Motives for Recent I.V. Church Vandalism Under Investigation

Glass door at entrance of St. Michael’s University Church shattered late at night by projectile object earlier this month

Regardless of the crime’s link to recently displayed “Black Lives Matter” signs and rainbow flags, church leaders are sure the perpetrator was not right in the mind.

Josh Ortiz
Senior Staff Writer

The Santa Barbara County Sheriff Department is currently investigating the vandalism of St. Michael’s University Church that occurred on Sept. 10.

Law enforcement officers found the chapel at St. Michael’s University Church to be vandalized at 9:45 p.m. A UC Police Department officer and a Sheriff’s deputy discovered a small projectile object shattered one of the front glass doors of the church. There were no known witnesses to the crime and no arrests have been made.

Congregation leaders at St. Michael’s University Church said in a statement they believe the vandalism to be connected to the church’s recent decision to display signs in favor of LGBTQ rights and “Black Lives Matter” signs.

“We are disappointed about this incident of vandalism on our church campus,” the statement reads. “[We] are especially concerned that it has occurred following the decision to display a rainbow flag and several ‘Black Lives Matter’ placards around the property.”

According to Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Department Public Information Officer Kelly Hoover, there is little for the department to say at this point in the investigation because of a lack of substantial evidence.

“The officers searched the area but were not able to locate anyone connected to the crime and no arrests have been made in the case,” Hoover said in an email. “There were no known witnesses in the crime.”

Church leaders said they also believe the unknown criminal may be struggling emotionally.

“We suspect the person who did this is hurting and angry,” the statement reads.

Third-year electrical engineering major Luke Bucklew said he believes the vandals were “not in their right mind” while causing the damage.

“Maybe the people who did it were drunk or not in their right mind when they committed this act of hate and chaos,” Bucklew said. “I think it’s tragic that people in the city feel the need to vandalize property in whatever state of mind they’re in — inebriated or not.”
**DAILY NEXUS CALENDAR**

**Shakespeare in the Park** & **IV LIVE presents EDDIE PEZ REX**

7:00 PM  Saturday, September 26 & Sunday, September 27

**Anisq’Oyo’ Park, Isla Vista**

A raucous Commedia take on the dangers of falling in love with your own mom. Free admission, cookies, and lemonade!

**IV LIVE presents IMPROVABILITY WELCOMES YOU BACK!**

UCSB’s national award-winning improv troupe

Friday, September 25, 8 PM

Embarcadero Hall, Isla Vista

$3

**MAGIC LANTERN FILMS presents**

**SPY starring Melissa McCarthy & Jude Law**

Friday, September 25 7/10 PM

Monday, September 28 7/10 PM

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**2015 On-Campus Job & Internship Fair**

Tuesday, September 22, 2015

from 9:00am – 12:00pm

The On-Campus Job & Internship Fair hosts a variety of on-campus departments who have part-time, work study, internship and research positions open throughout the year.

Co-hosted by UCSB Career Services and Residential Life, this event is a part of UCSB Week of Welcome and is open to all students.

**Résumé +**

Day: Tuesday, October 6 (STEM Majors) & Wednesday, October 7th, 2015 (Non-Tech Majors)

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Our quarterly résumé clinic just got better! Fall quarter’s Résumé + will be TWO-DAY event! Employers specifically for STEM majors will be attending on Tuesday, October 6 and employers for Non-Tech majors (Liberal Arts) will be present on Wednesday, October 7. These “real world” employers and our career counselors will be available to give you advice on your résumé. Be sure to bring hard copies of your résumé!

**UCSB Arts & Lectures presents**

**the captivating company of dance-illusionists MOMIX**

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The Chicago Tribune describes MOMIX as “Inspired vaudevilleans, creating slapstick, science fiction and improvisational surprise. Such quick, bright explosions of theatricality are delightful tricks and crowd pleasers...Their audience floats out on a dizzying high of pleasure.”
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Dear Gauchos:

Welcome back to campus! As members of the UC Santa Barbara community, it is important to share with you our expectations about the fundamental values and essential components of a productive, healthy, and safe campus — namely, our commitment to mutual respect, civility, decency, and to a community free from violence of any kind, including sexual violence.

We expect every UCSB community member to behave respectfully and civility to one another. This expectation is non-negotiable. There is no tolerance for sexual violence of any kind, including sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking. We want to be clear that these actions, whether committed on or off campus, are violations of UC policy (http://policy.ucop.edu/doc/4000385/SHSV), campus regulations, and the law. As a campus we are committed to providing education to help prevent sexual violence, as well as resources to support survivors and encourage reporting of incidents. Every member of our campus community has a responsibility to help end sexual violence by confronting behaviors, actions, and attitudes that contribute to sexual violence.

Similarly, acts of intolerance, disrespect, bullying, or violence, especially regarding sexual orientation, race, gender, ethnicity or religion (e.g., anti-Semitic or anti-Islamic expressions or behaviors) compromise our sense of community, our feeling of personal well-being, and our ability to live and learn together. In simple terms, just because you can do or say something (because it's legal) doesn't mean that you should do or say it. This caution also applies to communication and actions on social media, email, or by text.

Being a student at a world-class institution confers privilege, prestige, and unparalleled opportunities, but it also entails a set of obligations, standards, and expectations. Being at UCSB means being not only a dedicated scholar but also a principled leader, a conscientious citizen, and a constructive and compassionate community member. We encourage you to do your part to maintain a safe, positive, respectful, and healthy community, both on campus and in Isla Vista.

Our campus community is not immune to acts of intolerance or from misconduct that violates campus policies. We encourage you to report such behavior, if you encounter it, and to seek assistance for yourself or others from the following resources if you become aware of an incident that compromises the values of our community:

- Hate Incident Response Coordinator, (805) 893-2139 or http://judicialaffairs.sa.ucsb.edu (online reporting)
- CARE Advocate Office for Sexual and Gender-Based Violence and Sexual Misconduct, confidential resources and information on reporting options for sexual violence, sexual assault, abusive relationships, and stalking, Student Resource Building, (805) 893-4613 (24-hour advocacy line) or http://wgsa.sa.ucsb.edu/CARE or http://sexualviolence.ucsb.edu
- Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS) and 24/7 Counseling, (805) 893-4411 or http://counseling.sa.ucsb.edu
- Office of Judicial Affairs (to report academic or behavioral misconduct), (805) 893-5016 or http://judicialaffairs.sa.ucsb.edu

Office of Equal Opportunity & Sexual Harassment/Title IX
Compliance to report incidents of sexual violence, sexual harassment, dating or domestic violence, or stalking, 3217 Phelps, (805) 893-2701 or https://oeosh.ucsb.edu

UCSB Police Department, (805) 893-3446 or www.police.ucsb.edu (911 in an emergency)

Isla Vista Foot Patrol, (805) 681-4179 (911 in an emergency)

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Resources and the Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity, (805) 893-5847 or http://wgsa.sa.ucsb.edu

Additional resources for addressing campus climate issues are available from the Office of Student Life, Educational Opportunity Program, MultiCultural Center, Dream Scholars Resource Team, and the Veteran's Resource Center (contact information for these services available at www.sa.ucsb.edu).

We hope you will take a leadership role on campus by helping us keep the campus safe and welcoming for everyone. Each of the departments listed above has opportunities available for you to get involved, and we encourage you to do so. On behalf of UCSB staff, faculty, and the entire Division of Student Affairs, we wish you a productive and rewarding year.

Sincerely,

Margaret Klawunn
Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Debbie Fleming
Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Katya Armistead
Dean of Student Life
SB County Planning Commission meeting to address questionable survey claiming 15 percent increase in parking availability, gather accurate data regarding state of parking

The Santa Barbara County Planning Commission will be hosting a community meeting at Embarcadero Hall this Monday to examine the current condition of Isla Vista street parking.

The meeting is a follow up to a previous gathering regarding parking in I.V. after community members expressed doubt about an I.V. parking survey which found a 15 percent increase in parking space availability. The Commission made it a goal to better address the concerns of the public in the upcoming meeting, which will include a presentation by staff from the Santa Barbara County Planning and Development and Santa Barbara County Public Works to discuss proposed parking strategies mentioned in the Isla Vista Master Plan.

Fifth District SB County Planning and Development Commissioner Daniel Blough said he was doubtful of the survey results.

"I don't know when they did the survey, but the information was not accurate," Blough said.

According to fourth-year mathematics major Brent Roth, the parking situation in I.V. is not conducive to students or residents, and parking spots are too small and not secure.

"The parking situation in Isla Vista is just terrible, I can't stress that enough," Roth said. "The biggest issue is space and ensuring that your car is safe."

Fourth-year environmental studies major Lino Martinez said he has not seen a recent increase in parking.

"The increase in 15 percent doesn't seem like it represents actually what is occurring," Martinez said.

According to Second District SB County Planning and Development Commissioner Cecilia Brown, the duty of the Planning Commission is to obtain accurate information regarding the current state of parking in I.V. with help from Isla Vista residents.

"The purpose of the meeting is to get current pertinent information about the parking situation and to get greater community input," Brown said.

Brown said she is glad there will be a meeting where the public can participate.

"They need to participate, they need to come and tell the county what their experience is," Brown said. "Their input is valuable."

County of SB Planning and Development Associate Planner Katie Hentrich said community input from the meeting this Monday will be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

"The County is seeking feedback on the proposed parking strategies to survey parking availability," Hentrich said.

Hentrich said both the Planning and Development and the Public Work staff will present various solutions to the parking situation in I.V.

"The proposed parking strategies include an on-street parking monitoring and reporting system to assess on-street parking capacity and vacancy rates in the community," Hentrich said.

If available parking is found to be below an increase of 15 percent more surveys will be taken to find new strategies such as a permit system, according to Hentrich.

"Ultimately, if data results indicate vacancy rates remain low, a permit parking program would be implemented," Hentrich said.

Hentrich said she encourages community members to attend the meeting.

"This meeting is a good opportunity for permanent residents and students to participate in the planning process," Hentrich said.

For most students and residents of Isla Vista, parking is frustrating and highly unconducive due to spots that are too small, unclearly marked, not secure or, in general, too few.
Put the ‘Stud’ In Study With These Hot Tips

Pictured above: This young student obviously did not follow the Nexus’ advice. Read our tips to ensure this look of defeat does not cross your face.

1. Change up your study location when studying different concepts for better recall. For example, do math at the UCen, history in the library and English submerged in the lagoon.

2. Don’t study where you sleep unless you’re studying for SOC 152A.

3. Make flashcards during class to remember concepts and not just vocabulary. Review them loudly in class the next day to help your peers succeed as well.

4. Don’t be too comfortable while you study — set the temperature to a cool 10 degrees to stay alert.

5. Listen to music without lyrics to stay concentrated. Gregorian monk chants are a good option.

6. Try different sources of caffeine in addition to coffee, like a cup of tea or two gallons of chocolate ice cream.

7. Chew the same flavor of gum when studying and taking the test for a class. For best results, chew the same piece of gum for at least eight days.

8. Bring study material into your shower. Or a good friend.

9. Use the 20-20-20 eye rule: After every 20 minutes, pause for 20 seconds and look toward an area 20 feet away. If a 20-second break is not enough, feel free to stare aimlessly for hours.

10. Teach your study material to someone to fill gaps in your knowledge. Unless you have no knowledge; then teach them whatever comes to mind.

11. Watch YouTube videos about your subject to reinforce your understanding of material. Then, watch several unrelated videos to prevent overexertion.

12. Drink lots of water, don’t go hungry, limit shots to four an hour.

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lengthen the lieutenant’s term by a year or two.

Plastino said he met with Sheriff Brown on Sept. 21, during which time the topic of an extension was discussed.

“He expressed that he was not yet certain about how long I would remain in IV, although I think we are now closer to the topic of an extension being discussed,” Plastino said in an email. “I am currently not at the top of his mind. It was possible for me to move this past summer, so any additional time in IV is much appreciated.”

Plastino said if he is replaced in April, he hopes he can provide input on a replacement for his position and spend time training the new lieutenant to ensure a smooth transition. Within IVFP, there is one patrol sergeant who could be promoted to lieutenant; otherwise Plastino’s replacement would come from a county-wide pool of current and future lieutenants, according to Plastino.

“I do have a couple in mind that would do well here. I think personality and a desire to work with our very diverse population are very key criteria for any law enforcement manager in IV,” Plastino said in an email. “This also requires someone that is open to new ideas and is willing to break away from the standard models of policing.”

Plastino said he is both humbled by the community’s request that he remain in I.V. and grateful they value his role in the community.

“They are all people and organizations that care about our town and spend so much of their time to make this place wonderful. I am truly touched that they would want me to stay and help them,” Plastino said in an email.

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Outreach to Low-Income Students Pays Off

The New York Times applauds UCSB on its availability and affordability for low-income students, but some urge that there is still much more work for the university to do.

Beth Lebens
County Editor

The New York Times (NYT) recently ranked UC Santa Barbara third in the nation on its College Access Index, a system for ranking how well universities foster economic diversity and upward mobility.

The Index's top ten also includes five other UC campuses with UC Irvine at number one, UC Davis number two, UC San Diego number four, UC Los Angeles number five and UC Berkeley number seven. The Index is based on the share of students receiving Pell grants, the graduation rate of Pell grant recipients and the net cost after financial aid for low and middle income students. This year's results led the NYT to call UC “California's upward mobility machine.”

Thirty-eight percent of UCSB students receive Pell grants, with 31 percent also likely to graduate based on past rates, and the net cost for low and middle income students is $14,000.

Associated Students External Vice President for Statewide Affairs (EVPSA), University of California Student Association (UCSA) undergraduate chair and fourth-year black studies and sociology double major Mohsin Mirza said NYT’s praise of UC as

“The UC should be praised for the amount of financial aid it provides to low income students, particularly in comparison to other universities, that praise should be tempered with the reality that there is much work to be done,” Mirza said.

UCSB Director of Admissions Lisa Przekop said she feels UCSB is “very proactive” in creating economic diversity and its high ranking in the College Access Index is a result of outreach efforts that start long before the admissions process.

“We see our role as pushing the UC to be the best it possibly can be,” Mirza said. “Praise isn’t effective at creating changes, actions and pressure are.”

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“We work closely with high school and community college counselors to spread the word about opportunities available at UCSB,” Przekop said in an email. “We also work with community organizations and early outreach programs to reach younger students and families as they begin to consider college preparation.”

According to Przekop, one way UCSB works to serve low-income students is being “visible and available,” providing information that explains the application and financial aid processes and shows low-income families higher education is “a viable pathway to success.”

“Some families don’t have a history of college attendance and fear that the cost is a barrier to even considering college,” Przekop said in an email. “We have special programs in place to meet the informational needs of first-generation and/or low-income students because they may not have easy access to that information otherwise.”

Przekop said outreach and informational assistance are the only ways UC campuses increase their numbers of Pell-receiving students, because the admissions process itself is “need blind.”

“Family income cannot be a deciding factor in admitting a student,” Przekop said in an email.

According to Przekop, the Office of Admissions promotes UCSB at over 600 high schools every fall and chooses campuses with students of all economic backgrounds, leading to greater economic diversity at the university.

“These schools include those situated in low-income, middle-income, and high-income regions of the state, Przekop said in an email. “We want students from all backgrounds because we want a diverse learning community.”

Third-year psychology major and Pell grant recipient Chance Adkins said while he was surprised UCSB is ranked third in the nation on the College Access Index, he is not surprised it was ranked highly given his experience with financial aid opportunities.

“I was offered more financial aid here than anywhere else,” Adkins said. “Talking to people who attend other universities, the gap between my financial aid and theirs is higher than one would expect, especially between the UCs.”

Adkins said while he is glad aid is available when needed, he believes the high number of students receiving Pell grants at UC could explain in part the recent increases in tuition and is a signal that public higher education is increasingly unaffordable without aid.

“With the way that tuition keeps increasing, it makes sense that more people are needing assistance,” Adkins said.

Mirza said UC should be proud of the ranking but should not let it take away from the urgency to take on “problems that still exist.”

“Between unaffordable housing, students skipping meals to save money, and the majority of students in the middle class, particularly those from tens of thousands of dollars in debt, there is much work to be done,” Mirza said.

How to Stay Safe Without Staying In on Friday Night

A.S. Public Safety Commission Chair Dwayne Mosby
A.S. Senator and Liaison to the Public Safety Commission
Ashon Minoefar
Former A.S. Public Safety Commission Chair Molly Morrison

DN: What should students be cautious of when going into I.V.?

Minoefar: When on the streets or in a party, a simple look around at what is happening can keep you safe, your friends safe and out of trouble with law enforcement. Isla Vista is a friendly and fun place, so it should be enjoyed. But being conscious of what you or your friends are doing will keep you safe, out of jail or getting the infamous MIP (Minor in Possession)… Although it’s an amazing place, Isla Vista unfortunately falls victim to crimes like theft, assault and sexual assault.

Mosby: Even though we are in a relatively safe community, be aware of areas with poor lighting and do not engage those who are behaving in an antagonistic manner towards you. When going out be sure to keep track of your drink and never allow anyone to make or give one to you.

DN: What should students do to prepare for potentially dangerous situations?

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National Spotlight

Pope Francis in the U.S.

Pope Francis arrived in the United States on Tuesday and spoke to over 11,000 people on the White House South Lawn to encourage taking measures to protect the planet, ensure freedom of religion and fight against discrimination. The Pope also stated his support for President Obama’s Clean Power Plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. U.S. bishops interpreted Pope Francis’s urging of religious liberty as support for those who do not agree with same sex marriage or contraceptives because of their religion. The Pope conducted the first canonization in the U.S. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Wednesday. bcc.com

New Arctic Dinosaur

Researchers from University of Alaska-Fairbanks and Florida State University discovered a new species of dinosaur on Tuesday in the Prince Creek Formation of Alaska. The 30-foot, herbivorous dinosaur named Ugrunaaluk kuukpikensis was a duck-billed creature native to the cold region experiencing several months of darkness and frigid cold. The species lived as far north as land was known to exist 69 million years ago and has been connected to the Edmontosaurus native to Montana and the Northwestern United States. sciencedaily.com

Volkswagen CEO Scandal

Volkswagen Group CEO Martin Winterkorn stepped down Wednesday after the German car company’s admission in a U.S criminal investigation to cheating on national emission tests. The company was charged 6.5 billion euros to make up for losses due to a reported 11 million cars affected. The historically family-owned company has not currently announced a successor to the CEO position. Volkswagen is Germany’s leading enterprise with over 600,000 workers employed internationally. The German economy has not yet reported losses, but the emission tests stand to complicate relations with the United States for the future of the company. washingtonpost.com

International News

Serbia-Croatia Border Reopened

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Source: facts.randomhistory.com/fall/autumn-facts.html

FUN FACT: Levels of testosterone in both men and women are at their highest in the fall. Scientists speculate the surge may be a result of ancient mating instincts or that decreasing daylight somehow triggers it.
Michael Jorgenson  
Sports Editor

Before heading on the road this past Monday, UCSB men’s soccer Head Coach Tim Vom Steeg joked that maybe this could be the team to finally win a game at UCLA. Thanks to a second-half scoring outburst, the Gauchos’ pulled away from the Bruins for a 4-2 win and their first-ever road win against their UC counterpart.

Santa Barbara returns to Harder Stadium this weekend for a pair of games against No. 9 Akron on Friday and San Diego on Sunday.

With its second consecutive win and its first over UCLA since 2011, UCSB improves to 4-2-1 this season. The Bruins entered Wednesday’s match with a record of 2-5-1, hoping for similar results in which UCSB would be the victim of another upset but were unlucky.

It was somewhat of a slow start for the Gauchos’, but a score by Hromatko jumpstarted UCSB’s fast-paced scoring run. Santa Barbara’s advantage in corner kicks definitely turned the match in its favor as UCSB recorded eight to Bakersfield’s zero.

The Gauchos’ benefited from their landslide of corner kicks with scores by freshman midfielder Jessica Clegg in the 51st minute and Feder in the 61st minute.

With Santa Barbara back to its winning ways, the Gauchos’ are now 6-3-1, while the Roadrunners hold a record of 2-6-1. UCSB will return to host the 1-5-1 Pacific Tigers this Saturday at 1 p.m. at Harder Stadium.

This will be the Gauchos’ final non-conference game of the season.

Elliot Thornton  
Staff Writer

UCSB’s streaks of straight unbeaten games and five consecutive wins were put to rest this past Sunday. The Gauchos were unable to capitalize on a GaUCHO miscue by scoring on a screamer in the ninth minute, boosting the ball from way beyond the 18-yard box into the back right of the net. From that point on it was an uphill battle for UCSB, a situation they were not too familiar with prior to their overtime victory against other Atlantic-10 opponent Duquesne.

Despite trailing by two points, the Gauchos answered back in the 58th minute. Junior midfielder Sara Feder attacked the middle and connected on a crossing assist from freshman forward Mallory Hromatko for a header score. But as time expired, the UCSB score occurred too late and Dayton pulled off the 2-1 upset. In spite of taking a total of 15 shot attempts, Santa Barbara’s quick striking tactics may have been too overbearing in its game plan.

“I think consistency is a big focal point of our team goals,” Coach Paul Stumpf said. “I would love a consistent moniker of playing hard, effective and efficient soccer to rub off on us.”

Fortunately for the Gauchos, last night’s match against CSU Bakersfield provided them with an opportunity to quickly overcome the disappointing loss. As far as the team’s demeanor and overall attitude with the conference season nearing, Coach Stumpf believes there is still a lot to be learned from the final action before Big West play begins.

The last time UCSB faced off against Bakersfield was Sept. 14th during which the Gauchos cruised to a 2-0 victory at Harder Stadium. Angelisa Cortez scored an unassisted goal in the 18th minute that put her team in position to win the game.

Last night, Santa Barbara earned its third shutout victory of the season in its 3-0 win over the Roadrunners. Bakersfield entered Wednesday’s match with a record of 2-5-1, hoping for similar results in which UCSB would be the victim of another upset but were unlucky.

Midfielder Geoffrey Acheampong is tied with teammate Ismaila Jome for first in the Big West with three assists this season. All three of the freshman’s assists came in UCSB’s last two outs.

The Bruins were able to pick up another goal with sophomore forward Seyi Adebayo scoring in garbage time, but they fell well short of mounting a full comeback.

UCSB had struggled to finish its chances in its last game against the College of Charleston, only scoring three times off a season-high 21 shots. The Gauchos were much more efficient finishing this time around, converting on half of their eight shots on goal to pick up their season-best mark of four goals. It was the first time the Bruins conceded four goals in a regular season game since 2010.

Freshman goalkeeper Justin Vom Steeg improved his starting record to 4-2, tying a career high with four saves on the night.

The secret to Santa Barbara’s success is no secret at this point. DePuy has a Big West-leading six goals through seven games. Dating back to last season, he has been on an incredible scoring run, tallying 11 scores in his last 13 appearances.

The Gauchos were able to put forth arguably their best effort of the season despite missing injured juniors Drew Murphy and Ismaila Jome, the only two Gauchos on the Big West Preseason All-Conference Team other than DePuy.

Next up for UCSB is Akron, which enters this weekend with a No. 9 national ranking and a record of 4-2-1. The Zips got off to a great start to their season that included a five-game winning streak and three assists each and will look to break down a UCSB defense that has conceded just one goal at home this season.

With its second consecutive win and its first over UCLA since 2011, UCSB improves to 4-2, tying a career high with four saves on the night.

On Sunday, the Gauchos will face San Diego. The Toreros are currently 4-2-2 after winning 3-1 at Cal State Fullerton and 2-0 against San Jose State last weekend. Senior midfielder Marvin Schmieg has been their key man through eight games, either leading or tying for first on the team in nearly every important offensive category with three goals, two assists, 21 shots and eight shots on goal.

UCSB hosts Akron this Friday at 7:30 p.m. and San Diego on Sunday at 6:00 p.m. at Harder Stadium.

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Women's Volleyball on Hunt for Upset in Conference Opener

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The unpredictability of college sports is an element that cannot be found elsewhere. The rush of emotions that occur while watching an underdog triumphantly upset a top team is always an achievement that is remembered.

Friday, Oct. 11, 2013 is a date in UCSB women’s volleyball history that remains relevant. In her first year as Gauchos Head Coach Nicole Lantagne Welch helped lead Santa Barbara to a 3-2 upset victory over No. 5 Hawaii. This Friday is a pivotal opportunity for UCSB to recreate history in its Big West conference season opener against No. 11 Hawaii.

“We’re looking forward to the challenge, and obviously we need to progress this week in practice. We definitely need to get our confidence at a stronger, stable point to go into their place,” Lantagne Welch said. “There’s some eerily similar things to two years ago. We were struggling in the pre-conference and not doing so great, and we went over to the islands and upset them. We know that you gotta get out there and play the game and we’re excited to do that and it’s a great opportunity for us.”

Santa Barbara enters Stan Sherrif Center with a 4-7 overall record, and is set to face a Hawaii team that is in full stride and on pace for a special season. The Gauchos certainly have a challenging task ahead of them as they are 0-2 versus Top 25 opponents this season. The Rainbow Wahine are currently 10-1 overall, and are hoping to extend their five-game winning streak.

UCSB comes into its conference opener with a chip on its shoulder as it has yet to end its disheartening losing stretch of six games. Overcoming this frustrating streak will be no easy task as the Gauchos prepare to face one of the nation’s best players in Nikki Taylor.

The Rainbow Wahine’s junior opposite is having a captivating year in which she has earned an array of awards and accolades at the season’s midpoint. Through just 11 matches, she is now Hawaii’s record setter for most Big West Player of the Week Awards after earning three straight, was rewarded Sports Imports/AVCA Division I National Player of the Week honors and became the first player in Rainbow Wahine history to receive the espnW National Player of the Week award.

While Taylor is having a standout year, Hawaii as a collective group has played spectacularly on the court. The Rainbow Wahine are flourishing in making their case as the Big West’s top team as they lead six of the conference’s seven statistical categories.

In order for UCSB to spoil Hawaii’s winning record, the Gauchos must maintain a consistent balance on both sides of the ball. They rank second in the conference in service aces per set at 1.31, are tied for first in solo blocks with 24, third with an average of 2.32 blocks per set and are second in the league with the least amount of errors at 198.

As long as Santa Barbara does not allow Hawaii to force it into playing against their strengths, the chances of UCSB upsetting the Rainbow Wahine become more realistic. The beginning of conference play presents the Gauchos with a great opportunity to disregard their early-season stumble with hopes of improvement.

“We’ve had a couple of rough games, but now with starting conference play we get to travel to Hawaii and play a really great team. I think it’s a great time to show what we’ve got and have a new fresh start,” sophomore outside hitter Chanel Hoffman said. “We have to go into practice with the mentality that we’re going to get better every day because you can’t just keep saying it or you’ll never improve.”

Santa Barbara’s conference season-opener against No. 11 Hawaii will take place on the road this Friday, Sept. 25th at 10 p.m. PT, 7 p.m. HST.

Fantasy Sports Island: NFL Week 3

Daniel Moebus-Bowles
Staff Writer

When the end of September rolls around there is always so much excitement in the world of sports. MLB playoffs are right around the corner, the NBA preseason is just days away from commencing and — most importantly — the NFL is right around the corner, the NBA preseason is just days away from commencing and — most importantly — the NFL is around the corner. Although it may seem like college football is more exciting than the NFL season itself is the fact that fantasy football is around the corner. So much excitement in the world of sports.

As we all rejoice the return of football, NFL Sundays are a lot more entertaining and interactive with the existence of fantasy football. It has taken the definition of being a football fanatic to another platform as it continues to grow.

Sit and Start
DeAngelo Williams, RB Pitt

If you’re a fan of those hard-nosed vets like I am, surely you were excited to see ex-Panther DeAngelo Williams have so much success in Le’Veon Bell’s absence. Unfortunately for DW, this may mean the last time we ever see him get the rock. Thank goodness we all have something to compete in amongst ourselves, because simply watching our teams just isn’t enough anymore. This is especially true for someone like myself who experiences much more success on the fantasy end, as opposed to watching my Eagles sadly stroll to 0-2. As much as I can lament my super-bowl-less team, that isn’t why you are all here. Let’s get down to some fantasy, which, despite the name, is very real to us fans.

Bottom line: start your backup this week or go find Cousins, Mariota or Winston on the wire.

Arian Foster, RB Hou

So you didn’t hear this from me, but Arian is apparently going Kobe on his injury and shattering his recovery records. Let that be said has been his easier transition than Kobe did at his ripe old age. Word is that he will suit up this week against Tampa Bay, which has been torn up by the run game so far this season. I would keep an eye on him til Sunday morning, but if he is ready, he could be the boost you need this week.

Hot Off the Wire
Michael Crabtree, WR Oak (37 percent owned on ESPN platform)

If you haven’t heard of him already, this rookie back has emerged onto the scene after rushing for 123 yards and two TD’s on 20 carries against a solid Rams defense. With the struggles of CJ Anderson that will draw Ronnie’s name in this week. The Broncos play in the motor city this week, and it will be a perfect time to test out Hillman’s wheels and see if he is the guy they would like to move forward with. This is your guy if you’re too impatient for CJ, Demarco Murray, or Jeremy Hill to start doing their jobs.

Ronnie Hillman, RB Den (49.7 percent owned)

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Thanks for stopping by the island this week! Make sure to follow me and the Nexus on twitter @TheRealMoebus and @thenexus_sports! Please feel free to come to me with any questions you have.
Depp Abandons Quirky Charm for ‘Black Mass’

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Over the past decade-plus, we’ve watched Johnny Depp play sauntering, manicual weirdos in so many films that I wonder if he goes to bed flailing his hands in the air like he’s trying to bat away flies. After “Pirates of the Caribbean,” it seemed as though he exclusively availed himself to Jack Sparrow-like characters, like in “The Lone Ranger” and “Alice in Wonderland.” I carried that sense of repetition with me when I saw “Black Mass” and it made me exponentially more appreciative of his performance as James “Whitey” Bulger, the notorious Boston gangster and leader of the Winter Hill Gang that rose to power right under the FBI’s nose.

Like most of the roles we are familiar with, Depp is transformed with makeup, but to a more restrained degree this time; blessed with a receding hairline and a golden tooth, he looks like a character as opposed to a caricature. And in his first scene, in an instant, he makes us forget Jack Sparrow … hell, he makes us forget Johnny Depp, when he unleashes a barely-restrained tirade upon one of his henchmen, admonishing him for his lack of proper hygiene. Later, he tells his son, who was punished at school for punching a classmate, “You didn’t get in trouble because you punched him. You got in trouble because you got caught,” right in front of the boy’s mother no less. Also, as the nature of Bulger’s relationships with his family are made clear, he becomes more human and relatable, a sentiment juxtaposed against the fact that this man makes Walter White look like Plankton. However, the scenes between him and his family never graduate to narrative relevance after the first time-skip; only his brother (Benedict Cumberbatch) maintains a semblance of relevance.

Using the interviews of Bulger’s former henchman as a framing device, “Black Mass” simultaneously chronicles his rise to power and the moral degradation of John Connolly (Joel Edgerton), the FBI agent who initially partnered with Bulger to take down the mafia, only to later enable him by looking the other way while he committed numerous crimes. The film strongly suggests that Connolly was motivated by an unusually strong admiration of Bulger that had stuck with him since childhood without making it totally overt. Whenever Bulger talks to anyone, you’re on the edge of your seat, because anyone who so much makes eye contact are risking their lives. And I also have to give the film credit for never cheaply resorting excessive violence to keep viewers’ attention.

In a film like this, there’s certainly a myriad of emotions to be felt for the characters; we both pity and hate Bulger as we chronicle his life, snivel at Connolly for being a despicable kiss-up, pity his wife for having to play along with the deadly charade and cheer for Corey Stoll’s character when he starts breathing down Connolly’s neck and gets the little twit to sweat. Without a doubt, “Black Mass,”’ impressive ensemble cast mixes well with the on-screen proceedings are never exactly consistently exciting.

But it can definitely be said that there is never an absence of tension. As Bulger rises in power and becomes more and more bold, we see that his vision of Boston does not tolerate expendable individuals. But, in hindsight, it couldn’t have been avoided, considering that the film is based on true events. So the on-screen proceedings are never exactly consistently exciting.

CRSSD to Bring Pool Parties to Festival Scale

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Since the first radio plays of Skrillex’s “Scary Monsters and Sprites” in 2008 and the first Electric Daisy Carnival in Los Angeles in the same year, electronic dance music in America has taken on many different forms in its search for identity. In America, the most contentious conversation within the dance music scene seems to be whether fans should be dancing scantily clad at massive, rave-inspired festivals or grooving in low-light, high-ceilinged, urban nightclubs. Most dance shows fall somewhere on that spectrum. On Oct. 10th and 11th, CRSSD festival will bring its unique spin on the dance music experience to San Diego’s Waterfront Park.

CRSSD lends itself as a festival-scale version of famous Las Vegas pool club Wet Republic. Located adjacent to the beautiful San Diego shoreline, the Waterfront Park boasts fountains for would-be overheating festival-goers to cool off and dance.

Different from many Las Vegas pool parties, this fledgling festival places an emphasis on trendier dance music offshoots instead of life-invasive pop radio artists. The October lineup boasts some of the season’s hottest alternative electronic producers like Jamie xx, Panda Bear and AlunaGeorge. However, even the more traditional-leaning acts (relatively speaking) like Tchami, Maya Jane Coles and Trippy Turtle are hailed as some of the most innovative producers in their respective genres.

Despite this small fest’s debut seven months ago, the CRSSD franchise has taken a drastic leap forward in its upcoming iteration. The Flaming Lips and TV on the Radio — acts that are closer to Pink Floyd than DeadMau5 — top the bill of the fall edition of CRSSD. While both bands have electronic leanings, they are undisputedly not dance music in the traditional sense.

While seemingly minute, this unorthodox twist on the standard music festival formula represents a healthy shift in American perception of dance music culture. The bands at CRSSD represent a newfound cultural acceptance of dance music as simply music.

For that reason alone, CRSSD earns a tastemaker award. For the shoreline location, it earns another two points. For beachside dancing, get your tickets here: crssdfest.com.
Lyft drops me off at Earl Warren Showgrounds. The line is moving slower than the Six Flags’ Batman ride and twice as long. I resist the urge to cut and take my place at the back.

It’s 8:15. We’re still waiting to get in. I realize why the line isn’t moving. The security guards could pursue TSA careers for how thoroughly they’re checking people. Even a pack of gum is contraband.

The line I choose has an especially dedicated guard. I make a T with my arms as he carefully frisks my entire body. A staple wouldn’t get past this guy.

Inside, the stage resembles a tropical paradise. Palm trees tower over the stage and the drum kit and keyboard are lit up like fireflies. A lonesome pineapple hides beneath an enormous speaker. The stage and lighting production is impressive, but where are Glass Animals?

It’s 10:30. No Glass Animals. I begin to regret purchasing my ticket. My legs cramp from standing, so I join the group of anxiously seated Glass Animals fans. The scene resembles a blazing hot picnic, minus the food. Angry posts from people who are still waiting in line litter the Earl Warren Facebook page.

“I want a refund!”
“still waiting in a 2 hour line”
“THIS IS THE WORST.”

Suddenly, the lights go off. The crowd screams in anticipation and Glass Animals come out. They apologize for the wait and launch into the first song of the set, “Walla Walla.” David Bayley shuffles from foot to foot as he croons into the microphone, “Honey, honey, don’t you cry, take my hand.”

The tropical heat is getting to everyone. The crowd is an undulating, frenzied mess of sweat and crazy dance moves. One woman who looks like she just won Survivor maniacally leaps over the small fence separating the crowd from the stage, and a security guard chases her and she scrambles off with a quick bow. At least she tried.

The chosen one — a very drunk fangirl — gets close enough to the lead singer such that he has his arm around her. I watch her drunkenly struggle to Snapchat her special moment with the lead singer. She figures it out and then jumps the fence, hops up on stage, and disappears. We think we see her lying passed out in the back but it’s too steamy to tell.

The keyboardist is feeling it. The drummer and even the shy guitarist in the back are vibing to the synth-y safari beats. Towards the end, they do an electronic and slightly psychedelic cover of “Love Lockdown” by Kanye West and a beautifully different cover of the Yeah Yeah Yeah’s “Gold Lion” which nearly makes me cry (it was my 7th grade jam and I knew all the words).

Their last song is “Pools,” and I shake my little soul until I’m sweeter than a P90X instructor. The song ends and we call our Uber friend David. While I blare “Titanic” from David’s blue Prius, concert-goers desperately scramble to find open cabs and rally friends. David tells us he loves us but he has to roll down the window because we smell. Worth it.

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Art Director

Glass Animals: Better Than Your Senior Prom

Tarush Mohanti/Daily Nexus
Beans! Beans! The Magical Fruit

It is that time of year again. The school year has officially started. Of course, that means that we will soon be hitting the books hard, but for most of us these first few days are all about the social aspect of college — the kickbacks, get-togethers, club potlucks and Greek socials, all of which are very exhilarating. With that being said, the point of a good time is to have good people and, in my humble opinion, great food.

Don’t get me wrong, you don’t need a feast to complete your party, but you should have something delicious to snack on. A snack connoisseur myself, I have always gone with a classic chips-and-dip style, but, of course, there are many options. Salsa is always a solid option — I mean, you can’t really go wrong there. Or you could do a sour cream dip — the absolute best and simplest way is to buy an eight-ounce tub of sour cream (even 7-eleven carries this as, I have learned recently) and then purchase a package of Laura Schudder’s toasted onion dip mix and serve with a bag of Ruffles. Or if you want to show off, you can try this next recipe, which has proven itself worthy BBQ after BBQ: an eight-layer bean dip, served either with Fritos Scoops or regular tortilla chips.

This recipe just draws in the eyes like a delicious sedimentary rock, each layer unique to itself and bringing with it its own story. The dip is inviting, vibrant and bright, all of which I aspire to be as well. The contrasting colors create a true vision and the complex layers of texture and consistency ensure that your taste buds will never be bored.

New beginnings mean new adventures, new friends and new experiences, and I can’t think of a better dish to accompany you as you begin again. Light and easy yet still packed with flavor, this bean dip is sure to spark up any party.

Eight-Layer Bean Dip

1 can of Rosarita refried beans
2 avocados
8 ounce of sour cream
small package of taco seasoning
shredded Mexican cheese
green onions, chopped
olives, sliced
1 tomato, diced
2 jalapenos, sliced
garlic salt
salt and pepper to taste

1. Spread the beans as the first layer in the bottom of a 9x9 dish.
2. Mash avocados in a bowl and add garlic salt and salt and pepper to taste, then spread the avocado mash on top of the beans in the dish.
3. In a separate bowl combine the sour cream and enough taco seasoning to create a pale orange mixture. Spread this on as the next layer in dish.
4. Sprinkle a generous layer of cheese on top of the sour cream mixture. In no particular order, layer the green onions, olives, tomatoes and jalapenos.
5. Refrigerate until chilled and serve with either Fritos Scoops or any style corn tortilla chips.
KeyRaider Steals Over 225,000 Apple Accounts

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The largest known Apple account theft occurred this summer when over 225,000 Apple accounts were confiscated by malware software nicknamed KeyRaider. Cydia, a software distribution and installation tool for jailbroken iOS operating systems distributed the malware.

The purpose of the attack was to collect Apple Store applications by logging into the stolen accounts followed by downloading the victim’s already purchased apps and sending the software to the attacker’s server. The applications would then be distributed to privacy depositories where other users could download the applications without paying for them. Around 20,000 users are estimated to be abusing the 225,000 stolen accounts.

According to an article detailing how KeyRaider worked to steal victims’ personal information posted by Claud Xiao at Palo Alto Networks, jailbreak tweaks are software packages that allow users to perform actions that are not originally possible on iOS.

“The two tweaks will hijack app purchase requests, download stolen accounts or purchase receipts from the C2 server, then emulate the iTunes protocol to log in to Apple’s server and purchase apps or other items requested by users,” Xiao said.

Cydia creator, Jay Freeman, explained that jailbreaking an iOS device could provide users the ability to change software to the attacker’s server. The software to the attacker’s server. The software to the attacker’s server. The software to the attacker’s server.

“Cydia provides a platform space where third-party companies such as Bigboss can provide software through Cydia. Users have access to any of the third-party provided software which may contain malware. There are thousands of repositories online which can be very tempting to people because they contain virtually free software. So people will download these repositories in order to get apps from the app store for free,” Freeman said. “The software you get from privacy repositories sometimes have malware in it and if you install the software, it will install something extra with that software.”

Freeman said extra software would then attempt to monitor Apple account logins and take Apple ID passwords to send them to a server used to accumulate pirated software.

“They were logging into your Apple account into the app store to download the apps you bought. If you have over 200,000 Apple accounts, you have access to a lot of the app store,” Freeman said. “As the piracy repository, you can download all that software on your end and then ship it all over the Internet to all the other people who want to pirate stuff.”

Cydia Community Manager Britta Gustafson said most of the “nasty malware” in the iOS ecosystem has come from essentially pirated sources and encourages people to be extremely careful when they stray from community-determined legitimate software.

“In the past, we recommend to people. The default repositories have a type of quality review with a community around them, where it is much easier to distribute malware through the piracy stuff that is not as well moderated. It’s a shady zone,” Gustafson said.

Global Plastic Pollution Threatens Seabirds

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Plastic pollution has been an important global environmental concern for decades due to the rapid amount of plastic production and consumption. Untill now, scientists have not been able to quantify the impact of plastic waste on the seabird population. A new study published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS) indicates that about 90 percent of seabirds have consumed plastic. The disturbing percentage of birds that have eaten plastic is only expected to increase, reaching an alarming 99 percent by 2050.

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In Cornwall, United Kingdom, a young Herring Gull, one of the many seabirds affected by plastic waste in oceans, picks up debris.

The plastics include bags, bottle caps and synthetic cloth fibers, all of which wash up to the ocean from mismanagement of plastic disposal. There is so much plastic production that, while only a small percentage of all plastic waste actually ends up in the ocean, it still adds up to about 300,000 tons per year. In 2010 alone, 192 coastal countries discarded between 4.8 and 12.7 million metric tons of plastic into the ocean.

According to the study, the birds that are most affected are the diverse range of seabirds that reside on the coastlines of Southern Australia, South Africa and South America.
(Re)introducing Question Authority

With Lieutenant Mark Signa

“Hello,” to all of you new to UC Santa Barbara and “Hi again!” to all of you coming back for the next round! It’s been a hot few summer months here at UCSB as we are now gearing up for the influx of so many of you coming to join the daily joy of classes, studying, tests, quizzes, essays, term papers and exciting lectures about the microbial properties of dermatophyte fungi found on the right big toe of the megalonychidae. But despite the whole “going to college to learn some of that book stuff” philosophy parents like me have when paying tuition, you will also be having some of the greatest times of your life with friends you will meet and will love and tell stories about to your grandkids. College is about learning not just about book stuff, but life as well.

As you learn about UCSB and the community, many of you will venture forth to explore and grab a taste of college life’s crazier moments. Often that involves a wicked game of foosball, using a fake eye for the ball and taking a dare to swallow a bite of the half-eaten Snickers bar found under the fridge. Or what happens when that tasty morsel of chocolate and peanuts turns out to previously have been a piece of old banana sealed in a puddle of chocolate pudding spilled by the previous tenants, showing you that things sometimes don’t turn out as good as you had hoped. Sure, you earned that buck twenty-five in Chuck E. Cheese tokens, but that is not what the emergency crew is asking you as you are rushed to the ER for the stomach pumping you’ve always dreamed of.

Sometimes, the greatest adventures still end in unfortunate moments. A night of partying ends with someone getting a beer ticket, getting their cell phone stolen or being arrested for public intoxication. As great as our community is, it still has some problems. My goal in writing these articles is to not only encourage communication between law enforcement and the members of our community, but to also help provide a way to answer questions people have about taking care of tickets, what’s legal or not, what are a person’s rights, what can or can’t the cops do/say or any myriad of questions that come up. I’ve been fortunate to be able to talk to various groups and even after 25 years, I am always hit with a great question I was not expecting. And who knows, maybe someone will ask where the idea of cops liking donuts came from and if it’s really a myth. But for now, here are a few of the most common questions to get the year started off with a bang. Or a whimper, if you prefer …

If I get a ticket, do I have to appear in court?

What a great question! That must be coming from someone with the brilliance of Einstein mixed with the handsomeness of George Clooney and the wit of Mitch Hedberg! Or I pilfered it from previous article. Yeah, probably the latter.

So, no, you generally do not have to appear in court when you get a ticket. Most tickets can be handled either by mail, phone or online. However, if you are under 21 years old and get an alcohol or drug related ticket, you will be required to appear. Those tickets have mandatory appearances before the court. Over 21, you can handle it by logging onto sbcourts.org and entering your ticket info. And you can do it while curled in a ball on your bathroom floor in your favorite Incredible Hulk boxer shorts while binging on Hostess cupcakes.

Not saying I’ve done that, but …

Hey! Come on! About those bike tickets!

Okay, sorry for the snarky response. Just spilled cupcake filling on my Incredible Hulk. Never mind. Yes, we do write bike tickets on campus! Bikes are a major part of getting around on the UCSB campus and in Isla Vista. With the 20,000 bikes going on and off campus every day, we have many accidents with very serious injuries during the year. Some of the worst ones can be a biker hitting a pedestrian. The goal is to attempt to minimize the interaction between bikers and the pedestrians and reduce the risks to both. There are thousands of people walking on the sidewalks, in and out of buildings, coming around corners and sometimes even skipping along their merry way. A bike, even at slow speeds, can have a hard time navigating around people and avoiding them at corners and as they exit buildings. And the pedestrians should feel that sidewalks are safe to walk on.

So riding the bikes on the sidewalks will result in a ticket that is almost $200. You have the option to attend a one-hour bike safety class on campus for $35 and the ticket is dropped. The goal is to help educate you and to avoid creating a financial burden for you. Well, yes, of course, by “you” I meant the other bikers who don’t have your skills and spider-like senses that would avoid the collisions! But sorry, even Spiderman would get the biking ticket.

So as the school year progresses, do all you can to stay safe, watch out for you and your friends and help make this a safe community. If you do run into a problem and would like some help or questions answered, or even just have a question for a cop, please feel free to call or email me, and I will gladly do what I can to help. In the meantime, look for us at the next Pizza with Police at Pizza My Heart in Isla Vista on Oct. 1, 2015, at 6 p.m. I look forward to giving out free pizza and answering any questions you have! Take care and see you there.

Get caught by a cop! Your party popped by the Police? Ticked off by a ticket? If you have questions, don’t let it eat away at you, question authority! Email me anytime at: Qah@police.ucsb.edu or call me at (805)893-5440.

After six plus years of Question Authority, we’re tired of hearing about bike tickets. We’re asking YOU to ask some good questions to make the good lieutenant think!