for nerve cells to communicate with each other.

"In terms of being really different, no, it's not," said Dr. Zhaven Khachatryan of the Alz­heimer's Association's Reasearch Institute.

The order is expected to take effect in two months. U.S. regulators say the present system causes U.S. callers to pay more than they should for interna­tional service.

There's no guarantee that any reduction in fees would be passed on to consumers.

Specifically, the order will give U.S. companies much more flexibility to negotiate rates closer to actual costs but only in foreign markets that the U.S. is open to competition.

Still, the order, paired with international trade negotiations and another FCC proposal in the works, offers the potential for policy changes that eventually could save U.S. callers billions of dollars, telecom­munications officials and regulators say.

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"I think there will be very little initial benefits from this action report that fees to complete interna­tional calls were lowered, the FCC says.

"We view this as one im­portant part of the process of opening foreign monopo­lize markets to competi­tion and ensuring that inter­national calls are compet­itively priced," said MC1's chief policy officer, Howard Slatik.

The FCC says the rea­son the U.S. can't afford more than they should be other foreign carriers, on average, charge U.S. phone compa­nies fees at least 50 percent above what the high charges, the FCC says, reflect the monopoly market condi­tions in most foreign coun­tries.

The FCC estimates that U.S. consumers on aver­age pay $99 cents a minute for international calls. They would be paying 49 cents a minute or less if the fees to complete interna­tional calls were lowered, the FCC says.

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University Professor Continues Look at Influence of Web Political Sites

By Deirdre Rojas
Reporter

The political use of the Internet and its influence on the masses has been the subject of research for one UCSB professor for the past two years. In an effort to dispel popular misconceptions that the Internet represents a simplistic political cure-all for the ills of an increasingly technological society, political science Professor Bruce Bimber's ongoing three-year study hopes to expose the advantages and limitations of this growing electronic medium.

"Many people believe that the Internet will improve culture and the state of society," Bimber said. "I just hope the research will provide a real sense of what the Internet can and cannot do and cut through the speculation and hype. I'm not a critic of the Internet, just a critic of the speculations about the Internet," he said.

Bimber's research has revealed that one in four adults have access to the Internet, with the number of users doubling in recent years. But if this rate of speculated growth is correct, the current figure of 26 percent should be higher, he said, indicating a possible slowing in the Internet's growth.

Bimber's study addresses the fear that the privileged 26 percent of people with online access will have greater access to political information than those without.

"Some people believe (the Internet) will bring politics closer to the people. It is also believed that it will help diminish insider politics and help the so-called little guy," he said.

Senior art studio major and Microcomputer Lab consultant George Avallino thinks getting information provided by television See STUDY p.4

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asset seizure proceedings, the state Citi­
zens Option for Public Safety Initiative
and donations from the Sheriff's Coun­
cil," Zanesco said.

However, there is concern that this
source of funding might dry up in the fu­
ture, leading to a need to draw from the
county's general fund, Mark Chacona
said to 3rd District Supervisor Bill Wal­
lace, said.

"It's not that they'll always have the as­
et seizure money available," he said.

"Thomas is relying on programs for the
ongoing costs that if they were to dry up, [the
county] would be getting into a whole lot
of service expenditures. And they are go­
ing to have to compete with other pro­
gams like libraries and safety patrols."

While viewing the expenditures for the
helicopters as unnecessary and costly,
Chaconas recognized the need to provide
the safest environment possible.

"It's a pretty pricey program. ...I think
people will sleep well at night knowing
they are getting a higher level of service
from the sheriff," he said. "The commun­
ity seems to be satisfied and his depart­
ment is doing a pretty good job."

While Thomas believes there will be
little need for frequent helicopter patrols
in I.V., they will be available on an as­
needed basis and Isla Vista will be cov­
ered on the weekend.

"It's going to depend on the need. Like
with the shooting there recently, we
would be out there for that," he said.

Chaconas believes the money used for
the helicopters could go toward more im­
portant issues instead of focusing on petty
problems.

"With all of the money that has been
spent on helicopters, do we have enough
money for road repairs? ...I think it is
somewhat absurd, I can just see helicop­
ters flying over Isla Vista with a spotlight
over the I.V. Beer Company," he said.

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sion can be biased, whereas on the In­
ternet it is not and one can access to
various World Wide Web sites and get evary­
where. "I've seen people come in just to
find out about political candidates," he
said.

However, the politically tinged websites are still in
their infancy and is too soon to tell what effects the
Internet will have on the election process, Bed­
ford said.

One organization is cur­
rently trying to test this
process.

California Voter
Foundation, a nonprofit,
nonpartisan organization, was one of the original
sites dedicated to providing resources and
educating people on poli­
tics, said CVF Executive
Director Kim Alexander, a
UCSB alumnus.

"We are trying to make it
easier and more conve­
nient for the public to par­
ticipate in politics by offer­
ing all the information in
one place," she said.

CVF site coordinators
are trying to find sites that
have a high voter turn­
out for the election, tak­
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people that were logging on.

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Thanksgiving Spirit Alive as Groups Continue Efforts to Help the Needy

By Lori Harris
Reporter

The UCSB community is spreading goodwill throughout the local area as different clubs and organizations unite to assist the underprivileged this Thanksgiving season.

Recent weeks have seen numerous projects on campus and in Isla Vista by various groups, including the Associated Students Community Affairs Board, the California Public Interest Research Group and the Greek system, aiming to help relieve some burdens on Thanksgiving Day.

“A couple of weeks ago, we had a cookie drive for the brown bag program, which distributes groceries to senior citizens,” she said. CAB has also supported numerous projects on campus and in Isla Vista through the penny wars in the dorms is being used to buy turkeys for Thanksgiving for the I.V. Elementary School low-income families,” she said. A.S. External Vice President for Local Affairs Jeff Provenzano worked with A.S. President Russell Bartholow to gather some of the turkeys for the effort.

We raised enough money through turkey tokens and the budget for 21 turkeys for economically disadvantaged families. ... We gave the turkeys to CAB,” he said. CalPIRG also worked with the Greeks system, Berwith said. This also proved a substantial part of the Thanksgiving contribution.

“We have done scavenger hunts with the Greeks. They were given a list of canned foods and clothing items that the local charities were in need of, and this was distributed out,” she said. Fraternity and Sorority Councils like Phi Mu and SAE also provided assistance with other projects.

“Sigma Kappa has donated time, effort and money to the Goleta area and many, many of the chapters participated in the scavenger hunt,” she said. As a finale to the week, a large dinner was provided for the needy Tuesday night, Fairchild said.

“We had a big Thanksgiving dinner — we had everything that was donated served to the homeless and hungry,” she said.

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I and experience growing up in a "stable, normal" childhood. Some people were born into shit, Travis.

But if we do this, we are "wallowing in guilt and shame." Not done by others. The main reason is that people who have experienced the quagmire of guilt, shame and pain that accompanies the plight of those who genuinely are truly sick.

One night, two nights, a week spent on the street of homeless so long as they know without a doubt that they will soon return to the safety of their beds and homes. It is the terror, the loneliness, the despairing that comes from being abandoned, abused and scourmed that creates the suffering of homelessness.

People who are plagued by guilt and shame probably are not having a "normal and stable" childhood. For some people, just opening the door and stepping outside is a challenge that you cannot even begin to imagine. I assure you that you will not understand.

I obviously know very little about what the goals of therapy are. People go to therapy because they are unhappy. Who in their right mind pays several thousand dollars a year to "wallow in guilt and shame?" This is not done by others.

Seeing a therapist is about rising above the quagmire of guilt, shame and pain that plagues people. Therapists treat as catalysts for people to recognize their problems, to become cognizant of their shortcomings and to "Get over it, damn it!"

This kind of "pull yourself up by your bootstraps" mentality presumes that racism, wrongdoings and other forms of discrimination do not exist. Yes, it does matter what happens to people as children. Yes, it does matter what has happened to you in the past. Yes, it does matter who has hurt you in the past. The reality is that experience shapes who we are from a very young age. What you said to him. There is clearly a double standard at work.

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cular conflict or among any other human conflict," he said.

Chacour’s talk should prove to be very motivating for
people, said Georgia Wiester, who visited Ibillin with
Westmont College’s annual Mayterm excursion.

“I love to hear him anytime he speaks because it’s so
uplifting in the world today, where there’s so many trou­
bles and unresolved conflicts,” Wiester said. “He chal­
 lenges you with getting in there and getting your hands
dirty rather than just reading about it and feeling bad.”

Chacour will appear in Corwin Pavilion Tuesday,
Dec. 3 at 7 p.m.

STUDY

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out the Net, questions the
validity of studies showing
women as a small minority
of Internet users.

She questions which
sites are being looked at
and raised the possibility
that many women may be
logging on under their
husbands’ names.

“That’s why women out
there are doing their own
research. They doubt the
validity of these statistics,”
she said.

Currently there are
many sites dealing with
women’s issues such as
family matters, support
services for abused and
molest ed women,
counseling, and political
sites like the National Or­
ganization for Women.

“In my experience, a
major portion of the peo­
ple that are teachers of the
Internet, or are curious ab­
out the Internet, are wo­
men,” Curtis said. “In
training sessions we put
on, a large number of the
people are women.”

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 7. - Once you know how to get along with difficult people, you’ll achieve more adaptability. So, talk to your relatives. Although they don’t like your tricks, they do have to take care of family responsibilities. Try to be the one who plans everything.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6. - To get rich requires work perseverance, and a good idea. You’ve got everything you need. Set your goals this morning. This will work best if you combine negatives. You can do just about anything.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6. - Don’t get distracted by the fascinating times in your life or you’ll lose your chances. You should do well shopping for food, household items, or women during the day. Try to get the best deals, but work your coupons and your thrifty aunt.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 6. - It’s tough to keep your nose to the grindstone. Think of all the money you can earn. Although you may be older and more experienced, you might even call your mom and get some advice.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 21) - Today is a 7. - Yours is the sign of the king. But today, you may need to work hard to get that top position. Your good fortune you behaviour. It’s also important that you finish something today.

Virgo (Aug. 22-Sept 22) - Today is an 8- Your luck’s pretty good right now. You can even get a good day at work. Watch out for a guy who isn’t paying attention. All friends can teach you how to improve the value of what you own. Use up the old manual if buying new.

Libra (Sept 23-Oct 23) - Today is a 6 - You may find yourself wanting to make changes. Or you could send out a report or go off on your own. You have a good friend this morning or you’ll never get your chores done.

Scorpio (Oct 24-Nov 21) - Today is a 7. - If you’re getting any respect, you need to make changes in organization. You can do better work this afternoon.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - You may find yourself wanting to make changes. Or you could send out a report or go off on your own. You have a good friend this morning or you’ll never get your chores done.

Aquarius (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 6 - You might use your imagination to advantage this morning. If you can’t turn your attention wonderfully this morning, get into a project that’s been nagged at for a long time. It may not be the best time anyway. Emotions will prevail. Today may not be the best time to go forward under a new system.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7. - Practice taking care of your self. It’s an older person who needs something الصينية. New York. A recent trend in the blade of your heart will help you with your self-care.

Today’s Birthday (Nov. 27). Your savings could help you achieve a measure of success. Keep your nose clean and you may get promoted. File your taxes in December and January. Take a meaningful trip in April. Make sure your land is fenced. You may have to be patient in August. Be aware of your heart’s desire by following the advice of a friend. If you are in a fight or a horse-race trip, keep to your heart’s desire. Do not fall in love or marry a friend.

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■ Santa Barbara Seeks a Return to Win Column at Home
gone and the team has returned to prove how good it truly is.
The GTE Santa Barbara Shootout, which the team will enjoy a nice break from.

No Home Game, Home-Cooked Meals for Gauchos as Team Prepares for St. Mary's

By Yier Shi

While most UCSB students will enjoy a nice break from school during the Christmas holiday, the UCSB men's basketball team will continue to practice for a game against St. Mary's College in Morgan State.

"It doesn't really bother me that much to go home," said junior forward Shanda Piggott. The Blue Hens (1-1) defeated the Hokie State 76-46 in their first and only game. In the game, McFadgion scored a game-high 23 points and collected five steals. Piggott registered 13 points and 12 rebounds.

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