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## For some campus dance groups, practice means a trip to Lot 22



Folklórico group Raíces de mi Tierra holds practices in Lot 22 for the majority of the academic year.

Holly Rusch *Lead News Editor* 

At UC Santa Barbara, a parking garage has turned into a practice location for some multicultural campus dance and performance groups.

Parking Lot 22, a five-level car parking structure on the outskirts of UCSB's campus, was not designed with the intention to accommodate dance practices. But clubs that have difficulty securing funding from the university – like Taara, a Bollywoodfusion dance team, or Raíces de mi Tierra, a folklórico group – can often be found practicing there on weekpirkts

The university did not immediately respond to requests for comment on why the school cannot provide these dance groups with free dance facilities or practice spaces.

UCSB Department of Theater and Dance Production Manager Daniel Herrera said that while on-campus dance facilities can be used by non-dance major groups, "during the school year, our rooms are usually booked for the dance students to do the work needed to complete their curriculum. These rooms are less of a 'practice room' and are more the

only place where our students can complete their curriculum."

Taara Co-Captain and thirdyear environmental studies major Anannya Deshmukh said their group – a dance team that travels to compete each year – receives no funding from the university and pays for all expenses, including costumes, storage, travel and practice space, through dues and fundraising.

Once a week, on Saturdays, the group pays the \$20 per hour fee to practice in Robertson Gym — which has rentable practice spaces in the Recreation Center complex — because it's an indoor room with mirrors and hardwood floors. But, from Mondays to Thursdays, they practice at night in Lot 22, which comes with a variety of challenges, including the weather, the lack of mirrors and the groups practicing around them.

"The parking lot has five levels. On an average day, there's two or three dance teams and two or three bands and they're each on a different level, playing their own music at varying sound levels," Taara Finance Chair and second-year financial math and statistics major Sunaina Karunakaran said.

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"Along with a cold weather

situation, if we have to do floor work or anything like that, It's not great to do floor work on the hard parking garage like concrete floors, which is painful and it makes it really difficult, especially when the parking lot is full every single time we want to practice and it's cold," she continued.

Because Taara is an all-women team, they're technically not "open to everybody," which disqualifies them from Associated Students (A.S.) Student Engagement And Leadership (S.E.A.L.) funding that could potentially pay some of their fees, Deshmukh said.

"Associated Students does not fund any organization whose membership is contingent upon gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, fellowship, GPA, ideological beliefs, talent, athletic or mental prowess," the A.S. PowerPoint presented to on-campus clubs seeking funding reads. "[The A.S.] Finance and Business (F&B) Committee may fund activities or events for groups provided they are open to all UCSB students."

According to A.S. Senator and F&B Committee Chair Adam Majcher, F&B can only offer funding to identity groups that are open to

all students who self-identify as a member of that group, per S.E.A.L. rules, which, according to Majcher, contradicts Taara's policy of being a women and non-men performance group.

"If they say that only womenidentifying students or femaleidentifying students can join, that's technically inclusive, because anyone can identify as a woman," he explained.

While Deshmukh said that they thought Taara's audition process would also disqualify the team from funding, Majcher said that F&B funds sports teams that cut potential members after tryouts, which is fine as long as there's "no discrimination" based on identity.

Majcher suggested several possible solutions that A.S. could implement to provide performance groups with practice facilities, including offering them practice space in the currently unused Pardall Center or allocating them money through the Isla Vista Arts program. Currently, he said, it's easiest for F&B and A.S. to offer funding for groups to put on events that are open to all students.

Raíces de mi Tierra is able to

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# Senate Week 8: New Senators sworn in, Westminster parliamentary system discussed



System' classifies all five A.S. executive officers as voting Senators, internally appointed by the Senate.

| Sindhu Ananthavel | Deputy News Editor

The UC Santa Barbara Associated Students Senate convened at the University Center Flying A Studios Room on March 1 to swear in two new Senators and discuss a bill proposing the adoption of the Westminster parliamentary system, a style of governance where executive officers are internally appointed.

The bill classifies all five executive officers as voting Senators. Candidates run as Senators during the general election, and once the Senate is elected, executives are internally

appointed through a majority vote. The bill was tabled indefinitely at the meeting's end.

Third-year political science major Amruta Baradwaj was sworn in as an Off-Campus Senator, and fourth-year economics and mechanical engineering double major Elvy Yao as an On-Campus Senator.

Following the appointments, third-year psychological & brain sciences and sociology double major Ava Gurwitz resigned as a College of Letters & Science Senator and third-year economics major Ehsan Varnous was removed as an On-Campus Senator.

Internal Vice President (IVP) and third-year economics and communication double major Sydney Kupsh said Varnous had seven absences during this quarter, exceeding the five absences permitted by Associated Students (A.S.)

Standing Policy 10, making him eligible for removal.

Varnous did not immediately respond to requests for comment on his removal.

"I let Senator Varnous know about the removal process ... [and] there was the option of a resignation or making a plan for attending meetings, but neither of these options were taken up," Kupsh said.

Kupsh said during the meeting that Varnous's removal was to be reviewed by the Judicial Council (JC) on March 7. In a statement to the Nexus on March 8, the Judicial Council said "a decision regarding this matter was not allocated to JC," and deferred to IVP Kupsh. Kupsh did not immediately respond to inquiries on the status of the removal.

Kupsh told the Nexus there is precedent for removing Senators

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Campus
organizations
deliver rebuke
of hate speech,
support of women's
rights at Arbor rally



Community members turn out in protest of hate speech at the progressive rally.

| Mark Alfred | University News Editor

UC Santa Barbara student organizations and community leaders rallied outside the Arbor on the morning of March 8 to support progressive causes and rebuff recent instances of hate speech on and around campus.

Dozens of supporters turned out for a "hate has no place here" rally, which featured student organizers and local officials who spoke out against hate speech and advocated for promoting a culture of inclusivity at UCSB.

The rally was put on collaboratively by student organizers from Campus Democrats, UCSB Young Democratic Socialists of America, Campus Advocacy, Resources & Education Center, Associated Students Trans and Queer Commission, Iranian Student Association and Raíces de mi Tierra.

"Our campus should be a safe and inclusive space for all UCSB students; each and every one of you deserves to be recognized and powered and supported," second-year history of public policy and law major and Campus Democrats President Audrey Edel said during the rally. "It is our goal to amplify voices of marginalized communities that exist on our campus and do what we can to promote their work and activism."

Members of World Dance for Humanity and Women's March Santa Barbara partnered for a dance rally during the event to mark International Women's Day, demonstrating solidarity with Iranian women and protesting women's rights violations across the globe.

The rally occurred one week after Charlie Kirk, the far-right founder of the conservative nonprofit Turning Point USA, delivered hateful rhetoric targeting marginalized communities during an on-campus speaking event, one month after antisemitic flyers were distributed across Isla

Vista.

"As a united front, we rise up in the face of racism, homophobia and sexism. We will not stand idly by as right wing groups target our peers," Edel said. "We will not stand idly by as our neighbors have discriminatory flyers left at their doorstep and we will not stand idly while our school allows fascists to come into our lecture halls and spew hate speech."

Dismal weather conditions prompted the postponement of the rally from Feb. 22, the week before Kirk's visit, to March 8.

Jordan Killebrew, the district representative for 2nd District Santa Barbara County Supervisor Laura Capps, told the crowd he was pleased to see people engaging in the fight against intolerance.

"I'm so grateful to see so many people here right now today because that shows me that here at UCSB, we're not standing for [intolerance]," Killebrew said. "I want us all to rally together and continue to fight and be vigilant for a better tomorrow. Please continue to come together to make a better UCSB."

Goleta Union School District
Trustee Ethan Bertrand spoke
out against laws cropping up
across the country that target
LGBTQIA+ communities
and encouraged rally goers to
take their fight for progressive
causes to the ballot box.

"We are here today to stand up for justice. We're here today to stand up for equity. And we are here today to stand up against hate," Bertrand said at the rally. "We need to make our voices heard not only at rallies, but also at the ballot box."

Isla Vista Community Services District Director Spencer Brandt said he was proud to represent a community that actively speaks out against instances of hate speech.

"In many ways, our community knows all too well that flyers are not just pieces of paper and that words are not

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Sindhu Ananthavel Deputy News Editor

**UC** Berkeley blocked from constructing student housing at People's Park after court ruling

The California First District Court of Appeal in San Francisco blocked planned construction of UC Berkeley student housing in People's Park after finding the university in violation of environmental laws, Berkeleyside reported.

The University of California plans to take the issue to the state Supreme Court and request the decision be overturned, UC Spokesperson Dan Mogulof told Berkeleyside.

"Left in place, this decision will indefinitely delay all of UC Berkeley's planned student housing, which is desperately needed by our students and fully supported by the city of Berkeley's mayor and

other elected representatives," Mogulof said to Berkeleyside.

The planned student housing was forced to halt construction in August after facing large student protests. UC Berkeley community members have protested the development in support of the park's houseless residents.

"They decided in our favor on two issues - most importantly [that] UC failed to analyze alternative sites," People's Park Historic District Advocacy Group (PPHDAG) member Harvey Smith told Berkeleyside. "This is key to what the PPHDAG has been arguing."

PPHDAG and Make UC a Good Neighbor initially filed the California Environmental in August 2022, and an Quality Act (CEQA) lawsuit independent investigation against the UC last year.

office issued a statement Farrell.

criticizing the effectiveness of CEQA.

"Our CEQA process is clearly broken when a few wealthy Berkeley homeowners can block desperately needed student housing for years and even decades," the office said in a statement on Twitter. "I am committed to working with lawmakers this year to making more changes so our state can build the housing we desperately need."

#### UC Davis identifies cause of mass fish death

Chlorine exposure caused the death of 21,000 fish in August at the UC Davis Center for Aquatic Biology and Aquaculture, the university reported on March 1.

The mass casualty occurred was conducted by University Following the ruling, of British Columbia professor Governor Gavin Newsom's emeritus of zoology Anthony

The investigation found that the cause of the incident was an "accumulation of mineral deposits inside sealed piping carrying wastewater away from the facility," according to a press release from the university.

"This blockage caused chlorine, added to effluent water as a disinfectant, to back up to a water line used to lubricate pumps at the well supplying the fish tanks, and thus contaminate the tanks," the press release read.

No single individual or group is responsible for the incident, which occurred without warning, Farrell wrote in the

"The support staff, faculty and students, who dealt with the catastrophe are to be commended for their collective responses to the catastrophe. The responses were both rapid and appropriate," the report stated.



DANIELA GOMEZ / DAILY NEXUS

## Weekly goingson in and around Isla Vista

Instagram bio.

campus members

p.m. at the SRB lawn.

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RCSGD hosts social for

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The Resource Center for

Sexual and Gender Diversity

(RCSGD) is hosting a picnic and games social for asexual

and aromantic individuals on

Saturday, March 11, from 1-3

"Join us for our picnic on the

SRB lawn on Saturday, March

11, for an afternoon of fun

your own food, or enjoy the

food provided," the Shoreline

RCSGD is the LGBTQIA+

resources

center at UCSB that provides

education for and about the

**ONDAS Student Center** 

The Opening New Doors to Accelerating Success (ONDAS)

Student Center is hosting a "Care & Community" space ahead of

finals season for students on

Monday, March 13, from 9-10

a.m. in Kerr Hall room 1150. The

event is in collaboration with

the Educational Opportunity

Program and the Associated

Students Student Commission

Participants can access free

food and testing materials,

as well as have a study and

community space available.

Food will feature Super Cucas

breakfast burritos - vegan and

vegetarian options are included.

for first-generation students at

**ONDAS Student Center** 

ONDAS Student Center is

providing space to de-stress

with do-it-yourself boba kits

and board and card games on

Wednesday, March 15, from 2-3

"Flavors include brown sugar

p.m. at Kerr Hall room 1150.

hosts space for DIY boba kits

The ONDAS Student Center

on Racial Equity.

and games

hosts care and community

LGBTOIA+ community.

space ahead of finals

Snacks will be provided.

Asumi Shuda Community Outreach Editor

#### Non-Traditional Student Resource Center hosts childrens' toy and clothing swap

The Non-Traditional Student Resource Center is hosting a "Kids' Toy & Clothing Swap" on Thursday, March 9, from 4-6 p.m. outside the Community Center at Storke Family Student Housing.

Participants are encouraged and games! Feel free to bring to bring donations to room 1109 of the Student Resource Building (SRB) before or on Wednesday, March 8, prior to the swap, but can also bring items to the swap itself.

"This is a great chance to reorganize your kids' closet and toy clutter and exchange outgrown items for new(ish) outfits and toys," the Shoreline description read.

#### Ravaani at UCSB hosts winter concert

Ravaani at UC Santa Barbara – an on-campus South Asian fusion a cappella team - is hosting its winter concert on Friday, March 10, from 8:30-10 p.m. at Girvetz Hall room 1004.

The concert will feature past and current conference sets from the organization, showcasing South Asian music and culture.

"We are excited to be sharing arrangements from conference sets past and present with the UCSB community and showcase our unique blend of South Asian music and current hits," the Shoreline description read.

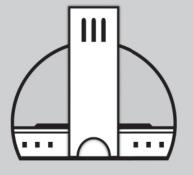
#### Graduate **Student** is an academic resource center Association holds winter lounge party

Student Association (GSA) is hosting its winter lounge party for graduate students on Friday, March 10, from 7-10 p.m. in the GSA Lounge in the MultiCultural Center.

GSA is UCSB's elected

representative government for graduate students on campus.

the Shoreline description read. "Feel free to join us for a study jam in the center and take a



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#### The Graduate

The party will have free

drinks and food, as well as opportunities for adult games, trivia and prizes. Prospective attendees can

and taro served with oat milk," break by playing games with sign up through a form in GSA's folks in the center."

# Food Security & Basic Needs Taskforce, Asian American studies professors launch AAPI basic needs insecurity research

Asumi Shuda Community Outreach Editor

UC Santa Barbara's Food Security & Basic Needs Taskforce is collaborating with professors in the Department of Asian American Studies to study barriers to basic needs within the university's Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander populations.

The research project, which will focus on food and housing insecurity, will be conducted at the beginning of Spring Quarter 2023 by a team of 16 undergraduate researchers, according to Acting Director of Sustainability, Food Security & Basic Needs Taskforce staff member and Principal Investigator of the project Katie Maynard.

The team of researchers will be led by UCSB postdoctoral scholar Corbin Hodges.

The research will be based on surveys sent to Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) students at UCSB, which will survey food, housing, mental health and other

Pictured above is Katie Maynard.

relevant topics.

Asian American studies professor Alexander Cho will also be teaching a course called "Human Centered Design for Equity" for students to help conduct the project, Asian American studies professor and research project member Diane Fujino said.

The survey will be released on March 7 to all AANHPI students on campus via mass email and consist of a community needs assessment created by an AANHPI student advisory board of all involved members of the research project.

"We are excited to hear from more students about their experiences, needs and ideas for solutions," Maynard said about the survey.

Asian American and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) Data at UC Riverside awarded the team a \$199,994 grant to cover the community needs assessment, to be spent through September 2023.

The group will involve two staff members from the UCSB Asian Pacific Islander Taskforce, a staff member from the UCSB Diversity, Equity and Inclusion office, two

Asian American studies department understand what barriers prevent or faculty and a staff member from the Educational Opportunity Program, Maynard said.

"We believe strongly in compensating people for their time, so we only began solidifying the membership after the grant was awarded this quarter and we knew what we could offer," Maynard said. "We hope to release the names of all the advisory board members once the hiring process is complete."

The effort to establish the research group began in 2014 in collaboration with University of California systemwide partners when the UCSB Food Security & Basic Needs Taskforce studied food and housing security within different student demographics.

Maynard said the 2014 study showed that the AANHPI student population is more likely to experience food insecurity than their white counterparts, and AANHPI students are underserved in basic needs programs.

"Each year, we also track the demographics of the students who participate in basic needs services on the campus and we have consistently found that AANHPI students are underserved in basic needs programs," Maynard said in a statement to the Nexus. "This motivated us to pursue a community needs assessment with our AANHPI students."

According to Maynard, the research aims to disaggregate the current data available on food and housing security rates for AANHPI students to better understand how different communities within the AANHPI population experience basic needs insecurity and access services on campus.

discourage our AANHPI students from utilizing basic needs programs," Maynard said. "We would like to hear from AANHPI students as to what services would be helpful in meeting their needs and what they would want from those services."

Fujino said the course will not only assess this issue of basic needs insecurity but utilize focus groups and input from community members to brainstorm attainable solutions. She expressed hope that the research can be expanded with further funding to conduct direct interviews with members of different AANHPI communities to capture a better understanding of basic needs barriers for AANHPI

'[This class] assesses the problem that's happening empirically, then we will use focus groups and input from key constituencies to think about collective solutions," she said.

Fujino hopes this research will result in more specific resources being directed toward different AANHPI communities to dismantle the barrier for basic needs services and encourage solutions of their

Fujino spoke to the general lack of visibility on issues facing the AANHPI community due to the perpetuation of the model minority myth.

"It disciplines Black radicalism and tries to say there's no need for dissent, but it also covers up anti-Asian racism and it also covers up problems in Asian America in really problematic ways," she said. "I think it's really crucial that we talk about these problems, and we figure out what communities need."

Maynard echoed Fujino's



Pictured above is Diane Fujino.

needs of the AANHPI community are often overlooked due to social presumptions and barriers.

"This may be a result of the model minority myth or other forms of anti-Asian racism," Maynard said in her statement. "We also noticed that very little has been published on the basic needs of the AANHPI community as compared to other communities and so there is a lot unknown about the needs of these communities."

Maynard spoke to instances mentioned of housing discrimination and anti-racism that various AANHPI community members said they've faced during and post-COVID-19.

"Anecdotally, as service providers through our basic needs advising center, we also noticed anti-Asian racism coming up during and post-COVID," she said. "We have heard stories from student clients about experiencing housing discrimination as an example."

The group is working to expand the project into a two-year program "We also hope to better sentiment, emphasizing that the with a grant through the California

Department of Social Services' "Stop the Hate Program Funding." The timeline would include pilot projects launched from the community needs assessment, two more community-based courses and a speaker series hosted by the Asian American studies department.

"It is hard to say how much funding would be needed in the long term because we need to hear from AANHPI students about their needs first, which we hope to do through the community needs assessment this year," Maynard said. "The feedback gained through that process will guide future fundraising

Overall, Maynard said this project will create an avenue to hearing about issues the AANHPI community faces and implement tangible solutions in response.

"This research project is structured to help us hear directly from the AANHPI community about what they want to see," Maynard said. "For now, there is much more that we do not know

## 2 UCSB students accepted into Aquarium of the Pacific's African American Scholar Program



Pictured above is Jada Alexander.

#### Melea Maglalang Staff Writer

Two UC Santa Barbara students were awarded funding as recipients of the 2023 Aquarium of the Pacific's African American Scholar Program. The program will provide the recipients, Bryce Barbee and Jada Alexander, with an award of \$10,000 to support their research, along with various professional and educational opportunities to engage with the aquarium.

The Aquarium of the Pacific, located in Long Beach, is the largest aquarium in Southern California, according to its website. It established the African American Scholar Program in 2021 to provide financial support and community engagement for students pursuing marine science and other fields related to the aquarium.

This year, the program welcomed 10 students from eight campuses across California,

including undergraduate, graduate and doctoral students.

Barbee, a first-year doctoral student studying behavioral ecology, said he always knew he wanted to pursue biology from watching shows like "Animal Planet" and documentaries like "Planet Earth" since childhood.

"I used to watch a good amount of the 'Animal Planet' type shows and the 'Planet Earth' documentaries," he said. "I knew for a while that bio was going to be my route. I remember in fifth grade dressing up as a biologist and knowing stuff with bio, and my parents were super supportive of it."

Taking inspiration from these shows, Barbee aspired to be the "person behind the scenes," with a knowledge of behavioral ecology to understand animal patterns and behavior and guide the nature broadcasters he had grown up

watching on TV. "I know somebody had to be

where this group of monkeys would be hanging out. He had to be connected with somebody who knew where they were going to be, and I wanted to be that person," Barbee said, which directed him to the study of field biology.

He had been involved with various behavioral ecology research labs during his undergraduate years at UC Los Angeles. During his second year, he became involved with The Diversity Project at UCLA, a 10-week-long summer program which introduces students from underrepresented groups to the world of marine biology and research. Barbee found a love for marine science during his time doing fieldwork in Mo'orea, French Polynesia, with the program.

Recalling his time in French Polynesia in the summer after his third year, Barbee said the work of a field biologist studying different communities of microalgae off the island's coast was intense.

"We were in the water constantly, and then it was crunch time in the library," Barbee said. "We were doing a scavenger hunt of all these different species of algae that we were finding in the field, and then bringing it back to the lab and measuring the different traits of the

Barbee said being a part of the program was "a game changer" for him because it introduced him to a community of scholars who shared his passions and similar interests in research, providing a network where he learned about different networking opportunities in the field. Through a mentor in the project, he learned about the scholars program at the Aquarium

said she took the chance to apply Barbee spoke to the importance after initial doubts and was later

of the Pacific and was encouraged

Project and the Aquarium's African American Scholar Program provides because of their work supporting underrepresented

"Oftentimes, there's a financial barrier when working with underrepresented groups [in the field]," Barbee said. "You don't have to drop, however much it [costs], to even get trained to even be able to try and do the research. The program just helps us all out a huge amount for anybody who's trying to go into marine research."

Barbee is currently working on establishing the DIVERsity in Diving program at UCSB, which aims to eliminate barriers for those interested in marine studies by providing financial support and mentorship. He hopes the program will be a space for other marginalized identities to break into the field and find a community like he did with his experiences in the Diversity Project and Aquarium

Third-year environmental studies major Jada Alexander oftentimes found herself being the only Black surfer in the water or Black woman in her S.T.E.M. classes. She said she never envisioned herself being in the marine science field prior to participating in the Diversity Project and further being accepted into the African American Scholar Program.

"A lot of people believe that Black people are not supposed to be near the water," Alexander said. "Black people have been excluded from spaces around water and activities surrounding water for a very long

After hearing about the Diversity Project from a friend, Alexander her summer in French Polynesia and was "completely hooked" on marine biology research from her time diving in the ocean.

"We were 70 feet down in the water and there are these giant blades of kelp, eight to 10 feet long," Alexander said when describing one of her dives. "It's this giant kelp forest. It feels like a completely new world. It's like going to the forest but underwater you've never seen

Alexander said both the Diversity Project and the Aquarium program provided her with opportunities and resources to continue her journey in pursuing marine studies, a field that can be difficult for marginalized communities to access.

"If you're a person of color, you have to work a lot harder than other people. So, for me, getting into this field, it's really hard to juggle making connections," she said. "[The programs] do that while giving them the resources that they need to succeed." Alexander said these connections

offered support and reassurance

showing David Attenborough of the connections the Diversity accepted. She was then spending that she can succeed in her studies as a Black woman in a S.T.E.M. field. She encouraged other students of color to persevere through the

barriers against them and pursue

their studies. "A lot of times, I'm the only woman of color in the room. I think part of the reason that I'm doing this is to be able to set an example," she said. "It's possible that you can be a Black woman and a scientist. And that also means a lot to me because I would like to show other

people that it's available to them." As part of her research studies at UCSB, Alexander works with the education department on a project to uplift the voices of young Black women and other people of color to better understand how to make spaces in academia more accessible for them.

"Black people can be here. Black people can do this. A lot of people have reached out their hands for me to get here. So, I'd really like to reach out my hands for the next generation of young Black scientists," she said.



Pictured above is Bryce Barbee.

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annually obtain funding to rent out Campbell Hall for their spring showcase, which is open to all students free of charge, so they maintain their S.E.A.L. funding eligibility, according to their director. But, the practices leading up to the showcase and year round are mostly held in Lot 22.

"It does have to be free to the public, which is really, really frustrating," Raíces de mi Tierra Director and fourth-year sociology major Marlene Gonzalez said. "We're not allowed to sell anything. We can't charge people to come in. And that's just a waste because we have to pay over \$200 for a storage unit outside. It's not even in the school, [because] the university doesn't provide us a space to store our costumes."

Raíces de mi Tierra is open to all students and could qualify for F&B funding to offset some of their costs, Majcher said. But, the process of applying is convoluted and difficult, according to Gonzalez.

"Supposedly, we could get covered the rental fee to use [Robertson] Gym, but it's just such a long process to actually talk to these people and having to argue our case of why we deserve funding, so it's just been really difficult," she said.

For the 2022 showcase, money was provided for renting Campbell Hall and the storage unit through the External Vice President for Statewide Affairs office. But funding requests for renting Robertson Gym – so that the group would not have to practice in Lot 22, which hampers many of the classic folklórico skirt and shoe movements – were not approved.

"For our particular type of dancing, we have to use these specific shoes that have nails on the bottom ... it's like Mexican tap dancing, in a way. And you can't use those types of shoes on cement and concrete," Gonzalez said. "It's hard because the students then have to rely on practicing in their sneakers."

Gonzalez, who instructs the students and prepares them for the showcase, said that being unable to practice in the proper shoes or see their movements in a mirror makes learning the style of dance difficult, especially for beginners.

She also noted the difficulty of maintaining their costuming, which is an important aspect of folklórico

performance, and the costs of the storage unit – which totals around \$2,400 a year – when the group functions on a fundraising and optional dues-only basis.

F&B funding cannot be used for "personal items (i.e costumes or personalized shirts)," per the presentation, so the group pays entirely out of pocket for their traditional outfits.

Raíces de mi Tierra Fundraising Chair and second-year pre-biology major Sarah Rodriguez said that UCSB's well-touted status as a Hispanic-serving university means little to Hispanic and Latine students who aren't receiving real support.

"This school loves to call themselves a Hispanic-serving institution when they've done nothing. They haven't done anything to serve us. Not just academic-wise, but even for our own organization," she said. "How are you going to say that 'we love our Hispanic and Latino students,' but not give us any funding whatsoever to make sure the health of our students that are participating in these clubs is OK?"

"How are they comfortable letting us practice in the back of a parking lot at nighttime when it's dark?" Rodriguez continued.

Health and safety issues have been ongoing for the groups that practice in Lot 22.

"Our competition season is very heavy [during] winter quarter, which is the coldest quarter. I remember last year, I would go to practice wearing three or four layers because it was just so cold, and I couldn't feel my toes at the end of practice. Even though you're dancing, it's just not enough to keep you warm," Karunakaran said.

Taara Production Chair Keshna Sheth added that the outdoor conditions of the parking lot have meant sickness for several members of the team

"We'd be in the cold for a lot of hours at night, and once we would get sick we would miss a couple practices, and that would kind of throw off the formations and everything that we were doing. So, I just think being outside negatively impacted all of our health as well,"

Raíces de mi Tierra faced similar

challenges with the cold weather.
"We've had two or three practices

moved or canceled because of the rain, because it's hard for people to get to practice and we don't want to get our own members sick," Rodriguez said. "This past week, I missed practice the entire week because I've been sick and I just know going into practice and outside in the cold is going to worsen my symptoms, and a lot of our members feel the same way."

The number of performance groups using Lot 22 as a practice space was the reason that the drumming segment of Iaorana Te Otea (ITO), UCSB's Polynesian Dance & Drumming Club, moved away from the area, according to Kirstin Rollins, a fourth-year molecular biology graduate student and organizer of ITO's drum's section.

"Initially, we were practicing in a corner where it was more shielded from the sounds of other groups. But, even then, we had a dance group that was right across the lot, and all of their music would come through ... So, I ended up moving our practices to a different outdoor location," she said, noting that groups would fight for space in the lot, even coming in early to tape sections off.

Originally, ITO stayed in Lot 22 despite the crowding to protect their drums from the rain. Now that the weather is clearing up, they have more leeway – but the situation is still frustrating, Rollins said.

"I understand how much value undergrads get from being a part of these different types of clubs and cultural clubs especially have that enrichment of trying to bring about community. So, the fact that there aren't necessarily spaces dedicated for that can be very frustrating," she said.

Groups like Taara and Raíces de mi Tierra remain practicing in Lot 22 despite the difficulties for just that reason – the sense of community that their organizations bring them.

Fourth-year economics and accounting major and Raíces de mi Tierra Co-Chair Francisco Navarro said that the group has been the most impactful part of his college experience.

"I really enjoyed the journey, getting to know more about my culture, my people and building a good sense of community here at UCSB," he said. "UCSB didn't really feel like home to me, I didn't really feel like I had a strong community until I joined Raíces de mi Tierra and built all these great relationships."

"I'm a transfer student. So, coming into UCSB, in general, was very difficult because I'm just like, 'everyone already has their groups,' being a third-year, everyone already has their friends," Taara Logistics Chair and third-year statistics and data science major Aakanksha Cheruku said.

"Joining Taara was a really good experience for me, mainly because I made friends really quickly and we have a very good bond with each other. We're all of different ages. At the end of the day, we're all doing different things. When we come together on our Monday, Wednesday, Thursday practices, we all have something to share. We enjoy dancing together," she



Raíces de mi Tierra pays for its traditional outfits — an important

aspect of folklórico performance - out of pocket.

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due to repeated absences, though she was "not sure the last time a removal has taken place." Kupsh did not respond to further requests for comment on the removal.

The Senate then discussed several pieces of legislation, including the bill, 'A Proposed Amendment to Adopt the Westminster Parliamentary System' – which is currently utilized by Britain, Canada and New Zealand. The bill was authored by Off-Campus Senator and fourth-year political science major Granger Cruz-Brenneman.

Prior to the discussion, A.S. Solicitor General Indigo Albani-Bombard gave a statement during a public forum against the bill on behalf of the Office of the Attorney General, taking issue with the internal appointment of executives and possible impacts.

"A speaker appointment by fellow Senators could bring the issues of corruption and nepotism to [A.S.]," Albani-Bombard said. "Furthermore, government formation through an internal Senate vote would create a larger disconnect between A.S. and the student body."

"What is being presented is, in effect, a new Constitution. We oppose this passing and strongly urge Senators to consider the ramifications of each and every change this bill poses," Albani-

Bombard continued.

The bill was largely met with disapproval from the Senate, with several Senators deeming it as "undemocratic." College of Letters & Science Senator and third-year political science and communication double major Tessa Veksler said shifting from a mode of government that constituents are familiar with reduces the accessibility of A.S. as an institution by UCSB

"It would change the accessibility of A.S., considering that the system of government we use here is something more people can understand," she said.

Veksler also took issue with UCSB being the first American institution to implement the system, citing a lack of precedent and concern over its potential shortcomings.

When questioned on the intent of the bill, Cruz-Brenneman said the proposal was sincere but not wholly developed. "It was a serious proposal, but

given the lack of time and lack of overall support, I wish to rescind it," Cruz-Brenneman said.

The Senate tabled the bill indefinitely following discussion.

The Senate passed two pieces of legislation during the meeting: 'A Resolution to Establish a Temporary Controls and Compliance Committee' and 'A Resolution in Support of Extending the Pass-No-Pass Deadline.'

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just noises, they have meaning and they have consequences, and that's why it's so important that we are here today to say our community will stand up to hate, that our community believes Black Lives Matter, that yes means yes and love is love," Brandt said during the rally.

"Coming together, being visible, showing up and speaking out as a community with one voice is so important," he continued. "You're here today advocating for your friends, your neighbors, for yourselves,

and it's inspiring to me. You're the best of what our community has to offer."

Edel praised the work of the activist groups that turned out for the event and shared a message of acceptance for marginalized communities at UCSB.

"I want every student to know that there is a safe space for them on this campus and that they are loved and they are welcome and that they should never have to feel alone or marginalized on their own campus," she said.

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#### UC President Michael V. Drake responds to community concerns on cost of living, diversity, accountability during virtual town hall



Drake is the 21st president of the UC and the first Black person to serve in the position.

Kyra Schimpf Staff Writer

University of California President Michael V. Drake responded to questions from UC staff at a virtual town hall meeting open to all UC campuses on Feb. 24.

The town hall was broadcasted from Drake's Oakland office, where he answered nine selected questions from over 400 presubmitted questions from UC

The Q&A session was moderated by Priya Lakireddy, UC Regents' staff advisor and UC Merced's Central California Small Business Development Center Regional Network assistant regional director, and Jo Mackness, UC Regents' staff advisor designate and UC Berkeley Student Affairs' assistant vice chancellor.

"It's a thrill to be president. I've been a part of the University of California for decades," Drake said during the town hall. "[I've] been a part of things that made a real difference to real people on an everyday basis, so it's been a great privilege and a pressure."

and UC Irvine submitted concerns related to increasing inflation, cost of living and the \$25 billion deficit for this year's state budget. Drake responded that the UC's relationship with Governor Gavin Newsom remains strong and that continual funding increases are still covered in Newsom's budget that was proposed in January.

"We have a great partner in the governor. Governor Newsom knows the university ... and he values higher education and it's seen in his support of the University of California, the California State University system and community colleges," Drake said. "We've had a wonderful fiveyear contract with the governor

that guarantees stepwise

increases in our base funding

each year, and the governor's

budget from January maintains

Drake also shared that the UC system requested a 4.6% wage increase for policy-covered staff. He said that money, when combined with last year's 4.5% increase, will result in a raise that would be "the largest that we've

had in a generation." Staff members from multiple campuses expressed worries regarding disparities in racialor gender-based pay, to which Drake said that the UC remains committed to making sure that pay fairness remains a priority.

"We are totally committed to pay fairness and pay equity across the board," Drake said. "Our goal is to treat everyone fairly and appropriately."

Drake shared his views on Staff members from UC Davis hybrid and remote work and the potential ways that they could be applied in the UC's future, highlighting the numerous UC staff members who work offcampus farms, laboratories, hospitals and more.

> "We had a dramatic pivot three years ago from the way we'd been doing business for 150 years to a brand new way in the span way the university lives and uses of a week or two," Drake said.

shift was protect the quality of our communities' and society's our enterprise."

Drake lauded the work of UC hospitals and health care workers during the COVID-19 pandemic and the efforts of the UC community to keep each other safe through receiving required vaccinations, wearing masks and practicing social distancing.

UC San Francisco and UC Berkeley staff asked Drake to address the concern that the demographics of UC staff at the senior level don't reflect state demographics and diversity. Drake noted the need to increase the number of faculty that the UC system employs to meet the rising number of students being accepted across all 10 campuses and shared that the UC's goal is to have 50% of new faculty be from underrepresented groups.

UC San Diego, UCSF and UC Davis staff asked Drake how the UC system is holding police departments accountable while also ensuring community members' safety.

"Colleagues at UC San Diego, UCSF and UC Davis want to know if you believe that our community is safer today and what are some biggest accomplishments so far, and how are you keeping police departments accountable?" Lakireddy asked on the behalf of the campuses.

"We had a couple town halls, we elicited responses from a variety of people - we heard from about 1,500 people ... we came forward with a community safety plan that was reviewed and then released for public comment," Drake said.

He also said that the ongoing community safety plan has four aspects that the UC Regents are focusing on: the consistent measuring of safety vehicles, uniforms and equipment, accountability and an ongoing process of dialogue.

The next question addressed the ongoing climate crisis and asked how the UC system is a leader in the effort to reduce country-wide and emissions. Drake highlighted three ways that the UC System is working to reduce its emissions: "research, sharing knowledge and behavior."

"The way that we all live, the energy, that is a very important "What we wanted to do in that part of our contributions to

dealing with climate change," Drake said.

He also highlighted the UC's goal to be entirely carbon neutral by 2025 and be fossil fuel free "as soon as possible."

Drake discussed Congress's recent decision to increase the Pell Grant and current programs and grants that the UC system provides to financially assist its students. The minimum amount of aid that can be received from the grant increased from \$650 to \$692, and the maximum amount increased from \$6,495 to \$6,895.

"One of our goals is to make a debt-free pathway to a UC education available to all of our students, regardless of their financial circumstances," Drake said. "More than half of our California resident students have their tuition neutralized; we have 100,000 of our students who pay no tuition."

"If you're from a family in California that makes under \$80,000 a year, then that tuition is covered by Pell Grants, Cal Grants and University Grants," he continued. "The larger the Pell Grant program, the easier it is for us to get to that debt-free pathway to a UC education to all Californians by 2030."

He said that in spite of commitments to recognizing various cultures' holidays, the UC will be unable to execute staff members requests for Lunar New Year, Armenian Genocide Remembrance Day and Native American Day to become paid holidays in the future.

"Although we want to recognize and be respectful of all of those, we honestly couldn't have every one of them for every one of those groups ... there's a balance between which of these can be paid and which can be just recognition."

Rounding out the event, Drake thanked the 227,000 faculty and staff employed by the UC system and attributed the UC's standing as "the greatest public research university in the world" to its employees.

"The University of California is the University of California because of you," he said. "It's because of the people who come and work here day in, day out, year in, year out to make this the greatest public research university in the world."

## UCSB alumni, staff establish fellowship for female Iranian graduate students

Asumi Shuda Community Outreach Editor

UC Santa Barbara alumni and former staff members established the Amini Graduate Fellowship in November 2022, looking for female Iranian graduate students studying fields outside of science, technology, engineering and math at the university. The fellowship is currently in its initial stages, and its proprietors are working to establish requirements and other details of the opportunity.

"The university is actively working with the group to consolidate the requirements, logistics, timing and selection procedures for Mahsa Amini Fellowship," Graduate Assistant Dean John Loftus said in a statement to the Nexus. "We hope to begin offering these fellowships in the near future."

The fellowship inspiration from Mahsa Amini, a 22-year-old Iranian woman who was arrested by Iranian "morality police" on Sept. 13, 2022, for allegedly violating Islamic laws that require women to wear hijabs. After allegedly being tortured by police, Amini collapsed into a coma and later died in police custody.

Amini's reported death brought global attention to the dangers that women face in Iran, a momentum that current and former campus members followed to create a fellowship opportunity for Iranian female students at UCSB.

fellowship - Mohamad Nasr-Azadani, a postdoctoral scholar in mechanical engineering, Salva Salmani-Rezaie, a graduate student researcher at UCSB's Stemmer Lab and Venus Nasri, the Student Affairs assistant director – ultimately

founded the fellowship in memory of Amini. The effort was supported by Executive Director of Development Chris Pizzinat and Interim Graduate Dean Leila Rupp.

The fellowship serves Iranian women taking on non-S.T.E.M. majors because such fields are often inaccessible for Iranian women, according to the UCSB Current.

Initial funding for the fellowship began with a GoFundMe campaign set up by Nasr-Azadani and Salmani-Rezaie, raising about \$13,000 that launched the project.

In collaboration with the development office, Lofthus said a fellowship fund called the Mahsa Amini Graduate Fellowship Fund is now the primary source for fundraising. The fellowship's leadership group has raised over \$15,000 thus far with hopes to raise more, Lofthus said.

Lofthus spoke about the significance of the fellowship for the Iranian community at UCSB.

"It honors UC Santa Barbara's strong Iranian community of faculty, staff and students who, in the face of incredible oppression back home, continue to go about their work and studies bravely," Lofthus said in a statement to the Nexus. "In particular, our Iranian graduate students bring so much to the university."

Rupp emphasized that the fellowship recognizes the work and courage of women in Iran

"It is an incredibly important The main creators of the recognition of what the women of Iran have been doing in leading the protests against the restrictions on their lives and freedom," she said in a statement to the Nexus. "It is testimony to the courage and commitment of our Iranian community."

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Students and local community members celebrate Holi in Estero Park on March 4.

#### Vikesh Dheeriya Staff Writer

Over 100 community members joined UC Santa Barbara Indus in celebrating Holi - an Indian festival marked by the throwing of vibrant colored powders - at Estero Park on March 4.

South Asian cultural organization UCSB Indus, partnered with the Isla Vista Recreation & Park District, provided free packets of red, orange, blue, lime and purple powders made with talc, cornstarch or rice flour. The organization recommended attendees wear white T-shirts to showcase the colors that would later cover their bodies.

"There's all kinds of different colors. It's crazy. You can barely see straight but it's the best time ever," first-year mechanical engineering and biochemistry major Ani Lahiri

There are many different stories within Hinduism regarding the origin of Holi, according to the Society for the Confluence of Festivals in India. One story states that King Hiranyakashipu, who was attempting to kill his son Prahaldan, asked his sister Holika to hold Prahaladan while the king set him on fire. Holika – who was given a boon to be immune to fire - believed she would escape unscathed but the son's faith and piousness protects him and the fire kills her instead. The holiday is said to celebrate the triumph of good over evil.

Another origin states that Vishnu came to Earth manifested under the identity of Krishna and fell in love with a milkmaid – after seeing her skin, he felt embarrassed about his own dark blue coloring. In an effort to make her love him, he playfully colored her face blue, which is why colored powder is used to celebrate Holi.

With so much powder available, some attendees found strategies to get the most color onto unsuspecting friends.

"There were buckets of water and I dumped one on my roommate so I'm having a great time," Lahiri said. "You always dunk them with water so the powder will stick better and you always sneak up behind them."

After approximately two hours of colorful banter, Indus finally ran out of powder, but the music blasting from speakers kept spirits alive for the attendees.

First-year physics major Janhavi Singhal celebrated Holi every year with her family and attended UCSB Indus' Holi with a friend who was a first-timer to the celebration.

"[Holi at UCSB] is really cool because I'm putting color on someone I really don't know at all," Singhal said. "It's nice because there's a community even if you are playing music super loud where don't really know all of them.

Although it's an Indian second-year celebration, biology major and Indus Public Relations Officer Anushka Ghosh emphasized that anybody in the community is welcome to come and be exposed to Indian culture.

"I'm pleasantly surprised at how people from all kinds of backgrounds showed up," Ghosh said. "Even families from all over Isla Vista, not just students [attended], and it's fun for them."

For many attendees, Holi at Estero Park was their first experience with the festival.

"It's my first time coming to [Holi] and it's way cooler than I expected it to be. Being part of it now and just hanging out with my friends ... it's nice," first-year mathematics major Andy Amado said. "Even though I'm not Indian, it's making me feel part of it. That's pretty cool."

Ghosh emphasized that UCSB Indus aims to foster a community for Indians and non-Indians alike through hosting celebrations like

"There's really a strong community here, and we're really open to everybody. I hope people feel like they find their home away from home with the community that Indus has built," Ghosh said. "And, we really want to embrace our culture, especially when we everyone can dance and have fun



Music blasting from speakers keep spirits alive for the attendees.



Over 100 people participate in the event hosted by UCSB Indus and the I.V. Recreation & Park District.



Attendees wear white T-shirts to showcase the colors that cover their bodies



The Indian festival is marked by the throwing of vibrant colored powders.



#### New California Community College Chancellor appointed amid efforts to increase transfer student rates



Christian is the first woman and first person of South Asian heritage to serve as CCC Chancellor.

#### Sindhu Ananthavel Deputy News Editor

The California Community College's Board of Governors appointed Sonya Christian as the new Chancellor of the California Community College system on Feb. 23. The appointment follows new University of California initiatives to increase transfer student enrollment.

Prior to becoming California Community College (CCC) Chancellor, Christian served as Chancellor for the Kern legislation and focus on Community College District improving transfer student in Kern County, California. Christian is the first woman and first person of South Asian heritage to serve as CCC

Chancellor. "I am honored to be selected to lead the most important system of higher education in the country and grateful to the Board of Governors for their confidence," Christian said in a public statement. "We continue to face many challenges, but I truly believe our greatest challenges enable us to do our

greatest work. California Governor Gavin Newsom voiced his support in a public statement issued on Feb. 23.

"Dr. Christian is one of our nation's most dynamic college leaders, with a demonstrated record of collaboration and results in the Central Valley," Newsom said. "She understands what is needed to deliver on record levels of higher education investment to make real improvements to the lived reality of our students. I look forward to continuing to partner with Dr. Christian to ensure our community colleges are engines of equity and opportunity."

UC President Michael V. Drake applauded Christian's appointment in a Feb 23. press release, noting a history of collaboration between CCC and the UCs in aiding transfer student success.

"I look forward to forging an even stronger partnership as Dr. Christian assumes her role and to advocating together for California's world-class public higher education system," Student Association

Drake's press release read.

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President Alex Niles and Transfer Student Affairs Student Officer Abeeha Hussain issued a press release on March 1 in support of Christian's appointment, commending her

support of AB 928 and AB 1705. "We look forward to seeing how Dr. Christian continues to raise the standard for student equity and access as she represents a system that oversees 1.8 million students

each year," the statement read. Christian's appointment comes at a time of increased

AB 928 – the Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act - was signed into law October 2021 and requires the California Intersegmental Committee of Academic Senates to implement lower-division general education pathway meeting requirements for the UC and California State University

systems. The UC Board of Regents has been focused on improving CCC transfer student admission and retention. During the Regents' Jan 19. meeting, they addressed two recommendations from the CCC-UC Transfer Task Force: increasing the number of CCC students who apply, gain admission to and enroll at the UC and create and promote cost-saving incentives UC-bound CCC students.

The Regents identified 65 community colleges in the report with "a high proportion of low-income students or an existing partnership through Transfer Preparation programs" as the focus of their efforts.

"UC's steps to implementation include developing deeper partnerships and offering expanded services at the targeted 65 CCCs," the Regents' discussion item read. "University of California campuses will be using \$2.5 million of new ongoing [Student Academic Preparation and Educational Partnerships] funding to expand and deepen their partnerships with these colleges."

The UC Office of the President did not respond to questions regarding the progress of the discussed transfer student initiatives.

### County makes assessment, recommendations for Isla Vista, Goleta in housing element

Nisha Malley County News Editor

Santa Barbara County released its Draft Housing Element Update on Jan. 30, a plan that directs land use and regulatory controls affecting the supply and cost of housing in the county's unincorporated areas, including Isla Vista.

Santa Barbara County (SBC) Planning & Development released a proposed interactive map with potential rezone sites for the county to accommodate new housing. The county examined the 6500 block of I.V. for potential rezoning in its survey but ultimately did not recommend any rezoning initiatives.

The county is not compliant with the state's Feb. 15 deadline to certify its revised housing element after falling behind schedule in its intensive undertaking to plan for thousands of new developments. SBC concluded its 30-day period for public review and comment on the Draft Housing Element Update on March 1, with next steps to submit its draft to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (State HCD) underway.

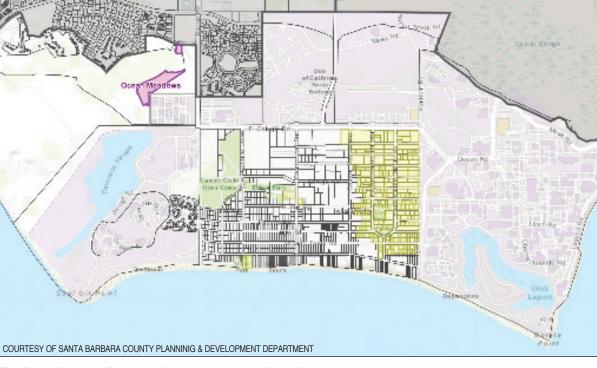
The Draft Housing Element Update included a catalog of affordable rental units, which receive government assistance, that are at risk of converting to the market-rate within the next 10 years. Of the 534 total units in the county's draft, 89 are located

Since 1969, California state law requires that government agencies update housing elements in the comprehensive plan every eight years to guide the determination of housing needs and establish goals, policies and programs to facilitate development.

Under the assertion that all communities must meet their "fair share" of regional housing needs, the State HCD assigned an increase of 24,856 total new housing units to the entire county to address its housing deficit, with 5,664 units allocated to unincorporated areas in the

Per state law, the county must accommodate at least 4,142 units in the South Coast unincorporated areas of the county and another 1,522 in North County to meet its Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) by 2031.

The assessed need of 5,664 units represents a nearly tenfold



The Draft Housing Element Update Interactive Map displays the 6500 block of I.V. in yellow, indicating that the county surveyed the area but ultimately did not recommend any rezoning.

increase from the 661 units assigned for the 2015-23 Housing Element Update, reflecting insufficient housing development for the last several decades.

"Housing production has not kept pace with demand. Although the population of Californiaand the county-have been and are projected to continue increasing, housing production levels are near 1960s-era levels," a county webpage read. "The RHNA for the current housing production cycle is much larger for most regions to account for the historic deficiency in housing production plus projected new housing demand over the next eight-year period."

The Draft Housing Element Update proposed rezoning of agricultural lands, including the Glen Annie Golf Club and parcels along Atascadero Creek. City of Goleta officials filed a letter of concern with the county on Feb. 28, demanding them to "remove these agricultural lands from your inventory and instead protect agriculturally zoned lands from conversion."

buildout capacity, the draft Housing Element goes straight to conversion of sensitive agriculturally zoned lands. Converting agricultural lands should be a last resort, not the first option," the letter read.

Goleta City Council members also urged the county to expand rezoning efforts in "more affluent, white and larger-lot" sites in Montecito and Hope

Ranch to protect disadvantaged communities in Old Town Goleta.

"Concentrating housing in the County's only disadvantaged community, as the County has proposed in the Goleta Valley, exacerbates segregation, concentrates poverty, and further exposes populations to pollution and health impacts," the letter continued. "The sites inventory, as presented in the Draft, exacerbates, not addresses an environmental justice problem and decreases access to higher resource areas of the County."

Laura Capps, the 2nd district supervisor, pushed to add the Magnolia Shopping Center in Goleta Valley to the list of potential rezone sites for the county. Jordan Killebrew, district representative to Capps, stated that the goal of Capps's office is to preserve agricultural and open spaces in conversation with I.V. community leaders.

"Our office is really, really sensitive around where we build. There are a lot of areas that are available in District 2, and for "Instead of a systematic us, we don't feel like open spaces northwestern and South Coast approach to assessing existing and agricultural lands should be areas experiencing housing the top of the priority," Killebrew said at the Feb. 9 I.V. Community Network meeting. "We believe that once [agriculture] land becomes developed, it never returns back to [agriculture] land, and so we're looking at areas that already have set up infrastructure, and we're looking at areas that we can enhance with housing."

In determining potentials

redevelopment, county made assessments of community populations and housing characteristics in its Draft Housing Element Update. Approximately 28,720 households reside in unincorporated areas of the county, of which 14% of total households are extremely low income, 38% are renters and 62% are homeowners.

I.V. has the second-highest average monthly rent amongst all unincorporated areas in the county and the highest within the South Coast, at \$2,432. Zillow indexes I.V. home values at \$1,194,116 in 2021, a 19% increase from 2015, according to the Draft Housing Element Update.

Additionally, I.V. has large populations of residents who are greatly cost-burdened or live in overcrowded households, according to the Draft Housing Element Update. The document stated that lack of affordable housing and diverse housing options contributes to these disparities in cost-burdened

"Not only are residents in the problems at higher rates than other communities, but some tracts in these communities have also been identified as being at risk of displacement," the draft read. "This indicates a need to increase the availability of affordable housing within these

The full Draft Housing Element Update can be viewed on the of SBC Planning & Development

communities."

## UCSB plans remembrance event for deceased Counseling & Psychological Services clinician

Nisha Malley County News Editor

UC Santa Barbara will lower its campus flag today in memory of Marsha Wylie, a licensed clinical social worker employed at UC Santa Barbara's Counseling & Psychological Services, who died on Feb. 22. Counseling & Psychological Services also plans to hold a remembrance event for Wylie before the end of the 2022-23 academic year.

UCSB students, staff and affiliates were informed of Wylie's passing in a March 7 email from Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Margaret Klawunn.

"Marsha will be missed by CAPS and many campus partners and students," Klawunn

said. "I send my condolences

to Marsha's colleagues, friends,

whose lives she has positively impacted."

Wylie joined Counseling & Psychological Services (C.A.P.S.) in October 2018 as part of the inaugural clinical coordinator team, according to the university email.

"She was a beloved team member at CAPS and a deeply valued clinician who helped improve access to services for all students," Klawunn said in the email.

Klawunn honored Wylie's service and contributions to the campus community, and described her as a "valuable member of the CAPS Triage

Team." "She provided invaluable clinical services, especially

contributing to the quality of care

provided to women of color and

family, and the many students to students with severe medical authentic self and whether you diagnoses," Klawunn said in the email. "Marsha engaged everyone she met with her most

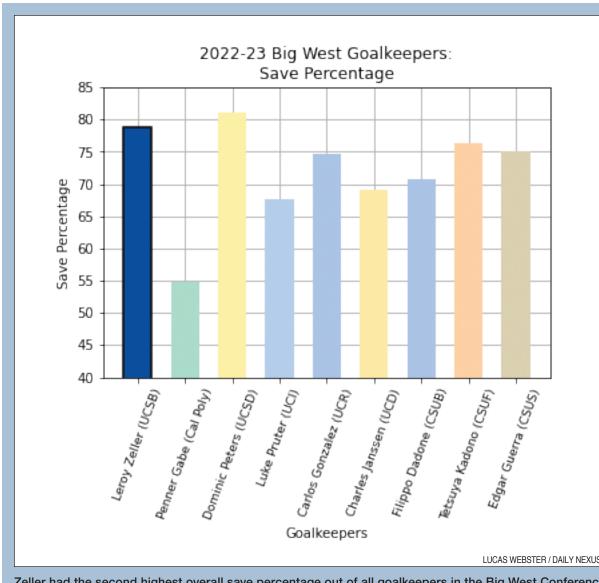
met her once or knew her well, every encounter was a moving interaction."



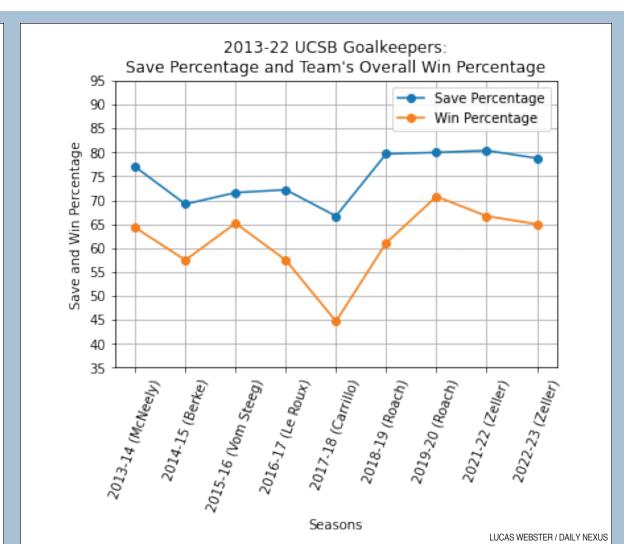
Pictured above is Marsha Wylie.



## From Sinzenich to Santa Barbara, Leroy Zeller's international student-athlete journey



Zeller had the second highest overall save percentage out of all goalkeepers in the Big West Conference during the 2022-23 men's soccer season. Zeller had a 78.8% save percentage, while the overall conference average was 72.02%.



In the 2021-22 season, Zeller had the highest save percentage of any UCSB goalkeeper since 2013, and the team also had its highest win percentage since 2013 that same season. Zeller is also only the second goalkeeper since 2013 to play two seasons as a starter. A general correlation between starting goalkeeper save percentage and team win percentage is present. The average save percentage across the data points is 75.07%, and the average win percentage is 61.42%.

#### Lucas Webster Staff Writer

Attend any UC Santa Barbara men's soccer game, and the name you will hear the most is Leroy Zeller. His name is chanted at nearly every game, fans ask for pictures after and strikers fear him. Zeller, a third-year global studies major who won Co-Goalkeeper of the Year for the Big West Conference in the 2022-23 season took the Gauchos to a conference final.

Growing up in Sinzenich, Germany, Zeller began his soccer career at only four years old as an outfield player. According to Zeller, he tried his hand at goalkeeping at 12 years old, and it stuck. Viktoria Köln, a nearby 3rd division soccer club, took notice of his abilities and recruited him to play for their under-17 side.

At 16, Zeller sought to advance

his career more rapidly, so he moved out of his childhood home to play for a new club called Greuther Fürth, a second division side in the south of Germany who offered him a chance to play

under-19 soccer. Zeller said that Zeller really appreciated how after successful performances for the club's second team, he began to train with the first team, but still be able to pursue soccer. his appendix burst after a couple strong months training at the Carolina higher level.

After being sidelined due to Division his hospital stay and recovery period, he was not offered a new contract due to the extent of time he spent off the field. During this time, Zeller said that the German soccer transfer window closed, so he decided to set his sights abroad. He began training with Barnsley F.C., a club in England's second division, but after a couple months, Zeller felt a better opportunity lay overseas in America.

Zeller felt that he had better

opportunities in America because he was able to be a student and an athlete. In Europe, it is common for soccer players to focus solely on their athletic careers. According to Zeller, Europe's lack of a fail-safe for young soccer players led him to consider American college soccer. As a European athlete, sports

"you can study, get your major, do something productive" and

In 2019, Zeller moved to South

play II soccer for Newberry College on a full ride scholarship. Coming in, he had plans of LOCCUR transferring to a Division I program after his first year, but when the COVID-19 pandemic began, the fall next  $s\ o\ c\ c\ e\ r$ season was canceled, and his plans w e r e stunted. When

were able to resume during months. The head football coach the 2020-21 school year, it was football season, and Zeller was interested.

"I was always fascinated by the sport and the in the NFL. I am looking always forward to learning new things and

football, he began to weigh his facing challenges," Zeller said. Zeller was good friends with a few of the starting football players at Newberry. His friends trained Zeller to be a wide receiver in just a few

took notice of his skills, and invited him to train with the team. He completed a full preseason with the team, and at the end of pre-season, he was athletes playing offered a full-ride scholarship to

> play football. With two full-ride scholarships on the table for both soccer and

future in the two sports. Zeller was leaning towards football but sent out emails to soccer coaches across the nation, in accordance with the original plan he came to Newberry College with. If the right offer came, he would take it. A day later, UCSB replied expressing interest, and Zeller

said he "directly went to UCSB, and everything else is history from there."

When asked "why UCSB?" he responded, "The program, the program, the program."

Zeller said he admires the soccer history, the location and the lack of American football at

"Soccer is the biggest thing here," he said. Soccer being central to UCSB was crucial to Zeller, and soon Zeller, too, became crucial to UCSB soccer.

During the 2021-22 season and Zeller's first season with the Gauchos, he had an 80.4% save rate for every game he played, Zeller's save percentage is higher than UCSB's last seven seasons of starting goalkeepers.

Zeller's statistics took the Gauchos to a conference championship during the 2021-2022 season. He, however, fell short of taking home the coveted



and what I didn't do well last year, I worked really hard on," he said.

The goals he set for himself were reflected in his play time. Zeller achieved a 78.8% save percentage and only conceded 1 goal per game on average across the 20 games he played. His identical pre-playoff numbers were enough to warrant him winning Co-Goalkeeper of the Year of the Big West.

Zeller attributed his success to his goalkeeper coach, David Elias.

"Goalkeeper to goalkeeper coach connection is really important in soccer, because that's the guy you work with every day. He's the guy who follows you into games and has your back when something is not going well," Zeller said.

Zeller also said that his pregame ritual helped improve his performance. Before every game, Zeller makes a goal to not concede a goal, also known as a clean sheet.

Before the match, he writes down, "Clean sheet, what do I need to get a clean sheet? Be big in the box, have clean build-up and communicate well." Zeller writes tips and other similar points on a notecard before taping it to his right shin guard and stepping out

COURTESY OF JEFF LIANG

onto the field.

Zeller finished the 2022-23 season leading the league with seven clean sheets.

Zeller said he approaches the game without fear.

"I don't get nervous. I like confrontation," he said. "I am always looking forward to testing myself, every game. If you get nervous, it [weakens] you, you get stuck ... I get excited. I love the environment."

He loves the energy and excitement of the fans and appreciates those who come out to support UCSB soccer.

"We love to get the fans hyped, we love when you guys are out there and cheer us on, that's the whole purpose. When you have a good time, we have a good time," Zeller said. "The Cal Poly game is packed, and I would love to see that crowd attendance across every game. That would be class."

Despite all of the effort, mental fortitude and individual achievements, UCSB men's soccer lost in the conference final to UC Riverside by a score of 1-0.

However, Zeller said he was not discouraged by the defeat.

"After the game was done, all the fans, like 3000 to 4000, came at me and were yelling

and screaming, but that motivates me now to go into this next season and show them who we are, who UCSB is and that this won't happen again," he said.

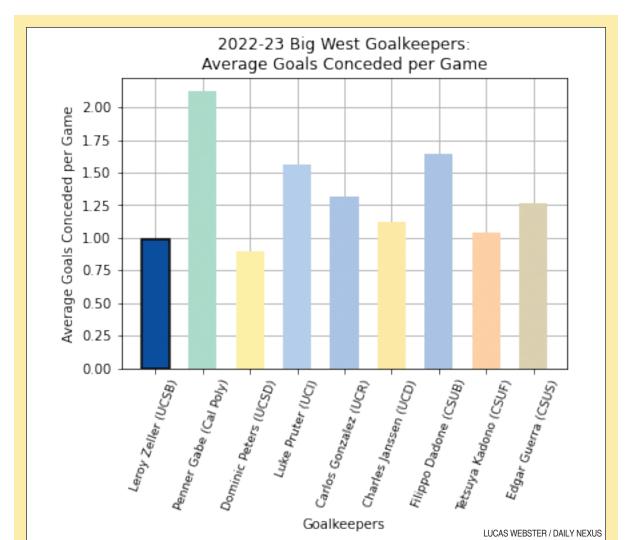
According to Zeller, the upcoming 2023-24 season will be his final college season, and he has aspirations to play professionally.

"If there is a team coming up who would like to draft me ... I would love to stay here [in the U.S.]. If there is an opportunity to go to the first league, MLS, or [second league] Championship, I would go," he said.

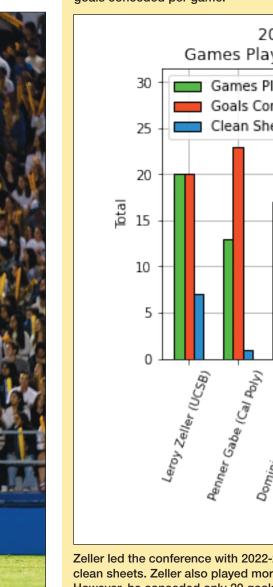
He would also welcome a return to Europe, saying, "If there is an option coming up from England, Germany or in Europe for a league, I would definitely go then." His dream would be to sign for Liverpool F.C. and play under their manager Jürgen Klopp, who he met and spoke with in his youth back in Germany.

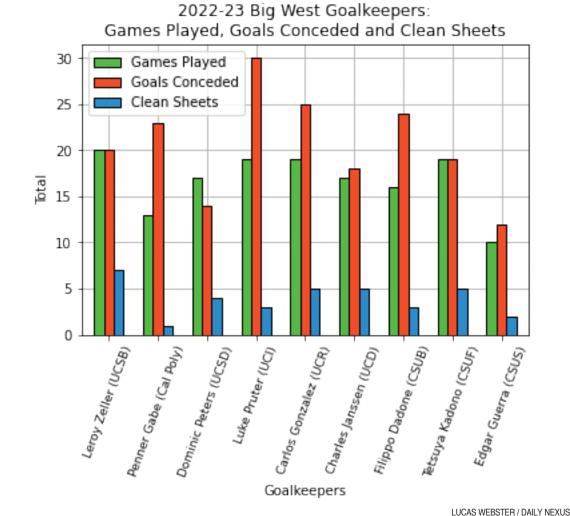
Zeller wishes to thank all of the Gaucho soccer supporters this past season, and he is looking forward to the next season.

"Thank you for coming to the games, being part of it, being part of the journey of UCSB soccer, and I hope this upcoming season we will have a great run in the tournament," he said.



Zeller had the second lowest average goals conceded during the 2022-23 Big West Conference season. Zeller held a one goal conceded per game average, and the conference average was 1.33 goals conceded per game.





Zeller led the conference with 2022-23 seven clean sheets earned. The conference average was 3.89 clean sheets. Zeller also played more games than any other goalkeeper in the conference this season. However, he conceded only 20 goals, which was below the conference average of 20.56 goals conceded.



With the Saints signing Derek Carr and the Giants extending Daniel Jones, some NFL teams are seeing their QB controversies winding down. For others, such as the Green Bay Packers, they are just getting started.

## SP()RTS

#### **UCSB Athletics**

**Daily Nexus** 

Tonight, the UCSB men's basketball team begins postseason play as they take on Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. UCSB is 2-0 against Cal Poly this year, but the Mustangs are coming off a huge upset against Long Beach State in the first round of the Big West Championships which ended their 18-game losing streak.

## UCSB ties UC Irvine, shares regular season Big West title

Garret Harcourt Sports Editor

The UC Santa Barbara men's basketball team took home an end of the season victory against the University of Hawai'i to secure a share of the regular season Big West title. By tying UC Irvine for the regular season title, the Gauchos were able to clinch the No. 2 seed in the Big West tournament. This is critical for the Gauchos, as their only way into March Madness is winning the Big West tournament outright.

The Gauchos secured their win Saturday night behind a route from the start to finish against conference rivals, Hawai'i by a score of 81-61.

Ten minutes into the game, the Gauchos developed a solid 10-point lead 23-13. The paint defense of the Rainbow Warriors was exposed as 12 of the first 23 points were scored in the paint by the Gauchos.

By the end of the first half, the Gauchos had a commanding 46-26 lead, behind senior guard Calvin Wishart's 15-point first half. Not far behind him was senior center Andre Kelly and sophomore guard Cole Anderson with 8 points apiece.

The second half remained much the same for the Gauchos, as they kept a sizable lead for much of the second half.

Senior guard Josh Pierre-Louis got it going early in the second half scoring 5 of the Gauchos first 7 points after the break. The scoring was well distributed throughout the second half, with the Gauchos' sophomore guard Ajay Mitchell passing the ball effectively.

Mitchell finished the game with a double-double of 10 points, 11 assists and 5 rebounds. Senior forward Miles Norris and Kelly joined Mitchell in that category, picking up double-doubles of their own. Norris gathered 10 rebounds and finished with a team-high

grab 10 rebounds and add 12 the season was Mitchell, who points in the paint.

In the 81-61 victory, Anderson and Wishart provided the hot hand from behind the arc, shooting a combined 7-11. Late in the game, the crowd got to its feet as Head Basketball Coach Joe Pasternack gave each of the senior starters a sendoff with late game substitutions. Pasternack embraced each of the seniors, Kelly, Pierre-Louis, Norris and Wishart, as each were making their way off the Thunderdome court for the last times in their career.

Leading the charge to end

averaged the most points per game at 15.7 and assists per game with 5.1. Norris followed right behind Mitchell with 14.2 points per game and 6.4 rebounds per game. Anderson shot the lights out this season producing a three-point shooting percentage at 41.7 to lead the team.

The team's hard work did not go unnoticed, as Pasternack went on the microphone at the end of the season finale to encourage the crowd to stay. Saying that the team was not able to play with the fans in

the COVID-19-riddled year, he wanted the crowd to enjoy the ceremony with the team. Pasternack led the crowd into a chant of "Go Gauchos" to wrap up the regular season.

The Gauchos look to compete in March Madness but will first have to take on California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo in the quarterfinals of the Big West Championship. UCSB is 2-0 against the Mustangs this season. The matchup will take place on March 9 at the Dollar Loan Center in Henderson, Nevada.



18 points. Kelly managed to **Kipruto attempts a floater at the rim.** 

## Choice scores 23; UCSB falls to UH



The women's basketball team plays solid team defense.

Isaiah Ochoa Staff Writer

Junior guard Anya Choice set a career high in points with 23 as the Gauchos took on the Hawai'i Rainbow Warriors. Unfortunately, UC Santa Barbara's women's basketball fell to Hawai'i 68-58, wrapping up the regular season. The Gauchos will have the No. 5 seed in the Big West Tournament and face UC Davis in their first

matchup. The Gauchos started hot as senior guard Alexis Tucker made a mid-range jump shot. The Gauchos exchanged buckets with the Rainbow Warriors throughout the first quarter.

The Gauchos scored 18 points in the first, giving them a 1-point lead going into the second quarter with a score of 18-17. UC Santa Barbara lost the lead at the start of the second quarter.

Choice retook the lead after she knocked down a three to make the score 23-21 in favor of the Gauchos. Shortly after, Hawai'i

hit a three of their own, taking the 23-24 advantage for the Rainbow Warriors.

Hawai'i extended their lead to 6 points before going into the locker room for halftime. At the half, the Gauchos found themselves behind 23-29.

Coming out of the locker room, the Gauchos looked to cut the lead and try to regain the lead again. In the first five minutes of the third quarter, the Gauchos cut the lead down to 1 point after junior guard Alyssa Marin hit all her free

throws after a technical foul was awarded, making it 34-35 Hawai'i.

With two minutes left in the third, Choice knocked down a three to tie it at 42-42. Hawai'i extended their lead to end the third quarter 43-46.

In the fourth quarter, Hawai'i extended their lead to as much as 9 points with two minutes left in the game. With time winding down, the deficit was too big for the Gauchos, as they lost 68-58, dropping their final conference game of the regular season.

Choice scored 23 points off 9-14 from the floor while going 4-6 from three, with 4 rebounds and 1 assist.

Tucker also hit double digits, scoring 18 points from 5-11 shooting, including 2-6 from three with 7 rebounds and 2 assists.

Marin and senior center Ila Lane combined for 14 points, 9 rebounds and 3 assists.

As the regular season has concluded, UC Santa Barbara finished with the fifth-best winning percentage in the Big West this season. The Gauchos will therefore be the No. 5 seed at next week's Big West Championships in Henderson, Nevada. The Gauchos are set to play against the No. 4 seed UC Davis in the quarterfinal round in a single elimination match on March 8 at 2:30 p.m. Pacific Time.

The game will be live on ESPN+.

## UCSB softball goes 3-2 at Lancer Invite



A UCSB batter swings at the ball.

Isaiah Ochoa Staff Writer

UC Santa Barbara finished above .500 on the season after competing in the Lancer Invite. The Gauchos beat the Wagner College Seahawks 5-0 and 4-1 and the Howard University Bisons 6-1. Unfortunately, in both matchups, the California Baptist University Lancers defeated the Gauchos 3-1.

On Friday, March 3, the Gauchos were penciled in to play Wagner College and California Baptist University back to back. The Gauchos started great against the Seahawks, as they were first on the board by scoring 2 runs in the first.

Sophomore catcher Daryn Siegel worked a walk to bring in junior infielder Madelyn McNally. Freshman third baseman Bella Fuentes followed her teammate by hitting a sacrifice fly to score freshman outfielder Makayla Newsom and lead 2-0.

Freshman pitcher Malaya Johnson started in the circle for the Gauchos as she held Wagner College to 0 runs and earned a complete game win. Johnson struck out 5 while only walking 1. The Gauchos scored 3 more runs in the fourth, having the scoring end at 5-0 with a Gauchos win.

During the second game of the day, the Lancers struck first on junior pitcher Camryn Snyder. The Gauchos tried turning a double play to get out of the inning unscathed, but it did not go as planned, as the Lancers put one across in the third inning.

UCSB tied it up at one in the next half of the inning. Siegel singled to right field, scoring junior catcher Ashley Donaldson.

California Baptist University responded right away, scoring one in the fourth off a wild pitch and another where the Lancers stole home. The Gauchos racked up 2 hits in the last inning but couldn't mount up enough to tie it in the seventh, giving them the 1-3 loss.

On the following day, March 4, the Gauchos were set to face off against Wagner College and California Baptist again. Sophomore pitcher Ava Bradford took the rubber for the Gauchos as they faced off against the Seahawks first.

The Gauchos again struck first against the Seahawks as Siegel homered to left field, driving in 2 runs in the third inning. They extended their lead by scoring one in the fifth and one in the sixth to make it 4-0 Gauchos.

Bradford earned the complete game win, only allowing 1 run and 1 walk as the Gauchos swept the Seahawks 4-1.

The Gauchos shortly retook the field to take on the Lancers. Johnson took the circle in seeking to go 1-1 against California Baptist University.

All looked well for the Gauchos until the third inning. The Lancers scored all three of their runs in the third by having 4 hits in the inning, two being RBI doubles. The Gauchos responded by scoring one in the fourth when sophomore second-basemen Alexa Sams doubled to bring in Siegel.

The Gauchos went 1-1 for the day and got swept by the Lancers.

On the last day of the invite, the Gauchos took the field against Howard University with Snyder in the circle for UCSB. Both teams went back and forth, putting zeros on the board until the sixth inning.

Howard University struck first on a wild pitch to put them up 1-0, which they held for the rest of the game. The Gauchos responded immediately as they strung 6 hits in the inning, while the Bisons also made 2 errors. UCSB pushed 6 runs across to give them the 6-1 lead going into the seventh.

Snyder shut it down in the seventh, earning her the complete game win with 7 strikeouts and only allowing 2 hits. The Gauchos went 3-2 in the Lancer classic, and look to get ready for Fresno, California and compete in the Bulldog Classic.

## VIST

## 8M: Día internacional de la mujer, un día de reflexión, lucha e inspiración

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"A las niñas no se tocan", "Somos el grito de las que ya no tienen voz", "Soy la hermana de la mujer que nunca van a tocar", son solo algunas de las frases que se ven y escuchan en las calles de Latino América el 8 de Marzo. La historia de cómo esta fecha se originó comienza en 1908 cuando 129 mujeres murieron en la fábrica donde trabajaban, mientras se manifestaban demandando mejor condiciones laborales y salarios justos. Hoy en día esta fecha marca un día importante en la lucha por los derechos para las mujeres universalmente. De igual manera, saca a la luz temas de igualdad de género, derechos reproductivos y violencia y abuso en contra de las mujeres. Aunque protestas ocurren en todo el mundo, el gran número de mujeres que continuamente toman las calles en protesta es en Latino América, lo cual refleja la manera en que el incremento de violencia y la falta de apoyo ha sido suficiente y tiene

que cambiar. Esta fecha es un día en el que mujeres de Latino América y el mundo se olvidan de sus diferencias y salen a las calles a protestar, a gritar, a marchar y hacer sus historias visibles al mundo. Las mujeres protestan por sus hijas, sus hermanas, sus madres, amigas que de una manera u otra comparten el sufrimiento y la ira de vivir en una sociedad que acepta estos hechos. Gritan su dolor al ver que nadie está interesado en buscar justicia por las mujeres que la violencia ya les ha cobrado sus vidas. Mujeres pintan las calles de morado mientras recuerdan los nombres y las caras de las niñas y mujeres que fueron víctimas de la violencia en la cual lamentablemente cifras incrementan todos los días. En estas marchas se cantan canciones que te enchinan la piel. Una que se hace conocer es "Canción Sin Miedo" por Vivir Quintana. La profundidad de su letra la ha hecho una canción emblemática de las marchas y el movimiento feminista. Otras formas de protesta que se ven las calles incluyen la lectura de poemas y de historias personales, pegar fotos de los feminicidas y agresores que están en libertad, cargar con carteles con mensajes y dibujos que erizan la piel y sobre todo brindar apoyo mujer a mujer. Esto es para dejarle saber al gobierno y a la sociedad que un cambio no es solo es necesario, sino demandado.

Hay muchas razones por las cuales las mujeres salen a marchar. No es una situación aislada que solo toca la vida de unas cuantas mujeres, la violencia y desigualdad a raíz de una cultura de machismo y misoginia que se ve día a día le está costando la vida a cientos de mujeres y a sus familias.

De acuerdo a la encuesta nacional sobre la dinámica de las relaciones del hogar por el Instituto Nacional de Estadística y Geografía (INEGI), en México el 70% de mujeres de 15 años y más han sufrido por violencia a lo largo de su vida ya sea psicológica, física, sexual o económica.

El caso de la familia Escobedo es una historia que aunque haya pasado hace quince años, aún toca el corazón de muchos. Marisela Escobedo Ortiz fue la madre de Rubí Escobedo, una joven de 16 años.

El inicio de su vida como activista social empezó cuando su hija fue asesinada por su pareja, Sergio Rafael Barraza. Dada la falta de apoyo que las autoridades le brindaron para resolver el caso, Marisela y su familia se tomaron a la tarea de buscar al feminicida de Rubí para llevarlo ante la justicia. Fueron ellos quienes lo autoridades. Sin embargo, aunque confesó su crimen y señaló el lugar exacto en el que los hechos en los hogares alimentan un



sucedieron, fue declarado no culpable y dejado en libertad.

Después de meses de protesta y de fuertes amenazas hacia Marisela, ella fue asesinada frente al palacio de gobierno de Chihuahua mientras protestaba en contra del gobierno corrupto que ayudó a la liberación de Barraza. Su muerte no fue en vano porque fue la fuente de inspiración y ejemplo a seguir para muchas mujeres para no dejar de exigir una vida en la que el miedo, la violencia y la agresión no gane.

Ser mujer trae consigo muchas cargas que fueron impuestas desde siglos. Estas mismas cargas limitan el desenvolvimiento pleno de no solo niñas y mujeres, sino también de niños y hombres encontraron y lo entregaron a las y personas identificados con otros géneros. Estos círculos de violencia que siguen presentes

sistema diseñado para favorecer a un número limitado de personas típicamente hombres. La violencia hacia la mujer aunque prevalente, es poco hablado en los hogares hispanohablantes, especialmente si una cultura de machismo está siendo implementada continuamente. Es importante resaltar que han habido muchos avances positivos que le brindan apoyo a la mujer y a su crecimiento en todas las capacidades, pero dada que esto es visto como un "privilegio" y no como derechos humanos básicos y tampoco es brindada a todas las mujeres, ya sea en las comunidades rurales, mujeres transgenero, etc. es más que necesario salir a reclamar justicia y equidad.

En una sociedad que ignora y menosprecia la experiencia de la mujer diariamente, las mujeres retoman el 8 de Marzo como un día de "celebración" para ellas sociedad. Por eso durante este

y se convierte en un día en el que se necesita crear conciencia, iniciar conversaciones, cuestionar y aprender.

Esta fecha no es un día de celebración, es un día en el que se necesita reflexionar y educarse a sí mismo sobre cómo cambiar las historias de las mujeres que fueron o están siendo impactadas diariamente por actos de violencia.

Hay muchos temas que un solo artículo nunca alcanzará abarcar, tales como los estándares ridículos de belleza, las experiencias de las mujeres transgenero y el gran aporte que han hecho hacia sus comunidades, las maneras que la cultura machista también afecta a los niños y hombres, el tabú de la menstruación, entre otras más que probablemente esta escritora le falta aprender de igual manera que desechar las ideas que desde la niñez fueron impuestas por la

mes de Marzo, que es el mes de la mujer, te invito a conocer más de los motivos por los cuales estas mujeres salen a las calles y el rol que puedes tener en esta comunidad.

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Como estudiantes hispanohablantes de UCSB, es importante no hacerse de la vista gorda de lo que se vive en no solo Latino América pero también en nuestra propia comunidad. Es nuestro deber estar en constante aprendizaje y practicarlo, no solo escuchar los problemas. No significa que es mandatorio ponerse un pañuelo morado y declararse feminista - no. A veces ese camino no es para todos y se respeta, pero si es necesario que se alze la voz. No es fácil ser la persona que diga basta, pero si algo se puede aprender de este movimiento, es que el miedo ya no es motivación suficiente para

quedarse calladas.

mérito."

#### Los empleados de Wingstop salen de huelga el día del Super Bowl



El Wingstop de Isla Vista observó un alboroto de actividad el domingo del Super Bowl después de que sus empleados salieron en huelga.

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Varios empleados del Wingstop de Isla Vista salieron de huelga el domingo del Super Bowl - que históricamente es unos de los día más ocupado del establecimiento - siguiendo el rechazo de una demanda de aumentar el salario hecho por los empleados por la gerencia que fue escrito en una carta que mandaron a la gerencia dos días antes. Tres estudiantes de UC Santa Barbara estaban involucrados en el grupo de empleados quienes trabajaban como líderes del trabajo.

La huelga dejó a muchos trabajadores - todos los que no están sindicalizados - inseguros de si todavía tienen un trabajo después de que la gerencia amenazó que iban a assumir que la huelga era su forma de refinar, dijieron 4 empleados lo

cual pidieron ser identificados por

su primer nombre por razones de

"La última cosa que me dijeron fue, 'Si dejas la tienda, entonces estás renunciando básicamente', y me fui de la tienda," el cajero de Wingstop, Sam dijo.

"No sabemos si fuimos despedidos o no. Nos dijeron que

estábamos renunciando si nos

íbamos de huelga." dijo el líder de

cambio Michael. "No creo que es como funcionan estas cosas."

Miembros de Wingstop #2012 demandaron oficialmente que los salarios de los cajeros, cocineros y líderes de cambio sean aumentados después de varios intentos, fueron despedidos por el gestión, alegó la carta.

"Hemos intentado pedir por salarios justos y no nos tomaron en serio, entonces pedimos oficialmente los aumentos para firmar esta petición," dijo la carta de demanda obtenida por Nexus. "Queremos \$17.00 a la hora para los cajeros y cajeros que están entrenando, \$18.00 la hora por los cocinero y cocinero que están entrenando, \$18.50 para los líderes del cambio que están entrenando y \$20 a la hora por líderes de cambio, para la próxima periodo de pago y un \$0.50 aumento a cada comienzo del año."

Los salarios representarán un aumento de muchos dólares del pago mínimo ahorrado por los cajeros y menos de \$17 a la hora por las posiciones que no son de gerencia, según uno de los empleados.Los empleados reportaron al Nexus que el tema de aumentos de pago se planteaba a menudo pero los gerentes de repente despidieron el tema.

podemos hacer eso, no podemos

"Todos siempre han pedido aumentos y han sido ignorados pinche Wingstop; están pagando o [gerencia] cambia el tema," Michael dijo. "Dijeron, 'No sus empleados muy poco," dijo

Michael.

la huelga.

de la gerencias para disuadir a los empleados de salir de huelga en una de los días más ocupados de Wingstop hace poco, según los empleados. Aproximadamente 15 personas salieron de huelga en solidaridad con nosotros, pero el gerente del distrito nos hizo sentir culpables diciendo, 'Sabes, es un día tan ocupado, no puedo hacer esto sola.' Ella no hace nada de todos modos - nada más nos dice que hacer,"

dijo Michael. Solamente unos

cuantos empleados quedan en el establecimiento para ver la

ola de órdenes que viene con el

Domingo del super bowl - lo que

los empleados describieron como

"un infierno." Wingstop apagó

los órdenes en línea seguido de

darte el aumento porque tienes que ser promovido basado en el

"Me han prometido un aumento

desde hace 4 meses, antes del

año pasado. Ahora es febrero.

Nunca lo recibí," dijo Kenji, otro líder de cambio. Los esfuerzos

Trabajadores de otras tiendas se espera que ayuden la ubicación siguiendo la huelga, los empleados dijeron, promoviendo llamar a UCSB y resilientes Isla Vista a boicotear el establecimiento. "Están trayendo costras de otras tiendas. Por favor boicoteen el

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## THE DAILY STENCH

It's Satire, Stupid.

## Precious Slut Christian rebranding! Now called 'Immaculate Virgin'



Theresa Harris-Olson Taylor Nubile Novice

Long-time small business owner and beloved member of the Isla Vista community Buster Cherry has announced that "after a great deal of soul searching, meditation and bath salts," he will be rebranding his local tattoo parlor! The back alley joint formerly known as "Precious Slut" will now be called "Immaculate Virgin" in order to better align with his newfound Christian beliefs.

"I'm so excited to announce that I will be partnering with son of God allegedly came to him "looking beefcake daddy" in the TSA line at Santa Barbara's

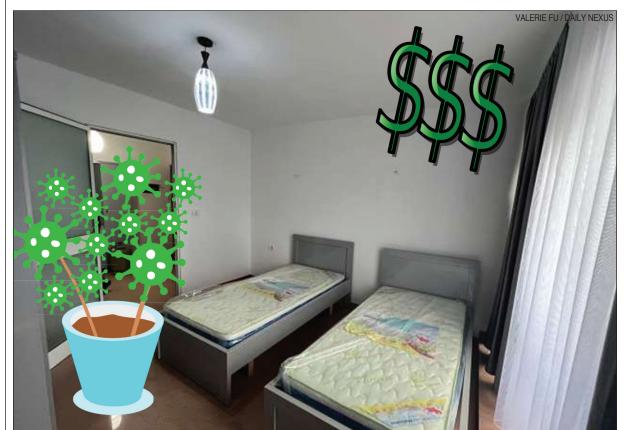
municipal airport, but Cherry vehemently refused to elaborate any further on the divine encounter citing John 20:29 as his reasoning. "I'm ashamed that it took seeing the sexiest man on the planet with my own two eyes to believe in a higher power - blessed are those who believe an ass this scrumptious exists without firsthand sight," said Cherry, as he aggressively itched himself.

When asked what changes would be made to the edgy joint, Cherry essentially described the Vatican: "Yeah I think it would be super cool to get one of baptism, get one facial piercing none other than my main man those gold ball things with a free" sale, claiming his main in the sky," declared Cherry in cross on top and put that on passion at this point is "saving a press release statement. He the roof and then I'm probably others and making a quick went on to describe how the gonna post an ad on Nextdoor looking for people to paint the ceiling with angels and saints and stuff." He also went on to

explain how he will be offering Holy Communion daily at 3 p.m. and will be offering baptisms on weekends, citing his main goal as eventually offering all seven sacraments: "Yeah, in the coming weeks my biggest business competition is probably going to be St. Michaels, so I'm hoping parishioners don't put any money in their donation basket and instead come to 'immaculate virgin' for both a sick tattoo and the Sacrament." If tattoos aren't your thing, don't worry. Cherry emphasized that he will be having a "buy one

Theresa Harris-Olson Taylor is an immaculate virgin.

## Mold or exotic houseplant? Either way, you're paying for it



Antonia Lou Kinda Sniffly

It's that wonderful time of the year again: you're searching for next year's housing, since residence halls are only guaranteed for the lucky bastards who survive the black box of the housing system! You're dealing with money, meal plans and you are starting to wonder if food is really worth it after checking out the rent prices. It's like Black Friday but with bigger stampedes during the apartment tours.

owner of the apartments that house this wondrous plant. Sicspore claims this fuzzy new companion has certain 'properties' that justify the increasing prices. "My cousin Poi and his cat Son moved into this new apartment a few months ago. This is where they first saw the plant. Three days later, Poi got a winning lottery ticket! This thing is magical, believe me. There's this kind of good-luck aura around it, like an AoE effect for you gamers out there."

Consequently, complaints This year, one landlord will have arisen recently due to oust the competition by reaping the increasing prices. Several the benefits of a certain new potential tenants have left elusive. "I haven't heard from addition to his complex: a type reviews on various social media of 'houseplant' that is present in platforms and on the apartment about half of the units, each of website. Some of the most which will be charged extra for. liked and upvoted comments "It takes on the appearance reflect the sentiments of @ of either an area of little StinkyBreath42\_0: "Isn't this black dots or a white fuzzy just mold? Why am I paying stretch that'll bless each room extra for mold?" However, some it touches," said Tok Sicspore, are more enthusiastic about this

addition, such as @not\_tok\_ sicspore, who supports this new "aesthetic upgrade." While it is unclear whether this exotic houseplant is actually mold, there will certainly be more information available about the complex sometime within the coming renting period - likely from the desperate souls who applied for the Sierra Madre apartments but were rejected a

week before move-in. investigation Further was attempted to discover more about the mysterious plant through Tok's cousin, Poi. However, the individual turned out to be strangely him recently," Tok said when questioned. "I'm assuming he's just busy with health matters. He has developed a bit of a lung problem."

Antonia Lou is allergic to exotic houseplants.

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## Lot 22 closed, bands to practice on top of library instead

Clark Can't

Studious As Fuck

Due to some unfortunate water damage, Lot 22, the parking lot and much beloved practice room of many UCSB student bands, is temporarily closing for repairs. With their usual spot closed, many bands have been on the prowl for another location to practice in the meantime. Noting its height and proximity to the Arbor, local band Crud Nuggets decided to hold practice on the roof of the Davidson Library, on top of the notoriously silent eighth floor. The Crud Nuggets, a Metallica/ Nickelback tribute band, were playing their hearts out when this reporter arrived at the scene. There seemed to be a sizable crowd of people on the eighth floor, many of whom were trying

to study despite the thunderous

sound coming from over their

heads. After working my way through the throng, I managed to climb onto the roof and speak with a few of the band members.

"I just think it's a great way to get our music out there, you know?"

**Clarence McMurphy** 

"I just think it's a great way to get our music out there, you know?" said frontman and rhythm guitarist Clarence McMurphy, while dodging a volley of pencils thrown by irate students. "And music really brings people together, so if we can share our songs with the world, then we'll have done our job." Other members of the band seemed to back up the sentiment.

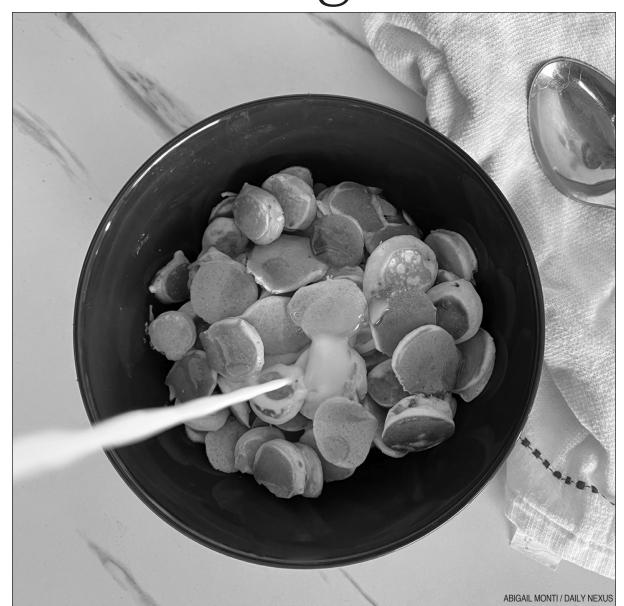
"I know it's midterm week," said backing vocalist and electric bassist Kyle "Doogie" Brennenbacher. "But I think that makes it so much more important to relax and take some time off. People can really connect with that, you know?" Brennenbacher then launched into a solo, pausing only to sidestep a few lobbed textbooks.

The band's drummer, Morgan Morgans, was hiding behind a rooftop vent to avoid projectiles but nonetheless seemed excited: "We do pretty experimental stuff so we don't get booked for a lot of gigs. Finding this spot was probably the best thing this band could ask for." At press time, the librarians were seen hauling in lumber to construct a catapult in the Arbor.

Clark Can't is selling his famous beef tacos this weekend on DP.

## MHE MENU

## Reviewing TikTok's mini cereal trend



While tedious, pancake-cereal is cute and delicious.

#### Abigail Monti On the Menu Asst. Editor

There was a period of time not too long ago when TikTok users couldn't open the app without seeing a bowl of tiny pancakes floating in milk. While Sydney Melhoff's bowl of dime-sized pancakes doused in milk kickstarted the trend in 2020, creative cereal variations continue to take the world by storm.

As someone who refuses to download TikTok for various compelling and totally valid reasons (read: stubbornness), I came across this cereal trend admittedly later than most. If anything, the fact that I witnessed this trend on Instagram – which is notoriously months behind on the latest TikTok fads - before it fizzled out completely speaks to

the longevity of this cereal craze. While the phase of pancake

cereal has begun to subside, increasingly sweeter and more labor-intensive mini confections are still dominating social media. I've witnessed mini muffins, doughnuts, cinnamon rolls, waffles, french toasts and more being drowned in milk. You can bet that a TikTok user somewhere has splashed milk on a mini version of pretty much every confection out there.

Some variations are more feasible than others. Yet the more iced and sprinkled mini donuts boasting close to a million views. The factor of milk also adds to the trend's impracticality: Any miniature baked good is likely to the trend's popularity is the

to turn soggy within seconds of touching milk.

And yet the world can't get enough of it.

So what makes this trend so popular? Well, first of all, it's an excuse to turn dessert into breakfast. Reminiscent of beloved childhood cereals like Cookie Crisp, Cinnamon Toast Crunch and Pop-Tarts cereal, the confection cereal trend is guaranteed to satisfy any sweet tooth. And while it might not be the most nutrient-dense breakfast option, sugars, starches and other outrageous the idea, the more carbohydrate-heavy foods are views the video tends to get - proven to boost serotonin levels. like these individually shaped, The combination of sugar and nostalgia brings comfort for those eating mini breads, pastries and other nostalgic carbs for breakfast.

The second reason contributing

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fact that people simply love tiny things. From HGTV's tiny home show to those tiny erasers that

of ordinarily large things.

had every middle schooler in a chokehold circa 2015, tiny things are known to make people smile. There's something inherently aesthetic about miniature replicas

Having done my research and thoroughly convinced that this trend was going to change my life, I set out to make my own cereal. Out of respect to the trend's origin, I started with mini pancakes. The process was similar to making regular pancakes, just slower and more tedious. I spent a few rounds struggling to flip the mini pancakes with a spatula before realizing a fork was the

superior tool. Eventually, I gave

up on perfectly round dimes and

shot for abstract quarters instead,

which also helped speed up the

When my bowl was finally complete, I drizzled the pile of mini pancakes with syrup and doused them in milk. Afraid they would become exponentially soggy with time, I immediately wolfed the little guys down. Unfortunately, that meant the bowl I just spent half an hour meticulously making was gone in less than a minute. But to be honest, I didn't really care – it was

delicious. For my more sugary variation, I chose to make mini-chocolatechip-cookie cereal. I followed the same recipe I normally would for cookies, except I used a teaspoon to measure each cookie and let them crisp up a little more than I usually would. I used a mug as my receptacle.

The cookies seemed to absorb the milk much more than the pancakes and began disintegrating rather quickly. While the cereal's structure didn't last long, it's hard to go wrong

with milk and cookies. While mini pancakes and cookies aren't the most practical breakfasts, I don't regret participating in the newest TikTok trend. Surprisingly, I ended up liking the pancakes slightly more than the cookies. Ultimately, I probably wouldn't make either cereal version again, but that's

more due to laziness than dislike. Will the mini-dessert cereal trend last? It's hard to say. I struggle to imagine anything topping the complexity of minilatticed-cherry-pie cereal, but the creativity of TikTok continues to surprise me time and time again.



Cookies and milk are just asking to be turned into cereal.

# Raspberry olive namantaschen

The triangle shape of hamantaschen makes them the perfect vessel for jam.

#### Joey Sable Staff Writer

Growing up in a religious Jewish home, Purim was unarguably the best holiday of the entire year. While the holiday's narrative is centered around the persecution and eventual perseverance of the Jewish people in Ancient Persia in line with most Jewish holidays, the traditions associated with the holiday essentially defines Purim as the 'Jewish Halloween.' People traditionally dress up as both characters from the religious narrative, the "Megillah" (Book of Esther), as well as anything and everything. The emulation of an elaborate feast and such food goodies like hamantaschen, the spread-filled sugar cookie named after the holiday narrative's villain, are delectable and so

easily consumable. In retrospect, it is blatantly obvious that Purim was the vehicle in which I could express • ½ cup extra virgin olive oil my queerness within the confines • ½ cup granulated sugar of the religious standards I • 2 eggs grew up governed by. Dressing • ¼ cup lemon juice effeminately or cross-dressing • ½ tablespoon lemon zest were permissible as it was relative • 2 ½ cups all-purpose flour in the tradition of the holiday, • 2 1/2 teaspoons baking powder and I absolutely took advantage • Pinch of kosher salt of it. Throughout elementary • ½ tablespoon vanilla extract school, some of the costumes I • Sweet filling of choice adorned included Tracy Turnblad from the musical "Hairspray," an old grandma and a 1970s female Lightly grease two cookie sheets hippie. Aspects of the Purim

narrative and holiday traditions

be inferred without a doubt that the holiday served as a vehicle of gender and identity expression for queer Jews for hundreds and hundreds of years.

This Purim, I aimed to find and eventually claim a hamantaschen recipe that perfectly encapsulated the childhood nostalgia of holiday festivities: one that was pareve (nondairy), with a fruity center and a slightly citrusy sugar cookie. I found Jamie Geller's Olive Oil Hamantaschen recipe on her website and fell in love with it. This recipe is practically her exact recipe with a few tweaks to make it my own - my version of queering the holiday in my own authentic way. You can absolutely sub the raspberry jam filling for any sweet filling of your choice; in my opinion, raspberry jam compliments the cookie so well, but apricot jam or chocolate spread also compliment. Ingredients:

- Directions:
- 1. Preheat the oven to 375 F. and line the cookie sheets with parchment paper.
- feel and appear queer, and it can 2. In a large bowl, mix extra-

virgin olive oil with granulated sugar, two eggs, lemon juice and

lemon zest. 3. Add flour, baking powder and salt, and mix gently until dough forms. I found that gradually adding the flour to the wet ingredients helped form a better

dough, but to each their own. 4. Lightly dust the parchment paper-lined cookie sheets with flour. Divide the dough in half and roll it out to roughly 1/8inch thick (this is how specific Geller got in her recipe, but I honestly free-balled its thickness). 5. Cut out approximately 3-inch circles with a round cookie cutter or even a drinking glass. Fill with 1 teaspoon of your favorite filling. Fold the left side over the filling into the center, then fold the right side over and then fold the bottom up, creating a triangle. The cookie dough recipe should yield 36 cookies, but no big deal if you don't yield that exact amount (you'll just have a range of cookie sizes).

6. Place cookies on prepared sheets and bake for 15 to 20 minutes, until golden brown. Let the cookies cool and rest prior to consumption.

Hamantaschen are usually made and eaten around the Purim holiday, but you can find cases of hamantaschen at most Jewish delis or appetizing stores. They are so delectable and easy to eat that you will crave them year-round.

## Bringing the band scene to campus: A.S. Program Board's 'Battle of the Bands'

Stella Mullin Staff Writer

Not just the place for a Panda Express study break, The Hub underneath the UC Santa Barbara's University Center welcomed four bands - Lemon

Never Clever and Field Daze "epic night of live music," as Associated Students Program Thursday night. Board promoted. "Battle of

Generation, French Cinema, Board, brought the I.V. band party scene to the middle of - on Feb. 23 to compete in an campus, giving students a chance to jam out on a rainy

The rule of the night: 20 the Bands," hosted by UCSB's minutes to wow the judge panel Associated Students Program and rile up the crowd. That's it.

Lemon Generation took the entitled "Seasons." The band stage first. Their indie-rock The Hub electrified the crowd, nothing to gloss over. Guitarist Handro Korn

rocked a black fur coat and guitarist Brie Peterson grooved Never Clever. Celebrating in a long denim skirt. Throughout the set, the

crowd slowly bunched towards the front, taking in every ounce of the band's sound.

At the end of the set, everyone in the crowd was out on the floor dancing. Lemon Generation's closing song encapsulated everything about indie rock, featuring a slowish beginning that builds up halfway through the track. The band exited amidst a round of applause and intermittent whooping.

Next came the band French Cinema. Before there could be a lull in between changing bands, the crowd erupted in excitement as the stage turned from indie rock to hardcore rock 'n' roll.

Drummer Wiki Alva and guitarist RT Guerra were outfitted in dresses, and Guerra was complemented by a purple electric guitar.

Vocalist Landon O'Rourke sported a denim jacket with "French Cinema" splattered in red across the back. They embodied rock 'n' roll.

set highlight was their original the crowd, had guitar solo after

shared a fun fact halfway sound radiating throughout through - two brothers in different bands were both and their stage presence was competing that night: "Battle of the Bands" had turned into "Battle of the Brothers." The following band was

their one-year anniversary of the band's founding this month, Never Clever brought a reggae-esque sound to The Hub reminiscent of San Diego reggae group Sandollar.

Their songs, mostly originals, were heavy on the keyboard sound that bounced its way through the crowd. For their fourth song, Never Clever covered Stevie Wonder's "I Wish," and the track's funky rhythm filled The Hub and out into the University Center.

Everyone who knew the words sang them, grabbing hands and grooving to the beat - a definite "Battle of the Bands" 2023 highlight.

The lead vocalist spoke with the Nexus about performing, saying, "It's my dream, so it feels very natural, and it feels like I'm connecting with people and growing into who I am."

To round out the performances, Field Daze brought a funk rock sound to The Hub.

With the same feel as the alt-rock band Red Hot Chili Peppers, Field Daze shook their The songs were heavy on heads as true rock stars do, guitar riffs and solos and a created a mosh in the middle of guitar solo and was absolutely rock 'n' roll. A favorite of the night was the band's original song "DUI," which they played shortly after announcing a new song dropping on March 10.

To wrap the night up, the judges convened to decide on a winner. There was a buzz in the air as fans patiently waited to see who would be crowned the

The "always funky," as selfdescribed in their Instagram bio, Never Clever won bragging rights that evening as the best band. Lemon Generation, French Cinema and Field Daze did give them a run for their money though with their stellar performances.

The night ended, and as people started to file out, you could tell that everyone who was there really wanted to be there. The crowd was full of the band kids and live music lovers that make UCSB so desirable to be at.

The music lovers in the crowd fill the small backyards on Friday and Saturday nights to get a taste of the live music I.V. has to offer. The music scene at UCSB is so unique, and these four bands help create its unmistakable feeling.

Keep up with the bands' show announcements and highlights through their Instagram accounts:

@lemongeneration @frenchcinemaofficial @nevercleverband

@fielddazefux



The band Never Clever jams out during their set, which features both original songs and covers. The band also celebrates the one-year anniversary of the founding of their band this month.

## Joe Goldberg trades in baseball cap for dotoctive hat in 'Vou' Scacon 1 Dart 1

Lauren Chiou Staff Writer

romantic partners.

Warning: Spoilers ahead

Netflix's hit series "You" returned on Feb. 10 for its fourth season with the release of part one of two, with the first five episodes out of 10. The psychological thriller follows Penn Badgely playing Joe Goldberg, a seemingly nice guy with a habit of obsessing over and stalking his desired

Throughout the show, Joe goes through multiple disastrous relationships, often going too far as he pursues women of interest. His attraction spirals into an unhealthy infatuation, culminating in him obsessing over, following and even committing murder in order to get what he wants.

The show follows Joe as he goes from New York to Los Angeles to suburbia, each location featuring a new object of attraction.

Season four picks up right where season three ended, with Joe fleeing to London after murdering his wife and faking his death. He assumes a new identity as Jonathan Moore, a university professor, and promises himself that he will live a reformed life. In his words, "If LA was purgatory and suburbia was hell, London may be when I finally got to the good place."

The new season marks previous three. Instead of being the murderer, Joe finds himself

his dark past. To avoid this, he is forced to become a detective and solve the mystery before his true identity is exposed.

Badgley is the obvious standout in the season, as he has been during the show's duration. Best known for his role as Dan Humphrey on The CW's hit show, "Gossip Girl," Badgley has received well-deserved critical praise for his portrayal of Joe, with many pointing to his versatility and acting range. Badgley is terrifyingly charismatic and incredibly convincing in his performance, almost successfully justifying his actions to the viewer.

The most universal point of praise is towards Badgley's narration in "You." Simultaneously charming and chilling, the monologue is used as a way to provide the viewer with Joe's sociopathic perspective. Through this, viewers can see into the mind of the antihero.

However, season four takes on a different tone. Joe's narration is even more immersive than before. His inner dialogue is pointed, sardonic and honest, with elements of dark humor lingering in each line. It's an it also manages to add a sense of realism.

With one of the main themes a character shift from the of this season being status, mystery at the center of season. Joe finds himself thrown into the world of the rich London immersive watching experience,

rich" killer. The killer, who and incredibly out of touch, has been targeting members something Joe constantly points of London aristocratic society, out in his monologue. He acts finds Joe and threatens to reveal as a surrogate for the audience throughout season four - he, too, is navigating unknown territory and is taking the viewer along for the journey.

> This is key in navigating class consciousness and conflict. The fact that the most relatable character is a murderous stalker with obsessive tendencies points to the intense socioeconomic divide in today's society. The rich are no different than the cold and emotionless Joe – they simply have the wealth to hide

> Joe's Yet, expert characterization and the show's creative take on class disparity is not enough to distract from the shortfallings of the side characters. They are all written and portrayed as caricatures. Therefore, the message being promoted by the show fails to reach complete fruition.

> The use of stereotypes fails to fully establish a persona, and the reliance on clichés causes all of the London aristocrats to blend together. There is no nuance to the douchebag jerks; they are simply douchebag jerks. When compared with the incredibly complex Joe, each side character seems cartoonish.

Season four also has an unexpected comedic relief, yet uneven pace. As opposed to the zealous intensity of previous seasons, season four takes time to fully unfold the While this allows for a more

made for an occasionally dull watch in the earlier episodes. As the season progresses, the energy increases and eventually builds into an action-packed, mid-season cliffhanger that makes the watching experience Feb. 10, making up the first part

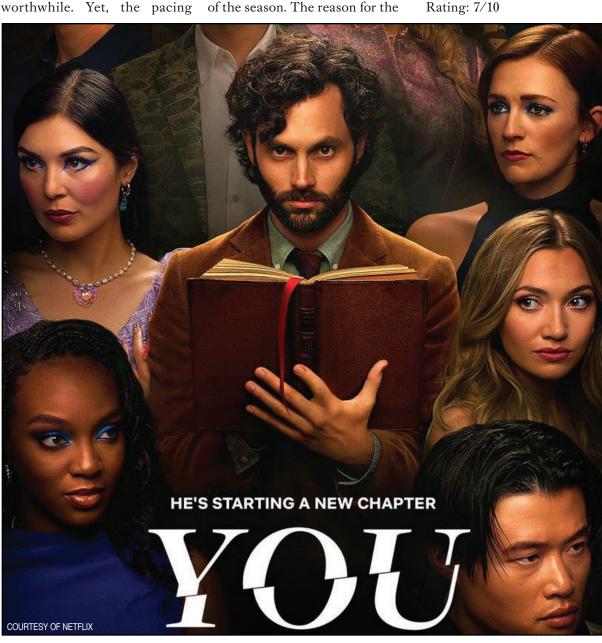
being framed by the "eat the elite. Their lifestyle is shocking the slow-moving development inconsistencies make it difficult two-part release was explained to sit through the slower elements of the season.

> The inconsistent pace is in part due to the release format. Only the first five episodes of season four were released on

by showrunner and producer Sera Gamble via Instagram, saying "Trust me, you'll need

the time to process." Part two of season four will be released to Netflix on March 10.

Rating: 7/10



## SCIENCE

## New data science program provides support for students underrepresented in field

Hannah Walker Reporter

As the technology within our society advances, the demand for data scientists continues to grow. With median salaries of around \$100,910 per year, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and as of May 2021, the field has become one that is extremely attractive and well paid. Although this field is clearly advancing technologically, much growth is necessary in terms of societal advancements. Like all competitive S.T.E.M.-related fields, data science in particular fail to provide underprivileged individuals adequate access and representation in the field.

Launched this year, Pacific Alliance for Low-income Inclusion in Statistics and Data Science (PALiISaDS) is working to overcome just that. Spread across seven different institutions, one of which is UC Santa Barbara, and funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF), the program's goal is to bridge the gap that causes this disparity.

The main issue that PALilSaDS is targeting is that, according to Michael Ludkovski, the program director at UCSB, although jobs within data science are extremely well paid, "three-quarters of them require a master's or a higher degree. [This means that a lot of] lowincome student[s] transferring from a two-year institution often find that [they're] too late [to] jump on the bandwagon [as they don't have the support" necessary to know of the options available to them.

Due to this, a common problem lower-income students encounter is the fact that they are unaware that "they can get the same skill and education while being paid as a TA instead of paying \$50,000 a year" to pursue a professional degree, Ludkovski explained. Thus, many students are either unable to take the necessary steps needed or end up enduring extreme financial debt in order

Since PALiISaDS focuses on bridging this gap in knowledge and resources, the program targets low-income thirdyear and transfer students, providing them with support through workshops, seminars and faculty and peer mentoring, in addition to offering them need-based scholarships and graduate school applications for up to three years.

to be a successful data scientist.

According to Ludkovski, not only are students given the financial support necessary to pursue a higher education, but they are also given the resources necessary to make pursuing an education more affordable and easier. Ludkovski explained that the alliance's "target is to have over half" of their graduates to decide to pursue a master's degree or

Ph.D., as they understand that

a lot of their students "can get a really good job, just coming out of undergrad, and might decide that that's the best route for them[selves]." The key principle of this program, however, is to provide data science students with the support that will allow them to make this decision themselves.

In addition to providing the necessary support to create an equitable field, other professors at UCSB have also been working to establish programs to help grow the industry in a way that understands the nuance and necessity of equity that comes with data science. In 2020, Sharon Tettegah introduced the Student's Engagement & Enrichment in Data Science (S.E.E.D.S.) program in order to apply diverse perspectives to data science as students pursue their undergraduate degrees. Tettegah, the conceptual architect for the program and current director of the Center for Black Studies Research, proposed S.E.E.D.S. due to her

beliefs on data. "Data provides a new lens for viewing the world," Tettegah said. "The questions of where we choose to turn this lens, who gets to look through this lens, and what new steps society takes based on the information provided by this lens are some of the most important ones we could ask. S.E.E.D.S. is unique in the world in taking this question head on."

Understanding this need for diverse individuals when analyzing data, S.E.E.D.S. was created to provide the necessary support to students with similar beliefs to create adequate change in the field. According to the current co-directors of the program, Tettegah and Timothy Sherwood, the program is described through four pillars: "mentoring by a researcher, discussion forums, skill development and practice [through software carpentry here at UCSB and other places and participation in

symposia." The program, which currently consists of around 20 to 25 students, supports "the students with small group mentoring, a stipend, skill development and exposure to diverse content" in addition to providing them with "a living and learning community here at UCSB." Tettegah and Sherwood said that they hope, whether their students go on to graduate school or go into industry, that they gain "methodological skills and ethnic studies knowledge ... directly helpful in their

Although the field of data science still has a lot of room for improvement – whether that be technologically, analytically or equitably – UCSB, alongside other campuses across the country, is working toward stimulating the necessary change through supportive

programs.

## SIMPLY STATED: Could water on Jupiter's moon Europa mean life?

Zelinda Strell Reporter

With the establishment of NASA in 1958, the quest for evidence of life beyond Earth shortly ensued with a mission to understand existence within our universe, exceeding what was once unimaginable and purely hypothetical.

In recent decades, Mars gained recognition for its notable similarities to Earth, with the hope it possesses the necessary conditions to host life and the possible candidacy for acting as an alternative for humans to inhabit in the foreseeable future.

In 1965, the Mariner 4 probe discovered that Mars lacks a magnetic field necessary for shielding life forms from radiation, diminishing optimism for life on the planet.

Nonetheless, all hope was not lost as there are three operating rovers on Mars, including NASA's rover, Perseverance, programmed to explore its surface to detect traces of evidence of past and present life on the planet.

Although much and resources are allocated to studying Mars, there is an underrated extraterrestrial body with great potential for life, often overshadowed by its red counterpart.

This said underdog is Europa, the smallest of Jupiter's four Galilean moons, eponymous of a Phoenician princess in Greek mythology. According to Dr. Robert Pappalardo, a Europa mission project scientist, "We believe Europa has the so-called ingredients for life: water, the right chemistry, and chemical energy. These are the three ingredients we look for to determine whether a world is habitable and this is what we are trying to confirm through the Europa mission."

Observations made through telescopes, including

led scientists to believe Europa contains an ocean, likely containing greater quantities of water than all of Earth's oceans amassed.

"On Earth, just about everywhere there is water, there is life," Pappalardo stated. "Because there is likely water on Europa, this proves to be a promising sign. We could find something that is like an oasis – a place where there are organic materials and there is evidence of internal heat and liquid water not too far down below the surface."

According to Pappalardo, this could be a place we could potentially follow up on to send a lander for future search of life.

"If we were to find plumes (places where liquid water is coming out of the subsurface and escaping to space) in Europa, we would have the opportunity to fly through and extract samples from the subsurface, bringing them to Earth in future missions."

This may reveal promising landing areas for future exploratory missions, providing us with insight into methods and landing plans for following explorations.

The mission status remains a

Hubble Space Telescope, have work in progress, as the Europa Clipper team is operating at full speed, progressively preparing for the projected launch on Oct. 10, 2024.

According to NASA, due to the vast distance between Earth and Jupiter (an estimated 630.4 million kilometers), the Europa Clipper will reach its destination within five and a half years from departure, arriving in April 2030.

On Dec. 23, 2022, I viewed the Europa Clipper in person at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in La Cañada Flintridge, California with my own eyes. I watched from a bird's eye view behind the observatory glass display, in awe, as a team of approximately 10 employees worked away tirelessly, laboriously climbing up and down ladders to reach the peak of the 16-foot-tall spacecraft. To ensure the sterilization of the workplace, the spacecraft builders wore bunny suits, comparable to hazmat suits, encasing them from head to toe in polyethylene.

One worker in particular drew much attention from fellow visitors, as they questioned how he managed to stand completely still for the extended quarterly

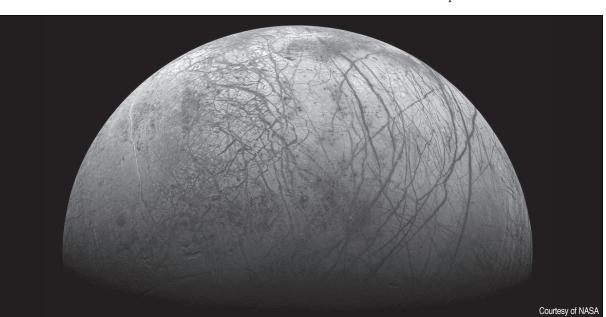
To our humbling surprise, he is merely a mannequin, acting as a scale to visualize the proportions of the spacecraft to that of an average human body for moments without active workers present.

Each worker, apart from the mannequin they dubbed Bob, paced back and forth throughout the workstation, seldomly standing stagnant as they repetitively positioned and repositioned the blue masking tape while tampering with the wires on the spacecraft.

That day, I witnessed an illustrious scene of scientific innovation, as we take momentous leaps forward, striving toward our goal of unearthing something greater than ourselves and surpassing the limits we initially classified as unfeasible.

What once was our limit is now our starting line, as we ascend human-made objects through the sky, past the atmosphere, reaching space to explore otherworldly oceans in pursuit of alien discovery.

Europa stands as a mysterious symbol of hope of new life beyond what we deem recognizable, with the promises its voluminous body of liquid water holds, awaiting our exploration.



tested on animal subjects (such as

mice), dissuading the concern of

toxicity with regard to antibiotics.

The paper also explains in detail

the advantages of COE2-2hexyl

over its contenders, including

affordability, a simplistic

implementation process and

the ability to provide insights

into the world of microbial drug

resistance against antibiotics,

Heithoff and his team are

working to streamline this

compound into modern medicine

quickly and efficiently. Through

consistent research initiatives

combined with the constant

isolation and utilization of the

compound with ethical testing

and research, the world may

very soon witness an affordable

breakthrough in the war against

bacterial infection in the form of

an antibiotic capable of entirely

Mindfulness and making

good choices

bypassing retaliation.

among many other advantages.

## Looking back from Campus Point

Roshan Mishra Reporter

#### Why punish cheaters?

Whether you're playing a game via a ChatGPT prompt or using good old-fashioned scrawls on your arm during crucial exams, cheating is just as natural to school students as sticking gum under tables or bringing food to class. A recent scientific article by Sakura Arai, a corresponding author at Japan's Brain Science Institute at Tamagawa University and researcher at UC Santa Barbara's Center for Evolutionary Psychology, and her colleagues grants an in-depth look at the psychological intricacy of punishing cheaters. Primarily, the article examines two approaches to dealing with rulebreakers: standard heavy-handed punishment and softer, cooperative approaches. The study found that, overall, acting cooperatively rather than harshly with punishment begets more receptiveness from



emphasize the relationship between implementing passive cooperation (using incentives) and outright punishment. Exploitation and hostility on the part of students against teachers is significantly lessened when passive cooperation is implemented rather than harsh disciplining. However, outright removal of punishment isn't advisable either. The article summarizes its point by remarking that a balanced understanding works best to forge good relations between authority figures and groups while minimizing possibilities for exploitation or cheating; a union of passive withdrawal of cooperation and standard punishment is required.

#### A new antibiotic

Modern medicine has evolved a long way from leeches and plague doctors, yet the threat of bacterial infection very much remains. Recently, Douglas M. Heithoff, a scientist at UCSB operating in the Department of Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology, has, alongside his team, identified a compound displaying broadspectrum antibacterial activity. Through a series of verified experiments, it was discovered that compound

Furthermore, the compound

subjects.

Recently, Wei Du and Hongbo Yu, two researchers at Peking University's School of Psychological and Cognitive Sciences in Beijing, have begun studying mindfulness and its effect on interpersonal relationships. COE2-The study entailed two groups 2hexyl did not activate usual - a training and control group microbial bacterial resistance gathered together to periodically when implemented into the test

make moral decisions before and after an eight-week period.

The training group underwent

proved itself harmless when mindfulness training to make themselves more aware of the world around them, while the control group did not.

After the allotted time, it became clear that the training group made the most morally sound decisions (for example, forsaking financial gain for themselves to avoid inflicting suffering on others) compared to the control group, proving that on some level, mindfulness training can have a positive impact on interpersonal relationships.

Also mentioned confronted within this study is the "moral slippery slope," a trend seeming to occur naturally over time in which individuals lose their ethical compass or forget their lessons in favor of more selfish goals.

As the authors have asserted, mindfulness training is geared toward reducing innate selfishness and influencing crucial cognitive processes in our mind to think for the benefit of others rather than just ourselves.

The studies thereby inferred that the best means to counteract the slippery slope of moral decision making is through consistent mindfulness training meant to create or otherwise increase feelings of empathy and consideration.

Through these programs, decision making and moral judgment can remain steadfast as they were in the training group, rather than be lost over time or outright ignored.

Nail polish and pillow fights: What female friendships taught & SOUL me about love



My girl best friends are the

"Kira, just let me do your hair," my roommate exclaims over the Taylor Swift song we have blasting in our room. I hand over my curling iron and hairbrush, and she happily begins separating and pinning up my hair. "Okay, but I can curl your hair after," I promise her.

It's a Friday night; there's makeup everywhere, outfits being tried on and swapped and our dorm room smells like a mix of hairspray, perfume and girlhood. I hold this exact moment in my mind as the night keeps moving, careful to remember it exactly as it happened. I want to remember the laughter, the communal lipstick and the comfort I felt while being hugged by my best friends' love. I assumed this day was one in a million – a blip in a world of obligatory love – but my friends continue to prove my theories about love wrong.

As Dolly Alderton so eloquently writes, "Nearly everything I know about love, I've learnt in my longterm friendships with women." My best friends have shown me the most intimate, pure and selfless forms of love that have set the blueprint for the love I wish to receive for the rest of my life.

I love love. I believe love exists anywhere you look, and I give love unconditionally. However, different forms of love I've received have been transactional, convenient or mandatory. Romantic relationships, though the most obvious relationship to learn about love, have only shown me that love can come with barriers. My exes reaped the benefits I provided (i.e. my love, my kindness, my attention) without really getting to know me and give love back. My familial relationships, though foundational, have a border of obligation surrounding love. There is a certain unspoken agreement in familial love that we must love each other because we are family, rather than being family because we love each other.

have undoubtedly formed because they saw me for who I am and decided to keep loving me every day after that. They got to know the worst parts of me and all sides to me; my female friends learned my bad habits and embarrassing stories and still choose to show up and love me. These are the most beautiful relationships I have ever known.

Most of my happiest memories include my female best friends because they effortlessly break down my walls and create a safe space for me to cry, to laugh, to be weird and, most importantly, they allow me to be unapologetically me. I reflect on the intimacy of my roommates and I laying on the floor and listening to sad music because I was feeling down over a breakup. They noticed my mood and instructed me to listen to the music, then decided to join me on the floor for the sake of sympathizing, allowing me to wallow. They had nothing to gain from doing that, nothing that would benefit them and no ulterior motive. My roommates just wanted to let me know that they were there for me, that they were there to love me.

When a boy ghosts me and I lose a little more faith in love, I think back to the sleepovers with my hometown best friends when we would stay up all night, laughing about things we wouldn't remember in the morning. We would say our goodnights at midnight but somehow stay awake until the sun rose. In those few late hours of the night, when the realities of our lives couldn't touch us and each other's laughs kept us awake, we spoke about our deepest fears and told our funniest jokes. We didn't touch our phones - everyone in them was sound asleep - and we didn't bother checking the clock because we already knew it was late. The later it got, the closer we seeped into the next day where our responsibilities hit us. For those few hours, though, we were fully immersed in each other's presence and could offer advice, hugs, love and pillow fights. After My friendships, however, I remember those nights, I am alright again.

first to notice something new about me, whether it's a new haircut, new nail color or a new happiness I carry with me. They prove to me, over and over again, that they see me in all aspects. They validate that, yes, my hair looks good and, no, that guy didn't deserve me. They delicately look at my new manicure and read my poems thoroughly, giving commentary back. My girl best friends are also the first to notice when I am upset, sometimes before I even recognize it. They study my facial expressions and take into account the music I'm listening to, lightly asking if I'm okay because they genuinely want to know. Their intentions are pure and full of love, which has been an overwhelming but needed lesson.

My female friends have healed me by simply being my friends. Every text they send just because they're thinking of me, every time they save me a piece of food or remember a tiny detail I told them in a story two weeks ago, I learn a little bit more about love. The tears of laughter I cry from my friends' jokes replace the tears of sadness I've cried over failed relationships and times of loneliness.

Thus, I choose to use my female friendships as a blueprint for love; I believe I deserve this kind of love all the time. I deserve this love through surprise birthday parties and homemade cookies and Starbucks trips and words of affirmation. I deserve unconditional and unrestricted love. I hold a special place in my heart for the women in my life, for always listening and always encouraging me in moments I needed it. I hold my female friendships close to my heart, where they are a beacon of love to me and everyone around them.

Kira Logan reflects on the beauty and selflessness of her female friendships, appreciating the unconditional and constant love she receives from her best friends.



#### **U MAIL: NEW MESSAGE**

To: X <x@umail.ucsb.edu> Subject: I don't forget, I remember

Dear M,

UCSB and put myself out there, so I finally gave in and embarked on friend of mine invited me to go to the beach with him. He needed to go for an anthropology assignment, but I suppose that's beside the point. With your reminders now permanently burned in my mind, I accepted. Even though it was the middle of winter and even though I had a paper due that night, I still went. Just know if I catch a cold and fail my paper it's your fault, not mine.

To access the beach we had to walk through an area of I.V. I hadn't really explored before, at the beach access, we crossed a high it nearly swallowed the entire and no, I wasn't mistaking this

street that looked familiar, but something felt off. I soon realized You've encouraged me to explore we had reached DP (sorry, another acronym) – the notorious harbor for all things partying and music. a new adventure. Last weekend, a A state of hushed, eerie stillness replaced the blasting speakers and wailing ambulance sirens. I should probably stop there. DP affairs are better left unsaid.

Getting onto the beach was a task all on its own. We carefully descended the perilous stairs that led down to the beach, its frame rife with holes and decay. Between the sand below and what remained of the bridge lay the swelling tide, swallowing the platform below with every push. After leaping across the gaping divide between us and the shore, we settled on the remaining least in the daytime. As we neared sliver of beach. The tide was so

beach. Admittedly, I was regretting my decision a bit. I reluctantly set my towel down and flopped on my back, unsure of what to do with myself. I had to keep one eye open to monitor the oncoming tide, as the water was practically nipping at my feet. I remember surveying my surroundings for more challenges that might imperil my outing. One challenge loomed precariously overhead, literally. The bluffs we were tightly pressed against had eroded to such an extent that all but a jutted overhang remained.

At this point, I had accepted death and thought to myself, "Well, this is it." In all seriousness, I wasn't all that worried. Anxiety is a funny thing, I suppose. It comes and goes as it pleases. As my worries passed, a sense of calm washed over me,

state of calm for an actual wave. The tide had receded and the sun hung overhead, its warmth cutting through the breeze.

Send

This beach visit was one of the highlights of the second quarter so far. Jumping over the waves and descending the treacherous stairs was new and exciting. In a way, I felt a sense of freedom I have been deprived of for a while now. I think it was the spontaneity of it all. On an otherwise unassuming and regular day, I was swept away on a sudden elaborate outing. I learned that amid all the noise, I can still find peace.

You were right, I should explore more. Thanks, M.

Love, Toby

The signs as things that could be featured on FoodTok or a heap of compost

MARCH 21 - APRIL 19

Your neighbor Dave's homemade kombucha

**TAURUS** 

APRIL 20 - MAY 20 A singular pickle wrapped in a slice of cheddar cheese

MAY 21 - JUNE 20

Raw egg whites and cottage cheese

CANCER JUNE 21 - JULY 22

A celery margarita (aka straw for your

**LEO** JULY 23 - AUGUST 22 Unseasoned chicken breast

**VIRGO** AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22 Tree bark tea

**LIBRA** SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22 Unsalted rice cakes

**SCORPIO** OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 21 Beef and butter keto soup

SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21 Raw cauliflower

**CAPRICORN** DECEMBER 22 JANUARY 19 Shaved apple skin salad, no dressing

**AQUARIUS** JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18 Cricket protein powder

**PISCES** FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20 Gluten-free, sugar-free zucchini muffins

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