

## UC's Largest Union Strikes For the Third Time This Year

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For the third time in 2019 – but the first time this academic year – the University of California's largest union held a strike, this time demanding that the UC put an end to the alleged "illegal outsourcing."

Approximately 100 members and supporters of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Local 3299 were present at

Wednesday's UC Santa Barbara strike. The workers set up their base at Storke Tower but spent much of the day marching around campus in order to draw attention to the union's demands.

AFSCME 3299 – which represents more than 24,000 health care and service employees across the UC system – has been embroiled in contract negotiations with the university for the past two years, and one of its primary demands has been an end to

outsourcing. This strike was AFSCME 3299's sixth at UC campuses across the state in the past two years – a point of frustration among many of the workers.

Jarrod Colvin, a custodian at UCSB and an AFSCME 3299 member, said that he was "disappointed" with the number of strikes but added that he felt the only way the university will change its behavior is if the union keeps striking.

"The fact that we're out here again on unfair labor practices has me a little disappointed about making and impact on the way they follow the rules, but I think the only way that we're

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## UC Regents Move Forward With New Policy to "Generally" Prohibit Outsourcing

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A motion to prohibit the use of contracted employees within the UC system – a large point of contention between the University of California system and local unions – was passed by the UC Regents' Governance Committee on Wednesday afternoon, introducing a potential new policy in which the use of contracted employees would be prohibited unless under certain circumstances.

The policy comes on the heels of intense backlash from unions in response to the UC's outsourcing practices. On Wednesday, workers represented

by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME 3299) held their sixth strike in two years after the union filed six unfair labor practice complaints against the UC in early November. A majority of the complaints addressed the UC's alleged use of "secretive" contracts to outsource labor.

Despite the news of a policy aimed to internalize a majority of the UC's workforce, AFSCME is not yet convinced this policy will clear the air on the alleged workforce offenses the UC has committed in the past.

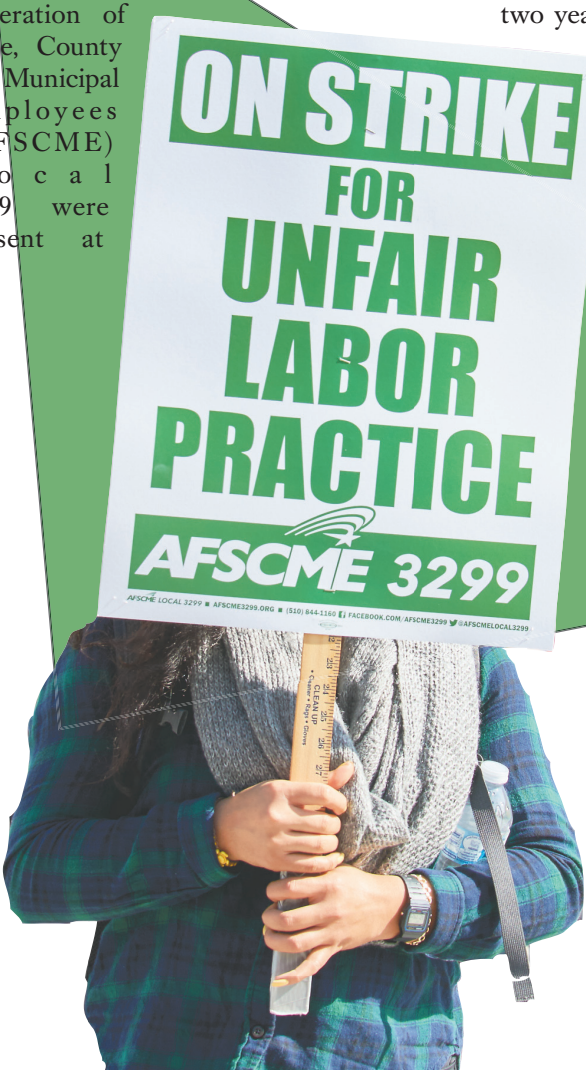
"Over the last several years, thousands of UC service and patient care workers have stood together to expose the university's unfair, unsafe and often illegal outsourcing of UC jobs. Now, after years of dismissing the problem and the racialized

inequality it creates, the Board of Regents is finally acknowledging the need to change course," the union said in a statement.

"A 'policy' isn't worth the paper its [sic] printed on unless it is actually enforced... UC's abysmal track record makes clear that only state legislation or binding contract language can deliver the accountability that's needed to uplift UC's most vulnerable low wage workers and to stop the university from outsourcing more jobs," the union continued.

The new policy would cover all campuses and affect a substantial amount of contractible services, such as custodial, food, healthcare and transportation services. No official date for the policy's implementation has been set, but guidelines to roll out

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## UC Education Abroad Program Suspends Spring Hong Kong Programs, Citing Safety Concerns



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The University of California Education Abroad Program decided yesterday to suspend its spring study abroad program in Hong Kong, citing concerns for student safety amidst the ongoing protests, according to Executive Director Vivian-Lee Nyitray.

The decision to suspend the spring study abroad program was made now to ensure that students who were planning to study abroad in Hong Kong will be able to transfer to a different program

or coordinate housing and classes at their home campuses if they choose to stay in the U.S., Nyitray said.

"We felt that rather than have them go, potentially be in an unsafe situation and have to worry about evacuating them... it would be preferable to not have them go," Nyitray said.

Nyitray added that the program is keeping a close eye on the protests in order to gauge whether to evacuate the students currently studying abroad in Hong Kong.

There are currently 79 UC students in Hong Kong taking

courses through the UC Education Abroad Program (UCEAP), seven of whom were scheduled to stay in Hong Kong for the full academic year. In addition to those seven students, 12 other students were expected to study abroad in Hong Kong in the spring.

Nyitray said there were originally 90 students scheduled to go to Hong Kong in the fall, but after UCEAP offered them the option to switch programs or postpone their studies abroad due to the protests, 11 students chose to do so.

"We've been monitoring the

situation since the summer," Nyitray said. "So this wasn't a decision that was either made lightly or out of any kind of haste or panic."

"As the protests again continued to escalate further, and the response has been so unexpectedly strong from the police, with people being shot at with live ammunition, we felt that we really needed to evaluate this very, very carefully," she continued.

Nyitray said the program's first priority was ensuring the safety of UC students who are currently in Hong Kong, all of whom are attending one of three schools: University of Hong Kong, the Chinese University of Hong Kong or Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

"Two out of our three partners [University of Hong Kong and the Chinese University of Hong Kong] are now actually sites of protests and violence, and the faculty and staff are having difficulty getting to campus if they live at any distance because of the transit systems being shut down," Nyitray said.

The New York Times reported on Wednesday that police in Hong Kong had begun "raiding the edges of the biggest campuses to make arrests."

On Tuesday night, police officers and students clashed near the campus of the Chinese University of Hong Kong; "police officers fired hundreds of rounds of tear gas and rubber bullets and

students hurled Molotov cocktails and bricks, and practiced firing bows with flaming arrows," according to the Times.

Nyitray said that while it hasn't reached the point where UCEAP will "actively evacuate" students currently in Hong Kong, students



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Vivian-Lee Nyitray

have been given the option to end their programs early and return home. UCEAP and its partner universities in Hong Kong have been working with students to ensure they will receive course credit for their terms, she added.

She explained that as the protests escalated, there were "a number of [non-UC universities] who didn't send students this fall at all," while others have now "pulled [students] back and have simply told them 'you must come back now.'"

But because the UCEAP program is unusual in that it has such a large number of students, "we really wanted to not just jump

in, we wanted to really assess the situation and give the students optimal chance to remain, to have the academic experience that they wanted to have, before we pulled out," Nyitray said.

She also added that if students were sent to Hong Kong in the spring and had to be evacuated, they might not be able to receive credit for the classes they were taking or be able to enroll in time at their home campuses for the quarter or semester.

"We're trying to balance the academic and the financial consequences for the students, you know, we don't want any of the students to suffer at all," Nyitray said.

UCEAP has not determined if they will suspend the Hong Kong summer abroad programs.

"It's just so unclear – it's unclear to our partners, it's unclear to us," Nyitray said. "We've been monitoring the State Department updates every day, and we have been monitoring local news, not only the foreign news, but local news, and of course we have our partners on the ground."

Nyitray noted that the State Department security level for Hong Kong is level two, or "exercise increased caution," which she said was the same security level as most of Western Europe.

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# When Your Home Becomes a Parking Violation: Large-Vehicle Restrictions Affect Isla Vistans

Nadia Abushanab  
Reporter

For third-year sociology major Erin Joy, the chance to live in a van in Isla Vista was one she was looking forward to. She bought one at the end of last summer, hoping to live out of it when school started.

But Joy faced a barrier: Students returned to Isla Vista for Fall Quarter 2019 to see several signs posted around the area — “ALL ISLA VISTA STREETS: No parking large vehicles over 24 feet long or 7 feet high or 8 feet wide 9:00 PM - 7:00 AM.”

This policy prohibiting large vehicles from parking on certain streets overnight has been in place since 2011, according to District Representative Gina Fischer. Fischer said this policy affects a few streets in Santa Barbara, some in Goleta and every street in Isla Vista.

For students like Joy, it was a shock to learn they would not be able to park their oversized vehicles in Isla Vista.

“It would be disappointing if they started enforcing [the ordinance] in I.V. to kick out students and others who literally can’t afford rent, and live in a van by necessity,” Joy said.

At the College Affordability Town Hall on Oct. 11 students asked Supervisor Joan Hartmann how the new ordinance would affect students who live in their vehicles.

“Those [aren’t] students but tend to be other homeless adults,” she replied.

But the issue of housing insecurity is not limited to non-student adults — in 2017, the UC Global Food Initiative found that 5% of UC undergraduate and graduate students experienced housing insecurity at some point in their enrollment.

The average rent for an apartment in I.V. is \$2,131, according to Rentcafe.com, a rental site which compiles rental market trends. Some students choose to opt out of paying high rent prices by living in vehicles like vans, RVs or busses.

Katelyn Wiese, a third-year Santa Barbara City College geology student, moved into a school bus earlier this year. She had been living in I.V. for several months, but since these signs have gone up, she said she no longer feels comfortable parking her bus in the neighborhood and now parks in different locations around Santa Barbara.

“Now I can’t be in I.V. It’s not even an option for me,” she told the Nexus.

According to UCSB Sustainability Coordinator Katie Maynard, the UC system has launched a Rapid Rehousing program to address housing insecure and homeless students; UCSB now receives \$415,000 a year to assist housing-insecure and homeless students.

“FCRT can place eligible students who are currently

houseless or about to become houseless in bridge housing within 24 to 48 hours, after which the team will work with the student to help them find stable housing moving forward,”



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Maynard said.

She added that the program can also provide “awards” to students to help if “they have difficulty paying rent and need financial support to stay in their current housing.”

But for some, the decision to move into a vehicle may not be motivated by finances. Both Wiese and Joy said that while their decisions to move into their vehicles were partially due to the financial benefit of not paying rent, they also said

they wanted to experience more freedom, be able to travel more easily and learn to live more simply.

According to the Santa Barbara municipal code, all oversized vehicles parked overnight are subject to a \$50 minimum fine and possible removal. However, Alissa Hazard, a traffic engineer for the County of Santa Barbara, said that vehicles have previously only been cited when an I.V. resident files a complaint with the Isla Vista Foot Patrol (IVFP).

Although Wiese’s school bus is oversized, she has not yet been cited or towed as of mid-October. She has, however, had multiple negative interactions with I.V. residents, she said.

“[A resident] yelled at me a couple of times ... he [said], ‘If you’re not out of here by sunset, I’m calling the cops on you!’ ... He said that us van-dwellers make the neighborhood a shithole,” she said.

She has also had conflicts with the IVFP. “They would wake me up at 3, 4 a.m., banging on my door, shining lights in the windows, yelling at me to get out,” she recounted.

Fischer emphasized that the ordinance only restricts oversized vehicles — such as Wiese’s school bus — but not regular-sized vehicles. She encourages those who are living in oversized vehicles to enroll in the Safe Parking Program.

According to Cassie Roach, a UCSB alumnae now working for the Safe Parking Program in Santa Barbara, the program is meant to not only provide immediate overnight safety, but also to connect houseless folks to other community resources.

“We partner a lot with the food bank ... we also have our own food bank once a month; we try and get people connected to free showers, making sure people are signed up for food stamps, have health insurance [and] are signed up for different subsidized-housing waiting lists,” she said.

Roach estimates that around 10% of their clients are students.

Wiese said that when she has been moved by police officers, they often referred her to the Safe Parking Program. However, she said the regulations of the program have stopped her from

pursuing this option.

“It’s not ideal for someone who has irregular schedules, who is either going to school or working. A lot of people who live in their vehicles are working and go to school. It’s not like they’re just sitting around all day,” Wiese said.

Roach emphasized that the regulations of the Safe Parking Program are not meant to make people’s lives more difficult.

“It’s not meant to be this overbearing, strict program that’s going to have rules that they have to follow and just make life harder. It’s meant to be a supportive safe space for them, and we do want to work with all of our clients to see how we can best support them moving forward,” she said.

“We want this to be a resource for students. We want to be supportive and helpful.”



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ever going to make a change on that is by keep coming out," Colvin said.

Paco Garcia, a senior lead laborer in facilities management at UCSB and an AFSCME member, added that union workers "don't make the cost of living."

"They don't make enough money to live in Santa Barbara, they don't make enough to go on with their lives, they have to take two jobs," Garcia said.

"Outsourcing is causing people to not have a steady job; it's causing people to not live at the cost of living, and we want the university to stop breaking the law," Garcia added.

The UC Regents is currently considering a motion that – with a few exceptions – would prohibit outsourcing and adopt contracted workers to the UC's payroll if they have been working for the UC for over a year. On Wednesday night, the UC Regents Governance Committee approved the motion; it will now move on to the Board of Regents for a vote.

AFSCME 3299 filed six complaints against the UC on Nov. 1, which primarily alleged unfair labor practices such as outsourcing and accused the

university of cutting costs by contracting with private companies to do work which could be done by union workers.

"It saves money for [the university] because they don't have to pay for pensions, they don't have to pay for benefits, the contractors that they've contracted out with have lower pay," said Babe Gonzalez, an AFSCME member who works as a medical assistant.

The majority of outsourcing has been at medical centers on campuses like UC San Francisco and UC Los Angeles, rendering UCSB a school where outsourcing has a relatively smaller impact, Gonzalez added.

At UCSB, much of the outsourcing is in custodial work, which Garcia said could be performed by staff. AFSCME uses strikes as a bargaining tool, he added – the strike forces the university to hire more people to replace the strikers, which in turn provides the UC incentive to listen to the union's demand that they end illegal outsourcing.

Despite AFSCME's insistence that the strikes are about the illegal outsourcing complaints, UC Office of the President spokesperson Andrew Gordon called the strike a strategy to

gain "leverage in negotiations."

Gordon added that the union ultimately wants double the wages of other employees and said AFSCME 3299 utilizes the strikes as a mechanism to achieve that goal.

"Despite union concerns about contracting, the number of AFSCME-represented employees has actually grown by double digits in the past five years," Gordon said. "UC's contracts with AFSCME protect employees from displacement due to contracting, and no employee can be terminated as a result of a subcontracting decision."

The strike saw a degree of student solidarity, such as from Wendy Santamaria, a fourth-year political science and philosophy major, who attended the strike alongside her fellow Students for Bernie organization members.

"I see it as absolutely crucial for us as students to come together with workers," Santamaria said.

"As long as we keep spreading knowledge of the issues workers are facing, [support for the strike] is going to continue to grow," she added.

In addition to the student support, external groups such as hip-hop duo Rebel Diaz, a Chicago-based group that



was on campus Wednesday to perform at a separate event, marched through campus with the strikers.

"We know that the struggles they're fighting for are not just about wages but about this idea of an entire system becoming privatized and the outsourcing of jobs and services that should be publicly funded," said Rodrigo "RodStarz" Venegas, who is half of Rebel Diaz.

Gonzalez emphasized that "we all want the same thing."

"We all want to make sure that we have a job tomorrow," she added.

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the policy would be established "no later" than Jan. 31, 2020, according to the policy.

In order for the policy to be officially implemented, it will now have to pass a vote by the full Board of Regents.

Under the umbrella of the new policy, the UC is allotted few instances in which outsourced labor will be permitted: if the services are needed in an emergency, if the UC is unable to provide the required equipment or personnel internally, if the services are related to property transactions, if the services would be more convenient to contract out or if services provided by "registry personnel in clinical operations" are not sufficient enough to respond to "staffing needs," according to the policy.

The policy also offers contracted workers, who often work for lower wages and with fewer benefits, an opportunity to be adopted by the UC as university employees if the requirements for their employment are met. In turn, the "in-sourcing" of contracted employees will provide them with the full wages and salaries offered by the UC, according to the policy.

"Individuals employed by

service contractors who have provided those services to the University on a continuous basis for 12 months or more may request to be converted to University employment," the policy continued.

In addition to the intake of contracted workers, employees under "covered services" – contracted services that are qualified to remain outsourced – are mandated by the new policy to be provided with "wages and benefits that are equivalent to the University wages and benefits provided to University employees performing the same work," the policy read.

Furthermore, according to the policy, should "covered services" displace university employees, the university is required to open another position of a similar nature, which must "be in the same bargaining unit and at the same campus, medical center, or Laboratory" and provide matching wages and benefits corresponding to the displaced position.

In total, the new policy is expected to incur roughly an additional \$108 million in costs for the UC, as stated at the meeting; the number was calculated by factoring in the

cost of supplementing contracted work for insourced work.

UC Regent Richard Leib commented on the policy at Wednesday's Governance Committee meeting, predicting that the UC, as the third largest employer in California, may encounter difficulty implementing the policy as "there are certain administrative tasks that are going to make it difficult for our campuses who are under a lot of other pressures."

However, he maintained that implementing the policy will better reflect the values of the UC and those who work for it. "This is the right thing to do," he said.

Despite the prospect for better employment opportunities, wages and benefits through the policy, Todd Stenhouse, communication director for AFSCME, said the union was still doubtful. Stenhouse said three bills passed through the California Legislature between 2015 and 2017 – SB 574, 959 and 376 – all of which attempted to "ensure commensurate pay between contractors and employees who do the same job."

The UC "very publicly and vocally" lobbied to kill the three bills, all of which were

vetoed by Governor Jerry Brown, Stenhouse said. Decisions like these pose a significant threat to employees, he said, especially those where financial insecurity constantly looms.

"These are not individuals that can afford to say, 'Hey, you know, I'm good without a day's pay,'" Stenhouse said. "These are people that don't make a lot of money as it is. They see the pain and the harm and the insecurity that these practices have allowed to fester."

While Stenhouse sees the policy as a sign of "progress" to AFSCME, the new policy "is hardly a finish line." Stenhouse wants to see the UC keep its word and carry out on procedures that have been long overdue.

"This is a matter of concern across the state. We're talking about communities across California. We're talking about thousands of very vulnerable workers who are effectively doing the same jobs in many cases, full time, in many cases for years on end," he said.

"A first-class university does not have second-class workers. It is certainly high time for the University of California to not only talk the talk but to walk the walk."

# Lucidity Contract Negotiations Moved to Dec.

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The Isla Vista Community Services District postponed a vote on a contract with Lucidity LLC for a spring festival on Deltopia until December, citing a number of "outstanding issues" in the contract that need to be resolved, Board President Spencer Brandt said at the board's Tuesday night meeting.

Much of the current debate about the contract revolves around the necessity of police presence at the festival, as well as the timeliness of the contract approval – it has been over a month since the contract with Lucidity was first proposed.

In order for the festival to take place, the district has to finalize two contracts: one with Lucidity LLC, and the other with the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office (SBSO).

In the proposal presented on Tuesday night, Lucidity presented a plan to hire the Guardian Team, a security service "with focus on de-escalation, harm reduction, and crisis management," according to its website.

However, the SBSO is contractually obligated to the Isla Vista Community Services District (I.V. CSD), because it is a public entity to provide officers for any large event, regardless of any separate private security hired for the event, according to Brandt – but the district would like to minimize the police presence at the festival, he said, as simply seeing officers in uniform could be potentially unsettling for people.

"The truth is that cracking down and forcing and arresting and ticketing our way of public safety is not possible," Brandt said.

"That just drives a wedge between law enforcement and the community and we can't go down that road again. We saw what happened in 2014, there was a riot and we can't go back to that."

I.V. CSD Director Jay Freeman called the proposed contract with SBSO – which he said could potentially raise costs for the district – "an endless pit of liabilities."

The contract includes an "indemnification" clause, which would require the I.V. CSD to agree to "indemnify, defend and hold harmless [the] COUNTY ... against any and all claims, actions, losses, damages, and/or liabilities," according to the contract.

Freeman raised concerns that should a situation arise in which the SBSO would need to bring in

more officers, costs would rise for the I.V. CSD. However, according to G. Ross Trindle, district counsel for the I.V. CSD, the possibility is very low for a situation in which the I.V. CSD would be at fault for the actions of SBSO.

I.V. CSD Director George Thurlow also mentioned concerns from SBSO leadership about the timeline of putting together the festival. At the I.V. Safe Task Force meeting held earlier that day, he said SBSO leadership did not believe that holding the festival this year "is the right path to take."

"[SBSO's] position on this is 'wait until next year. It's too soon and there's plenty of time for us to get on the same page,'" Thurlow said at the meeting.

Contract negotiations have been ongoing for over a month now; the proposal was originally brought to the I.V. CSD in early October. Sara Marvel, director for Lucidity LLC, emphasized a month ago the importance of approving the contract in a week to get all the moving pieces ready in time for spring.

Half of the board seemed to be seriously considering the possibility of pushing the festival until 2021, although Brandt was adamant that appropriate adjustments could be made to the contract in time for it to be passed.

Freeman stressed the timeliness of the contract as well, adding that pushing the festival to the following year would give the board more time to finalize contracts.

"A month ago we had a meeting and we were talking about these contracts and how we're going to handle it. It was, essentially, if you don't get the contract done right now, we won't have enough time and that was a month [ago] and we still don't have the contract done, it's not going to happen until weeks from now," Freeman said.

"I just don't think we're able to pull this off right now."

Janet, a resident of I.V. for eight years who attended Tuesday's meeting, echoed Freeman's thoughts, stating that she believed that changing the culture around Deltopia could not be done in a year.

"So as far as the goals go, which is to change the atmosphere of Deltopia, it has to be a multi-year project. It's not going to happen in one year. You have to think out a little bit farther because it will be a gradual process," she said.

*Evelyn Spence contributed reporting.*

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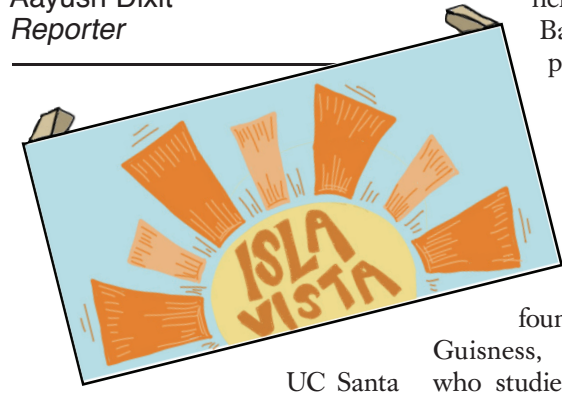


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# Die Up: Cal Poly and UCSB Face Off at Beer Die Tournament



Aayush Dixit Reporter



UC Santa Barbara's longtime rivalry against Cal Poly was put to the test once again last Saturday, when beer die enthusiasts gathered for the annual Dyeislife tournament – a matchup that saw the Gauchos and Mustangs compete fiercely for the win.

But the Mustangs brought an aggressive push that resulted in an early lead, one that UCSB ultimately was unable to overcome. The final score was 11-2, with the Mustangs taking home the championship.

"I came here to play with some of the best people around and improve my game," said Miguel Del Real, a second-year student at Cal Poly hailing from Santa Cruz. Del Real has been playing beer die since his sophomore year in high school.

"It's my second year coming

here, and you know, Santa Barbara's kind of the place to be for this stuff."

The tournament, held at the Kappa Sigma fraternity sand pit, drew a large number of players and spectators. Its host, Dyeislife, was founded in 2015 by Tanner Guisness, a marketing major who studied at the University of Colorado Boulder.

Guisness said he began playing beer die in his sophomore year of college and discovered his passion for the game through his time in college.

After graduation, Guisness started an Instagram page – @dyeislife – which grew rapidly as he went from college to college and currently boasts over 91 thousand followers. Now, Dyeislife is a business that he runs with his partner Jack Hagerty, a former SBCC student, that manages die beer die tournaments across the nation.

Guisness primarily manages tournaments at East Coast colleges such as Penn State and Clemson University while Hagerty handles the majority of the northern California events.

"We're just spreading the gospel

of die across the country," Hagerty said. "We just want to teach the kids what's good. I mean, look at this energy, it's so electric."

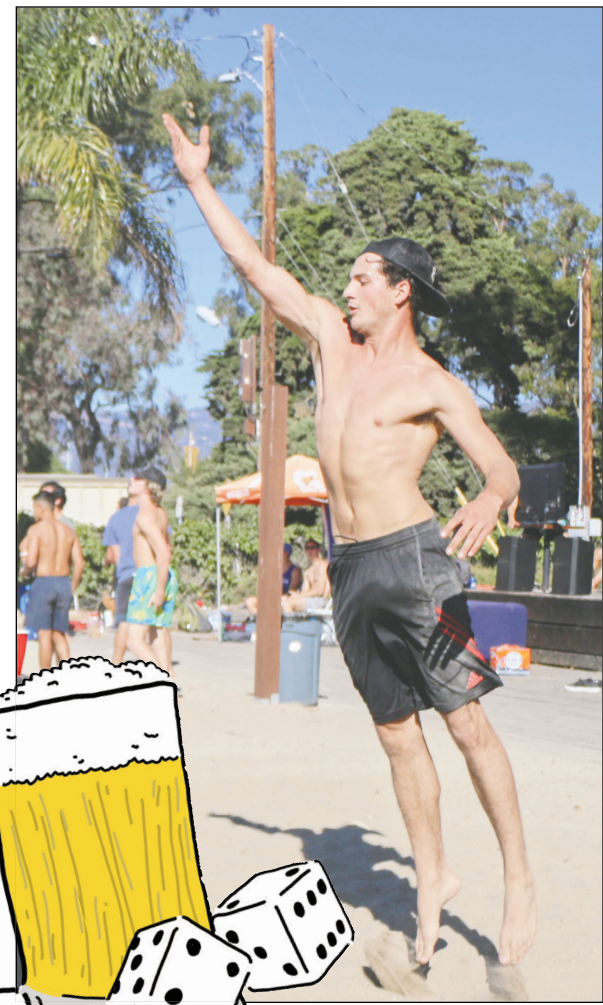
"My goal is to have every backyard set up with a die table," Guisness added. "Sand, astro, turf? Doesn't matter, man, I just want kids playing this game. A lot of people think it's bad because people are drinking, but hey, better beer than chugging a whole handle by yourself, you know what I mean? At least here with die, there are rules and you have to space it out."

Guisness and Hagerty also mentioned that Kappa Sigma was instrumental in getting the event off its feet; the fraternity inspected the sand pits to be free of glass and set up the tables for the event.

Reactions to the event were also very positive, with many non-SB natives complimenting Santa Barbara's locale, vibe and weather, Hagerty said.

Despite playing the game for years, Guisness still finds himself reminiscing about Santa Barbara: its weather, picturesque environment and – not to mention – the joys of spreading beer die spirit.

"No one does it quite like Santa Barbara," Guisness said. "I mean, look around. Beautiful blue skies, tons of dudes, tons of beer and tons of die sports. It's a beautiful thing"



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# Stranded Boat Removed From I.V. Beach After 37 Days



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More than a month and a half after it washed up on shore, the boat stranded off the coast of Isla Vista at Coal Oil Point was finally removed Sunday night.

The process of removing it began at noon on Sunday, and it was officially off the beach by 8 p.m., according to Raquel Zick,

Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office spokesperson. Zick said the removal was a collaborative effort.

"It takes a while to find a company that will even do this," Zick said. "[We also] have to coordinate with the owners of the property" and find the most "cost-effective way to do this."

The boat was removed by a company called Vessel Assist, which filled the boat with foam

before towing it to Santa Barbara Harbor, she said.

The boat, owned by a 27-year-old Northern California resident, ran aground on Oct. 5, as reported by the Santa Barbara Independent.

Since it washed up on the popular Isla Vista beach, dozens of residents have taken to climbing on the boat and taking pictures; the Independent reported that it had been vandalized with graffiti.



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The boat was filled with foam before it was removed.



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The boat, after it was towed to Santa Barbara Harbor.

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# Students and Administrators Talk Potential Bike Path Renovations to Address Growing Campus

Holly Rusch  
Reporter

On Wednesday, UC Santa Barbara's administrative services hosted a town hall for faculty and students to give feedback on tentative renovation plans for campus transportation services, including the removal and rerouting of certain bike paths and proposal of a shuttle system.

The town hall gave planning services company KTUA – which provides analysis and improves landscapes and transportation systems – an opportunity to share its concepts for redesigned UCSB transport, which will be implemented in the coming years to accommodate several new campus buildings.

However, despite a call for student voices to be involved in the new design, only six UCSB students attended the town hall when “we would have liked two hundred,” Tom Bertulis, a senior transportation engineer with KTUA, lamented.

One community member spoke out about the lack of student voices at the event.

“You think that students have the time to come to a two-hour meeting? Students are very busy, and that's why they can't come. If you need them to answer these questions, maybe email them,” he half-jokingly told the crowd.

As Bertulis began his presentation, he touched upon

UCSB's recent platinum-level bike friendliness designation, noting that UCSB is one of eight colleges in the nation to receive it and emphasizing the campus's “unique bike culture.”

“Here, there are almost 1,300 bike trips in a peak 15-minute period. I've never seen anything like this... there are definitely unique challenges this campus faces in regards to bikes. Even a freeway can't handle that many cars in such a short period,” Bertulis said.

Alissa Hummer, director of Campus Planning and Design, explained the campus expansion that the renovated transit plans are meant to address, which include the construction of a new lecture hall that will begin within the next one and a half years, with 540 new faculty residences and a new student housing project in the near future.

“Do we need to not have people bike on the interior of campus and just put bike racks on the outside?” Hummer asked. “It's something to consider. At this point, everything is on the table.”

The new lecture hall, which is being built to accommodate increased class sizes, will most likely divert bike traffic onto UCen Road, she explained.

“I think students understand the constraints of building a new lecture hall, but they understandably have some trepidation. We haven't yet tried to mix bikes and cars in the same transport lane, but it will only be for about a block,” Hummer

said. “In addition, we will most likely need new bike paths coming into the western side of campus to accommodate the new housing.”

The prevalence of campus biking is why second-year environmental science major Sophie Roberts, a member of the A.S. Environmental Affairs Board, decided to attend the meeting.

“I think it's important to maintain the bike paths that we have, and even add new ones because there's so much bike traffic here already that closing paths could be dangerous,” she said.

“For example, I have a class in the Psych Building, and then 10 minutes later I have a class on the other side of campus, and it's physically impossible for me to get there by walking, which is why it's so important to me we keep the bike paths.”

Alex Samarin, a KTUA consultant, emphasized wanting to clear up misconceptions students might have about the remodeling and removal of various bike paths.

“The university has proposed some things, which are at this point just proposals. We're here today to listen to feedback and see how people feel,” Samarin said.

“In regards to closing bike paths, that would be for paths that are underused. We might be able to repurpose those for shuttles. It's not removing paths just to remove them, it would be to accommodate other mobility,” he added.

Bertulis also brought up the idea

of autonomous campus shuttles known as Neighborhood Electric Vehicles, which are futuristic-looking white shuttles that could hypothetically transport students to opposite ends of campus and provide an alternative mode of transport for students who have trouble walking across campus.

“I was speaking to someone who represents the disabled population on campus and currently we have Uber and Lyft reimbursement for students who need a shuttle type of service. But we're looking at more regular type of shuttle that could come more regularly and serve a larger demographic, if there's demand,” Samarin explained.

Making campus transportation more accessible for disabled individuals was a key point throughout the moderated conversation at the town hall. Currently, making sure handicapped individuals have the transport services they need is one of KTUA's “number one priorities,” Bertulis said.

By the end of the town hall, Hummer ended her conversation with a question for students and staff alike.

“We really have to look at this bike system that was never formally designed but was put together piece by piece by piece. We need to look at how it's circulating. Are the bones of this system good and just need some tweaking, or is it fundamentally broken and we need to retool it all together?”



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## Committee Moves Forward With Plans for First Permanent Associated Students Bike Shop



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The search for a permanent location for the Associated Students Bike Shop, in the works since 2010, is now gaining ground again under Associated Students President Alison Sir.

The bike shop, located in the parking lot across from the Social Science and Media Studies Building, was never meant to be a permanent space, but repeated plans to move the shop have stalled over the years.

The current space is “cramped, inflexible, and inefficient,” and facilities can't keep up with bicycle repair demands from a growing campus population in a space never intended to be permanent, according to the Campus Planning Committee's report.

The Associated Students (A.S.) Bike Shop began its operations in 1974, working out of two corrugated steel shipping containers. The original facility had no running water or electricity, and structural decay posed threats to staff members and patrons, the report stated.

The current building was created in 2008 to replace the shipping containers, adding

plumbing and electricity and addressing the most shop's critical needs. But what was meant to be a temporary solution has now been in place for over a decade.

The building's downfalls are especially felt during the beginning of fall quarter, senior mechanic and fourth-year earth science major Estefania Franco said.

“We have tons of supplies and especially when it comes to fall quarter, we get extremely busy and it's kind of hard to help others in maintaining their bikes because we can't house that many bikes here, which we do in case people don't have time to stay with us until their repair gets done or if it's a little bit [of a] longer repair,” Franco said.

“The community keeps growing, but the shop stays in this constant space that doesn't allow us to help out the growing community.”

The current attempt to find a permanent space for the bike shop is not the first. Previous A.S. presidents have incorporated plans for the space into redesigns of the University Center (UCen). Most recently, in spring 2018, President Hieu Le introduced a ballot measure to

pay for the UCen redesign that would include a dedicated space for the bike shop, but when students voted not to move forward with renovations, the bike shop plans fell through.

It wasn't until A.S. President Brooke Kopel, who served during the 2018-2019 academic year, took office that plans moved forward for a bike shop entirely separate from any other designs.

Kopel met last year with Mark Nocchiolo, director of the Office of Budget and Planning, to discuss designs and locations. Nocchiolo and Kopel intended to submit plans for the bike shop during spring of last year but were unable to when the last two campus planning committee meetings of the 2018-2019 year were cancelled.

The project has since moved forward into the current year, with current A.S. President Alison taking over for Kopel.

“They both have that sort of real conviction to get this done,” Nocchiolo said. “And we're doing all we can to make that happen.”

The Campus Planning Committee approved plans to move forward with the bike shop during its Oct. 30 meeting and now plans to hire an architect to

move forward with design and location plans.

The committee for the bike shop's permanent location is a collaboration with Sir, Nocchiolo, others in the Campus Planning Committee, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Margaret Klawunn and employees at the bike shop. The committee created a list of space needs for the building and new location, including bike path accessibility, a garage door, a safer location for test riders than the current parking lot, increased indoor space and bike-specific storage.

While the Campus Planning Committee has opened the search to 11 sites, which may increase when an architect is hired, the bike shop identified four locations they would prefer: by the Thunderdome, by the Student Affairs Building, by the UCSB bus loop and in the Old Gymnasium Building.

Of these four, Franco expressed that the Thunderdome is the preferred location of bike shop employees.

“It already has some good plumbing and electricity situations, which would make it really ideal, especially because since it is on campus, it would make a really easy kind of for

everyone since it belongs to the school,” Franco said.

While the bike shop supports the Thunderdome location, Nocchiolo has purposefully kept the location list open instead of recommending one for the Campus Planning Committee at this stage in the project.

“In our project proposal, we included all the sites that we looked at, and we did that so that the committee would recognize that this is a process that is going to have more than one set of eyes looking at it. We felt as if it made more sense for the committee to see the array of possible sites rather than saying it's this site or that site or this other site,” Nocchiolo said.

While Nocchiolo saw the immediate importance of a permanent shop location, he believes architects and the Campus Planning Committee must take into account the long-term growth of the university.

“Students are instrumental in this activity; we will definitely want to have a committee involved, and students are always a part of these things. Student funds – they need to have a say. But we also need to have our eye on the long-term interests of the institution. We

have a long range development plan that is going to live beyond us,” Nocchiolo said.

“We want it to be in a place that makes sense for the long term so that it is indeed permanent and that we're not asking to have it moved again. We don't want to forego any future development that would be really important to the academic program.”

The university is also currently discussing master circulation of pathways, sidewalks, bike paths and roadways, according to the report, so Nocchiolo doesn't want any current bike shop plans to get in the way of other development projects in the works.

Now that an architect has been hired, Nocchiolo says it is a “realistic goal” to have the project approved by the Campus Planning Committee by the end of the academic year, so construction can commence during the summer.

For bike shop employees like Franco, the change can't come soon enough.

“The bike shop should grow as the community of biking grows. We see more and more students come in with bikes every year, but [our current location] is slowly limiting the amount of people we are able to help.”

# UCSB Undocumented Student Services Speaks to Resources for Students Amidst DACA Hearings

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The Supreme Court began oral arguments for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program on Tuesday and will soon rule on the legality of the program – a decision that will decide the futures of over 1,700 University of California students.

Under the direction of UC President Janet Napolitano, the UC Regents filed a lawsuit in September 2017 challenging President Trump's announcement that he would end the program and took its stance as a defender of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program.

There is a UC-wide service to help undocumented students: the UC Immigrant Legal Services Center. Based out of UC Davis, the program places an attorney at each UC campus who is available for legal assistance.

In addition to the legal assistance, each UC has set aside resources for undocumented students, each with a program tailored to the needs of their respective campus. At UC Santa Barbara, this support comes from the Undocumented Student Services (USS).

The program, located on the second floor of the Student Resource Building, was officially established in 2014 through funding from the Office of the President set aside specifically for undocumented student services.

Diana Valdivia, coordinator for Undocumented Student Services, works with seven student interns to help undocumented students on campus.

"I've been working around undocumented students for five years, and prior to that I was organizing DACA legal clinics," Valdivia said. "The passion of working with

immigrant communities

and having a masters in student affairs when these positions opened up were part of the reason for my interest."

Valdivia has seen exponential growth in undocumented student services over the past three years in particular – both from overall growth of the new

program as well as from heightened concerns from immigrant students when it was announced in 2017 that DACA would be rescinded, she said.

"When DACA was rescinded... we were seeing students [come in and] worry about, 'What does that look like?'" she said.

Valdivia's goal with Undocumented Student Services is to provide a "different narrative" for the greater campus about what it means

said.

Additionally, each year during the third week of winter quarter, the center puts on an annual Immigration Awareness Week on campus, where it hosts a series of events to provide outreach about how to support the UCSB immigrant community.

The services also offer a faculty mentorship program, which connects undocumented students to other students and faculty members.

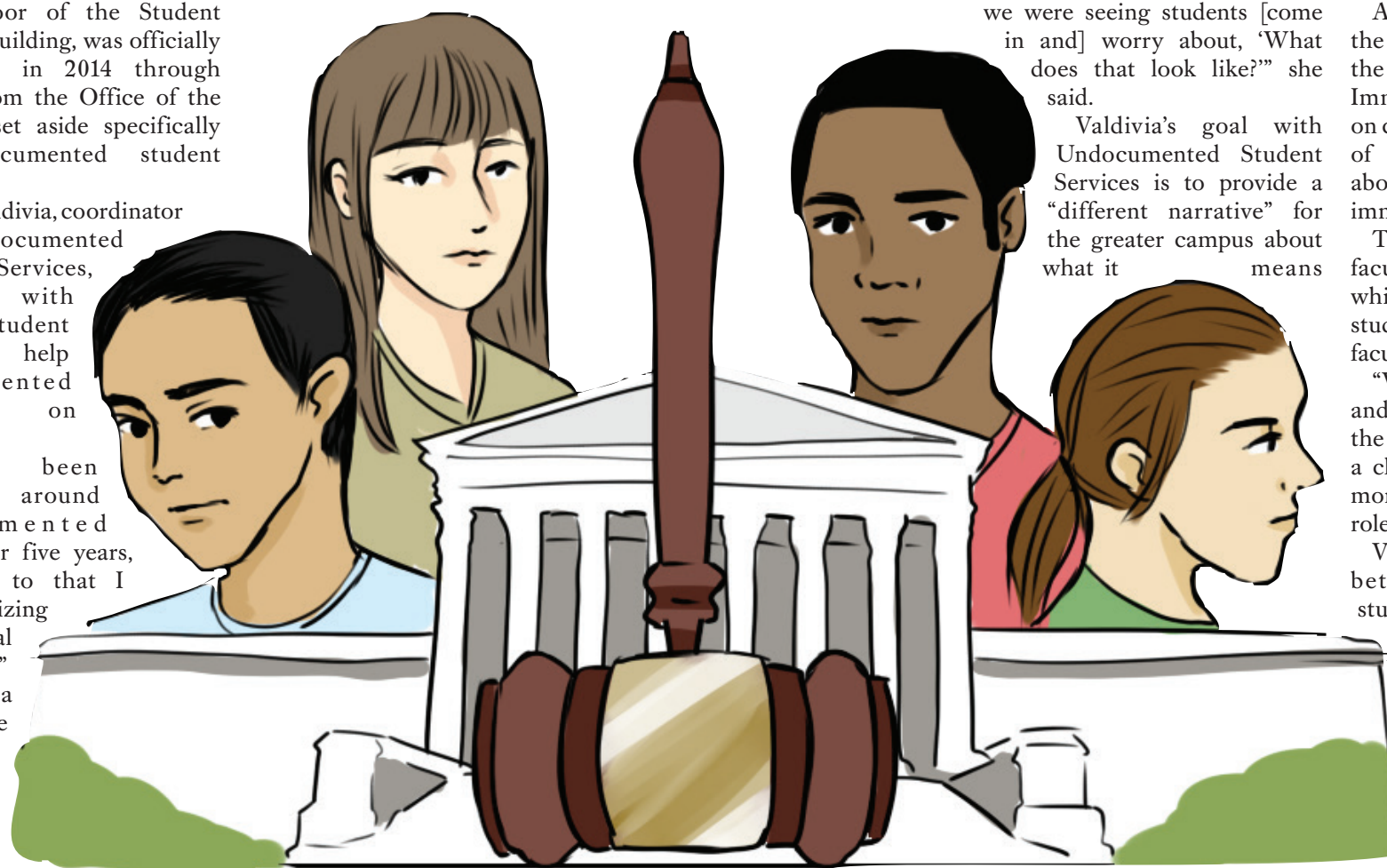
"We have socials for students, and then faculty also come to the socials, and then students get a chance to interact with them more in an informal mentor role," Valdivia explained.

Valdivia sees the connection between undocumented students and the greater UCSB population as beneficial to everyone, particularly as the Supreme Court goes through the DACA hearings.

"A lot of the times media might be focusing on the trauma, what it means to be undocumented and that's totally valid," Valdivia said.

"[It's important] for us to be able to provide a different narrative."

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## "It's always important to me to honor and recognize the people who came before us": RCSGD Kicks Off 20th Anniversary Celebration

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Lead News Editor

When the Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity was formed in 1999, the pride flag had been in existence for 19 years; the bisexuality flag had only been created the year before; the lesbian flag would be created a year later; and the pansexual and non-binary flags wouldn't be created for another 10 and 15 years, respectively.

Now, 20 years later, the center is adorned with an array of colorful flags representing the diverse identities of the LGBTQ+ community – and representing how far the UCSB community has come in embracing individuals who identify with the LGBTQ+ community.

"The UC system has been a leader in having LGBT centers for their campuses; among the UC system, most of the centers are between 20 and 30 years old," current RCSGD Director Craig Leets, who is the center's ninth director, said.

"There were many students, staff and volunteers and other students who all have made the center of what it is today, who have brought the center through 20 years," Leets added.

"It's always important to me, to honor and recognize like the people who came before us."

The center kicked off its 20th anniversary celebrations with an event on Tuesday evening, with Leets giving attendees a small history of the RCSGD. He started by describing how the center, then known as the Queer Resource Center, was first started by a group of student activists in 1999 after the death of Matthew Shepard, a gay student at the University of Wyoming who was murdered in 1998.

"[The students] organized to convince Chancellor Yang, who was here then and is still here now, that we needed a specific resource center for LGBTQ students. At the time that MCC existed, as well as the Women's Center. But

there was no university-funded space for LGBTQ students," Leets explained.

The staff members then began a video call with former students, staff and activists who had worked with the center in the past, all of whom reflected on the activism involved with the RCSGD to celebrate it. Sabrina Kwist, dean of equity and inclusion at Los Medanos College, who was a key part of the activism behind the founding of the RCSGD, was on the call and spoke to attendees about the experience of creating the center.

According to Kyle Richards, the director of the RCSGD from 2002 to 2007, the center was originally located on the third floor of the University Center (UCen), next to University and Community Housing Services – Leets said that this was why the kickoff was held in the UCen as opposed to the center's current location on the third floor of the Student Resource Building.

"[The center was on] the third floor next to the community housing office and it was a small lounge and an office with a desk and a little library and then some sofas and that was about it," Richards said.

"It was during my time here that we moved over ... That was when the Student Resource Building was first built and we were one of the first tenants that moved into it when it was opened."

It also during Richards' time as director that the center changed its name from the Queer Resource Center to the Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity, citing concerns that "queer" was inapplicable to people who did not identify as such.

"There was a concern that the word 'queer' may be off-putting to some people, or they may be scared or didn't identify as queer. So we wanted a name that was more inclusive to people, that felt like a broader terminology that was more representative of the greater community," Richards explained.

He joked that despite the center's name change, "RCSGD" wasn't quite the nice, quick

acronym they had hoped for.

According to Richards, during the center's early days it only had a very small budget to work with, so the center would partner with other campus organizations such as the MultiCultural Center and the Women's Center to bring in speakers.

"If it was a queer-related theme, then we would co-sponsor it with them and add it to a programming calendar of events that we would distribute. We would cross list things; that's how we kind of maximized what we did, by partnering with other campus offices. That was the main way," Richards said.

But the kickoff isn't all the center has planned for the 20th anniversary. During Winter Quarter 2020, the center will have 20th anniversary keynote speakers – to be announced in the coming weeks – for its trans revolution series, Leets said.

He also added that the center plans to invite alumni back to its annual drag brunch and will finish up the year by inviting alumni and past center staff for a dinner that will "recognize the history of the center."

At the end of the kickoff event, Leets announced the launch of a photo installation project for the outside of the director's office at the RCSGD.

"If you post [photos] on social media and use any one of these four hashtags, we will use those at the end of the year to create a permanent photo installation that will live on in the center, similar to the mural that was created for the 15th anniversary," Leets said.

Leets added that he hopes to expand on the services offered by the center – referencing the recent initiative by the center to implement pronouns across several university systems – and to continue making the campus a more inclusive place for LGBTQ+ people.

"We have a vibrant community within our lounge here in the Student Resource Building – [we're] trying continually to make UCSB be a welcoming place for all LGBTQ+ people."



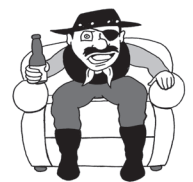
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Twenty years since its creation, the center is now adorned with an array of colorful flags representing the diverse identities of the LGBTQ+ community.



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The center was originally located on the third floor of the UCen, next to University and Community Housing Services.

**Armchair QB**

Mike Fiers, a former Houston Astros pitcher, recently admitted to The Athletic that the team was stealing signs using a camera during their 2017 championship run. Seems like baseball is interesting after all!

# SPORTS

**UCSB Athletics**

UCSB swimmer Emily Boggess was awarded the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Athlete of the Week on Wednesday. She'll be back in action this weekend as the Gauchos get set to take part in the A3 Invitational.

## No. 15 UCSB Visits No. 16 UC Davis for Big West Tournament Final

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Staff Writer

After months of Division 1 men's soccer and 21 fixtures later, UCSB's season culminates this week as a title match is on the line. The conference's top two teams will face off as No. 15 UCSB travels up north to UC Davis for the Big West Tournament Finals. Along with the championship, much will be at stake as a spot in the NCAA Tournament will also be up for grabs.

On the season, UCSB holds a 12-3-4 overall record and are 4-1-2 in conference play. Currently on a two-game unbeaten streak, the Gauchos have slowly started to pick up their form now in the postseason. Considering that Friday's title match will be away at UC Davis, it's also worth noting that UCSB continues to be undefeated when on the road.

Heading into this one, the Gauchos will be coming off a dominant 2-0 home victory over CSUN in the Big West Tournament Semifinals.

As for UC Davis, their season stands at an overall record of 12-4-2 and 5-1-1 in the Big West. After a slow start to their season, the team has truly turned it around and will give the Gauchos their toughest challenge yet as they are also

undefeated in playing at home.

The Aggies also earned a 2-0 home victory of their own in the semifinals against Cal State Fullerton, and there will be no rested advantage for either the Aggies or the Gauchos as both teams finished the conference regular season as the top-two seeded teams, thus granting them each first-round byes.

Historically, UCSB is favored in this matchup, as the Gauchos lead in the all-time record versus the Aggies by a record of 23-10-6.

However, these two sides have met only once before this season, back in late October, and that encounter resulted in a 1-1 draw after double overtime. In addition, the Gauchos were also missing a few key players that day due to several sustained injuries.

Following the announcement of the yearly Big West honors, a total of eight Gauchos were named for the all-conference team, including Noah Billingsley for Defensive Player of the Year, Thibault Candia for Co-Midfielder of the Year and Finn Ballard McBride for Freshman of the Year.

But in terms of whom to watch for among the Gauchos at Friday's championship game, junior forward Rodney Michael and senior forward Will Baynham are the players in form. As it stands, both members of the dynamic duo lead their team in

playmaking with 8 assists apiece.

They've also managed to get their names on the scoresheet quite frequently as Baynham has the second-most goals for the Gauchos with 7, and Michael comes in fourth with 5 goals to his name. Of the striking duo, each notched a goal for UCSB in their semifinal bout versus CSUN, and each will surely play a pivotal role in the final title match as well.

For the Aggies, they have a star striker of their own in senior forward Adam Mickelson.

After scoring the second goal for his side's semifinal match against Cal State Fullerton, Mickelson now has 4 goals on the season to go along with his team-leading 5 assists.

As Mickelson is also leading his team in total shots, it'll be vital for the Gauchos to keep UC Davis' main offensive target from getting hot.

With plenty of storylines in the mix and plenty of star players to compete this week, the Big West Tournament Final is shaping up to be yet another great day for soccer fans.

Tune in as the men's soccer conference concludes with what'll be a memorable bout between No. 15 UCSB and No. 16 UC Davis.

Kickoff is set for 2 p.m. this Friday, Nov. 15, as the Gauchos travel away to take on the Aggies at Aggie Soccer Field.



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## Gauchos Hoping For Strong Finish, CSUN Looking to Play Spoiler

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The UC Santa Barbara women's volleyball team will hit the road for back-to-back games against Long Beach State and Cal State Northridge, two teams very capable of forcing a late-season upset.

The Gauchos have won three of their last five games but are coming off two straight losses against Hawai'i and Cal Poly.

Long Beach State is 5-2 in their last seven games but fell to UCSB 1-3 just over two weeks ago. The Gauchos will arguably face the tougher of the two on Saturday in which they're set to take on the 12-13 CSUN Matadors, who are currently on fire having won each of their last four games with a combined 12-3 record in sets.

Long Beach State sophomore Kashauna Williams is in the midst of a fine season that includes 402 kills with a .258 hitting percentage. She has done more than just score, though, as she is third on the team with 39 total blocks.

UCSB Lindsey Ruddins loses the kills competition with her 351 kills but has shot .282 for a much more efficient product. Perhaps this would be due in part to the help behind Ruddins, but Long Beach has clear advantages over UCSB with higher numbers in both assists (1194-1096) and digs (1337-1261).

Both teams also have four players with at least 100 kills, with the top count going to Williams, but the low count also goes to Long Beach's Allison Martinez, who has 103.

I decided to take an even deeper look into these offenses and quickly calculated the hitting percentages of each team's leading four scorers, finding that Long Beach's Williams, YiZhi Xue, Katie Kennedy and Martinez have shot for a combined .252; all the while, UCSB's Ruddins, Tallulah Froley, Rowan Ennis and Deni Wilson have completely eclipsed that number at .308.

It is also interesting to note that Ruddins is the only one of her team's top four scorers to have shot under .300 thus

far, while Xue would be the only member of her team's top four to shoot for over .300. Long Beach's Kennedy takes the spot for the most inefficient of the combined eight at .155.

Taking into account the fact that Long Beach is playing for respect and the Gauchos are still seeking silverware, it'll be a hard-fought match with the Gauchos likely taking the win.

Players to look out for include all of the aforementioned as each offense is set to have a stout cast of warriors around them capable of fighting from start to finish.

CSUN will pose the bigger threat this weekend given their extraordinary form as of late. It should also be mentioned that CSUN's last three games are against Cal Poly, UCSB and Hawai'i, in that order.

What a tough fight to end the season for all remaining teams, but it's a given at this point that the Matadors would love nothing more than to add a little drama to this soap opera that is the Big West.

CSUN is led by Seyvion Waggoner who leads her team with 311 kills, but at just a .235 rate.

Other notable stat advantages include errors, in which UCSB leads at 429-474, and service aces, in which CSUN leads at 129-104. This means the Matadors are flinging fire at 5.16 free points per game.

It is obvious that the Matadors have been nothing short of devastating on the serve. The Gauchos will have to be focused if they are to defend CSUN's masterful service game.

As far as the Gauchos are concerned, Olivia Lovenberg will likely be Olivia Lovenberg, Deni Wilson will surely be looking to finish her freshman year strong, and Ruddins will have to be ready to roll if UCSB is to have any hope at hopping Hawai'i or Cal Poly.

Other players to watch include UCSB's Froley and Romoni Vivao and CSUN's Waggoner, Kamalu Makekau-Whittaker (455 assists) and Makayla Bradford (355 digs).

UCSB will visit the infamous Walter Pyramid this Friday, where they will take on Long Beach State, before heading to Northridge on Saturday. Both games will kick off at 7 p.m.



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# Gauchos Return to the Thunderdome for Two-Game Homestand

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The UCSB women's basketball team returns to the Thunderdome this week for a two-game homestand. The Gauchos will be taking on the San Jose State Spartans on Friday and then hosting the USC Trojans on Monday.

UCSB comes into the weekend with a 1-1 record, fresh off the heels of a 64-43 loss against St. Mary's on Friday.

Freshman point guard Johnni Gonzalez was the only Gaucho that reached double figures in the loss, which was the silver lining in an all-around disappointing performance.

The 'Chos finished with shooting splits of 26.5/13/57.1 and actually had more turnovers (10) than assists (9).

This was a complete switch-up from the season opener where UCSB defeated Utah Valley 59-51.

In that game, junior guard Danae Miller shot a perfect 5-of-5 from the 3-point line en route to a game-high 24 points. Freshman center Ila Lane also dropped in 15 points to go along with 6 rebounds in her freshman debut.

The question is: Which team will show up this weekend?

San Jose State University (SJSU) gives the Gauchos a great opportunity to get their offense back on track. The Spartans have given up around 82.75 points per game, and opponents have shot 43% from the field against them.

The key to victory for UCSB will be taking advantage of SJSU's lack of a strong interior presence. San Jose is losing the cumulative rebounding battle 129-104 over its first three games.

Although the Gauchos are missing one of their best centers in Natalia Bruening, this will be a great opportunity for Ila Lane to continue to establish her presence in the paint.

SJSU mainly runs a two-woman operation on offense, with the point

guard-forward duo of Ayzhiana Basallo and Tyra Whitehead doing the bulk of the scoring. They currently are averaging a team-leading 21.3 and 17.3 points respectively. Danae Miller will most likely be tasked with stopping Basallo, who does most of her work on the perimeter, while it will take a team effort to slow down Whitehead in the post.

If the Gauchos are able to slow these two down, they should be in perfect position to pick up their second win of the season.

Looking ahead to Monday's matchup, UCSB will have its work cut out when the undefeated Trojans come to town.

UCSB offers up a completely different challenge than the Spartans as they feature an extremely stingy defense, only giving up an average of 51 points per game so far.

The Trojans haven't shot well at all from the field; however, they have dominated their opponents on the board, producing second-chance opportunities that help offset their poor shooting.

One glaring weakness that the Gauchos will have to take advantage of is USC's propensity to turn the ball over. The Trojans are averaging a whopping 16 turnovers per game, and it will be crucial for UCSB to force errors and earn fast-break opportunities because of how difficult it is to score when USC has its half-court defense set.

The Trojans have an extremely balanced offense composed of three double-digit scorers. Instead of prioritizing individual defense and matchups, the Gauchos will have to communicate and defend as a unit in order to get stops on Monday.

The pivotal storyline for UCSB this weekend will be how Danae Miller responds after an uncanny poor shooting night in her last game. With the emergence of Johnni Gonzalez as the main distributor on the floor, Miller has been given more freedom to produce and take shots. If she is able to get back on track, then the Gauchos have a great chance to win at least one of their two games coming up.

UCSB faces off against SJSU at 7 p.m. on Friday and plays USC at 7 p.m. on Monday. Both games will take place at home in the Thunderdome.



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# UCSB Men's Basketball Set To Host Rice University on Saturday



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UC Santa Barbara men's basketball Head Coach Joe Pasternak wants free throws to be an integral part of his team's identity. So far this season, that has only been occasionally true.

UCSB is 1-1 at this point in the season, with 22 free throw attempts in a win over Jackson State and 9 free throw attempts in a loss to UCLA. When the Gauchos host Rice University on Saturday afternoon, they'll be aiming for a number closer to 22.

If the Gauchos need any more evidence that free throws are important, they need not look any further than the last time they played Rice. UCSB topped the Owls 99-89 in an overtime thriller last season thanks in large part to 23 free throws made on 24 attempts, a far cry from this season's UCLA game.

The Owls are 3-1 this season with wins over Penn, Wayland Baptist and Northwestern State and a 91-43 loss at the hands of Arkansas. Penn beat Alabama in Tuscaloosa earlier this season, adding a little extra luster to Rice's victory.

Rice returns with three starters from last year's team, but sophomore guard Trey Murphy III, new to the starting lineup this year, has been the team's most impactful player so far this season.

Murphy leads the Owls with 14.5 points per game on 45% field goal shooting and 33% shooting from beyond the arc. The sophomore has increased his point total in every game so far this season, including most recently with a 25-point performance against Northwestern State.

"Trey Murphy is a great player," UCSB Head Coach Joe Pasternak said. "He can really shoot the ball. He's a three-man playing the four-man, he can drive, he can shoot the ball, they use him a lot and our four men are gonna have to do a great job defending him."

Senior guard Ako Adams is second on the team in scoring with 11 points per game so far this season. Setting aside a game against Wayland Baptist that saw Adams play just 10 minutes and score zero points, the senior is averaging 14.7 points.

Adams, who has started every game for the Owls since his sophomore year, is one of four seniors on the team. Fellow senior Robert Martin, a forward, is the only other senior in the

starting lineup and provides some experience in the frontcourt.

Martin is averaging 5.3 rebounds a game so far this season, second only to 6-8 sophomore wing Drew Peterson and his 7.3 rebounds a game. Keeping both Martin and Peterson off the glass is a must for the Gauchos, who lost the rebounding battle, and subsequently, the war on Sunday against UCLA.

Rice has turned the ball over 16.8 times per game so far this season, third-worst in the Conference USA. That number is inflated by a nightmare performance against Arkansas that saw the Owls turn the ball over 27 times, but the point remains that Rice has struggled with ball security.

The Gauchos, meanwhile, have struggled to force turnovers in their two games this season, setting up an interesting clash on Saturday. Against UCSB, Jackson State and UCLA both turned the ball over 9 times, which would make for Rice's most ball-secure game this season.

"What we have to do is play 40 minutes of defense," Pasternak said. "Against Jackson State we only played a half ... and against UCLA we only played in the first half defensively."

While the Owls haven't excelled at taking care of the basketball, they've done at least a so-so job of keeping opponents away from the free throw line.

While Northwestern State did achieve 24 chances from the charity stripe during their matchup, no other team has cracked 15 free throw attempts this season.

In order to follow in Northwestern State's footsteps, the Gauchos will have to play aggressively on offense and focus on getting to the rim rather than settling for jumpshots. Rice presents much less of a size disadvantage for UCSB than UCLA does, which should make interior offense a little easier to come by.

"We need to be more aggressive offensively, attacking the basket, driving the ball, posting up and using our size to our advantage to get to the free throw line," Pasternak said.

UCSB played Rice aggressively last season and got 24 free throws and a win out of it.

The situation isn't exactly the same this season, but if the Gauchos follow a similar blueprint, they'll put themselves in a position to win again.

UCSB hosts Rice University on Saturday in the Thunderdome at 2 p.m.

# No. 5 Men's Water Polo To Close Out Season Against No. 6 Pepperdine

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Staff Writer

This Saturday, Nov. 16, the No. 5 UCSB men's water polo team caps off their regular season schedule with a matchup against No. 6 Pepperdine.

These two water polo powerhouses have a history of playing close, physical games with one another, and I expect Saturday to be no exception. Both of these teams want to enter the upcoming Golden Coast Conference (GCC) tournament with a high seed and unbreakable momentum.

Therefore, Saturday's contest should be a good one.

The Gauchos currently own a 19-5 overall, 3-1 conference record that puts them in second place in the conference standings.

Pepperdine has earned a 21-7 overall, 3-1 conference record but sits just below the 'Chos in the GCC standings due to losses in the three previous games between these two teams.

UCSB comes into this match as winners of their last four games and have been playing like a serious title contending team. Over these games their astounding depth and senior leadership has been on display. Senior

utility Ivan Gvozdanovic has been dominant for the Gauchos, averaging an impressive 3 goals a contest over the past four games.

Along with Gvozdanovic, attackers like sophomore Nathan Puentes have been shooting very effectively. Last week, Puentes had a career night versus No. 7 Cal, ripping off a remarkable 6 goals.

Pepperdine also comes in as winners of their last four games.

The team's last game was an impressive 10-9 victory over No. 8 Long Beach State. Pepperdine is led by senior center and 2-meter man Chris Dilworth who had 3 goals against Long Beach.

If UCSB wants to beat Pepperdine on Thursday, they are going to need shut Dilworth down through their stout zone defense and make him swim by controlling the tempo of the game.

If they continue to play as a cohesive unit, as they have over the past four games, the Gauchos can be a dangerous force entering this weekend's match and the GCC tournament.

The game is in Malibu this Saturday at noon. If you can't make it down the coast to support your Gauchos, tune in to theFosh.net for live updates and stats during the game.



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# ARTSWEEK

## A Weekend of Music, Fun and Boos: Camp Flog Gnaw '19



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Reporter

Courtesy of Allen J. Schaben

Tyler, the Creator brought weirdos together for the eighth year at his annual Camp Flog Gnaw music festival, giving fans a weekend of seesawing emotions. Flog Gnaw took over Dodger Stadium for the second time, wrapping up Tyler's most successful year, after his latest project "IGOR" reached No. 1 album in the country. However, the customer satisfaction rate was not at 100%, with fans still asking "Where's Frank?" at the end of the festival weekend.

Arriving at Camp Flog Gnaw this year was no different than the year preceding it. With a lineup geared toward the R&B genre, the festival was host to thousands of youthful attendees all dressed in their finest attire, with no two outfits being the same. The dedicated music fans all rushed in as the doors opened, already wrapped up in the spirit of the festival. The rest of the crowd could be seen taking out their small Ziplocs of fun-colored pills, powders, puffables and other precious paraphernalia from their bags after clearing security.

Once the business at security was handled, fans were able to enjoy their trip at a festival-goers

wonderland, complete with the usual games, rides, merch stands, a Pop-Tarts party and plenty of photo opportunities. Attendees were set free to stomp and stumble around the grounds, gawking at the wide spectrum of color and sound that the festival had to offer, with plenty of medical tents throughout the venue.

On day one, crowds could be seen growing in size around the time of Thundercat's set, five hours after the doors opened. By then, the crowd was at a comfortable level with their inebriation – heavy-eyed, heavy-armed and ready to digest the music of some of the industry's most talented artists. Thundercat gave the crowd what they needed, delivering funky yet hectic, jazz-fusion tunes, dedicating a couple to his cat and one to his late friend and acclaimed rapper Mac Miller.

The Internet was up next and supplied audience members with an enchanting journey through neo-soul performed in front of a sunset, which was highly fitting for their soothing melodies. Summer Walker followed in the schedule, bringing along not one but two pole dancers to accompany her sexy and provoking ballads. She even invited a couple of fans on stage to work the pole and show what they had. Daniel Caesar soon hit the stage, singing his pain away through highly personal and intimate lyrics, executed with a stunning vocal

performance.

Five minutes after his set, it was Tyler's turn. He proved to be a good host, giving everyone a theatrical set complete with spark showers to fit his grand productions. But the night didn't end there, with 21 Savage bringing his aggressive and violent flow to the show, at one point displaying a short video which followed his previous deportation to the UK. After moshing to 21, fans spent the comedown listening to Solange's sweet songs, taking in the final energies of night one.

It was time for day two, and there was still the lingering question of who was going to be the final headliner, with our only official clue being three taunting question marks. Still, there somehow seemed to be an agreement among everyone that it was going to be Frank Ocean.

Attendees suppressed their Frank Ocean anticipation and trekked on through day two, with Blood Orange being the first artist to draw in a huge crowd. Taking his musical mastery with him on stage, he not only sang but also frequently alternated between playing intense guitar and upright bass solos.

Brockhampton was after, performing inside a living room set with an airplane crashed through its wall, bringing the boy-band bops that the group is known for. Following that set, the night was about to gradually slip its way into controversy starting with YG's set as he brought out special guests like Shoreline Mafia, DJ Mustard and Tyga. However, his most exciting guest was introduced with his anti-Trump anthem, "FDT." YG brought out Trump's alleged ex-lover, Stormy Daniels, to share a few unfavorable words about the POTUS, ending with a collective "Fuck Donald Trump!" from the crowd. After YG, fans were ready for the answer to the mystery of the final Flog Gnaw headliner, many sending in their final prayers that it would be Frank Ocean.

Soon, Tyler walked out and asked, "Could I bring a few friends out, would that be ok?" which was answered with a storm of affirmative screams. First to emerge from backstage was Lord Pretty Flacko himself, A\$AP Rocky, showing up to get the crowd moving for two of his songs before walking offstage. Tyler then returned and asked "Can I bring out another friend?" and welcomed Lil Uzi Vert on stage, electrifying the audience with his infectious enthusiasm. Uzi finished after two songs, prompting Tyler again. "Can I ...," he

started until he was cut off by the crowd's noise. And then he stepped out – not Frank Ocean, but Drake, international superstar, initially being warmly welcomed by the fans. His setlist included some of his most popular bangers, but also some deep album cuts performed beautifully by the current king of pop. As he wrapped up his set, he asked if the crowd wanted more. But as they were still expecting Frank to close the show, many responded with boos and screams of no. The show ended there, with Drake saying goodbye to Camp Flog Gnaw. "It's been love. I love y'all. I go by the name of Drake," he said. "Thank y'all for having me."

As everyone marched in unison back to their cars, most were left disappointed with the way the night ended. Some were mad that it wasn't Frank, while others were mad at the way the crowd treated Drake.

"That's Drake, the number one artist in the world! How y'all gonna show Juice WRLD love, but not Drake? Fuck Frank!" said one festival attendant.

The weekend had been a testament to youth and the possibilities that being a kid can offer. Even though the weekend ended on a sour note, many left having accomplished what they set out to do: enjoy themselves. They had finished off a weekend of arguably too many substances in one piece, coming out with a few more stories to tell. Camp Flog Gnaw made history once again, leaving Dodger Stadium upside down and covered in drug remnants. Tyler truly knows how to throw a party.



Courtesy of Camp Flog Gnaw/Goldenvoice

## Drag Queen & Activist Latrice Royale Brings Energy to UCSB

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Reporter

Activist and drag queen Latrice Royale performed and then participated in a moderated discussion around drag, queerness and self-expression at a free UC Santa Barbara event this Thursday.

Royale, who garnered drag community fame after her appearances on three seasons of RuPaul's Drag Race, performed several numbers to great audience excitement before engaging in conversation with three members of the UCSB community also involved in drag.

"This is incredibly liberating and the fact that this event is free is incredibly important. Witnessing students who've been in my classes, queer students, be here tonight is special," UCSB Professor of Chicano and Chicana Studies Micaela Díaz-Sánchez said, breaking off as she saw Latrice appear. "Ah! That's her!"

The event, put on by UCSB's MultiCultural Center (MCC), was something that "has been in the works for months," said MCC office manager Jesse Avila, who introduced Royale.

"I personally fell in love with Latrice Royale back in 2012, after she emotionally shared that she found new life through drag during and after her time being incarcerated," Avila said to the packed concert hall.

Royale briefly touched on her incarceration; one of her numbers was a gospel song she listened to every day while incarcerated, and she later spoke to the crowd about voting rights for those previously incarcerated.

"I was recently eligible to get my voting rights back ... What I want you to know is whatever your stance on politics, whatever the case may be, if you have a voice and you are able, you need to be willing to speak for those who don't have a voice," Royale said.

Breaking up the serious moment, Royale then addressed latecomers walking down the aisle, jokingly yelling "Late!" at them. "Come on in, hey girl!" Turning to the audience, she shrugged. "I had to!"

Royale's rapport with her audience was unmistakable: the event was filled with laughter, cheers and snaps at every turn as the crowd

listened intently to her experience on RuPaul's Drag Race and her wisdom on all things from activism to skin-toned tights.

E Cooper Jr., a drag queen and UCSB undergraduate advisor in the physics department, recalled her experience first reaching out to Latrice Royale during the moderated conversation portion of the event.

"I could never find tights that fit," Cooper said.



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**LATRICE ROYALE**

"So I asked Latrice on Twitter, 'Where should I go?' But I was like, never in a million years would Latrice want to take time off her world tour to respond to me on Twitter."

Latrice Royale turned to Cooper onstage: "And what happened?"

"You responded," said Cooper sheepishly.

Royale and Cooper, along with Maddy Mokes, a drag queen and UCSB's Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity program coordinator, and Eugene Riordan, a UCSB Ph.D. student in global studies, also touched on more serious topics during their time onstage.

"For me, drag is a test to see how deep I can dive into myself, how deep I can dive into my creativity



Courtesy of VH1

and test my connection with people. For me, my work as a program coordinator is also because I love working with people, so if Dwayne's doing it that way, Maddy's doing it this way," said drag queen Maddy Mokes, who uses the name Dwayne Moseby in his work at UCSB.

For all three drag queens, the road to self-acceptance and individuality wasn't an easy one.

"I had someone come up to me, after I had said I wanted to be on RuPaul's Drag Race, and say 'You know they already have a Latrice Royale?'" said Cooper. "But you know what I told them? I said, 'Yes, but they haven't had a Cooper yet.'"

"And you know what, that's just horrible," Latrice Royale stated in response.

Latrice Royale also discussed her personal hardships on the road to drag, including her struggles with spirituality.

"I have always said that your relationship with our higher power is your own personal relationship. But it is difficult when the church is

saying you are not a child of God, but God is not saying that," she explained.

While she used her faith to persevere while in prison, something else "saved her," she stated.

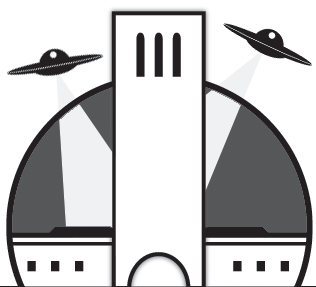
"Drag is the only thing that could make me focus on what I was going to do when I went out. I just planned, and I didn't know how I was going to do it, but I knew that I was."

After the conversation, Royale answered questions from the audience in a typical no-holds-barred style. To a UCSB student who asked for career advice, she bluntly asked, "Do you have talent?"

Elaborating, she explained: "My advice is to find your talent, first and foremost. Figure that out."

But overall, the message of UCSB's Latrice Royale event was one of universal self-love, as Latrice Royale herself explained.

"Mostly, I want you to realize how special and magnificent you all are. You need to realize that, embrace that, own that. You are sickening."



# NEXUSTENTIALISM

It's Satire, Stupid.

## Sad! Local Vegan Won't Even Eat His Own Boogers

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Nexustentialism Editor

Local vegan Ian Greenberg shocked friends and family this week when he admitted that – as a vegan – he abstains from eating his own boogers.

“Like damn man,” said Ian’s close friend, Greg Santos. “But you know what? I have all the more respect for him. That’s dedication.”

Reports indicate that Greenberg became a vegan in 2016, after someone in his high school Green Day cover band told him to watch the movie “Cowspiracy: The Sustainability Secret.” Greenberg has sworn off all animal products since then.

“I started with meat, then eliminated eggs and milk. My own boogers were a natural transition from that,” Greenberg stated when interviewed.

As for the boogers themselves, Greenberg states that he doesn’t even pick them, saying that he “wouldn’t want to disrupt their natural system. Even if they’re grown cruelty free.”

Friends agree that Greenberg isn’t necessarily missing out on anything – except maybe a really satisfying pick in the comfort of your own solitude when it feels like there’s really something up in there.

Your tuition pays for Emma Demorest to write this.



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## CALPIRG To Club Baby Seal for Every Refusal To Sign Their Petitions

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Staff Writer

In what can only be described as an aggressive marketing tactic, CALPIRG has decided that enough is enough with regard to the disrespect it has taken over the years and wants the student body to know that it means business. Thus, starting on Nov. 30, CALPIRG will launch the “Carnage in the Arbor” initiative, which will involve CALPIRG volunteers clubbing baby seals with their clipboards for every refusal their petitions get.

“You thought we were intolerable before?” CALPIRG member Jerry Signer said with a crazed look in his eyes. “You guys didn’t like us trying to save the world, huh? Wait till we start killing baby seals, huh? How about that? You want that? You want blood everywhere on your hands?”

For many years, CALPIRG, an organization committed to standing up to powerful interests, has been known for aggressive strategies in getting students to join its cause. While its cause is certainly noble, some students only know CALPIRG for its volunteers’ relentless advertising techniques.

“They are literally freaking everywhere,” student Ricky Laybac said. “I’m taking a nap on the library lawn, I wake up, they’re there just staring at me. I

go to the Arbor and buy a Yerb, they’re in the fridge asking if I care about the rainforest. I take a dump on the sixth floor of the lib and they’re reaching under asking me not to flush to save water. They are out of control. I’m always being watched. I tell them I’m late for class, but they know I’m lying. I see it in their eyes.”

This negative reputation has forced CALPIRG’s hand in making sure the group is able to obtain the support it needs for their projects.

“We have no choice, okay?!” Signer said. “Everyone would ignore us or run away if we didn’t do this. From this day forward, every single CALPIRG member must be armed with a clipboard in one hand and a cute little baby seal in another. No signature and it’s bye-bye to lil’ Seal Jr. The students will pay for their indifference to worthy causes. YOU HEAR ME? THE SEALS WILL PAY! LUCIFER WILL RISE! CALPIRG WILL BE STIFLED NO MORE!”

Local Police Chief Brett Oinkerson seems to disagree.

“Oh no, these guys are definitely getting arrested.”

Raffi Torres is actually sympathetic to the CALPIRG cause.

## Ahoy Matey! Capsized Sailboat To Be Turned Into “First-Year Living Community”

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Staff Writer

A lot of you may have noticed somewhat of an empty feeling around Coal Oil Point this week, as if an old friend or a familiar face may have left the premises. You’d be correct, as the capsized sailboat that has graced the shore for the past couple of weeks was finally salvaged. In contacting the university to see where our friend had gone, we were told it was being turned into a “first-year living community.”

“We’re very excited about this new prospect,” claimed Ryan Matey, head of the renovation project. “It’s such an incredible opportunity for innovation. A top-of-the-line, open-air, first-year living community is the way to the future for this university and will set us apart from our sister UCs. That’s why we’re doing this. Not to compensate for over-enrollment. I don’t know why you’d think that.”

We weren’t thinking that.

When asked about these “innovations,” R. Matey gave us quite the astounding list, including open-air bathrooms on the poop deck.

“Just imagine letting last night’s Freebirds fly as you enjoy the cool ocean breeze on your upper thighs. What could be more pleasant than that? I’ll tell you what. An indoor pool. In the living quarters! Some construction managers might call it ‘waterlogged’ or a ‘sinking ship,’ but we prefer to turn that frown upside down and call it a pool.”

R. Matey claims the new “living community” will be brought to Coal Oil Point in time for next year’s freshman class. He made sure to tell us that there will be egg chairs on board and stressed again through a nervous sweat that this was not to compensate for over-enrollment.

It’s a pirate’s life for Chace Duma.

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# ON THE MENU

## Baked By Ber: The Best Home Bakery in Isla Vista

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After scrolling through the Free & For Sale page on Facebook, I came across a post containing pictures of delicious cookies and a caption saying “freshly baked cookies delivered right to your door.” As an avid cookie lover, I was immediately intrigued. In February of this year, Baked By Ber went live and began to provide fresh cookies to the citizens of Isla Vista. Baked By Ber is an online bakery owned by one of our very own Gauchos, Amber Jorgensen. As a fourth-year biochemistry major, she manages this online bakery and fulfills orders while maintaining her studies.

Jorgensen began baking in her freshman year of high school. Since she lived in a town with nowhere to buy good sweets, she decided to bake them on her own. Occasionally, she would post pictures of her treats on her Instagram account (@chefamb) where she received many comments encouraging her to open up a bakery. Instead, on New Year's Eve of 2018, she decided to start a website to sell her cookies. The next day, she went on the Santa Barbara health department website to apply for a cottage food operations permit and was granted permission a week later. She began to build her website and practice recipes for her website's “grand opening” in February of 2019.

When the bakery was first launched, Jorgensen received a lot of orders during the first weekend which proved to be difficult to manage. As she recalls, “I didn't even have a stand mixer at the time so I was doing everything by hand ... my biceps were sore all the time. I stayed up super late every night that weekend just getting everyone's orders done and didn't go out or do anything else.”

As a biochemistry student, Jorgensen can find it tough to balance her workload of an online bakery with academics. However, she conquered this challenge by learning how to efficiently manage her time by consistently planning out her next day's schedule in order to keep herself accountable.

Because she will be graduating soon, Jorgensen is unsure of her future plans with her online bakery, so make

sure to stop by her website soon and order some cookies before it's too late! Jorgensen recommends the s'mookies, as they are her personal and her customers' favorite. She also recommends the double chocolate cookies, which are “really rich and indulgent,” and therefore perfect for chocolate lovers. Oatmeal cream pies are a childhood favorite; Jorgensen enjoyed this treat as a child and claimed they “totally bring [her] back to childhood,” so be sure to order one if you're feeling nostalgic!

I managed to get my hands on the s'mookie, double chocolate cookie, (vegan) chocolate chip cookie and gooey confetti cookie flavors. The s'mookie was an amazing experience. Jorgensen successfully takes the idea of s'mores and creatively makes a cookie out of it. I was pleasantly surprised at the texture of the cookie since it wasn't chewy like a regular cookie but crumbly, imitating the graham cracker part of a s'more. The double chocolate cookie was just as Jorgensen described it to be – rich and indulgent. She sprinkles on sea salt to counteract the sweetness that would typically come with a double-chocolate dessert, making this cookie the perfect amount of sweetness. The vegan chocolate chip cookie was interesting, since it was my first time trying a vegan cookie. Due to the different ingredients used, the cookie had a slightly different taste than regular chocolate chip cookies. Nevertheless, the cookie still tasted amazing. Lastly, the gooey confetti cookie was my personal favorite. It was soft, chewy and thick, and it just melted in my mouth. The cookie was topped with confectioners' sugar, which paired perfectly. The cookies were wonderfully delicious, and I strongly recommend sending an order in ASAP!

Orders are usually completed within a week, and they are available for pickup or delivery (the latter for an extra charge) in I.V. You can change the ingredients to fit your dietary needs and/or cravings. However, if you are in need of an immediate sugar fix, you can now stop by Campus Point Coffee to grab one of Baked By Ber's cookies!

Feel free to check out her Facebook page (@Baked By Ber) and Instagram account (@bakedbyber) to get updates on newly released cookie flavors!



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## The Scoop on McConnell's New Fall and Holiday Flavors

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One of the best things about the holiday season is the new releases and revivals of seasonal flavors. McConnell's – arguably Santa Barbara's best ice cream shop – has released several new flavors for the holidays. All of these flavors are made with organic, locally sourced ingredients and are available at their scoop shops and online.

One of McConnell's new flavors is called Chocolate Chocolate Chocolate. It is a rich, dairy-based ice cream made with three types of chocolate. McConnell's uses cocoa, chocolate ganache and melted chocolate chips to create this wonderful ice cream. If you are a chocolate lover, this is the ice cream is for you.

The second seasonal flavor I tried was the Cinnamon & Oatmeal Raisin Cookies. Although raisins have a bad reputation, this ice cream will change your mind. This ice cream has a milk and cream base that is infused with cinnamon and swirled with chunks of cinnamon oatmeal raisin cookies. My mind was completely blown; it made me want to apologize for always discarding the raisins that were in my trail mix. The texture of this flavor was reminiscent of McConnell's Earl Grey & Shortbread Cookies due to the thickness of the ice cream and the chunks of the cookies. If you enjoy ice cream with a chunky texture and cinnamon flavor, I highly recommend this flavor.

The final temporary flavor that I tried was the Rockier Road, which has a milk chocolate base with a marshmallow swirl and walnuts. Unlike a typical rocky road ice cream, McConnell's uses a marshmallow swirl instead of using marshmallow pieces. I really enjoyed the marshmallow swirl because I felt like it was a part of the ice cream itself rather than an additional ingredient added in. This prevented it from having multiple contrasting textures from the ice cream, marshmallow swirl and walnuts. McConnell's also uses walnuts instead of almonds, unlike many other ice cream brands, which I found complemented the ice cream nicely. If you like traditional ice cream flavors, Rockier Road is for you.

In addition to its new flavors, McConnell's has revived its pumpkin pie flavor – a sweet pumpkin ice cream with hints of cinnamon, ginger, cloves and allspice that encompasses fall with its warm and cozy spices. I recommend this flavor to be eaten as an ice cream sandwich with their homemade snickerdoodle cookies to get the full pumpkin pie experience. For all my fellow pumpkin spice lovers, this ice cream is for you.

Sadly, McConnell's did not release any dairy-free or vegan seasonal ice cream flavors but a worker informed me that they are hoping to in the future. These flavors are only available for a limited time, so don't wait too long to stop by!



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# SCIENCE & TECH

## UCSB Researchers Investigate Snail Control Efforts To Combat Parasitic Disease



Courtesy of Kevin Lafferty, USGS

Researchers in Senegal sample for freshwater snails that can transmit schistosomiasis among the unrooted, floating vegetation that is a robust predictor of their presence. Tracking the vegetation by satellites or drones provides a relatively inexpensive method to estimate snail abundance. It can more efficiently inform public health agencies on which villages are at a greater risk for schistosomiasis infection.

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Schistosomiasis, an acute and chronic disease caused by parasitic worms of the genus *Schistosoma*, affects over 200 million people worldwide. Although not found in the United States, schistosomiasis is the second most devastating parasitic disease, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Human infection occurs from contaminated freshwater, where freshwater snails carry larval blood flukes that can then penetrate a person's skin. Within the blood system, the larvae develop into their adult forms and release eggs. Symptoms occur from the body's reaction to the parasite's eggs and can include abdominal pain, diarrhea, possible liver enlargement and bloody urine and stool.

While drugs such as praziquantel can be used to treat patients infected with schistosomiasis, "the problem is people can get reinfected the day after they're dewormed," said Armand Kuris, a professor of zoology in UCSB's evolution, ecology and marine biology department and a biology faculty member in the College of Creative Studies.

Schistosomiasis control has largely been focused on mass drug administration. This approach has drastically reduced the rate of reinfection to a very low percentage — 2 or 3% — of infected people, according to Kuris. "But if there's any sort of social disruption or any sort of competing costs for public health, and there always are, and for a while it's not continually pursued with the drug, the disease can come roaring back in three years," he described.

After recognizing that mass drug administration to try to curb transmission has been ineffective in some infected regions, the World Health Organization has come up with new strategies in addition to mass drug administration campaigns to combat global schistosomiasis. One is to target the freshwater snail hosts of these disease-causing parasites.

Along with researchers from numerous other institutions, Kuris and U.S. Geological Survey and UCSB Marine Science Institute ecologist Kevin Lafferty are studying how to improve snail control efforts in West Africa. Their study site, the Lower Senegal River basin in northwestern Senegal, is where the world's largest recorded schistosomiasis epidemic occurred in the mid 1980s.

"In each village, there are two or three places where people go to water their animals or women gather to wash clothes at the same time. It's a social thing. There's a lot going on — kids are out there playing and so transmission occurs between people engaged in various social and economic activities," Kuris said. "They're interacting with snails that are releasing these worms that have about less than a day to penetrate the skin of a person."

Initially, the scientists tried methodically counting and tracking snail distributions as they found a positive relationship between the abundance of snail hosts and human schistosomiasis reinfection.

"It would be really good if we could figure out where the snails are, how many there are, so we would know which places need more help than others," Kuris said.

However, since the Senegal River is over 1,000 miles long and an open system, factors such as water movement, snail movement and wind can shift the locations of river features.

"It's just been very hard to figure out which places and which people are most at risk because of the problem of quantifying snails. If you go out and count the snails carefully on one month, you could come out the next month and you get a different number. Maybe even if you went out the next day, you get a different number," Kuris described.

Kuris and his collaborators looked for other ways to detect snail prevalence that could then predict human infection, such as through certain environmental factors. Their findings are detailed in a new

paper in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

They found that floating freshwater plants, which the snails feed on and cling to, were the most robust indicator of the presence of snails.

"If you could look at the plants — that really predicts where snails are. And you could do that more indirectly than going in very carefully and you counting snails," Kuris explained.

With this ability to accurately predict where snails inhabit through tracking the floating vegetation, public health agencies have a better idea of which areas to address for treatment and can get a better sense of infection rates. Snail control efforts, including using chemicals to target the snails or placing snail predators, can also be carried out.

"Even though the percentage of people infected has gone down, the caseload has not gone down. It continues on up. This is the combination of medical issues, public health issues and ecology, because in the end, it's about studying snails," Kuris said.

Another key point in the study is the potential to use drone or satellite imagery instead of small surveys to track snail prevalence. The vegetation and other snail habitat features can be easily seen in aerial images.

"Now that we really understand that if we could get a good grip on quantifying the floating vegetation in particular, we could get a better idea of where the snails are and the infected snails are then likely to be by using this relatively inexpensive remote sensing approach. Because right now it's very expensive," Kuris said.

Instead of having trained people dedicate hundreds of hours to go out and attempt to estimate snail abundance and still end up with potentially fallible data due to temporal factors, remote sensing strategies may help provide accurate estimates of snail habitat coverage and site areas. This enables possible "large-scale, high-resolution estimation" of infection risk, the paper states.

In addition to providing a less costly method to study schistosomiasis transmission, satellites and drones can help regions with fewer resources to better control the spread of the tropical disease.

"There are other places that are much more challenging [to study than Senegal], and so a remote sensing approach will really help the work in some other areas," Kuris said.

Kuris emphasizes that coming up with a more effective approach to snail control will play a key role for global schistosomiasis control. He and his research team are also exploring the use of snail predators, including prawns, in the Senegal River to better control snail abundance.

"Because [the snails] are crustaceans, they have shells. Calcium ions are uncommon in freshwater, and so edible calcium by eating snails really helps something like a crayfish or a prawn," he said. "This also can be applied to other areas where there's less money."

In this very extensive study, Kuris recognizes the contributions of his colleagues to the project.

"It's an honor and a challenge to be able to work in West Africa on something like this. You need a lot of very dedicated people ... especially the Senegalese working on this."



Courtesy of Kevin Lafferty, USGS

Villagers converge at a water access site in Senegal for social and economic activities, including bathing, doing laundry and giving water to livestock.

# OPINION

## Argument in the Office: NorCal vs. SoCal

### Why SoCal Is the Best Cal

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When Katy Perry said “nothing comes close to the golden coast” in her hit single “California Gurls,” it’s obvious she was talking about Southern California. SoCal is the stuff movies are made of, home to beaches like Laguna, Santa Monica, Venice, Newport, Huntington ... the list goes on. At these beaches, it’s possible to swim, scuba dive and tan to your heart’s content. The palm tree-studded streets, postcard-worthy coastline views and amazingly warm climate are just some of the features that make it the more enjoyable half of California.

You can never get bored living in Southern California – the sprawling urban environment of the Los Angeles area offers so much to do and see. It is a hub of cultural fusion, with vibrant destinations like Koreatown and Little Tokyo. On your way to the historic Hollywood sign, you might even run into a celebrity or two, or attend a TV show taping. Los Angeles, after all, is the most star-studded city in the world, since so many movies are filmed in the area. You could also go for a stroll along the gorgeous Santa Monica Pier, where you can spend your time doing anything from riding the Ferris wheel at Pacific Park to testing your Skee-Ball skills at Playland Arcade. Driving down Pacific Coast Highway will give you the scenic Californian road trip you’ve always dreamed of. A weekend getaway to Palm Springs or even a quick trip to Beverly Hills’ Rodeo Drive for some window shopping provides a break from the stressors of everyday life.

There’s something for everyone here. Interested in art? SoCal hosts a plethora of museums like the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA), the Getty and The Broad, to name a few. These are great places to take pics for the ‘gram. Additionally, the Carlsbad Flower Fields, Griffith Observatory, Balboa Park and Joshua Tree National Park are just some examples of other ideal photo opportunities for aspiring influencers to show off their picturesque SoCal lifestyle. The Bay Area, of course, is home to the iconic Golden Gate Bridge, but the wind, fog and lack of natural lighting can make the perfect picture hard to capture.

What about animal lovers? The gold standard of zoos can be found right in downtown San Diego. A vast array of cageless exhibits allows visitors to see animals while walking through artful landscapes and other unique attractions. The Aquarium of the Pacific and SeaWorld are some of the top locations to visit sea animals in Southern California. If you prefer to see them in their natural habitats, La Jolla Cove in San Diego is the go-to for watching cute sea lions sunbathing on the rocks.

SoCal is also brimming with renowned eateries and worldwide dishes, from authentic Vietnamese food in Little Saigon to the abundance of Asian restaurants and boba shops in Irvine. Southern California is also where you can find some of the best Mexican cuisine in the nation, with real Mexican food one road trip away if the foodie in you is feeling adventurous.

Anything that happens happens in SoCal. Festivals like the one and only Coachella are held in Southern California, along with fairs like the Orange County Fair and LA County Fair. Conferences for interests of all kinds, whether it be comics, YouTube or anime also take place here. SoCal hosts almost all the awards shows including the Academy Awards, Grammys, Oscars and Golden Globes. Not to mention, concerts by the biggest artists of our time are always happening in local SoCal venues such as the Hollywood Bowl.

During spooky season, many SoCal natives flock to Universal Studios for Halloween Horror Nights or Knott’s Scary Farm. Don’t forget that the happiest place on Earth can also be found in Southern California. Disneyland, located in Anaheim, is one of the world’s most famed amusement park sites and is a source of nostalgia and good memories for people all around the globe.

Last, but certainly not least, our very own town, Santa Barbara is located in Southern California. Downtown SB has much to offer, including scenic State Street, lined with charming white stucco buildings and a number of cute boutiques and restaurants. Stearns Wharf is also a historic pier with lots of great additional dining and shopping options. The city is surrounded by the beach, its sunsets are the eighth wonder of the world and it’s home to UC Santa Barbara. SoCal represents everything good in the world – the other half of the state really can’t compete.

Veronica Vo believes Bay Area inferiority rests on the fact that her opponent Marko, who eats his pasta unseasoned, is from there.

### Boba, the Bay and Why LA Absolutely Sucks

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Staff Writer

“Aye, good looks. Tryna cut cut, or go to T4? They got hella options now, shit slaps on moms.” “T4? Fasho.” The vernacular of a Bay Area native such as this specimen can be difficult to understand, so let me serve as a translator. “Good looks” is the equivalent of a good job, “cut cut” is synonymous with going home, “shit slaps” just means it’s really good, “on moms” signifies that one believes what they say so much, they would put their mom’s life on the line to prove it and “fasho” is simply a lazy way of saying “for sure.”

Let’s be honest with ourselves: Doesn’t this lingo sound just a little cool? As if deep-down, a small, fashion-forward voice within yourself is whispering to you, “We should talk like that.” I agree – you should.

The Bay Area is a place like no other, unrivaled in its vernacular, abundance of boba tea shops and vibrant art scene, all of which can be witnessed in a five-minute walk through San Francisco. Now, you may be thinking: Marko, aren’t you biased because you’re from the Bay? You would be absolutely correct. But even taking a more objective approach, you will clearly see why the Bay is undoubtedly superior to LA.

Let’s start by looking at some of the basics. Although Los Angeles may have a lower cost of living than downtown San Francisco, there are many more places in the Bay that aren’t SF: Richmond, Oakland and San Jose all have cheaper living alternatives than LA. Additionally, the Bay, thanks to Caltrain and BART, has set up a complex and cheap public transport system, one which prevents a phenomenon similar to LA’s abysmal traffic.

Second, let’s compare the food. Yes, LA is home to trendy, basic, Instagram-popular restaurants, but how good does all that aesthetically pleasing food actually taste? Despite its lack of trendy food spots, the Bay is home to a variety of great-tasting restaurants. A melting pot of different cultures, the Bay offers food options that are as diverse as the people that reside

there – nowhere else can you find such a variety of restaurants to choose from. Lastly, and most importantly, Bay Area culture is far superior to that of LA. Am I in any way qualified to talk about LA culture? Not in the slightest. Am I going to do it anyway? At this point, you should know the answer is most definitely yes. Like I mentioned earlier, the Bay is home to a myriad of diverse people from different backgrounds, and although LA undoubtedly has its fair share of diversity as well, it’s hard to compete with the Bay’s Asian hypebeasts obsessed with Palace’s latest drop; the up-and-coming SoundCloud rappers with their distinct Bay Area sound; the beach bums that wake up at 5 a.m. to go surfing; or even the high-profile business executives who travel 30 minutes out of the way just to get their made-to-order Philz Coffee. This diversity plays a major role in not only the variety of cultures that exist within Bay Area natives, but also the variety of ideas shared and discussed as well. The Bay is a place that values discussion, and as such has fostered an environment where discourse and creativity are celebrated.

The Bay is unique – not just in its colloquialisms and boba shops, but also in its people and ideas. From SF to Santa Cruz, the Bay is truly one of the most multifaceted places in the world. Meshing the unique and uncommon histories of the people that live there with the plethora of tech startups and social advocates working toward the future, the Bay combines the best of both worlds, creating a culture that is truly like no other.

Marko Ristic would like to clarify that he does not eat unseasoned pasta.



# HOROSCOPES

Mean Things My CoStar Has Said to Me

ARIES  
MARCH 21 - APRIL 19

Don't go outside.

TAURUS  
APRIL 20 - MAY 20

Give up and become a houseplant.

GEMINI  
MAY 21 - JUNE 20

Not everything is about you.

CANCER  
JUNE 21 - JULY 22

Shame on you for watching your ex's Instagram story.

LEO  
JULY 23 - AUGUST 22

Just do better.

VIRGO  
AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22

Who do you think you are?

LIBRA  
SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22

Stop slouching.

SCORPIO  
OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 21

Ugly people deserve happiness too.

SAGITTARIUS  
NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21

She doesn't love you; she just wants you for your Gaucho Bucks.

CAPRICORN  
DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19

Constant trouble in "Sex & Love."

AQUARIUS  
JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18

Don't break it if you can't buy it.

PISCES  
FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20

Tell your parents you're sorry.