

Isla Vista CSD Considers Turning Deltopia Into a Sanctioned Festival

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Asst. News Editor

The Isla Vista Community Services District discussed a proposal from Lucidity Festivals LLC on Tuesday night, voicing both support and doubts about the potentially \$180,000 spring project designed to turn Deltopia – typically a chaotic, break-all-the-rules block party – into a more controlled community celebration and festival.

Lucidity, an open-source transformational arts and music festival, first introduced the idea for a spring festival during Deltopia to the Isla Vista Community Services District (I.V. CSD) meeting in May.

At Tuesday's meeting, I.V. CSD Board President Spencer Brandt expressed the board's sentiments that Deltopia in its current state, a fundamentally disorganized event that draws thousands of out-of-towners, creates a public safety concern for the community.

Deltopia 2019 saw 94 citations, 38 arrests, 19 medical transports and one serial robbery – causing the month of April to have the highest number of arrests in comparison to previous months.

"Deltopia, as it exists, is not a safe environment. We see a spike in physical assaults, in sexual assaults. We see a spike in medical transports as a result of alcohol and drugs," Brandt said at the meeting on Tuesday.

"Our board's thought has always been to provide people with a fun alternative where the community has the ability to plan the event, plan the content of the event and

have a better handle on what the security presence looks like that we can change the overall feel to be a much safer event."

The current proposal has the festival centered in the I.V. Loop, which will include three music stages, a space for games and activities and a beer garden featuring local breweries. The plan also includes detailed information regarding local community collaboration, security and the budget for the overall project, with expenses totalling \$184,850.

The entire board unanimously expressed concern over the price tag of the event. According to Jonathan Abboud, general manager of the I.V. CSD, there are two main options to cover the cost of the event in the budget: a UCSB grant, or the \$100,000 reserve allocation currently in the budget. UCSB can grant \$93,000 under one condition – the university must reach an agreement with the I.V. CSD as to what the expenses are for. However, Director George Thurlow expressed doubts as to whether UCSB would be willing to fund a community festival versus placing the money directly into public safety.

Other ways to cover the cost of the festival could include sponsorships from local businesses and funding from the Isla Vista Recreation & Park District (IVRPD). Carlos Lopez, chairperson for the IVRPD, attended the meeting and said the IVRPD Board of Directors is willing to negotiate partially funding the festival.

Lopez also suggested a system of pre-registration for the festival where people could sign up online for a QR code that would grant



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No. 18 UC Santa Barbara Men's Soccer Dominates Rival Cal Poly

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Students Report Fourth Mountain Lion Sighting in Less than a Month

Evelyn Spence
Lead News Editor

For most, news of the recent mountain lion sightings on the UC Santa Barbara campus sparked shock. But then came the memes, many of which earned nearly 1,000 reactions on Facebook and flooded the timelines of everyone following the posts of the infamous Facebook page, UCSB Zesty Meme Cuisine for Horny Teens.

However, for UCSB students Dulce Simental and Monica Lopez, who called in the most recent mountain lion sighting on Monday evening, it "freaked [them] out."

Simental and Lopez, both fourth-year biology majors, were watching the

sunset on the beach just below the Campus Point cliffs when Lopez turned and spotted an animal that was "very built" and larger than the both of them.

"It was fairly close to us," Simental explained, stating the animal was on all fours and "running away from us" in the direction of campus.

"He went behind the point in the bluffs that was sticking out," she said. The two then waited a few minutes to make sure the animal was far away enough so

they could "pack up without him hearing us."

When the two were almost back to campus, they heard what they believe was the howl of a mountain lion – a sound that "was strange and didn't sound human." "It spooked us," Simental said, stating that the two then began "running for our bikes" before they called the police. They later Googled mountain lion calls and said the noise they heard "sounded really similar."

Lopez rejected the notion that the animal the two spotted was, in fact, a bobcat, as another supposed mountain lion sighting turned out to be. Tuesday afternoon, the day after Lopez and Simental's sighting, the university sent out a notification warning of a

mountain lion sighting near the Orfalea Family Children's Center on West Campus; twenty minutes later, however, the university sent another alert stating the sighting was a "bobcat who has lived in the area for many years without issue."

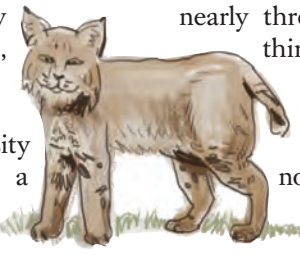
The school has sent out a number of warnings over the past few weeks about mountain lion sightings; the first reported sighting was near Campus Point on Sept. 17, the second was on Sept. 18 by Devereux Lagoon and the third was the morning of Sept. 19, near West Campus. Simental and Lopez's sighting was the fourth reported, on Oct. 7, but no sightings were reported in the nearly three weeks between the third and fourth.

Students are cautioned to stay away from the area until further notice.

Madeline Thompson contributed reporting.

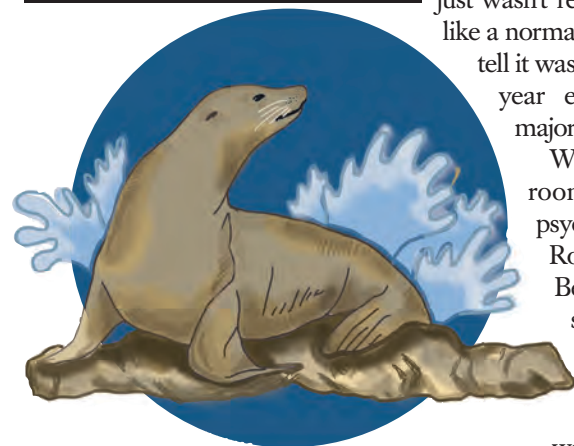


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Sea Lion Poisoned by Algae Growth Spotted at Multiple I.V. Beaches

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Asst. News Editor



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Kyla Bazlen expected a Friday evening surf session at Devereux Beach to be just like any other but quickly realized something was off when she saw people crowding around a small creature lying on the shore.

It was a sea lion – and it didn't look healthy.

"People were getting super close to it, dogs were going up to it and it just wasn't really reacting or acting like a normal sea lion, so you could tell it was sick," Bazlen, a fourth-year environmental studies major, said.

When Bazlen's roommate, fourth-year psychology major Phoebe Rogers, visited Devereux Beach the next morning, she found the same sight.

"We could tell that the sea lion was not in great shape, lacking proper cognition maybe or perhaps paralyzed," Rogers said. "We kind of just assessed the scene and tried to ask people to respect the sea lion and give it space and then we just immediately knew to call wildlife rescue."

As Rogers would soon discover, the sea lion was seen in multiple places across the Isla Vista beaches

over the weekend and was showing signs of domoic acid toxicosis, a chemical reaction affecting the brain produced by phytoplankton that causes "lethargy, disorientation, eye bulging seizures, eye bulging, unresponsiveness and inability to move out of the water and unresponsiveness," according to the Channel Islands Marine and Wildlife Institute (CIMWI).

The sea lion that washed up on the I.V. coast this weekend is not a lone incident – CIMWI has reported a growing amount of affected marine mammals in the Channel Islands area due to climate change and agricultural runoff.

After Rogers saw the sick sea lion, she called 911, who then notified seal rescue and eventually CIMWI. Once the volunteer arrived to the beach a few hours later, he confirmed to Rogers that the sea lion was suffering from domoic acid toxicosis.

Domoic acid toxicosis starts

at the bottom of the food chain, found among the phytoplankton called pseudo-nitzschia. Through biomagnification, the toxicity of this harmful algal bloom – a rapid growth of algae in a small area – becomes more concentrated in animals as it goes from krill to small fish and sardines to the California sea lion.

"[The volunteer] was describing to me how it literally shrinks the size of the sea lion hippocampi ... and for the rest of the hour I just listened to him off the edge of my seat with my mouth hanging open," Rogers explained.

"The way he was describing [the sea lion's] mental state, he equated it to human dementia and was telling me she doesn't know that she's a sea lion and she doesn't know where she is. She doesn't know that she needs to hunt, she doesn't know what fish are."

When CIMWI gets a call about

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Memes and Self-Deprecation: A UCSB Professor's Key to the Belly Laugh

Max Abrams
Asst. News Editor

In a recent post to the UC Santa Barbara "Zesty Meme Cuisine for Horny Teens" Facebook page, one user's meme about a recent mountain lion sighting busted the guts of over a hundred college students within minutes.

"Why do you keep going to the beach?" a hysterical woman said in the first picture. "Bro I'm straight up not having a good time," the mountain lion responded, unenthused, in the

second.

What most students don't know, however, is that this post didn't belong to a student at all – it belonged to a professor, seasoned with over a decade's worth of experience in the art of memeing with enough practice to likely earn himself a degree in it.

The professor, Bob Kennedy – a linguistics lecturer at UCSB – first dipped his toes in the university's meme scene years ago, when he began posting on

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THIS WEEK'S UP AND COMING

Friday **11** October **Roy Blair**

The Hub | 8:30 p.m.



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Roy Blair is a 22-year-old, straight out of Pasadena, California. After a feature on VICELAND's American Boyband TV show, Blair quickly caught the attention of many new fans. Most recently, Blair has just dropped a three-song EP, "GRAFFITI." With over 1.5 million monthly listeners and over 50 million streams, Blair is on the come up!

Saturday **12** October **Script to Screen: Avengers: Endgame**

Pollock Theater | 1 p.m.



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"Avengers: Endgame" (2019), the culmination of the Marvel Cinematic Universe's Infinity Saga, follows the aftermath of the snap felt across the cosmos. Screenwriters Christopher Markus and Stephen McFeely have been key architects of the Infinity Saga, weaving together the stories of dozens of superheroes across a series of films. They will join Pollock Theater Director Matt Ryan for a post-screening discussion about their roles in crafting "Avengers: Endgame" and propelling the Marvel Cinematic Universe.

Sunday **13** October **Joel Sartore**
Campbell Hall | 3 p.m.



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SOLUTION TO SATURDAY'S PUZZLE 8/22/11

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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- Bouncing toy
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 - Finishes making, as a black-and-white cookie
 - vera lotion
 - Length times width
 - Arm of a sea
 - *Evangelist honored with a basilica in Venice
 - Resell at a big profit
 - Flatter the boss for personal gain
 - English class assignment
 - Huck Finn's ride
 - Astrological edges
 - Pyromaniac's crime
 - Lock horns (with)
 - Figs. well above 100 in Mensa
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 - Juan's water
 - Spawned
 - Ice show site
 - "Hud" Best Actress Patricia
 - Yours and mine
 - Dean's
 - Inlegant laugh
 - ICU personnel
 - Campaign sticker, e.g.
 - Cold hard cash
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 - Antitheft noisemakers
 - Bracelet site
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 - "Not only that ..."
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 - Beaver-built barriers
 - Conserve energy
- DOWN**
- Soak up the sun
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 - Superman's Lane
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 - Bay Rays
 - Composer Gershwin
 - Pay-_-view
 - Sushi bar cupful
 - Machu Picchu builders
 - *Trapshooter's target
 - Snakelike swimmer
 - Longtime auto racing sponsor
 - Newsletter edition
 - Spins in board games, say
 - Reef explorer's gear
 - Seamstress's purchase
 - *Tapped maple fluid
 - Unhip type
 - Ann __, Michigan
 - "Seinfeld" episodes, now
 - *Lightweight, crinkled material used for suits
 - Betting info
 - Soft-hearted
 - Thirst-inducing, like potato chips
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 - Vigilant
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 - Passé
 - Grand parties
 - Coin toss choice
 - Scotland
 - Quite a distance
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 - Chrysler truck that sounds hard-hitting

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WEATHER

The Weatherman thought that the Chad sitting next to ze in lecture was always working hard in class, until ze looked over and hir eyes were burned by the flickers of hentai on Chad's iPhone 11 Pro.

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Ten Takeaways From UC Payroll Data

Jackson Guilfoil
Reporter

On Sept. 24, the University of California Office of the President released its 2018 payroll data for the UC's 227,700 employees systemwide, totaling a payroll of \$16 billion across the campuses, a 5.5% increase compared to the 2017 data.

- The top takeaways from the data can be seen below:
- UC Santa Barbara's payroll totalled \$526,270,378, the majority of which went to healthcare staff, service employees, professors and lecturers.
- At UCSB, the average employee wage was \$29,815, a number drawn from over 17,000 employee salaries at the university. Among the top 10 earners at UCSB, the average pay was \$464,425.10.
- Of all the UCs, Santa Barbara ranked seventh in the amount of money spent on employee wages, only underspent by UC Riverside, UC Merced and UC Santa Cruz. "As in previous years, the top 10 earning employees at UC in 2018 (based on total pay) were athletic coaches or health sciences faculty members, typically world-renowned specialists in their fields," the report stated.
- Employees earning \$200,000 or more represent 3.5% of all employees systemwide.
- In 2018, Joe Pasternack was the highest paid coach at UCSB, earning \$403,967, but he was the 15th most highly paid employee at the school, according to the payroll data. In that same year, the top five earners at UC Berkeley were all coaches, with Justin Wilcox taking the number one spot with \$3,003,362, almost twice the pay of the number one earner at UCSB.
- The highest paid employee at UCSB in 2018 was Finn Kydland, an economics professor who won the Nobel Prize in 2004. His gross pay was \$531,872 and he also received the highest gross pay in 2017, according to the

payroll data.

- Over the past five years, average pay has slowly increased across all UCs, but in 2018, spending on employee retirement and healthcare decreased by \$17,049,277 over the past two years, according to the California State Controller's website.
 - UCSB Chancellor Henry Yang was the eighth most highly paid employee at UCSB, with a salary of \$427,130 in 2018.
 - The average compensation for UC chancellors is \$546,000, whereas for similar public universities, the average pay for chancellors is \$870,000, and private university compensation surpasses both, with an average pay of \$1,489,000, according to UCOP's Executive Compensation for Research University Chancellor's Report.
 - While the UC system's health staff only makes up 24.4% of the total payroll, almost half of all full-time UC employees are health staff, according to the University of California Report on 2018 Employee Pay.
- Despite average wage increases, Academic Researchers United (ARU), a union representing researchers and other academic positions, is currently in the midst of contract negotiation with the UC. The ARU wants higher pay and other benefits such as increased job security, which might take form as longer appointments and paid parental leave, according to UAW Local 5810 Vice President Neal Sweeney.
- "When you consider wages and cost of living, there is a significant wage gap between UC Academic Researchers and researchers in equivalent positions at other universities," said Sweeney in an email. "It's in the best interest of UC research to remedy that inequality so we can make ends meet and create long-term careers at UC."

UCOP will next meet with ARU on Oct. 10 and 11, according to UCOP spokesperson Stett Holbrook.

Top Paid Employees Across the UC System, 2018

Total Pay Los Angeles Berkeley San Francisco Irvine San Diego

Charles Kelly	3,341,707
Justin Wilcox	3,003,362
James Mora	2,918,795
Stephen Alford	2,724,497
Ronald Busuttil	2,483,249
Khalil Tabsh	2,284,395
Vadiyala Mohan	2,015,836
Naveen D Bhandarkar	1,965,689
Michael M. Madani	1,936,497
Timothy H. McCalmont	1,882,569

UCSB's Top Paid Employees by Position, 2018

Professorial - Tenure Chancellor Professional Research - Regular

Finn Kydland	531,872
Paul Leonardi	495,313
Craig Hawker	485,211
Shuji Nakamura	472,625
John Bowers	465,631
Michael Gazzaniga	464,582
Glenn Fredrickson	451,041
Henry Yang	427,130
David Gross	426,183
Scott Grafton	424,663

"Professorial - Tenure" and "Professional Research - Regular" are position/job types, or class title outline (CTO) names. CTOs are groupings of job types, as defined and organized by the University of California.

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Gov. Newsom Signs Bill Encouraging Voter Turnout

Alexandra Leal Silva Reporter

California Governor Gavin Newsom signed Assembly Bill No. 963, otherwise known as the Student Civic and Voter Empowerment Act, into law on Tuesday night, granting community colleges and state universities the ability to enhance voter registration efforts.

"Today's young people are the most diverse generation in history, and they often look to their colleges and universities for support as they develop the skills they need to accomplish their goals and contribute to their communities," Kristin McGuire, western regional director for Young Invincibles, an organization dedicated to empowering young people to be civically engaged and take action in their communities, said in a press release about the bill.

"New voters also often face their own unique set of challenges when voting for the first time, and may need a little more information or support to help cast their ballot," McGuire continued.

"We applaud Governor Newsom and our elected leaders in Sacramento for doing what Congress won't: stepping up and giving young people the on-campus resources they need to hold their elected leaders accountable."

The main way the bill aims to enhance voter registration is by directing campuses to hire civic and voter empowerment coordinators, who are each responsible for developing a civic and voter empowerment action plan specific to their college or university.

Additionally, UC campuses in particular will receive voter registration forms for every campus

and are encouraged to create alternative methods for students who attend the university primarily online, so they can still register to vote through the campus.

UCs would also be required to distribute information surrounding elections, candidates and voter registration via email, social media and through their coordinator. The Secretary of State will review each campus's program every year to ensure that they are following the guidelines as laid out in the bill.

UC Santa Barbara is well-known for its consistently high voter turnout – during the November 2016 election, UCSB and Isla Vista voter registration drives registered a record 13,000 new voters.

Meg Winnett '19, who served as the UCweVOTE coordinator for the external vice president of statewide affairs office during the 2018-2019 school year, was part of the effort to register students and maintain that high voter turnout level.

"Last year, I observed that the nonpartisan status of UCweVOTE encouraged many students to be more comfortable talking and registering with me and our volunteers. At the time, however, we were so keen on the act of registering students to vote that it's possible we overlooked the importance of the next step: strictly nonpartisan voter education," Winnett said.

"I know Campus Dems and College Republicans, as well as CALPIRG, helped out tremendously with distributing materials to the student body at large, and I'm thrilled that there will now be another outlet through which students can find reliable information."

"UCSB has been a leader in student voter registration for decades because students have crafted a culture of civic engagement that is second to none," Spencer Brandt, board president of the Isla Vista Community Services District, said.

"I'm excited to see the passage of AB 963 because I see it as a step towards taking the model for voter registration that we have at UCSB statewide."

Lucidity

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them access to the event. A safety agreement and confirmation of residence in I.V. would accompany the QR code to deter outsiders from attending the event.

According to Sara Marvel, a director for Lucidity, possible sources of revenue could also come from local sponsorships and the beer garden. Tickets could be sold for the beer garden, in the style of a beer tasting.

Lucidity will also be foregoing the addition of food trucks to the festival – something they predicted would cause pushback from local businesses and go against their vision of a community-controlled event.

Marvel emphasized the Safety, Security and Harm Reduction Plan of the proposal to better respond to the annual problems Deltopia brings. It includes the Guardian Team, a security service "with focus on de-escalation, harm reduction, and crisis management," according to its website, as well as a large medical team.

"One of the things we really pride ourselves on at Lucidity is we have a very, very well-staffed medical team on site. If anybody has any immediate emergency, we have the ability to support them right there and then," Marvel said.

Despite a proposal to end the event around 4 p.m. to funnel people toward UCSB's campus event, The Warm Up, which typically begins at 6 p.m., Alan Avila, co-founder and head of security at Lucidity, said he is willing to negotiate to make the security

and medical teams available until 10 p.m. or midnight should a situation arise where they are needed.

However, the festival's budget still remains the primary concern for the directors.

"Have any of you electeds gone out in the community and said, 'This is going to cost 180k of your utility user [tax], [and] you're paying [for] it?'" Thurlow asked the board members.

Director Ethan Bertrand echoed Thurlow's thoughts and voiced his own concerns regarding the I.V. CSD's ability to tackle the project as a newly formed entity and suggested approaching UCSB's Associated Students for greater collaboration with the event.

"I am still a little bit concerned about the potential for this being a much bigger event during an already unsanctioned event," Bertrand said. "I am definitely in support of scaling this down in any way that we can and aspiring to, in the next few years, put on this full event."

According to Abboud, the next I.V. CSD meeting will have a more in-depth revision of the budget, as well as possible updates from negotiations with other organizations. With the festival plans requiring months of preparation, Abboud says the board will have to make a decision soon over whether or not to actually hold the festival, possibly by the last I.V. CSD meeting of October or the first meeting of November.

Sea Lion

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domoic acid toxicosis in animals, a volunteer arrives at the scene to assess the animal, but they usually keep the animal in its immediate surroundings instead of relocating to the rehabilitation facility in order prevent further disorientation. The sea lion is left "in a safety perimeter" and volunteers regularly monitor the animal's condition, according to signs CIMWI posted along I.V. beaches over the weekend.

While domoic acid toxicosis seriously impacts the affected sea lion's health, acute effects dissipate after 72 hours as the toxin works its way through the animal's body.

The effects of domoic acid go beyond sea lion health on the Central Coast. Mussels and other shellfish feed on pseudo-nitzschia, which is potentially deadly to humans if they eat affected mussels.

"If we were to say, eat mussels that have been filtering and feeding on pseudo-nitzschia that happen to be toxic ... we would pick up those toxins as well," said Mark Brzezinski, professor of biological oceanography and director of the Marine Science Institute.

"That's why when domoic acid levels are high, the shellfish harvesting is put on hold, because those could be poisonous."

While studies clearly indicate a rise in domoic acid due to climate and human-generated issues, there's not a simple connection between a changing atmosphere and preventing outbreaks of domoic acid.

As Brzezinski explained, the pseudo-nitzschia phytoplankton does not always produce the toxin, so researchers find it nearly impossible to predict when and where algal blooms will be toxic.

"Just because it's in the water doesn't mean it's producing the toxin – that's one of the frustrating things. We monitor the amounts of pseudo-nitzschia in the water every week; we take a sample on Monday, and by Tuesday we have the answer. But we also know that the relationship between the number of pseudo-nitzschia out there and toxicity is really poor. The numbers don't predict toxicity. We can't infer the toxic bloom just from the number of organisms out there, which is a little frustrating, but we have to be careful interpreting abundance data."

Essentially, the same species can be toxic one day and not the other.

"It's not known in a well enough way that, 'This group's going to be toxic and that group over there's not.' We're not at that point. It's one of the areas that people who do this full time are really focused in on, to try and understand that, because it's a major gap in our

knowledge."

With any future sea lion sightings, CIMWI warns beachgoers to keep their distance even if the sea lion appears approachable.

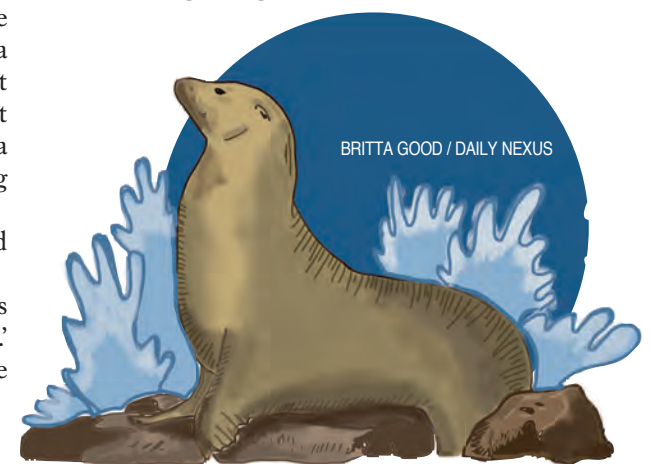
But from what Rogers witnessed on the beach, it will take a lot of diligence for students to keep their space from rare close encounters with marine wildlife.

"I think that we live in a very voyeuristic society, particularly with the rise of like heavy documentation of our lives and the things we see. I'd be remiss to say it wasn't connected to social media," Rogers said. "But I also do think there's a kind of benign interest in natural phenomenon, like with a growing disconnect between us and the environment and I think that people are interested in kind of bridging that gap for themselves."

Rogers waited hours by the sea lion for CIMWI, telling students to keep their space. For her, the change from her daily routine was a reminder for her to remain active in the fight against climate change.

"I had a moment of reckoning where I was on my second hour of waiting for CIMWI and I was kind of like, 'Okay, this is taking a long time, I'm dedicating a lot of time to this.' I was questioning myself, does my emotional response to these kinds of things hinder me or is it a strength? Because I was feeling very drained by the fact that I was watching the sea lion and I didn't know her fate and I was having this reckoning with myself."

"I just hope that students hear this call-to-arms and remain helpful in order to be productive and when they feel this emotional hole to notice and bear witness to what's happening in the environment. I hope that students follow the path of action rather than the path of denial and paralyzation and don't let themselves be overwhelmed by what's happening, but instead let themselves be motivated and kind of be sparked to action and to making change."



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a now-defunct Facebook group.

"I think your cohort is not aware of the fact that there was a different UCSB meme page around 2011, 2012 or so. It's still up, but it's fallen into disuse and nobody posts on it," Kennedy said.

"I stopped checking because there was no activity on it. But then I think it was during Thomas Fire, one of my students mentioned to me, 'Hey, Professor Kennedy, you've got to check out the [new] meme page because the memes people are making about the fire are hysterical,'" he added.

When it comes to jokes of his own, Kennedy blends in well with the student-generated memes around him, posting pictures of slumped-over trees and punny captions to appease viewers.

Up until recently, Kennedy says most of his activity on the "Zesty Meme Cuisine for Horny Teens" meme page has been spent "lurking," or scrolling through the page without posting. But he actively posts on a linguistics meme page he maintains himself, which he said is chock-full of "really niche humor."

"Those [linguistics] jokes are lost on just about everybody," he said.

But Kennedy said the jokes that don't work serve to teach him about the ones that do. After teaching at UCSB for over 15 years, Kennedy has had ample time to hone his craft. He'll opt to inject "a little bit of playful humor" while teaching a class, which oftentimes helps him make a point or lighten the mood.

"If I have humor in class, it's either self-deprecating or it makes fun of people in power."

But memes, on the other hand, serve a different purpose. Kennedy finds that the nature of

memes – "a quick joke" – enables people to laugh at "content that everyone can get right away."

"If it doesn't need to be explained, then people are gonna respond well," he added.

That's not to forget about the downsides of meme culture, such as the potential for a "destructive" or "nasty" message – which Kennedy said is generally the result of cracking a joke intended to be funny but ends up offensive in its delivery.

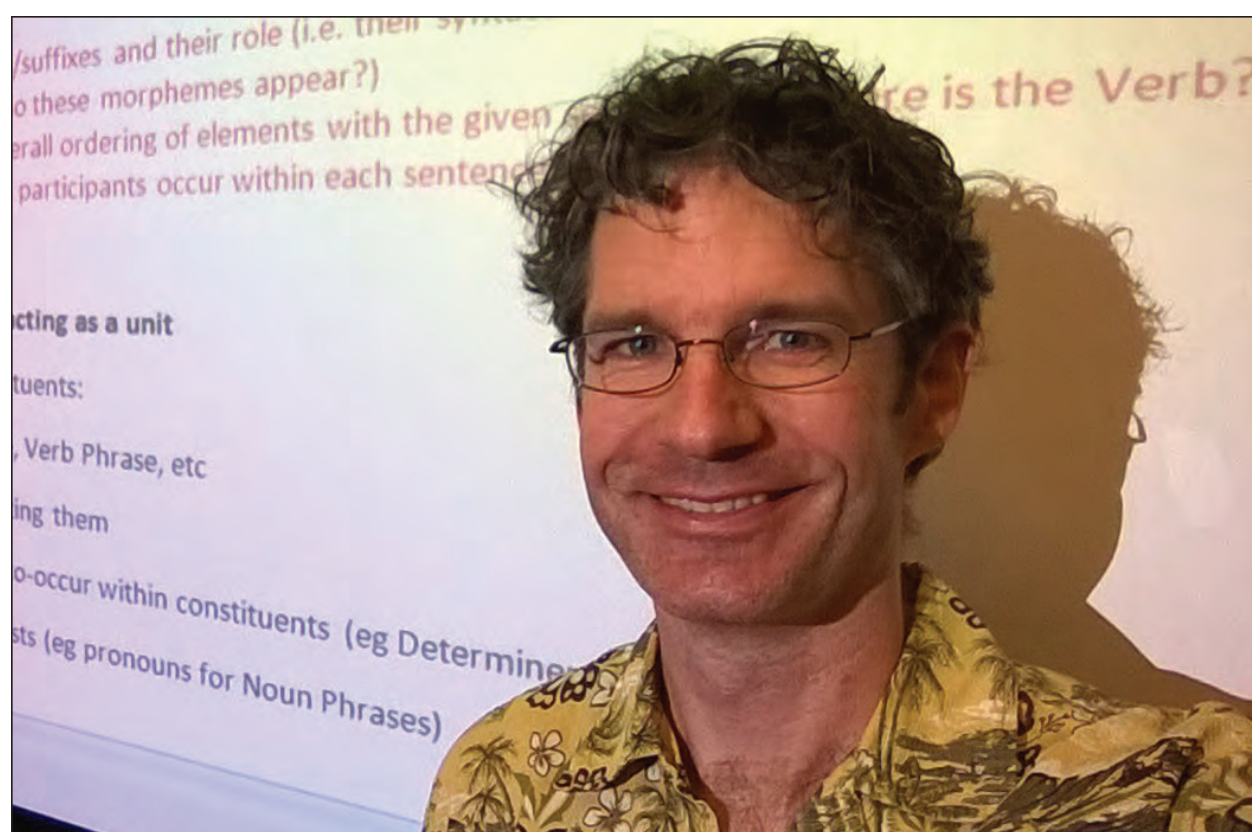
"Another thing that comes up, especially in the teaching context, is where we confront humor that's hurtful. And so in some of my classes, I do this: I'll say, 'Look, here's the point of view that someone had tried to make with a joke and it's offensive and their defense is going to be, 'Well, come on, I'm just trying to be funny,'" Kennedy said.

"That's never an appropriate response to defend a joke that's been hurtful to someone else," he added.

To avoid this, however, Kennedy suggests that anyone looking to crack a joke should bear in mind their own identity as to not "punch down" with their humor, or make a joke that pushes the boundaries on one's identity.

Kennedy defines himself as a "straight, white middle-aged person," which means "the only people I can tell jokes about are people who think they're smarter than they are, people who are wealthy or people who are older than myself," he said.

He made note of comedy's magnitude in the academic world, some of which has spilled into classrooms at UCSB with Linguistics 135, a course dedicated to memes.



Courtesy of Bob Kennedy

"I have a colleague in my department who teaches a class on memes and it's a deep dive into theories of what it is that people are tapping into when they make [memes]," Kennedy said.

"There's scholars who study the structure of humor and joke templates and everything else like that. And the nature of how humor plays a role in conversational interactions," he added.

Although a linguist by trade, Kennedy said he uses comedy to not only make students laugh,

but to also use memes' shared "overlapping" sense of humor to better understand social practices used among college students.

"[The student perspective] is valuable to me," which opens doors to a culture that "people my age ought to be more aware of than pretend like we're annoyed by it or anything else like that."

So next time a funny meme floats across your screen – look twice – it may be your professor.

Gov. Newsom Signs New Senate Bill To End UC's "Wage Theft" Exemption



Courtesy of UAW Photographer David Sañosa

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Following numerous issues with missing or late paychecks reported by University of California employees after the system's transition to UCPath, the UC will no longer have immunity from "wage theft" penalties after California Governor Gavin Newsom signed Senate Bill No. 698 into law last Thursday.

The bill, introduced last February, will "ensure that primarily low-wage workers at the UC are paid promptly so that they do not have to wonder how they will pay their bills, keep a roof over their head or food on the table because their paychecks are late," Senator Connie M. Leyva, who authored the bill, said in a press release.

Effective Jan. 1, 2020, the bill mandates that the UC pay its nearly 140,000 employees on their regularly scheduled payday, or be paid in accordance with university policy if paid on a more frequent basis, according to Tom Hintze, a graduate student at UC Davis and member of UAW 2865.

Despite payment complications resulting from UCPath issues in the past, the UC never faced any wage theft penalties because it is a public sector institution, which doesn't require employers to pay fines for each payroll violation, Hintze said.

Employees under the umbrella of UCPath looking to file a claim with the payroll system were often forced to wait an unknown sum of weeks, and in some cases, months, to get their paycheck, Hintze said. SB 698, however, allots a five-day period for the payroll system to pay employees in full. Otherwise, employers will be subject to legal action through the Private Attorneys General Act, which enables workers to sue "in order to recoup their wages."

UC Santa Barbara first implemented UCPath in Fall Quarter 2018, but experienced shortfalls similar to other universities in the UC system when the UC Student Association released a list of demands to provide restitution for student workers affected by the payroll system.

Hintze said he began working for UAW 2865

in spring 2018 but didn't take notice of UCPath's "major problems" until May of 2018, when the payroll system was implemented at UC Merced and UC Riverside. Six months later, UCPath migrated to UCSB and UC Los Angeles, where there was "somewhere near a thousand people" who either weren't paid on time, weren't paid the right amount or lost benefits in the process, he added.

Students, especially those who often rely on a consistent pay schedule, have been bruised by UCPath's inconsistent pay periods. In one instance at UCSB, an employee had their car repossessed as a result of "not being paid on time," he explained.

At UC Berkeley, three employees were greeted with eviction notices after missing two months' worth of pay due to the payroll system's inability to accommodate for a shift in pay periods, according to Hintze.

UCPath is expected to continue rolling out through 2020 at other universities such as UC Irvine, UC Santa Cruz and UC Davis. Hintze stressed the timeliness of SB 698, which he hopes will help prevent a "major disaster like last year" when payroll issues arose from UCPath's integration at other universities.

UCPath's migration across the UC system also marks a shift in payroll infrastructure. Hintze acknowledged that payroll problems predated UCPath's arrival but said they were significantly easier to dispute because those former payroll centers were the respective campuses. Now, the UC has shifted the entire payroll system solely to UC Riverside, but the checks themselves don't come from there; instead, according to Hintze, checks are "cut" and distributed from out of state, making it even harder to navigate the payroll process.

While SB 698 will not repair any payroll damage incurred before it became law, Hintze said the UAW was successful in settling with the university to compensate every employee affected by UCPath's payroll errors last February.

"Each worker who was affected was eligible for \$150 for each paycheck that [UCPath] had affected. So, the university paid out over \$162,000 to student workers in damages," he said.

Creating a "Visual Representation" of the LGBTQ Community: RCSGD Launches Second Annual Out List

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The Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity will be publishing its second annual Out List – a list of LGBTQ students, staff and faculty members as well as supporters of the community that serves as a "visual indicator of the community's presence." The list launches this Friday, Oct. 11, on National Coming Out Day.

The list was first debuted last year, after Craig Leets, current director of the Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity (RCSGD), was hired.

"Dr. Nathaniel Burke, who's the coordinator of equity and inclusion for the Division of Student Affairs, wanted to do an Out List and mentioned that to me as I was interviewing for this position, actually, and one of the things they were looking for in a new director was someone who had done an Out List before," said Leets, who managed an Out List at Portland State University [[ok]] for several years before he started at UCSB last fall.

The goal of the list is to create a "visual representation of the community and those who are supporting it," Leets said.

"In many ways, LGBTQ identities are invisible, right?" he said. "We can't look at someone and know they are LGBTQ, and so LGBTQ people look around them on a campus and they don't know who else is LGBTQ and don't know who's supportive or welcoming to LGBTQ people."

"Seeing those folks publicly acknowledging themselves as LGBTQ or as supporters can be really powerful for a student to feel like they're not the only LGBTQ in their class, in their department or on campus."

While this year's list will be launched on Friday, Leets updates the list on a rolling basis even after the deadline for sign-ups passes.

Last year, 471 students, staff and faculty signed up for the 2018 Out List over the course of the year; as of Tuesday afternoon, the 2019 Out List was at 494 sign-ups.

"We're really excited that this early in the year ... we've already exceeded that number from last year, but my hope is that we'll get a few more and be able to get above 500 for when we release the list on Friday," Leets said.

Leets emphasized that the list is not meant to be an "all-encompassing" list of LGBTQ+ individuals on the campus, particularly since there are many people who cannot be out publicly, either for personal or professional reasons.

While Leets acknowledged that there was the potential that the list could be used for "nefarious" reasons, he also said that anyone who signed up for the list was reminded during the sign-up process that they weren't obligated to include any information they didn't feel comfortable being publicly available.

"I think it's one of those things that it's impactful for the people who need it, but for people who don't, I'm not sure they know it exists," he added.

Stephenson Brooks Whitestone, a Ph.D. student in the Department of Communication who was on the Out List last year, emphasized the importance of such a resource to combat the "the alienation and isolation that many queer students feel -- from the families, from their classmates, even from childhood friends," she said in an email.

"The [Out List] is [a] tangible symbol of queer people living their lives openly and honestly," Whitestone added. "The knowledge that queer people live, survive and thrive here at UCSB is both comforting and empowering."

Whitestone said that no students have reached out to her specifically because she's on the list, but said she still likes "having [her] name on the list, and in a sense, adding to the length of the list."

Whitestone noted that visibility can be a "tricky issue in the queer community" due to pressure to come out.

"But no one should become visible if they do not feel safe -- physically or emotionally -- to do so. Safety comes first. Opportunities for safe "out" living will come later. There's never any need to put oneself at risk," she said.

Professor Alan Fridlund in the Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences, who signed up for the Out List in 2018, said he discusses LGBTQ issues in class often, either in scientific or personal contexts, and discloses his own sexual orientation during these discussions.

"Students have described relief at being able to talk freely with someone both familiar with the science and has also navigated a personal "coming out" journey," Fridlund said in an email.

"Movies and TV are making LGBT characters trendy, and the old stigmas about being LGBT are diminishing," Fridlund added.

However, there are still a number of students who come from families that view being LGBTQ "as sin, moral defect or mental illness," he noted. This is where the Out List can come into play, he said.

"For these students especially, some of whom may be conflicted about their own LGBT inclinations, it's important to understand that LGBT people -- like their non-LGBT counterparts -- are just normal everyday folks."



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SPORTS

UCSB Athletics

The men's tennis team and both swimming squads will be in action this weekend, warming up for their respective seasons. Tennis kicks off on Wednesday while swimming competes on Friday.

Gauchos Take 13-Game Win Streak Into Conf. Matchup With No. 19 Hawai'i

Nick DiPierro
Staff Writer

The UC Santa Barbara women's volleyball team will host No. 19 Hawai'i this Saturday after having swept both UC Davis and UC Riverside this past weekend.

UCSB currently leads the Big West with a 15-1 overall record and will be hoping to continue their form against their toughest opponent yet. Hawai'i, meanwhile, is 13-2 and sits in third place.

After starting the season at 2-1, the Gauchos have been on an absolute tear, winning 13 straight games including sweeps in each of their past four. Hawai'i has had similar success, though has lost two of their last five games including a meltdown at home against UC Irvine, a bottomfeeder team that was swept by UCSB just over a week ago.

Hawai'i had dominated early, winning the first two sets (25-11, 25-21) before the Anteaters were able to take three straight for the road win.

The win was a first for UCI, who had previously lost 40 straight matches to Hawai'i, and despite going down 0-2 early on, they were able to rally on the back of their offensive depth. Abby Marjama (14), Loryn Carter (13) and Onye Ofoegbu (13) all posted double-digit kills while Kelly Negron led both teams with 30 helpers.

I will, however, take a step back and say that those statistics may paint a different picture than what the fans saw on Friday. Hawai'i led both teams in every category save for blocks, while digs were even. Unfortunately for Hawai'i, they also committed seven more errors than the Anteaters and will surely be hurting after they let the game slip away with a 23-25 third set loss. They never recovered and posted a measly 29 points over last two sets.

Hawai'i then hosted Cal State Fullerton, yet another team recently swept by the Gauchos, where they scraped by with a 3-2 win that saw them post more errors than their opponents for the third straight game.

In fact, Hawai'i had not committed more errors than any of their opponents during their 10-0 start to the season but have since committed more errors than their opponents in four of their last five matches. This stretch has seen Hawai'i's Rainbow Wahine volleyball squad go just 11-10 in sets.

While Hawai'i's surprise loss against UCI can be chalked up to be a small blemish, it is important to note that teams in pursuit of the title must win the must-wins. UCSB has done just that, dominating every opponent aside from University of Colorado who managed a 3-1 victory a mere three games into the season. The difference here is that CU is a solid but average 8-6 team while Hawai'i seemingly assumed they'd continue their winning streak over the 4-12 Anteaters.

UCSB and Hawai'i split the series last year with the road team coming out on top in both matches. Hawai'i pulled off a 3-2 win at the Thunderdome while the Gauchos vacationed to a 3-0 sweep in Honolulu.

UCSB's Lindsey Ruddins tied Hawai'i's McKenna Ross with 16 kills in the first match but led both teams with 11 at Hawai'i.

Despite only posting 19 kills over last weekend's two games, Ruddins has been in phenomenal form this season and will be anticipating arguably the brightest spotlight yet as the Gauchos look to carry their momentum through a long stretch of conference play.

The games against UCR and Davis proved that the Gauchos don't need insane firepower at every game, but that their depth is composed of players young and old that are more than capable of competing at the highest level.

There was not a single double-double by a Gaucho last weekend and yet they still walked away with two sweeps. This team is legitimate and they're ready to compete.

Two of our nation's most ferocious programs will battle it out this Saturday at the Stan Sheriff Center in Manoa, Hawaii. The game starts at 7 p.m.



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UCSB Women's Soccer Heads North To Face UC Davis

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Staff Writer

The UC Santa Barbara women's soccer team will head to UC Davis this Thursday where the Gauchos will look to take on their second conference win of the season and add another win to their overall record of 5-3-3. After an impressive win against Long Beach State, Santa Barbara seems to have found their rhythm as of late, which is an encouraging sight heading into the heart of conference play.

In their most recent matchup against Long Beach State, freshman midfielder Dylan Lewis netted the only goal in the 13th minute of the game. Lewis played an integral part throughout the game as she had a total of three shots on goal, putting constant pressure on the 49er goalkeeper. Multiple players had shot attempts in this matchup with Shaelan Murison leading the way with four.

Senior goalkeeper Hanna DeWeese continued her stellar play as she had two saves, which included a crucial save on a penalty in the second half.

DeWeese has proven to be the anchor of the 'Chos defense as she now has a total of six clean sheets thus far. With the Gauchos' defenders constantly pressuring the opposing team's forwards, there have been few shots on goal which has led to DeWeese finding her comfort zone in front of the net.

UC Davis heads into this game on a four-game losing streak and an overall record of 5-7 including an 0-2 conference record.

In their most recent matchup against UC Irvine, the Aggies took the lead in the fourth minute of the game but gave up two goals in the 10th and 34th minute. A common theme for UC Davis has been their inability to find ways to win close games as three of their last four losses have

been by just a goal.

That being said, the Aggies are extremely talented with sophomore Casey Palmer and redshirt freshman midfielder Leslie Fregoso leading the way offensively with three goals each. Defensively the squad is led by junior goalkeeper Nicki Rucki who has a total of 27 saves on the year with a save percentage of 73%.

In order for UCSB to have success in this matchup, it will be crucial for players to continue to emerge offensively. Lewis was a key contributor last week and will look to continue playing at a high level this upcoming Thursday. This will take pressure off of senior forward Murison and allow her to operate in the penalty box without a double team coming.

Moreover, the team will need to continue to keep up their pressure on the defensive end.

With consistent pressure in the middle half of the field, Santa Barbara has limited the amount of opportunities that opponents have had on goal. By remaining disciplined, this will ensure that opponents do not become comfortable or create chances on a transition attack.

As the season has gone on, the 'Chos have started to close out games rather than ending up with a tie.

Much of this can be attributed to the team building their chemistry throughout the season, especially with this young of a group.

It could not have come at a better time as well with conference play starting up as Santa Barbara will look to make a push for the Big West championship. With a team playing as hard as they are, surely good things will continue to happen for the talented squad.

UCSB is back in action this Thursday against UC Davis at 4 p.m. where the Gauchos will look to pick up their second win in conference play as well as their fourth win away from home.



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Leading the Charge: Women of the UCSB Surf Team Turn the Tides Against Sexism



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Hannah Jackson
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UC Santa Barbara is undoubtedly a surfer's paradise. Nestled in the Central Coast, Isla Vista is only a short drive from iconic surf locales like Rincon, Emma Wood, C Street and Jalama, while also boasting its own local gems like Sands and Devereux.

The easy access of some of the best surf spots on the West Coast is one of the primary reasons fourth-year Surf Team members DaniRose Hill and Jessica Bixby chose UCSB over schools like UC Berkeley, where they were both accepted.

"I think just coming to Santa Barbara, and feeling how welcoming this community was, has to do with how close we are to the water," Bixby explained. "I knew that my soccer career was coming to an end, so when I was visiting schools I was like, 'I could start surfing all the time if I went here.' So I think that a huge factor for me was like I can be in the ocean all the time in Santa Barbara."

"The water is what keeps me mentally balanced and happy, and I knew that I wanted to be around it," Hill added.

Even though I.V. may seem to be a haven to those who share a love of the ocean, struggles for female surfers lurk just below the surface. Kaira Wallace, co-captain of the UCSB Surf Team, noted that sexism runs rampant – even in a tight-knit community so focused on positivity.

"[Sexism] comes in different forms. Men will paddle by you and be like, 'Oh, getting any waves?' and you're like, 'Yes, I'm getting waves. Did you ask this man over here if he was getting any waves?'" Wallace said.

"I feel like you definitely have to prove yourself a little bit more. Every time I go out I like thinking in my head like, 'Don't fuck up.' 'Cause if someone's easy to fuck up then they're not going to take you seriously," she added.

Lily Day, a fourth-year Surf Team member agrees. "I feel like you

really have to earn your place. You're marked from when you first paddle out. The first wave is so important, because if I fall or eat shit, then all the guys know they can drop in on my waves, or won't respect me," Day said.

The gender barrier didn't completely dissipate within the confines of the team. Even outside the water, gender roles in years past caused tension amongst team members.

"There was a tendency for some older guys on the team to have the position and kind of play the mascot in this role, of getting to do the fun things and shout into a megaphone and kind of get all of the credit," Hill noted.

"But behind the scenes they weren't running any of the logistics and a lot of the girls for a lot of years had the job of being the bitch. We were the ones that were pestering people and getting things done and kind of doing all the grunt work that isn't fun and doesn't make you likable," she said frankly.

The gendered aspect of the sport is nothing new to the women. Growing up, all of them faced similar experiences of discrimination on the basis of sex. It certainly didn't help that by the time they reached high school, the number of female surfers dwindled to a number you could count on one hand.

"As soon as you got into the high school surf team there was like maybe one or two other girls on the team tops," Hill said.

Even though they constantly found themselves outnumbered during their formative years, the women all held out hope for a more female future in the sport.

"In some ways it was a lot harder to build confidence because I wasn't doing it alongside other girls. I always knew that I was like standing alone and navigating it alone, despite guy friends that I had," Hill said.

"I didn't feel like I had that pack to lean on. I didn't have other girls to look up to to go, 'Oh, I can surf like that one day.' I could only find that really through the media. But in another way, at times, I derive confidence from it just because I knew that one day there would be

more girls, you know, if those few people that are on the team don't keep surfing, then there will be no foundation for more girls."

In spite of the negativity, both Bixby and Hill recall their late mentors – Bixby's father Mark and Hill's coach Stan Searfus – both of whom helped normalize women in the water.

"The first time I really felt my gender in the water, my mentor Stan saw how excited I was to surf. He invited me on a six-mile paddle and I was the only girl there. And some of the guys were kind of surprised that I showed up. There was classic boy banter. I wasn't supposed to hear it but one of them said, 'What is she doing here?' Stan went up to them and said, 'Well she's out here, she's doing this paddle and she's going to be surfing with us, so get used to it,' and that was so foundational to me."

For the women, the UCSB Surf Team proved a massive improvement, boasting a whopping five women their freshman year. It has since grown to more than 20.

"I think each year it's just more exciting. Getting to college, I remember even being so stoked to be on a team with like five girls – that was mind blowing. And then the next year it was 12 girls at a competition all surfing together, like in the water dominating the lineup. Each year it's increasing and it's just makes you feel so much more comfortable in the water. People are more accepting and it's more fun environment. Whereas I think when there's too many men present, it just feels so competitive and like quiet. But I think women really live up to that environment," Bixby concluded.

Even though the surf team has increased four-fold since Hill, Bixby and Wallace first joined the team in 2016, the fight for equality isn't over yet.

When asked to give advice to future generations of female surfers, Wallace doesn't mince words.

"Don't take shit from any fucking guy out there. Do not take shit from him because you just like being in the water, you've overcome so much more than he ever will."



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Chanel Miller Stands Up to Sexual Assault With New Book

With her recent book release “Know My Name,” UC Santa Barbara alumna Chanel Miller gives readers a personal insight into what it was like experiencing sexual assault and the turmoil that followed.



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With her recent book release “Know My Name,” UC Santa Barbara alumna Chanel Miller gives readers a personal insight into what it was like experiencing sexual assault, the turmoil that later followed in court against Brock Turner and how she is currently still coping with it all. Though incredibly difficult to stomach at some points, this memoir gives voice not only to Miller herself, but to plenty of other sexual assault survivors as well.

The book begins with a recollection of events that happened leading up to the assault in 2015; from being excited to see her sister home for the holiday weekend to eating tacos to being dropped off at the Stanford frat house. It was during this Stanford frat party that Miller, her sister and her sister’s friends got drunk – Miller to the point of blacking out. As the night went on, Turner tried multiple times to dance with and kiss Miller’s sister, each attempt clearly rejected. However, it wasn’t until Turner found Miller alone that he was able to

begin his assault, outside, near a dumpster on the cement floor covered in layers of Stanford tree pine needles. Luckily, as mentioned heavily throughout the book, two Swedish grad students – who were there at just the right time to save her life – tackled Turner and held him down until police arrived. Upon waking up in the hospital the next morning with no memory of how she got there or the assault, Miller then began the journey of being a sexual assault survivor.

Although Turner is a major component of this story, “Know My Name” allows readers a pathway to try and understand what it’s like for the victim going through this type of trauma rather than focusing solely on the rapist himself. And, while sexual assault violence occurs every day, what makes Miller’s case so noteworthy is the fact that Turner’s status as an esteemed swimmer immediately drew attention from the media once she decided to press charges.

Almost immediately, Miller describes reading articles that deliberately painted Turner in this angelic light in which a boy as talented as he could never attempt rape – why, he must have his choice at any girl he wants (note the sarcasm)! Casting her as the “drunk

girl” in these articles led to vicious comments in which anonymous people wrote how she was afraid of telling her boyfriend she cheated so she was using rape as an excuse, how she must have wanted it and how she shouldn’t have drunk at a frat party without expecting any repercussions. Miller writes, “I didn’t know that if a woman was drunk when the violence occurred, she wouldn’t be taken seriously. I didn’t know that if he was drunk when the violence occurred, people would offer him sympathy.”

The book then goes on to very explicitly describe what it was like for Miller to tell her family members of the assault, to tell her boyfriend and to come to terms with it herself. In trying to escape the torture that came with inconsistent court dates that forced a constant revisiting to her trauma, Miller even moved across the country from Palo Alto to Rhode Island to Philadelphia but still found no stable source of security from the world around her. This kind of moving around and isolation from her peers and family members really exemplified how the pain can truly follow you anywhere you go, despite how far away you may be from your rapist.

One of the most gripping and surprising elements of “Know My Name” was the inclusion of transcripts from Turner’s lawyers as well as the testimonials in support of Turner. Miller noted that no one who knew Turner from Stanford testified; only family members and people from his past would be speaking on behalf of who he is now. While Miller was trying to explain why no one should inappropriately touch someone else who is unconscious and thus unable to consent, Turner’s family members were recalling memories of how “sweet” a boy he was. “I wondered if, in their eyes, the victim remained stagnant, living forever in that twenty-minute time frame. She remained frozen, while Brock grew more and more multifaceted, his stories unfolding, a spectrum of life and memories opening up around him. He got to be a person,” Miller wrote.

While, yes, “Know My Name” is just one person’s story, it stands as an example of what many other people have had to go through when similarly sexually assaulted. In a lot of cases, victims are either too afraid to go to the police for help, or when they do, find that there’s a very little chance for actual justice to be served to their rapists. Unlike those stories though, Turner was eventually found guilty and sentenced to jail time; however, he only got sentenced six months, which is less than half of the amount that Miller was originally expecting. To this, Miller writes, “The judge had given Brock something that would never be extended to me: empathy. My pain was never more valuable than his potential.” Additionally, this sentencing was cut down even further to only three months due to “good behavior.”

Overall, there’s plenty of conclusions that can be drawn from “Know My Name”: the lack of universities enforcing rules and reforms to prevent campus sexual assault, the manipulative ways in which defendant lawyers try to trick victims into saying the wrong thing, the way the victim is always perceived to somehow be at fault, the way society prioritizes rapists for their athletic qualities and potential instead of reprimanding them for their predatory behavior. There’s so much more I could say about what Chanel Miller has so beautifully and tragically crafted into this memoir of hers, but I simply think you should go read it all for yourself. And with this, I leave you with one final quote: “*Oh but his reputation! That’s really where he suffers.*” My advice is, if he’s worried about his reputation, don’t rape anyone.”

The Significance of “Industry Plants” in the Music Community

Sunidhi Sridhar
Reporter

This year, it was Lizzo. Last year, it was Billie Eilish. A couple of years before that, it was Post Malone. All of these artists are, of course, ultra successful within the music industry. All of these artists have also been subjected to a torrent of online ridicule and skepticism by way of overzealous Redditors and Twitter users. Granted, this is true of pretty much any celebrity. Some of the criticism, however, is reserved for a particular group of performers – those labeled as “industry plants.”

I first came across this term when I had the song “3 Nights” by Dominic Fike on repeat, which I had discovered through Apple Music’s “Up Next” playlist. Wanting to know more about the genius behind the breezy, infectious track and why I had never heard of him before, I searched on Google to find that Fike had been offered a multimillion-dollar deal from Columbia Records without any music officially released.

The term “industry plant” refers to an artist who appears to have slowly accumulated a loyal fan base over a significant length of time, but upon closer inspection, has no clear origin story. Coined by the hip-hop community several years ago, the phrase is most often used to undermine an artist as being nothing more than a pawn in a record label’s quest for industry domination.

With connections across the board and millions of dollars at their disposal, major labels can essentially promote any artist through streaming, radio play and media coverage. Some fans and critics are convinced that these labels scout artists they believe to be the most marketable within a certain genre and put all of their resources behind them, deceiving listeners into thinking the artist has an organic following.

Why is it that being labeled an industry plant can plague a career when the concept is similar to an artist’s big break into the music business? Simply put, fans like to know exactly who it is that they are rooting for. Where an artist comes from is just as important as the music itself, especially within the hip-hop and alternative music community. In contrast to pop music, which has been engineered to appeal to the masses, these two genres target a more specific audience with the messages embedded in their songs. Through their music, artists often allude to struggles in their life which fans can relate to, and their credibility comes from their experiences.

Indie-pop singer Clairo, who rose to fame after the viral recognition of “Pretty Girl” on YouTube, has long been accused of being an industry plant due to her father’s close relationship to Fader Label. Many fans questioned whether YouTube’s algorithm system was the only factor in her unforeseen success, or if her father’s connections played a role in how she was marketed.

Chicago native Chance The Rapper, who has branded himself as an independent artist throughout his career, reached new levels of success after the release of “Coloring Book” in 2016, which was highly anticipated and heavily advertised. His first project, however, dates only four years before. His constant presence on music blogs since the very beginning of his career and his unprecedented success without a contract has led many fans and critics to suspect that there is someone else pulling the strings.

Ultimately, accusations of being an industry plant rarely have a significant effect on an artist’s career. Lizzo’s

“Truth Hurts” has sat atop the Billboard Hot 100 for five weeks, Eilish’s debut album was met with universal acclaim and Post Malone’s “Hollywood’s Bleeding” has had the biggest streaming week of 2019. Regardless of the truth behind an artist’s come-up, fans will stream and support the music that they like. So, the question that remains is, does it matter if an artist’s origin story is not as authentic as it is presented to the world?

Taking a look at the industry right now, all of these performers have had a banner year. Their music dominates the radio airwaves and regularly tops the charts. They are all marketed aggressively online and on social media. They are all, of course, signed to major music labels. With a broad arsenal available to them, it only makes sense that these labels capitalize on their resources and connections to monopolize the industry. They know what the fans are looking for and how to sell it to them. In this sense, it does not matter how organic an artist’s story is. Accusations of being an industry plant deter very few fans from supporting their favorite artist and do nothing to hinder an artist’s exposure. At the end of the day, the big-name executives and labels retain their power, and fans have something else to argue about on their Twitter feeds.

Whether or not the concept of an industry plant actually exists, there is no doubt that major record labels are constantly on the lookout for the next breakout star, and there is no doubt that these labels carry more leverage than smaller, independent labels. As long as these artists continue to release the quality of music expected of them, they can count on the support and admiration of their fans, regardless of which Big Three label is backing them.



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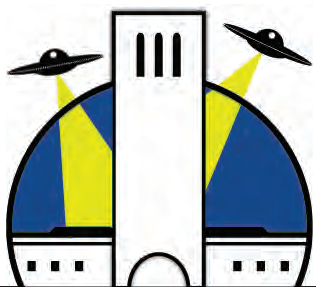
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Lost Freshman On SBMTD Bus Winds Up in San

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Somewhere, Calif. – In a spectacular yet relatable blunder this weekend, freshman Greg Harrison somehow ended up riding a SBMTD bus over 150 miles to the suburbs of Los Angeles while trying to take the 24X from campus to FT. Harrison was reportedly trying to make it to Portola Dining Commons for dinner when his meandering metro adventure started and is now lost, afraid and so hungry that dinner at Portola sounds like a good idea.

Nexustentialism caught up with several of Harrison's would-be dining companions (all FT natives) in hopes of finding out more about the transportation tragedy that befell him.

"I honestly don't know why he even wanted to come here for dinner when DLG is both on campus and, like, wayyyy better," said Harrison's friend, who identified himself only as "The Man." Mr. Man, having clearly given up hope that his friend would make it to Portola before closing time, then solemnly took a place in line for the highly coveted waffle-maker.

When Nexustentialism eventually tracked down the hopelessly lost freshman to ask for his comment on the situation, he had only the following to say.

"Do you know how to get back? My phone is dead and I want to call my mom," Harrison said to our reporter, who caught up with the lost traveler in the field. "I don't know where I am. Can you please help me?"

Our reporter chose not to lend their cellphone to the weary vagabond in order to preserve the integrity of the story. And although Nexustentialism respects and supports this choice, we are saddened to report the student has not been seen since.

While many new students find themselves bewildered by the machinations of the Santa Barbara



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Metropolitan Transit Department, few find themselves led as astray as poor Harrison. With bus-route literacy dropping lower with each new incoming class, UCSB may soon have an epidemic of lost students scattered throughout Southern California. With any luck, however, most of them will figure it out eventually – either that, or they'll be forever lost to the labyrinthian abyss of the SBMTD bus routes, in which case: problem solved!



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BREAKING: Rival Mascots Olé Gaucho and Musty the Mustang Caught in Affair

Bianca Bitchandahalf
Reporter

It's that time of year when our beloved Blue-Green rivalry is in full swing. Soccer players are soccer playing, Gauchos are Loco-ing and everyone is perfecting their "Fuck Cal Poly" cheers.

But this time, there's something besides tortillas in the air: love.

You heard it here first, folks. The rumors are true. Just days after the big UCSB vs. Cal Poly soccer game, Olé Gaucho and Musty the Mustang have been caught in an affair.

Their schools may be bitter rivals, but that didn't stop these beloved mascots from kindling a forbidden romance. The two were spotted by students at last weekend's big game, locked in a passionate embrace just outside Harder Stadium.

It seems that while all eyes were on the field, Olé and Musty only had eyes for each other. After what we can only assume was a beautiful and intimate dinner of stale tortillas and beer, one soccer fan overheard a tense lovers' spat:

"We just can't be together, Musty. It'll never work."

"Because you're a caricature and I'm a horse?"

"No, because my whole school thinks you guys are buck-toothed, inbreeding rednecks."

Administrators and sports teams from either university refused to comment, but after much persuasion and a few rounds of "Oléééééé Olé Olé, Gauchos Gauchos," our own sweet mascot spoke out about the affair.

"He is a horse, and I am a cowboy," Olé said. "It is my duty to ride that dick."

Bianca Bitchandahalf supports a mascot's right to true love.

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ON THE MENU



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Too Hot to Handle: Sizzling Lunch Introduces Japanese Teppan-Style Cuisine to Isla Vista

Winnie Lam
On the Menu Editor

If you've strolled down Trigo Road to get to the Amazon Locker or I.V. Theater, you couldn't have missed Sizzling Lunch's huge vibrant menu on their storefront windows. Sizzling Lunch replaced 212 Hot Pot and although the interior may look the same, Sizzling Lunch brought a Bay Area favorite to Isla Vista with its adaptation of teppanyaki, a style of Japanese cuisine that uses an iron griddle to cook food.

I've visited the restaurant twice since its opening, and both of my experiences were extremely pleasant. What makes Sizzling Lunch stand out from other food spots in I.V. is not only their delicious food but also their exceptional service. After my friends and I were seated, our waiter was happy to give us recommendations and was very attentive even after we got our food. I appreciated that there were photos that corresponded to each menu item for those who might not have had teppanyaki before. At Sizzling Lunch, the teppanyaki is comprised of beef, chicken or salmon with black pepper rice, udon noodles, golden curry or teriyaki sauce. Each dish comes with rice or noodles, meat, a small selection of vegetables and a ball of butter. The meat doesn't come fully cooked but since plate is extremely hot, the customer is supposed to mix and cook all ingredients together themselves and complement it with the side condiments like chili powder, garlic shoyu and teriyaki sauce.

During my first visit, I tried the curry beef rice with cheese. Overall, I thought the beef, rice and side

sauces paired perfectly together, making it a great meal to grab with friends. The only thing I don't like about it is the anticipation you get when you're waiting for your food to stop smoking and cool down a bit because it seriously makes you sit there and salivate. The portion sizes were very reasonable for the price, especially in I.V. It does remind me of fried rice that I could easily make by myself at home, but the novelty of eating this dish from a sizzling plate and the convenience of how fast the food comes out makes eating at Sizzling Lunch worth your time and money. The second time I visited I wanted to try something different, so I decided to order the beef udon. This dish came with almost the same ingredients as the rice plate I ordered during my first visit, except with udon noodles instead of rice and without curry powder. I also thought it was really savory and tasty, but I'd say that I like the rice plates better just as a personal preference. Something that I noticed is that I didn't really taste a difference from when my dish had curry powder and when it didn't, so if you're debating between the curry beef udon and the regular beef udon, I'd just go for the regular and save a bit of money while you're at it.

After trying Sizzling Lunch twice, I'd definitely recommend it to everyone. Though it seems like such simple dishes, they truly are delicious and the staff makes you feel welcome by always checking up on you. The curry beef rice with cheese is a must-try dish, and condiments like the garlic shoyu and chili powder are necessary if you want to maximize the flavor of your dish. Since it just opened up, Sizzling Lunch is pretty packed during peak lunch and dinner hours, so I'd recommend going during less busy times, especially if you're planning to eat with a large group of people.

Tasty Must-Have Foods and Snacks for This Fall Season

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Fall has finally arrived, and it's time to bring back some of our seasonal favorites like pumpkin and apple spice. Even if the weather in Isla Vista hasn't changed, the local coffee shops and grocery stores have started to provide new and exciting fall items. If you're anything like me and don't understand the hype about the pumpkin spice latte at Starbucks, here are several other seasonal favorites you can try!

1. Pumpkin Cold Brew from the Coffee Bean

One of the more underrated coffee chains in the Goleta area is the Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf. Not only do they have an entire seasonal menu packed with fall drinks, but their pumpkin spice is arguably better than Starbucks'. Their cold brew is a particular standout and is definitely worth the short drive.

2. Trader Joe's Pumpkin Chocolate Chunk Oatmeal Cookie Mix

If you're in the mood for a sweet option during the fall season, Trader Joe's is stocked with various health-conscious options. This mix is perfect for an October movie night with friends and can be easily modified to fit dietary restrictions. These cookies are the perfect treat to enjoy with friends!

3. Boomchickapop Salted Caramel Corn

My favorite snack during the fall has always been caramel corn. Boomchickapop has the perfect option that is vegan friendly and guilt free. It is just the right amount of both salty and sweet and can be enjoyed at any time of the day!

4. Teavana Chai Tea

Nothing quite says fall to me like a warm chai latte. One of the most popular and convenient ways to make chai at home is to buy a packet of tea bags at the grocery store. I personally like Teavana the best and like to customize my tea however I like. If you want to make a latte, you can easily add in milk of your choice along with espresso shots or a pinch of cinnamon for an extra taste of fall.

5. Quaker Maple & Brown Sugar Oatmeal

Although these famous instant oatmeal packs are sold all year-round, they make a perfect quick and easy fall breakfast. They are best paired with toppings like cinnamon and sliced Fuji apples during the fall. This is a great option that doesn't sacrifice health for its taste!

Even though the leaves might not change and the days are still reminiscent of the summertime, there's no reason to skip out on the fall season in I.V. this year. Simply head over to your local grocer or coffee shop and treat yourself to some of these delicious fall snacks to get into the holiday spirit!



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SCIENCE & TECH

UCSB Research Suggests Potential Positive Impacts of Seaweed on Climate Change

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The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has cautioned the world that it is crucial to limit global warming to 1.5°C and not reach 2°C above pre-industrial levels to prevent greater “robust global differences in temperature means and extremes.” This requires rapid and intense global reductions in both carbon dioxide and non-carbon dioxide climate pollutants.

Many governments have addressed climate change, and reports and policies such as the Fourth National Climate Assessment, California Climate Action Plan and Paris Climate Agreement stress the urgency to react to climate change. It is perhaps a silver lining that when it comes to environmental markets, carbon markets are now the most expensive markets in the world.

New research by UC Santa Barbara researchers Halley Froehlich, Jamie Afflerbach, Melanie Frazier and Benjamin Halpern, titled “Blue Growth Potential to Mitigate Climate Change through Seaweed Offsetting” and published in *Current Biology* addresses the impact that seaweed farming could have on carbon offsetting, as well as other ecological benefits. Carbon offsetting is compensating for emissions of another industry or human activity with a process that reduces carbon emissions to a net zero.

Seaweed naturally plays a role in the sequestering of carbon by storing carbon in their tissues that is then exported to the deeper ocean via what the study calls a “biological pump.” The carbon is deposited on the seafloor, in the depths of the ocean and out of the atmosphere.

Currently seaweed is farmed, but on a scale that would only account for 1% of carbon sequestration if it were deposited in the deep ocean.

Seaweed is currently grown for use in food, medicine, biotechnology and cosmetics. At the current scale of farming it is a carbon negative operation, meaning that it could also offset many other forms of popular aquaculture.

“We found seaweed aquaculture could offset all of finfish and aquaculture (even with accounting for seaweed farming emissions) with sinking just 14-25% of current standing farmed production in the deep ocean,” Frazier explained in an email.

It is a viable solution on a regional scale, especially in areas with favorable climates such as California, but lacks the ability to make an impact on a global scale. To be able to acquit the world of its carbon emissions produced by agriculture – around 5.1 billion tons per year – seaweed farming would have to increase from the current 1.9 thousand km² to 7.3 million km², which represents 15% of the ocean that is potentially habitable for seaweed aquaculture, according to the study.

“We found it is unlikely seaweed aquaculture alone could scale to address global agricultural emissions,” Frazier detailed.

That’s not to say that efforts such as this done globally would not add up. The study goes as far as to assert that it could be beneficial to progressive countries or ones with bold economies tailored



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A recent study from UCSB researchers examined the potential impacts of seaweed aquaculture on carbon offsetting.

to circumvent carbon emission whilst supporting Blue Growth Initiatives, which is the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations’ (FAO) framework for sustainably developing fisheries and aquaculture.

A look at the economic viability of seaweed farming indicates some obstacles. One being that if farmed seaweed was harvested solely for human use it would greatly reduce its potential to offset carbon emissions. A portion of the seaweed grown would need to be deposited out at sea, but what economic incentives would there be to persuade farmers to do this extra work and lose a portion of their income?

According to Frazier, “That is a huge hurdle, which we highlight in the paper. Policy changes and integration into the voluntary carbon market are key, alongside reduction in farming costs. Economies of scale would help, but it is not a simple ask.”

The implementation of effective policy remains complicated, and while this is the case, aquaculture growth remains speculative.

Halpern addresses over email, “In California, policy (rules and regulations) make rapid growth of aquaculture unlikely, so there is not likely a fast way to do this.”

Different marine environments were canvassed via data sets to

locate areas where seaweed aquaculture showed the most benefits and viability. California proved to have an ideal climate for seaweed aquaculture as well as thriving populations of the giant kelp *Macrocystis pyrifera*.

Seaweed aquaculture appears to be a clever choice for carbon offsetting, but its benefits do not end there.

As Frazier puts it, “Seaweed aquaculture also has ‘charismatic carbon’ potential. That is, it can serve multiple purposes, not just carbon capture, including local buffering of acidic ocean conditions and improving water quality.”

Even if the goals of carbon offsetting are not fully realized, seaweed farming has also showed promising signs for carbon offsetting as well as other environmental benefits such as restoring eutrophic, hypoxic or acidic waters to their natural equilibrium.

Halpern details the process, “Seaweed pulls nitrogen from the water to grow (like being fertilized, but nitrogen is naturally in the water). Eutrophication is excess nitrogen in the water, so seaweed draws that excess nitrogen out of the water.”

Hopefully in years to come, aquaculture will emerge as a viable industry with many ecological benefits.

New Findings Shed Light on Prehistoric Agricultural and Pastoral Migrations of South and Central Asia

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A newly appointed professor in the Department of Anthropology at UC Santa Barbara, Douglas Kennett, working alongside a multitude of other researchers across many institutions and disciplines, has helped to paint a clearer picture of the human story of ancient migration to South and Central Asia, and the spread of language and practices that coincided with this.

The paper, “The formation of human populations in South and Central Asia,” published in the journal *Science*, brought together the remains of over 500 ancient humans from Central Asia and Southern Asia. The researchers extracted and sequenced DNA from their remains and compared them genomically with previously sequenced ancient DNA as well as baseline data from contemporary populations in Eurasia.

“The foundation is archaeological, all of the human skeletal material sampled and analyzed from archaeological sites throughout South Asia and

Central Asia ... to look at sort of the population history of people in the area over the last 8,000 years,” Kennett said.

His lab at Penn State University, where he worked for much of the study, performed radiocarbon dating on individual remains so as to map out the data in the chronological sense.

“It was really an impressive increase in the number of information that we have about populations and particularly in South Asia and Central Asia, which was an area that had not been really focused on too much,” Kennett detailed. “There are definitely periods of time that are better represented than others. But given the size of the dataset, we were able to cover the bases pretty well.”

With this new information came a number of revelations regarding the origin and linguistic spread of Central and Southern Asian people and Indo-European languages in general, lending even more credibility to the steppe theory, which posits that people from the Eurasian region were those who spread the Indo-European language family west into Europe and east into Asia.

This runs in contrast to its prominent counterpart, the Anatolian hypothesis, which claims instead that farmers from what would presently be called Turkey spread Indo-European language both west and east, crossing Europe and simultaneously digging deeper into Southern Asia.

“This research pretty much puts it to rest, the debate which has been going on for 200 years,” Kennett said.

“The Eurasian steppe is where pastoralism developed ... independent of what happens in the Near East. Those populations were very successful and then spread out and they were the ones that actually were carrying the European languages. There’s some data from Europe that was published previously that suggests that that was the case. And then this study reinforces that idea.”

More specifically, the research found different periods of migration and the spread of practices which affected the region in different ways.

About 8,000 years ago, there was an early spread of farmers who developed an agricultural economy which spread into Europe and Central Asia, but not

South Asia, according to Kennett.

“Then later on, starting about 4,000 years ago you have a development of a sort of pastoral economy that’s very animal-focused and that’s in that steppe region. So with the European languages, that’s the linkage of South Asia which is consistent with the idea that ties the European languages to this later spread of pastoral peoples,” Kennett said.

Among Kennett’s primary collaborators was David Reich, whose lab at Harvard University was tasked with extracting DNA from the skeletal material of individuals.

“He’s done large scale studies all over the world. I’ve been working with him for the last three years or so helping him with the chronological dimensions,” Kennett stated.

While mapping the spread of people chronologically through radiocarbon dating, Kennett and his research group also simultaneously looked for certain properties which served as markers of diet, which could provide indications regarding what sort of lifestyle was being practiced by the individual.

Pastoral economies, agricultural economies and hunter-gatherer economies all would have slightly different markers, for instance.

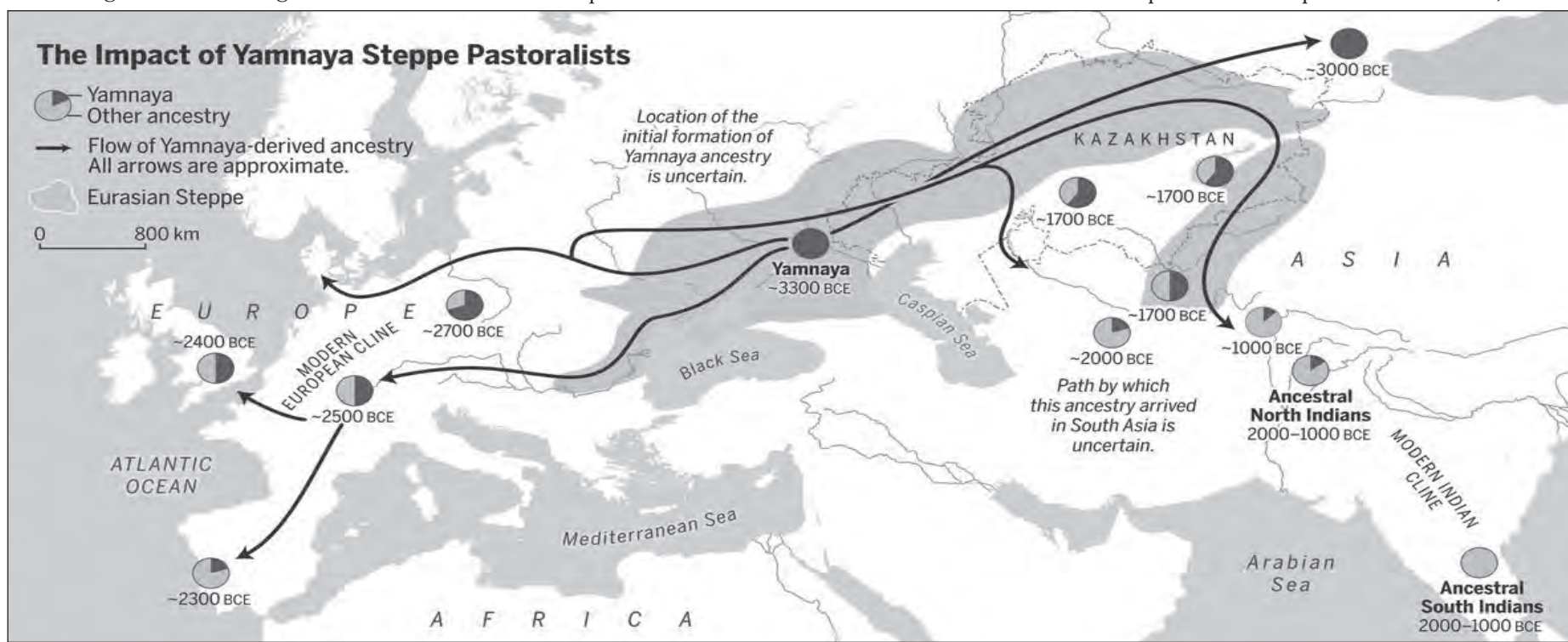
“There’s that old adage that ‘you are what you eat.’ If people are eating a lot of specific foods, if they’re eating a lot of meat, that will show up in their nitrogen isotopes. They look distinctive isotopically. Then we can compare the date of the individual, the DNA, like where they are, what their ancestry is and then also look at the diet,” Kennett described.

Kennett plans to continue working with these isotopic analyses in a subsequent study in order to better understand the diets of ancient people with regards to agriculture, pastoralism and other comparative lifestyles.

“I’m an environmental archaeologist. One of the things that I’m interested in more generally is the environmental impacts that agricultural and pastoral populations had on the landscape which we can then explore with isotopic analyses or other kinds of archaeological and ecological studies,” Kennett said.

Speaking on the paper published in *Science*, Kennett believes that the most illuminating ramifications are the “big picture” ones, which speak to how agricultural and pastoral populations emerge and expand, “and then what that means ultimately for the formation of later, more complex societies.”

“That’s kind of the global story as humans, anyways.”



Above is the authors’ depiction of the spread of Yamnaya Steppe pastoralist ancestry during the Bronze Age, from a focal point found north of the Black Sea into Europe and South Asia. The pie charts represent the proportion of Yamnaya ancestry.

OPINION

Fried Rice and Five Guys: The Struggles of an Asian Guy

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Staff Writer

It doesn't take a biology major to recognize a major biohazard. Common sense? Definitely. Two eyes and a brain? Probably. Heck, you could even use your sense of smell. So I can't help but wonder just how my four housemates – who share between them eight eyes, four big brains, a couple of noses and early pass times as honors students – so consistently attempt to poison themselves!

You would think it's obvious that when your fish has been defrosting in the sun for the last 11 hours, it's become less salmon and more salmonella. It's common knowledge that you should slow roast your chicken breast for more than five whole minutes or that ground beef that's been in the fridge for the last week and a half is ground zero for an E. coli outbreak. Before I moved in last week, I never thought my life would be endangered by a half-cooked dead animal. Unfortunately, my housemates perfectly demonstrate the distinction between having a brain and using it.

One evening, I come home tired, cold and hungry and find that my roommate has been cooking, and he's saved some for me!

"Here's a chicken leg and rice," he says.

"Why thank you," I respond: And, in a moment of weakness, I almost take a bite – before I remember that this is the same chicken I saw several centuries ago festering away on the countertop, sitting in its own private lake of bloody water. Now, if my housemates want to contract salmonella on a daily basis they're more than welcome to do so. But when they make such a vile and heinous attempt on my life by feeding me undercooked and over-defrosted chicken, things have gone one bloody hunk of meat too far. After this traumatic incident I seriously wondered why no one in the house wanted my sound advice on how not to intentionally ingest health-endangering compounds.

I decided the best course of action would be to methodically and scientifically determine what made my housemates the brilliant idiots they are. After a week of observations, several assorted nonviolent confrontations, a few major squabbles and the odd barely averted tragedy or two, I came to the conclusion that the only things any of my housemates really have in common is that they are Asian men. Now, being the brilliant scientist that I am, I deduced that since all five of us are Asian and male – and all of us are idiots – being Asian and male must be contributing to this idiocy.

This makes sense.

See, the main problem for us Asians in admitting error is that, traditionally, a single mistake is enough to disgrace your family for the next eon or two. The contrary is also true: Every Asian family has at least one deity-ancestor who lived when dinosaurs were

the primary mode of transportation. Despite having lived so long ago, we know today as a scientific certainty that this particular ancestor was half-dragon, half-tiger and held off 346 invading Huns on his own – not to mention that he was the chief counselor of the Chinese emperor and commander of the imperial fleet and army at the same time. As such, any ancestor of lesser import is quickly forgotten by the annals of time, ostensibly because no one wants to hear the epic saga of Uncle Li who moved to America against his family's wishes, caused irreparable harm to the family name and opened a chow mein stand in Brooklyn. In the same vein, no Asian wants to be forever remembered as that one disgrace to the family by getting straight A's and a Ph.D. but not even being able to cook. Admission of error – never. Error in itself is a disgrace to the family name.



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Asking for help has more practical repercussions as well: The problem with asking a family member for help in an Asian circle is that, at most, within the next three to five business days, everyone you have ever met in your life, along with all their

friends, coworkers and deceased aunt's stepfather's rottweilers, will know all about how Ling Ling tried to make miso soup in a frying pan. You will never redeem yourself and you will never catch a break. Every time someone so much as takes out a frying pan, aunt whatever-her-name-was will take it as a mandate to recount the events of Ling Ling's frying pan miso soup.

This is even more true for Asian males. As the head of the traditional Asian household, us males are expected to be entirely correct all the time. Facts to the contrary? Invented by insubordinate and disrespectful outcasts who have no respect for true family. Good advice? It's no good if I don't agree with it. Three minutes too short to grill a side of pork? Nonsense! I'll eat it myself just to prove how safe it is.

One superb example can be seen on bike paths where one particularly dashing and adventuresome international student will courageously lead the way onto the path by foot, presumably demonstrating to others in his posse how healthful and efficient such a practice can be. Then, upon his narrowly avoiding permanent brain damage by bike, it takes a good 15 minutes of shouting to dislodge our explorer from his notion that bike paths were intended to be traversed on foot. Much annoyance could be prevented through the use of eyes and common sense.

As an Asian male myself, I have to admit that I share some of these tendencies. I can't remember a single time growing up that I was ever wrong or mistaken. No, not the time I was five and thought that yellowish stuff in a brown bottle was apple juice. No, not after I got roaring drunk on it and replaced all the holes in Mr. Potato Head with crayons. Especially not after my parents whooped my ass for drinking beer.

Let's get real.

No, your parents will not disown you because you couldn't self-study Chemistry 1A. No, your teachers won't roast you for coming in during office hours. Yes, there may be slight discomfort upon admitting you need help in chemistry, or that you've never cooked chicken, or your obituary nearly listed death by cyclist. But take it from someone who's had food poisoning – that slight discomfort is still way better than the alternative.

So to all the guys out there: You have two heads, the big one and the small one. The small one isn't nearly as big as you think it is, so do yourself a favor and use the big one instead. Don't be afraid to admit you're wrong because one head of the household is enough. Cram five heads into one tight apartment in Isla Vista and you have a literal sausage fest.

Sam Suh recommends that, in the event of a sausage fest, fry them for at least six to eight minutes.

What Does Family Mean in 2019?



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According to the Merriam-Webster definition, family is "the basic unit in society traditionally consisting of two parents rearing their children." However, in 2019, the word family can have many different meanings depending on who you ask. The notion of a nuclear family unit has evolved into something more modern; around the globe, kids are sparking discussions about the experience of being raised in a single-parent home, for example.

Personally, I have witnessed the evolution of family in different aspects of my life. Usually when people discuss their family, they talk about their cousins, aunts, uncles, grandparents, et cetera. But to me, family means my mom and my dad. While this might seem strange to some who have more than 50 people show up to their house on Thanksgiving, it's my normal.

Being an only child has played a role in this. I share almost everything with my parents, and they generally put a lot of attention on me. While this sometimes feels like a lot of pressure, it's something I don't take for granted. I can tell from conversations I've had with friends that a lot of them aren't close to their parents – at least in part due to having multiple siblings and therefore not having that "let's sit on the couch and talk about your day" kind of bond that pervades my life.

Sometimes I find myself envying my friends with older siblings who can readily give advice and have

recently been through the same experiences as me, but I find that my parents excel at playing the role of both sibling and parent. They always share relevant and meaningful experiences I can learn from but also "this is how you do your taxes" parental knowledge.

By no means is the evolution of the family unit a negative development – it just means that there are now more versions of "socially acceptable" family culture.

I didn't realize that the scope of family had evolved until I really thought about what family norms were like before the modern age. A few days ago in my feminist studies class, we learned about how women's roles in the home were destabilized during the Industrial Revolution, broadening from an emphasis on motherhood and domesticity to becoming contributors to the economy. Women started venturing out into the world to work as textile workers and coal miners and, as a result, home life suffered because of the double burden women bore.

As a society, we still have a lot of work to do regarding women's control over whether they want to devote themselves to raising a family or work while they raise kids. Women's entry into the workforce began as early as the 19th century, yet we are still skeptical when women reach their 30s and aren't married with a kid. Part of this originates from parental pressure or even scrutiny stemming from tradition. Regardless, the numbers show that in the U.S., women are choosing to have fewer babies, whether to pursue their careers or out of personal preference.

While traditionalists may be skeptical of the evolution of the family unit, environmentalists know that the recent downsizing of families is crucial to improving our environment. The Malthusian Theory of Population proves that although population growth is predicted to be exponential, resources are linearly limited. Our world doesn't have enough resources to support every family with three kids. Some countries, like China, have even been forced to enact a "one-child policy."

Not only is population increase an environmental problem, but the potentially disastrous environmental conditions in which our children are going to live in presents an issue. If predictions for global warming-induced weather, rising sea levels, deforestation and the overall desecration of our natural world prove true, young adults are not going to want to have

children in the face of this extreme danger. This is evident in studies showing that teens are pledging not to have children until real impactful governmental action is taken in relation to climate change.

However, culture, economics and the environment are just a few pieces of the puzzle. Another important piece is individual preference. The number of families who want to adopt is on the rise, as depicted in shows like "Modern Family." But also, there are those who consider their friends their family. Personally I can relate to the desire to adopt. I never really imagined myself having five kids and a cookie-cutter household. I have always watched films, heard on the news and read about instances of adoption that have intrigued me. Why not give a better life to a kid who has no family at all than selfishly create your own?

Some traditionalists have a problem with adoption because differences in biology and native culture divide a parent from their adopted child. However, I believe that when deciding to become a parent one must be prepared for any challenges that might arise, including this one.

Throughout the years, family ties have evolved to take on a different meaning to each of us. While some still take a traditionalist viewpoint of the roles of parents and children within a family unit, it's ultimately individual circumstance that determines the underlying meaning of family in each of our lives.

Joshen Mantai believes that who you consider your family is up to you.



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Shitty Advice

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 19

Definitely ditch all of your 8 a.m. classes.

TAURUS

APRIL 20 - MAY 20

Hold in your pee after sex.

GEMINI

MAY 21 - JUNE 20

The quickest way to get to class: the bike path, you should definitely walk on it.

CANCER

JUNE 21 - JULY 22

Keep your lanyard with your Access Card, credit cards, folded-up paper with your email passwords, and Social Security number with you at all times — especially when biking.

LEO

JULY 23 - AUGUST 22

Share your Find My Friends location with every person you've had sex with.

VIRGO

AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22

Sit next to that guy you matched with on Tinder on the first day of lab and make him your lab partner.

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22

To properly seduce your professor: Write your phone number on your midterm before you turn it in.

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 21

When in doubt, whip it out.

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21

To throw the perfect I.V. party: Invite all your friends over and lock them in a room with no light or music.

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19

You should chase that racoon; it probably wants to be your friend.

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18

Living with your significant other is always the best idea.

PISCES

FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20

Seducing the girls you want to hook up with by inviting them over to meet your rats.