

UCSB faculty, students participate in day of action for women’s rights in Iran



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Members of the UC Santa Barbara Iranian Academic Community hosted a day of action on campus on Monday, Oct. 18, standing in solidarity with women protesting for their freedoms in Iran.

The Iranian Academic Community (IAC) – a group of students, faculty, researchers and staff who are interested in Iran and Persian culture – was created and held demonstrations daily following the death of Mahsa Amini, a 22-year-old woman who died in the custody of Iran’s morality police after being arrested for loosely donning her hijab in public and allowing some of her hair to be visible.

The demonstration called for resistance against the oppression of women in Iran, as well as advocacy for women’s rights in Afghanistan, though this particular day of action focused on the former.

UCSB religious studies lecturer Aazam Feiz, who spearheaded the day of action, listed the demands of the IAC in light of this crisis, which aligns with the demands of the Iranian people back home: to say no to the regime; for President Joe Biden to refrain from signing any deals with the Iranian government and, instead, support the people of Iran; for all countries to end any relationships with the regime and fire the regime’s ambassadors.

“It is a massacre,” she said. “They have killed a lot of people, and we want all people to be our voice and support for the Iranian people to fight for women’s rights, humans’ rights and freedom.”

Widespread protests in Iran followed Amini’s death, leading to the shutdown of the internet throughout the country and the arrests and killings of nearly 200 people in the first 10 days of demonstration. Within these casualties include 23 children who were murdered amid protests from Sept. 20-30.

At the forefront of these protests have been students at universities in Iran, though they have faced violent opposition from law enforcement. Such actions were witnessed at the Sharif University of Technology, where student protestors on campus were met with tear gas, rubber bullets, clubs and more.

Videos uploaded to the internet recorded students being trapped in parking lots on campus and being chased down by riot police, leading to arrests, injuries and deaths that have still not been fully accounted for.

“They have beat people, shot people, detained students at the highest ranking university of Iran, which is Sharif University [of Technology],” she said.

Protests at universities in Iran and abroad continue, however, and Feiz emphasized the bravery of the students who are still showing up.

“The students in different universities continue the anti-government protest, and they

are brave women, young girls,” Feiz said. “They are in the streets, and they want human rights and freedom. At the beginning, it was a demonstration – now, it’s a revolution.”

Feiz then turned attention to a fire that erupted within the Iran Evin political prison, which holds hundreds of protestors from the demonstrations in Iran, killing four prisoners and injuring 61.

The day of action at UCSB is meant to continue the rallies around the world – 150 cities around the world came together on Oct. 1 in solidarity with the women in Iran – and to spread awareness of the oppression the people of Iran are currently facing, according to Feiz.

“We are a community in a good university, and we are here to be good people for this world,” Feiz said. “It is very good to convey the message and tell the people about the oppression that is in Iran against women, against all human beings. We want them to convey our message and be the voice.”

Feiz said this call for women’s rights is not a new movement in Iran. Such protests have been occurring since 43 years ago after the Islamic Revolution – a series of demonstrations after the overthrowing of the Pahlavi dynasty under Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi starting in 1979.

“We went in the street and said, ‘No, we don’t want these restrictions, we want to be free,’” Feiz said in reference to the revolution. “But every time they shut them down; every time they arrested them.”

However, after four decades of protests, the people of Iran lost hope in calling for change in the regime, and thus began the call to dismantle it all together and start anew.

“This is the time that they say

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UCSB conducts voter outreach efforts ahead of 2022 midterm election



UCSB graduate housing San Clemente Villages served as a polling location for the primary election in June.

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The Gauchos Vote Coalition has been working since Sept. 19 to register UC Santa Barbara students to vote ahead of the Nov. 8 midterm elections.

The 1998 Federal Higher Education Act requires higher education institutions employ a “good faith effort” toward registering students to vote, a task undertaken at UCSB annually by dozens of community volunteers enlisted by the Gauchos Vote Coalition.

UCSB has led the effort to register students to vote for decades, according to UCSB Civic and Community Engagement Director Viviana Marsano.

“UCSB has been at the forefront for decades, [for] many years in a row UCSB was the number one in the country west of the Mississippi for the number of students registered to vote,” Marsano said.

The coalition’s efforts began with a group of around 70 volunteers working to register students across the campus. The group successfully registered around 1,600 students to vote during their first day of outreach this academic year, according to Marsano.

Following that initial voter drive, the coalition registered a number of students via tabling and partnerships with various organizations – like CALPIRG and the Office of the External Vice President for Local Affairs – to reach prospective student voters.

“We table at different places on campus. We contact professors, we ask them if we can go and register students in their class, we go to groups’ meetings and register students, we work with fraternity and sorority life,” Marsano said.

Beyond in-person registrations, UCSB has worked to register students online through its voter registration informational website and by reaching out to the campus’ 26,000 graduates and undergraduates via email, according to Marsano.

The extent of the coalition’s efforts varies depending on when elections are held, with the group having just over a month from when students returned to campus to the voter registration deadline as opposed to the primary elections last June, which

the organization was able to prepare for throughout the entire academic year, according to Marsano. The university’s registration process is entirely nonpartisan, with the only mention of partisanship being the coalition’s advice for independents to mark the “no party preference” box on the registration form. This differs from the far-right American Independent Party, an action Marsano said is often confused with registering independent of any one party.

UCSB encouraged students to visit castudentvote.org to easily register to vote online on its elections website. All eligible Californians can register to vote online until 15 days prior to the election – in this case until Oct. 24. Those unregistered after the 15-day deadline are still able to register in person at a polling place and county elections office.

After the voter registration period ends next Monday, the coalition intends to continue its efforts by tabling and hosting a “ballot party” on Nov. 3 at 6:30 p.m. to educate voters on the various initiatives and candidates on the ballot. The event will feature food, music and a nonpartisan community member that will guide students on the various measures and candidates. Marsano expects there to be around nine polling stations set up across the UCSB campus and Isla Vista prior to election day, located from the San Nicolas and Manzanita Village Residence Halls to an Isla Vista church.

Marsano is currently in talks with the county elections office to place a ballot box in front of the Student Resource Building and said that the county may elect not to place a ballot box outside the Isla Vista Foot Patrol station as they have prior, as some may feel intimidated voting outside the station.

Above all else, Marsano encouraged students to take the midterm elections seriously in spite of it being a nonpresidential election.

“People generally think that, ‘It’s a midterm and there is not nothing important about it,’ but this election has a lot of propositions that will affect the students’ lives,” she said. “There are four propositions that are very important for the students, propositions on reproductive rights, guns and forgiveness of student loans.”

Students test transportation improvements at IVCS D Pardall pop-up event



IVCS D selected Pardall Road as the site for the pop-up due to its heavy traffic with the student community.

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As students and locals made their way down Pardall Road on Oct. 18, they encountered several novel traffic demonstrations aimed at bettering accessibility to sustainable methods of transportation.

From 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the day of the pop-up, the Isla Vista Community Services District (IVCS D) temporarily installed marked crosswalks, scooter corrals, bike boxes and sharrows along the highly trafficked street.

The street’s overhaul was IVCS D’s first-ever Sustainable Transportation Pop-Up as part of an ongoing project to improve biking, walking, bussing and all other forms of mobility within Isla Vista.

IVCS D selected Pardall Road as the site for the pop-up due to

its heavy traffic with the student community. Around 1,000 bicyclists use the street in transit every hour, according to IVCS D Community Engagement Director Sydney Casler.

“We started with Pardall because it really is the busiest in terms of driving, walking and biking, so to be able to gather feedback on each of these different things from people using different modes of transportation [is a great opportunity],” Casler said.

The street is also one of the most dangerous for bicyclists in Santa Barbara County, according to Mobility Plan Outreach Coordinator Fiona Salsich.

“This intersection right here is apparently one of the top, if not the top, intersections for bicycle accidents in Santa Barbara,” Salsich said. “This is one of the top bicycle

crash locations, but so many of those crashes are unreported as well.”

A marked crosswalk at the intersection of Embarcadero del Mar and Pardall Road aimed to increase pedestrian safety and “sharrows” – shared lane markings – notified automobile drivers of the likely presence of cyclists and reminded them to share the road.

Casler said the scooter corral – a designated zone for people to park shared electric scooters – is a permanent addition that will remain after the other aspects of the pop-up event are removed.

The two bike boxes, situated at the intersection of Embarcadero del Norte and Pardall Road, provided cyclists with a safe square area, demarcated in green pavement with a white bicycle symbol, to wait for a green signal.

“The goal is to prevent collisions between people in cars turning right and people on bikes going straight by increasing visibility and awareness,” an IVCS D pamphlet stated.

Community members highly recommended the creation of bike lanes in IVCS D’s Isla Vista Mobility Survey, which was conducted through March 2022 and generated over 1,000 individual responses. Despite this community interest,

the pop-up event incorporated bike boxes, not bike lanes, into its lineup of test offerings. Salsich said their team ran into logistical difficulties with the implementation of bike lanes for the temporary project.

“We heard from so many people [that] they wanted bike lanes, and Sydney and I had been planning all of this, so we were like, ‘Okay, how do we do a pop-up with bike lanes?’ And we ran into the problem where we’re going to have to close the streets down to make room or we’re going to have to make the streets one-way to make room or we’re going to have to remove parking,” Salsich said. “We thought that would upset and confuse people rather than being a positive experience.”

Salsich also said IVCS D declined to transform the intersection of Pardall Road and Embarcadero del Mar into a four-way stop, another highly requested improvement, due to resource and cost constraints along with liability concerns. Santa Barbara County, the entity providing approvals for all improvements presented in the pop-up, also did not support the four-way stop as a temporary installation.

“The county said for a pop-up, there’s too much liability because

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Weekly goings-on in and around Isla Vista

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RCSGD opens applications for volunteers for Marsha P. Johnson Volunteer Program

The Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity (RCSGD) is reopening its applications for the Marsha P. Johnson Volunteer Program, which provides opportunities for LGBTQIA+ students and advocates to support the RCSGD in publicity efforts while gaining leadership skills and spearheading individual creative projects. Applicants are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the academic year.

Selected volunteers are required to attend one volunteer training per year, assist with facilitating RCSGD events and discussion spaces via self-assignment, and provide help with miscellaneous RCSGD duties as needed, including button making, tabling and flier distribution, according to the Shoreline description. Reach out to qtoutreach@sa.ucsb.edu for any questions.

Women’s Center introduces Inaugural Scholar in Residence during Open House

The Women’s Center at UC Santa Barbara is hosting an Open House on Thursday, Oct. 20, from 4-6 p.m. at the Student Resource Building front lawn. The event will feature and welcome professor Felice Blake as the center’s Inaugural Scholar in Residence.

The event will provide refreshments, live jazz music and conversations among participants, facilitators and Blake. Prospective attendees can register for the event on Shoreline.

RCSGD hosts Introduction to Kink Workshop with BDSM researchers

RCSGD is hosting a workshop on the topic of kinks and bondage, dominance, sadism and masochism (BDSM) on Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 6 p.m. in conversation with those educated in the realm.

The event will feature the

following panelists, all of whom are graduate students at UCSB: doctoral candidate of sociology and BDSM researcher Cierra Sorin, doctoral candidate of geography and kink community member Kristina Fauss, and doctoral candidate of theater and performance studies and BDSM researcher Heath Pennington. These panelists will discuss what defines kinks and BDSM as well as consent and types of kinks, which will then be followed by a Q&A session.

Affordable Connectivity Program helps Isla Vista residents enroll for low-cost internet

Get Connected! California is hosting a free Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) Enrollment event with CalFresh on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 1-4:30 p.m. in collaboration with the Isla Vista Community Services District to assist I.V. residents in enrolling for free or low-cost internet. Attendees will also have a chance to win a Chromebook if they apply for the ACP benefit. The event will take place at 976 Embarcadero Del Mar in Suite 101.

Get Connected! California is a program funded by the California Emerging Technology Fund to increase enrollment for the California ACP, which is a federally funded entity that provides eligible individuals with free or low-cost internet access, according to the press release.

Department of Recreation hosts event at UCSB climbing wall for LGBTQIA+ students

The Department of Recreation is hosting “Climbing with Pride” on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Recreation Center climbing wall for students in the LGBTQIA+ community who want to get into climbing. The workshop will be led by climbing center staff and the evening will feature climbing activities at the wall and socializing.

Though the gym will be open to the public during the event for climbing, there will be a designated top rope and auto belay section for this event, and harnesses and shoes will

be provided, according to the Shoreline description.

Students can enter the current waiting list for the event.

C.A.R.E. hosts workshop for graduate students on trauma-informed classrooms and interpersonal relationships

Campus Advocacy, Resources & Education (C.A.R.E.) is hosting “CARE to Thrive: Interpersonal Relationships” on Monday, Oct. 24, from 5-6:30 p.m. in the Graduate Student Association Lounge in the Student Resource Building. The workshop aims to assist graduate students in recognizing healthy and unhealthy interpersonal relationships inside and outside the classroom, as well as how to cultivate a trauma-informed classroom and respond to personal disclosures from undergraduate students as teaching assistants.

The workshop will be offered in a hybrid format, and participants can choose between attending in person or through Zoom. The event is open to all graduate students.

MCC hosts diversity lecture on children suffering at U.S. and Mexico border

The MultiCultural Center is hosting a diversity lecture titled, “Death, Violence & Deportation: The Politics of Children’s Suffering at the US-Mexico Border,” on Tuesday, Oct. 25, from 6-8 p.m. via Zoom. The lecture will be led by University of San Francisco associate professor Genevieve Negrón-Gonzales, who will focus on the killing of three teenage boys at the U.S. and Mexico border between 2010 and 2013. She will allude to these killings in discussing the deportation regime, her research on undocumented individuals and the impact of the immigration system on children.

This event is sponsored by the Office of Equal Opportunity & Discrimination Prevention, Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and Undocumented Student Services.

Prospective participants can register for the lecture on Shoreline.

A week in UC student news



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UC Davis faces repeated acts of antisemitism

UC Davis’s Alder Hall – a residence hall for freshmen students – was defaced with swastika drawings on Oct. 13, according to a statement from the UC Davis Newsroom.

The incident follows occurrences of antisemitic hate speech in August, when a group of men hung a banner displaying antisemitic statements over the Highway 113 bicycle overpass.

“I condemn those cowards who once more have tried to intimidate our students,” Chancellor Gary May said in the Oct. 13 statement to the UC Davis community. “We are seeing a rise in antisemitism not only on our campus but at many other universities in California.”

According to the statement, the graffiti was immediately removed and the incident was reported to the UC Davis Police Department and the university’s Harassment and Discrimination Assistance and Prevention Program.

The city of Davis released its own statement condemning the incidents, and May said the university will be partnering with city officials in their efforts to prevent further incidents of hate speech.

UC Davis Administration is

having conversations with student leaders representing the Jewish community like Hillel at Davis and the UC Davis Advisory Council on Jewish Life to “identify more actions we can take to address antisemitism and provide support,” according to May.

“We know messages of condemnation are not enough. We will continue to meet with Jewish students, faculty and staff to not only show our support but talk through any solutions,” May said in the statement.

UC San Diego administration apologizes for racist remarks made by lecturer in class

UC San Diego released a statement following the release of a video of a UCSD lecturer making racist comments during a chemistry class.

The video of the lecturer, Robert Ternansky, was posted to Instagram and received over 800 comments.

In the video, Ternansky is seen addressing unseen people making noise in the hallway outside the classroom, walking outside and saying “Sí, sí señor. Ándale, ándale. Arriba, arriba.”

Ternansky then turned to his students and asked, “How do you say ‘quiet’ in Mexican?” and then later said, “Someone tell me if they start running in here with their weapons.”

According to UCSD’s statement,

Ternansky was “engaged about his comments, and it was made clear to him that they do not reflect our community values of inclusivity and respect.”

A report from the UCSD Guardian found that Ternansky posted a short apology on his Canvas page, promising a longer one in the future.

“I am writing to acknowledge my inappropriate comments in lecture and to sincerely apologize to all of you for my behavior. These comments do not align with our campus values. I will follow up with a more formal apology shortly and will also apologize personally during Tuesday’s lecture time,” Ternansky said in his apology statement.

UCSD Associated Students President Sky Yang told the UCSD Guardian that the student body is upset over the comments but split on what disciplinary action should be taken. The university has not provided any comment on Ternansky’s employment status and if he will continue at the university or not.

“Everyone agrees that what the professor did was racist,” Yang said. “There is a split among students over whether he should be fired or whether he should stay and be re-educated. It seems that some want to give him a second chance because he apologized quickly.”

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you’re going to have to change the entire flow of traffic. There’s going to have to be someone there directing traffic, implementing a temporary stop sign. It’s really expensive and resource-heavy and a lot of liability problems, so they basically told us that I couldn’t do it,” Salsich said.

Despite the absence of bike lanes and a four-way stop in the Pardall pop-up, Salsich said the two improvements remain in consideration as permanent transportation solutions.

“It’s something that we would like to include in the final mobility plan, but it just wasn’t something we were able to do for a temporary, one-day event,” Salsich said.

Participants were encouraged to fill out a survey providing IVCSd with feedback regarding their experience with the traffic demonstration. All survey respondents were entered to win a \$100 gift card prize to shop at the Isla Vista Food Co-op. The California Air Resources Board awarded IVCSd with a Sustainable Transportation Equity Project (S.T.E.P) grant of \$182,158 in November 2020 to

develop a Community Mobility Plan – an initiative to develop and implement equity-based, sustainable transportation solutions. Of that funding, \$9,400 was allocated to holding pop-up installations. Casler said IVCSd will have at least one more pop-up event, tentatively located near Estero Park and around the intersection of Camino Corto and Abrego Road. Casler said that while the Pardall pop-up primarily addressed student concerns around transportation, the second pop-up event will feature improvements more geared toward families in IV.

“There is a bus stop right there at the corner of Abrego and Camino Corto and then a crosswalk, which a lot of families use to take their kids to school,” Casler said. “We’re hoping to do a pop-up flashing crosswalk there and then a pop-up for bus improvements.”

The bus improvements may include changes to the bus route, bus frequency and bike parking around bus stops, according to Casler.

IVCSd organized the event with the help of 33 day-of volunteers, its community partners and local bodies that co-applied for

the S.T.E.P. grant. Subgrantees consist of Santa Barbara MTD, the County of Santa Barbara and IV. Youth Projects, and community partners include the Independent Living Resource Center, MOVE Santa Barbara County, UCSB Sustainability, Cool Block and IV. Food Co-op.

At its third and final transportation town hall, scheduled for winter 2023, IVCSd plans to present a draft of its Community Mobility Plan to community members to receive feedback and open discussion, according to its website. IVCSd plans to present its finalized mobility plan to Santa Barbara County for approval in March 2023.

“We’re really excited to see what the final draft is, and we’re hoping to get a lot of feedback and accurately depict everyone’s concerns and wants,” Salsich said. “That’s my main goal is to make sure that I’m a spokesperson for what everyone wants and trying to find a medium, because lots of different groups want entirely separate things, so [we’re] trying to accurately depict that and make sure everyone’s voice is heard.”

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enough is enough,” Feiz said. “They want the Islamic regime in Iran to go, they say the Islamic regime should go.”

She emphasized the lack of rights and freedom women have in Iran, listing current government restrictions including not donning nail polish, not riding bikes, heavy barriers against divorce, the segregation of women and men in buses, and the practice of child marriage for young women of Iran.

“Girls can be married off at the age of 13 ... so young girls with bad parents and poor families, they can be sold into marriage,” Feiz said.

Feiz saw a personal connection to the crisis in Iran, saying that seeing Amini’s face on the news reminded her of her own daughter and sisters at home.

“I am not a politician, and I am not an activist, but when I saw that this girl had been killed very innocently I have a daughter,

she could be my daughter, she could be my sister,” Feiz said.

Feiz emphasized, above all, the distinction between the Iran regime and the people of Iran and not to confuse the different lobbying organizations that are in support of the regime with the entities in support of the people.

“I want the senators, I want the congressmen to help the people of Iran, not the Iran regime,” Feiz said. “We don’t want this regime, we want to be free, we want to have a normal life like other countries.”

Feiz hopes the day of action urges people to listen and pay attention to the crisis in Iran and says it is the duty of humanity to help the people of Iran.

“I want the human community, everybody in this world, especially the United States, to help the people of Iran,” Feiz said. “They are in pain, especially women. They are in pain.”



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UCSB community highlights concerns over privacy, racial profiling and criminalization at Halloween policing town hall



Four deputies converse with costumed pedestrians on Del Playa Drive in Isla Vista during Halloween weekend of 2016.

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The Office of the External Vice President for Local Affairs at UC Santa Barbara Associated Students held a virtual town hall on Oct. 14 to discuss police camera surveillance in Isla Vista for Halloween weekend. Isla Vista Foot Patrol (IVFP), a branch of the Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Office (SBSO), plans to install two to four street cameras throughout Isla Vista and upstaff its patrol from between eight and 14 deputies for a usual weekend to 35 deputies during Halloween weekend.

The cameras would be temporarily placed along Del Playa Drive and record footage for the nights of Oct. 28-30 before their removal on either Sunday or Monday, IVFP Lieutenant Garrett TeSlaa said. The cameras will only record video without audio and are limited to capturing activity on public property and roads.

These measures are regularly practiced every year by local law enforcement, who have historically increased their police presence and made use of surveillance cameras in IV. come Halloween weekend, according to TeSlaa.

TeSlaa repeatedly stated that IVFP intends to use the cameras to prevent or aid in the prosecution of serious crimes, rather than minor offenses, such as public intoxication, possession or open container violations.

External Vice President for Local Affairs (EVPLA) Hailey Stankiewicz held discussions with IVFP over the last few weeks upon hearing of the entity’s decision, voicing student concerns surrounding privacy and racial profiling and working to persuade them to reverse their plans.

After failing to reach a mutually agreed-upon approach to policing in IV. for Halloween, Stankiewicz told the Nexus that her office would sponsor a town hall on the subject with panelists from IVFP, SBSO, UCSB Dean of Student Life and Assistant Vice Chancellor Katya Armistead, Isla Vista Community Services District (IVCSD) and Associated Students (A.S.) executives.

IVCSD President and Director Spencer Brandt described Halloween’s place in Isla Vista history in his introductory remarks, reflecting on a holiday celebration that once drew crowds of over 12,000 and now sees little to no partying activity.

“For a decade now, Isla Vista residents have heard our calls loud and clear to have a safe and local Halloween weekend,” Brandt said at the town hall. “The statistics that we’ve seen from law enforcement have shown that there’s really not a whole lot of activity. In 2019, 2018, 2017 and 2016, law enforcement has reported that there’s been no crowd of partygoers in Isla Vista.”

Brandt conveyed his hope that the town hall would serve as an effective method of addressing community concerns around criminalization of minor offenses, privacy issues and harmful relationships with law enforcement.

“When residents are hearing now about larger police presence and police surveillance cameras, they want to have input. People are concerned about their privacy, and they’re concerned about keeping themselves and their friends out of the justice system,” Brandt said.

After panelist introductions, the town hall began its public forum session, allowing community members to share personal concerns and direct questions to the panelists.

A.S. Off-Campus Senator Yael Berukhim expressed her confusion and frustration over IVFP’s decision to install cameras for a no-crowd event.

“Everybody leaves IV. for Halloween, so it’s off-putting when there are all these regulations put on the students, and then everyone tries their best to work around them and work with the police department by simply leaving, and then all the students hear in return is just more regulations,” Berukhim said.

An anonymous person posed concerns over the use of the video footage in criminally punishing people for minor crimes and urged IVFP to sign a memorandum of understanding that the cameras would solely be used to prevent or prosecute serious crimes, such as robbery and assault.

“Will the footage from these videos be used to retroactively punish those who may be on footage committing a minor in possession, public intoxication or other petty crimes? If not, I would like to understand why the Isla Vista Foot Patrol has not signed a memorandum verifying that this will exactly not occur,” Stankiewicz said, reading the submission.

TeSlaa said that IVFP has legal requirements to submit any footage to the courts if IVFP has knowledge that a crime is captured on camera and the district attorney’s office is pursuing an arrest or citation.

As such, TeSlaa said that the IVFP could not sign a memorandum and that a possibility remains of video footage being used in cases of minor crimes.

“But to say that we can sign a memorandum saying it won’t be used for this, but it will be used for this, it’s too broad to cover every possible scenario in which video footage may or may not be a part

of either a criminal investigation or a mass casualty incident,” he continued.

Multiple students also brought up issues of racial profiling and implicit bias.

“Has whoever will be monitoring the live footage been given bias trainings? How will we be sure that they will not engage in racial profiling?” Stankiewicz asked on behalf of an anonymous student.

“As a student of color, I’m extremely concerned about this, and want to make sure that my identity as well as other students are protected.”

TeSlaa elaborated that all deputies undergo racial bias and implicit bias training and said the cameras would not contribute to instances of racial profiling – rather, that the potential for harm is based on the actions and behavior of the deputies.

“I don’t believe that the cameras themselves are going to be an issue in that, it’s really about the behavior of the individual deputy that may provoke some sort of racial profiling. The cameras itself can’t do it – it’s just based on who’s operating the camera.”

Stankiewicz countered that the use of cameras could easily promote racial profiling, citing a study linking surveillance to greater instances of bias.

“As a fellow panelist on this board, I would like to validate the concerns of this anonymous student that said that they were worried about racial profiling and their identity as a marginalized student, because even statistics by the ACLU have proven that cameras and surveillance can exacerbate issues of racial profiling.”

Following the town hall, Isla Vista Community Liaison Lily MacMillan sent an email on Oct. 18 affirming the EVPLA office’s

continued commitment to lobby against police surveillance as IVFP moved forward with its intention to install temporary cameras.

The email circulated a change.org petition, titled “Say NO to Surveillance in Isla Vista!” gathering over 400 signatures as of Oct. 19.

“The EVPLA Office and community members remain frustrated at the lack of clear answers or plans communicated by Isla Vista Foot Patrol and SBSO,” the petition read.

The petition stated that the town hall failed to resolve many of the EVPLA office’s concerns regarding the use of cameras, including IVFP’s reservations about signing a memorandum, how surveillance could contribute to racial profiling and the potential criminalization of minor offenses.

The EVPLA office is hosting a Know Your Rights Workshop on Oct. 27 at 6:30 p.m. in Embarcadero Hall to prepare students and community members for the heavy policing that accompanies Halloween weekend. The workshop will cover topics of misdemeanor crimes, restorative justice, how to distinguish law enforcement entities, navigating surveillance and drug safety.

Staff writer Kyra Schimpf contributed reporting to this article.

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Spencer Brandt, Jay Freeman for IVCS D Board of Directors



Courtesy of Spencer Brandt

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Editor’s Note: IVCS D candidate Julia Barbosa was not available for an endorsement interview, and thus, was not considered in the Nexus’ endorsement process.

The Daily Nexus endorses Spencer Brandt and Jay Freeman – both incumbent candidates – for the two available four-year seats on the Isla Vista Community Services District Board of Directors.

The Isla Vista Community Services District (IVCS D) is a local government body dedicated to serving the I.V. community by improving quality of life and addressing local infrastructural issues. IVCS D was formed with the intention of introducing self-governance to I.V. – an unincorporated part of Santa Barbara County.

Brandt, who is currently board president, and Freeman were both actively involved in helping create IVCS D and then became two of the original board directors. Since then, the Nexus believes the pair has served the community through their respective positions for approximately six years with dedication and productive outcomes.

Those advocating for the formation of IVCS D in its inception, specifically former Board Director Father Jone-

Stephen Hedges, came up with the representative maxim, “No more about us without us,” to bring power to the people of I.V.

This is the work that Brandt and Freeman, alongside their colleagues on the Board of Directors, have undertaken to improve the environment and quality of life in I.V.

Brandt, a former UC Santa Barbara working student from a low-income background, now provides the perspective of a current permanent resident and local renter. This experience is coupled with his history both as an organizer with the Democratic Party and as a long-standing representative within IVCS D.

“I have deep public policy experience over the last six years helping build up this local government. And I know that oftentimes, like the idealism of what we want to accomplish in the community is in conflict with the pragmatism of how we can get there, and I think that I’ve been able to help navigate that,” Brandt said.

Freeman described himself as someone who is in favor of both progressive policy and a libertarian approach to governance. Freeman provides both business and technical expertise as the founder of Cydia – a graphical user interface that allows users to access apps outside of the Apple

App Store – and the perspective of a long-term resident within the community.

Both candidates served the I.V. community during their tenures through a multitude of projects and community involvement.

Brandt led the effort to incorporate the local compost collective into IVCS D, advocated for and introduced more lighting in I.V. and created the safety stations present on Friday and Saturday nights for community members to request escorts home, find water and charge their phones.

“We’ve really seen that the [Isla Vista] Compost Collective is growing. In terms of the number of households that it’s serving, it’s thriving. It’s a service that people come to rely on, and I just think that that’s so amazing,” Brandt said. “It’s like such in the spirit of what is amazing about I.V. You could be a student that works on a project that starts off as a class project and then you’re dedicated enough to it and you are able to build it up to the point where it becomes just a service of local government.”

He also consistently addressed community needs over the course of the pandemic with the leadership of the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department and helped lead IVCS D’s efforts to hold local policing bodies accountable through data collection and discussion with the Isla Vista Foot Patrol and the UC Police Department (UCPD).

Freeman was part of the original group of community and board members advocating for the Interpersonal Violence Investigator – a position operating in tandem with the university, UCPD and IVCS D dedicated to supporting survivors through a trauma-informed, community-oriented policing strategy to address “the way the sheriff was operating things.”

“They weren’t really investigating anything,” he said.

Freeman is also a representative on the Santa Barbara County Local Agency Formation

Commission, which gives a voice to non-traditional districts like I.V. through a representative position. Additionally, Freeman has offered his technical acumen to serve not just IVCS D but also the Isla Vista Community Network and the Isla Vista Recreation & Park District to record meetings – especially over the course of the pandemic to increase accessibility.

Freeman and Brandt’s record of serving the local community and long-term residency illustrate the pair’s continual dedication, commitment and aptitude for the position.

Both candidates’ previous experience with forming IVCS D and running the relatively new government body provides them with an in-depth knowledge of what IVCS D can accomplish, how they can accomplish it and what issues the I.V. community needs addressed by its local governing body.

Brandt and Freeman both hope to address housing if elected for another term.

“What we’re doing even at the student levels is pricing out people that can’t afford to live here and pushing them further and further away. We saw that happen so clearly last year with the housing crisis that occurred,” Brandt said.

To address the UCSB and I.V. housing crisis, Brandt suggested bringing representatives from both UCSB and Santa Barbara City College to creatively engage in solutions that produce more affordable housing. Brandt added that the I.V. community plan needs to be updated to create room for growth in population and housing.

“I’m working with our staff to investigate creative ways that we can do this partnering with the housing authority and directly creating affordable housing and building it so that it has facilities or office spaces,” Brandt said.

Freeman wished to address a similar issue: “first time renters dealing with cutthroat landlords.”

“I would really like to see us better advertise and better

organize the landlord tenant housing mediation program,” Freeman said. “I pushed us to have an internal public information officer ... I was really happy we got that person and she’s been doing a very good job of improving this. But I do think, on that particular program, I think we can still do a lot better.”

Brandt critiqued IVCS D for not always being connected with the ever-changing student-based populace of I.V.

“You have to be always constantly using different channels of social media, even new ones that are popping up, and you have to make sure that your organization continues to have people that actually have the same similar lived-experiences of the people that live here now,” Brandt said.

The Nexus concurs with Brandt’s criticism. Though IVCS D has successfully executed several community events, others – such as previous Halloween programming and the 2022 Spring Festival – were sparsely attended. The attendance was not due to the programming itself but rather the type of outreach employed to engage the community.

“The vast majority of people that live here, our young people, our students are renters. And so we have to find people, both for our board and for our staff,

that have that background to be able to stay connected with the pulse of what’s going on here in the community,” Brandt said, a sentiment the Nexus agrees with.

Freeman, on the other hand, said that IVCS D could improve on demarcating its jurisdiction from other local government entities.

“We are seen as interloping into discussions or kind of stepping on toes, and particularly with the parks district, for example, of doing a lot of the event planning work and things that they’re always very excited to do,” Freeman said. “I think it leads to confusion also about people in the public who then show up, and they went, ‘Well where should I bring my issue?’”

Freeman is historically more conservative in expenditure, while Brandt consistently pushes large efforts to better the local community. As such, they offer different strengths and areas of expertise that complement and balance each other’s approach for an effective and efficient contribution to IVCS D Board of Directors.

Brandt and Freeman have led IVCS D from its infancy, and the Nexus believes their unique perspectives and strong experiences in local government will continue to advance quality of life in Isla Vista given another term.



Courtesy of Jay Freeman

Olivia Craig for IVCS D Board of Directors



Courtesy of Olivia Craig

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The Daily Nexus endorses Olivia Craig for the two-year seat on the Isla Vista Community Services District Board of Directors.

The Nexus believes that Craig – currently a second-year UC Santa Barbara student majoring in environmental studies – is passionate, well-informed and has the necessary, applicable experience to serve effectively in the position and voice the interests of the local student community.

Craig presented an impressive resume of previous government experience for her age and a set of campaign platform points centering around three critical issues: the local housing crisis,

parking and transportation, and police presence in Isla Vista. These goals are timely, attainable and fit well into the Isla Vista Community Service District’s (IVCS D) overarching agenda, given the district’s history of work related to those very issues.

Craig’s opponent is Henry Sarria, a longtime resident of Isla Vista with a history of involvement in local government. While the Nexus believes Craig is the better candidate for the role, we recognize that both individuals would bring unique perspectives and good ideas to the board if elected.

The Nexus believes that though Sarria offered several well-thought-out ideas on a range of issues – from lighting and recycling to community policing – his policy proposals often

reflected a fixation on seemingly low-impact issues, failing to encapsulate the pressing concerns of local residents.

In contrast, the Nexus found Craig’s platform to have a wider general appeal and stronger potential to broadly and positively affect her constituency.

They demonstrated a thorough knowledge of the work of IVCS D, including its major programs, services and budgeting, and if elected, would be the only person on the board representing the student community, a key constituency in an area predominantly populated by students.

“Being able to be an advocate, especially for the student voice within Isla Vista, is something that I’m really excited about,” Craig said. “UCSB is not the whole population of Isla Vista, but it is a huge portion, and so I think that I can represent some of those views very well.”

Craig worked on sustainable transportation projects during her 2022 summer internship with the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA); this expertise will translate well to work on IVCS D’s Community Mobility Plan – an ongoing initiative to develop and implement equity-based, sustainable transportation solutions. IVCS D is currently on track to finalize its Community Mobility Plan in spring 2023.

“As an environmental studies major and someone who worked for the TRPA over the summer, I recognize the role that transportation plays, and I also see what’s lacking in the Isla Vista community,” Craig said. “So I’d like to see better bus routes and microtransit options and general input from the I.V. community so that it can work better for all of us.”

Craig listed the student housing issue as a priority for their term, and said they would seek publicly funded grants for housing projects rather than private investments.

“I’d like to see some solutions working with the university that could maybe be working through public funding instead of private grants, which is what we see with Munger Hall,” Craig said. “A lot of other UC and Cal State schools have been able to take advantage of these and work on housing projects that don’t have such a bad design.”

Craig also talked about police presence and their desire for community-led alternatives to policing.

“I’d like to see a switch in how the police are present in Isla Vista. I don’t think that they serve as a resource for most students,” Craig said. “I think that they are intimidating on nights out, and they’re there to get students in trouble, so I’d honestly like to see less police presence and hopefully

we can utilize other community-safety solutions outside of the police.”

The Nexus believes that Craig’s perspective on policing strongly reflects that of the greater student population, which has steadily called for a decrease in policing in I.V. and on campus.

Sarria’s policing policy stands largely in line with the current status quo apart from a desire to decriminalize open container citations and work with I.V. Foot Patrol Community Resource Deputy Justin Schroeder to determine what should or should not be considered a crime.

“Deputy Justin Schroeder: He’s a classic, he’s a stand up individual and he’s really, really awesome with the community. He’s very approachable, and he is definitely willing to work with the CSD on a full basis,” Sarria said.

Craig said they would want to see the total “removal” of police in Isla Vista in an ideal scenario. Confronted by the fact that IVCS D does not have the direct power to reduce policing in Isla Vista, Craig said she would advocate against policing through discussions with local law enforcement agencies.

“I think even though we don’t directly have the pull to do that, communicating how we feel and just building a relationship with the police force so that hopefully we can adjust how they’re present

in Isla Vista is something that we can do,” she said.

The Nexus holds minor reservations regarding Craig’s newcomer status to Isla Vista. As a student, they lived in on-campus housing for their freshman year before moving to Del Playa Drive, where they have since resided for around a month. Craig’s lack of time spent in the community itself is an unavoidable consequence of electing a student to the position.

While Craig appears sufficiently well-informed on local issues, she will have to make thorough, extended efforts to form connections with permanent residents. They have made strides in this area already, canvassing at the I.V. Community Center throughout her campaign to reach a diversity of community groups and receive feedback regarding her candidacy.

“I also fully recognize that UCSB is not all of I.V., and so I’m hoping to utilize Isla Vista Community Center throughout my campaign to get in touch with some of those groups that I don’t directly represent,” Craig said.

Her opponent, Sarria, has lived in Isla Vista for 35 years as a renter and showed a good grasp of the trends and patterns of the local community gained through his personal experience as a long-term resident.

Sarria, who immigrated to

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the U.S. from Cuba, would give representation to the Latinx community – a consistently underrepresented group in Isla Vista politics – if elected to the IVCSD board of directors.

“I bring [a perspective] where I have friends from all demographics of the community. I am Latino,” Sarria said.

Unfortunately, the Nexus felt that out of his policy proposals, few actually directly translated toward having a clear or substantial impact on the Latinx community. On the other hand, the Nexus believes that Craig’s policy focuses align with the priorities of students and would resonate with that community for which she seeks to serve as an advocate.

In addition, the Nexus has

concerns regarding the feasibility of the projects Sarria proposed and whether or not they could be realistically accomplished within a two-year term. Since the IVCSD already approved its 2022-23 budget in August, the district may not have available financing to expend on Sarria’s projects until the next fiscal year.

His various project proposals include improving Isla Vista’s outdoor lighting, establishing a recycling center, creating a paper shredding program for sensitive documents and improving existing parking signage.

Sarria acknowledged that many of the items he plans to pursue would come second to IVCSD’s existing goals, for which he stated his commitment to help achieve.

Additionally, Sarria proposed taking control of the bike abatement program from Santa Barbara County in order to auction off impounded bikes for additional revenue, and clear abandoned bikes that he said invites bike thieves and “bring a criminal element into Isla Vista.”

In lieu of adding more parking spaces in Isla Vista, Sarria suggested painting a yellow stripe across Isla Vistan’s driveways, and writing ‘good’ and ‘bad’ on either side to demarcate where residents are legally allowed to park.

While some of these recommendations may have the potential to benefit the Isla Vista community to a degree, the Nexus believes that the Isla Vista community would be better served by a district that puts

its energy foremostly toward addressing long-standing issues related to parking, lighting, infrastructure and public safety.

During her campaign, Craig said she received mentorship from IVCSD Board Director and President Spencer Brandt, who is also up for reelection this year.

“Spencer has been awesome. He’s been a resource in informing me about IVCSD, giving me resources to do my own research, whether that be navigating what the budget looks like or going on the website and seeing how different programs are being executed within the community,” Craig said.

The Daily Nexus views this mentorship experience as an asset to her candidacy, offering her the opportunity and resources

to acquaint herself with the inner workings of IVCSD. That said, the Nexus would not want Brandt’s early support of Craig to influence her actions as a director, and we hope to see her find an independent footing and distinct voice.

“Spencer and I are different people and we’re going to have different views on certain things. I don’t see him always driving my views of every single issue in Isla Vista, but he’s been a resource for me, and he’s someone that I look up to,”she said.

While Sarria possesses community experiences and connections that Craig lacks, a bulk of his policy proposals only offered sentiments on issues rather than tangible solutions. No solid proposal was put forward

for Sarria’s stated main goal of diminishing the barrier between the permanent residents and students, beyond working toward a “community that we’re proud of.”

The Nexus believes that Sarria’s long-term residency in Isla Vista and ties to the local community do not outweigh the at-times questionable solutions he put forward, and finds Craig to be a more capable candidate with promising proposals that could greatly benefit the community.

The Nexus is excited to see the energy and insight Craig may bring to the board, along with her zeal for advocacy in directly representing the student population while forging relations with the greater Isla Vista community.

Scott Ball, Brendan Hutchinson for IVRPD directors



Courtesy of Scott Ball

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The Daily Nexus endorses Scott Ball and Brendan Hutchinson for two-year terms on the Isla Vista Recreation & Park District.

The Isla Vista Recreation & Park District (IVRPD) oversees public spaces and recreational programming in Isla Vista.

Though contenders Heidi Diaz and Thea Neushul did not receive the Nexus endorsement for the two open seats based on their lack of qualification for the position, the Nexus retains concerns about all four candidates, including Ball and Hutchinson.

Hutchinson is an Isla Vista resident who participates in activism with Eco Vista, a grassroots organization working to create an equitable, sustainable community through art and regenerative agroecology – including public food forests, gardens and native restoration – an experience he believes would aid him if elected.

“[Eco Vista has] no vested interest other than just compassion for their community and compassion for the environment. So, I think I would just try to echo the voices that are really underrepresented and underheard, that’s really trying to protect what’s so essential about these parks and about the general nature and community out here,” he said.

Hutchinson said he hopes to channel this understanding of indigeneity and sustainability within IVRPD by increasing Indigenous and Native presence in community murals and artwork, and prioritizing the placement of native plants in the parks and gardens.

Another aspect of Hutchinson’s candidate platform is working toward treating unhoused people living in I.V.’s parks with compassion, empathy and respect on a sociopolitical level.

“I would like to open a larger discussion about what it means to be unhoused in Isla Vista and the history that these parks have

for meeting the needs of that community,” Hutchinson said. “I’ve talked to a lot of people in Isla Vista and it’s a unique place where people are genuinely sympathetic to unhoused people, and I don’t think that what local politicians or police or organizations do is always actually representing the interests of the people in Isla Vista.”

Hutchinson critiqued the work of previous IVRPD board members in relation to I.V.’s houseless community and said that he would work to establish a precedent of responsibility and empathy for those experiencing houselessness. In 2021, IVRPD was involved with the removal of multiple houseless persons from I.V. parks after the pandemic – a decision that was contested by some and lauded by others.

“They have a responsibility to recognize that people use parks in different ways,” Hutchinson said. “Some people use them for recreation, some people use them for rest and some people use them for the only possible shelter that they can find at that moment. So, I think they’re also responsible for recognizing a diversity of needs.”

In accordance with his aforementioned emphasis on uplifting marginalized voices, Hutchinson also suggested more inclusive IVRPD programming, which could feature LGBTQIA+ specific events, among others.

Ball is a UC Santa Barbara undergraduate alumnus, UCLA law school graduate and real estate lawyer, and is seeking to continue ongoing major park renovations in Isla Vista.

“With the renovations of Pardall Gardens and Children’s Park, and then Greek Park to come [...] I want to make sure that the community is heard throughout that process and that the renovations are done in a way that they can best benefit our community and the environment and also be minimally wasteful,” Ball said.

Ball said his background in land management and land use would aid with these endeavors and with

general oversight of the parks, and is approaching management with sustainability in mind.

“I want to decrease the impact of managing a parks district and decrease our footprint. The parks district is already using all organic fertilizers, and there’s a number of electric vehicles, but I think that there’s definitely room to improve from a sustainability perspective,” he said.

In the realm of park management, Ball noted room for improvement in IVRPD’s distribution of physical work, citing complaints of volunteers executing work meant for specialized workers, such as construction and irrigation.

“Just based on conversations I’ve had, I think there’s room for improvement in how volunteers are deployed, and trying to find the best kind of synchronicity between, getting volunteers involved and [utilizing] trained people,” Ball said.

Ball proposed introducing a collective mural space for residents to create art, and mentioned his self-taught background in software engineering that could potentially aid in improving the IVRPD website.

The Nexus acknowledges that both candidates could bring unique, fresh perspectives to the board if elected – Hutchinson through his focus on social activism and Ball through his support of sustainable practices. However, the two candidates share the lackluster portfolios of their unendorsed companions in many ways.

All four candidates expressed a lack of familiarity with IVRPD’s main functions – maintaining the parks and hosting recreational activities–and little understanding of how the board functions.

When asked about his direct experience with IVRPD, Hutchinson said he has “talked to some people involved,” and has been “reading up on it a little bit,” which constitutes the extent of his knowledge about the entity.

Ball’s inexperience is demonstrated through his lack of original ideas and vague platform, wherein he has no set goals beyond maintaining what already exists.

“I don’t have a broad sweeping agenda of specific projects; I’m more looking at it as just keeping the parks great spaces,” Ball said.

Neushul, a fifth-year environmental studies major, is a long-term I.V. resident and musician, and has goals of preserving community spaces in I.V. and addressing community concerns.

“I want to provide a safe place for the community to go that’s easy to access and easy to use,”

Neushul said. “I already had some people reach out to me about wanting a bench in one of the parks. I think people just want to be able to feel connected to the community but also have a voice.”

As a long-term I.V. resident and UCSB student, Neushul has the potential to represent both demographics and their needs as an IVRPD director but presented no proposals or ideas to support both communities.

Neushul also failed to demonstrate any knowledge or interest in environmental management and sustainability, despite mentioning thinking that “parks was a really applicable thing to [her] major.” Her inexperience is particularly glaring with the want for community spaces and recreational programming – including support of murals and events she voiced – but inability to articulate how those spaces would be hosted, and the internal functions that would allow her to do so.

Neushul said “a lot of people living in I.V. don’t really even understand what IVRPD is or what they’re supposed to be doing,” but generally failed to demonstrate that knowledge herself.

With a total lack of platform points in her campaign, and no focus on UCSB students or permanent I.V. residents – demographics she directly represents – the Nexus believes Neushul does not inspire confidence as an IVRPD director.

Diaz, who cited her qualifications for the position as coordinating community organization in I.V., espoused her main priority if elected as building community within the space.

While she emphasized the importance of “providing a public space for people to reconnect with each other and reconnect with our local nature,” like Neushul, she failed to detail any specific platform points, initiatives or qualifications for the position. When asked to critique IVRPD’s current slate of recreational programming, Diaz said, “I’ve been very focused on myself.”

“Maybe I haven’t been as publicly involved recently,” she continued. “I have seen different events happening and going on. I’ve heard about them, and [been] seeing flyers, for example.”

Her response when asked to analyze IVRPD’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic was similarly lackluster.

“I guess I have to freely open up at this point in time, I’m very, I don’t know, I guess I could say naive about this. I’m not familiar,” she said.

Ultimately, she did not provide any concrete suggestions

for improvement within the organization, original ideas for recreational planning, park management and incorporating student and resident perspectives, and has not spoken to I.V. residents about their wishes for IVRPD in a comprehensive capacity.

While the Nexus hopes that if elected, Hutchinson and Ball will learn more about the internal and external functions of the IVRPD – what knowledge they did demonstrate about the position was superior to both Neushul and Diaz.

However, the two endorsed candidates left much to be desired on the topic of marginalized communities within the context of IVRPD. Ball failed to address the topic nearly completely, while Hutchinson expressed his desire to advocate for the unhoused community several times despite failing to provide actionable goals on the issues of inequality he discussed.

Ball did not give any mention of addressing houseless people’s needs, other than when asked about IVRPD’s response to houselessness in the pandemic to which he said they were “doing the best they could.”

“They’re not folks who are trained to administer those services,” Ball said. “I would have navigated it heart and mind forward and tried to figure out the best way to get people support and spaces and services.”

Ball said “students are incredibly important to represent” and “are the ones who have the ability to most use the parks,” but neglected to provide any successful method of outreach or inclusivity regarding the student population, the permanent resident population – which was left entirely unaddressed – and park usage.

Additionally, Ball moved to I.V. as a permanent resident in August – after attending UCSB from 2007-11 – and is presently out of touch with I.V. issues, demonstrative in his inability to

fully answer questions relating to time periods when he was absent from I.V.

While Hutchinson expressed strong sentiment towards the inclusion of and empathy towards the unhoused community, he vocalized little to none concrete plans for moving toward such goals besides encouraging “more discussion of sympathy” within IVRPD and the community at large.

“It could be, at the very least, a bigger discussion leading towards more sympathy to the unhoused people who often, through life circumstances, end up relying on the parks,” he said – and while the Nexus applauds such goals as a first step, enacting such discussion without tangible solutions, policies or programming seems unlikely to provide any major benefits to the houseless community.

Throughout the endorsement process, Hutchinson continued to extend town halls and community discussion as a solution to the problems he described.

“I would like to see events where they get to talk and get to share with the larger community,” he said in response to a question about IVRPD programming. “You know, what their experience as an I.V. resident is – the good and the bad – and kind of come together in a sort of town hall sense.”

While town halls can provide valuable insight into the needs of the community, the Nexus expects candidates running for office to conduct such outreach in a personal capacity and have suggestions for actionable goals before ascending to public office, not after.

Fundamentally, every candidate running for these two positions should consider their lack of experience and concrete recommendations for the IVRPD if elected. But, the Nexus believes that if Hutchinson and Ball were to ascend to the positions, they have the most relevant outside experience and capacity for growth to succeed in the roles.



Courtesy of Brendan Hutchinson

LA VISTA



El cohete Alpha de Firefly llega a la órbita en su segundo intento

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La compañía de cohetes en Texas Firefly Aerospace ha conseguido alcanzar la órbita de la tierra con éxito este pasado sábado, 1 de octubre, en su segundo intento saliendo desde Vandenberg Space Force Base en el municipio de Santa Bárbara.

Después de varios meses de retraso y lanzamientos cancelados a lo largo de septiembre, su cohete Alpha que mide 95 pies de altura por fin despegó a la medianoche del sábado.

El elevador de potencia que pesa 119,000 libras se elevó por las nubes que impidieron completamente su vista por la costa y se dirigió hacia el oeste con respecto al orbito que corre en dirección opuesta a la rotación de la tierra.

Ocho minutos después de su lanzamiento, Alpha logró llegar al orbito - un giro radical para la compañía de aeroespacio que tan solo había sobrevivido una bancarrota cinco años atrás. La compañía se declaró como “un nuevo líder del espacio en lanzamiento, astronave y servicios en el espacio,” en una afirmación que tomó cabo el 3 de octubre siguiendo su éxito.

Un CubeSat de 3 libras construido por Teachers in Space sin ánimo de lucro era uno de los tres pequeños satélites que desplegó después de alcanzar la órbita, con objetivo de recolectar



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Firefly tiene la esperanza de confiablemente entregar cargas más grandes que orbiten para futuros clientes, con el potencial que tiene Alpha de almacenar 1.4 toneladas de carga y alrededor de \$15 millones por cada lanzamiento, dijo la compañía.

El vuelo que ocurrió el sábado fue seguido por el lanzamiento fallido de la compañía que ocurrió el año pasado.

El cohete Alpha y su carga se perdieron después de dos minutos y 30 segundos seguido de su arranque porque tuvo una falla en el motor que provocó una voltereta lateral en el aire - anteriormente la nave y su contenido prendieron en una explosión sobre la costa de California.

El vuelo de Alpha ha marcado la undécima expedición orbital que ha salido desde Vandenberg este año, poco después del lanzamiento del cohete principal de United Launch Alliance, Delta IV Heavy, quien hizo su último lanzamiento desde la costa oeste una semana antes.

SpaceX ha utilizado la plataforma de lanzamiento de Vandenberg diez veces este año y lanzará un lote de satélites Starlink hacia la órbita tan pronto como el 5 de octubre.

Firefly Aerospace espera lograr seis lanzamientos más de su cohete Alpha este próximo año - dos fuera de California y otro en Florida - antes de duplicar este número en el año 2024.

Antropólogos de UCSB identifican conceptos erróneos comunes sobre el matrimonio infantil entre los estadounidense

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Los esfuerzos para abolir el matrimonio infantil alrededor del mundo han sido obstruidos por conceptos erróneos comunes del público con respecto al tema. Para cuantificar estos conceptos erróneos, un equipo de antropólogos de UCSB – incluyendo David W. Lawson, Rachel Lynes, Addison Morris y Susan B. Schaffnit – realizaron una encuesta para medir el conocimiento del público sobre el matrimonio infantil.

Sus hallazgos, publicados en PLOS One, también expandieron las consideraciones que las organizaciones femeniles y de salud mundial deberían tomar en cuenta debido a los conceptos erróneos.

La Organización de las Naciones Unidas (UN, por sus siglas en inglés) ha definido el matrimonio infantil como un casamiento de dos individuos donde uno o ambos son menores de 18 años.

Esta práctica es más frecuente en el África Subsahariana y en Asia del Sur, donde el 38% y el 30% de las niñas se casan antes de cumplir los 18 años de edad.

A pesar de la clara definición, el tema es poco entendido por el público en general debido a los estereotipos y suposiciones incorrectamente perpetuados.

En un hilo de Twitter publicado y escrito por Lawson, «Predijimos que los conceptos erróneos públicos serían comunes porque el término “matrimonio INFANTIL” evoca la noción de novias preadolescentes y porque las campañas de concientización utilizan rutinariamente imagenes impactantes y escenarios extremos para acaparar la atención del público».

Efectivamente, las imágenes que aparecen bajo la consulta de búsqueda “matrimonio infantil” usualmente representan algo parecido a un matrimonio forzado entre una niña preadolescente y a un hombre de edad media.

Esta encuesta distribuida por el equipo de Lawson consistía en 10 preguntas y fue entregada a 755 personas, quienes únicamente se basaron en su conocimiento previo sobre el tema.

De los individuos que fueron encuestados, el 59% fueron mujeres, el 55% tenían educación universitaria y el 95% nacieron en los Estados Unidos.

A todos los participantes se les pidió que se asignaran un número como una autoevaluación sobre sus puntos de vista políticos.

Del rango de 0 para los completamente liberales hasta 100 para los completamente conservadores, se determinó que el promedio de la muestra fue de 47.

El cuestionario fue diseñado para comprobar la comprensión de los participantes sobre la legalidad del matrimonio infantil.

El 49% de los participantes respondieron correctamente que la edad de 18 años era el límite para determinar el matrimonio infantil por la UN. Aproximadamente un tercio de los participantes creía que la edad de 16 años era el límite.

También se les preguntó a los participantes sobre el rango de la edad común y las regiones del mundo donde los matrimonios infantiles se llevan a cabo.

El 74% asumió incorrectamente que la práctica era más común entre menores de 16 años, a pesar de ser más frecuente justo antes de los 18 años. El 51% de los participantes dijeron incorrectamente que el matrimonio infantil es más frecuente en el Medio Oriente y en el África del Norte, tan sólo el 15% reconoció correctamente que el matrimonio infantil se lleva a cabo en el África Subsahariana.

Los investigadores argumentan que aunque la desinformación distribuida por los medios de comunicación es útil en obtener apoyo para abolir el matrimonio infantil, éste viene acosta del aumento de estereotipos culturales dañinos para las naciones que ejercen la práctica. Ya que se asume ampliamente que el matrimonio infantil ocurre



Faiz Mohammed, 40, y Ghulam Haider, 11, quienes se prometieron en 2012.

sin el consentimiento de la menor, sobreestimar la prevalencia de la práctica puede causar que los países de altos ingresos antagonizen las tradiciones culturales de Asia del Sur y de las naciones africanas.

Adicionalmente, ya que las mujeres menores de edad son percibidas como víctimas pasivas del matrimonio infantil, los padres y esposos son frecuentemente descritos como explotadores y coercitivos. Esto refuerza incorrectamente la noción de que las naciones de bajo ingreso deberían ser moralmente “rescatadas” de sus propias prácticas culturales.

Según Lawson y sus colaboradores, éstas representaciones pueden quebrantar los esfuerzos humanitarios para aliviar el problema así como también alentar los juicios etnocéntricos de las naciones más pobres.

La encuesta indicó que la gran mayoría de los participantes creía que el matrimonio infantil era ilegal en todo Estados Unidos, lo cual sugiere una extensa ignoracia sobre el hecho de que en aquel entonces el matrimonio antes de los 18 años era solamente ilegal en dos estados.

Según los investigadores, esto aumenta los problemas ya que refleja la hipocresía del punto de vista estadounidense sobre

el tema; muchos países de altos ingresos, como los Estados Unidos, ponen presión rutinariamente sobre las naciones que ejercen el matrimonio infantil para aplicar leyes más estrictas en el tema, a pesar de la implementacion de leyes similares sin éxito dentro de los Estados Unidos.

Otra de las consecuencias de estos resultados es que las organizaciones que buscan abolir el matrimonio infantil en los Estados Unidos, como Descadenada Por Fin (UAL, por sus siglas en inglés), debería actuar sobre la suposición de que la gran mayoría del público está inadvertido sobre el hecho de que permanece legal en la mayoría de los estados, el ensayo describe.

El matrimonio infantil es considerado “una práctica cultural dañina” ya que las menores de edad no pueden dar su consentimiento legalmente. Esto presenta una obligación ética de intervención, lo cual ha permitido que la atención política sobre el tema haya escalado en los últimos años. Por ejemplo, una alianza mundial de más de 1,000 organizaciones de la sociedad civil llamada Niñas No Esposas (GNB, por sus siglas en inglés) se dio a la tarea de terminar con el matrimonio infantil mundialmente a través del aumento de la concientización pública sobre ésta práctica y sus consecuencias.

La corte niega a condenar ex-estudiante de SBCC de violación, le da una sentencia de carcel por 90 días

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Advertencia: este artículo contiene contenido gráfico relacionado a agresión sexual.

El Tribunal Superior de Santa Barbara sentenció a un ex-estudiante Colegio de la ciudad de Santa Bárbara, acusado inicialmente por delito grave de agresión sexual, de tres cargos de delito menor durante su vista de sentencia la cual se llevo a cabo el 26 de septiembre.

Peyton Joseph McDonald, un residente de 19 años de Santa Bárbara, fue arrestado inicialmente el 9 de septiembre del 2021 en relación a un asalto sexual la cual ocurrió en propiedad del campus de UC Santa Barbara el 27 de agosto del 2021.

La oficina del Fiscal de Distrito del Condado de Santa Bárbara procedió a acusar a McDonald

con cuatro cargos de delito grave: un cargo de violación por fuerza o intimidación, dos cargos de cópula oral forzada y un cargo de asalto por fuerza que probablemente produzca lesiones corporales graves.

Los padres de McDonald pagaron su fianza el 5 de octubre del 2021, según la Fiscal Auxiliar Lauren Franco, quien procesó el caso. McDonald se declaró inocente de todos los cargos en su comparecencia al tribunal el 2 de marzo.

McDonald se sometió al procedimiento de juicio por jurado a partir del 26 de agosto y asistió a múltiples audiencias a través de Zoom durante los meses de agosto y septiembre, ante el Juez Brian Hill.

El jurado no condenó a McDonald por ninguno de los cuatro delitos graves y, en cambio, lo declaró culpable de tres delitos menos graves. Las condenas fueron por un delito menor de

agresión (en lugar del cargo de violación forzada), un cargo de agresión (en lugar del cargo por cópula oral forzada) y un segundo cargo de agresión (en lugar del cargo por agresión con fuerza que probablemente produzca lesiones corporales graves).

El tribunal ordenó la detención preventiva de McDonald en su vista final el 26 de septiembre, cuando recibió su sentencia.

McDonald también recibió una orden de alejamiento de Jane Doe, la víctima (usando un nombre genérico para efecto de los registros judiciales).

“Estos casos son extremadamente difíciles,” dijo Franco en un comunicado al Nexus. “En este caso, Jane Doe subió al estrado y fue muy valiente al contar su historia.”

El juez Hill ordenó a McDonald cumplir 90 días de cárcel en la Cárcel del Condado de Santa Bárbara sin opciones alternas o

libertad bajo palabra. Después de cumplir su sentencia de cárcel, cumplirá un período de libertad probatoria de un año, según Franco. El tribunal ordenó a McDonald completar 100 horas de servicio comunitario, tomar una clase de educación sexual y obedecer todas las leyes mientras dure su libertad probatoria.


Según Franco, McDonald no está obligado a registrarse como ofensor sexual, ya que el juez rechazó la solicitud de fiscalía de registrarse durante su período probatorio. McDonald tampoco puede portar un arma de fuego durante el periodo probatorio.

La Directora Ejecutiva de Asuntos Públicos y Comunicaciones de Santa Barbara City College (SBCC), Martha Swanson, le dijo al Nexus que McDonald era estudiante en SBCC en el otoño de 2021. Swanson dijo que McDonald no está actualmente matriculado en SBCC.



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Armchair QB



The Baltimore Ravens have been trailing in their football games for a total of 120 seconds yet find themselves having a 3-3 record. Are we gonna see a coaching change? Meanwhile, no Dolphins QB can stay healthy.

SPORTS

UCSB Athletics

This was a successful week for Gauchos across the pitch. The women's soccer team was able to string together a quality match leading to a win. While the men's team continued their unbeaten run of play.

UCSB men's soccer gets win after 2 straight ties

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Sports Editor

The UC Santa Barbara men's soccer team defeated the Sacramento State Hornets 2-0, changing the streak of two ties previous to the victory.

Junior forward Finn Ballard McBride made history with his brace, cracking the top 10 of all-time goal scorers in UCSB history.

The scoring kicked off in the 30th minute when the pairing of redshirt sophomore midfielder Lucas Gonzalez and Ballard McBride combined for Gonzalez's third assist to Ballard McBride this season.

Ballard McBride made a deep run into the box and was found by Gonzalez, where he was able to easily tuck it past the Hornets' goalkeeper, sophomore Mac Learned.

This game marked the second year in a row the Hornets were shut out by the Gauchos; during the 2021 season the score was 3-0.

The Gauchos' first half featured many attacking runs and shots as they were able to gain 5 corner kicks.

The stat sheet featured a dominant game; although the Gauchos won by more in 2021, the stat line showed a closely contested game. In this year's matchup, UCSB dominated from beginning to end, getting 5 shots on goal while the Hornets managed just 2 shots.

Junior goalkeeper Leroy Zeller had a quiet game in between the goalposts, as one of the shots on goal was saved, ending the first half. The second shot on goal was quite impressive, as Zeller extended his right leg to keep out the attempt from the Hornets.

In the second half, it was much the same for the Gauchos as they were able to nab a second goal behind the foot of Ballard McBride once again.

This was a goal of skill from Ballard McBride, as senior midfielder Sam Fletcher spotted the forward in the center of the defense where he sent a long through ball. Ballard McBride calmly bounced the ball off his chest and perfectly placed the ball in the back of the opponents' net.

With the 2-goal advantage in hand, the Gauchos did not look back, posting their fifth consecutive shutout. After not scoring in their previous two matches, the Gauchos leaned behind their leading goalscorer of their 2021 season to carry the load.

The Gauchos will go on to face UC Davis before their highly anticipated matchup against rival Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in a battle between the Gauchos at the top of the Big West table and the Mustangs in the middle of the Big West pack.

By the numbers:

The Gauchos lead the conference in goals allowed with 11 on the season behind a spectacular back line of Gaucho defenders.

Although the Gauchos have had trouble scoring as of late, they still rank second in the conference with 26 goals in conference play.

Ballard McBride is still leading the way for the Gauchos and the Big West, being tied for first in conference goals with 8 in the overall season.

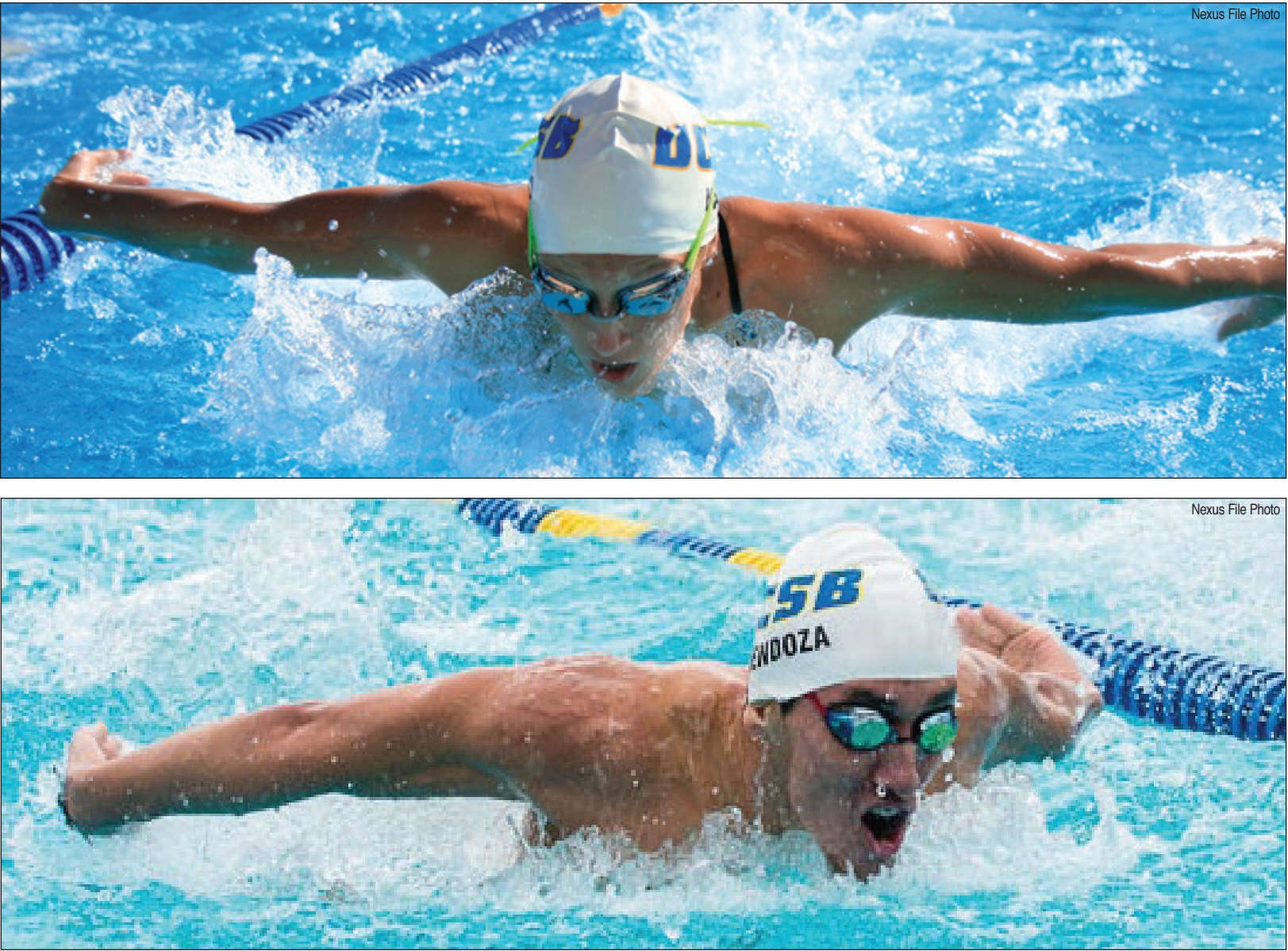
Gonzalez ranks tied for fourth in assists in the Big West despite having played fewer games than the players ranking above him.

Zeller is second in the Big West conference in saves, putting together a .804 save percentage across his 14 games played.



Salaudeen Ayinla sends a cross into the box.

UCSB swimming dominates against Cal Poly SLO



Each of the members of the men's and women's teams competing in the specialty event butterfly.

Garret Harcourt
Sports Editor

The UC Santa Barbara women's and men's swimming teams kicked off their season against the Cal Poly San Luis Obispo Mustangs on Oct. 8. Each team started out the season on the right foot and was able to sweep the Mustangs on the day of the meet, putting up a combined score of 378-204.

The women dominated in the pool, with freshman newcomer Isabella Martinez-Spencer taking home the distance races of 500-yard freestyle and 1000-yard freestyle.

The women continued their excellent swimming in the shorter distances races, sweeping the podium in the 100-yard backstroke, 100-yard breaststroke, 200-yard breaststroke, 200-yard backstroke and 100-yard butterfly. Even more impressive was the Gauchos finishing in the top 4 in three of these four races.

Freshman Hazel Derr put up an impressive performance, finishing second in the 100-yard backstroke and first in the 200-yard backstroke.

Freshman Samantha Banos nearly beat out her teammate, sophomore Tyryn Empremsilapa in the 100-yard butterfly, but blew away the competition in the 200-yard butterfly, leading the second-place competitor by seven seconds.

The relay teams performed well as the 400-yard freestyle relay ended with the Gauchos taking the top two spots. The 200-yard medley relay saw the same success for the Gauchos as the women swept the top three positions.

The men picked up right where the women left off, sweeping a majority of the podiums. Of the 12 events featuring the Gaucho men, they were able to sweep the podium in eight of the events.

Sophomore Austin Sparrow finished atop the 100-yard freestyle and 200-yard freestyle events, while sophomore Matthew Driscoll finished in first place in the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard backstroke.

The 100-yard butterfly featured two Gauchos atop the podium as sophomore Justin Wong and senior Dominic Falcon tied with a time of 49.65.

In the 200-yard medley relay, the Gauchos performed excellently, posting top three with their A, B and C teams.

In the 200-yard backstroke, sophomore Kyle Brill posted a five-second victory over the second-place finisher, junior Sean Keegan.

In the 100-yard backstroke, he posted a respectable second place finishing less than a second behind Driscoll.

Senior Alec Cullen was another Gaucho with a nice performance in the pool, posting a first-place finish in the 100-yard breaststroke and 200-yard breaststroke.

This meet was a promising sign for the Gauchos as they swept the Mustangs in their 2021 season. Falcon and Cullen picked up where they began last season, taking victories against the Mustangs in each of the last two seasons.

The team of Sparrow, Driscoll,

Women's soccer beats UCR

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Sports Editor

As the season winds down for the UC Santa Barbara women's soccer team, their inconsistent play continues. After opening October with two winless matches, the Gauchos began a losing streak of two games with a loss at UC Davis. However, UCSB finally eked out their first win since the end of September with a victory against the UC Riverside Highlanders.

In their first game of the week, UCSB traveled south to take on the Cal State Fullerton Titans. Tired of their month of suboptimal play, the Gauchos came out aggressive at the start of the first half. Due to their continued early pressure, the Gauchos were able to find the back of the net thanks to a goal from sophomore midfielder Lauren Helwig in the 18th minute. Unfortunately for the Gauchos, the lead was short-lived as Cal State Fullerton was able to tie the game at the 32nd minute mark. At the half, the game was tied 1-1.

In the second half, the Titans came out with an aggressive form of play not seen in the first. Less than five minutes into the second half, Cal State Fullerton was able to score and take a 2-1 lead. This score did not change for the remainder of the game as the Gauchos were unable to get past the Fullerton defense again.

For their next match, UCSB traveled to Riverside to take on the Highlanders. In this match, the Gauchos had a much more dynamic offense when compared to their previous games. UCSB only had to wait for the 12th minute to open the scoring. The first goal for the Gauchos came courtesy of sophomore forward Manuri Alwis. UCSB was able to fire 2 more shots on goal in this half but were unable to capitalize as they entered halftime with a 1-0 lead.

The second half saw a lot more action as 4 goals were scored in total. The first goal of this half saw the Gauchos extend their lead to 2, as Helwig was able to score. However, sloppy defense from UCSB led to the Gauchos conceding a penalty shot, which the Highlanders put away to cut the lead to 2-1. Only seven minutes later, UC Riverside was able to tie the game at 2 apiece with a goal from redshirt sophomore forward Charisma Benitez. Although hard to swallow, the Gauchos were not shell-shocked as they immediately moved up the field to get the game-winning goal less than four minutes later. This goal was scored by Helwig again: her 3rd goal in two games. UC Riverside attempted to tie the game late but were unable to as the Gauchos held on to secure a 3-2 victory.

As the season winds down, the Gauchos only have two games left in the regular season. UCSB will finish 2022 with home games against UC Irvine and CSU Long Beach.



Forward Samantha Christie tracks down the longball.

ARTSWEEK

Record Recap: MF DOOM’s “Operation: Doomsday”

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MF DOOM – where do I even begin? Since my early high school years, I’ve listened to DOOM on repeat, diving deeper and deeper into his discography. Many hail DOOM as “your favorite rapper’s favorite rapper,” and while I understand that sentiment completely, I am a firm believer that DOOM is the one who should be your favorite rapper. I decided to get a tattoo of his mask at the end of 2021, and each time I look at it I’m reminded of DOOM’s lyrical greatness and the significant impact he has had on my life.

MF DOOM, or Daniel Dumile, shaped the ’90s underground rap and hip-hop scene in the U.S. DOOM greatly disapproved of commercialized rap, which rapidly took over the music scene once the 21st century arrived. As podcast producer Tamika Adams wrote, “The commercialization of hip-hop undercuts the original purpose and message of hip-hop through normalizing and naturalizing predictability, stereotypes, hypermasculinity, over-sexualization of women, and promoting meaningless music, all for profitable gain.”

On Oct. 19, 1999, MF DOOM released his first solo studio album “Operation: Doomsday,” a carefully crafted album featuring incredible flow and some of his strongest lyrics. As is the case in many of DOOM’s albums, there are a handful of skits sprinkled throughout the album, which

helps strengthen the album’s plot. After the opening skit, titled “The Time We Faced Doom (skit),” is the track “Doomsday,” one of his most popular songs to date, with over 110 million streams on Spotify as of Oct. 2022. DOOM sings, “Pass the mic like ‘Pass the peas like they used to say’ / Some M-er F-ers don’t like how Sally walk / I’ll tell y’all fools it’s hella cool how ladies from Cali talk.” DOOM has some of the best rhyme schemes in all of rap history.

We are then led to the album’s third track “Rhymes Like Dimes.” This track features one of my favorite DOOM lyrics of all time: “Only in America could you find a way to earn a healthy buck / And still keep your attitude on self-destruct.” DOOM is overtly critiquing the depressing capitalist lifestyle we are trapped in as workers and is also likely taking a jab at the hyper-commercialization of rap music at the end of the ’90s.

The following track “The Finest” features lyrics such as, “Used to talk to myself, I told him, ‘Shut the fuck up!’ / Buckle up, cause it’s about to be rough / He said, ‘Keep talking that shit, you ‘bout to be snuffed.’” DOOM is facing an internal battle with himself and his psyche in these lines, which is very interesting since this song is also a 10-verse back-and-forth between DOOM and Tommy Gunn. The album’s seventh track “Tick, Tick…” is a standout of the album. A Genius Lyrics annotation states that “The song’s title is in reference

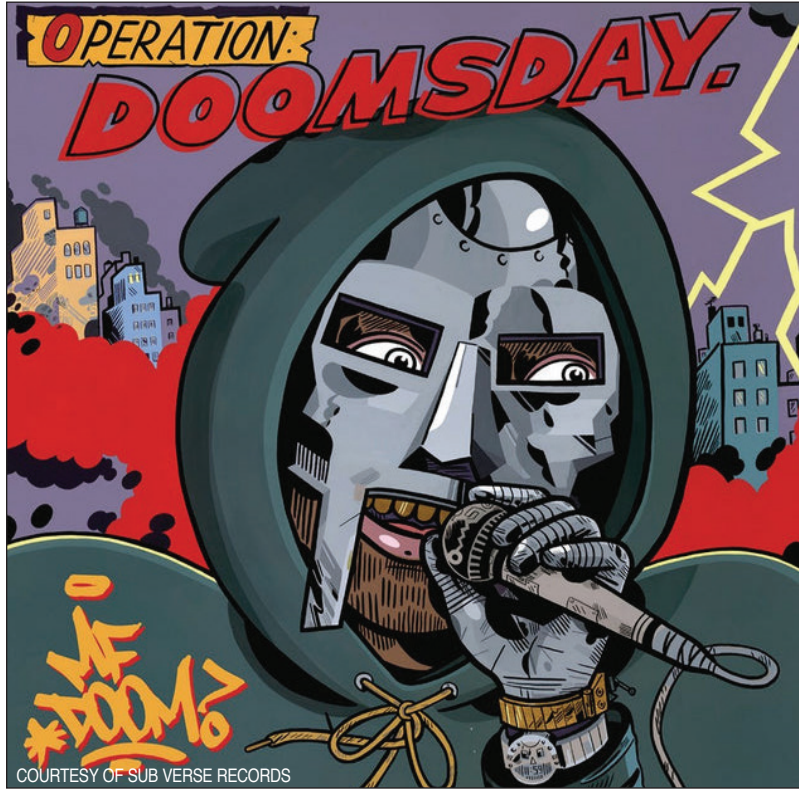
to the tick of a metronome, as the tempo is constantly changing throughout.” The track also features one of the coolest samples off “Operation: Doomsday,” which is “Glass Onion” by The Beatles. The track “Red and Gold” comes next, and it narrates DOOM’s dangerous stories. In the final hook of this song, DOOM sings, “Wig-Twisting Season / When some could get their wigs twisted back within reasoning / Mostly with these crimes of lying, and fronting, and cheating / All types of different styles of treason.” The album continues with the skit “The Hands of Doom (skit),” which samples dialogue from the 1982 movie “Wild Style.” The iconic rapper Nas also sampled lines from “Wild Style” in the first track on his 1994 album “Illmatic.”

The next track “Who You Think I Am?” features lyrics such as, “Loved not for who you think I am, but who you want me to be / A true thuggin’ emcee, true thugs, with no strings attached / I wanna give you my slugs and don’t wanna take ‘em.” DOOM’s alias King Geedorah appears in this track, which is a very fun addition because the listener must decipher who is singing which line. The next track is another skit titled “Doom, Are You Awake? (skit),” my favorite skit on the album, as a matter of fact. Doctor Doom, the comic book character MF DOOM took great inspiration from while shaping his musical persona and appearance (such as the iconic mask the rapper wears), says, “‘What have I done to

myself? My face is hideous / He made me hurry my experiment / Now I must hide my face from all mankind.”

The 12th track off the album “Hey!” samples instrumentals from “The New Scooby-Doo Movies” television series from 1972. DOOM sings, “Who got more snottier flows than snotty nose? / And holds mics like he knows karate body blows? / Nobody knows / The trouble I see.” The next track “Operation: Greenbacks” features DOOM’s alias King Geedorah again, singing, “King Geedorah what they call me, either caesar or baldy / Probably have moved since last y’all saw me / On the D-low, I slaughter solo emcees, they paper-thin.” According to Wikipedia, “Greenbacks were emergency paper currency issued by the United States during the American Civil War that were printed in green on the back.” The title of this track is definitely another poke at the music industry’s mass commercialization of hip-hop. The album’s 14th track “The M.I.C.” features Pebbles, The Invisible Girl, who also contributed to the album’s second track “Doomsday.” Something especially interesting about this track is that it is written from the perspective of a microphone. DOOM sings, “And fine she pulled me to the sidelines / The mystery shot up with strong words / She was an intelligent wisdom and a songbird.”

The album’s final skit “The Mystery of Doom (skit)” precedes my favorite track on the album,



“Dead Bent.” DOOM sings, “Ooh, you’re like the sun / Chasing all of the rain away / When you come around, you bring brighter days / She told him, ‘you’re the perfect one’ / ‘For me and you forever will be’ (microphone check one, two, one, two, one, two) / He told her, ‘I will rock this microphone, always.’” This woman is so head over heels for DOOM, but he ultimately prioritizes his music career; he chooses the mic over love.

The second-to-last track “?” is one of DOOM’s most intimate tracks, referencing his brother Dingilizwe, known professionally as DJ Subroc, who passed away in 1993 at the age of 19 (DOOM was 22 at the time). DOOM sings,

“The ‘SUBROC’ three-finger ring with the ruby in the ‘O’, ock / Truly the illest dynamic duo on the whole block / I keep a flick of you with the machete sword in your hand / Everything is going according to plan, man.” DOOM and his brother were part of the hip-hop trio group KMD in the early ’90s (I highly recommend checking out their stuff).

The final track on the album “Hero vs. Villain (Epilogue)” challenges its listeners to decide if DOOM is a hero or a villain. DOOM sings, “Who’s the hero, what’s the villain? / The question still remains chillin’ / Listen to the music, try very hard to use it / Open up and research, and that’s the end of this verse.”

Harry Styles and Florence Pugh cannot save “Don’t Worry Darling”

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One of the more buzzworthy films at the moment is multitalented director and actress Olivia Wilde’s “Don’t Worry Darling,” a psychological thriller that leaves more questions than it answers in what turns out to be a film, that unfortunately, does not tread any new ground.

“Don’t Worry Darling” is Wilde’s sophomore effort at directing after her critically acclaimed 2019 film “Booksmart.” This film has been in the making virtually since her first film’s release. “Don’t Worry Darling” may leave critics mixed, but her film has succeeded commercially, partially for the celebrity drama that surrounds it. The role of Jack Chambers was played by Harry Styles – only because previous leading man Shia LaBeouf was fired by Wilde herself for unruly behavior on set. However, it was rumored that Wilde and lead actress Florence Pugh were engaged in verbal spats later on in filming, and Pugh conspicuously did not attend the premiere of the film in New York. These rumors were denied by Pugh, claiming that she had prior scheduling conflicts due to production of “Dune 2.” At the premiere, another rumor – since discredited – had Styles allegedly spitting on fellow cast mate Chris Pine. As is often the case, any press is good press, and as of Oct. 14, the film has earned more than \$71 million at the box office.

“Don’t Worry Darling” transports viewers to the seemingly idyllic suburb of Victory, California in what appears to be the 1950s or ’60s. The nuclear families in Victory all live in comfort and beauty that surrounds them everywhere they look. The men in the town all work for Victory Headquarters, which calls to mind one of many

defense plants during the Cold War, but what they all do there is unknown to their wives, who stay home during the day. But because life is seemingly so good, the wives don’t question this dynamic and cast shame on any woman that would upend this utopia they call home. Pugh’s character, Alice Chambers, eventually overlooks her passionate and blissful marriage to husband Jack when she investigates a strange accident in the desert, only to stumble upon the “Headquarters.” After going to this forbidden location, Alice starts to doubt her surroundings and entire existence. At first, Alice’s questioning is passed off as stress-induced delusion. Eventually though, Alice developing a mind of her own is enough to make her husband’s boss, and the mysterious man behind the “Victory Project,”

merely named Frank – played by Pine – take increasingly intense steps to silence her.

“Don’t Worry Darling” concludes with an unexpected climax, although it does not deliver the shock value that it might have hoped to. Without giving the plot twist away, the town of Victory is not what it seems and all the men in town are revealed to be responsible for keeping their wives trapped here, preventing them from having lives of their own. The sentiments that Wilde tries to evoke with the film’s plot twist comes from the right place, especially as women’s rights and their apparent evaporation have been increasingly relevant lately. However, the film’s predictable story of one self-aware woman among a community of dronelike housewives does not do enough

to set itself apart from films as old as “The Stepford Wives” (1975), which basically kicked off the feminist psychological horror genre. But instead of having a cohesive plot like some of these older movies, the plot of “Don’t Worry Darling” is baffling and the questions that it creates do not make us care to dig any deeper.

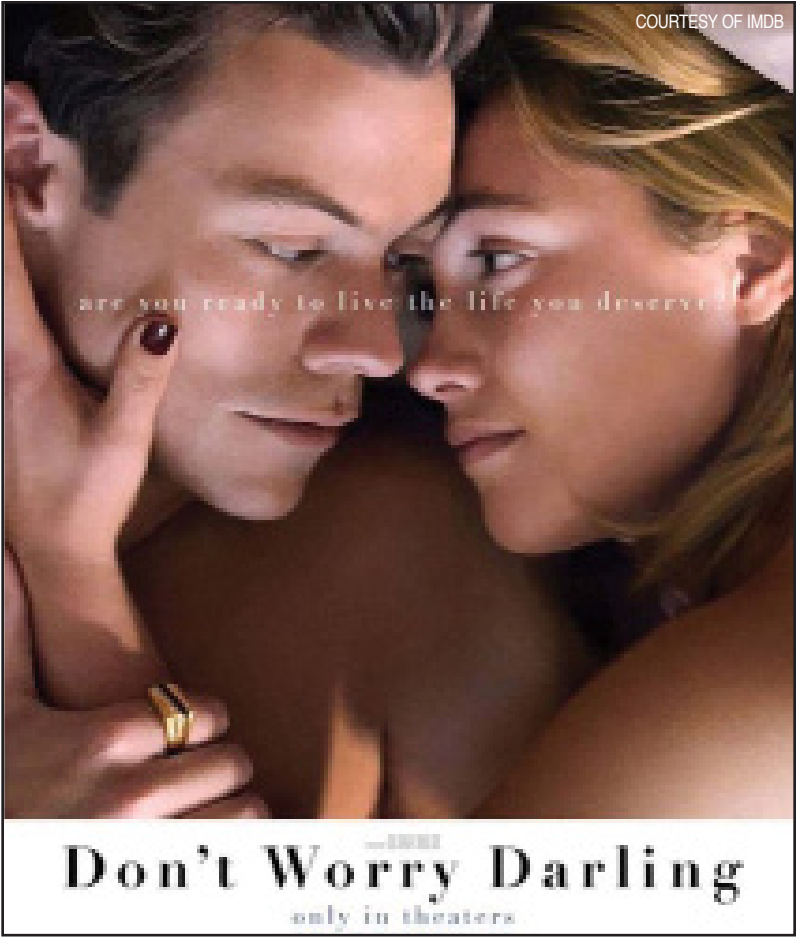
However, this film is visually appealing. The cinematography and production design do a stellar job of transporting us to another

time; the vivid color palette within the town of Victory enhances the dreamy quality of the town. Pugh and Styles are also strong in this film. Pugh shows, just as she did in “Midsommar” (2019), that she can play a convincing lead in psychological, emotionally wrenching films. And Styles, who many can admit played a large role in attracting audiences to even show up to the theater, proved that he will be a lasting dual-threat in the entertainment industry,

playing a charming but unstable husband in this latest film.

All in all, “Don’t Worry Darling” is an average film that is strengthened by solid acting performances, and I would give it a marginal recommendation for viewing. But with theater tickets costing what they do, I would recommend waiting for the film to hit streaming.

Rating: 6.1/10





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Barack O' Lee
Weakling

I stared face-to-face with my glistening pile of chow mein, flanked by honey walnut shrimp and Beyond orange chicken, all balanced out with an incandescent half-side of super greens.

“Wait!” I cried out. Was it too late? Did they hear me? They were already ringing my order up, tapping aggressively on their register.

“Yes?” the cashier replied.

God’s light has shined upon me once again.

“May I please have an order of cream cheese rangoons?”

Fuck yes, dude, yes. Fuck, nothing does it for me like those incredible cream cheese rangoons. The flakey, buttery outside giving way to the creamy, soft inside melting in my mouth without a worry in the world. There’s nothing I wouldn’t do for a cream cheese rangoon against the burning passion of my tongue at any given time. I would go to the ends of the earth and commit acts of treason for one of those babies. All of the love stories make sense when I’m high on life across from a pretty little rangoon. My sweet, sweet cream cheese rangoons. I would become the villain in any universe if it meant I got to taste

you one more time.

After circling around the downstairs seating area at least a hundred times like a starved vulture, I finally spotted my final destination. I sat down, opened my magical little cardboard Pandora’s box and started chowing down. Every bite was pure ecstasy. Why do people do drugs when this sort of thing exists? The chicken that wasn’t chicken – every bite equally tangy and sweet, made of some unknown protein I can’t quite place my finger on. The honey-caramelized walnut shrimp – perfectly covered from mid-body area to tail in a delectable, sweet honey coating that gets increasingly nuttier the closer you get to the bottom of the pile where all of the walnut clusters lie in wait. The scrumptious chow mein, being exceedingly superior, makes for the perfect challenge in the stuffing-my-mouth-full-with-as-much-chow-mein-as-possible game, which I play with myself, alone in the UCen. The reliable super greens always balance out the meal with a yummy crunch that makes me feel alive again, pumping regenerative juices back into my brain and bloodstream. My body may be clogged with what is slightly more garlic than necessary but that’s okay, I wouldn’t change a thing. Chomp chomp.

I was tearing through my plate, eating and nom-nomming away like I had no other cares in the world.

That was when the trouble began.

No matter how many times I went back to each designated food section on my little plate, the portion sizes never seemed to deflate. I was stuffing the entire length of my chopsticks full of honey walnut shrimp, chow mein, honey walnut shrimp, orange chicken, super greens, chow mein, orange chicken, super greens, chow mein, honey walnut shrimp, honey walnut shrimp, super greens, super greens, orange chicken, chow mein, chow mein. It wasn’t enough. By the time I could not add another mouthful to the black hole that had become my stomach, I looked back down at my plate, defeated.

Panda Express had gotten the best of me again. Wait. Fuck. I forgot to eat my cream cheese rangoons.

Now Panda Express had truly gotten the best of me. I had overestimated myself, eaten too much thinking that I could finish it all, but I was weak. I couldn’t finish. I had failed.

Barack O' Lee could chomp chomp no more.

I am so full of Panda Express

Chow mein,
How, mein?

How does one maintain
Existence in this pain?

My heart screamed yes,
Yet my body answered no –
I should know
That I am never able to
digest
a full plate of Panda Express.

In my mind we were infinite
beings;
I was a fool to believe that
you belonged only to me.



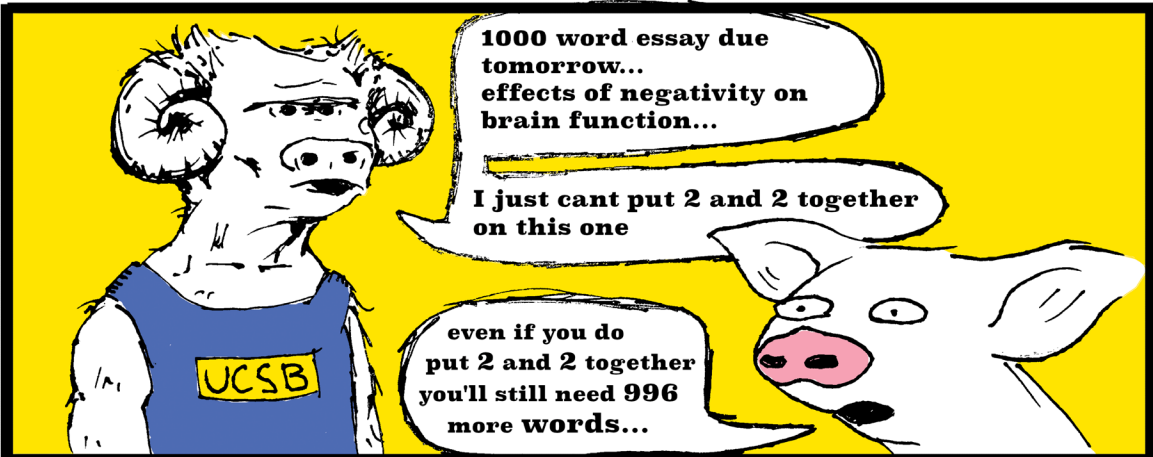
All I wanted was you,
But you didn’t know the
difference,
For fuck’s sake, you’re food!

The room looks funny,
But I don’t care, I want my
Honey
Walnut Shrimp so crunchy,
So nice for me to munchy
munchy.

You infatuate me,
But for my own good
I must be set free,
For fear of my organs
Bursting inside of me.

*Kathleen Santacruz craves
the sweet release of a creamy,
cheesy, rangoon.*

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ON THE MENU

Quite a catch: The Santa Barbara Harbor & Seafood Festival

Kyra Karatsu
Grace Zhang
Reporters

The Saturday rain cleared up just in time for the annual 19th Santa Barbara Harbor & Seafood Festival.

All things seafood and maritime, the free community event showcased the ocean’s freshest ingredients. Food trucks and tents served up hot lobster rolls, fish tacos and clam chowder.

A delicious, smoky aroma filled the air as talented chefs used massive pans to cook seafood paella, one of the most popular food items at the festival. Festivalgoers were queued up in long lines to taste the delicious combination of shrimp, rice and clams that melted in their mouths. This carefully crafted masterpiece was both a mouth-watering treat and a display of cooking showmanship.

Local fishermen displayed their specialties on ice beds for all to see as well. As stands for freshly caught crab, albacore and oysters snaked throughout the harbor, there was certainly quite the selection to choose from. Festivalgoers could even

pick out their own lobster from a plastic pool before vendors prepared it for take-home.

Sea urchin, or “uni,” proved to be particularly popular, with lines of customers waiting to enjoy its soft, creamy texture. Pierre Charest Golden Uni, one of the festival’s uni vendors, offered the delicacy to curious first-timers and longtime enthusiasts alike.

Dessert, of course, was also on the menu; soft serve and funnel cakes were a sweet and satisfying treat amongst a sea of seafood. A fan favorite was Pacific Crepes, which were light, fluffy and captivated customers of all ages. The aesthetically crafted crepes were admired by all before being quickly devoured.

Accompanying the food vendors were local crafts and goods sold in tents near the harbor’s entrance. From beaded jewelry to hats and clothing, shopping catered to all. One tent even sold handcrafted wizard wands ranging in shape, size and color. Several of the vendors supported charities and notable causes. Mermaid Market reused traditional sari dresses to make quilts, while Hello Bag offered alternatives to plastic and paper

bags.

A face-painting booth and free boat ride excursions aboard the Kelpie with Double Dolphin Cruises also kept festivalgoers and, especially, their younger children well-entertained for the afternoon.

Vendors weren’t the only ones with booths set up for the festival. Maritime educators and organizations, such as Heal the Ocean and Santa Barbara Harbor Patrol, enthusiastically gave out information and pamphlets to those interested.

At the heart of the harbor, the event was completed with live music from Juan Dolor, Spencer the Gardner and Cornerstone. While their melodies floated across all corners of the venue, picnic tables around the main stage made way for an acoustic dining and dancing experience. Live painters later captured the felicitous scene with acrylic paint.

This annual festival brings together the colorful and diverse Santa Barbara community as well as welcomes visitors from around the world to celebrate a shared love of seafood and fun. Make sure to mark it on your calendar for next year!



A \$5 fish taco from the Santa Barbara Fish Market.



Fresh uni served with ponzu and soy sauce.

Chicken Adobo: A Filipino chicken stew

Max Yim
Reporter

I am half Filipino. At least, that’s what I tell myself. When I’m with my other Pinoy friends, I struggle to find a sense of belonging because my upbringing was very American in comparison. I do not speak even a tiny bit of Tagalog or Ilocano. I do not refer to my older sister as Ate, nor do I have a kuya. I grew up in an American household speaking English. However, the one thing that I feel I have a strong connection to culturally is Filipino food, which I hold dear to my heart.

My lola and lolo were always nearby, and whenever my mom didn’t feel like cooking, she would take us to their house. My grandparents always had a variety of Filipino food, like arroz caldo and pancit, but one of my favorite things that they made for us was chicken adobo, which my siblings and I happily ate. Adobo always brought me comfort, the same comfort that I felt watching teleserye with

my lola or helping my lolo with his garden in the backyard. This recipe is my attempt at recreating my lolo’s chicken adobo and is easy and simple to make, as well as being warm and hearty, perfect for the fall and winter.

Ingredients:

- 2 pounds chicken thighs (About 4 thighs)
- ½ cup white vinegar
- ½ cup water
- ¼ cup soy sauce
- 6 whole peppercorns
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 ½ tablespoons vegetable oil
- Parsley to garnish

Directions:

1. Combine vinegar, water, soy sauce, peppercorns, garlic and bay leaf in a medium bowl and mix until thoroughly combined. Add chicken thighs and let marinate for an hour, turning the chicken occasionally.
2. Remove chicken from the marinade and pat dry. Heat oil in a skillet over medium

heat and add chicken to the pan, browning well on both sides.

3. Pour the rest of the marinade over the chicken and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low, cover and let simmer for 30 to 45 minutes, or until the chicken is tender and cooked through.
4. Remove chicken from the pan and boil the remaining sauce on high heat until reduced to about a ½ cup. Spoon the sauce over the chicken, garnish with parsley and serve on a bed of rice.

Although time and distance makes visits to my grandparents few and far between, this recipe brings me the same sense of home that I feel when I’m with them. As a Filipino who didn’t grow up in the most traditional household, I find that food helps bridge the disconnect I feel between being Filipino and being American. I hope that this recipe not only serves as an easy college-friendly meal, but also as a comfort for any homesick Filipinos.



Chicken Adobo serves as an easy, college-friendly meal and a comfort for the homesick.

SCIENCE & TECH

SIMPLY STATED:

Why do people faint at the sight of blood?

Ece Ozdogan

Staff Writer

I woke up on the ground next to the Student Resource Building surrounded by people who didn't know me. I was confused, to say the least, but quickly understood what happened.

About five minutes ago, I got into a bike accident and fell, scratching my knee up pretty badly.

When I parked my bike and checked out the severity of the wound, I started feeling lightheaded due to a combination of pain, shock and most importantly, the sight of my own blood trickling down my leg.

Vasovagal syncope, a type of reflex syncope, is the most common reason people faint. Vasovagal means caused by the vagus nerve, while the term syncope refers to the act of fainting. It is caused by the body overreacting to triggers, such as the sight of blood or extreme emotional distress.

The nerves connected to the heart and blood vessels control heart rate and blood pressure by signaling the blood vessels to either widen or contract. Under regular conditions these nerves act in coordination to provide the brain with enough oxygen.

However, in the case of vasovagal syncope, the nerves might give faulty

signals, which cause the heart rate and blood pressure to suddenly drop.

Specifically, the vagus nerve, which controls the involuntary parasympathetic nervous system, overreacts.

This means that blood pools in your legs, and the decrease in the amount of oxygen reaching the brain causes a brief loss of consciousness. After fainting, blood flow to the brain resumes and consciousness is quickly regained.

While the most common cause for vasovagal syncope is the sight of blood, it can also be caused by other factors, such as stress, anxiety, fatigue, distress and dehydration.

The sight of blood leading to syncope can be explained through evolution. Similarly to prey feigning death in order to avoid predators, our ancestors would faint at the sight of their blood which would cause them to appear dead and avoid further conflict with rivaling cavemen.

The decrease in blood pressure would slow down their bleeding, which helped them survive under the pretense of having passed away. Although this was not intentionally done, it helped them overcome tough situations against their enemies.

On its own, vasovagal syncope is not a serious condition, as it does not point toward underlying brain or heart issues. However, it might

lead to injury due to sudden impact, so it is important to recognize the symptoms.

Prodrome is the brief period right before an attack occurs.

The symptoms during this 30-second period include lightheadedness, a sudden warm feeling, pale skin, increased sweating and a sudden feeling of fatigue. If recognized during the prodrome phase, vasovagal syncope can be avoided by simply lying down.

Once an attack starts, consciousness is lost for around 15 seconds. The eyes roll to the back of the head and twitching, similar to a seizure, occurs and in some cases bladder control is lost.

Recovery takes around 20 seconds, and it is recommended to stay laying down for at least 10 minutes following the attack since a repeat syncope may occur.

Generally, no medical attention is needed after an attack. However, if there is injury to the head, it is recommended to have it examined.


Bike accidents, whether it be minor-scale or serious enough to injure, happen on the daily at UC Santa Barbara.

Therefore, it is important to be aware of the possibility of vasovagal syncope occurring and to take the necessary steps to both prevent and treat it.



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Halloween 2022 Parking Information



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OPINION

ASK AJ: Midterm madness

AJ
100% Real Advice Columnist

I am a first-year student, and I haven't been around other people for three years. When my professor asked me a question in class, I started grunting, jumped on my desk and howled at the ceiling tiles. How can I prevent my class from thinking of me as 'the werewolf' this quarter?

You can't. Transformation isn't all fun, fur and flibbertigibbets; it's all about cognitively reframing a situation for yourself. Instead of feeling like a lupine loser (aka Jacob Black from the hit series "Twilight" featuring intense Mormon overtones), celebrate being free from the shackles of society.

Have you always wanted to nefariously twirl your mustache? Grow out your mustache and twirl away. Always looking for an excuse to leave boring social events early? Leave because you're overdue on performing the moon rites that will prevent you from becoming a werewolf for the rest of eternity. Your latest hookup comments on the pile of dirty clothes on your floor? Just ... actually, please, that's gross. Do your laundry.

I digress, dear reader. I promise that nobody cares. Your classroom is filled with people who think that others think that they are werewolves or vampires or too tall or too short or whatever. Whew, that was a tongue twister. If that was an 8 a.m., I guarantee you that everybody was half-asleep or still drunk from the night before. Be your werewolf self, inside and out. Go forth into the moonlight and breathe easy.

AJ, a guy in my class named

Kurtt – yes, with two t's – told me the best way to study for midterms and prevent illness is to rinse my sinuses with a mixture of crushed Adderall, Red Bull and Bluephoria Yerba Mate. I don't like Red Bull, what should I use instead?

Never listen to a man named Kurtt. In fact, make Kurtt your enemy. It is now your personal vendetta to do better on this Godforsaken midterm than this absolute loser.

Now listen up: Kurtt chugs a mixture of Adderall, Red Bull and Bluephoria to ensure success? Fine. Brew a concoction of Sparkling Orange Celsius, mashed multivitamin gummies and one (1) packet of Super Orange Emergen-C. Chant over it like the witches in Macbeth and consume. There is now enough vitamin C in you to build an entirely new immune system and power a small battery at the same time. You're unstoppable now. Kurtt is going down.

I have three midterms for my chemistry class. How are there three midpoints in the quarter? There is only one middle. I don't understand. My eyes are unfocused. Food is losing taste. I –

Girl, go to bed. Also, get tested for COVID-19.

I've been high on mushrooms in the woods for the past two weeks and haven't attended any of my classes. Apparently, I have a midterm on Monday. Is there any way I can turn it around? Do I succumb to the



CHRISTY YU / DAILY NEXUS

AJ, help me. How late is too late to ask for an extension on my midterm paper? It's due in three hours and I have 200 words on my Google Doc. Please respond to this faster than my TA.

Neither your TA nor I want to respond to emails past 5 p.m. That being said, I'm currently riding the Celsius, multivitamin and Emergen-C wave (I'm so dedicated to my readers that I test all my recipes), so I'll craft a response before everything goes dark.

Three hours is more than enough time to make some magic. Literally just start typing words, even if you don't know exactly what you want to say. Make an outline with bullet points and go to town. Trick your brain into thinking you're just making a really long grocery list ... about Renaissance architectural development or ethnic politics, or whatever your paper is about. Sometimes turning something in is better than not turning it in at all. That being said, if you are seriously and utterly nonfunctional, explain the situation truthfully and write it as soon as you can.

Now if you read this before your TA responds to your email, you owe me a crate of Celsius and four boxes of Honey Nut Cheerios.

AJ, should I take any of your advice seriously?

Probably not. I'm an anonymous stranger on the internet, after all.

mushrooms?

Depending on what class you've been consistently missing, there is a good chance that you may in fact be learning more high out of your mind in the woods than you would be snoozing through lecture. My advice would be to embrace the consequences of the hours spent traipsing through trees and use what you've learned. Show up to your midterm high, enlightened and in sweatpants on Monday morning and put that newly gleaned knowledge to use.

Question about the archaeological history of Santa Barbara? Write about that one time you stumbled across what you think was a cemetery on a particularly bad trip. Need to identify and label the anatomy of Lepidoptera? Easy money, just talk about that time a butterfly flitting past blew your high little mind. Tricky math problem? Nothing could be more mathematical than the golden ratio of nature. You already have what you need to answer any question on that midterm without spending a single second in class. They may not be the answers your professor is looking for, but you still get some credit for writing your name right?

Welcome to U-Mail, the Opinion Section's newest column. U-Mail is written by you, for you. (Almost) Weekly installments give you a glimpse into the lives and minds of UCSB students, preserving real-life moments in a digital format, which are then reprinted and distributed in real life. Trippy, huh? –Your Opinion Editors

U-MAIL: New Message!

To: S <s@umail.ucsb.edu> Subject: I dream of Isla Vista

Dear S,

When I was 12, I dreamed that I kissed a boy. I couldn't really tell you what happened before or after, just that my eight-hour slumber had essentially created a rom com for my brain to entertain itself for a while, which culminated in one singular, chaste kiss under mistletoe at the end of the script (very Hallmark!). When I woke up, I even half expected to magically have a boyfriend! But, the moment I realized that it had been a dream, his face already began slipping from my memory.

Well, I'm not 12 anymore, and I've kissed other boys now – real ones, at that! But from time to time, I still think about my mystery dream boy from nearly a decade ago. I remember reading once that the brain can't make up unique faces while you're sleeping, so everybody you see in your dreams has, at some

point, crossed paths with you. Isn't that a little freaky? Your brain stores pictures of strangers in the back of your mind just to slip them in as background characters while you're sleeping. Anyway, I knew for certain that my Hugh-Grant-wannabe was not someone I knew from school or swim practice. And since there are no unique faces in dreams, I sometimes wonder . . . Where did he come from? Did I know him? Was he just a stranger off the street that I glanced at one time?

Now that I'm 20 and living in Isla Vista, the idea of faces and memories has been on my mind. Every time I'm in the Arbor, walking between the throngs of students going to and from class, I wonder if their faces will show up in my dreams. That sounds very strange, but I also like the intimacy of it. I think that a lot of the time, we walk by strangers and we don't give it a second thought. But maybe in 30

years, I'll see a familiar face in my dream, and my subconscious will know that I had seen them walking in the Arbor when I was 20 years old. Or maybe I won't remember them at all, and they'll be lost with the rest of my forgotten dreams. But still, they'll be there, won't they?

And on that note, how many people do you think you walk by every day who have seen you in their dreams? If you dream of someone's face, and they dream of your face, do you think that that might make you friends? Or, that you guys might be drawn to each other again? Maybe the next time you see them on the street, you'll subconsciously look at them for half a beat longer, because you recognize that familiar smile.

That's what I love about Isla Vista. I feel sort of like we're all tiny little ants in a colony, brushing by each other every day, on our way to classes, dinner, friends, enemies,

lovers. There is potential at every corner to smile at a stranger and wind up seeing them in your dreams the next week.

Seamus Heaney once wrote in his poem "Clearances," "We'd stretch and fold and end up hand to hand / For a split second as if nothing had happened / For nothing had that had not always happened / Beforehand, day by day, just touch and go, / Coming close again by holding back / In moves where I was x and she was o."

I know it's not the same context, but whenever someone asks me how it's like living in I.V., I think about that part in "Clearances." Nothing happens that has never happened before, day by day, touch and go . . . It's monotonous, it's lovely, it's Isla Vista.

Affectionately Yours,
Mindy :-)

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