The Faces Shaping the Future of the Isla Vista Community Center

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As the soft opening of the long-awaited community center in Isla Vista approaches, the Isla Vista Community Services District spent the summer appointing a Community Center Advisory Board. The board, which would oversee the new Isla Vista Community Center, would eventually become board president of the Isla Vista Community Center Advisory Board. The board president — Spencer Brandt, has seemingly been a perpetual community center, a project that has been involved with the Isla Vista Community Services District since its first year at UC Santa Barbara. Having been a member of the I.V. Community Services District since its creation in 2017, Brandt eventually became board president in late 2018 and recently graduated from UCSB as a history major in 2021. Brandt also took a similar set of values as those encompassing the I.V. Community Services District, a project that has been a part of the I.V. Community Services District since its creation in 2017.

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Rock the Vote Santa Barbara is a non-partisan organization looking for volunteers in the inspiring mission of educating and organizing looking for volunteers in the inspiring mission of educating and organizing voters to support candidates and initiatives that are consistent with our progressive values. Volunteers will be needed for an extended period to register eligible voters and get out the vote.

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"I have seen a wonderful sense of commu- nity in Isla Vista at times and believe that with the Community Services District, the new community center, and the UCSB and Associated Students initiatives to Isla Vista such as the Pandall Center and the Gauchos Support Center that we can continue to grow and improve the quality of life in Isla Vista," Klawunn said in an email.

Although she has no specific goals for the community center, Klawunn believes that concrete plans will take shape through her collaboration with the other members of the advisory board and the director Collins Puente.

She added that she hopes UCSB students will step up and take a more active role in their community.

"One aspiration I have is for UCSB students to take their responsibility as members of the Isla Vista community seriously in terms of creating a safe and welcoming place and respecting their neighbors," Klawunn said.

"I think we are an important partner in creating a better Isla Vista and the more we can work together with our neighbors in the community, the more we can accomplish that benefits everyone."

Christian Ornelas, now a fourth-year environmental studies major at UCSB, currently serves as the External Vice President for Local Affairs, functioning as the liaison between the University and I.V. community groups, such as the UCSB and Community Services District.

Ornelas became involved with the I.V. community in his second year when he joined the Human Rights Board as Assistant Environmental Liaison.

As he became more involved with Associated Students as an off-campus senator, Ornelas began to form connections with community leaders, and helped with voter registration and local organizing efforts such as Measure R.

Ornelas has already worked to raise student attention to the Isla Vista Community Room by bringing more programming to it.

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The community center provides an inside space as well as an outside space to hold nighttime events such as concerts, something Souatar said she is excited for.

Moreover, with students encompassing the majority of the I.V. population, Souatar finds it difficult for people to become acquainted with one another due to the inherent turnover experienced at a university.

"Probably three-quarters of the community turn over every three years, so I don't think there's anywhere where quite like that, where a huge portion is completely different compared to three years before. It's a real challenge to have people feel like this is their home and they have a stake in it," Souatar said.

The community center can be the first stepping stone for people to become more familiar with the resources I.V. offers and act as a central hub for everyone in the community, according to Souatar.

"Good things happen in Isla Vista due to collaboration. [The community center] is just the perfect example of that."

Luz Reyes-Martín

Luz Reyes-Martín has worked for Santa Barbara City College for three and a half years and currently serves in the Office of Communications as the Executive Director of Public Affairs and Communication.

Reyes-Martín took on the position in the community center advisory board because she believes that, along with other members of the advisory board, she can make the community center "a point of pride for Isla Vista" and "a central resource for residents."

Reyes-Martín emphasized the need of the advisory board to seek out and listen to input from the community as the community center prepares for its debut.

She plans to focus on the students of SBCC and bring their perspective, along with the college's perspective to support the I.V. community, particularly because SBCC students often choose to live in I.V.

"Students are a vibrant and energetic part of the community — I hope the Center can be a bridge between our SBCC students, UCSB students and the residents of Isla Vista," Reyes-Martín said in an email.

Margaret Klauwunn

Margaret Klauwunn arrived to the I.V. community in the fall of 2015, serving as the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at UC Santa Barbara. She became involved with preparations for Halloween, Deluxia and the Beloved Community Conference in an effort to better connect herself with the community of I.V.

Since then, Klauwunn has participated in many events in I.V. and sees the advisory board and the community center as another opportunity to embed herself in the culture and community.

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"The mere words 'University of California' on the landscape of Goleta and Santa Barbara, where adults looked down on the 'hippie' look and lifestyle of UCSB students."

"All the young people clustered here and they feel like this was their safe space, Isla Vista," Byrd said.

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According to Byrd, police initially tried to blame the one who had actually done it. But then the thing began to die. Byrd remembers that he and his friends were stopped by police on a daily basis. This stemmed from a GoFundMe campaign to renovate its archives — including those in CEMA and some- one to maintain them - to run in the millions, The San Diego Union-Tribune reported.

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The Department of History of Art & Architecture is introducing UC Santa Barbara's newest minor, Architecture and Urban History, with the aim of providing students with the opportunity to explore topics within the art department without necessarily being a major.

Students taking on the minor must take two lower-division art history courses and 20 units of upper-division courses on the art history, environmental science or geography departments. Students have the option of replacing one of the upper-division art history courses with a portrait workshop course and a two-unit internship course, according to the minor sheet.

The art history and architecture department already provides three academic options for students looking to pursue architecture and urban history. The minor, a new minor and a minor in museum studies, which was first offered to students in Fall 2018, according to Barbara Swati Chattopadhyay, Professor Claudia Moser and Swati Chattopadhyay, Professor Claudia Moser and Director Chair Mark Maulov, all from the Department of History of Art & Architecture. Although the program was just unveiled at the beginning of Fall Quarter 2019, Patton said a couple of students have already come in to declare the minor.

She noted that the new minor is not exclusive to art history courses; it includes opportunities to take courses within both the geography and environmental studies majors. Both of the aforementioned disciplines offer classes that can be used to fulfill requirements of the minor, including the geography department's focus on regional planning and the environmental department's focus on sustainable communities, according to Patton. Students have clarified that the minor would not solely focus on the classical world, but the architecture of multiple style and time periods as well.

Patton has already noticed an interest in the minor across a variety of academic fields, including technology, engineering and the environment (T.E.M.) majors that usually wouldn't express interest in art history given the demands of their majors.

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UC Santa Barbara alumnus Ross Dowd ‘94 has spearheaded a new, interdisciplinary technological program — the Creative Computing Initiative — meant to prepare humanities majors for careers in an increasingly tech-driven world.

After graduating from UCSB, Dowd began his career at Barclays Global Investors in San Francisco. Each time he was promoted, however, Dowd said he was reminded that data-driven and technical courses designed specifically for humanities students create an interdisciplinary curriculum designed specifically for humanities students to create an interdisciplinary curriculum for those in pursuit of a liberal arts degree.

Dowd, who majored in political science and English as an undergraduate, began his education at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business to obtain an MBA in finance and accounting. It was there that he discovered the value of an interdisciplinary education and assortment of courses that included not just financial and accounting theories but also new ones focused on data science and its applications.

“Data is everywhere,” Dowd said. “It’s often the case that data is the only way to solve problems — not just financial problems, but world problems,” Dowd said.

That’s kind of where I got this idea that we should probably all start incorporating data analysis and technology in our studies about the world and how we creatively solve problems using the tools available to all of us,” Dowd added.

John Majewski, dean of humanities and fine arts at UCSB and largely involved in the program’s development, feels the Creative Computing Initiative will benefit university graduates as they enter the professional field.

“With automation and artificial intelligence poised to remake the economy, employment experts expect for-rent change in jobs and employment,” Majewski said.

Distinguished alumni in the high-tech industry often point out that their ability to effectively communicate with different groups — whether programmers, consumers or corporate executives — has been critical in their career success,” Majewski said.

Residential & Community Living believes that an increase in the popularity of vaping last year led to “a good portion of this decrease,” Jill Hard, Residential & Community Living director, said in an email. Vaping laws violations arrests, however, increased from 2017 to 2018. Twenty-seven individuals were arrested for vaping law violations in 2018, approximately twice as many as the 13 arrests in 2017.

On-campus housing burglaries reported in 2018 also declined from 2017’s total. Ten burglaries were reported in 2018, while 22 were reported in 2017. One hate crime — a "vandalism incident" related to gender identity — was reported in 2018.

The report includes crimes reported to the UCSB Police Department and other campus security agencies, including the UCSB Clery Act Compliance Coordinator, the Office of Judicial Affairs, Office of Student Conduct, the Title IX & Sexual Harassment Compliance Office and Employee & Labor Relations.

The UCSB Police Department is required to publish these statistics to comply with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act), according to the report.
The Gauchos continue their climb up the polls after once again going the distance with a nationally ranked team following a 2-2 tie in double overtime versus No. 25 San Diego. With this most recent result occurring on the road, the No. 18 UCSB Gauchos remain with zero losses on their away record and most importantly continue their undefeated streak of seven matches.

Entering Tuesday night’s game, the Toreros were staring at the chance to make it three consecutive wins but the Gauchos spoiled the party. The match began and ended as another heated affair as supremely defender Ryan Johnson earned UCSB as first of four yellow cards on the night in the 23rd minute of play. Nearing the end of the first half, the Gauchos were the first to strike after junior forward Alec Mancini found the back of the net off an assist from senior midfielder Tambiah Candia. Seconds before the whistle, Candia then closed out the first half as the game’s second player to do. It didn’t take San Diego very long into the second half to respond as their junior midfielder, Ross Meldrum, brought the score to one-all at the 48th minute. The night’s third goal then came much slower with Candia however notching his second of the night and third of the season thanks to senior midfielder Freddy Polzer. Following this, the Gauchos picked up the intensity and brought the back to the repeat of a score from junior forward Rodney Michael in the 63rd minute; senior forward Will Barham was the provider on this play after being awarded a yellow card minutes prior. Michael’s goal then would be enough for the Gauchos to win the match.

The Blue-Green Rivalry kicks off this Saturday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. as UCSB hosts Cal Poly at Harder Stadium.

SPORTS

Blue-Green Rivalry Part I : No. 18 UCSB Set To Host Cal Poly

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The UC Santa Barbara women’s soccer team will host Long Beach State this Sunday to open up conference play, as they look to improve upon their 4-3-3 record. Santa Barbara is coming off a win against CSU Bakersfield where the Chos were unable to blank the Roadrunners and win by a commanding three goals.

Long Beach State has struggled early on this season. The 49ers enter this game with an overall record of 74-20-10 over Cal Poly. Last season, both teams split evenly as the Mustangs won their home record of 4-3-3, but the Gauchos won by a score of 1-0 and the Gauchos were victorious in the most recent match with a 2-0 result in Harder Stadium.

With a goal in back to back games, Rodney Michael will be one to watch as he now holds two goals and two assists to his name. Candia and Baynham both remain at the top of productivity as the pair have a team-leading four goals and four assists each.

Emmanuel Perez is the danger man for Cal Poly, as the junior midfielder boasts a team-leading seven goals and two assists to his name. His partner in the midfield is the Mustang captain, Diego Alonso, who just recently returned from injury and has already made a huge impact on the team’s gameplay.

The Berkeley native already leads the team in assists with three in just six games and has re-energized a Cal Poly offense that was struggling at the beginning of the season. Alonso scored the game-winner against the Gauchos in their first matchup last season, almost exactly a year ago to this date, so the depleted UCSB backline will have to keep an eye on him at all times on Saturday night.

The key to this game will be, and has always been, which team can dominate the physical facet of the match. These two teams rarely produce beautiful games when they meet up, but they are always memorable. Players on both teams hark on the fact that strategy goes out the window during rivalry games, and while the home crowd certainly pumps up the Gauchos it will have the same effect on the Mustangs as well.

It's time to claim bragging rights in the biggest college rivalry in soccer — at least until these teams meet again on another date, another month.

The Gauchos face LBSU in Big West Championship Rematch

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Staff Writer

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Long Beach State has struggled early on this season. The 49ers enter this game with an overall record of 74-20-10 over Cal Poly. Last season, both teams split evenly as the Mustangs won their home record of 4-3-3, but the Gauchos won by a score of 1-0 and the Gauchos were victorious in the most recent match with a 2-0 result in Harder Stadium.

With a goal in back to back games, Rodney Michael will be one to watch as he now holds two goals and two assists to his name. Candia and Baynham both remain at the top of productivity as the pair have a team-leading four goals and four assists each.

Emmanuel Perez is the danger man for Cal Poly, as the junior midfielder boasts a team-leading seven goals and two assists to his name. His partner in the midfield is the Mustang captain, Diego Alonso, who just recently returned from injury and has already made a huge impact on the team’s gameplay.

The Berkeley native already leads the team in assists with three in just six games and has re-energized a Cal Poly offense that was struggling at the beginning of the season. Alonso scored the game-winner against the Gauchos in their first matchup last season, almost exactly a year ago to this date, so the depleted UCSB backline will have to keep an eye on him at all times on Saturday night.

The key to this game will be, and has always been, which team can dominate the physical facet of the match. These two teams rarely produce beautiful games when they meet up, but they are always memorable. Players on both teams hark on the fact that strategy goes out the window during rivalry games, and while the home crowd certainly pumps up the Gauchos it will have the same effect on the Mustangs as well.

It's time to claim bragging rights in the biggest college rivalry in soccer — at least until these teams meet again on another date, another month.

The Blue-Green Rivalry kicks off this Saturday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. as UCSB hosts Cal Poly at Harder Stadium.
Nick DiPierro
Staff Writer

After having earned her conference record-tying 12th Big West Player of the Week award, Lindsey Ruddins will look to lead the UC Santa Barbara women’s volleyball team into this week’s matchups against UC Davis and UC Riverside.

UC Davis will almost certainly be the tougher opponent as they currently sit at 10-5 and are coming off three straight wins against San Francisco, UC Irvine and UC Riverside.

The Aggies are led by senior outside hitter Lauren Matias who has 192 kills and one less error than Ruddins. While Ruddins has been the more ferocious attacker, Matias in turn has proven to be quite a composed scorer herself. A small but not insignificant lead in hitting percentage means the edge in attack goes to Ruddins and the Gauchos.

Sophomore outside hitter Malwina Mieczkowska is currently second on the team in kills with 86. The Trojans have largely alternated goalies this season, however, so UCSB may be facing off against junior Vaios Vlahotasios in the cage instead of Porter. Vlahotasios has been less successful statistically with 86 saves and 92 goals allowed per game and was the main recipient of the Pacific one-nighter last season.

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Junior driver Jacob Mercep leads the Trojans with 23 goals so far in 2019 and has played his part quite well to the extent, as represented by her 2-kill advantage over Demari Webb of 4.8. The Gauchos lineup will feature not only the leading scorer but a player in Ennis who has been severely underutilized in each game, so UCSC may be facing off against junior Vaios Vlahotasios in the cage instead of Porter.

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The highlight of the Highlanders this season has been freshman Amariqul Ongi whose arrival has translated to a team-leading 144 kills and a fourth-place standing in digs with 99. With two less errors than Ruddins and a measly 233 hitting percentage, she has proven to be an extremely talented player with perhaps too much weight on her shoulders. Don’t expect her to steamroll this stout Gauchos defense, but don’t be surprised when she shows up ready to win.

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In Photos: Welcome Back Concert with YBN Nahmir & Vincent

Trap star YBN Nahmir electrified Storke Plaza last weekend, welcoming Gauchos back to campus with an evening of flashing lights, rap and opportunities for students to dance on stage. Accompanying him was DJ opener, Vincent, who spun remixed versions of popular hits like “Jump Man” by Drake and “Humble” by Kendrick Lamar, and a journey into sweet sounds of symphony, harmony and all the contrasts along the way. Drawing from inspirations like Nirvana and Radiohead, his indie-folk sound also borrows sounds from his Ugandan heritage which come together harmoniously and leave quite an impression on new listeners.

Artweek Editor

Kristina Valencia

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Gary Clark Jr. Brings Blues and Rock to Santa Barbara Bowl

A few months ago I had the honor of attending South by Southwest — or “South By” as its often referred to — in Austin, Texas. I witnessed a number of the bands and performances across diverse music venues spread throughout downtown Austin, like Stubh’s BBQ, Mohawk, Elephant Room and Antonio’s Nightclub. Despite having uncountably one of the best weeks of my life, I felt like I had missed something, and it definitely wasn’t a shortage of Austin BBQ or spicy fried chicken. Watching a show at Antonio’s was an experience in itself, but the whole time I wished that by some miracle Austin-born guitarist, Gary Clark Jr., would make a surprise appearance to the same venue that kick-started his career many years ago.

I remember first watching the musical prowess of Gary Clark Jr. (GCJ) during a concert scene in the John Favreau movie “Chef.” I’ve been charmed and captivated by his guitar skills and vocal range ever since. As a fan of Jimi Hendrix’s psychedelic guitar solos, Grant Green’s jazz scales and 70s and 80s blue-rocket throughout my musically formative childhood years, GCJ was like a new scoop in an ice cream shop full of timeless flavors that had grown to be well loved but routine. His style is a fusion of blues, soul, R&B and hip-hop with vocal abilities ranging from low omnious grumbles to honeyed high-pitched ballads that have evolved and grown in experimentation throughout his three-album discography.

On tour for his most recent album “This Land,” Gary Clark Jr. electrified, mesmerized and satisfied passionate fans last Friday night at the Santa Barbara Bowl. Filling the entire bowl with his presence makes you feel like you were in love at a Valentine’s Day dance, with pink lights and melodies reminiscent of oldies you felt you were in love at a Valentine’s Day dance, with pink lights and melodies reminiscent of oldies you feel like you were in love at a Valentine’s Day dance.

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Eventually, the crowd settled back into their seats, anxiously waiting for Sonny Boy Slim (aka Gary Clark Jr.) to make his way on stage. With all of the roadies and technical assistants walking on, we knew it wasn’t long.

The lights dimmed, then an eerie blue aura covered the stage. Gary’s slender six-foot-five build strutted effortlessly cool onto center stage with his signature heavy cloth beanie, a heavy button up jacket, boots and skinny jeans, immediately receiving an uproar of cheers and an occasional “I LOVE YOU GARY!” or “YOU F***ING ROCK GARY!”

Walking opposite of the crowd heading toward concessions to top off their beers before GCJ, I heard Jon Deas who entered a few piano solos that kept the crowd jumping, swaying and letting it all loose.

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It's Satire, Stupid.

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Staff Writer

Popular I.V. rapper Lil’ Bestos has been preaching defiance after realizing that there is asbestos in his new I.V. apartment.

“When I heard that this ‘asbestos’ is a fire retardant,” Bestos said, shooting a glare at his ceiling, “I knew I had to step my game up. This was an attack on me, on my career … on my bars. These I.V. landlords don’t want your tracks to be fire. They don’t want you to win. And that’s a problem, because I want me to win.”

Lil’ Bestos, previously named “Del Player,” said his first act of defiance was the name change.

“The first thing I did when I learned I was living with a dangerous carcinogen was change my name, as anyone would,” Bestos said, cooking up his new beats. “I knew they had to be fire … maybe even better than fire. Like, advanced fire. And there was nothing my ceiling could do about it.”

Lil’ Bestos’ new mixtape, “A$$bestos Bluez,” will be dropping on April 20, 2020 on all major streaming platforms (and GauchoSpace).

Christina Muoio wishes her first year was as fun as Lion’s.

Asbestos in Ceiling Won’t Stop I.V. Rapper’s Mixtape From Being Fire

Chace Duma

Staff Writer

Diversity in music and creativity needs to be celebrated because it provides a broad spectrum of ideas and perspectives. By promoting Lil’ Bestos’ mixtape, we are acknowledging the creativity of diverse artists and the impact of their contributions on the music industry.

A successful mixtape requires more than just great music. It requires a unique concept, engaging production, and a strong message. Lil’ Bestos has demonstrated his talent in all of these areas, making him a shining example of what it means to create something that truly stands out.

In conclusion, Lil’ Bestos’ mixtape is a testament to the power of creativity and the importance of celebrating diversity in the music industry. It is a call to action for all artists to push boundaries and explore new territories, and a reminder that creativity is the key to success.

Overall, Lil’ Bestos’ “A$$bestos Bluez” is a must-listen for fans of diverse and innovative music. It is a shining example of what it means to create something that truly stands out, and it is a testament to the power of creativity and the importance of celebrating diversity in the music industry.

UCSB Mountain Lion: Where Is He Now?

Christina Muoio

Staff Writer

The notorious UCSB mountain lion has reportedly had a successful first week at school. After moving into his dorm in FT, his RA, B. Trayal, expressed gratitude for how smooth Mountain Lion made the move-in process.

“It was so stress free,” Trayal said. “I’ve never seen anything like it before. So many freshmen come in with a U-Haul’s worth of stuff, but Lion only brought a stick with him and didn’t even have to bug me for a cart!”

Lion’s first day of school went well too. According to his Soc 1 professor, Lion had done all of the reading for the entire quarter before the first class, and as such, his participation in the class was extremely valuable and surprised that of other freshmen.

“I have never seen such a motivated student in my whole academic career,” Lion’s professor stated. “I wish all students at UCSB were like him.”

Lion also had a successful rush week and he even received a bid from the fraternity he was rushing, Sigma Tau Omicron Pi.

“He’s the coolest dude I’ve ever known,” Lion’s big, Chad, said. “He was so cool, we didn’t even haze him. Hell, we might even elect him president of the frat next year, he’s that awesome.”

Currently, Sigma Tau Omicron Pi is discussing whether or not to rename the fraternity after Lion, in addition to the possibility of Lion assuming the presidency of the fraternity.

Lion also went to his first party on DP this week. He successfully managed to find the street without getting lost, and Lion didn’t even black out. What an accomplishment! He was reportedly respected at the party and even cleaned the house the party was held in. Such a good guy!

Lion also attracted the attention of Chancellor Yang, who was not at all shocked or surprised to see a mountain lion on campus.

“Lion continuously serves as a valuable member of the UCSB community, and we hope that all students follow his example. Lion is truly the pillar of our community, which is why I’m announcing that UCSB will now officially change its mascot to the mountain lion. Thank you, Lion, for all that you do to make this university great,” Yang said in an email statement sent out to the student body.

Overall, we at Nexustentialism are proud of Mountain Lion and wish him a successful four years at this university.

Chace Duma is thrilled about the asbestos in his ceiling.
Genetic Variation Can Affect Embryo Formation

Jacqueline Wen
Science Editor

In a recent study published in eLife, UCSB scientists have found that while the end results of embryo formation may appear the same, the assembly instructions can vary widely between individuals of the same species.

Specifically, researchers at Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology Professor Joseph Rothman's lab and at the University of Auckland in New Zealand found that genetic regulation affecting gut development in embryos of C. elegans, a nematode commonly used in scientific research, can differ between individuals.

They tracked the development of the endoderm layer, which eventually gives rise to the entire gut. Two genes, ak-1 and mom-2, were thought to be key regulators in this process.

"When you're trying to assemble such a complex organism, you follow a sequence of instructions," said the paper's lead author, Pradeep Joshi. "The instructions are given to you in a set list of ingredients while following a recipe, which can work differently between individuals depending on which ingredients are used."

This discovery disrupted the scientists' understanding of these genes being absolutely required in nematode gut formation. Furthermore, they found that the underlying genetic circuitry can work differently between individuals of the same species but still produce similar results.

"We thought that evolution would gradually adapt and species from species to species as they evolve. You can think of rewiring the genetic circuitry, the genetic network and then some genes become critical, some genes become less critical as they evolve. But to think that between individuals of a given species, to find such variation in how you are built, seems quite counterintuitive and was quite surprising to us," Joshi said.

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Have You Gaucho Mojo Back?

Winnie Lam & Rachel Lee
On the Menu Editor & Staff Writer

Ida Vista’s favorite teahouse is finally back with their grand opening! Not only did Mojo move locations from Trigo Road to Seville Road, but they also changed their name from Mojo Teahouse to Mojo Asian Fusion Cafe. Their transition from a teahouse to a cafe means that they came out with a variety of new foods that they didn’t have during their soft opening. The new additions include kimbap, cheese tea and new options for rice bowls.

The new Mojo location has all tables indoors, as opposed to the previous location’s patio, which we kind of missed. Nevertheless, it was definitely nice to order and sit down in a more spacious area because it was always packed inside the old location. We decided to try a half order of The Faker, which is kimbap, a Korean rice roll that was made with imitation crab meat. When we opened the box, we didn’t expect there to be so much sauce on top of the kimbap, as it was drizzled so heavily that we could barely see the rolls themselves. The rolls were kind of difficult to eat because they fell apart when we picked them up with a fork, but as for the flavor, it wasn’t too bad. We’re fairly certain that we got tuna kimbap instead of the imitation crab kimbap that we ordered, but it was still pretty tasty and not dissimilar to other kimbaps we’ve eaten in the past.

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We also wanted to try something they had during their soft opening so that we could compare if anything got better or worse, and we settled on the Pork Belly Bowl. While the kimbap was too saucy, the rice bowl was on the other end of the extreme. Though the braised pork had a nice savory flavor, it was a little too dry for our taste. A quick fix would be to go up to the counter and get yourself some sweet and sour sauce, but we would’ve preferred if they just put more soy sauce on the pork itself. The rice was well cooked and paired nicely with the pork, but we didn’t enjoy the mustard vegetables on the side. Usually, people don’t like mustard vegetables because of the sour taste, but we have no problem with that. The thing that made the vegetables difficult to eat was that they tasted vaguely like dishwater, so we just ate the pork and rice.

As for drinks, we tried the house jasmine green milk tea with boba and the house roasted soy milk tea. We got the jasmine green milk tea with 50% sugar and it was still pretty sweet but that could have been because of the boba. Overall, we thought it had a nice floral jasmine flavor and we could actually taste the tea, which is something I thought was lacking during Mojo’s soft opening, as the drinks back then tasted like they were made with a lot of syrup. We noticed while we were heading out that they had a trash can that we could see that they weren’t skimping out on the quality of their tea. As for the oolong milk tea, the tea flavor wasn’t as distinct as we would’ve liked it. We got it with 30% sugar, and it tasted pretty watered down. It wasn’t too bad, but we were pretty disappointed because oolong is such a staple tea.

Overall, it’s worth your time to try out the beverages at Mojo’s grand opening. As for their food, although it is at a fair price, just keep in mind that some things may be too saucy or too dry, so just make adjustments based on your personal preferences. Unfortunately, their full menu hasn’t come out yet as we are still waiting on their blended drinks and tapas to arrive at this new location. But until then, definitely stop by the new Mojo location for a quick boba fix!

Rinah Anatalio
Staff Writer

During any time of the school year, quick bites are essential for any college student. These recipes can be made quickly or ahead of time and use minimal ingredients. My sugar- and oil-free granola is super easy to make and makes your kitchen smell amazing! Store-bought granola is often pricey and has a lot of added sugar. To ensure that it stays crunchy, make sure the granola cools completely before storing it. It pairs great with yogurt, oatmeal or on top of smoothies.

**Sugar and oil-free granola**

**Ingredients:**
- 2 cups of rolled oats
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- ½ cup of almond butter
- 1 tbsp of plain Greek yogurt
- 1 tsp of cinnamon

**Directions:**
1. Mix bananas and mix with the almond butter in a large bowl.
2. In a smaller bowl, mix the oats, nuts and cinnamon.
3. Combine both mixtures in the larger bowl. (Optional: add honey for sweetness)
4. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes, then stir and place back in the oven for 5-10 minutes.
5. Cool completely and store in an airtight container for up to two weeks.

My healthy coconut cream smoothie tastes like summer during any time of the year. Smoothies are a great way to cool down and sneak in servings of fruit. They are a ton of antioxidants and nutrients to keep you fueled through a day of classes and studying. The addition of Greek yogurt makes this smoothie creamy and gives a boost of protein and probiotics. An additional hack is to add protein powder and enjoy this smoothie as a post-workout treat.

**Coconut cream smoothie**

**Ingredients:**
- 1 frozen banana
- ½ cup of coconut water
- 1 tbsp of plain Greek yogurt
- 2 tbsp of almond butter

Optional: a scoop of protein powder

**Directions:**
1. Combine everything in a blender and blend.

The final recipe is a healthy egg salad recipe that can be enjoyed as a snack or a meal. Eggs are an essential ingredient in any college kitchen because of their versatility. This egg salad uses Greek yogurt instead of mayonnaise, which contains high levels of unsaturated fat. The hard-boiled eggs can be peeled and placed ahead of time and stored in the fridge for five days. This recipe can be made in less than five minutes, making it ideal for a busy day.

**Healthy egg salad**

**Ingredients:**
- 2 hard-boiled eggs
- 2 tbsp of plain Greek yogurt
- 1 tsp of garlic powder
- 1 tsp of red pepper flakes

**Directions:**
1. Slice the hard-boiled eggs and combine with the rest of the ingredients.
2. Serve on toast, with crackers or with rice cakes.
Why You Should Learn Another Language
Carley Weiler

Studying a language is like studying a new way of life – it is the deepest and most intimate way to connect with another culture. It has always been a fascination of mine to learn how people communicate, and me how thousands of languages exist, each with its own grammatical rules and pronunciation. My fascination with this concept motivated me to immerse myself in another language. I found Spanish to be an especially beautiful language that I could use to connect with many people from different cultures.

Learning a new language can provide many benefits. It can improve your memory, increase your cognitive abilities, and even help you live longer. It can also be a great way to meet new people and make new friends. You can also learn about the history and culture of the people who speak the language, which can be very rewarding.

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