Bake Sale Raises Funds for Syrian Refugees in Need

UCSB American Red Cross’s bake sale not only raises money for Syrians in need, but also increases public awareness of the refugees’ dire situation.

Effie Sklavenitis

UCSB American Red Cross is hosting a bake sale in front of the UCen Tuesday through Thursday to raise money for Syrian refugees.

Over 70 goods were baked in preparation for the first day of the sale, including candy corn-shaped Rice Krispy treats, brownies, apple rose pastries and peanut butter, sugar and chocolate chip cookies. Last year, UCSB American Red Cross held a bake sale to raise money for victims of the earthquake in Nepal.

Internal vice president of UCSB American Red Cross and third-year biology major Allie Liu said she hopes UCSB will come out and support the Red Cross’s attempts to help Syrian refugees.

“We are trying to support the Syrian refugees,” Liu said. “The American Red Cross, along with UNHCR, is providing food, shelter and anything that these people who are coming from a country in chaos may need.”

President of UCSB American Red Cross and fourth-year biology major Heather Halaweh said students really like the bake sale and ask questions about the refugees overseas.

“When we do the bake sale, we try to choose something that’s current, and we want something that a lot of people care about because it’s an occurrence that is happening on such a large scale,” Halaweh said.

For the full story, see dailybaker.org.

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Witnesses Testify Concerning Recent Student Death

Five students spoke during public forum at the Associated Students (A.S.) Senate meeting on Wednesday night to give witness testimonials of the events leading up to the death of second-year pre-biology major Andres Esteban Sanchez on Sunday, Oct. 11.

At approximately 4:40 a.m., two Isla Vista Foot Patrol (IVFP) deputies responded to reports of a male subject on the 6700 block of Abrego Road running in the street screaming for help. Upon arrival, deputies were flagged down by a nearby witness who stated the male subject, later identified as UCSB student Andres “Andy” Esteban Sanchez, had a deep laceration on his right arm.

The five students, Areli Ariana, Ashley Baker, Joceline Hernandez, Alejandra Melgoza and Marvin Ramirez, dialed 911 following an encounter with Sanchez near their residence. According to the students, first responders on the scene mishandled the situation, mistreating the victim and witnesses based on their race.

Santa Barbara City College student Marvin Ramirez said Sanchez ran up to him and Hernandez screaming “help!” while bleeding profusely from his right arm.

“He, like, ran into my arms and I didn’t even have a shirt on, and I felt him and he had a massive cut in his right arm and it was just gushing out blood, and it wasn’t dripping, it was literally flying and it was ridiculous,” Ramirez said. “I knew at the time that it was a matter of time, and we ran inside and tried to get a towel and we tried to take care of him.”

According to Ramirez, Sanchez was restless but was not violent toward the five witnesses.

“He was a little bit out of control due to the adrenaline, so he was running around from one apartment complex to another, but we were supposed to stop him. We sat him down several times,” Ramirez said.

“Though it seemed like he was violent, he didn’t do anything to us.”

Off-campus senator and second-year Chicani@ studies and history of public policy double-major Alejandra Melgoza said she spoke with dispatch and “specifically requested” medical assistance, but was not taken seriously.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

W SOCCER V CAL POLY
HARBER STADIUM
THURSDAY OCT. 15, 7PM

W VOLLEYBALL V UC RIVERSIDE
THUNDERDOME
FRIDAY OCT. 16, 7PM

W VOLLEYBALL V FULLERTON
THUNDERDOME
SATURDAY OCT. 17, 7PM

M WATER POLO V USC
CAMPUS POOL
SUNDAY OCT. 18, 12PM

M SOCCER V UC DAVIS
HARPER STADIUM
WEDNESDAY OCT. 21, 7PM

WOMEN’S SOCCER FACE CAL POLY IN THE BLUE GREEN RIVALRY

UCSB STUDENTS GET INTO ALL REGULAR SEASON UCSB ATHLETIC EVENTS FREE WITH VALID STUDENT ID
Jeff Daniels displaying his versatile talent in an up-close musical performance with the Ben Daniels Band

Nov. 3, at 8:00 p.m. at The New Vic, 33 W. Victoria St.

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This school is awful at talking to itself, like the Financial Aid to the BARC office,” McCahon said. “I almost got kicked out of school because one said I was good and the other said I wasn't, so that's a bit of an issue.”

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TSA aims to help transfer students succeed socially and academically at UC Santa Barbara through advocacy and community-building events. The social offered free food and included a talk from UCSB’s new Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Margaret Klawunn. The TSA will host socials, workshops, a mentoring program and other events throughout Transfer Awareness Month in November.

Office of Student Life Associate Dean of Students and Lecturer Don Lubach said now is the “greatest” time to be a transfer student at UCSB.

“I've worked with transfer students over the years, but, until the last couple of years, I haven’t seen transfer students really recognize their unique identity and get to know each faster,” Lubach said.

Fourth-year biopsychology major Monica Luong said it can be difficult to establish friends as a transfer student.

“Freshmen get to, like, live in dorms and they're right next to each other, but if you're a transfer student you might not be placed next to people your age,” Luong said. “There need to be more events just for transfer students because they feel older than everybody if they go to more social events.”

Fourth-year black studies major Javae Valentine said housing was an issue for him when he transferred to UCSB.

“It's hard to find housing. I feel like it's a common thing that UCSB fucks up your housing,” Valentine said. “They messed up my housing so I didn't have anywhere to live at first and I was mad about that, but after that it got pretty good. I love this school.”

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New Aid for Disabled Students

Devon Dieling
Reporter

Associated Students will implement the Alternative Transportation Project (ATP), a program to assist disabled students with golf cart and pedicab services by the end of winter quarter.

ATP, which will operate on and off campus, is the work of a coalition of A.S. senators alongside the Commission on Disability Equality (C.O.D.E.) and Residence Hall Association (RHA). UCSB has accommodated disabled students in the past through a bus service in the 1960s and a tram service in the 1990s, but both programs ended due to budgetary reasons.

Off-campus senator, C.O.D.E liaison and second-year undeclared major Natalie Jordan had the idea for the project after suffering an injury that left her wheelchair-bound for six weeks.

“Disabled students, both permanent and temporary, have been overlooked due to the misunderstanding that A.D.A. [Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990] compliance has solved all the issues confronting disabled persons, when in fact there is much to accomplish,” Jordan said.

Jordan said she plans to establish additional services for disabled students while in office.

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“I have high hopes to create a Medical Equipment Loan Closet for temporarily disabled students in addition to a new Disabled Students Study Room in the library,” Jordan said.

Third-year political science major David Ashaolu said he fractured bones in his left knee last year and had to walk to class on crutches.

“The only problem I have with this project is that it didn’t come sooner,” said Ashaolu. “It was so hard to motivate myself to get up and go to class because every walk to school felt like a marathon.”

Off-campus senator and third-year political science major Austin Hechler said UCSB does not have sufficient disability services.

“How is a person on crutches supposed to make it from 66 or 67 DP to class at a reasonable time?” Hechler said. “Furthermore, renting equipment is really expensive and consequently leaves students with no options to get to class or around campus.”

According to Hechler, A.S. is relying on funds from the parking lock-in fee to operate ATP.

“It seems every time students demand services, whether it be mental health counselors, disabled person transportation or other initiatives that students demand from their institution, the University looks upon the students to fund it through lock-ins and additional student fees,” Hechler said.
**Keep It Local & Keep It Safe this HALLOWEEN WEEKEND**

Tell your **out of town friends** not to visit during Halloween weekend, it’s not worth it. Overnight guests aren’t allowed in residence halls or university owned apartments on Halloween. Friends won’t be able to find parking in Isla Vista or Goleta.

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Keep it legal to **avoid citation or arrest**. Remember, there is strict enforcement and zero tolerance during Halloween weekend. There will be more than 200 Sheriff, Police, and CHP officers in IV during Halloween weekend.

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In an emergency, **CALL 911!**

**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**
- Isla Vista Foot Patrol: (805) 681-4179
- UCSB Campus Police: (805) 893-3446
- CSO Escorts: (805) 893-2000
- Campus Advocacy, Resources & Education 24/7: (805) 893-4613
- Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center, 24/7: (805) 564-3696
- Emergency 911 (off campus)
- 9-911 (on campus)
- Santa Barbara County Jail: (805) 681-4260

**JUST CALL 911**

Know the warning signs for alcohol poisoning and drug overdose.

**10 TIPS to**

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**7.** Be aware that combining alcohol with other drugs, even prescribed medication, can lead to dangerously slowed breathing and heart rates and can be lethal. If you are concerned about your friend, don’t hesitate to call 911. There are no repercussions to those calling for help. CA law provides immunity to those who seek medical assistance for another person experiencing a drug related overdose.

**8.** Keep your social media posts about Halloween to a minimum.

**9.** Direct, Delegate, Distract are the three ways that you can safely intervene when you see something going down that just doesn’t seem right. If you are comfortable intervening — then do it! Wouldn’t you want someone to do the same for you?

**10.** If you see illegal, dangerous, or suspicious activity, call 911.

**LIFE OF THE PARTY**

Have fun, enjoy Halloween regret-free! [http://lifeoftheparty.sa.ucsb.edu](http://lifeoftheparty.sa.ucsb.edu) or [http://www.facebook.com/WeGaucheBack](http://www.facebook.com/WeGaucheBack)

**CONFIDENTIAL ADVOCACY**

CARE offers free, confidential advocacy for those affected by stalking, sexual assault, and dating/domestic violence. To reach a confidential advocate 24/7, call (805) 893-4613.

**A.S. PARDALL CENTER SAFE SPACE**

A Safe Space for anyone who may feel triggered or harassed on Halloween weekend. Advocates from CARE and the Santa Barbara Rape Crisis Center will be available on call for any needs. Friday and Saturday, 10pm-3am, 6550 Pardall Road, 2nd Floor.

[www.UCSBHalloween.com](http://www.UCSBHalloween.com)

**Symptoms of alcohol poisoning or drug overdose:**

- Person cannot be awakened; cold, clammy, or bluish skin; slow and/or irregular breathing; vomiting while passed out. Turn the victim on his/her side to prevent choking in case of vomiting.

**Questions?**

Call UCSB Office of Student Life (805) 893-4568
PARKING INFORMATION – ISLA VISTA
All cars in following locations must be moved off the street by 3 p.m. on Fri., 10/30 until 6 a.m. on Sun., 11/1, or will be towed:
- 6500-6700 blocks of Del Playa
- 6500 block of Trigo
- Camino del Sur between Del Playa and Trigo
- Camino Pescadero between Del Playa and Trigo
- El Embarcadero between Del Playa and top of loop
Cars parking in violation will be towed.

PARKING INFORMATION – UCSB
Registered UCSB undergraduates with the Annual Night & Weekend (N&W) Parking Permit are eligible to park in designated campus lots or structures from 9 a.m. on Fri., 10/30 to 7:30 a.m. on Mon., 11/2.
- The cost for the undergraduate N&W parking permit is $26.25, plus $5.95 shipping/handling fee.
- You are encouraged to apply/order by 10/16 to ensure your permit arrives by mail prior to Halloween weekend. After 10/16 you may purchase your permit at the TPS office, pending availability.
- Only one permit per registered student.
- Parking for Halloween weekend is allowed only in specific campus areas: 22 Parking Structure, 18 (Mesa) Parking Structure, and Lot 16, with overflow parking in Lots 30 and 38. All other campus lots and areas will be closed to public parking.
- Vehicle info must match permit, or it will be towed, resulting in a $300 citation plus storage charge.
- Individuals without a regular UCSB or N&W parking permit will not be allowed to park on campus; cars not displaying valid permits will be cited and towed.
- Temporary, paper permits will not be honored; vehicles must display the Annual N&W decal, Faculty, Staff, IVA 22, or authorized special event permits to get past all check points on campus.
- IVA 22 permit allows you to store your vehicle in 22 parking structure. The permit does not restrict your ability to freely move your vehicle in and out of the parking structure.
- Community members, UCSB staff, faculty, and non-resident students are eligible to purchase the IVA 22 permit. Only 100 are available.
- No out-of-town visitors will be allowed to park on campus or in local parking lots, such as Calle Real, Camino Real Marketplace, K-Mart, Gish Park, University Village Plaza, Fairview Center, or in local Goleta neighborhoods. Cars parked in violation will be towed.
- No taxis will be allowed to pick up or drop off on campus.

POLICE ROADBLOCKS
- Police roadblocks will be placed at six intersections from 4 p.m. to 6 a.m. each night on Fri., 10/30 through Sun., 11/1.
- The roadblocks will prevent vehicle access to Del Playa, Sabado, and Trigo roads, from 6500 through mid-6800 blocks.

You can use a N&W parking permit year round! Use it to park near the Library when you're studying late at night!
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SBCC President to Retire After Four-Year Service

Lori Gaskin

Santa Barbara City College (SBCC) President Lori Gaskin announced Monday her decision to retire after the end of the 2015-16 school year. After working 35 years in the California Community College system, Gaskin decided to end her career in higher education. Gaskin was President of West Valley College for three years prior to her appointment as SBCC’s President in July 2012. Gaskin focused on a variety of issues including fiscal transparency for the college, campus facility modernization and addressing SBCC student concerns in Isla Vista.

Gaskin said her decision to retire was partially due to SBCC’s positive accreditation by the Accrediting Commission for the Commission for Community and Junior Colleges.

According to Gaskin, a major focus during her presidency was to close the student achievement gap between different ethnicities.

“We’ve received several funds to experiment and launch innovative programs to close that gap or disparity,” Gaskin said. “We’ve also ramped up our academic counseling support. We had one of the higher ratios in the state when it came to student academic counseling ratios.”

Executive Vice President of SBCC Jack Friedlander said Gaskin smoothly transitioned into her role during her first year of presidency.

“She came in and calmed the waters at the college and in the community and helped reestablish relationships internally and externally,” Friedlander said.

“She didn’t come in with a preconceived agenda”.

According to Friedlander, the recruitment process for a new president is in its early stages.

“We have a profile of what the ideal candidate would bring,” Friedlander said.

“Particularly, people who apply write an essay to write about how their experiences and characteristics align with what we’re looking for and how they would deal with the challenges our campus is facing.”

SBCC Associated Students President and second-year business administration major Isaac Eaves said Gaskin listened to student voices on campus.

“She always had the time to communicate with students and build a connection,” Eaves said. “She’s been working hard to make sure that we have a voice because in the past — there’s been a lot of micromanaging from the Board of Trustees and down.”

SBCC Student Trustee and political science and sociology double major Tyler Gibson said Gaskin has addressed issues regarding “Measure S,” a bond proposition authorizing funds to improve campus facilities.

“In 2014, we tried to improve [SBCC’s] infrastructure,” Gibson said. “[Gaskin] addressed concerns because of Measure S. We’ve tried to strategize ways to continue to be an effective community campus while keeping the faculty and students in mind.”

Gibson said many students were surprised about Gaskin’s announcement.

For the full story, see dailynexus.com.
Bike Safety On the Rise While Theft Decreases

UCSB improves bike safety and theft prevention by encouraging students to register their bikes and implementing new campaigns and committees to lower the number of thefts.

Mohan Saxena
Reporter

The biking situation at UCSB has been improving, with a reduction from over 300 reported thefts annually in 2010 to less than 200 thefts in 2014. UCSB has over 15,000 bicycles on campus, a third of which are registered by the Community Service Organization (CSO) bike registration program. Associated Students Bike Committee (ASBC) and Corporal Matthew Stern from UCPD, the designated bicycle and skateboard safety officer, are largely in charge of all things bicycle related on the UCSB campus, from registration to bike path maintenance.

First-year psychology major Stevi Ibonie said she bikes to and from class and has picked up on the campus bike traffic patterns in the three weeks she’s been on campus.

“I think that [bike paths] can be [crowded] at certain times of the day,” Ibonie said. “…people have a lot of 9 a.m.’s, so when you’re biking to your 9 a.m. class sometimes there’s a million people [on the paths] but then sometimes, when you’re biking back later in the day, like four or five, there’s not too many people and it’s kind of nice. So it kind of depends.”

Third-year biopsychology major Neha Nayak said she was recently involved in a bike accident on campus.

“I just got into an accident yesterday,” Nayak said. “I usually bike to campus [from Isla Vista] and then walk because I don’t like how crowded [the bike paths are]. But then I was walking, and he was going really fast, and I wasn’t looking that way, and he crashed into me, and we both got really hurt.”

ASBC chair and second-year economics and accounting major Tiffany Wu said ASBC updated its Facebook page to include safety information about campus biking tips. According to Wu, inexperience with biking in crowded places and incorrect bike etiquette are the biggest causes of inefficiencies and accidents.

“Biking was pretty hectic in the first few weeks when there were [first years] coming in and learning how to bike and how to navigate the bike paths,” Wu said. “Mostly, I feel like there’s not really a tradition of using hand signals at UCSB. That’s why we’re trying to navigate our committee towards a more educational path.”

Stern said the biking “culture” has changed compared to when he biked on campus as a student.

“Biking is what I did primarily when I came here,” Stern said. “I was also a CSO so I was on bikes pretty much 40 hours a week on campus. When I went to school here, iPods weren’t popular yet — nobody could afford them — so nobody had headphones, nobody had phones and people would actually have conversations on the bike lane.”

According to Stern, there is an alternative program for students who receive citations for breaking a bike-related law to attend a bike safety class for $35 instead of paying a fine upwards of $200.

“When I was in school, we didn’t have the option of taking a class; we had to pay the whole fee of the citation … It wasn’t effective in terms of educating people,” Stern said. “We’re not out there to penalize students, we just want to make the environment safer for everybody.”

Stern said the bicycle registration program deter theft and is bringing UCSB’s stolen bike recovery rate to 33-35 percent, which is six times the national average.

“A bike that’s unregistered that is reported to a law enforcement agency statistically has about a 1 percent chance of recovery,” Stern said. “Bike registration is required on campus by law, and that’s primarily why it’s so effective. If I can get 100 percent compliance, I guarantee you we’d be recovering more bikes.”

According to Stern, he is planning a new committee to reduce bike theft throughout Santa Barbara County.

“It started off informally, and it grew into a bunch of concerned community members,” Stern said. “We’ve got people from law enforcement from the sheriff’s department and the city of Santa Barbara, along with some bicycle retailers and some county personnel.”

Stern also said he is planning a campaign in March tentatively called “Dude, Where’s My Bike?” and plans to use GPS bait bikes set around campus and recover as many stolen bicycles as we can and identify as many thieves as we can.

“The idea is it’s a full month campaign during bicycle safety month,” Stern said. “[We’ll] operate our GPS bait bikes … do a sweep of the entire campus and bicycle racks, recover as many stolen bicycles as we can and identify as many thieves as we can.”

Stern says the most important thing in bike safety is to be aware of your surroundings when biking and to follow the rules of the road.

“If [bikers] make a conscious effort to pay attention to their surroundings and maybe take things a little slower than they normally would, then I think that would really reduce bike accidents,” Stern said. “It’s a misconception that bicycles always have the right of way … In Isla Vista, [in] more than 90 percent of [bike and] car accidents, the bicyclist is actually found at fault.”

If you have any questions bicycle or skateboard related, email Corp. Stern at matt.stern@police.ucsb.edu

Read about more about bike safety tips at facebook.com/UCSB.BikeComm

Report any your lost bicycle or any information about a stolen bicycle to UCPD dispatch at (805) 893-3446.
Word of Life Christian Church

Six individuals were arrested for the death of 19-year-old Lucas Leonard, who was assaulted at a church meeting until he stopped breathing and passed away. His 17-year-old brother Christopher was hospitalized in serious condition. Two subjects were charged with first degree manslaughter while the other four were charged with second degree assault. The crimes happened at the Word of Life Christian Church, where officials secured several children to Child Protective Services. The boys had been beaten until they confessed their “sins” and asked for forgiveness. cnn.com

Sex Trafficking Bust

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, in partnership with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies and the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC), arrested more than 150 “pimps” and rescued 149 children in 135 cities from sex traffickers in the ninth annual “Operation Cross Country.” The Innocence Lost program has resulted in the identification of 4,800 sexually exploited children and has obtained more than 2,000 convictions of pimps and their associates. At least 15 of these cases have resulted in life sentences. This was the ninth and largest enforcement operation to date. fbi.gov

Geoffrey Marcy Resignation from Berkeley

The UC Berkeley astronomy professor is to resign after a sexual harassment hearing. The university ruled that Marcy, who has been on faculty staff for 16 years, is guilty of violating sexual harassment policies by allegedly groping, kissing, touching or massaging students. Marcy was initially placed on probation over summer. Berkeley’s Chancellor Nicholas B. Dirks gave an announcement in an email in which he deemed Marcy’s behavior “contemptible” and “inexcusable.” nytimes.com

International Spotlight

Obama Deploys Troops in Cameroon

President Obama announced up to 300 troops will be deployed to Cameroon to conduct airborne intelligence and surveillance and fight against Boko Haram, a Nigerian group of Islamist militants. In his letter to Congress, Obama stated that an advance force of 90 troops began deploying to West Africa on Monday and will remain there until “no longer needed.” This is the first U.S. deployment that will potentially engage in combat with Boko Haram. bbc.com

Banging Noise Heard from ‘El Chapo’s’ Cell

Newly released surveillance footage reveals a loud banging noise in the cell of Mexican drug lord Joaquín “El Chapo” Guzmán minutes before he escaped from prison. The recording shared by Televista is the first time the audio has been released from the July 11 escape. The timestamp of when the banging was first heard was at 20:46:36 and continued at least half a dozen times for about 40 minutes. Around two minutes after the last bang, Guzman disappeared underneath his bed and it wasn’t until 20:17:07 (about 25 minutes after Guzman escaped) that guards were sent to his cell to investigate. abovenews.go.com

Australian Police Investigating 12-Year-Old Suspected Terrorist

Australian security agencies are investigating a 12-year-old boy for suspected terrorist activity. According to Australian Federal Police Commissioner Andrew Colvin, terrorist threats have evolved and become younger over the last year. On Oct. 2, police accountant Curtis Cheng was shot and murdered by 13-year-old, Iranian-born Farhad Jabar, who was later shot dead by police. Of the 18 suspected extremists named in March, the 12-year-old was the youngest, and his name has not been published. abovenews.go.com

National News

Bike Safety On the Rise While Theft Decreases

Geoffrey Marcy Resignation from Berkeley

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Postdocs

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bers of UC’s negotiating team “don’t respect postdocs.”

UCSB’s materials department postdoc and Santa Barbara unit chair for the union Patrick Callahan said postdocs do “all kinds of things,” including guiding graduate students through school and doing in-depth research.

“Obviously, UCSB is a research university and postdocs are pretty important to getting high-level research done,” Callahan said. “They’re people who already have PhDs, so they are highly trained.”

Postdoctoral researchers often work under the direction of a professor while training for a faculty position, according to analyst Billy Ko, who works in UCSB’s academic personnel department.

“Postdocs typically spend five years getting training and mentorship with a faculty member,” Ko said.

Callahan said because the terms included many improvements that he and other postdocs were pushing for, he expected a majority of postdocs to approve the contract.

For the full story, see dailynexus.com.
Third District Supervisor Doreen Farr to Retire in December

District Supervisor Doreen Farr, who first took office in 2009, announced that she will not be seeking a third term on the Board of Supervisors, instead hoping to spend time with family.

Mohan Saxena
Reporter

Santa Barbara County Third District Supervisor Doreen Farr announced Friday she will not seek a third term after December 2016.

Farr has served on the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors since 2009, representing Santa Ynez, Goleta and Isla Vista. While in office, Farr secured $480,000 of county funding for an I.V. Community Center and $10.3 million for the Pescadero Lofts, which provide housing and services for I.V.’s homeless population. Farr has also supported Assemblymember Das Williams’ recently signed Assembly Bill 3 (AB 3), which will create Community Services District (CSD) in I.V. if approved by residents.

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“The fact that I’ve lived in the county for almost four decades now, first in the south coast and now in the Santa Ynez Valley, kind of gave me a unique background,” Farr said.

Farr says one of her “legacies to the district” will be securing funding to open the I.V. Community Center.

“That’s certainly a project that is personally close to my heart, and I’m glad that we were able to keep going and secure the funding,” Farr said.

Williams said Farr’s support for AB 3 in her role as Chair of Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), a state-mandated agency that typically oversees the development of CSDs, was essential to the development and progress of the bill.

“She came to Sacramento to testify during our first committee hearing and was able to effectively attest to the real challenges of Isla Vista in their quest for self-governance,” Williams said in an email. “Also, as chair of LAFCO during this process, Supervisor Farr has been a voice of reason, encouraging a compromise where LAFCO could be involved in the formation of the CSD while understanding why the community wouldn’t want to leave it totally in their hands.”

Fifth District Supervisor Steve Lavagnino, who has worked with Farr since she assumed office, said Farr is a “consummate professional.”

For the full story, see dailynexus.com.

Halloween 2015 parking restrictions in Isla Vista may affect you!

Isla Vista Parking

No street parking in Isla Vista from 9am on 10/30 until 7am on 11/1 for Del Playa residents (6500, 6600, 6700); Camino Del Sur residents between Del Playa and Trigo; Camino Pescadero residents between Del Playa and Trigo; El Embarcadero residents between Del Playa and Top of Loop; Trigo residents on 6500 only.

El Nido residents on 6500 and Sabado Tarde residents on 6500, 6600, 6700 do not need to move cars off street, but vehicles will not be allowed to enter or exit through roadblocks from 9am on 10/30 until 7am on 11/1.

UCSB Campus Parking

No Overnight Visitor Parking is allowed on the UCSB Campus from Friday October 30th through Sunday November 2nd

• Registered UCSB Undergrads with an Annual Night & Weekend parking permit can park in designated lots on campus beginning at 9am Friday, October 30th until 7:30am on Monday, November 2nd. Parking is allowed only in Structure 22, 18 (Mesa Structure) and Lot 16. All other campus lots are subject to closure and may be physically closed.

• Apply/order on-line by October 16th to ensure your permit arrives by USPS mail prior to October 30th. Visit our office to purchase a permit now through October 25th (permits ordered after the 16th are NOT guaranteed to arrive by the 30th).

Order online today! Deadline to order is October 16th!

Annual N/W permit is discounted by 50% from $52.50 to $26.25 plus $5.95 shipping/handling fee = $32.20.

Permit is valid through June 30, 2016.

One permit per registered student; vehicle must be linked to permit.
UC Santa Barbara’s Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships administered for the first time this year the Promise Scholar Program, which recognizes incoming undergraduates who show potential in academic, research and student leadership positions and provides them a minimum of $120,000 in financial support.

The program allows students and their families to plan for all four years of tuition as opposed to traditional financial aid programs, which are on a year-by-year basis. Students are given a minimum of $120,000 to go towards tuition, room and board, loan fees, health and books. The program was created by Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Claudine Michel and Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships Director Michael Miller after they recognized a fundamental issue with the traditional financial aid program design.

Miller said a major obstacle families with financial need face is having to commit to paying for four years of education though traditional financial aid programs only provide funding one year at a time.

“I can’t think of any other major purchase that works that way,” Miller said in an email. “By providing students with a four-year outlook, they are able to focus on why they are here, which is to get a world class education and entrench themselves in the UCSB community.”

According to Miller, UCSB stands as number one on the Top Colleges Doing the Most for Low-Income Students list by Us News and World Report, which measures colleges’ efforts on economic diversity.

“We do a great deal for low income students at UCSB,” Miller said in an email. “Approximately 75% of undergraduates at UCSB have financial aid and we disburse about $400 million annually. For most families, a UCSB education would not be possible without some sort of financial aid.”

Miller said the new Promise Scholars program is offered to dedicated students from areas of California where it is less common for high school graduates to attend UCSB.

“We really were not sure how the program would be received so we made a modest number of offers and we focused on areas of the state we have not been able to recruit students to UCSB in the past,” Miller said in an email. “All of the students selected for the Promise Scholar program were highly meritorious and showed a great deal of potential.”

A c a d e m i c Initiatives Associate Director Mark Shishim said he is confident that this group of Promise Scholars will positively impact the UCSB community in more ways than one.

“This is an extraordinary group of students - I’m confident their contributions to our University will be evident in scholarship, leadership and citizenship,” Shishim said in an email. “I’m honored to be a part of their journey and proud to welcome them to the Gauchos family.”

Miller said he has very high hopes for the program and wants to see the students involved on campus without worrying about finances.

“I would love to see our Promise Scholars become campus leaders, work closely with faculty, participate in research and give back to the UCSB community in some way,” Miller said in an email. “By eliminating the guessing game about whether they can afford to stay at UCSB, we are hoping to see positive results in all aspects of our students’ lives.”

Miller said the program could change the way financial aid is administered across the UC.

“I truly believe we are on to something with the multiyear financial aid awards,” Miller said in an email. “If we remain thoughtful and continue to collaborate across our campus, I think this could revolutionize the way financial aid is administered at the University of California and beyond.”

Promise Scholar Advisor Natalie Gonzalez said the promise scholars benefit from various resources and opportunities to which other students do not have access.

“One of the things they are invited to is a faculty night, and that is just for them to be able to meet other faculty members on campus,” Gonzalez said. “In the Winter Quarter will be workshops on budgeting and how to renew financial aid applications, making sure that they are meeting those deadlines as well.”

Gonzalez said she wants to introduce Promise Scholars to research opportunities and other resources.

“We will have more information on how to get involved in undergraduate research, how to talk to faculty members, how to seek mentorship, and overall how to be exposed to the different resources that UCSB has to offer,” Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez also said she hopes the program will build a support system for the scholars that will increase retention.

“I hope they have peers that they can contact and connect with in order to have that home away from home support system with each other, but also with staff, faculty and other community members that are here to support them,” Gonzalez said.
ONLINE FOCUS: AROUND THE NBA

Grizzlies Travel Cross-Country to Train at UCSB

Elliot Thornton
Staff Writer

California has a knack for reeling in people from all over. To open the month of October, it welcomed a band of 21 NBA players. The Memphis Grizzlies kicked off the 2015-2016 season holding their six-day training camp at Robertson Gymnasium in UC Santa Barbara.

Last hosting last year's camp at RIMAC Arena in UC San Diego, it was only fitting that Head Coach Dave Joerger and his team headed west for another Cal training session. This time to the warm parts of Ila Vista.

When asked why California is such an ideal place to train for the Grizzlies, 10-year veteran Beno Udrih said, “After a hard day of practice, it's always nice to get outside and enjoy this quality weather. We had a really great experience down in San Diego [last year], and now we have another opportunity here in Santa Barbara.”

The Grizzlies’ presession at UCSD appeared to play off in league play as they finished the year racking up 55 wins and 27 losses, the second best record in franchise history. Memphis took second place in its Southwest Division as a result, solidifying a fifth-place seed in the Western Conference Playoffs.

After a promising first round win over Portland in April, crushing the Trailblazers four games to one, Memphis fell short of its NBA Finals hopes, losing 4-2 to the eventual champ Golden State. The Grizzlies started the season with many high expectations, but got crossed with the best team in Golden State … if we trust in ourselves and work hard, anything is possible in this league.”

After a couple pit stops around the NBA the two-time champion has made his home here in Memphis. Udrih had one of his best seasons last year adding point guard leadership behind Conley and offensive production for a young Grizzly second-string rotation. The vet from Slovenia finished second in bench, scoring averaging 7.7 points per game right behind mid-season acquisition and former Boston Celtic Jeff Green.

While it has been an uphill battle for Udrih spending the majority of his years with Sacramento, he has no doubt that his time in Memphis will be a tremendous impact off the bench especially later on in the postseason. “I spent four years in Sacramento and they weren't very good team-wise,” Udrih said. “I bounced around a little bit but now I'm here in Memphis and I feel appreciated for what my game is on and off the court. It's great and hopefully I can finish my career here.”

Along with Udrih and Green holding the front for the second team, the Grizzlies have added a nice mixture of youth and experience to their roster. Memphis signed rim protectors Brandon Wright and Ryan Hollins as well as combo-guard Matt Barnes this offseason. The three veterans will have a tremendous impact off the bench especially later on in the postseason.

On top of this Memphis has seen good production from young guys like JaMychal Green, Russ Smith and Jordan Adams. All three were elite scorers for their respective college teams (Alabama, Louisville and UCLA) and can have breakout performances at any moment.

With one of the best starting lineups in the league, a healthy Mike Conley back and a bolstered bench full of vets and youth, it seems like the Grizzlies are in good shape for a playoff run this year. The question is: How far will they go?

Elliot Thornton / Daily Nexus

Blue-Green Rivalry

We’re in the heart of Blue-Green rivalry season, with women’s soccer hosting the Mustangs today, and men’s soccer at Cal Poly this weekend before hosting the Mustangs next Saturday. Head to the grocery store and pick up some tortillas; you definitely don’t want to miss this.

With another assist against Sac St., freshman forward Geoffrey Acheampong ranks first in the Big West with six.

CAMERYN BROCK / DAILY NEXUS

Grizzlies Sacked at Sac St., Face Cal Poly Next

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UCSB Shifts Focus to Annual Blue-Green Clash

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Staff Writer

Coming off a 1-0 upset at home against Long Beach State, it’s back to the drawing board for the UCSB women’s soccer team as it prepares for another home matchup against rival Cal Poly tonight at 7 p.m.

“We didn’t give up many looks at the goal against [Long Beach] but the goal they scored was a bit of a mistake on our part,” Head Coach Paul Stumpf said. “We’re a bit disappointed about the result [of the match] but let us know we competed very well with the number one team in conference right now.”

Sunday’s home conference opener snapped UCSB’s three-game winning streak. Santa Barbara holds a record of 4-4-1 overall and an even 1-1 conference standing. The Mustangs enter Harder Stadium with a record of 5-5-5 overall and 1-3-1 in the Big West.

Despite its loss, this past weekend was a learning experience for the young Santa Barbara team.

UCSB started four freshmen against Long Beach including midfielder Sydney Magnin and forward Mallory Hromatko. Although they did not score a goal, the two helped get touches to sophomore forward Amanda Francis and Ball from both returned from injuries in Saturday’s match.

“It’s great getting these experienced players back on the field,” junior defender Sydney Fuertes said. “This allows our subs to maintain the same level of play the game started at and mix [it] up depending on the personnel.”

Of the nine games that Hromatko has either scored or assisted UCSB has been on a roll since the start of September, winning eight of its last ten games.

“We’ve relied on a younger squad this year but they’ve really stepped up to the occasion,” said Fuertes. “It’s awesome seeing so many freshmen seizing this opportunity to help out the team.”

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“[The freshmen] have not been intimidated by this new environment like [Giannetti],” said Stumpf. “Their ability to make adjustments on the fly and incorporate it in their games highlights their high [soccer] IQ. What we’re asking them to do in short order has been a pleasant surprise for us.”

Hromatko has started all 13 games at forward for the Gauchos, tallying in five assists on the year. It will be the offensive production of Kreutz and savvy decision making of Abutin that UCSB must be aware of.

One final piece to the Mustang’s offense is senior forward Elise Krieghoff. Krieghoff has five goals on the year and 51 career goals during her four years at Cal Poly. Also a Clovis native, Krieghoff earned her ninth career Big West Player of the Week award after scoring one goal apiece in the Mustangs’ 1-1 tie against then No. 6 BYU and preseason top-25 team Pepperdine.

Megan Aubutin is the main facilitator of the Mustangs, setting up teammates and tallying in five assists on the year. It will be the offensive production of Kreutz and savvy decision making of Abutin that UCSB can not be aware of.

On the defensive end, senior defender Sydney Fuertes has also played a major role last season starting 19 matches as a sophomore for UCSB. Feurtes’ defensive contributions propelled her team to five shutouts this year.

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The Gauchos’ last victory over the Mustangs came in a 2-1 home win back in 2011. Despite being shutout in its last game against LBSU, UCSB has been on a roll since the start of September, winning eight of its last ten games.

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While Cal Poly is on a two-game losing streak, the Mustangs will be looking for another win against their rival. Hosting the Gauchos on Oct. 26 last season, the Mustangs used their home field to their advantage, scoring two early goals in the third and 14th minutes and securing a 2-0 victory.

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Kreutz has quickly filled her role at the forward position for Cal Poly, placing third in the Big West with seven goals. The freshman from Clovis has recorded a pair of goals in three matches this season, the last one coming off the Mustangs’ 7-2 victory over Hawaii on Oct. 4. Kreutz has been very disciplined in taking good looks at goal earning fourth place in the Big West with a shot percentage of .333.
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Gauchos On the Cusp of First Big West Win

Sean White  
Assistant Sports Editor

The UCSB women's volleyball team's current 11-match losing streak is the longest winless phase in the three-year coaching tenure of Head Coach Nicole Lantagne Welch in Santa Barbara. While an essential sportsmanship rule is to never underestimate your opponent, the odds of the Gauchos winning their first conference match of the season is a plausible prediction.

"We keep stressing the process of getting better," Lantagne Welch said. "We played so much better on Saturday. We have so much to grow from. If we play again like we played against Cal Poly on Sunday, I expect to see some good results. That's what's important, to keep improving, and then they're going to see the results come."

Santa Barbara will host UC Riverside on Friday and Cal State Fullerton on Saturday. The Gauchos are currently 4-12, 0-5 in Big West play and in search of their first home victory of the season. Ranking one spot above UC Riverside in the conference standings is UC Riverside. The Highlanders enter the Thunderdome at 6-12, 1-4 in Big West play and are on a four-match losing skid that has seen them get swept in their last three matches. In dire need of a win is Cal State Fullerton. The Titans are 10-6, 0-4 in conference action and are on a 19-match losing streak dating back to the end of last season.

In spite of UCSB's troubles this season, inscribing her name among the best liberos in the Big West is junior libero Emily Petrachi. She ranks second in the Big West with an average of 4.38 digs per set and fifth in total digs with 228. The possibility of a Gauchos' win is extremely convincing to Petrachi, who believes UCSB still has a chance to contend in the Big West.

"I feel really confident, getting the past weekend's games," Petrachi said. "We really played good, we didn't win but they were a tough team. I think that we can beat every team in the conference, especially the two that are coming this weekend."

Darting back to 2008, UC Riverside has continuously plummeted, finishing last in the Big West for nearly the past eight consecutive years. The 2014 season was one of its worst outings in program history. For the third time, last in 2006 and 2010, UC Riverside ended its season with zero conference wins and a 22-match losing streak that eventually came to an end in UCSB's 2015 season opener against Weber State.

Despite having four players with 125-plus kills this season, the Highlanders' multitude of errors has prevented their high-powered offensive attack. UCR ranks second in the Big West in total errors with 382, which has contributed to the Highlanders having the second-worst hitting average at .170.

However, along with UCR's arsenal of hitters, the Highlanders' junior libero Mary Hubbell is currently having the best season of her collegiate career. The defensive specialist's total of 315 digs and average of 4.77 digs per set lead the Big West. Prior to the start of the Big West schedule, UCR ranked third in digs per set with an average of 15.00. Since the start of conference play, the Highlanders sustain their third-place ranking with 15.1 digs per set.

Hubbell is also a one-time Big West Defensive Player of the Week recipient after recording a career-high 32 digs in a match against Nevada earlier this season, and is responsible for 15 of UCR's second-best conference total of 90 service aces.

As one of four seniors on the UCSB roster, opposite Jayerl Villanueva, is another top-three hitter for the Gauchos. It has been a frustrating stretch for the Gauchos, but the veteran player has learned to help the team, specifically its younger talent, maintain its composure throughout its arduous stretch of matches. "We honestly know we just have to keep fighting because volleyball is the type of sport in which it can go either way, if someone's off or if someone's on. We just have to keep fighting no matter what."

Following Santa Barbara's Friday match, UCSB closes out its weekend on a Saturday evening versus Cal State Fullerton.

Last season was the first time the Titans didn't register double-digit wins since 2003. Nov. 15, 2014 was the infamous date of Fullerton's last victory. Despite the drawbacks of this season, freshman outside hitter Hamilton said. "We honestly tell them to play with all of their heart."

UCSB can end its 11-match losing streak against UC and CSUF, which have a combined record of 6-28, 1-8 Big West.

The anticipation of earning their first conference victory is inevitable as this weekend provides the Gauchos with their best opportunity to do so.

"We just need to play like how we practiced," Petrachi said. "Sometimes we go frantic on the court and we're not loose enough. We're always there, but we never close and make a win. This is a great opportunity to get that win."

UCSB faces off against UC Riverside Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. and will take on Cal State Fullerton at 7 p.m. on Saturday in its return to the Thunderdome.

MEN'S WATER POLO

Men's Water Polo Searching for First MPSF Win

Jorge Mercado  
Staff Writer

After a competitive performance in the SoCal tournament, the UCSB men's water polo hopes to get its first conference win since Nov. 2, 2013 when it goes against LBSU on Saturday and hosts USC on Sunday.

UCSB is currently ranked No. 9 in MPSF play which is tied for lowest. The Gauchos will host USC at Saturday on 5-9 overall and are also 5-9 in MPSF conference play. The Trojans, currently at 15-2 with a 5-0 record in MPSF play, will head out to Santa Barbara for a Sunday match.

The Gauchos are 1-2 against LBSU this Saturday will mark the fourth match-up between these two teams. UCSB has won all previous meetings this season against LBSU, including a 12-6 victory this past weekend.

The Gauchos have struggled mightily against Santa Barbara averaging 6.3 points against them this season, their lowest total against any one team.

"Defense is really the number one thing," Wigo explained. "We want to make sure they earn every goal. If we do that we will find the back of the net enough to win."

One player who has played especially well for the Gauchos lately is sophomore attacker Shane Haushild. The 2014 MPSF Freshman of the Year added nine goals at the SoCal tournament, including three against LBSU, which led the team. The sophomore attacker leads the team in goals as well as points with 25 and 38, respectively.

"He's been playing great this year," Wigo said. "He has a tremendous shot. If you leave him open for a second too long, he is accurate and he will make the other team pay."

Another player who has played well is junior Mitchell Hamilton. Hamilton spent his first two years at Cal. He played well there, scoring 16 goals in both seasons. However, the junior attacker has been a great addition to the Gauchos line-up this season and has already tied his career high in goals scored at 16.

"I love Santa Barbara," Hamilton said. "The guys really welcomed me when I came to the pool and coach Wigo, the captains, everyone is doing a great job. I think we really have a great chance at winning MPSF."

If UCSB hopes to break out of their three-game losing streak, both to Santa Barbara and their overall season, they will need key performances from redshirt freshman Austin Stevenson and senior Dimitrios Lappas. Both are tied for most goals scored on the team with 16. The 49ers will also need to avoid slow starts as they have been outscored by opponents in the first half 71-47.

The Gauchos will then travel back home after their match against LBSU to face off against the Trojans at noon the next day. The Trojans are the top team in MPSF conference play heading into the weekend. These two teams are also no strangers as they met each other at the SoCal invitational with USC winning the match 10-8.

"We started off the game in a bad position," Hamilton said. "We went down a bunch of goals but we were able to come back and make it a game but it wasn’t enough. If we are ready off the bar who knows?"

If Santa Barbara wants to pull off the upset, then it will have to find a way to stop Australian national team member Blake Edwards who has scored 47 goals this season, second highest in the MPSF. The junior driver also scored four goals against UCSB on Saturday with three coming in the first half alone. Sophomore Grant Stein is also a key player for USC scoring four goals against the Gauchos on Saturday with three in the second half alone.

UCSB certainly has the players to play a great defensive match, especially when being led by senior goalkeeper Chris Whittlesey. Whittlesey continues his dominance totaling 51 saves this weekend and jumping up to the seventh most saves in MPSF history with 771.

The Trojans’ 10 points on Saturday against the Gauchos was the fourth lowest total they had been held to all year. Clearly, Santa Barbara can keep up with the second best team in the nation, but they need to prove they can do more than just keep up; they need to prove they can win against a team of this caliber.

"UCSC is a strong team and really disciplined," Hamilton said. "But we are going to play our own game not USC style water polo."

UCSB is set to play at noon against LBSU Saturday at Long Beach before coming back home to host USC at the same time Sunday.
Santa Barbara Bowl ‘Keeps It Neil’

Jack Wallace
Reporter

Seeing Neil Young and Promise of the Real at the Bowl was like stepping 50 years back in time to the old days of hardcore musical activism. The crowd was older than that of most Santa Barbara Bowl shows, although it was uplifting to see a spattering of young, crunchy, activist-types as well. There were many ex-flower child parents accompanied by eye-rolling teenagers.

Resting in the sylvan scene was a gathering of activism booths termed “Neil’s Village,” with organizations in line with Young’s long-standing reputation for standing up for the American farmer. Representatives were present from farm justice groups such as Beneficial Insects, Permaculture Magazine, the Center for Food Safety and a group fighting to overturn Citizens United and end corporate personhood for a so-called activist “hootenanny.”

As the encore song was “F***in’ Up,” Young moved back into his older material, including a striking presence strumming a weather-beaten Les Paul. Nelson took over lead vocals on a cover of Kurt Weill’s “September Song,” and his crooning tones sounded like his father was being channeled through him on the duet with Young. Noticeably different was his brother Micah Nelson. Micah clearly looked out of place as his constant power jumps, camouflage snapback and skin-tight black muscle tee made the impression that he had gotten lost on the way to Warped Tour.

The show’s first half consisted of several of Young’s classic hits including “Helpless,” “Out on the Weekend,” “Only Love Can Break Your Heart,” and “Alabama.” On “Words (Between the Lines of Age),” the crowd lost their heads at Young and Nelson’s screeching guitar riffs. The group delved into material off of Young’s most recent release, this summer’s Monsanto Years. The four-song block of unfamiliar material seemed to drag on quite a bit. Many of the lyrics from Young’s newest album come off a little heavy-handed (several songs included the band repeatedly droning “Monsanto00000000000000”), although the crowd seemed very passionate about the issues and replied with their usual repertoire of cheers and fist-pumps.

Young moved back into his older material for the remainder of the show and really harkened back to his psychedelic influences during “Down by the River” and “Time Fades Away,” breaking off into several-minute trance-like jam sessions. I heard one presumably stoned older fan behind me whisper, “It’s like they’re back in their garage, maaaaan.” As the show neared a close, Young stopped the performance for a so-called activist “hootenanny.” You could tell this is where his passions really lie, as he spoke truly from the heart about a new California Seed Law prohibiting the sharing of seeds more than three miles from where they left the ground, adding a seriously crippling restriction to state farmers. Young began to throw packets of seeds into the audience, calling out for cops to “come up here and arrest me.” While this might not have been as glamorous as protesting the Vietnam War, it was incredibly inspiring to see someone as late in his career as Young fighting for the things he loves.

Finishing off the show with “Love and Only Love,” Young announced that they were approaching the Bowl’s curfew, and had to go. Of course this was only a jest, and the band returned to the stage a couple of minutes later for the inevitable encore. “I certainly hope we offend some people,” Young said. “Keep it Neil” was embroidered on the back of her fringe jacket. It was hard to deny a bolstered connection to Young after this touching performance... and the audience went absolutely bananas for it. Both Young and Lukas Nelson took multiple fearsome guitar solos mid-song and sounded like they had descended from Valhalla itself. It was clear the audience was in a total frenzy, as even the begrudging teens at the show were jumping and shouting their lungs out at the folk-rock legend.

Somehow, Young managed to break every single string on his guitar by the end of the encore. It was clear at this point that the group was fully intent on messing with their imposed curfew as much as possible. Trying to stretch the show and stick it to the sedate Santa Barbarans suffering from sleepiness, the band put the guitar track on a feedback loop and proceeded to lay Young’s guitar to rest underneath his sweat-drenched flannel, jeans and hiking shoes. He began the show solo with “After the Gold Rush,” and his voice sounded just as tender and heartfelt as it did upon the days of old. The shining star of the group was Willie Nelson’s son Lukas, who posed a striking presence strumming a weather-beaten Les Paul. Nelson took over lead vocals on a cover of Kurt Weill’s “September Song,” and his crooning tones sounded like his father was being channeled through him on the duet with Young. Noticeably different was his brother Micah Nelson. Micah clearly looked out of place as his constant power jumps, camouflage snapback and skin-tight black muscle tee made the impression that he had gotten lost on the way to Warped Tour.

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The New Noise Music Festival in Santa Barbara has promised to bring exciting and eclectic groups of artists across various Santa Barbara stages every year since its first iteration in 2009. One of the hottest tickets on this year’s lineup goes down this Friday when Ariel Pink and Black Lips bring the lo-fi heat to SOhO Restaurant and Music Club.

Atlanta garage punk rockers Black Lips have a long history of raucous live shows. Their earlier acts were typified by an abundance of moshing and crowd surfing, which became tame when accompanied by the ample nudity, fire and bodily fluids on display. Tales of this wanton debauchery surround the group, even when they would rather let them lie as relics of a preliminary era. Yet, it’s hard to forget legends of guitars set ablaze, frontman Cole Alexander spitting up stews of blood, beer and vomit all over the stage and the band fleeing South Asia to avoid jail time for what Indian statutes deemed “homosexual acts,” (including Alexander making out with guitarist Ian St. Pé and the casual showcasing of their genitals). The band and its members embody the punk staple of rowdy spectacles as a central component of the musical act itself. Though their live act has seemed to cool off a bit as the band has become more talented musically over the years (i.e. they now actually know how to play instruments and thus have less to compensate for), concertgoers should still expect to get their fill of aggressive action. Though they might not be setting fireworks off on the stage these days, one should still consider the benefits of a poncho when planning on entering the ‘splash zone.’

Los Angeles-based experimental pop multi-instrumentalist Ariel Pink will share the stage with the Lips next Friday. Born Ariel Marcus Rosenberg, Pink’s decade-long career began in a decidedly DIY place, eschewing ornament and clarity for a scratchy, anachronistic sound that he could hide behind, a sound not intended for performance. But like his supporting act, Pink has outgrown his lo-fi roots over time, transforming his earlier fare of heavy distortion and crackly vocals into a controlled-chaos pastiche of retro pop, electronica and psych-rock with the support of his band, the Haunted Graffiti.

Drawing disparate conceits together and marrying them into a sound all his own, Pink has his fingers dipped in many different thematic pools, and has thus been hailed by contemporaries like Toro y Moi, Dâm-Funk and Kurt Vile as one of the foremost visionaries in today’s pop landscape. Others, such as Grimes, have less praiseful words to spend in regard of Pink blasting his frequent spew of politically incorrect statements regarding prevailing social issues like gay marriage, racism and sexism. Though these words have all come tinged with the specter of sardonic trolling, he remains a controversial figure, but undeniably talented and challenging.

This year’s New Noise music festival is set to bring many exciting acts through venues across town. Fans of meticulously-designed and eccentric sounds would be remiss to miss out on this show.
**Former Gaucho Teaches Us How to Ball on a Budget**

There is a well-known and widely accepted phenomenon that food tastes better when you don’t have to pay full price for it. A UCSB alumnus, Stacey Anderson, is a firm believer of this theory. Her dedication to the cause is both admirable and beneficial to our community. Just a few months ago, Anderson created Santa Barbara Food and Culture, your newest go-to guide for the best deals around the area.

Anderson’s dedication to scoping out the greatest food and drinks for the most ideal prices is truly worthy of sainthood. After conducting a lot of research online, she found that there isn’t a forum for people to share their information and insight on Santa Barbara locales. Anderson comes "from a family who loves food, the dining experience, loves wine, trying new things [and] exploring," all of which are factors that inspired her to create a social media platform that hadn’t existed before.

Like many others, she couldn’t resist the idyllic combination of city and country and decided to stay in the Santa Barbara County. Anderson assures that yes, it truly is possible "to love this town and be able to stay here and explore it and experience it and not have to pay a ton of money,” and no, this doesn’t mean scraping by in dive bars and hole-in-the-wall places. She gets it, “college students are [on a] limited income, you’re busy, you only go into Santa Barbara so often depending on your schedule,” but there is still a way to have your cocktail and drink it too. The whole idea is to give users a single interface that they can rely on for finding places to go and things to do. As astonishing as this sounds, Anderson tells magical stories of happy hours and BOGO deals at places within the “food and beer and wine scene” that are “fun and have a nice atmosphere” — a sort of adult fairy tale that is actually real.

Local restaurants are even beginning to catch on and have started to bridge a relationship with these social media sites. By following Santa Barbara Food and Culture online, eaters have a means of “seeing what the public is looking for,” and are incited to “offer a happy hour from 4-6 or offer a daily special that people can go in for and not feel like they spent their whole paycheck.” Of course, the public is encouraged to also follow, give feedback and ask questions because Anderson really hopes to inspire the exploration process. She will gladly point you in the right direction of the best burrito and snazziest cocktail within the region.

The best part of it all! This project promises to always keep it real. Anderson never accepts any kind of payment or special deal to advertise any restaurant; major respect to the Queen of Deals for passing up that one. Her passion for the site means that if she isn’t completely stoked on the food at a certain spot, she simply won’t post it. Anderson reminds us that although “Isla Vista has everything you need for the most part, there is so much you can do in Santa Barbara that’s affordable and fun.” Rumor is, expert tips may start expanding to Goleta, Ventura and Carpinteria, which means more places to make your belly and wallet happy. Check out Santa Barbara Food and Culture on Facebook and Instagram to support a fellow Gaucho.

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**My First Meal Cooked In I.V.**

**Matt Garnica**

As a new resident of Isla Vista, I have been cooking for myself and eating far away from the once-beloved dining commons. After a week of living off the surprisingly delicious frozen meals Trader Joe’s offers, it was finally time to make something out of the ordinary. Yes, something that requires more than a microwave, a freezer and simple spices to identify with. With this "spaghetti," I then diced fresh mushrooms in supplement for meat. So now we have a veggie replacing pasta and a veggie replacing meat. A sprinkle of ground pepper and garlic salt on the pasta finished the dish with sharp flavors.

Voila! I found the perfect, easy, vegetarian, college-male friendly dish called spaghetti squash. This fun dish consisted of a bright yellow squash that, after only 30 minutes of preparation, ended up taking a spaghetti-like texture. The steps are simple.

1. Cut the spaghetti squash in half vertically, remove the seeds and pumpkin-like insides.
2. Add spices like pepper and garlic salt into both halves of the squash body and preheat the oven to 350 degrees.
3. Bake both halves in the oven for 30-40 minutes until soft, then fork out the spaghetti strands.
4. Sautee mushrooms with red sauce to add them to the spaghetti.
5. Enjoy in a bowl or eat right out of the squash shell.

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**Spaghetti Squash**

**Ingredients:**

- Spaghetti Squash
- 1 package of mushrooms
- Red sauce
- Garlic salt
- Ground pepper

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Let There Be Light

Herbert Kroemer (left), a pioneer in the field of heterostructures and hot electron physics, and John Bowers (right), professor and director of IEE speak to event goers about their research as well as the future of light technology.

The United Nations has declared 2015 the International Year of Light. To honor that, UC Santa Barbara’s College of Engineering along with the Institute of Energy Efficiency (IEE) hosted a light symposium at Corwin Pavilion consisting of talks by researchers, professors and directors of institutions — including three Nobel Laureates from UCSB — about their work in the light-based technological field.

Herbert Kroemer, professor of electrical engineering and materials at UCSB won the Nobel Prize in 2000 for physics “for developing semiconductor heterostructures used in high-speed and opto-electronics. Also, in 2000, Alan Heeger, UCSB professor of physics and materials, received the Nobel Prize in Chemistry ‘for the discovery and development of conductive polymers.’ The most recent of Nobel Prize winners, Shuji Nakamura, UCSB professor of Materials, received the honor in 2014 in the physics category ‘for the invention of efficient blue light-emitting diodes, which has enabled bright and energy-saving white light sources’.

The event started with a welcome address from Chancellor Henry T. Yang. “The purpose of the International Year of Light is to recognize and raise global awareness of how light-based technologies promote sustainability and provide solutions to global challenges in energy, education, agriculture and health,” Yang said.

This is certainly true with Kroemer’s fundamental breakthrough in heterostructures that has led to other discoveries and the Solid State Lighting and Energy Electronics Center (SSLEEC) at UCSB that works towards the next generation of LED/laser lighting research.

Sustainability, availability and efficiency are the goals and themes for UCSB’s research on light and light-based technology.

During Nakamura’s discussion on his research and invention of the blue LED, he explained that there could be about 19 redundant nuclear power plants in the United States due to LED use by 2020. To highlight the efficiency, Steve DenBaars, professor of materials and electrical and computer engineering and co-director of SSLEEC, lectured on how the next generation of lighting, laser lighting, would not experience the efficiency “drop” as noted in LEDs.

Furthermore, laser lighting may revolutionize communication. LiFi, as coined by Professor Harold Haas at a T.E.D. talk in 2011, which serves as a light and as a wireless network source, could in the near future replace WiFi in some applications.

In addition to UCSB’s distinguished faculty, there were also other notable speakers. Professor Amnon Yariv, of the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) gave a talk about “pure light” and how there is always a noise associated with light called “God’s noise.” Eva Silverstein, a professor of physics at Stanford University, discussed early universe physics.

In another session, Waguih Ishak, the division vice president and director of Corning West Technology Center spoke about how light-based technologies are key to good health, good communications, and good entertainment. To conclude Ishak’s talk, he presented a video that demonstrated the possibility and future of light-based technology. It may be possible one day for two surgeons in different countries to see the same patient at the same time using this type of technology.

The conference ended with the keynote speaker, Steven Chu, a William Kenan professor of physics and a professor of molecular and cellular physiology at Stanford University. His discussion was based on the role of light in modern times but also its impact since the beginnings of life. “Light and, more generally, electromagnetic radiation, has dramatically changed our knowledge of the physical world. It is also the source of oxygen we breathe, the food we eat and the energy that has powered the world since the beginning of modern times but also its impact since the beginnings of life. It is also the source of oxygen we breathe, the food we eat and the energy that has powered the world since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution. Light will continue to expand our scientific horizons and redefine our daily lives,” Chu said.

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The Nobel Prize in Physics

The Nobel Prize in Physics was awarded to Takaaki Kajita and Arthur B. McDonald for their discovery of neutrino oscillations, which proved that neutrinos do in fact have mass. Kajita, a Japanese physicist and Director of the Institute for Cosmic Ray Research, along with his team, found that neutrinos resulting from cosmic rays hitting the Earth’s atmosphere alternated between two flavours before reaching the detector under Mt. Kamioka. On the other side of the world, Canadian astrophysicist Arthur McDonald conducted experiments at the Sudbury Neutrino Observatory that revealed similar results to Kajita’s observations.

The Nobel Prize in Chemistry

The recipients for the Nobel Prize in Chemistry include Tomas Lindahl, Paul Modrich, and Aziz Sancar, awarded for their “mechanistic studies of DNA repair.” Lindahl, a Swedish scientist specializing in cancer research, was the first individual to isolate a mammalian DNA ligase and discover a unique class of enzymes in mammalian cells. Paul Modrich, professor of Biochemistry at Duke University, conducted experiments in his lab which demonstrated how DNA mismatch repair serves as a copeditor to avoid errors from DNA polymerase. Sancar, a Turkish American biochemist and molecular biologist, created repair maps for general repair for the entire human genome using normal human fibroblasts. The combined efforts of these scientists has allowed for a better understanding of DNA repair, which is essential in the study of genetic mutations.

The Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine

The first half of this award is shared jointly by William C. Campbell and Satoshi Omura “for their discoveries concerning a novel therapy against infections caused by roundworm parasites.” The other half of the Nobel Prize is awarded to Youyou Tu “for her discoveries concerning a novel therapy against malaria.” Campbell and Omura led the discovery of avermectin, a treatment for roundworm parasites. Tu specifically formulated one of the most effective treatments for malaria. Under the request of Vietnamese ruler Mao Zedong, who recruited Tu to find a promising treatment for malaria, an illness sweeping the North Vietnamese troops in Vietnam, Tu successfully led a group of scientists to develop the treatment. The discoveries of all three scientists have allowed for a breakthrough in treating the most parasitic diseases in developing nations.
**DAILY HOROSCOPE**

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** -- Today is a 7 -- Pluto turns retrograde (until 9/23), and power struggles decrease. It's still not a good time to argue. Pressure eases, and you can take time to look back. Secure the ground taken. Be cautious with long-distance travel, and take it slow. Watch conditions for changes.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** -- Today is a 7 -- With Pluto retrograde for the next five months, political control issues ease. Careful financial review reveals future expenses, so keep it frugal and stick to the budget. Pay bills, Do the research to craft a plan that fulfills a brilliant idea. Share your dream.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)** -- Today is a 7 -- Listen, but don’t argue. Intuitively, you know which path to take. Don’t gamble on spending to make ends meet. Push yourself recreationally. For the next five months, re-affirm and revise partnerships. Wait to see what develops. Someone’s saying nice things about you.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)** -- Today is a 7 -- Figure out how much you can afford to put away. Your current contractual agreements are validated. With Pluto retrograde (until 9/23), authoritative pressure eases, and you can relax and recharge. Express your emotions artistically. Settle into a pleasant routine at work. Make future plans.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** -- Today is a 7 -- Don’t gamble with your reserves or buy stuff you don’t need. Check on supplies. Over the next five months, strengthen relations with your community and partnerships. Take time to knit structures together for mutual support. Work for peace, beauty and freedom. Talk is cheap.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** -- Today is a 7 -- Discover family secrets from the past over the next several months. Get into the research. Take time for personal discovery, and capture it in words and images. Indulge in creative chaos. Get outside and taste freedom. Schedule more time for rejuvenation and relaxation.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** -- Today is an 8 -- Bossy overlords get distracted while Pluto’s retrograde (until 9/23). Savor creative freedom, and push yourself to new limits. Consider possibilities, and make plans. Schedule more time for rejuvenation and relaxation.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** -- Today is a 7 -- Love and spirituality soothe like balm. Nostalgia can be profitable, with Pluto’s retrograde (until 9/23). Don’t bet the farm, though. Maintain frugal financial routines. Look back and gather insight on where you’ve been. Enjoy creative freedom, and invent. Look ahead and envision your desire realized.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** -- Today is a 7 -- Over the next five months, reassess your resources. Include talents, affiliations, and connections. You have more than you think. Keep equipment in repair. Avoid wasting time indulging gossip. Communications could unveil surprises... make statements as if everything you say were public. Keep secrets to yourself.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** -- Today is a 7 -- The intensity lets up with Pluto retrograde for the next five months. Use this break to review strategies. Write the roadmap to reach a future personal goal accomplished. Cultivate your leadership. Take it slow to avoid accidents. A new contraption isn’t reliable.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** -- Today is a 7 -- With Pluto retrograde for the next five months, take time to review and reflect. Prepare a retrospective, dig into family history, or write your memories. Study and explore. Plan a peaceful retreat. Communications could seem intense today... soothe emotions with something delicious. Sign contracts later.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** -- Today is a 7 -- Let love spur you to make or renew a commitment. New information could change your options. A decision could get reversed. Listen to your senses. Take on new responsibilities for greater independence. For five months (with Pluto retrograde) review and refine plans. Learn from the past.
Gun Control in the U.K., Gun Crisis in the U.S.

As an international student from England, a country which incidentally has one of the world’s strictest gun control policies but has somehow yet to devolve into anarchyst madness, a lot of the concerns that make many Americans hesitant about changing gun laws don’t make sense to me. This is because many of them don’t make sense at all.

Tragedies like the recent shooting at Umpqua Community College in Oregon are tragic because they are an avoidable loss of life. Britain has seen a total of one school shooting in its entire history, namely, the Dunblane school massacre in 1996, whereas in the U.S., there have been 52 school shootings so far this year. This has nothing to do with the character of British people compared to Americans, and a lot more to do with the fact that, following the Dunblane massacre, two firearm acts were passed in Britain which made private ownership of handguns illegal.

This isn’t to say there aren’t guns or gun crime in Britain. There are around 1.8 million legally held guns in England, but acquiring one requires a stringent background check, a referee, a specific reason for wanting to own said gun and an approved cabinet fitted to a brick wall in which the gun can be stored when not in use. By contrast, to buy a gun at a gun show in parts of the U.S., you need enough money to pay for it.

While there are many people in Britain just as violent and angry as the Americans that commit school shootings, the difficulty of laying hands on a gun stops them from killing on the same scale. You could argue that an angry teen in Britain could go into school with a knife — and some do — but the fact that knives are less efficient weapons than guns means less life is lost. Trying to solve the problems that cause people to want to commit shootings is important, but eradicating all interpersonal violence is impossible. Instead, the U.S. needs to make sure that those who do want to commit violence don’t have easy access to tools that will help them do it on a large scale.

While GOP candidate Rubio Marco is right to say that "criminals don’t follow gun laws," you could make a similar argument against the law limiting blood alcohol content while driving, because drunk drivers won’t obey it. If we got rid of laws that criminals didn’t follow, we wouldn’t have laws.

Furthermore, stricter gun control doesn’t just help to prevent shootings by civilians. UK police don’t carry guns unless they’re part of an armed response unit, which is probably why U.S. police killed eight times as many people in a single year as UK police did in 115 years, even after you adjust for differences in the number of officers. According to Marco’s argument, this should leave UK officers vulnerable to gun-wielding criminals, but only three officers in England and Wales were fatally shot in the 11-year period from 2000 to 2011.

The continued existence of democracy in Britain is also a pretty good rebuttal against the argument put forward by objective third parties such as the NRA and Gun Owners of America that gun ownership is necessary to prevent the American people being suppressed by a fascist government. Britain might, for the time being, be under the government of a man alleged to have put his genitals inside the mouth of a dead pig but he’s a dead-pig-fucker we, unfortunately, elected. Gun advocates also like to suggest that Hitler’s rise to power in Germany was possible due to his implementing strict gun control laws which prevented the people from fighting back, a very convincing argument that is in no way based on actual facts. As it is, in 1938, Hitler signed a law that significantly relaxed gun control.

The idea that untrained citizen vigilantes could prevent a crisis like the rise of a dictator or a mass shooting if only they had access to guns is just that: an idea. GOP presidential candidate Ben Carson suggested that, in the event of a shooting, he would “ask everybody to attack the gunman because he can only shoot one [person] at a time” and that his argument is validated by Chris Mintz, the army veteran who was shot seven times trying to stop the Oregon shooter. He claimed that if everybody acted like Chris Mintz then “the likelihood of [the shooter] being able to kill as many people diminishes quite significantly,” ignoring the fact that Mintz had army training that allowed him to react quickly and withhold several bullet wounds. Most people, in the high stress environment of a shooting, wouldn’t be able to respond as fast or as appropriately to the situation as a trained veteran.

It’s very easy for someone to claim that, if an assailant was attempting to attack them, they would be able to take out their gun, aim and shoot it, just as it’s easy for Ben Carson to claim a teacher could use unspecified “diversionary tactics” in order to have time to get out a gun if a gunman entered a classroom. In both cases, however, people are ignoring the effect of surprise, a lack of training or skill and the speed at which guns can kill for the sake of an argument.

Even aside from the lack of technical skill most people have with a gun, killing another human being is more difficult than many people imagine. In World War Two, it is estimated that only 15-20 percent of soldiers who had been trained to fight actually fired at the enemy. Wayne LaPierre, executive director of the NRA, might claim that “the only thing that stops a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun,” but it’s probably that a good guy with a gun would be too good to fire it.

When all else fails, many pro-gun Americans like to derail conversations about gun control by claiming the real cause of school shootings is mental illness and poor psychiatric care. While I’m all for improving mental health treatment, raising this topic only after incidents like school shootings despite the fact mentally ill people are more likely to be victims of violent crime than commit them, demonstrates that the people making these arguments only care about the mentally ill as far as they can demonise them as violent and unpredictable in order to justify gun ownership. Since the overwhelming majority of school shooters are white men, should we assume that they are more likely to be mentally ill or does this instead suggest something about the way society moulds the attitudes of young white men and encourages them to deal with emotional suffering by lashing out violently?

There is room for debate about what motivates those who commit violent gun crimes like school shootings and how to prevent these violent impulses forming. That said, even if you do believe mental illness is responsible for shootings, preventing tragedy is not an issue we have to approach in only one way. The U.S. can improve mental health treatment or take any other measures to stop people getting to the point where they feel the desire to kill, and also increase gun control at the same time.

To conclude, the 2nd Amendment was written about half a decade before the first person to suggest doctors wash their hands between performing autopsies and delivering children had his suggestion widely rejected. It was a long time ago, when we had far less knowledge and the world, particularly weapons technology, has changed. It’s time the law changed to reflect that.

Vicky Munro may have travelled to the U.S. for school, but she could sure tell our presidential candidates a thing or two about gun control.