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# Annual Blue-Green rivalry results in 1-1 tie



UCSB forward keeps the ball away from the defender.

#### Jacob Davis Staff Writer

In their weekend matchup, the Gauchos were able to salvage a tie in the dying embers of the match against their rival, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Although it was a 1-1 draw on paper, the results do not give the Gauchos performance justice. Behind a packed crowd of just over 7,500 fans, the Gauchos dominated from the start.

UC Santa Barbara's men's soccer tied their shutout record with six under the era of head coach Tim Vom Steeg in their 3-0 victory over the UC Davis Aggies. The team was tidy in all aspects of the field, especially in the back line and junior goalkeeper Leroy Zeller's phenomenal goalkeeping. The offense was led by the team's and the Big West's leading scorer, junior forward Finn Ballard McBride.

between in the first half for both teams. The Gauchos were limited to 3 shots, but converted in the 15th minute with a clinical header across the face of goal from McBride off a cross by senior defender Rigoberto Barragan. The team's back line, consisting of junior defensive midfielder Jorge Aldana, senior defensive midfielder Henry Davies, sophomore defensive midfielder Caden Vom Steeg

and junior defensive midfielder Timon Windisch gave Zeller a comfortable half and locked down the defensive third, limiting

the Aggies to 1 shot. Zeller stepped up when he was needed in the second half when an onslaught of Aggie offense saw 17 shots throughout the half. Zeller responded with 6 saves and solidified a well-deserved clean

The Gauchos also stepped up their offense with 8 shots that resulted in 2 more goals. A skillful string of passing on top of the 18-yard box beginning with a back heel from Ballard McBride to senior midfielder Thaabit Baartman created an opportunity just after the start of the second half. Baartman slotted a through ball to redshirt sophomore midfielder Lucas Gonzalez inside the box who beat the keeper to the ball and scored nearly In the opening match of the from the byline. Ballard McBride week versus the Aggies, offensive netted his brace and 10th goal opportunities were few and far of the season in the 74th minute off a ricocheted save that initially came from a beautiful header by sophomore midfielder Salaudeen Ayinla. This 3-0 victory showed some of the best plays from the Gauchos this season.

The Gauchos moved on from the victory with stout defense and electric attacking continuing versus the Mustangs. The boxscore doesn't do justice for the time of possession the Gauchos had to park the bus on defense. Without any strings of passes or even spurts of possession, the Mustangs often found themselves looking for any shot they could get off near the box.

The Gauchos were having trouble getting good looks, as their slick passing couldn't get them past the wall of Mustang Their biggest defenders. breakthrough was at the feet of junior midfielder Nemo Philipp following his three-game absence due to suspension. His shot from outside the box rang the top of the post before going over the bar.

Despite a combination of different substitutions and shots on goal from the Gauchos, the Mustang's one counterattacking chance showed that was just enough to secure their 1-0 lead. Redshirt sophomore forward

Noah Boettiger found the back of the net past Zeller, ending his streak of 657 minutes without a goal conceded.

The Gauchos upped the attack from there as urgency to score another goal set in. Following a shot off the post and a variety of late corner kicks the Gauchos finally broke through. In the 86th minute, Baartman was able to find Ballard McBride in the box where he tapped in the shot past the goalkeeper.

This draw was significant for the Gauchos as they were able to maintain first place in the conference, one point ahead of UC Riverside. With two games remaining in conference play, the Gauchos have a shot to be undefeated. Their next challenge will take place at UC Irvine on Oct. 26.



An inside move from the UCSB midfielder towards the box.



were able to control as Cal Poly Nemo Phillips eyes the cross into the box.

# Sigmund

# 48,000 unionized workers across UC begin voting on strike authorization



Union members marched in February to raise awareness of the housing insecurities members faced.

#### Mark Alfred Asst. News Editor

Members of three unions across the University of California system began strike authorization votes related to alleged unfair labor practices committed by the University of California over the course of recent contract renegotiations.

The three UC unions under the United Auto Workers (UAW) - Student Researchers United (SRU), UAW 5810 representing both postdoctoral and academic student researchers in separate bargaining units, and UAW 2865 representing teaching assistants (TA), graduate student instructors, tutors and readers each organized strike votes across their four bargaining units from Oct. 26 through Nov. 2. If passed, the votes would give respective unions the power to call a strike should they choose, but would not guarantee they

UAW 2865's recording secretary, fourth-year UC Santa Barbara history doctoral candidate and TA Janna Haider is one of two representatives from UCSB on the union's bargaining team. Haider said the strike votes are the product of around 22 unfair labor practices (ULP) that were allegedly committed by the UC, alongside a failure to bargain in good faith.

The union began renegotiating their contract with the university this year on March 2 with the central element of the campaign being ending rent burden.

"The centerpiece of this bargaining campaign this campaign cycle has been ending rent burden," she said. "90% of grad students across the University of California are rent burdened at 30% or more. We've reached this point of just flat-out unsustainability."

If the union calls a strike, TAs would immediately cease hosting sections and graduate student instructors would stop teaching their courses, according to Haider.

"The goal of the strike would be to provide the maximum amount of disruption to the university," she said, adding that the union would prefer to solve its disputes

at the bargaining table.

"Certainly, nobody wants to go on strike," she continued. "Strikes are expensive, they're exhausting. If we were to go on strike, it would be very specifically over the set of unfair labor practices that we are charging the university with, that we alleged the university has committed throughout this bargaining cycle."

Haider criticized the hypocrisy of every UC Chancellor receiving significant pay raises earlier this year while TAs across the UC system struggled to afford housing.

"Henry Yang got the largest raise by percentage. His raise was 28% and it put him over the threshold to earning \$500,000 a year, although earning is certainly a strong word," Haider said. "If I were to get a 28% raise tomorrow, I would still be rent-burdened."

One contract article the union sought to renegotiate was the child care stipend, with the union requesting the amount be raised to \$6,000 per quarter from the existing \$1,100. Haider said she is working on another article seeking to defund the University of California Police Department's (UCPD) \$155 million annual budget.

"The existence of police in the workspace poses a threat to academic student employees, particularly those who are Black, disabled or hold any number of other marginalized identities that are frequent targets of police violence," she said. "Defunding UCPD would go a long way to paying for the cost of living raises that we're demanding."

Haider said that the UC has shown no indication of actually acknowledging the widespread housing struggles that student employees experience across California.

"We have not gotten any

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# Weekly goings-on in and around Isla Vista

Asumi Shuda Community Outreach Editor

#### **RCSGD** hosts self-care evening for undocumented LGBTQIA+ students

The Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity (RCSGD) is hosting a self-care evening for undocumented LGBTQIA+ students on Thursday, Oct. 27, from 5-6 p.m. in the RCSGD lounge in the Student Resource Building (SRB). Participants can make origami, create bracelets or paint their nails during the event.

Prospective attendees can register for the event on Shoreline.

#### RCSGD hosts pool party for transgender and nonbinary

RCSGD is holding a pool party at the Department of Recreation for transgender and nonbinary students on Saturday, Oct. 29, from 1-3 p.m. Students must bring their access card or identify their ID number to enter.

"Please join us to swim, play, relax, or sunbathe; we will have both waterbased and land-based activities available," the Shoreline description stated. "All trans, nonbinary, gendernon-conforming, or questioning people welcome."

#### Chicanx/Latinx Resource Center celebrates Dia de los Muertos

The Chicanx/Latinx Cultural Resource Center is hosting Dia de los Muertos on Tuesday, Nov. 1, from 4-7 p.m. at the SRB.

The event is in collaboration with the Department of Chicana and Chicano Studies, the Educational Opportunity Program, the Latinx UC Santa Barbara Networking Strengthening Association, Oportunidades for Latinx, the Undocumented Student Services and Student Engagement and Leadership, among other Latinxserving UCSB entities.

"Dia de los Muertos is a celebration that captures the idea of unity between life and death, it is a synthesis of the indigenous Mesoamerican and Spanish conquistador traditions," the event's Shoreline description read.

The event will provide food and have a silent art auction, performances, music and more.

#### **RCSGD** hosts community dinner

RCSGD is hosting its quarterly Trans+ Community Dinner for transgender and nonbinary students on Tuesday, Nov. 1, from 6-8 p.m. on the third floor of the SRB.

quarterly Trans+

**Cultural** Community Dinner aims to provide a space for Trans, Nonbinary, and GNC people to enjoy food and community," the event's Shoreline description read.

> The event is a part of Trans Empowerment Hours, which are open to all transgender, nonbinary, gender non-conforming or genderquestioning students.

#### MCC hosts workshop about boundaries, consent and the impact of sexual assault

UCSB's MultiCultural Center (MCC) is collaborating with Standing Together to End Sexual Assault to host a Shifting Boundaries workshop as a part of its Empowering Student Leaders series. The workshop will take place over three days starting Tuesday, Nov. 1, and will occur from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on all dates.

to set healthy boundaries, how to ask and receive consent and how to deal with sexual assault that occurs within organizations. Dinner will be provided and the

The workshop will cover how

first workshop will take place at the MCC Theater on Tuesday, Nov. 1, at

Attendees are encouraged to participate in all three workshops and prospective participants can register on Shoreline.

# A week in UC student news



Sindhu Ananthavel Deputy News Editor

#### Former UCLA gynecologist found guilty of sexual misconduct with patients

A jury found former UCLA gynecologist James Heaps guilty of sexual misconduct on Oct. 20.

Heaps, who worked as an OB-GYN at UCLA Health, was indicted in May 2021 for 21 counts of felony sexual assault of former patients, according to The Washington Post. His trial began Aug. 9.

Heaps was found guilty of three counts of sexual battery by fraud and two counts of sexual penetration of an unconscious person. He was found not guilty of seven other counts, and the jury was deadlocked on the remaining counts.

Over 500 lawsuits were filed against UCLA and Heaps, alleging that the university failed to protect its patients even after becoming aware of the assaults. According to the Daily Bruin, the UC Regents agreed to three separate settlements of \$374 million, \$243.6 million and

"UCLA Health is grateful for the patients who came forward," the organization said in a public statement. "Sexual misconduct of any kind is reprehensible and intolerable. Our overriding priority is providing the highest quality care while ensuring that patients feel safe, protected and respected."

Heaps's sentencing is scheduled for Nov. 17.

#### UC Berkeley launches \$100,000 task force distinguish what names to use to refer to the university

UC Berkeley is establishing the Berkeley/Cal Identity Task Force to determine what naming practices should be officially implemented.

The task force primarily hopes to address the division in the name "UC Berkeley" being used in academic contexts and the name "Cal" being used in athletic contexts, according to The Daily Californian.

"Our hope would be that any changes would bolster the reputation of the campus," campus executive director of communications and marketing and task force co-chair Patrick Holmes told The Daily Californian. "Each variation of our name is associated with different aspects of our storied history and reputation for excellence. We want people to know that Berkeley and Cal are one university."

The Office of Communications and Public Affairs is funding the endeavor with \$100,000, money accumulated through one-time

46. What Munger Hall is said

52. Well-chosen, as words

60. Beaver construction

64. Futuristic Disney film

Provide the URL of

65. Engraves deeply

56. Halloween display that

61. Geometry calculation 62.

2. Device to catch bugs or

3. Like deep-fried pizza,

4. Chinese cooking vessel

7. One of the 12 tribes of

8. Minecraft block in a cave

11. Dark arts item that gets

12. Citrusy sauce in Japanese

9. Airport security agey.

10. Blue, emotionally

to feel like?

51. Otherwise

55. Dr. Fauci's org.

vapes resemble?

63. Purpose

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texturally

5. Evokes

6. Signify

Israel

pricked

cuisine

13. Utter

1. Female pigs

salary savings from vacancies during the 2021-22 academic year.

According to the charge letter sent by Chancellor Carol T. Christ, the task force will review available data regarding the university's brand equity, evaluate best practices regarding branding and naming and develop a naming framework for identifying the campus.

Existing naming guidelines, according to the letter, prohibit "Cal" and "Berkeley" from being mixed as designations. The word "bears" and imagery of bears are also not allowed to be paired with UC Berkeley's name.

In public reception to the task force, students and faculty voiced concerns with the large amount of funding dedicated to the project and felt it could be allocated toward campus issues including housing unhoused students, rising class sizes and under ventilated classrooms, according to The Daily Californian.

One professor told The Daily Californian that the decision to create the task force was akin to "Nero fiddling while Rome is

"Fix the institution before you fix the name," second-year Benjamin Leong told the Daily Californian.

The task force will present its findings at the end of the academic

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#### **Halloween Crossword ACROSS**

1. In storage

7. Writes in a rush

11. Kamala Harris and Mike Pence, e.g.

14. MLB team player named after a bird

15.\_\_\_Major (Big Dipper constellation)

16. Sound of amazement

17. What Santa Barbara students feel like during midterm season?

19. The smallest positive integer

20. James Bond, e.g.

21. Unconscious state

22. Woodshop tool

23. Supernatural time when

Isla Vista closes at night? 27. Reason for a device restart

30. Ally of Yoshi

31. Big name in beer

32. Former SeaWorld whale 34. Messages on Insta

37. Playstation maker

38. Prolonged assault (on a

castle) 39. Fuel in an old furnace

40. Classic sandwich acronym 41. African-American writer,

poet and feminist Lorde

42. "Twilight" heroine 43. Expanse

of the UCSB and Isla Vista residential communities.

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27. Gauchos campus

28. Game room game

29. "I'm almost ready!"

32. Was biased 33. That girl

35. African country where Timbuktu is

36. Chunk of concrete

38. Hip-hop musician Knight

39. Formally surrender

41. Little colonist

42. Baseball success from

batter

44. Santa\_\_winds 45. It needs protein to grow

46. Worshiper of Brahma

47. The name "Buffalo Bill," for William Cody

48. Foe of Skeletor in "Masters

of the Universe"

49. Greeting in Brazil 52. Sacred Egyptian symbol

53. Comedian Davidson

54. General \_\_ chicken (dish)

56. Butter component 57. Legendary Bobby of

hockey 58. Earth: Prefix

59. Company name ender



indication that they either recognize [the struggles] or maybe they do recognize but they just don't care exactly how impossible it is to live in some of these cities on the salaries that we're making currently," she said.

At least 10 departments across UCSB – including the history, English, music, sociology and global studies departments -

indicated in preliminary polls a live with a work like this. It a legal avenue that could see the majority willingness to strike, according to Haider. A strike would be avoided if the university worked to remedy the ULPs and grant student workers a livable wage, she said.

right thing tomorrow and cure that happen, Haider said, the all these ULPs and, while they're at it, give us enough money to

is entirely up to the university really whether or not we go on strike."

If the unions vote to authorize a strike, any one of them would be able to call a strike over "The university could do the any single alleged ULP. Should other units would be able to call "sympathy strikes" in solidarity –

three union's collective 48,000 members across the UC system go on strike simultaneously.

Collective action between the three unions has produced results in the past, according to Haider.

When UAW 5810 first put forward an article advocating for a "respectful work environment," the UC was dismissive.

"This provision would require that – to put it very bluntly faculty, principal investigators and advisers not bully their graduate students," she said. "The university wasn't dealing. They have this very ridiculous argument about academic freedom that somehow it would violate free speech."

However, after UAW 2865 and

SRU both introduced the article at their bargaining tables, the university folded across all four bargaining units and accepted their proposal.

"As soon as we – [UAW] 2865 got to our bargaining table and made the same demand and the student researchers also made the same demand ... we got exactly what we wanted," she said.

# El Congreso calls for expansion of El Centro



#### Asumi Shuda Community Outreach

Editor El Congreso is calling for the expansion and improvements of El Centro de UC Santa Barbara, citing concerns in the condition, accessibility and general usage of the building. These demands were initially made in April and

have been pushed forth since. El Centro is a communal building located on campus in Building 406 by the UCSB Library and provides physical space for multiple multicultural, Chicanx/Latinx and political organizations. The center was established in 1969 as an official meeting space for the Latinx and Chicanx campus community, according to Erik Magana, member of El Congreso and board director of Mesa Directiva, a student-run governing board that oversees use of the center. Previously, the building itself existed as an informal meeting space, as

well as a place for

student activism.

history and so much culture and so many physical artifacts that could be displayed," El Congreso member and fourthyear political science major Isa Medrano said. "We've talked about display cases, and just beautiful art displays. We have so many newspapers, and so many things that are so symbolic of our history and all the work we've done on

campus." Assistant Vice Chancellor from the Student Academic Support Services Division of Student Affairs Lupe Navarro-Garcia said administrators and students worked to found El Centro in 1969 in response to "student demands for accountability from the university."

"It was envisioned as a community center that provided holistic support for students, celebrated students' identities ... and provided students with academic and student service

> mentors who understand their cultural and first-generation university needs," Navarro-Garcia said. "El Centro was born

from activism, and it has maintained this legacy throughout its history."

Centro filled with physical reminders this activism, artifacts

from the past of El

El Centro is a communal building for multiple multicultural, Chicanx/Latinx and political organizations. on the interior walls of the building and stored throughout

> its rooms. El Congreso's activism dates back to the hunger strikes held in 1989 and 1994 to demand for the university to recognize the Chicanx/Latinx population on campus. As a result of these strikes, the Chicana/o studies department was expanded upon and more Chicanx/ Latinx students were recruited to attend the university, along with a growth in support for students of low-income and/or

marginalized backgrounds. "Historically, we are very connected to space physically," Medrano said. "We have always run out of El Centro, it has always been a physical home base for El Congreso."

El Congreso is a studentcultural, social activist organization at UCSB that provides a safe space of inclusivity for students of marginalized backgrounds. The organization published a list of demands back in April to call for UCSB to take greater action toward Hispanic students as a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI), the expansion of El Centro and an end to the construction of Munger Hall.

Εl Congreso's Among demands for UCSB, the expansion of El Centro is one held close to heart, according to Medrano. El Centro has historically served as a physical safe space for Hispanic students to mingle, study, congregate and exist in tandem with the

rest of the Latinx community at UCSB. "El Centro is really the

physical manifestation

"For El Centro, specifically, Congreso and other Hispanic- where Hispanic students on department housed on the serving organizations displayed campus have a physical place to call home," Medrano said. "And I think that post COVID, especially, it was something that everybody really wanted to be available to as many people

> as possible." In the demands, El Congreso called for the construction of more study spaces and community rooms requested a review of the center's architectural plans to identify how areas such as the grass field surrounding the building could be utilized for development. Medrano said UCSB's HSI designation, a title the university has held since 2015, comes with an obligation to ensure that sufficient physical space exists for Hispanic students on campus.

> "Regardless, we think that there needs to be enough space to support the entirety of the Hispanic student population, especially if you're going to be an HSI," Medrano said.

> Medrano emphasized that the additional spaces would also be used to display and preserve the artifacts and relics of the past that various organizations like El Congreso have kept in the building.

"We don't have the space to display it all, we don't have the space to make room for it all, and that's something that we would really like to do," she continued. "It's become a physical home for our orgs now, but also whatever legacy we

leave behind." Magana and Medrano also voiced major student concern over the lack of Americans with

Disabilities Act compliance at

El Centro, due to the lack of

elevator access to the second

floor of the twostory building. This completely cuts off access to the second floor - which holds large study rooms for students and meeting spaces for organizations for campus community members with mobility issues and those who wheelchair access. This demand - which has been voiced by El Congreso the university since its initial set of demands - is still not met nor has it experienced significant progress in its completion.

"If you are physically disabled in any way, it is quite literally impossible ... to access the second floor," Medrano said. "That's been a really important [demand] for us because that also neglects a part of the Hispanic student population."

"There are disabled Latino students on campus who have just as much right to the building as anyone else does," she continued. "If they cannot access the entirety of the building, how are you going to feel safe and welcome here?"

Magana added that the building itself was not made with intentions of disability access. Though there was a renovation in 2017-18 on the ramp that goes into the entrance of the building, installing an elevator in the building is still a distant goal for El Centro and El Congreso.

"There is an entire second floor, and they have constant concerns about always having to carry stuff up the stairs, the stairs themselves are not the most stable set either," he said. "There's always been the question of 'What if you need to bring in someone who is not able to go up those stairs

for any reason?" Medrano added that as one of the few buildings on campus without video camera surveillance, there is a lack of pressure of "being watched," which cultivates a true safe space for El Congreso to meet without fear of surveillance.

"It's also historically always been a place where El Congreso can gather without fear of surveillance by the university," she said. "You'll notice it's one of the only buildings on campus without cameras, surveillance or recording devices - it is a genuinely safe and trusted space."

Medrano said – and Magana concurred - that El Centro has primarily been maintained by Mesa Directiva along with individual staff and faculty. Mesa Directiva serves as a liaison between El Centro, Hispanic-serving student groups like El Congreso, the Educational Opportunity Program and the Early Academic Outreach Program, among others. They also partner with external entities like CalFresh and Undocumented Student Services to ensure that the community's concerns are being heard.

doing multiple jobs and getting

paid for one," Medrano said.

"It's a beautiful space, but it

and advocating for themselves to save the building in 2017 when [administration] was going to just tear it down," Medrano said. "That was their best solution "We have EOP mentors, we – to tear it down – and have EOP advisors, who are

holding emergency meetings

has really b e e invested in mostly

by students, not necessarily by administration." Although Medrano believes

that El Centro ultimately belongs to students, thus students should also be given the decision-making power for the building, she emphasized that these students do not often have the funds, resources or the time to bring all of their plans and visions to fruition without UCSB's support. Thus, Medrano said the primary demand for the university in regards to El Centro is providing that financial support.

"We prefer that students have the final say, but we don't necessarily have the funds or the resources of the time to do all of it 100% on our own," she said. "I think that the primary thing that the university could do to support is money, but also investing in the projects that we propose."

Magana advocated for the application of HSI grant funding toward the renovation of El Centro, saying that the center currently receives no university funding to benefit

the building's expansion. "HSI funds are not in any way, shape or form being used toward the building,' Magana said. "There has been no initiative that focuses on bringing in additional resources for this building, additional funding for the expansion of this building in any way, shape

or form." Medrano said that UCSB's proclaimed love for El Centro in press but neglect for the maintenance and improvement for the building is "the pinnacle of performative activism," citing two occurrences in the

past to exemplify.

In 2017, UCSB declared evacuation of students from El Centro's Arnulfo Casillas' activity room in response to dry rot, insect damage and general seismic risk, as well as advised the demolition of the building in 45 days time unless significant improvements were made. This announcement sparked outrage in the student body - including El Congreso over the university's neglect of the building, despite students voicing concerns over the maintenance of El Centro. "We had students themselves

there was no thought to the consequences," she continued.

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# UC Santa Barbara's MultiCultural Center welcomes new director



Onar Primitivo took over as MultiCultural Center director in June.

Melea Maglalang Staff Writer

UC Santa Barbara's MultiCultural Center welcomed its new director, Onar Primitivo, in late June as it entered its 35th year of service on campus. Primitivo is the MultiCultural Center's second official director since its establishment.

Primitivo succeeds two interim directors since previous director Zaveeni Khan-Marcus' retirement in 2020 – Aaron Jones, who served from September 2020 to July 2021, and Katya Armistead, who served from July 2021 to June 2022.

Primitivo worked as the executive director of equity and justice at UC Merced for nine years prior to being employed by UCSB. After hearing about Khan-Marcus' retirement, Primitivo said he applied for the position fully prepared to follow Khan-Marcus' 30-year legacy.

"Going into Zaveeni's role now, there's some legacy - I stand on the shoulders of those who come before me," Primitivo said. "I'm very mindful and aware that this work is very unique."

As the new director, [communities'] current needs will always be the center of [the MultiCultural Center] MCC," and

voiced ideas for new initiatives to engage the campus community, including a proposed "listening tour."

Primitivo hopes to invite the campus community to join these conversations once plans become more established to cultivate a solid vision for the future of MCC, acting as a liaison to serve community needs and cultivate a sense of belonging for individuals on campus.

"One of my main goals is to connect the work of MCC and where the natural flow is with different entities on campus - who's doing the good work around equity and social justice and this sense of belonging," he

"I called it where the pebble hits the water, so if we actually can address the need, where the pebble hits the water, it has that ripple effect," Primitivo said. "So, the good work that the staff does, the good work that this department does, will speak volumes."

Primitivo has been advocating for the creation of identity-based spaces in academic communities since his undergraduate career.

Born in the Philippines, Primitivo said "addressing the Primitivo immigrated to the United States with his family and lived in Seattle. As a firstgeneration college student, he

earned his undergraduate degree in visual communication from Western Washington University (WWU).

During his undergraduate years, Primitivo was involved in various identity groups at WWU, including the Asian-Pacific Student Union, Black Student Union, Native American Student

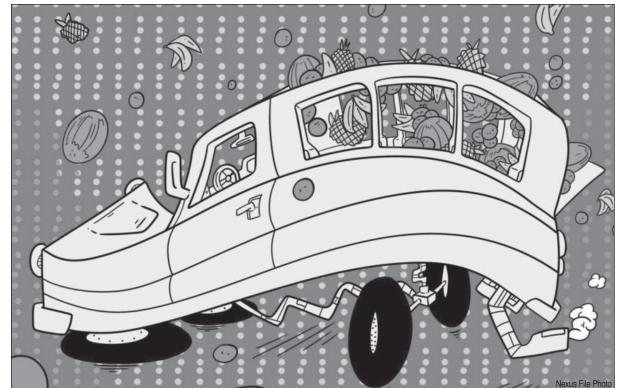
Union and El Centro.

Primitivo said he found passion in advocating for visual representation when he pursued a master's in student affairs in higher education at Colorado State University. Following his graduation, Primitivo held multiple positions working with social justice and diversity initiatives at different college campuses, including the University of St. Thomas and the University of San

"When I think about my own journey, I just don't see just 'work,' as you know, as most people would call it, or defining this work. I call it my vocation, my calling right and so, as part of my vocation, was just really being on campus, seeing the change, not only in the campus but also my community," Primitivo said.

"It's about those values of, you know, equity, social justice and building the sense of belonging that we all need."

# Gaucho Grocery Shuttle set to launch in Isla Vista



The Gaucho Grocery Shuttle program is made up of of vans provided by UCSB transportation services.

#### Melea Maglalang Staff Writer

During their sophomore and junior years, fourth-year communication majors Romi Benasuly and Lian Benasuly had difficulties with shopping for their groceries because neither of them had a car. It was then that Romi had the idea for a grocery shuttle service to help students with limited transportation more easily purchase fresh food and

groceries. According to Lian, the Gaucho Grocery Shuttle program currently consists of vans provided by UC Santa Barbara transportation services and will operate every weekend starting in early November. The 10-passenger vans – operated by hired students - will make stops throughout Isla Vista on a 15-minute basis from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., driving students to Trader Joe's in Goleta.

Romi said the Santa Barbara MTD isn't always reliable or accessible for students in I.V. and hopes the shuttle will make it easier for students to carry groceries back to their apartments.

"We found [the bus system] was not super convenient for students living in Isla Vista because there's one or two stops, [and] it's not super reliable," she said. "So we wanted to make [the shuttle] so that there are enough stops in Isla Vista to reach the highest density, like apartments and houses, so that we reach the most people and to make it easy enough for them to carry their groceries

The main objective of the project is to combat food insecurity by hosting a direct route to local grocery stores, thus providing a more convenient mode of transportation with a reliable schedule, Lian said.

"I know with a lot of students' busy schedules, sometimes getting groceries isn't prioritized when it should be," Lian said. "Our mental and physical well being relies on the food that we intake, and if you're not eating enough good and healthy food, then it can be really detrimental to your overall well-being."

The shuttle is funded by UCSB's Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC) and is the first studentled proposal that has received funding from the committee, Romi said. The service is only available for UCSB students, and passengers will be asked to present their access card to their driver prior to boarding.

The idea began as a project for a community engagement course the two took during Fall Quarter 2021. After conducting a survey

with students, they found that out of 102 students polled, 77% would be interested in using a free grocery shuttle service, according to their Instagram page.

In the survey, Trader Joe's was the most popular vote for a grocery stop, with the other two popular options being Albertsons and Costco. However, after speaking with the MTD, they came to the conclusion that the bus service was sufficient for reaching those stores, Lian said.

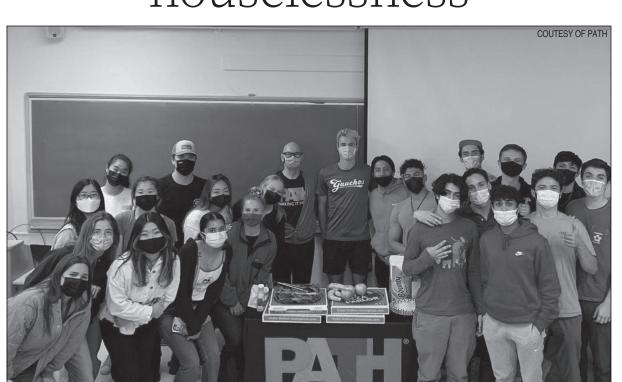
The program is still in its early stages, and the shuttle will launch its pilot run during the first weekend of November. Additional surveys will be offered to passengers who participate in the program to collect feedback about how the shuttle service could be improved for the future. Currently, the program is set to begin Nov. 12 and run throughout the 2022-23 school year.

"We want to get as much information so we can change things - modify things - to help more students. We really want to show SFAC this is working and there's a need for it," Lian said.

"If we do want this program to continue on beyond our years here, then it would be really great to have hard data that shows that students are using this program, students like it and that there is a

need for it," Romi added.

# Students form PATH club to foster connection with residents experiencing houselessness



Currently, P.A.T.H. UCSB has around 80 regular members fulfilling breakfast, lunch and dinner shifts at the shelter.

Sindhu Ananthavel Deputy News Director

People Assisting the Homeless in Santa Barbara is facilitating student volunteering regularly at the houseless shelter in downtown Santa Barbara.

People Assisting the Homeless (P.A.T.H.) is a statewide organization connecting houseless people to permanent housing and additionally offering case management, medical and mental healthcare and other essential services. P.A.T.H. Santa Barbara - one of the organization's chapters provides transitional housing for houseless Santa Barbara residents.

P.A.T.H. UCSB provides an avenue for students to regularly volunteer at the shelter, primarily through preparing and serving.

The club was established last fall quarter, according to club president and fourth-year biopsychology major Camille

Balagtas, but gained more traction in membership during winter quarter. "I started volunteering in of Target gift cards.

January, and my friend and I would go every Friday to serve lunch," Balagtas said. "It's really nice because when you're serving food, most people are really open to talking to students and get really excited about talking about majors and classes."

Balagtas said the club was initially started by several members of the Mu Delta premedical fraternity as a way of fulfilling volunteer hours but quickly expanded to all of UCSB. Volunteering once this quarter is mandatory for current members.

Currently, P.A.T.H. UCSB has around 80 regular members fulfilling breakfast, lunch and dinner shifts at the shelter.

The club is developing larger initiatives alongside their regular volunteering. According to Balagtas, the club received a \$1,000 grant from the university through UCSB First, and additionally fundraised over

\$1,000 through events last year. The club plans to distribute over \$1,000 to houseless residents at P.A.T.H. in the form

"Originally, we wanted to actually go to Target and buy all the supplies, but we realized it's a big thing for them to be able to purchase it on their own," Balagtas said. "So we've transitioned into having that money be \$50 to \$100 Target gift cards for each resident to go and shop with their social worker. We're actually handing out those gift cards this week."

The club is hosting a winter clothes drive during Weeks 6 and 7 of fall quarter to provide warm clothing for shelter residents. Balagtas said the club also has money "on reserve" for any emergency supplies that the P.A.T.H. volunteer coordinator and Associate Director of Development and Volunteer Programs John Bowlin may request.

"J.B., who's the main contact volunteer coordinator at P.A.T.H., lets us know if there's an emergency and we need toothbrushes or toothpaste or anything else, so we have that money on reserve for him," Balagtas said.

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2022 Halloween events, restrictions in I.V.7

Nisha Malley County News Editor Kyra Schimpf Staff Writer

In celebration of Halloween this year, UC Santa Barbara, local government bodies and community organizations are hosting events and activities for students and residents of Isla Vista and its surrounding areas.



# Isla Vista Community **Services District**

The Isla Vista Community Services District (IVCSD) is hosting a slate of free events on Oct. 28 from 3-10 p.m. for its "Spooky Spectacular" event held in the I.V. Community Center. The activities will kick off with a family-friendly carnival from 3-5 p.m., featuring games, a hay ride, face painting and Halloween crafts, along with a photo booth and silent disco running

The event will proceed with a children's costume contest from 5-6 p.m. arranged as a runway-style show, with an emcee and prizes for the winners. The adult costume contest from 6-7 p.m. involves a \$1,000 prize. IVCSD is putting on an "Ecstatic Dance" in partnership with Santa Barbara Ecstatic Dance Co-op from 8-10 p.m to finish the night off.

IVCSD is also hosting a Halloween-themed version of their monthly Latinx Community Dance Socials. This month's event will be held from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Oct. 29 at the I.V. Community Center.

IVCSD approved \$10,000 in grant funding, distributed to multiple local organizations putting on Halloween events to go toward their individual event programming. St. George Youth Center YMCA, Santa Barbara Hillel, I.V. Outdoor Market, I.V. Recreation & Park District and the I.V. Food Cooperative received grants

St. George Youth Center is putting on its annual haunted house - an event that was temporarily discontinued during the COVID-19 pandemic - on Oct. 29 from 6-9 p.m. at 889 Camino Del Sur. Haunted house attendees will receive goodie bags filled with Halloween memorabilia, "as well as literature promoting a safe Halloween Do's and Dont's," according to the center's grant application.

Santa Barbara Hillel – an organization dedicated to Jewish student life - is hosting a multicultural Shabbat dinner on Oct. 28 from 6:45-9 p.m. catered by a local restaurant, free and open to the general public. Afterward, the group will walk to the UCSB Recreation Center to attend its Hallowheels event.

I.V. Outdoor Market is hosting a Halloween market on Oct. 29 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. for the general community. The organizers are providing free outdoor games and baked goods and candies to anyone wearing a Halloween





## **UC Santa** Barbara

A.S. Program Board presents Delirium

UCSB Associated Students Program Board is sponsoring its annual concert coinciding with Halloween weekend on Oct. 29 in the Thunderdome. Artists Isaiah Rashad and Binki will be performing. The event is open to UCSB students only, and a valid Access Card is required for entry. Tickets are \$5 and must be purchased online in advance.

#### UCSB Department of Recreation puts on annual Hallowheels

UCSB's Department of Recreation will be hosting their annual Hallowheels event on Oct. 28 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. The event will feature roller skating, a silent disco, a photo booth, costume contests, a concert, a spooky movie and free food and candy. The event is only open to UCSB students, faculty and staff and will require an Access Card for entrance.

#### Campus resource centers offer pumpkin painting

UCSB's Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity is hosting their second annual pumpkin painting event on Thursday, Oct. 27 from 3:30-5:30pm. Registration is free for UCSB students on Shoreline, and the event is located at the Northside Front Lawn of the Student Resource Building.

The Non-Traditional Student Resource Center will be hosting a pumpkin painting event on the Student Resource Building Bike Path Lawn on Oct. 25th from 4-6pm.

#### A.S. EVPLA Office hosts "Haunt the

The External Vice President for Local Affairs is hosting a "Haunt the Loop" event on Saturday, Oct. 29 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The event will allow participants to "truck-or-treat" at several local Isla Vista businesses, beginning at Pardall Center and ending at Anisq'Oyo' Park.



# Isla Vista Recreation & Park **District**

The Isla Vista Recreation & Park District (IVRPD) is collaborating with Lucidity Festival to hold a three-day event that will celebrate both Halloween and its 50th anniversary as a governing body. As part of the activities, IVRPD's Haunted Pumpkin Patch is returning to Isla Vista, located in Anisq'Oyo' Park for the nights of Oct. 29-31 from 7-11 p.m.

"This free, outdoor event will feature an immersive theatrical experience with liveaction story tellers, film screenings, carnival games and activities, two silent disco nights, a Ferris Wheel, Día de Los Muertos altars, costume contest, and a live Thriller flash mob performance by World Dance for Humanity," IVRPD Board Clerk Nick Norman said in a press release.



# Sheriff's **Office**

Santa Barbara County is imposing a Halloween festival noise ordinance, effective from Oct. 26 through Nov. 4 between the hours of 6 p.m. and 7 a.m. During these hours, Isla Vistans are prohibited from playing live or recorded music that audibly carries outside of their residence.

Additionally, parking restrictions and road closures will be in effect from Oct. 28 through Oct. 31. Phelps Road will be fenced off, and roadblocks may be placed on the following intersections: Trigo Road and Embarcadero del Norte, El Embarcadero Road and the Loop, Camino del Sur and Sabado Tarde Road, Camino Pescadero and Sabado Tarde Road, Camino Corte and Sabado Tarde Road, as well as Del Playa Drive and Camino Corto.

Cars parked on the 6500 block of Trigo Road must be moved from the road starting Oct. 28 at 12 p.m. until Oct. 31 or will otherwise be towed. Residents are strongly recommended to move their cars if parked along Del Playa Drive and Sabado Tarde

The police may place roadblocks restricting access to Del Playa Drive and Sabado Tarde Road and may and require proof of residence for access to closed-off road areas.

UCSB is restricting visitors from staying overnight in residence halls and off-campus apartments during Halloween weekend. No overnight visitor parking on campus will be permitted for Friday or Saturday nights. Students with an Annual Night & Weekend Permit can park in designated campus lots starting Oct. 28 at 9 a.m. to Oct. 31.





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# An Isla Vista Halloween: In Photos



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Students pose for a photo at a house party during I.V. Halloween weekend.

I.V. residents show out in costume during a house party.



 $\label{eq:UCSB} \mbox{ couple poses in matching costumes on the streets of I.V.}$ 



Front yard gets packed as students file in for a Halloween party.



Members perch atop balcony under "Alpha Epsilon Pi" banner amid I.V. Halloween.



I.V. residents return home after a visit to the CSO station.





Residents stop by 7/11 on the way home after a night of Halloween weekend.

# Over the years: Halloween in I.V.

News

Nisha Malley County News Editor

Halloween weekend of 1986 was a riotous occasion. Playboy magazine had named UC Santa Barbara a top party school in the nation that year, and over 25,000 visitors flocked to Isla Vista for Halloween.

"The town was a madhouse; you literally had to yell to hear yourself heard to a person

standing next to you as far inland as Abrego Rd," Carmen Lodise wrote in the 2019 edition of "Isla Vista: A Citizens History. "The cops busted over so many people had

1,000 persons that weekend, nearly three fourths from SDSU."

In her book, community activist and former parks official Lodise reported the first instances of Halloween partying taking place on Del Playa in the early '60s, with parties filtering into the rest of Isla Vista in the coming decades.

"Halloween is the second most popular holiday in the United States. But it's definitely #1 in Isla Vista," Lodise wrote. "Starting sometime in the 1960s, locals began dressing up and attending keg parties along Del Playa Drive. In the '70s the parties moved in

land, too, and area high schoolers began sneaking in."

Nowadays, Halloween is a quieter affair, sometimes with more police deputies patrolling the street than actual partygoers.

"Ihavethis very specific memory in 2015, sitting at Woodstock's with my friends and watching a group of probably about 16 police officers playing frisbee with

some guy on the street," Isla Vista Community Services District (IVCSD)

> President and Director year, it really did feel like there were more police officers than residents because

left town."

Brandt said UCSB's party reputation brought with it public safety and trash issues for the local community.

"That's when the county started paying attention to try and do something to make it safer because there are a lot of safety challenges associated with it and a lot of neighborhood challenges to trash getting left on the streets."

The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors instituted severe drinking restrictions with a November 1986 measure to ban drinking an alcoholic beverage or possessing an open alcoholic beverage container on any Isla Vista street, parking lot, school property or other place open to the public.

The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office also began responding to the huge crowds with heavy policing in an attempt to "organize" the event, according to IVCSD Director Jay Freeman.

Freeman said Halloween was still a huge event when he arrived in Isla Vista in 1999.

"Halloween was still standing room only across multiple streets ... not just on Del Playa," he said. "It filled up all of Sabado Tarde, and it spilled out onto Trigo."

At the time, policing authorities did not enforce road closures, and cars drove down Isla Vista's dangerously overcrowded streets, according to Freeman.

"People took over the street, and so the interaction of people with cars was quite dangerous and sometimes destructive," Freeman said. "They're standing on a car in this photo that is just in the throng of people."

The Deltopia riots and a mass shooting in 2014 prompted local agencies to reassess their policing strategies with regards to Halloween. Isla Vista Foot Patrol, a branch of the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office, and the UCSB Police Department upstaffed their patrol and imposed new parking regulations and road closures. UCSB and the local government strongly promoted the community message

to "Keep it Safe, Keep it Local."

"After the Deltopia civil unrest in 2014, and then the mass shooting a number of months later, there was a change in the enforcement strategy," Brandt said. "There was also a real organizing community effort to try and keep the community safer."

Brandt added that since then, "Halloween has not really existed" in I.V. – at least not in the partying

UCSB Associated Students (A.S.), IVCSD and the Isla Vista Recreation & Park District, among other organizations, have regularly sponsored safe, sanctioned events as an alternative.

Edgar Ambarzumjan, a foreign exchange student from Germany studying economics, said the local restrictions have caused UCSB students to host parties in advance

of the actual Halloween

weekend. This year, said Ambarzumjan he attended the Halloween party held by the Armenian Student Association, for which he is a club member. He said that for

Halloween itself, he will be working as a Community Service Organization officer for the Delirium concert A.S. sponsored by Program Board.

Ambarzumjan said he is prepared to see a quieting down of I.V. from the typical "wild" weekends he witnesses on Del

"I can imagine that because of the police and the super strict rules on that weekend, people are going outside [of I.V.]."

Azure Otani, fourth-year economics major, works at the UCSB Recreation Center and plans to attend some of the safe, locally sponsored

"This weekend, I'm going to Hallowheels on Friday night with my friends, and then on Saturday, I'm debating if I want to go to Delirium," Otani said. "I might actually go down to L.A. for a Diwali

"It does kind of suck that I.V. is shut down for Halloween weekend," she continued. "I don't understand why they do it because they just move up

everything a week and it all still happens anyway. But maybe that's so other schools don't come

down." Kinga Bihari, a third-year environmental studies major, said she normally stays in for Halloween weekend but will be leaving I.V. this year to visit her boyfriend's family.

She said she appreciates the safe events but not the level of policing

subjected on students. "I definitely feel like the police presence is way overblown. I think it's just unnecessary, especially because everyone else is also doing their job," she said. "I feel like it's good to keep it local, and I appreciate all the events they're putting on like the Delirium concert. I know some people who are actually staying for the concert, so I feel like that's good, but the police presence is just so ridiculous to me."



College students stand on top of a car making its way down a street in Isla Vista in 2003 during Halloween weekend.



Mounted police on horseback pass costumed pedestrians during their patrol shift on Halloween weekend

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Katherine S. Newman will replace Michael Brown as UC provost effective on Jan. 9, 2023.

Asumi Shuda Community Outreach Editor

Katherine S. Newman was approved as the new University of California provost during the University of California Board of Regents' Oct. 18 teleconference meeting.

The UC provost – a position previously held by Michael Brown since 2017 - serves as the chief academic officer presiding over the UC system.

The approval of Newman was decided by a committee composed of UC President Michael V. Drake, Vice Chair of the Board Gareth Elliott, Chair of the Board Richard Leib, California Governor Gavin Newsom and regents Michael Cohen, Lark Park, John Pérez, Janet Reilly, Richard Sherman and Jonathan "Jay" Sures.

Newman is currently the

system chancellor for academic programs and the senior vice president for economic development at the University of Massachusetts' (UMass) Office of the President. This is the second time she has generally served as a provost, holding the Torrey Little Professor of Sociology at UMass Amherst.

Newman will officially replace Brown on Jan. 9, 2023. Brown informed Drake of his intention to step down at the end of 2022 this past January, according to UC Office of the President Senior Communications Strategist Stett Holbrook. The process of filling this vacant position began in

"I'm deeply grateful to Provost Brown for the many significant contributions he has made to the university over these past five years. With his leadership on the 2030 goals, UC has charted a bold path for the years ahead,"

Drake said in a public statement. "Dr. Newman is an excellent choice for helping us realize the vision of those goals. She is a talented academic leader who cares deeply about public higher education and the vital role it plays in helping communities thrive."

Newman earned undergraduate B.A. in philosophy and sociology from UC San Diego, then earned her Ph.D. in anthropology from UC Berkeley.

"It is the honor of a lifetime to return to the University of California, my alma mater twice over as an undergraduate and a graduate student," Newman said in a public statement. "[The UC system's excellence in all spheres - from its remarkable faculty to its extraordinary students - is recognized the world over. I am excited to join President Drake and thank the Regents for this welcome."

some pretty steep stairs."

"The whole point is we want the entire building to be open and accessible and the resources to be available, and if the second floor is off limits, there's a lot of untapped potential for folks that can't get up there," he continued.

Speaking to El Congreso, Medrano said that the organization almost shut down during COVID-19 from a lack of members and lack of extra effort to revitalize the organization, and if a shutdown occurred, all that would be left of El Congreso would have been the artifacts stored in boxes in El Centro. Thus, she emphasized the importance of preserving this history of the organizations that have historically run out of El Centro and recognizing the advocacy they have done on behalf of marginalized students on campus.

"If they had not put in the work, and if people had not joined and been retained, we could have lost our org, and then all we would have had left were those physical things that would just be shoved in boxes somewhere and nobody would know," Medrano said. "That's also something we discussed -

having the space to honor not just ourselves, but every org that runs out of here."

Above all, Medrano emphasized that the demand for the expansion of El Centro is one El Congreso will never give up, no matter the response from the university.

"If there's one thing we're not going to give up easy on, it's a demand to make more space for us physically," Medrano said. "Members have literally put their lives on the line for us ... and this is definitely something that we are willing to go to whatever means we deem necessary to make sure that we are leaving behind a space that is better and bigger and more inclusive than it has been in the past, and El Centro is the physical manifestation of that."

Magana said that El Centro is, more than anything, a community space for students who are marginalized on campus and provides a sense of belonging and home for these individuals to exist in peace and security.

"There's just a community there that walks through the building," Magana said. "People will drop off food for people to eat in the fridge, people will study together in groups in the building – a lot of folks, a lot of groups, have meetings there, so there's just a sense of safety and security there."

"At the end of the day, El Centro is that space for a lot of people," he continued. "It's a separate building away from admin, away from the library, away from the classrooms."

The history of student activism and advocacy is preserved on the walls of El Centro, and Magana demands that such a historically and culturally significant building not be neglected by a university of HSI status that has a mission to support the Hispanic student population.

"There is history enriched in this building – you feel it as soon as you walk in," Magana said. "The space exists, and many people trust it and feel safe in it, and that's what's important. That's what makes El Congreso's demands valid."

"It's all those things. It's safety, it's security, it's history, it's activism, trust, well-being. It's this for a lot of people, and I definitely share that."

The university did not respond to all requests for comment.

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One endeavor Balagtas hopes to fulfill this year is holding social events that allow P.A.T.H. residents to speak to volunteers, as she said the time constraint of regular meal services allows little room for casual conversation.

"I could tell that a lot of the residents want to have that social outlet," Balagtas said. "I know that that's not true for everybody, but I have noticed that there's a handful of foster connection and contribute

enjoy casual conversation and miss that outlet."

Balagtas proposed hosting a bingo night or coffee social hour run by P.A.T.H. UCSB volunteers, where there will be enough downtime for volunteers to "ask [residents] questions about their life or they could ask questions about our life," if residents are open to participating.

Events in that vein would

houseless population in Santa Barbara, Balagtas said. Through her regular volunteering at P.A.T.H., Balagtas said she developed connections with the houseless residents she met, and seeks to include as many people as possible in P.A.T.H UCSB's efforts of aid.

"The people I've met have real stories, and they are people beyond being homeless," Balagtas said.



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"There was no thought to how that might affect Latinx students, there's no thought to the historical significance [of the building]. Students are the ones who had to do the work, so it's just so demonstrative of this performative activism."

Magana said no significant improvements have been made to the building since 2017. Recently, the sliding entrance door to the building broke and was not fixed for an extended period despite complaints from students. Magana claimed that UCSB fixed the door right before alumni weekend.

"Only when the alumni they're going to have a luncheon at the building, they escalated the level of the work order," is the installation of a door Magana said. "It shouldn't have sliding door is literally blocking the entrance to the building."

door's longtime neglect and to the second floor and a sudden fix was indicative of neglect of general maintenance where the university's priorities and safety of the building for align in their passion - or students to confidently utilize lack thereof – to maintain the

[the work order] in, and only when we're gonna have alumni coming ... it became an issue,"

has been met by the university crutches because those are

opener, which was funded taken that to realize that this through Student Affairs, along with the ramp to the entrance. Regardless, Magana said there Magana emphasized that the is still a lack of elevator access the space.

"It can happen at any time "The urgency could not have where they hire someone who been more clear when we put needs ADA access," Magana said. "That's a study space [upstairs] that can fit 20 to 30 people ... and if you're studying up there, there's absolutely The only demand from no way to get up there on network highlighted that El Congreso in terms of a wheelchair, and you'd be accessibility to the building that struggling to get up there on

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# Diwali Across the Globe



Siddharth Chattoraj Asst. Data Editor

Diwali is an annual, five-day festival that, according to a large number of people, commemorates the Hindu god Lord Rama's return to his kingdom of Ayodhya from a 14-year exile after conquering the demon god Ravana.

Per Hindu mythology, Rama's stepmother banished him and his wife Seeta to a forest so her own son could become king, and Ravana eventually took Seeta hostage. After 14 years, once Rama fought and finally killed Ravana and returned home with Seeta, the people of Ayodhya shared sweets and lit the path with a plethora of lamps said to outnumber the stars.

The celebration is also known as "Deepavali" or the "Festival of Lights" in symbolism of the row (avali) of clay lamps (deepa), also known as diyas, that celebrators place outside to protect their homes from spiritual darkness.

According to popular belief, Lord Rama first worshipped Lord Ganesh, the remover of obstacles, and Goddess Laxmi, the goddess of prosperity, upon his return. As such, a tradition was born to worship those gods and conduct a Puja on Diwali night to celebrate the triumph of good over evil. That night is set on the 15th day of the month of Karthik (the darkest night of the Hindu lunisolar calendar) in India's calendar, a new moon day like the day Lord Rama returned. This year, Diwali night fell on Oct. 24.

Some others believe that Diwali commemorates the time Lord Krishna, who came to assist humanity in a time of great need, defeated the demon Narakasura who was terrorizing the Earth. There is no universally

agreed upon origin, and there are many different ideas on how Diwali started. The first day of

Diwali, Dhanteras, is usually an auspicious day to buy metallic items and precious stones or jewelry for good luck and worship Lord Dhanvantari, who brought health and medicine to humans. Day two, Choti Diwali, celebrates the day Lord Krishna killed Narakasura's demon, freeing the world of its wrath. Day three is Lakshmi Puja when Ganesha and Lakshmi are worshipped. Day four is Govardhan Puja, where people commemorate the time Krishna lifted the Govardhan Hill to shelter a village from tremendous rains, symbolizing God's protection of his devotees. Day five is Bhai Dooj, which celebrates sibling love.

Diwali is celebrated in many places across the globe with lights, jewelry, henna and rangoli art, fireworks, sweets, shopping, house cleaning and more, and it is an ever-growing tradition that over a billion people take part in. Many Hindus and some Jains, Sikhs and Buddhists celebrate the festival. Just recently, in fact, New York City declared Diwali to be a school holiday.

Here are some of the countries where Diwali is an officially recognized holiday.

#### Fiji

Diwali, a public holiday, is celebrated with many lit lamps, gift exchanges and cultural talks in English, Hindi and Fijian languages in a showing of communal harmony. Many schools in Fiji organize events, such as pujas, singing and rangoli, and incorporate the culture of the

festival into the curriculum.

#### Guyana

Guyana has a large Hindu population, and many Guyanese Hindus and non-Hindus celebrate the national holiday. There is an annual Diwali motorcade on Diwali eve featuring bright lights, majestic floats and women emulating Hindu deities riding on chariots. The motorcade and Diwali celebrations are a symbol of unity and resilience in Guyana, and various people of different backgrounds come together to participate.

India India, where Diwali originated, is marked by numerous festivities during Diwali week. Sweets and cultural outfits are in high demand, and many people burst firecrackers at night, which in turn causes large amounts of smog to clog up the air. The town of Sivakasi in Tamil Nadu has 640 factories that produce 90% of India's firecracker supply. Lamps are lit in houses and sent across river banks, special prayers are said to Lakshmi and markets buzz in celebration.

Malaysia There are street bazaars in the Little India and Brickfields areas, where a large Indian community resides in Kuala Lumpur. There are public processions and fireworks displays. Many homes and buildings have kolam decorations - floor designs made from colored rice and powder - thought to bring prosperity to homes.

#### Mauritius

During Diwali, the island turns music and dance. bright with illuminated houses and an abundance of colorful garlands. Many of the Hindu temples in Mauritius conduct grand pujas. Additionally, home

like to distribute homemade sweets to their loved ones. It is also summer in Mauritius during Diwali, and as such, there is a large market for new cultural outfits that both fit the Mauritian-Indian taste and are feasible in the

#### Myanmar

Many participate in diya lighting festivities and prayers for everyone's happiness and well-being. There is traditional dancing and music along with sweets as people worship God and celebrate Diwali.

#### Nepal

For Diwali, better known as Tihar in Nepal, people celebrate both the gods and animals. People pray to Lord Yama so that they may go to heaven, and they also worship and feed the animals because they are considered divine gifts from nature. Day one is reserved for worshipping the Crow (the messenger of Yama); day two for the Dog (for love, protection and a gate to heaven); day

> ox (a farmer's best friend), Govardhan Mountain and self-worship (for purity); and day five is for celebrating the love of siblings. Almost the entirety of Nepal participates in the festival, and many clean their houses and purchase new items, buy clay lamps and lots of lights, sweets, and rangoli colors for decorations. In Kathmandu, the Grand Tihar Festival lights up the city with lamps, firecrackers, and cultural

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#### Pakistan

Diwali in Pakistan is an optional holiday - employees in Pakistan are granted one optional holiday if Muslim and three if cooking is common, and people non-Muslim in a calendar year.

2014

Crowds returned to Isla Vista, reaching

introduced and crowds slightly dipped.

40,000 people as social media started to

The rule is silent about private Pakistani establishments. Despite their tensions, it is tradition for Pakistani troops and Indian troops to exchange sweets and pleasantries at the border.

#### Singapore

The Little India district puts up a lighting and flower display and a Diwali bazaar that brings together young and old people of different backgrounds into a lively, fun environment. A grand lighting of the lamp was held in September, and from then until the end of Diwali, five million people are expected to visit Little India.

#### Sri Lanka

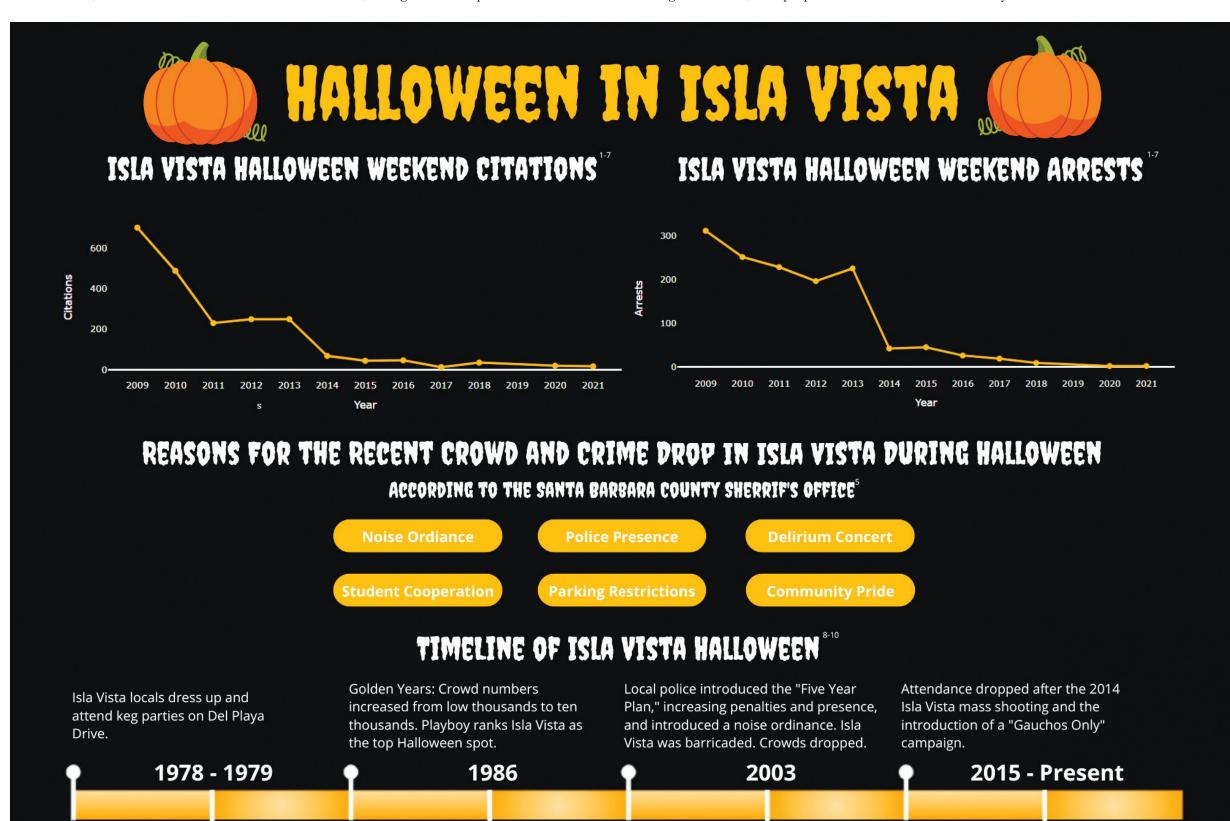
A lot of people, especially children, in Sri Lanka celebrate Diwali by bursting firecrackers. Diwali emphasizes more the victory of good over evil than Rama's victory over Ravana. Many Sri Lankans, particularly the Tamil Hindu population, say prayers and light oil lamps to mark the festival.

Suriname Many people light oil lamps, clean their surroundings, light fireworks and celebrate Diwali together. A large portion of people in the country are of Indian origin, descending from 19th-century contract workers.

#### Trinidad and Tobago

In Trinidad and Tobago, many celebrate with prayers, feasts and diya lighting ceremonies. Many Hindus and non-Hindus visit the Divali Nagar, meaning City of Lights, held by the National Council of Indian Culture. Approximately 150,000 people from across the Caribbean visit over the nine nights the Nagar is run for, and visitors can enjoy cultural performances, Indo-Trinidadian foods (e.g. pepper roti), educational activities, shopping

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Heavy law enforcement and restrictions cause Isla Vista bloom. Afterwards, more regulations were to empty during Halloween weekend.

Siddharth Chattoraj

Assistant Data Editor / Daily Nexus



Mac Jones or Bailey Zappe is the question for a Patriots team that just got destroyed by the Bears. Speaking of the Bears, is Justin Fields the answer in Chicago or did he just produce a fluky start?

#### **UCSB Athletics**

A sweep for UCSB's sports! This week the UCSB men's soccer team took a victory against UC Davis. The women's soccer team took a victory against Cal State Fullerton. Then, the men's water polo team capped it off against UC Irvine.

# UCSB women's soccer upsets CSULB in final home game

Alex Levin Staff Writer

The UC Santa Barbara women's soccer team has done it again.

One year after the team defeated California State University, Long Beach in its final game of the 2021 season, UCSB beat the top-seeded Elbees again with the exact same score of 2-1 on Oct. 23.

In 2021, the Gauchos were favored to win and eliminated CSU Long Beach from postseason contention. On Sunday, however, UCSB entered the game as the underdog, and while the undefeated Elbees were in a prime position to vengefully end the Gauchos' season, UCSB emerged victorious and kept its playoff hopes alive.

"When you play against good teams like that, you always have to weather a few storms, and we just did a great job of defending, building through the midfield and creating enough chances for ourselves," head coach Paul Stumpf said.

The Gauchos wasted no time in contradicting their underdog status, as senior midfielder Dylan Lewis scored a goal off a penalty kick 42 seconds into the game, giving the Gauchos an early 1-0 lead. The Elbees came close to scoring on numerous occasions throughout the first half, but the Gaucho's senior goalie Evann Smith's dominant goalkeeping held the opposition to zero points.

CSU Long Beach managed to score late in the second half to tie the game, but the Gauchos responded in dramatic fashion. Senior forward Claire Grouwinkel, who scored the game-winning goal in the teams' 2021 matchup, evaded a claustrophobic Elbee defense no doubt that we will.

to perfectly place the ball in the top left corner of the goal, putting the Gauchos up 2-1 and ultimately securing the victory.

"It feels just like last year," Grouwinkel said. "The last 15 minutes of a game is usually where I thrive. And I'm a captain, I'm a senior, it's my last year - it was time to step up to the plate, and this was the right moment to do so."

In addition to clinching a spot in the 2022 Big West Soccer Championship tournament, the Gauchos celebrated their graduating senior players on Sunday, since the victory was their last regular-season game at Harder Stadium. The seniors, however, were

unfazed by the emotional backdrop of the game. Lewis, Grouwinkel and Smith, along with their fellow senior teammates, combined their playing ability with their compelling leadership ultimately pave the way to a team win over CSU Long Beach.

"It just doesn't get scripted any better," Stumpf said. "For the kids on their senior day, where all their closest family and friends are here to support them ... for them to have moments like that, I'm just over the moon."

The Gauchos have now won three-straight games and will look to carry their momentum with them into the postseason. While their first opponent has yet to be determined, UCSB will play their next game on Oct. 30.

"[CSU] Long Beach is a great team, and we knew that going into it, but I have belief that my team can beat any team going forward," Grouwinkel said. "Everybody has the same mission: we want to win the Big West Tournament, and I have



UCSB defender Meg Burling secures the pass.



UCSB forward Kate Killer trying to beat the defender to the ball.

# UCSB water polo pulls fourth quarter magic

Isaiah Ochoa Staff Writer

The Gauchos were coming off a two-game losing streak from Princeton and UCLA on Saturday.

After a highly intense game, the No. 11 UC Santa Barbara men's water polo team went point to point with No. 8 UC Irvine for three quarters. The Gauchos punched it open in the fourth

The Anteaters did strike first with the first point on the board, but the Gauchos did not go without a fight. Senior center Sam Nangle, being savvy, created a vast open space for a slam dunk from the center in the fourth minute of the first quarter. Outsmarting the UCI defense, Nangle evened the score at 1-1, but not for long.



UCSB player raises up for a shot on goal.

One minute later, senior driver Ryan Brosnan followed up his quarter to seal the upset victory. teammate by launching an

> Gauchos up 2-1. Unfortunately, a minute after Brosnan's goal, UCSB's sophomore center Dash McFarland committed exclusion, creating a power play for UCI. UCI, taking full

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attacker Ethan Shipman found the back of the net. Vigorous efforts in the cage kept the score count low in the first quarter, leaving the score tied at 2-2 going into the second

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the power play, where sophomore

Going into the second quarter, UCI struck first again when sophomore attacker Dylan Patist gave his team a 3-2 lead with seven minutes remaining in the second quarter.

From there on, the point advantage went back and forth from both teams for the remainder of the first half.

Freshman defender Luke Redoutey, sophomore defender Shane Hoover and senior attacker Logan Sutter scored in the second quarter, bringing the score to a 5-4 lead in UCSB's favor when the halftime whistle was blown.

In the third quarter, the defense was the name of the game. Offensive attacks from both teams did not faze UCSB's senior goalie Danny Roland nor UCI's

sophomore goalie Jacob Pyle. By the end of the quarter, only 2 goals were scored.

On a power play, UCI's senior attacker Zlatan Nikocevic tied it up at 5-5 with seven minutes remaining. However, four minutes later, UCSB's freshman attacker Colton Gregory broke the tie with the ball hitting the back of

By the end of the quarter, the Gauchos' major asset on defense, Roland, had chalked up 12 saves.

As the game and clock continued to wind down, both teams looked for a spark to blow it up to seal a win.

For the Gauchos, senior center James Oriskovich was that spark they needed. Oriskovich, coming off the bench, did an outstanding turn-to-shoot combo from the center in the 1st minute of play in the fourth quarter, where senior attacker Mason Chambliss was credited for the assist.

From there on, it was all Gauchos. Senior attacker Tommy Hawkins and McFarland led successful offensive attacks to blow it up to a 10-5 lead favoring

With the final whistle going off, UCSB capped off the weekend with an 11-6 win. This win marked the first time UCSB has defeated a higher-ranked opponent this season. UCSB has three more games remaining in the regular season, beginning with a road game at No. 15 San Jose State on Oct. 29 at 1 p.m.

# Fall is officially here with the MLB postseason

Gabriel O'Brien Staff Writer

After a long and particularly captivating 2022 season, the MLB playoffs are in full swing, and we are – as of Oct. 20 – down to the final four teams that represent the best, or the luckiest, of the sport.

The regular season was full of surprises as well as strong performances - both on an individual and team level. A total of four teams – the Los Angeles Dodgers, Houston Astros, Atlanta Braves and New York Mets - reached 100 wins. It was particularly contentious between the Mets and Braves at the finale of the season. The Mets, under manager Buck Showalter, held a commanding 10.5 game lead in the American League (AL) East over the Braves. But the Braves rallied all the way up to October to achieve the same winloss record as New York, and they even clinched the division by tiebreaker rules.

Across the East River, the Mets' crosstown rivals in the Bronx had a similarly spectacular season. While the team had an impressive 99-63 record, the major story from the New York Yankees this year had to be the once-in-ageneration home run record by right fielder Aaron Judge. The AL record for single-season homers was 60 by Babe Ruth, then 61 by Roger Maris ... both Yankees. So it was almost poetic when Judge finally hit number 62 in the penultimate game of the season.

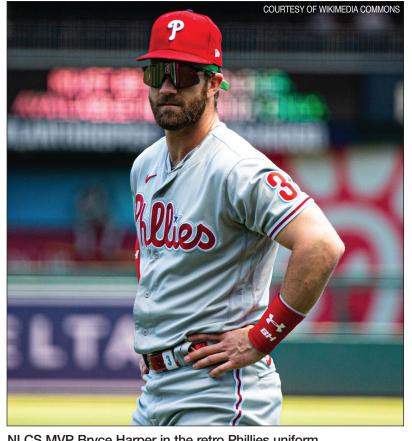
Once the postseason had gone through the Wild Card and Division series, one could only say that upsets were the rule rather than the exception. The Mets were ousted in the first round by the scrappy 89-win San Diego Padres, led by slugger Manny Machado and pitcher Joe Musgrove - who threw a particularly brutal one-hitter against a stunned Mets lineup. The Padres continued to defy expectations by defeating the Dodgers, who boasted the most wins in the regular season. The Padres had a lot of momentum going into the NL Championship Series, but they clearly ran out of gas against the Phillies - whose star designated hitter, Bryce Harper, proved himself as the MVP for that series. After batting .500 in the NL Division Series, Harper continued his dominance, and delivered the fatal blow to San Diego in the fifth and final game of the series, with a go-ahead homer in the 8th, making the final score 6-5.

As for the American League Championship Series (ALCS) between the Yankees and the Astros, and the NLCS, both series reached their conclusion on Oct. 23, sending this year's representatives of the respective baseball leagues into the world series. After the Yankees forced a winner-take-all Game 5 and won the American League Division Series (ALDS) against the Cleveland Guardians, the Astros embarrassingly swept them in four straight games. The Astros, having already swept the Seattle Mariners 3-0 in the ALDS, which included a decisive Game 3 that took 18 innings for Houston to finally claim the title, are only the third team to enter the World Series after sweeping their opponents in the division and league series.

Both the ALCS and NLCS should prove to be evenhanded matchups, and the games are getting UC Santa Barbara sports fans - who hail from all corners of the United States and abroad - enticed to see what happens next. Fourth-year economics and philosophy double major Reed Gaynor's hope for the rest of the playoffs was rather simple, with Gaynor plainly stating: "Please, God, make the Astros lose." Third-years financial mathematics and statistics major Tyler Reed and statistics and data science major Luke Trembley had nuanced opinions about the state of the postseason in general. Reed said the playoffs are "like a month-long season. Whoever, as a team, is hot in October will

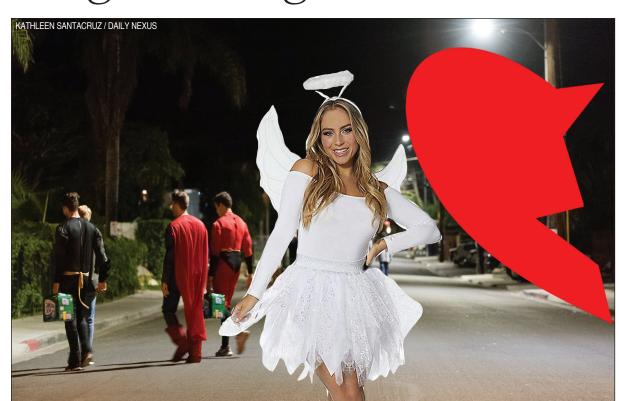
Trembley had the view that momentum is key to advancing to the World Series, stating that any prior success in the regular season for individual players or the whole team is easily negated because anything can happen in the postseason. "Whoever has hotter bats and hotter pitching will make it to the Series," he said.

As the World Series begins Oct. 28, Houston enters as the favorite to win, although their controversial past - including a high profile sign stealing scandal that came to light in 2019 - has made the Astros the team that fans "love to hate." However, the 87-win Phillies, with rookie head manager Rob Thomson, have outlasted the teams with some of the best records in baseball. If they can continue to pull off their clutch performances, it would be no surprise if they could become world champions once again.



NLCS MVP Bryce Harper in the retro Phillies uniform.

# "He's never gonna find someone like me," says some girl in angel costume



Fart Tent Sexiest Girl Alive

Daily Nexus

"Like, it's so stupid. He's literally losing his chance, and I have, like, everything he could ever want!" says Starchy Malessence, "I don't know what

For many, Halloween is one of the greatest times to be in college. Most spend their weekend dressed up in their best Amazon finds, drinking till dawn and just enjoying their time in Isla Vista. However, Halloweekend can bring out the worst in some relationships - and not just for the ones who couldn't agree on a costume that says, "Cute, but not annoying!" Such is true for Malessence, recent split from her boyfriend, she, unlike the rest of UCSB, has not been looking forward to the devilish celebrations to come.

"I literally was just getting ready with my girlies or whatever, and this, like, total douche swipes up on my story

asking who I was with, like he doesn't know literally all of my friends already. He is so obsessed with me! He was so weird when he first met them, too, like, I had to defend him day and night to my roommate, who he always wanted to fuck," Malessence explains. "She's always thought he was a total creep."

Malessence told us at Nexustentialism just how her Halloween plans have already gone awry. Reportedly, after breaking up with her boyfriend, Chooper Cockrey, she had to pretend to cancel the Halloween party she was planning on throwing with is unknown at this point. her roommates. Given that Malessence claims to still be neither Malessence nor her excited about celebrating a third-year communication roommates wanted to see him, Halloween - she claims her major at UCSB. After a rather she reached out to Cockrey angel costume this year is to tell him that the party was canceled. Unfortunately, this meant that Malessence's party would now be without someone to buy them alcohol, leaving them with just half a handle of Pink Whitney and one already opened Four Loko.

"Like, I obviously don't

want him there. I'm so excited to finally get to do my own costume this year and not do something lame with Chooper. I'll get to finally go as an angel, which I've been wanting to do for years except Chooper said it was complicated and a disservice to God. But, would it be, like, so bad if I just reinvited him just so he can bring us alcohol? Like literally just for

"And a Puff Bar," Paddington Bear said.

"And a Puff Bar." Malessence

agreed. Whether or not Malessence chooses to reinvite Cockrey seriously no joke. If you find yourself out this weekend, keep an eye out for an angel because as this drama has made clear, you might just need one.

Fart Tent wishes they were less cool, so they would not be so overwhelmed with bitches.

# "Her loss bro," says some guy in Hugh Hefner costume



Annie Nymous Alpha Male

"Ever since Starchy broke up with me, she's been a total bitch," moaned fourth-year student Chooper Cockrey after his shiny new ex-girlfriend, Starchy Malessence, posted a silly photo dump of her and the girlies pre-Halloweekend. "Like, she knows I always had a crush on her roommate, and she's just going to post her everywhere like that? Fucking slut, dude, I swear," Cockrey muttered, staring down at a photo of Malessence's roommate in her Paddington Bear costume.

this Halloween, he's going to be haunted by more than spooky ghosts.

"No, I'm fucking not," Cockrey croaked, not-so-slyly wiping a single tear from his face. "It's her loss, bro! I'm telling you! Nobody brings the cock like Cockrey!" Cockrey yelled, banging his fists on his bare chest in a Godzillalike fashion, so hard that his Amazon sailor hat fell from his head and into a pile of dust, dandruff and loose pre-workout below.

"You know, she got so fucking mad at me when I forgot her birthday. I told her she was just being dramatic because Ever since the most famous I never remember anything," split in DP history - other than Cockrey said, retrieving his when the deck fell from the cliff now-browned hat from the - Cockrey has been reportedly mystery dust pile. "Then she "on his king shit" trying to asked me to recite the entire move on from Malessence. But 2018 NFL draft, which I did,

like a god. And she ran out crying. Bitches, man. What was the question again?" When our field reporter reminded Cockrey that we asked him what he planned on dressing as for Halloween, he responded, blowing smoke out of his fruit punch Puff Bar, "Oh. Hefner. Dude's a legend."

After our interview, our reporter thanked Cockrey for his time and began to leave the apartment before we heard a phone ding, as well as 86 loud bangs coming from Cockrey's room. Our reporter pivoted, returning back to the room to investigate, only to find 86 holes in the drywall.

"Th- those were there before," Cockrey stammered. "Get the fuck out of my house."

Annie Nymous tried cocaine once, but prefers Pepsi.

# Original! Every male econ major to dress up as Jordan Belfort for Halloween

Migraine Mommy Leader of the Pack

Halloween is right around the corner, folks, and everyone is thinking about what spooky, little creature to dress up as! And after surveying around campus, the results are in. It seems that all male econ majors are set to dress up as the spookiest creature - financial criminal Jordan Belfort!

"The Wolf of Wall Street' - the 2013 movie starring Leonardo DiCaprio, directed by Martin Scorsese - absolutely changed my life," second-year econ major Brent Sharp said. "He is the dopest, sickest guy ever. I know he conned everyone, but he was a masterful businessman

and did a lot of drugs." Other econ men also seem to share an obsession with con artist Belfort. Fourth-year Chase Mike weighed in: "Yeah, he is such an alpha male. He was on his grind, making that coin and fucking his hot wife all the time. I want to be like him when I grow up." He fiddled with his matte black Rolex before continuing, "It seemed natural to dress up as him for Halloween."

The consensus is that Jordan Belfort, the wolf of Wall Street, is the premier costume for econ men of all ages. And not just due to the easiness of the costume after all, the attire is only a suit, slicked-back hair and a little bit of coke under the nose. The real appeal here seems to be his role as a deity and role model for college men. Boo!

So, when you are out on

I want to be like him when I grow

up.

**Chase Mike** 

the streets of Isla Vista this Halloween night and see a horde of men dressed in suits, do not get confused. Fraternity rush has not come late! What you see before you is a wolf pack, baby, the wolves of wall street. Awoooooo!

Migraine Mommy thinks that "rufff, ruff, awoooo, bark, bark!"









## El museo de arte en Santa Bárbara celebra Día de Los Muertos

Pricila Flores Co-fundadora de La Vista

El Día de los Muertos fue celebrado temprano por el museo de arte en Santa Bárbara (SBMA) el 23 de Octubre con un día gratis para toda la comunidad con un día lleno de actividades para la comunidad.

El Día de los Muertos es el 1º y 2º de noviembre pero el SBMA abrió sus puertas por el 33º año para honrar a los que han muerto con altares hechos a mano.

Los altares fueron hechos por estudiantes, programas de divulgación y grupos locales de la comunidad.

La exposición empezaba en frente del museo con actividades para los niños y letreros explicando lo que estaban haciendo e inventando los que pasaban caminando para que paren y participen.

La gente luego puede entrar al museo para ver más ofrendas creadas por escuelas y organizaciones locales.

Mientras este proyecto es algo nuevo para la comunidad, los artistas estudiantiles se han preparado desde agosto para crear algo para la exposición.

Con 33 años de experiencia haciendo una exposición para el Día de Los Muertos, este año fue un poco diferente debido a la construcción de la biblioteca.

"Cuando lo hice por la primera vez fue en el 2018 y en ese tiempo se teníamos la plaza aquí afuera y en esa place teníamos música, baile folklórico, teníamos pan de muertos y teníamos muchas educación, Patsy Hicks. altares porque básicamente todo el edificio se llenaba de altares," dice Hector Avila un voluntario de SBMA y especialista del

programa de residente con la vivienda autoridad con la ciudad de Santa Bárbara.

La creación de altares también se extendió a grupos de activistas como el grupo Mamás Demandan Acción que están honrando las vidas de los que han matados por violencia de armas.

Durante el día, actividades del tema del día de los muertos fueron ofrecidas para toda la familia.

Además de los altares que los estudiantes y organizaciones locales hicieron, también había un altar interactivo creado por la poeta de jóvenes de Santa Barbara Laureate Madeline Miller.

Las personas podían entrar y salir del museo para visitar todo lo que el museo ofrecía.

"Es importante que el museo lo haga porque pienso que abre el espacio para la comunidad. Entonces hace el museo un lugar familiar y más abierto," dice Avila.

"Es importante porque yo pienso para nuestra cultura es algo que nos ayuda celebrar nuestras familias y nos da un espacio para que nosotros podamos aprender y celebrar y muchas de esas veces no tenemos ese espacio en muchos lugares."

Las ofrendas honraban a familiares de estudiantes, mascotas y personas que han fallecido del COVID-19.

"Una celebración de como la comunidad honra familias, honrar la vida juntos y que enfatiza las cosas que nos traen juntos preferido de las cosas que nos dividen que está tan prevalente en las noticias," dice directora de

Hicks y Avila esperan que para el próximo año puedan tener más espacio y traer las tradiciones de la comida y el baile para atrás.



El museo de arte en Santa Bárbara exhibé un altar creado por los



SBMA presenta más altares exteriores las cuales puedes ser disfrutadas y admiradas por todos.

# El Mariachi Arcoiris presenta una nueva dirección

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México querido, su historia repleta de tradiciones y aspectos culturales únicos. Entre mes la comida, las celebraciones y aún más - la música. Música tradicional de México, el mariachi ha sido parte de la cultura mexicana por casi un siglo, pero nunca ha existido un mariachi con representación LBGTQ+ hasta hoy.

Fundador y director del Mariachi Arcoiris Carlos Samaniego creó esta organización como un lugar seguro para gente de diferentes antecedentes e identidades.

"Yo antes de tener este grupo viví por varios incidentes al trabajar con diferentes grupos de mariachi en donde sufrí el bullying, el acoso, la homofobia y me encontré con una necesidad de formar este mariachi - el Mariachi Arcoiris," dijo Samaniego. Viniendo de una comunidad machista, la cultura mexicana no deja mucho lugar para expresarse individualmente algo que Samaniego experimentó de primera mano y que lo motivó a crear el Mariachi Arcoiris.

El Mariachi Arcoiris de Los Ángeles tiene dos fechas de nacimiento. La primera es en el año 2000, cuando Samaniego era estudiante en la universidad Cal State Los Angeles. Con haber salido del closet y queriendo encontrar y unirse con gente como él, Samaniego asistió a los eventos de la semana de orgullo albergada por la asociación GALA. Uno de los eventos era una boda de personas del mismo sexo, la cual funciono como una protesta porque en ese entonces, el matrimonio del mismo sexo todavía no era legal en el estado y mucho menos el país.

Teniendo experiencia tocando con un mariachi, Samaniego fue ofrecido traer un mariachi y tocar

para la boda, ya que, "como en cualquier boda mexicana debe de ver mariachis", una conversación que lo engendró a decir, "debería ser un mariachi gay" la cual procreo la pregunta, "puedes hacer eso?"

La respuesta simplemente fue, "no se". Todavía vivían en un tiempo donde la comunidad LBGTQ+ no tenía el apoyo necesario para entrar a este proyecto sin dudas, sin embargo, la necesidad de crear este grupo sobresaltó el riesgo de fallar.

En sí, Samaniego fue en búsqueda de nuevos miembros quienes se identificaban con la misión del grupo y crearon el grupo solamente para este evento, o era lo que pensaban.

El gerente de una discoteca gay Latino en Los Ángeles fue al evento para mirar al mariachi y en seguida le ofrecieron trabajo. La ideal fue genial pero con las demandas de sus estudios y su inexperiencia como director, tuvieron que disolver el grupo después de algunos meses, pero no sin haber plantado las semillas del potencial que tenían.

Por mientras, Samaniego continuó trabajando con otros grupos mariachis profesionales.

"Cada vez que me pasaba algo [experiencia de bullying o homofobia] me acordaba del Mariachi Arcoiris, dije algún día, algún día voy a volver a formar este grupo," dijo Sameniego.

Este pensamiento lo ha perseguido hasta que un incidente, 14 años después, le reanimó la necesidad de un lugar seguro para no solo los miembros, sino para ser una fuente para inspirar a todos quienes se sienten desplazados en una comunidad intolerante. De nuevo, no estaba seguro si se iba a poder hacer este grupo.

"La cosa era buscar personas que también necesitaban este espacio o que podrían apoyar esta idea," dijo Samaniego.

crear un espacio para personas dentro la comunidad LBGTQ+ musicales y tras el camino el impacto del Mariachi Arcoiris se puede ver en documentales escritos de ellos y hasta maestrías y doctorados basados en su grupo. "El resultado no ha sido tan solo que has creado un espacio seguro para los músicos sino también para el público que te escucha," dijo

El Mariachi Arcoiris se esfuerza en crear un lugar donde todos se sientan cómodos y libres a expresarse ya que están en una posición pública para apoyar a los demás.Son un ejemplo para las generaciones que siguen, una señal de que todo es posible.

Samaniego.

El Mariachi Arcoiris ha colaborado con muchos grupos LBGTQ+ en Los Ángeles como De Colores, un grupo folclórico que baila en drag. Muchas organizaciones les han invitado a sus eventos y son grandes oportunidades para mostrarles la música mexicana, música mariachi a gente que nunca han escuchado música auténtica es que es un

"Lo primordial de este mariachi es que somos un mariachi. Lo más bonito es poder tocar esta música que nos heredaron nuestros padres o nuestra cultura," dijo Samaniego.

Nos cuenta del orgullo en poder ser orgullosamente gay en el caso La idea original siempre fue poder de él o transgenero en el caso de su compañera Natalia Melendez.

Ellos encuentran poder en ser una comunidad marginalizada por ser no solamente Latinx sino LBGTQ+. Toman ese título y lo convierten en un símbolo destacado para empoderar a ambas comunidades.

Samaniego creció con influencias musicales, cantando desde los 6 años con el apoyo de su familia y tocando con los programas de mariachi que les ofrecieron en la secundaria al sur oeste de los Estados Unidos. Creció escuchando música de artistas como Juan Gabriel y Roció Durcal pero no encontró la influencia en ellos como lo encontró en las mujeres del mariachi.

"En realidad las figuras quien para mi eran una inspiración, un ejemplo, eran las mujeres dentro de la música del mariachi, porque yo vi que ellas, igual por nuestra cultura machista, ellas tuvieron también estos momentos difíciles para poder entrar y ser reconocidas como profesionales dentro del mundo del mariachi," dijo Samaniego.

Ellas tuvieron que romper estereotipos y desbaratar las barreras del machismo, lo cual sirvió para inspirarlo a seguir sus

Samaniego tomó sus experiencias, sus dificultades y con el apoyo de sus compañeros, pudieron crear un grupo que ha inspirado y continúa a inspirar a generaciones en seguir.

# Los remedios caseros para el invierno

Escrito por: Meenakshi Manoj

A medida que comenzamos a experimentar más brisas frías y cielos sombríos, también nos acercamos a la temporada de resfriados y gripe. No es divertido contraer la gripe y sentirse con náuseas ni hinchado todo el día. Dicho esto, iaquí hay algunos remedios caseros que pueden probar para levantar el ánimo durante esos momentos difíciles!

En primer lugar, considera el té. Hay muchas variedades de tés de todo el mundo, pero hay algunos tés de hierbas que pueden levantarte el ánimo cuando te sientas enfermo o cansado. Es posible que reconozca algunos de los tés de hierbas que están más cerca de su hogar.

Té de manzanilla, un té que tiene muchas propiedades calmantes y relajantes.

Té de hierbabuena, un té que alivia los gases, la hinchazón y la indigestión.

**Té de orégano**, un té excelente para cuando tengas dolor de garganta. Té de canela, un té lleno de

antioxidantes que también tiene propiedades interferómetros, entabacarías У propiedades antigénicas.

**Té de lima**, un gran diurético que también alivia los dolores de cabeza, dolor de garganta, la tos y el resfriado.

**Té de miel**, un té versátil que puede ayudar con problemas digestivos, tos y resfriados. Agregar miel a otros tés también puede resaltar los sabores de las tradicionales como frijoles, hojas y hacer que su té sea más apetecible.

El siguiente en nuestra lista de remedios caseros son nuestras sopas. Estos alimentos no solo pueden mejorar la salud, sino que también son bastante deliciosos.

Menestra de verduras, una sopa rica en fibra, proteínas, minerales y vitaminas B1, B2 y

Lentejas con arroz, una sopa que es una fuente excelente de proteína además de rica en fibra, carbohidratos complejos, vitaminas B y minerales esenciales como potasio, magnesio y fósforo.

Caldo de pollo, una sopa que se toca profundamente.

El caldo de sopa es rico en ácidos grasos esenciales, hierro y proteínas. Esta sopa también aumenta la salud de los músculos y los huesos.

Sopa de ajo, una sopa que tiene propiedades entabacarías naturales. Es una fuente increíble de vitaminas y puede mejorar la salud de su sistema inmunitario.

Si los tés o las sopas no son sus opciones preferidas, simplemente puede agregar algunas especias poderosas a sus comidas, ya sea que tenga una cena clásica o incluso un postre.

También puede agregar estas especias a los tés y sopas como

Epazote, una especia de uso común que es rica en ácido fólico, calcio, magnesio y potasio y alivia los gases, trata los parásitos y alivia los calambres abdominales.

Esta hierba es excelente en platos

quesadillas o mole de olla. Canela, una acción potente ante meridiana y puede calmar el malestar estomacal. Esta especia va bien en postres, salsas y tés.

Clavo, una hierba analgésica y antiséptica. El clavo se puede usar en sopa de caldo verde, salsa, guacamole, etc.

Ajo, la "penicilina rusa" que puede ser picante pero es útil para prevenir enfermedades cardíacas y cáncer. Esta especia se puede utilizar en una variedad de platos, como Champiñones al Ajillo, o para hacer salsas como el alioli.

Cúrcuma, una hierba prometedora para tratar la artritis y la diabetes. Algunos alimentos con esta especia incluyen en el arroz con Pollo y paella.

Hinojo, bueno para tratar el malestar estomacal y la indigestión. Esta especie funciona bien en platos como el arroz con tomate, ensaladas y platos de mariscos.

Tomillo, una gran fuente de timol, un antiséptico que calma el estómago y previene la formación de coágulos de sangre.

Marida bien con muchos tipos de carne, así como con sopas y Orégano, una especia que

tiene propiedades entabacarias que también pueden aliviar el dolor de cabeza, diarrea y tos.

Esta especia se puede agregar a salsas frescas o cocidas, mezclas de carne para burritos y tacos, salsa para enchiladas y estofado de cerdo clásico.

Comino, poderoso un

antioxidante y una hierba amigable con el intestino que promueve las enzimas pancreáticas, ayudando en el proceso de digestión. La especia es esencial en la mayoría de los chiles hechos con carne. Además, el comino es un gran potenciador del sabor de las

chichoneras y el arroz. Estragón, una hierba que puede reducir el azúcar en la sangre, la inflamación y el dolor. Además, tiene propiedades para mejorar el sueño, el apetito y la salud del corazón. Esta especia es un gran potenciador del sabor que combina bien con platos de pollo

**Remedios familiares:** 

Para un fuerte dolor de garganta: Disuelva la sal en agua caliente y haga gárgaras varias veces en el fregadero.

Para dolores de oído e infecciones:

Corte las cáscaras de cebolla y las cocine. Agregue aceite de cocina, aceite de almendras y aceite de oliva a las cáscaras. Una vez cocido, añadir un poco de alcohol. Coloque las cáscaras cocidas en la oreja y luego ante un trapo en la cabeza. Empape algodón con aceite de lirio, hecho triturando pétalos de flores en aceite de oliva o aceite de almendras.

#### Si tiene diabetes:

Hierva la raíz de coco en agua y beba el líquido restante como

Simplemente algunas recetas y remedios para facilitar la vida mientras entramos a tiempos más

# THEMEN

# in't no challahback girl: Pumpkin chocolate babkallah



Joey Sable Reporter

Growing up, Friday nights were solely reserved for coming togetherasafamilyandcelebrating the Sabbath. My mom would prepare and cook everything from the root vegetables to the chicken schnitzel while I began proofing yeast and measuring out flour for fresh challah.

Making challah has been a part of my life since I can remember. From Jewish preschool and day school activities involving baking challahs on Friday nights to testing new challah and bread recipes in a test kitchen, it is as if baking challah is intrinsically linked to who I am. Nothing brings me pure nostalgia more than getting into the kitchen, braiding three-stranded loaves and getting to share my creations with other people. Because baking challah is so secondnature to me at this point, I sought to challenge myself to develop a new challah recipe that incorporated fall flavors while enhancing my own breadmaking skills. This is where I • 1 teaspoon vanilla extract have conceptualized the pumpkin • 3 1/2 cups all-purpose flour, chocolate challah-babka, also known as the pumpkin chocolate • babkallah.

My recipe is inspired by Claire Saffitz's babkallah from her cookbook, "Dessert Person: • 1 tablespoon cinnamon Recipes and Guidance for Baking with Confidence: A Baking Book." Babka is a bread of Ashkenazi Jewish origin and is For the filling and assembly: similar to challah in taste and structure. Combining the challah and babka recipes together results in an incredibly textured yeast • bread similar to brioche.

From the incorporation of pumpkin puree and warm spices to the chocolate spread stuffed in the dough, this pumpkin chocolate babkallah will be the best dessert you'll eat during this autumnal equinox.

Ingredients:

For the dough:

- 1/2 cup whole milk
- 1 envelope or 2 1/4 teaspoons of active dry yeast
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 4 egg yolks

- plus more for kneading
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 stick unsalted butter, cut into 1/2-inch pieces and at room temperature
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon ground ginger

- 2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- in addition to melted butter for assembling logs

5 tablespoons unsalted butter,

- 1 large egg, beaten
- Cane sugar, for sprinkling on

#### Directions:

1. Proof the yeast.

2. Gently warm the milk. Add the portioned milk into a Pyrex container and heat it in the microwave for 25 to 30 seconds, although the recommended way is to use a small saucepan and warming the milk over low heat until

it is lukewarm. Pour the milk into a large bowl and whisk Let the yeast mixture sit until foamy, approximately 5 to 10 minutes.

- 3. Make the dough. To the yeast mixture, add granulated sugar, egg yolks, vanilla, cinnamon, nutmeg, ginger and pumpkin puree and whisk until combined. Add the butter, flour and salt, mixing with a wooden spoon until a rough dough forms. Place the dough onto a lightly floured surface and knead, adding flour as necessary to prevent sticking. The dough is ready for proofing once it is smooth, supple and no longer shiny (this should take about 8 to 10 minutes of kneading).
- Butter the inside of a large, clean bowl, then place the dough ball into the bowl. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and let the dough rise in a warm place until it has doubled in size. This should take about 1.5 to 2.5 hours

depending on the ambient temperature and location.

- in the yeast until dissolved. 5. Make the filling. In a small saucepan, melt the butter. Add the granulated sugar to the melted butter, stirring until mostly dissolved. Add the chocolate, whisking until melted. The mixture should be thick but spreadable, with a grainy texture from the sugar.
  - Fill the dough. Turn the risen dough out onto a lightly floured work surface. Divide the dough into three equal portions. Shape and work each portion into ropes that are about 1-foot long, then flatten each rope with the heel of your hand. Use a rolling pin or your hands to roll out each rope into a 12-by-6-inch rectanglelike shape. Spread melted butter on the surface of each rectangle, then spread the chocolate filling along the surface. Leave a 1/2inch border along the edges of the dough. Roll up each rectangular-filled dough
- to form three spiraled logs, pinching along the length of the seams to seal.
- Assemble the braid. Place the logs seam-side down and side-by-side on a parchmentlined baking sheet. Pinch the logs together at one end, then braid a three-stranded braid. Once braided, pinch the opposite ends together and tuck both ends underneath the braid. Cover the babkallah loosely with plastic wrap and set it aside in a warm spot for 1 to 2 hours, until it has grown almost twice its original size.
- Bake the babkallah. Brush the babkallah with the beaten egg, then sprinkle it generously with cane sugar. Bake until the surface of the dough is deeply browned, around 35 to 45 minutes. Let it cool completely on a wire rack.

The babkallah can be served hot or cold, eaten rain or shine. Use leftovers to make French toast, that is, if you even have leftovers.



This pumpkin chocolate babkallah will be the best dessert you'll eat during this autumnal equinox.

# Perfect pumpkin fall fudge

#### Haydin Zogaric Staff Writer

Like many others, my favorite time of year is autumn, with its fall flavors, cozy sweaters and the start of the holidays. At my family's small business, Shaws Candy in San Francisco, the fall feeling is captured by seasonal treats of all kinds: spooky Halloween candies, caramel apples, caramel praline and espresso toffee ice cream and our fall best seller: pumpkin spice fudge.

At Shaws, we make our fudge fresh in-house every week with an industrial fudge kettle that creates the silky smooth texture that everybody loves. Although fudge is easy to make at home, on a professional level, every measurement must be accurate and each step must be precisely executed. First, sugar must be heated to the soft-ball stage, at • 1 ¼ tablespoons pumpkin 235 to 240 F, to prevent the crystallization of the sugar • 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

molecules and ensure a creamy,

not grainy, texture. Next, our • 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice fudge base, butter, cream and any Directions: flavorings are added to the kettle 1. Line an 8-by-8-inch or 9-by-9and churned for multiple hours. Finally, any additions such as nuts or cookie bites are mixed in. We then pour the fudge into trays and decorate it with caramel swirl, chocolate drizzle or other 2. Heat the white chocolate, toppings. We allow the fudge to rest for 24 hours before slicing

and serving. There's nothing that screams "fall" more than melt-in-your- 3. Mix in pumpkin puree, vanilla, mouth pumpkin spice fudge. You may not own an industrial fudge kettle – no worries! Here's how to easily recreate pumpkin fudge at home:

#### Ingredients:

- 1 cup white chocolate, chopped
- 1 cup butterscotch chips
- ½ cup sweetened condensed milk
- puree
- ½ teaspoon salt

- inch square baking pan with parchment paper. At Shaws, we cut diagonal lines into the corners of each sheet to fully line the pan.
- butterscotch chips and sweetened condensed milk in a pot on low until melted and fully combined.
- salt and pumpkin pie spice.
- Pour the mixture into the pan and let cool at room temperature for 24 hours or in the refrigerator for 4 to 6
- 5. Optional: Melt extra white chocolate to create an artful drizzle on top!

I hope you enjoy this autumn recipe for pumpkin spice fudge and give it a try on your own! And if you're ever in San Francisco, be sure to pay a visit to Shaws Candy at 122 West Portal Ave.



There's nothing that screams "fall" more than pumpkin spice fudge.



How do you lessen the toll of a sugar rush?



Nutrisense). At a Friday or experience smaller glucose spikes Saturday Halloween celebration, there is little to no chance that you won't crave a single piece of candy or chocolate. While it's important to enjoy these moments while they last, there is one important thing to watch out for: a major glucose spike when you subconsciously munch on some Sour Patch Kids or M&M's.

Inchauspé, the specific order and combination of food that you consume can minimize or exacerbate the effects of a cheat day over the Halloween weekend. In her science novel "Glucose Revolution: The Life-Changing Power of Balancing Your Blood Sugar," Inchauspé emphasizes that the order of food matters. The ideal order is as follows: vegetables first, protein

> explains that by sugary foods and simple carbohydrates after having some fruit with nut butter or good protein, you will feel less fewer cravings and

(Frye Regional Medical Center).

In addition, consuming guthealthy foods before sugary snacks may enhance your capacity to recover from a glucose spike. These foods include fermented foods like yogurt and kimchi; prebiotic foods like green bananas and dark chocolate; high-fiber and antioxidantrich foods like wild blueberries; unprocessed nuts or nut-butters like almonds and peanut butter; and eggs, perhaps in a frittata or egg salad. All these nutritious food categories are great ways to start the day before eating sugary snacks and junk food later on, according to metabolic research professor and physician Dr. Louis Aronne at Weill Cornell Medical Center.

Leslie Bonci, a registered dietician and sports nutritionist, found that the best food to eat with sugary products may be protein. Protein is known to trigger the release of glucagon, a hormone that stabilizes insulin levels. According to the Cleveland Clinic, "glucagon is a hormone that triggers liver glycogen to convert back into glucose and to enter your bloodstream so that your body can use it for energy." In other words, after a glucose spike, the hormone glucagon stabilizes blood sugar levels such that a massive drop in your Halloween bucket.

glucose levels does not occur. If glucagon was not there to lessen the impact of a spike in glucose, a person could experience splitting headaches, fatigue, or excessive thirst, hunger and urination (Cleveland Clinic). Therefore, by consuming a combination of protein and sugar, such as some carrots and hummus with a funsize Hershey's bar, protein and sugar can regulate one another. "Our bodies are pretty darn

smart in that way," Bonci notes. An improved diet is important, and a day of sugar will likely not do much harm. A "bad night" is normal every once in a while. In order to get back to a healthy lifestyle after a sugar-overload, it's important to drink plenty of water because our bodies are 60% water and blood is 90% water.

Also, try to exercise regularly – even just a 15-minute bike ride can make a difference. Prioritize resting your mind and body by managing your stress levels and getting adequate sleep and, most of all, staying optimistic about what's to come!

The takeaway - enjoy your Halloween night! Don't be scared about a few candy bars but also do the best for your body: incorporate healthy fiber, fats and protein when you have a couple of treats. Plan your meals so that your last glucose intake is

# Halloween 2022 Parking Information

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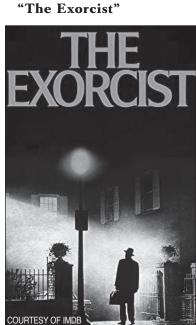




# ARTSWEEK

# Top movies to watch for Halloween that are not "Halloween"

Gabe O'Brien Staff Writer



William Friedkin's 1973 "The Exorcist" might be one of the most frightening films ever made. When the young daughter of a movie star goes from acting strange to demonic, it becomes apparent that she has been possessed. "The Exorcist" is not just a horror film about an exorcism but a compelling

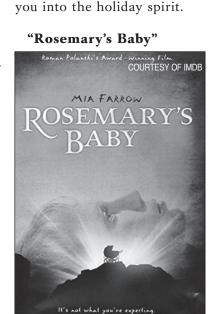
story about faith and its place in a modern world where it seems like everything has a rational explanation. The first time you see "The Exorcist," it might shock you to your core.

good horror film, the seaside town in the northern methodical build up to the Bay Area has their centennial the best horror films is actual scares make them celebration that much more frightening. interrupted by "The Exorcist" is not just a the terrific film for its genre, but revenge it might just be one of the shipwrecked greatest horror films ever men who were made, especially having been intentionally nominated for the Academy cast Award for Best Picture.



John Carpenter, director "Halloween," followed up his slasher classic with another horror movie but one that had a more supernatural tinge to "The Fog" is a perfect watch for Halloween, as the film naturally gives off spooky vibes. A small

ghostly to watery grave by the town's founders 100 years ago. What is so eerie is that the ghosts come into town from the sea in one of those rolling coastal fog banks that everyone in California would recognize. The '80s aesthetic "The Fog" is only heightened by the synthdriven John Carpenter score, and this film is a fun watch to get



Something that makes psychological terror rather than mere jump scares or cheap use of gore. "Rosemary's Baby" is the perfect example of a film utilizing this strategy. The film, starring Mia Farrow, centers around the titular character who is

> pregnant with the antichrist after her husband makes a deal with the Devil in exchange for fame and success. Her slow realization that what she thought was a wonderful blessing is actually a disaster poignant. Rosemary's paranoia could be explained away by

the hormonal imbalance that her pregnancy has induced ... until a chillingly trippy climactic scene. The 1968 film is gripping because its themes lie with the burgeoning feminist movement, and the film makes a strong argument for bodily autonomy for

#### "Final Destination"

The new millennium of horror began with "Final Destination," an intriguing movie about a group of teenagers that narrowly cheat death, only to have Death takes the film in a much more come after each one of them sinister, stylized direction to claim the souls he thought sparking conspiracy theories

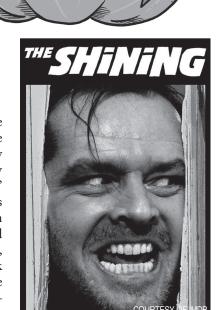
about what the film is really all about ... even though it was not his idea to begin with. The Torrance family thinks that the seasonal job of taking care of a ski resort in Colorado will be serene, only to have the menacing spirit of the hotel itself exploit each of their deepest fears. If you have not seen it already, "The Shining" is a memorable movie experience that will make you feel like you are losing your mind as you sit through this rollercoaster of a film.

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were stolen from him. "Final Destination" has a riveting premise, and it has this supernatural element that makes audience feel it will be impossible for the characters to literally escape fate. "Final Destination" does not have the critical acclaim that the other films on this list have, but it is a delightfully cheesy movie that is nevertheless a fun 90 minutes.

#### "The Shining"

Everybody knows "The Shining," even if they have not seen it. Who doesn't know Jack Nicholson's famously psychotic "Here's Johnny," delivered through a door he's nearly broken down with an axe. "The Shining" is based on the novel by Stephen King, but director Stanley Kubrick



# &B singer-songwriter jomch kicks off Noon Storke Shows

Eleuthera Wang Staff Writer

On Oct. 13, local Isla Vista musician and UC Santa Barbara pre-law student Josh Chan, otherwise known by his stage name jomch, performed a soulful set of original and acoustic covers under Storke Tower. The singer-songwriter kicked off the first concert in the Associated Students Program Board's live series "Noon Storke Shows."

As the campanile behind him struck 12, jomch took the stage just a couple feet away from the stairs where his crew had set up, his friends cheering him on. Before he launched into his first song, he remarked, "If you think this song is about you, make no mistake, it is," a fittingly saccharine introduction to his song "letter to my future love."

Drawn by the bluesy chords and jomch's crooning voice, people began to meander their way over to the plaza, standing around the top of the stairs or settling on the steps. Jomch gave a shout-out to the new arrivals as he introduced his next song, "Impatient," which he characterized as a narrative about trying to get through a breakup too soon.

Jomch – who has only been releasing music since March 2022 - has been singing since he was born. However, he only decided to start performing after meeting musicians in I.V.

that inspired him to produce music professionally.

"Being in I.V. and UCSB means a lot to me; I wouldn't be doing this stuff if I wasn't here," jomch confessed. He also gave credit to his Filipino background, mentioning that "music is a huge part of [his] culture." He added that he wants to "implement more of [his] Filipino heritage" into his aesthetic as he develops his brand during this early stage of his musical career. He also takes special joy in performing for his family and said that "they have no idea how this is all happening."

Though jomch remained humble about his quick rise in the local scene and gave frequent shout-outs to the producers and collaborators featured in his music, he also gave insight into how hard he's working to build an audience. With his "heart been broken too many times," jomch directs his drive into his music and his creative vision. He also mentioned that he takes advantage of the "viable opportunity" that social media has to offer, noting that because he is able to record and edit this performance, he is "not only performing here, but also for everyone on social

"I just gotta focus on my music, focus on my school," he said. "I'm constantly working on new projects with different people and by myself."

media as well."

jomch covered songs like "Honesty" by Pink Sweat\$ and "Japanese Denim" by Daniel Caesar in his setlist. He described himself as someone who loves "cute, sweet songs," which showed in his performance of the first song he wrote and produced by himself, "say it first," which pays homage to the "feeling of saying 'I love you' for the first time in your life."

As a growing crowd formed around Storke Plaza, jomch performed his newest single, "letter to my future love," again, explaining how the song was born from the question, "If you could write a letter to the next person you would fall in love with, what would you say?" He also sang an emotional cover of "Heartbreak Anniversary" by Giveon and a couple more of his original songs, "Midnight Blues" and "someone new."

Jomch closed out the concert with "see you soon," a touching tribute to the brighter side of "telling someone you miss them." While the song is ostensibly about his past relationship, jomch remarked on how well the lyrics worked as the last song in his set.

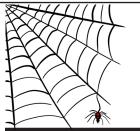
"Thanks for letting me be myself / See you soon we're not done yet," he sang to his audience, as people held up their arms and swayed to the

music. With his self-taught talent and exuberant work ethic,

Citing his love for karaoke, jomch is certainly "not done with fresh music but also new be found on Apple Music, yet," planning to flesh out visuals, music videos and live Spotify and "everywhere else



As the campanile behind him struck 12, jomch took the stage in front of Storke Plaza.



Stories from the staff

Whether commonplace or unexpectedly unique, irrational fears are just that — irrational. These fears originate from places known and unknown, but they all seep into our souls, becoming too-dark shadows in your basement or a cold spot in a sealed room. Our writers share their own irrational fears. Read at your own discretion. Happy Halloween. — Your Opinion Editors

Lurking in the shadows

By Amelia Rowe

The best spot to bide time during an intense game of household hideand-seek is indisputably behind a closed shower curtain. What makes it the absolute best? Unsuspecting seekers never consider the simple disguise of a closed curtain – a space already built for the human size, a spot which lacks the indicatory out-of-place couch cushion or stray toe sticking out from under the bed, which other locations often neglect to conceal. This expert hiding spot swimming is always my first choice, and I'm my back. I've rarely found. However, outside of the game, I'm my own worst enemy. My ability to go unseen and unheard, lurking in the shadows, behind a facade of opaque plastic for minutes, or even hours at times, has led me to fear that very spot. It feels as if someday, my hideand-seek mastery will come back to bite me in the ass. I live in fear that my own demons hide behind that curtain. Bigger, more muscular and most likely somewhat greener I'm than my young-adult, female body, entirely I worry that their size, too, can be sure when concealed behind that veil. This my fear, while seemingly irrational, has decided led me to tiptoe around showers and bathtubs, especially the a thing that unfamiliar, and always take caution could when clawing open a new shower curtain. I've yet to find the villain I look to expose, but I know he's there. When the day comes I'll be grateful none may lurk behind my shower curtain because I always

Where the cacti bloom and thrive

By Mikayla Buhbe

keep mine open.

My sister could sing, but wouldn't, even if I asked with my sweetest from their prey in the water. I'm voice instead of my best smile. pretty sure that's what kickstarted When the car broke down, with all of this because now anytime I shiny, slick oil seeping out from its backstroke a little too close to a I knew. The horror on my face is underbelly like a newly dead thing, I thought maybe she would hum for bells in my head start ringing. I me, just to drown out the shock of still love to go swimming, even desert-quiet, but Laurel only shook in open water – where there are

her head and looked away. I think it was night when the police found us. Must've been night because that's how I first saw the reflection of red-blue lights, glinting in the dark eyes of a jackrabbit sitting just off the side of the road and singing with my sister's voice from a mouth full of human teeth.

Based on a real experience.

Below the surface By Ashna Ahmed

I'm scared on somehow convinced myself that there could be a shark the water that I am unable to see, even if I'm in pool. not brain that this was happen, somewhere but along the way, whenever I was on my back in the water, just starfishing in a friend's pool or doing the backstroke during swim lessons, a little voice in my brain always asked, "What if there's a shark

When I was a kid, I was really interested in marine life, and I saw this book that talked about how sharks' coloring helped them hide shady part of the water, the alarm still evident today, frozen in time

most definitely sharks, but the nearly 20 years later. backstroke is off the table. I'm fine with this, honestly, because backstroke is the worst swimming stroke.

**Spooky Santa** By Riley Burke

I am scared of many things: spiders, being stabbed and failing my comm midterm. But there is one thing, one terrible thing, that strikes fear into the deep recesses of my

> heart like nothing possibly could. He is the physical manifestation every nightmare I have had. He is the insidious evil that s e n d s tingles down my spine when I walk alone in the dark. He is Mall Santa.

Do not let his jolly red nose, his flowing white beard nor his velveteen suit fool you; he is a fraud.

Who are you, really, Mall Santa, beneath your polyester costume, beneath your strap-on beard? A predator? A con artist? A killer? Who did your background check? Who looked you in the eye and said, "Sure, children can sit on your lap." I don't trust that person as far as I could throw them. You, Santa of the Mall, sit on a throne of gingerbread-scented lies.

When I was 3 years old and sat on your lap at the Arden Fair Mall, within the bedazzled Christmasthemed frame my mother brings out every year. And I know now,

That Christmas in 2003, I told my mom that Santa wasn't allowed in the house. My presents were left outside on the porch, so I wouldn't have to sleep with the knowledge that a person as fearsome as you was inside my home.

I clear my throat. Alright. Beady eyes, blank faces. "So, thought I'd introduce myself, just 'cause..." You're all looking at me like I'm insane. Collectively, they blink once. They disperse. Whispering,

A gust carries me inside, along with a trail of leaves. Seeing as my loud entrance begs explanation, I start foot-sweeping the crunchy foliage behind me. "The wind, you know?" People look at me expectantly, politely withholding judgment. I look down to ensure that I am, in fact, wearing clothes. One stray dead leaf clings to my neckline, like an oddly shaped beard. I pluck it off, summoning a casual humility.

Words fly through the air, lobbed from either side of the conference table, our afternoon meeting, the Grand Slam. I open my mouth to counter, but nothing comes out. I watch myself begin to shrink. Fingers shrivel in on themselves. Arms retract into my torso. Sinking into the chair. When I look up again, people are getting up from their seats, stretching. There's not much time – I'm gasping for air.

Lungs barely have capacity. For more than. Three seconds.

unrecognizable hand. It's no louder than a paper hitting water. "Wait! For me!" I feel the shapes of the words erupt from my dwindling mouth. Nobody looks

There's nothing there. Crunch.

Crunch. By Maya Salem

then shushing one another.

I slam the table with a tiny,

Alright. I clear my throat.

# **U-MAIL: New Message!**

right under you?"



## To:S <s@umail.ucsb.edu> Subject: Halloween 1978, Halloween 2022

Dear S,

was researching Halloween in Isla Vista to write this email to you, I stumbled across a Daily Nexus article written by alumna Lexi Pandell, published almost exactly 12 years ago to the day. It briefly runs through the history of Isla Vista's Halloween parties from the 1960s into the late 2000s, with familiar names like "Isla Vista Foot Patrol" and "Del Playa" thrown around.

It was almost jarring to read an article about Isla Vista published at the same time I was still dressing up as a crayon for Halloween. Twelve years ago, almost exactly to the day, I was 8 years old and watching "Invasion of the Body Snatchers" in Mr. Ragis' fourth grade class, passing notes to friends and listening to recession pop during recess (which, evidently, is making a comeback – thank you, Carly Rae

Jepsen!). I don't even know if I really knew what college was back then, much less where I.V. was located. But here Lexi Pandell was, living in the same college town I am now, writing about the same things I'm writing to you about in 2022. Isn't that cool?

Anyway, I learned that in 1978, a riot broke out on Halloween weekend. Tension had been building since the creation of the Isla Vista Foot Patrol in 1970 (a reactionary measure after a number of events, such as the burning of the Bank of America), and it culminated in a violent conflict between partygoers and police, with a fair amount of arrests made that night. As you can imagine, we've had quite a long and arduous history rebelling against policing here, which evidently has not changed since the '60s. But now, on the weekend of Halloween, instead of 30,000 partiers on the streets, it almost feels like a ghost town, or at least some kind of mass emigration. Droves of cars leave Friday evening, leaving I.V. quiet and solitary for the weekend. It's amazing to me that the progress of time changes everything and also changes nothing at all. From 1978 to 2010 to 2022, everything feels exactly the same and still nothing

I was walking home with D late last night from the library, and we walked past groups upon groups of costumed students, seemingly wandering around from block to block in order to find their final destination for the night. There were Playboy bunnies and Cat in the Hats intermittently stopping in the middle of the sidewalk to say hi to a friend or compliment a stranger on their costume. After we reached my house, I asked D how many people she thought had dressed up as Playboy bunnies and walked around I.V. in the entire history of UC Santa Barbara. She said, "Probably millions." It might have been a stretch, but it was a strangely comforting thought. The notion that if all else changed, Isla Vista would always stay the same in this regard.

Reminders like that make me glad I'm here. Even when I have to push through an impenetrable wall of students in front of Woodstock's or intermittently throw out the cans of Twisted Tea that my upstairs neighbors accidentally drop off their balcony, it's nice to be young in Isla Vista. It makes me happy.

When you respond, let me know how your Halloween was. Or, if you're free, give me a call that weekend; I'm sure I'll start to feel lonely once everyone begins to leave I.V. en masse. I miss you, write back soon :)

Your friend, Mindy!

The signs as horror movie tropes

**ARIES** MARCH 21 - APRIL 19

Goes crazy on the killer when they get the chance



APRIL 20 - MAY 20

The person who suggests calling the spirits because they seem cool



MAY 21 - JUNE 20 Dies and then comes back to life



The one who ignores ALL the red flags



The "they're right behind me, aren't



The Jordan peele (hits you over the head with a social commentary metaphor)



**SCORPIO** OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 21 Expected vil<mark>l</mark>ain

SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21

Person who trips and falls a frustrating amount when chased



AQUARIUS

their own

JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18 Sacrifices themselves for the group

FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20

Goes investigating when weird things start happening

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