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Marcy Darnovsky, Executive Director and co-founder of Center for Genetics and Society
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Under the direction of Yo-Yo Ma, the indefatigable Silk Road Ensemble returns for two glorious nights of globally-inspired musicianship. The Grammy-nominated collective of performers from Asia, Europe and the Americas combines superb technique with an eagerness to connect across cultures and musical traditions.

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By any measure of talent and accomplishment, Lisa Fischer is a superstar. Yet, if you do not know her name it is likely because Fischer has spent the last 20 years as the backup singer for the Rolling Stones, Sting, Chris Botti and countless others. In the documentary film 20 Feet from Stardom, Botti raves, “Everyone knew who Lisa Fischer was, she’s the talk of the town... an incredible artist that demands the room’s attention.

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Tomorrow’s Forecast: Teehee
Students Suspect Increase in Bike Citations

A.S. Senate passes a resolution calling for Santa Barbara police and California Highway Patrol to allow for bicyclists to treat stop signs and red lights as yield signs

Nicholas Bogel-Burroughs
Asst. News Editor

Ricky Waltman was biking to work early Tuesday morning when he approached a stop sign at the corner of Camino Del Sur and Trigo Road. A California Highway Patrol car was parked on the side of the street, but Waltman didn’t think twice about breezing through the intersection on his bicycle.

“There were no cars on the road and it was 9 a.m.,” said Waltman, a UCSB alumnus. “I slowed down and didn’t stop. I’ve done that plenty of times in front of a cop.”

Moments later, the patrol car’s lights flashed on and an officer cited Waltman for failing to stop — a $270 fine for the first offense, according to the Santa Barbara Police Department.

“We are cracking down on it to hopefully make you guys more safe,” Waltman recalled the officer saying. As Waltman pedaled away from the curb, he saw the officer pull over another bicyclist for running the same stop sign.

While Waltman and other Isla Vistans say there has been an increase in citations for bike offenses, Officer John Gutierrez of the Santa Barbara Police Department said there is no effort by highway patrol officers to write more tickets.

“We’re not told to go out there and write up bicyclists — not at all,” Gutierrez said.

The police department will be hosting a bike safety event on March 2 at the Pardall Center, after which, Gutierrez said, there may be a “ramped up increase” in citations.

Gutierrez pointed to recent bike accidents in I.V., including a two-bike collision on Pardall Road in January that sent one person to the hospital, as evidence of the need for bicyclists to follow traffic signs.

“A lot of people are riding bicycles unsafely in I.V.,” Gutierrez said.

Wednesday night, Associated Students senators passed a resolution calling on campus police, the Santa Barbara Sheriff’s Office and California Highway Patrol “to allow bicycles to treat stop signs and red lights as yield signs.” The resolution will now head to A.S. External Affairs.

Off-Campus Senator Jerel Constantino, who drafted the bill, said because so many students already ignore the bike laws, the bill is designed “to keep the status quo.”

Ashcon Mineifar, third-year history of public policy major and College of Letters & Sciences collegiate senator, said Isla Vista Foot Patrol regulates bicycle and skateboard laws inconsistently.

“The crackdown on bicyclists is unreasonable, because IVFP will be very strict on biking rules and then will disappear,” Mineifar said. “I don’t think the crackdown is about safety, because the rules are not enforced consistently.”

The resolution refers to a 1982 Idaho statute known as the “Idaho stop,” which allows bicyclists to roll through stop signs after looking both ways.

Off-Campus Senator Jerel Constantino says the new resolution is designed to keep the “status quo,” referring to the 1982 Idaho statute that allows bicyclists to treat stop signs as yield signs.

Sarah Garrett, first-year political science major and copy reader at the Daily Nexus, was ticketed recently for failing to stop at the corner of Camino Pescadero and Trigo Road.

Garrett said she plans to enroll in a bike safety course to reduce her fine.

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Man Arrested for 2014 Campus Rape

Chen is being held in Santa Barbara County Jail without bail. He was arrested in Alameda County in January on an unrelated felony charge, according to the press release, and his DNA was matched to DNA from the crime scene next to UCSB’s track.

Chen's Facebook profile says he graduated from Northgate High School in Walnut Creek, Calif. in 2012. Chen attended UCSB from September 2012 to December 2013, according to UCPD.

The female victim was raped and assaulted by three men in the early hours of Feb. 23, 2014, after being taken from Isla Vista to a secluded location next to UCSB’s track. Shortly after the incident, UCPD released a sketch of the suspects, depicting two Asian men.

The victim of the crime filed a lawsuit against the University of California in January alleging that the area of the attack was not properly maintained by the university. UCSB’s Police Department had not properly investigated the case and that UCSB “skewed” its sexual assault figures to attract prospective students.

In January, Tyrone Maho, an attorney for the victim, told the Daily Nexus he hoped the lawsuit would reinvigorate the university’s investigation into the assault.

“Our hope with this whole thing is not only to draw attention to what the university did to basically allow this activity to take place … but also to help with the appeal to find the perpetrators because it has been two years and UC police have not found the suspects,” Maho said in January.

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Santa Barbara County Third District Supervisor candidates spoke with the Nexus this week to share their platforms for Isla Vista and the county.

Bruce Porter, Joan Hartmann and Jay Freeman have all declared candidacy for the Third District Supervisor seat since incumbent Doreen Farr announced her retirement in October. Constituents can vote June 7 or Nov. 8. A candidate must receive 50 percent of the votes plus one in order to win in June — otherwise, voters determine the winner in November.

Bruce Porter

15-year Santa Ynez resident Bruce Porter declared candidacy in November after receiving encouragement from neighbors and community leaders.

Porter served 25 years in the U.S. Army and, upon moving to Santa Ynez in 2001, took on executive roles with the American Red Cross local chapter, the Solvang Rotary Club and the local Boy Scouts district. He currently works as president of the Santa Ynez Valley Union High School District School Board, chairman of the Santa Ynez Valley Youth Coalition and Edward Jones financial advisor.

Porter announced in late January his plan to initiate an Economic Prosperity Corridor should he be elected as supervisor. According to Porter, most of the tech firms in Santa Barbara County are located in Goleta, which he said forces workers to commute on the 101 from their homes in the rest of the county.

“As I’ve met with officials at UCSB, I’ve learned of a wave of new companies and new technologies that will be spinning out of research at UCSB, and in the past a lot of those just went into Goleta,” Porter said. “Goleta is pretty well built-out now.”

His plan with the Economic Prosperity Corridor is to encourage businesses to “set up shop” in areas like Buellton, Lompoc and Santa Maria to reduce the number of freeway commuters. According to Porter, this initiative will help to reduce pollution, preserve infrastructure and allow UCSB grads to stay in the Santa Barbara County.

“Let’s move those new businesses out into other parts of the county where they’ll be closer to the people who actually work there,” Porter said. “That would be keeping all these great businesses in the county.”

As for the county’s involvement in I.V., Porter said he hopes to be a leader and a “champion” for getting the Community Services District (CSD) proposal passed in November. He said the ultimate goal for I.V. is cityhood.

“In the long range, the goal is cityhood for Isla Vista, if that’s what the residents want,” Porter said. “The CSD is sort of a tiny little step to that eventual goal.”

Joan Hartmann

Santa Barbara County Third District Planning Commissioner Joan Hartmann declared candidacy in early January in hopes to “continue and build on” the role of her soon-to-retire employer Farr.

Hartmann’s career began in academia when she worked hard to provide good, strong constituency service, connecting people to county resources, and her staff has earned a Ph.D. in Government from Claremont Graduate School, where she was appointed as the first female faculty member and director of the Public Policy Program. She also served on the faculty at Oberlin College and later served as adjunct professor at USC. She currently serves on the Santa Barbara Foundation’s LEAF Advisory Committee and the Wilding Museum’s Board of Directors.

According to Hartmann, the platform of her bid for supervisor is “enhancing the quality of life that we cherish in Santa Barbara County.”

“I think Doreen Farr has done a really good job connecting people to county resources, and her staff has worked hard to provide good, strong constituency services,” Hartmann said. “I would like to build on that.”

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Activists Discuss Israel, Apartheid State Label

The two South African activists, who have both experienced apartheid, came together to speak on why the labeling of Israel as an “apartheid state” is mostly inaccurate.

Sohila Sandher
Reporter

Black South African activists Jamie Mithi and Khanyisa Pinini discussed their views on labeling Israel an apartheid state in an event hosted by Gauchos United for Israel on Tuesday in the Isla Vista Theater. Mithi, originally from Zimbabwe, is an author and law student at University of the Witwatersrand Johannesburg. He is an avid debater, ranked fourth globally and first in Africa in the World Universities Public Speaking Championship. Pinini, originally from Johannesburg, has been heavily involved with student leadership at University of Cape Town (UCT) and is a member of the United Nations Association of South Africa: UCT Chapter and has participated two times in national Model United Nations conferences.

Mithi and Pinini both shared their personal experiences with apartheid in South Africa and how their own narratives informed their definitions of the term “apartheid.” Both said they used to support the Boycott, Divestment and Sanction movement, but withdrew their support after visiting Israel. The two speakers said they have felt a loss of Black South African apartheid narrative due to the use of the term to label Israel when referring to conflict with Palestine.

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DanceSafe founder Emanuel Sferios gave a presentation on MDMA effects and safety on Wednesday in an event hosted by Students for Sensible Drug Policies UCSB Chapter (SSDP), Life of the Party (LOTP) and the UCSB Associated Students (A.S.) Public Safety Commission.

A full house was present at Embarcadero Hall as Sferios discussed the history of MDMA, its therapeutic use and public policies regarding the drug. He offered harm reduction strategies, sold drug testing kits and reminded attendees that no drug use is completely safe.

Marjan Riazi, graduate from UCSB and education and outreach coordinator for the UCSB Alcohol & Drug Program, said it is important students are informed on the effects of drug use and safest possible methods if they choose to experiment. “We are really excited that you are all here talking about something that is really important and certainly impacts our community,” Riazi said. “We are telling you learn the facts, learn the information … be safe, we just want you to known all the facts. Sometimes people hear things, especially in Isla Vista, that isn’t necessarily true especially when it comes to substances like MDMA.”

Cole Garcia, SSDP chapter leader and a second-year biology major, said the goal of SSDP is to educate students on drug safety and public policies that can be ineffective. “Within the Isla Vista community we are working on similar things to the Alcohol & Drug Program, so harm reduction through education, but another goal of our group is to get future voters in our political system well educated on the ways that drug policy can be improved,” Garcia said.

Sferios said universities typically focus on abstinence when discussing drug use, but they should instead take the same stance as they have on alcohol and educate students on how to partake as safely as possible if one chooses to do so. “The university doesn’t say just ‘don’t drink, just don’t do it!’ They say, ‘ok we know some people will and if you do you need to know what you are doing to be safe,’” Sferios said. “That same approach really needs to be happening with party drugs like MDMA and I am really glad to see that Life of the Party is here doing that.”

According to Sferios, prohibition of MDMA creates a more dangerous situation in which safety education is often neglected. “I realized DanceSafe and other harm reduction programs are more trying to counter the harm that results from our drug policies,” Sferios said.

Sferios said there are beneficial therapeutic uses of MDMA, particularly for treating PTSD, because it releases the brain’s stored serotonin. “The receptors of serotonin are excitatory and inhibitory in all the right places to reduce anxiety while at the same time making the person very alert and increasing activity in the forebrain where you put things in context and look at traumatic experiences without fear,” Sferios said.

This is not to say that the drug is always beneficial, as 15 to 20 people a year in the United States die after taking MDMA, according to Sferios. “I was told by Life of the Party that in the last five years there have been 10 deaths on this campus related to alcohol and prescription drugs but none related to Molly as far as I know on this campus,” Sferios said.

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ELYASI

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Elyasi said Campus United was created to bring more diversity to senate.

"We wanted to get a voice out that we feel hasn’t been heard as vocally and that’s the voice of the students for improved resources and academic distinction on campus," Elyasi said.

According to Yapabandara, the purpose of the PAC is to give UCSB students from diverse backgrounds a chance to be represented by senators who identify with them.

"Up until now, A.S. has been a very particular type of UCSB student," Yapabandara said. "As people who feel very left out because the students Senate has had in the past were of a particular social group."

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SALES AND MARKETING

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Staff Writer

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The resolution will ensure residents have access to locally grown produce and provide healthier food options in schools, as well as education about living healthy lifestyles.

First District County Supervisor Salud Carbajal is working with the County to maintain the new resolution and said he hopes the program will reach everyone who is interested in learning about a healthy lifestyle, no matter their current level of health.

"I think we are targeting everyone in general," Carbajal said. "There are disparities in health issues in our community with various groups and income levels, but I think that our goal is to approach the entire community with an understanding that certain communities need a little extra outreach and consideration."

Carbajal said the resolution will help people understand ways to live healthy lives and hopes the program will develop into a community effort.

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Carbajal said implementing the principles of the resolution will be an effortful process.

According to Long, the Coalition takes community members' opinions into consideration when making healthy lifestyle plans.

"What we do is look at it as addressing it in a collective impact type of way," Long said. "We have different goals and objectives but when we start walking down to the nitty-gritty, we realize that even though our county program is focused on healthy eating and active living, when we start talking with our partners and with community members, we hear about barriers that need to be addressed in order for us to be successful in getting people to eat healthier and get active."

Long said the Coalition will use community-based education and policy formation to promote H.E.A.L.'s message.

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Jake & Joe: UCSB’s Dynamic Decade-Long Duo

Jonah Seif and Jacob Delson, two of the Gauchos’ top players, have a bond that goes beyond both their time at UCSB and the game of volleyball itself.
SOFTBALL

Antonia Bird
Staff Writer

This weekend the UCSB softball team will begin its 2016 season as it heads to Arizona to take on a series of preseason games at the Arizona Hillenbrand Invitational.

Following up on their respectable 34-20 overall record in 2014, the Gauchos experienced a bit of a setback last year, finishing just 19-35. With plenty of room to improve, Santa Barbara will enter the 2016 season with the intention of improving its record and dominating multiple matchups with the Gauchos.

On Friday morning, UCSB will take on the Purdue Boilermakers in the weekend’s first game. Purdue finished with an overall record of 31-25 last year and advanced to the 2015 Big Ten Tournament quarterfinals. The Boilermakers enter their 2016 season with confidence, as they will return seven position starters and two solid pitchers in junior Karis Johnson and senior Lilly Fecho.

The Gauchos will have to pay close attention to two of the Boilermakers top hitters, shortstop Paris Andrew and designated player Katie Harrison, both of whom batted over .300 in 2015.

One of the Gauchos’ biggest stars is junior outfielder Alexis Dodson, who hit .296 in his first year and had the third highest batting average on the team.

In the second game of the day, UCSB will face off against the Southern Utah Thunderbirds, whom averaged over .300 at the plate.

With the Big West Conference Tournament approaching, Roper is hoping to become a more reliable starter for this Gaucho squad with a 7.7 average and a total of 154 rebounds this season, which leads the Big West. In addition, Fajemisin has emerged during its lack of offense. The Anteaters have held three of their last four opponents under 60 points and have a total of 121 assists per game ranks eighth in the Big West.

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Women’s Basketball

Sean White
Assistant Sports Editor

After being defeated by a game-winning three-pointer in the remaining seconds of last Saturday’s game, the Big West basketball team looks to recoup on the road at UC Irvine tonight and at Long Beach State on Saturday.

Santa Barbara is 3-3 in its last four games since its 4-1 start to the Big West schedule and currently sits at 8-8 in the Big West standings, tied for seventh place in the conference. The Gauchos have won both previous matchups with the Gauchos.

Santa Barbara will play a second game on Friday afternoon against Nebraska Omaha, which also experienced a tough 2015 season. The Mavericks finished with a record of 22-28 overall and may face a rougher fate in 2016 as they lost multiple key players including two of their starting pitchers. However, this is a good hitting team which scores lots of runs and looks to put pressure on the Gauchos defense.

One of the Maverick’s biggest stars is junior forward and right hand pitcher Lizzie Noble, who hit .294 last year, scoring 27 runs and knocking in 36 RBIs. Senior infielder Campbell Ditto will also be a starter to look for, as she scored 23 runs and found a way to get on base despite her .242 average. Lizzie Noble, who only saw the mound 10 times last season, will be the expected starter for Friday’s match.

Saturday, the Gauchos face both the Southern Utah and North Texas. Senior left fielder Kylee Wolf is expected to command the Southern Utah squad this year, as she led her team in hits and runs last year and had the third highest batting average on the team.

This year will likely be one of transition and player development for North Texas, as they added eight freshmen to their roster and lost their top three hitters from last season, all of whom averaged over .300 at the plate.

To close out this weekend’s invitational, the Gauchos take on the host Arizona Wildcats. In perhaps their toughest game of the tournament, the Gauchos will face an Arizona team which had 11 players batting over .300 last season, two of which hit over .400. The Gauchos will be put to the test, as many of Arizona’s hitters returned this year to form a powerful batting lineup.

Wildcat junior outfielder Alexis Dodson finished last season with an outstanding batting average of .435. Her teammate, junior outfielder Karissa Mugga, hit .350 at the plate, good for the fourth best average on the team.

In addition to Arizona’s intimidating offense, junior right handed pitcher Michelle Floyd can bring the heat as she struck out 135 batters in her 96.1 innings this season. With a batting average of .356, she led her team in hits and runs last year and had the third highest batting average on the team.

UCSB will face five different opponents at the invitational, beginning this Friday.

BASEBALL

UCSB Set To Open Season at Arizona Hillenbrand Invitational

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Staff Writer

This weekend the UCSB softball team will begin its 2016 season as it heads to Arizona to take on a series of preseason games at the Arizona Hillenbrand Invitational.

Following up on their respectable 34-20 overall record in 2014, the Gauchos experienced a bit of a setback last year, finishing just 19-35. With plenty of room to improve, Santa Barbara will enter the 2016 season with the intention of improving its record and dominating multiple matchups with the Gauchos.

On Friday morning, UCSB will take on the Purdue Boilermakers in the weekend’s first game. Purdue finished with an overall record of 31-25 last year and advanced to the 2015 Big Ten Tournament quarterfinals. The Boilermakers enter their 2016 season with confidence, as they will return seven position starters and two solid pitchers in junior Karis Johnson and senior Lilly Fecho.

The Gauchos will have to pay close attention to two of the Boilermakers top hitters, shortstop Paris Andrew and designated player Katie Harrison, both of whom batted over .300 in 2015.

One of the Maverick’s biggest stars is junior outfielder Alexis Dodson, who hit .296 in his first year and had the third highest batting average on the team.

In the second game of the day, UCSB will face the Southern Utah Thunderbirds, whom averaged over .300 at the plate.

With the Big West Conference Tournament approaching, Roper is hoping to become a more reliable starter for this Gaucho squad with a 7.7 average and a total of 154 rebounds this season, which leads the Big West. In addition, Fajemisin has emerged during its lack of offense. The Anteaters have held three of their last four opponents under 60 points and have a total of 121 assists per game ranks eighth in the Big West.

Meanwhile, Irvine’s defense has emerged during its lack of offense. The Anteaters have held three of their last four opponents under 60 points and have a total of 121 assists per game ranks eighth in the Big West.

Women’s Basketball

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After being defeated by a game-winning three-pointer in the remaining seconds of last Saturday’s game, the Big West basketball team looks to recoup on the road at UC Irvine tonight and at Long Beach State on Saturday.

Santa Barbara is 3-3 in its last four games since its 4-1 start to the Big West schedule and currently sits at 8-8 in the Big West standings, tied for seventh place in the conference. The Gauchos have won both previous matchups with the Gauchos.

Santa Barbara will play a second game on Friday afternoon against Nebraska Omaha, which also experienced a tough 2015 season. The Mavericks finished with a record of 22-28 overall and may face a rougher fate in 2016 as they lost multiple key players including two of their starting pitchers. However, this is a good hitting team which scores lots of runs and looks to put pressure on the Gauchos defense.

One of the Maverick’s biggest stars is junior forward and right hand pitcher Lizzie Noble, who hit .294 last year, scoring 27 runs and knocking in 36 RBIs. Senior infielder Campbell Ditto will also be a starter to look for, as she scored 23 runs and found a way to get on base despite her .242 average. Lizzie Noble, who only saw the mound 10 times last season, will be the expected starter for Friday’s match.

Saturday, the Gauchos face both the Southern Utah and North Texas. Senior left fielder Kylee Wolf is expected to command the Southern Utah squad this year, as she led her team in hits and runs last year and had the third highest batting average on the team.

This year will likely be one of transition and player development for North Texas, as they added eight freshmen to their roster and lost their top three hitters from last season, all of whom averaged over .300 at the plate.

To close out this weekend’s invitational, the Gauchos take on the host Arizona Wildcats. In perhaps their toughest game of the tournament, the Gauchos will face an Arizona team which had 11 players batting over .300 last season, two of which hit over .400. The Gauchos will be put to the test, as many of Arizona’s hitters returned this year to form a powerful batting lineup.

Wildcat junior outfielder Alexis Dodson finished last season with an outstanding batting average of .435. Her teammate, junior outfielder Karissa Mugga, hit .350 at the plate, good for the fourth best average on the team.

In addition to Arizona’s intimidating offense, junior right handed pitcher Michelle Floyd can bring the heat as she struck out 135 batters in her 96.1 innings this season. With a batting average of .356, she led her team in hits and runs last year and had the third highest batting average on the team.

UCSB will face five different opponents at the invitational, beginning this Friday.
SBIF Ronan and Larson

Alex Wehrung
Reporter

Saoirse Ronan and Brie Larson were given the prestigious Outstanding Performer of the Year award at the Santa Barbara International Film Festival on Monday, Feb. 9.

Ronan arrived at the Arlington Theatre at approximately 8 p.m. as a group of onlookers watched from outside the barriers. Brie Larson could not attend in person, due to filming commitments for "Kong: Skull Island."

The film "Atonecrement" began with montage clips from each actresses' films, set to Lady Gaga's "I'm on the Edge of Glory." When it was over, Larson appeared onscreen, saying that she "loved [the montage]" and that "Saoirse is so inspiring. Our work cuts well together."

The "Room" actress was able to appear after all. Making SBIF history, Larson called in via Skype to recount her history as an actress.

"I started auditioning when I was six or seven years old," she said. "Been at this for about 20 [years]. It's been a very long road, but I wouldn't want to do it any different. I wouldn't change it — it brings me closer to who I am."

After a year of acting in plays, her mother got her an agent and she started appearing in fake commercials for Jay Leno.

Larson got her first big break in "The Umbrella Academy" as a child. "I started acting when I was very young. Being exposed to a group of young, creative people inspired me to be like them."

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Frank Home
Producers Panel

Santa Barbara International Film Festival (SBIF) always manages to draw an engaging assortment of industry professionals to speak on the ins and outs of their trade, which is most likely at least partially due to the festival's snug proximity to the Academy Awards ceremony. A woman in line for the panels could be overheard speaking about how the San Francisco festival she's involved with gets a far shabbier turnout of celebrity guests than Santa Barbara's because it's after the Oscars. Indeed, every speaker on the back-to-back producers and writers panels is nominated for an Oscar this year, working on some levels to promote their films among the city's busy trotlines of bankers to "obfuscate and hide and empower." For the most part they did, although some of his more bizarre jokes were lost on Malin, and this seemed to boost his confidence. By the time Malin and Depp were halfway through their hour-and-a-half long interview, Depp's body language had opened up. He was looking at and interacting with the audience more, affectionately imitating former co-stars and, on one occasion, gesturing so enthusiastically that he knocked his own microphone. Depp even joked, un-annoyed, with the one bizarre heckler of the evening, who told the actor to "grow more things."

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Vicky Munro
Reporter

The rumors allegedly began earlier in the day but, by 8:20 p.m. on Thursday evening, people were beginning to worry that Johnny Depp might not show up to collect his Maltin Modern Master award from the Santa Barbara International Film Festival. A no-show would have been uncharacteristic of someone whom Scott Cooper, the director of Depp's latest film "Black Mass," described as "one of the kindest, most soulful, most generous men that [he] knows," and true to form, Depp eventually arrived. Shil. Depp was rushed past reporters and into the Arlington Theatre by his handlers, although he made an attempt to answer a few questions along the way. This effect of his part was surprising since, as Leonard Malin, the film critic for whom the award is now named, pointed out at the start of the evening, Depp is notorious for avoiding press. "People have said in the past week or so: 'Johnny Depp doesn't do things like this,'" which he doesn't," Malin said, although even without this observation, it would have been obvious to most people in the audience. Depp was visibly nervous throughout the evening, in his rings, hair, sunglasses and, most notably, his black and white HUF Plantlife socks. For much of the first portion of the interview, he stared down at his hands, peering sideways at Malin or up at the audience to see if one of his numerous jokes got the right reaction.

For the most part they did, although some of his more bizarre jokes were lost on Malin, and this seemed to boost his confidence. By the time Malin and Depp were halfway through their hour-and-a-half long interview, Depp's body language had opened up. He was looking at and interacting with the audience more, affectionately imitating former co-stars and, on one occasion, gesturing so enthusiastically that he knocked his own microphone. Depp even joked, un-annoyed, with the one bizarre heckler of the evening, who told the actor to "grow more things."

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Tonica Wright, all reporting conflicting versions of the story. In addition to struggling to capture a semblance of true events, Herman faced a hurdle in convincing his top mogul Ice Cube to be comfortable with his character exhibiting moments of weakness. "This is the way a movie goes," Herman explained. "You gotta have a low point and some vulnerability so you can come back from it, you gotta have an arc — the audience will like you more that way."

"The Big Shorts'" Charles Randolph shared perhaps the most engaging perceptions on the panel. Regarding his emotional standpoint while writing the film, Randolph explained that he was disheartened by the events of 2008, as he’d “always had this nagging feeling that our system was fair, that there was a tangible connection between success and moral goodness.” He embellished on "Short's" use of narration and cutaways to break down its economic jargon, used by influential bankers to "obfuscate and hide and empower themselves." The techniques also added to the film a "meta layer which not only described the things, but gave the audience something beyond the characters to connect with."

Aside from the probing intellectual discussion, Randolph admitted to slacking off as much as anyone else. He agreed with Josh Singer's ("Spotlight") praise of research, adding, "The great thing about research is you can just read the most obscure crap and think at the end of the day that you did something."
The state of investigative journalism is even more worrying. With the exorbitant amount of time and intricate research required to expose an exposé; society constantly needs watchdog journalism as a career (having taken one or two classes in college), and though he settled on acting, he never lost his journalistic curiosity.

"When you're dealing with news or journalism, which for me makes it exciting not just as an act but also in life, it's humming," Keaton said. "There's a frequency. When something's reverberating, you can feel it because it's true."

Sure enough, the newsrooms drew Keaton back in as he relayed his plan to head back to his hometown of Pittsburg with Robinson to speak to the staff of the Pittsburg Post-Gazette as well as screen "Spotlight" and help fundraise for the paper.

"They've got a great editor there who I think was at The Boston Globe," Keaton said. "And he's trying not to lay people off."

This situation plays out all newsrooms with editors desperate to keep their staff intact amidst dwindling funds and readership. Indeed, "Spotlight" itself addresses this issue when newly hired editor Marty Baron (Liev Schreiber) of The Boston Globe expresses his concern to Walter "Robby" Robinson (Michael Keaton) about declining subscription numbers and the Internet's breach and disrupt of the classified business.

"So you anticipate more cuts?" Robby asks.

"I would assume so, yes, but what I'm more focused on right now is finding a way to make this paper essential to its readers," Baron answers.

"I like to think it already is."

"Fair enough. I just think we can do better."

Unfortunately, that's a conundrum with no easy fix. After more than a decade of news media decline and many attempts later, we are still searching for ways to "do better." Furthermore, most child sexual abuses don't end with just an expose; society constantly needs watchdog journalists to follow up. That's a tall order now, as many newsrooms in America are being held together by only shoestrings and bandages.
Sweet Smarts About Sweethearts

Rae Ann Verona
Staff Writer

Valentine’s Day is fast approaching. Walk through store aisles and you’ll find a plethora of red and pink cards, bears, balloons, chocolate boxes and other items with lovey-dovey messages transferred on them. Somewhere among the merchandise, you’ll be sure to find that familiar package of Sweethearts, also known as Conversation Hearts. For over a century, these kissy candy tablets have been given as gifts of appreciation and love. For me, Sweethearts bring me back to my elementary years of Valentine’s Day candy grams where more than one student would drop a package in every classroom’s box.

The history of Sweethearts dates back to 1847 in Boston to an Englishman by the name of Oliver Chase who worked in a drug store making lozenges. Back then, when lozenges were all the rage, Chase invented and patented a lozenge cutter that cut lozenges, pulverized sugar and inadvertently became the first candy machine maker. He eventually started one of the United States’ oldest and longest running candy company, the New England Confectionary Company, or “Necco.” Originally, the candies were in the shape of scallop shells and the messages printed on colored paper and tucked inside them kind of like a fortune cookie. In 1866, Chace’s brother Daniel came up with a machine that stamped words directly onto candy using red vegetable dye. The candies then were much bigger and were able to accommodate longer messages. This made them especially popular for weddings with messages like, "merry in pink, he’ll take a drink" or "married in white, you have chosen right." By the early 1900s, the shapes of shells, horsehoes and baseballs turned into hearts. As popular- ity of the hearts grew, the messages got shorter. For 150 years, what was first a novelty of tiny, monotoned colored hearts has become a sentimental tradition with their image recognized by almost any one. They’ve become part of popular culture with appearances in shows like “The Simpsons,” video games such as World of Warcraft, on clothing and accessories and on soaps among many other things.

Despite being around for over a century, the candy hearts have gone through relatively minimal changes. Ingredients are still mixed into a dough, flattened, cut, stamped and dried, turning out billions of colorful hearts per year. Many of their messages like “Be Mine” and “Sweet Talk” remain popular, while some of them have been retired. To keep current, new messages have made appearances and retired throughout the years with timely messages such as “Fax Me,” “Groovy” and “Hep Cat.” The ever-popular social media phrase “Tweet Me” was once a hit. Necco even had a Twilight series with phrases like “Bite Me,” “Live 4 Ever” and “Dazzle.” There’s no telling when we’ll start seeing messages like “Bae” or phrases like “On Fleek” or “I Can’t Even” on our candy hearts, but the company does currently allow people to customize their own words and phrases for more personalized messages.

The flavors haven’t changed much either since experiments with new ones caused a lot of the existing fans. While original flavors continue to be favorites, different varieties are available, including Dazzled Tart which are the more tart and sour flavors, Sugar Free for those that are limiting their sugar intake and Chocolate. Non-flavor-related variations include “En Español” which contain messages in Spanish and Color Your Own which consists of the original flavored hearts in a black-and-white box that you younger fans, ages 5-12, can design and submit to Necco’s annual Color Your Own Sweethearts Contest for a chance to create a phrase to be included for the following year’s mix.

Romantic Getaway to Cold Spring Tavern

Kelli Filbin
Reporter

Feb. 14, a day to take chances with your crush, to shower your significant other with undying love and even treat yourself with something special. A 24-hour period where being cheesy is encouraged and skipping along the streets and plucking flowers isn’t looked upon as abnormal. The sun sparkles brighter, the gentle breeze blows kisses into the air and hearts spark with an ever-increasing glow. Couples prance along the grass, with fingers intertwined and eyes locked. Children beam with laughter and sink their teeth into bite-sized chocolates laced with ribbons of gooey caramel. Vibrant flowers and fuzzy bees dance on the outskirts of a thousand picnics. Life-sized teddy bears come to life, making the movie “Love Story” feel more than imaginable in this atmosphere. This cherished restaurant has been chosen as the best place for a romantic getaway in California. You might want to have something handy for a potential celebrity to autograph because multiple movie and television stars have come to join the experience of time travel. A few steps away from the restaurant, small bands come to perform in a tiny little shack and much truth runs through the entire rustic atmosphere that customers of the Cold Spring Tavern can really immerse themselves in.

As the hostess guided us to our table indoors, we took a seat and noticed a crystal vase filled with a lucious red rose, as well as a dimly lit lantern radiating onto our menus. While munching on soft, warm garlic-basil bread, we hunted through the entire menu: charbroiled tiger shrimp, sautéed duck breast, barbeque baby back pork ribs, New Zealand rack of lamb, buffalo burger, etc. Eventually, we selected an appetizer of Baked Artichoke Hearts that lied in a cushion of melted Jack cheese, sundried tomatoes and garlic cream. To follow up, we ordered an entree of rabbit loin (layered with wild mushrooms and garlic and stuffed with rabbit mousse) to share. As our orders arrived on steaming hot plates, the flavors of cheesy garlic artichokes and tender rabbit swirled around our taste buds and sunk into our stomachs with the perfect amount of warmth and succulence. Sides of seasonal sautéed vegetables and garlic mashed potatoes lay delicately next to our entrees and released fresh swirls of steam that warmed our noses. The overload of delectable spices and textures put our conversation on hold. With the final bite of the meal and a splash of ice-cold water, we laid down the tip and strutted out the entrance with already a nostalgic desire to return again.

Despite the increase of prices on this lovely holiday, each bite was savored and remembered to this day. Kidding aside, we are considering the Cold Spring Tavern to be a tradition for every Valentine’s Day. So hurry now and book your fairy tale reservations for an unforgettable magical night with the one you love!
"Science is more than a school subject or the periodic table or the properties of waves; it is an approach to the world, a critical way to understand and explore and engage with the world, and then have the capacity to change that world."

In this quote, President Barack Obama brings to light the fact that learning in science, technology, engineering and math (S.T.E.M.) plays an enormous role in our world today. Making S.T.E.M. education accessible to all groups and kinds of students is a work in progress, however, researchers at UC Santa Barbara’s Graduate School of Education (GSGE) are investigating ways to close the gap between S.T.E.M. education and underrepresented students, specifically those with learning disabilities.

Professor Michael Greber, associate professor Michael Gottfried and assistant professor Diana J. Arya, all of whom are from the GSGE invited leading scholars and educators from across the U.S. and Canada to participate in “Advancing Individual Differences Research on STEM learning opportunities: A National Conference.” A variety of fields were represented in presentations and discussions related to the neglect of and potential actions for individuals with learning disabilities in S.T.E.M. education.

Researchers in special education, literacy, policy, organization and history were present at the conference that took place from Jan. 13-15. In addition, S.T.E.M. educators in math, science and engineering attended. Kindergarten through 12th grade was represented, and issues in higher education were addressed.

According to Arya, bringing in such diversity to the conference is beneficial.

"There are different kinds of information that we get depending on how we research the issues of S.T.E.M. education and underrepresented populations. We see our work as complementary for gaining a full understanding of the issues and potential resources, and also moving forward to new research opportunities. We learn so much when investigating small groups or single cases, and we also gain valuable information from large-scale investigations. So, all the information we get from such varied practices informs each other's understanding on these issues," Arya said.

It will definitely take time for educators and researchers to come up with ways on how to close the gap between a S.T.E.M. education and student differences in learning. However, Arya has hope for the future.

"I think that there are different ways that we can study the problem and we’re planning for future conferences that will facilitate even deeper discussions about potential programs and projects. We’re exploring new ways in which we can capture and study large-scale data and there are continued ways we can study on a more micro-scale. As we develop new ways to engage in research, maybe we can get real solid facts on what particular funds of knowledge and resources are crucial for supporting a S.T.E.M. identity; a S.T.E.M. study pursued regardless of cultural, linguistic or learning differences."
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Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 6 -- You're
thinking about romance and beauty. Imagine the
possibilities. Let a family member handle a problem at
home. Delegate a task you hate. Connect with someone
interesting. Add some spice to the package. Slow down
to get farther.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 5 -- Take short
term, local actions, without force. Paying dues leads
to more income. Make a list of what you need. Let
someone else win an argument. Being right provides
no satisfaction. Patience and flexibility allow greater ease.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 5 -- Make love,
not war. Be careful with sharp instruments. Argue
privately, if you must. Your attentions linger close to
home. Resist the temptation to spout frivolously. Talk to
friends for consensus. Share from your heart.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is a 5 -- Change
your work habits. A new trick doesn't work, and it
could cause a breakdown. Postpone chores, and put in the
correction. Make a key decision, and a good impression.
Tell friends you'll see them later.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is a 5 -- Don't save in
a sive. Study the situation. There's another possible
problem here. Be prepared for physical labor, with
discipline. Revise the language to suit the audience.
Reward yourself... fall in love all over again.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 5 -- Don't rush
into anything. You're building your family fortune, and
tings don't go as planned. New problems develop.
Avoid reckless spending. Make sure all the pieces fit.
Stash valuables in a safe place. Concentrate on your

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 6 -- Unexpected
situations arise, and actions seem to deviate from the
itinerary. Revise agreements. Sell more to old clients.
Your popularity is growing. Take it slow and easy with
travel and big expense. Partnership provides the key.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 6 -- Take care of
your mind, body and spirit. Pursue peace and privacy
with inexpensive pleasures, like tea under a tree, or
fragrant bath crystals. Restore your energies. Let your
emotions flow naturally. Love your lover.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 6 -- Play
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A couple days ago, it was reported that Michael Bloomberg, the billionaire and former mayor of New York City, is considering an independent bid for president. While many candidates have tried (and failed) to run as an independent, the possibility of a successful independent candidate seems likelier than ever. On one side, there is Trump, an extreme far-right candidate calling for a ban on Muslim travel and the construction of a wall across the U.S. border. On the other, there is Bernie Sanders, an extreme far-left candidate and admitted socialist calling for higher taxes and the punishment of large Wall Street financial institutions. If Bernie wins over Hillary, a promising independent bid may be possible. There will likely be many voters unwilling to choose between the extreme right and the extreme left. These voters will undoubtedly prefer a more politically central independent candidate.

A few months ago, I wrote an article entitled “The Power of Polarization.” In it, I argued that the biggest problem facing America today is not what you would expect it to be. It’s not gun laws, immigration laws or climate change. It’s polarization. It’s the fact that our nation is divided and is being pulled apart by a society that says we only have two choices: Republican or Democrat. Naturally, one would assume that I would be ecstatic at the potential of a viable independent candidate. After all, if we add one more party into the mix, we will at least have some middle ground to choose from. We won’t be forced to choose between a far-right and a far-left candidate. I agree with this logic. In fact, I would prefer there to be a feasible independent candidate, no matter what the circumstances. Even if the candidate has absolutely no chance at winning, at least people will begin to see that there are more than two political flavors.

Unfortunately, there is a deeper problem at hand here — one that we have to address just as much as we have to address polarization.

That problem is selective politics.

Michael Bloomberg became mayor of New York in 2001, running as a Republican candidate. However, before he was a Republican candidate, he was a Democrat. He switched parties not because his beliefs changed, but because he was more likely to win as a Republican. And now he is doing it again. He has registered as an independent candidate, not because he believes in independent ideology but because that is what is strategic. There is a stereotype out there that all politicians are liars, but when you see a candidate switch parties just in time for a political race, then not only are they lying, they’re not even trying to hide the fact that they are lying.

Bloomberg isn’t the only one guilty of this. The two major candidates this year — Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump — are just as politically selective, if not more. For example, before 1968 Hillary Clinton was a Republican. While this was a long time ago and she very well could have had a political change of heart, Clinton has flip-flopped on several key issues, changing her opinions at the most opportune times. Clinton supported her husband’s Defense of Marriage Act for years, but when support for gay marriage began to grow stronger, she came out in support of it. She supported the Trans-Pacific Partnership as secretary of state but is now against it as opposition to the deal has grown. She supported the Keystone XL Pipeline in 2010, and as criticism for the pipeline has cultivated, has changed her mind on the issue. As for Donald Trump, he was a registered Democrat from 2001 to 2008. He was once pro-choice and supported policies such as a heavy tax on wealth and government sponsored health-marts similar to Obamacare. He advocated for beliefs that he would demonize in a political debate today. He might seem like a stubborn, unapologetic candidate, but his constantly changing stances on major issues seem to suggest otherwise.

You might be asking yourself, why does any of this matter? Well, it matters because your vote matters. While a vote in one direction or another may not be pivotal in determining who becomes the president, it matters because your opinions at the most key issues, changing her flip-flopped on several individuals and how qualified that individual is to be president, it is also a vote for the ideologies of that individual. Ideologies determine the candidate’s policies, and policies define a presidency. Clinton, Trump and Bloomberg have flip-flopped before, and they can do it again, president or not president. This is where the problem arises. This is why selective politics is so dangerous.

If you don’t know what a candidate truly believes in, do you really know who you’re voting for?

Hayden Plunkett hopes the only flip-floppers you are okay with are the ones on your feet when it’s nice out.