



I.V. Self-Governance Bill Approved

Student leaders are confident that moves to establish a board of local representatives for I.V. will be successful



LORENZO BASILIO / DAILY NEXUS

Isla Vista residents will have a say in whether or not the beach town will become a Community Services District (CSD). Until the November 2016 voting period, studies will be conducted to determine how financially plausible this plan is.

Josh Ortiz
Senior Staff Writer

Governor Jerry Brown signed Assemblymember Das Williams' Isla Vista self-governance bill, Assembly Bill 3 (AB 3), into law Wednesday.

In November 2016, I.V. residents will vote on the establishment of I.V. as a Community Services District (CSD) governed by a board

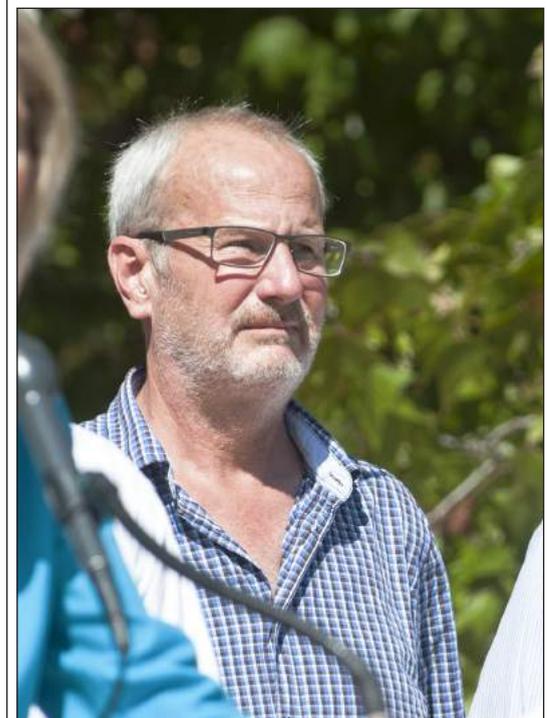
of local representatives, which would determine local services and infrastructure projects. If approved by voters, the CSD would be funded by a Utility Users Tax (UUT), which taxes residents a portion of their utility bills. Until November 2016 the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors and the Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) will conduct an analysis of the financial feasibility of a CSD for I.V.

Field representative for Williams' office and UC Santa Barbara alumnus Cameron Schunk said the next step for Williams' staff will be to assist the Board of Supervisors and LAFCO in their feasibility study to provide reliable information for 2016 voters. [[ok]]

"The way the bill is written, it goes to a vote regardless of what LAFCO's analysis says," Schunk said. "Our hope, though, is to

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Weiss Calls For Stricter Gun Control Laws



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Weiss believes lawmakers have the power to end trends of gun violence and societal apathy.

Josh Ortiz
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Bob Weiss, father of May 23 shooting victim Veronika Weiss, spoke out for stricter gun control Wednesday in light of the recent school shooting in Roseburg, Oregon.

A 26-year-old male perpetrated a mass shooting at Oregon's Umpqua Community College last

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HARDER STADIUM
SATURDAY OCT. 10 | 7PM

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THUNDERDOME
SATURDAY OCT. 3 | 7PM

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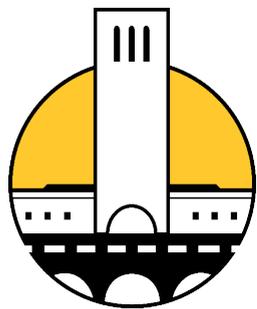
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Jeff Daniels displaying his versatile talent in an up-close musical performance with the Ben Daniels Band

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Jeff Daniels is best known for his award-winning career on screen, but he has found solace in his guitar for decades. Daniels spent the past 12 years playing across the country, sharing the stage with the likes of Lyle Lovett and John Hiatt and delighting audiences with his approachable style and mastery of his craft.



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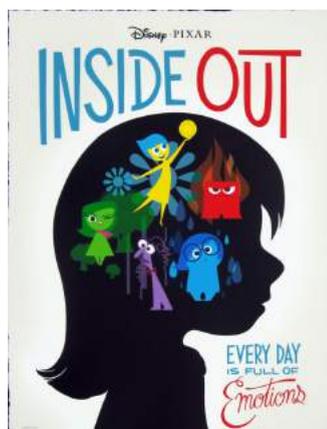


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Friday, October 9 at 7 & 10 Monday, October 12 at 7 & 10 Magic Lantern Films, IV Theater Isla Vista \$4



UCSB Arts & Lectures presents Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Héctor Tobar discussing Deep Down Dark, the harrowing story of 33 Chilean miners trapped underground for more than three months

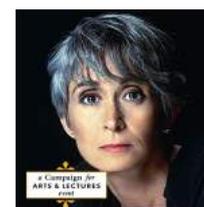
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In 2010 a Chilean mine collapsed, trapping 33 miners beneath thousands of feet of rock for 69 days. Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Héctor Tobar received exclusive access to the miners and their personal narratives of the unimaginable experience.

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UCSB Arts & Lectures presents the captivating company of dance-illusionists MOMIX with the Santa Barbara premiere of Alchemia, on Thu., Oct. 22, at 8:00 p.m. at the Granada Theatre

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Reporting Theft

Please report your bicycle if stolen. Reporting is easy and can be generally done over the phone by calling **(805) 893-3446**.

For examples on how to securely lock your bicycle, and for other great public safety videos visit:

Youtube.com/UCSBPublicSafety



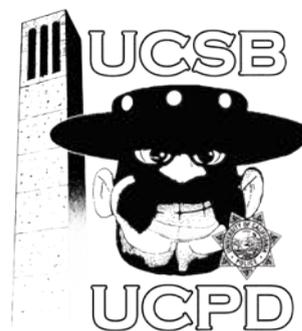
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Laws and Regulations Pertaining to Pedestrians, Bicycles, Motorized Bicycles, Skateboards, Roller Skates and In-line Skates.

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Approximately 25,000 bicyclists and skateboarders utilize the bike paths and walkways each day. Due to congested conditions and unsafe riding, **UCPD responds to an average of 50 bike accidents a year.** Furthermore, nearly 25% of all pedestrians on campus have been hit by a skateboarder.

For these reasons UCPD regularly enforces University and California laws applicable to pedestrians, skateboarders, motor vehicle drivers and bicyclists. **We must work together as a community to keep our daily commutes hazard free and safe.**

Bicyclists can help the community by Maintaining a safe and controllable speed, being attentive, riding only on designated bikeways, yielding the right of way to others, and signaling when turning.

Skateboarders can help the community by sharing the walkways, (not riding on bikepaths), maintaining a safe and controllable speed, being attentive, staying on the right side of the walkway, yielding the right of way to others, and by not traversing through tunnels, courtyards, and other areas where signs are posted.

Bike Laws



Per 21113(g) C.V.C. Bicyclists Must:

- Obey all vehicle laws including signs, signals, and road markings
- Not travel on walkways
- Make a complete stop at "Stop Signs"
- Not call or text with a cell phone unless using a hands free device
- Ride at a safe speed
- Not wear headsets in both ears
- Be held to the same requirements as a motorist during a traffic accident
- Have bike lights at night
- Use hand signals when making turns
- Not ride in four lane divide highways on campus
- Park in bike racks

For a complete list of bike and skate laws: <http://www.police.ucsb.edu/resources/bikeskateboard-rules-and-regulations>



Bicycle Registration

Have you registered your bicycle yet? Establish ownership in case your bike is stolen! **Bike theft is the number one crime at UCSB. Bike registration can serve as a deterrent against theft and is required as stated by California law!** Register your bike with CSO in the red trailer, behind the Public Safety Building. **Bring a valid photo ID and \$10. (Cash or Check).**

BIKE REGISTRATION:

- Identifies your bicycle
- Deters bike theft
- Establishes ownership
- Facilitates impound release
- Required per CVC 21113(g) .027



Bike Theft Prevention

There are over 200 reported bike thefts each year on campus. That can equate to almost \$60,000 in property loss.

Register your bike: Unregistered bikes have a only a small chance of recovery when stolen. However, registered bicycles, historically, are recovered at a rate of one out of three. This rate is six times the national average for recovering stolen property.

Properly lock your bike: Buy a heavy-duty U-shaped lock and always send it through your frame, your front tire (the quick release one) and the bike rack.

Lock your bicycle to a rack: If you don't, your bicycle can be picked up and taken away by a thief.

Some thieves specifically target expensive bicycles: Consider getting an inexpensive bicycle or keeping your expensive bicycle inside your home.

Lastly, park your bicycle in areas that have good lighting to help deter thieves.



Question Authority

"If it's not in the Bike Racks, its illegally parked."

Q- Why do the UCPD CSO's impound bicycles not parked in the bike racks on campus?

A- The primary concern of UCPD is safety, and illegally parked bicycles pose a safety hazard to the community. With 20,000 bicyclists on campus each day, parking and day-to-day operations would be hectic, unappealing to current and prospective community members, and unsafe.

UCSB has about 1,000 students with physical disabilities that limit their vision, hearing and mobility. They rely on sidewalks, ramps, and other areas to be free of obstructions, like illegally parked bicycles, to function with the same accessibility of their fellow Gauchos.

Impounding illegally parked bicycles is the #1 way stolen bicycles are located and returned to their original owners.

Lawfully parked bicycles (those parked in bike racks) are less likely to be stolen.

More questions? Email: QA@police.ucsb.edu

Skate Laws



Per 21113(g) C.V.C. Skateboarders Must:

- Obey all the same laws of a pedestrian
- Travel at a speed that is safe and maintain control at all times
- Not call or text with a cell phone unless using a hands free device
- Not wear headsets in both ears
- Not skate in tunnels, courtyards, covered walkways, parking lots/garages, inside buildings, on disability ramps, or anywhere signs prohibit
- Ride on the right side of walkways
- Not "strike objects" (trick skate)
- Not attach themselves to any bike, vehicle or animal
- Not ride on bikeways or roadways except sidewalks

For a complete list of bike and skate laws: <http://www.police.ucsb.edu/resources/bikeskateboard-rules-and-regulations>

Finance Report Unveils Self-Governance Study

The study investigates the financial feasibility of several options for the self-governance of Isla Vista, and will be used to inform residents and help with ongoing planning



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The Isla Vista Governance Options Financial Analysis Study was put together through the collective effort of elected officials, students and business owners.

Beth Lebens
County News Editor

The F.U.N.D. for Santa Barbara hosted the Isla Vista Governance Options Financial Report Presentation Wednesday night at Santa Barbara Hillel to unveil the Isla Vista Governance Options Financial Analysis Study.

The F.U.N.D., a nonprofit entity financially supporting local grassroots efforts, contracted Economic & Planning Systems, Inc. (EPS) in association with Berkson Associates in May 2015 to conduct a study on the financial feasibility of different self-governance options for I.V. An oversight committee comprised of representatives of various community demographics advised EPS in an effort to ensure the study accurately represents the fiscal needs and realities of I.V.

EPS assessed possible services, costs and revenue sources of various options for self-governance in I.V., including a Community Services District (CSD). Assemblymember Das Williams proposed the CSD as part of Assembly Bill 3 (AB 3), signed by Governor Jerry Brown on Wednesday afternoon. The study also investigated the feasibility of incorporating I.V. as a city or forming an Area Planning Commission (APC) and Municipal Advisory Council (MAC). The presentation addressed topics such as I.V.'s demographic breakdown, tax revenue and services.

EPS representative Rebecca Benassini said part of I.V. is currently SB County Service Area 31 (CSA 31), which secures county funding. According to Benassini, I.V. could lose CSA 31 funding and county municipal services under all self-governance options studied, but would maintain other county-based services. "Those are the only two of all the services that are provided that we are talking about potentially affecting," Benassini said.

Benassini said an APC and MAC, which cannot raise revenue and do not have authority over land use, would be the "simplest" options and would maintain the highest level of county involvement.

"Those two options are connected to county functions and county powers that don't really require too much more in terms of formation," Benassini said.

"It would require an additional special tax," Berkson said. "That would be about \$350 to \$360 per bedroom per year to fill that gap."

According to Berkson, the sole purpose of the study is to inform I.V. residents about self-governance options.

"We took as objective of an approach as week could," Berkson said. "We tried to lay out the information so that you, the residents of Isla Vista, can make your own decisions."

UCSB history professor and F.U.N.D. board member Alice O'Connor said the unveiling of the study was a "historically auspicious moment."

"It is part of discussion of governance in Isla Vista that dates back at least four decades," O'Connor said.

According to O'Connor, challenges I.V. has faced pressured residents to partake in a "concentrated" and "sustained" effort for self-governance.

"It is a conversation about governance that has been galvanized by various tensions and events in the community, including police-community tensions, incidents of sexual violence and of course the devastating mass shooting that we went through," O'Connor said.

Santa Barbara City College trustee and UCSB alumnus Jonathan Abboud said the diversity of the oversight committee, which he sat on, contributed "a lot of expertise" to the study.

"We had elected officials, business owners, students, university officials that all came together to make this study very effective," Abboud said.

Field Representative with Williams' office and UCSB alumnus Cameron Schunk said the feasibility study provides proponents of a CSD with information to be used in ongoing planning.

"It really allows us to start the concrete planning and look at what we can do, and not just that, but how do we want to do it," Schunk said. "Now we're really going to be focusing on all the different services that could be provided by the CSD proposed in AB 3."

Associated Student External Vice President of Local Affairs (EVPLA) and third-year history of public policy major Paola Dela Cruz said the study will help voters in making the decision on whether to establish the CSD.

"Now we have the educational information to provide voters with what they need," Dela Cruz.

Dela Cruz said students who have not followed the I.V.

self-governance movement likely will not read the published study in its entirety, and she hopes to help distribute the information in a more accessible way.

"I had a long time reading everything. It's more than 100 pages, and the only reason I read it was because I'm EVPLA," Dela Cruz said. "A UCSB student who is not involved in A.S. is going to have some trouble reading that."

Dela Cruz said one way she plans to "disseminate" the information in the study is by encouraging professors like O'Connor to raise the issue of I.V. self-governance to their classes.

"One way I plan to engage students in the voter education part of this is by reaching out to professors like her who can include this as a part of their course, or if they don't, at least share it with students and encourage them to come," Dela Cruz said. "That is one of the ways we will disseminate a lot of this information."

The A.S. Senate postponed its regular 6 p.m. meeting to 7:30 p.m. to allow senators to attend the presentation. On-campus senator and second-year economics and political science double-major Nawar Nemeah said I.V. self-governance is "hard for senators to ignore" because most UCSB students live in I.V.

"It's really interesting — the relationship between A.S. and Isla Vista," Nemeah said. "It's a responsibility of A.S. senators to come to this."

Nemeah said it was "surprising" how much cityhood would cost based on the report, and he thinks a CSD is the "most progressive" governance option for I.V.

"From my perspective we are trying to aim for the most localization possible, but that's feasible without creating huge tax burden," Nemeah said. "I think a CSD looks like the best option."

“ [Cityhood] would require an additional special tax. That would be about \$350 to \$360 per bedroom per year to fill that gap. ”
- Richard Berkson

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Admins Work to Revise Sexual Assault Policies

Chancellor Yang and administrators work with student group #NowUCSB to discuss implementing new policies for survivor support and perpetrator punishment



LORENZO BASILIO / DAILY NEXUS

The student group #NowUCSB, formerly known as "It's Not On Us, It's On You," organized a sit-in last May in Chancellor Yang's office. The demonstration was successful in gaining cooperation from UCSB administrators.

Nicholas Bogel-Burroughs
Reporter

Five months after students gathered for a 13-hour sit-in at Chancellor Henry T. Yang's office to present 13 demands regarding campus sexual assault policy, administrators are continuing to collaborate with students on various improvements to support survivors and punish perpetrators.

The May sit-in led by student group #NowUCSB, formerly "It's Not On Us, It's On You," resulted in Yang agreeing to consider a list of 13 demands, including stricter punishments

for offenders, improved sensitivity training for faculty and staff and greater diversity among on-campus aid groups and the Isla Vista Foot Patrol (IVFP). The farthest-reaching policy change from the demands is a UC-wide requirement in June for all faculty and staff to undergo sexual violence and consent training. Other changes include increased sexual assault training for IVFP deputies and advertising for the Sexual Assault Survivor Fund on campus, which provides financial support to survivors to cover immediate expenses.

#NowUCSB leader and third-year Chican@ studies major Alejandra Melgoza said while an estimated 95 percent of the demands are in progress, the bureaucracy involved with certain

demands has caused delayed implementation.

"So many survivors for so many years have been waiting for these changes to happen, and, right now, we have policy demands that we have to make happen," Melgoza said. "Because of all the red tape we have to go through, it will take a long time."

Melgoza said while the support of students and staff pressured the administration to make changes, ongoing education is still necessary to the movement's success.

"I have been very grateful for the support from Associated Students, faculty, staff, grad students and workers across the campus," Melgoza said. "It has made an impact, and people are aware of it, but it's very important to highlight to the new incoming class. They need to know what happened last year so that they can support it."

Senior Associate Dean of Student Life Debbie Fleming said with the start of the new academic year, more students will become involved in the campaign.

"There has been progress on many of the thirteen demands, though we have been waiting for students to return to get their feedback and involvement in several of the demand areas," Fleming said in an email. "I am hoping to see a diverse group of students established with whom staff and administrators can meet on a regular, perhaps monthly, basis to discuss issues of sexual and interpersonal violence."

#NowUCSB's first three demands, which request students found guilty of sexual assault be immediately suspended for a minimum of four quarters and removed from campus, have to be approved by UC Office of the President. According to Fleming, the President's Task Force on Preventing and Responding to Sexual Violence and Sexual Assault will soon release updated UC-wide policies.

"There is a system-wide committee that is part of President Napolitano's Taskforce on Sexual Violence and Sexual Assault that is about to issue new UC adjudication and sanctioning guidelines, so the Office of Judicial Affairs is waiting for these guidelines to inform any changes related to adjudication of sexual assault cases and disciplinary sanctions," Fleming said in an email.

UC consent coordinator, Take Back the Night co-chair and fourth-year global and feminist studies double-major Ashley Morgan said the University is "dragging their feet" in addressing students' demands for improved sexual assault policies.

"I don't think anyone is surprised that the university has delayed putting the demands into effect, given their history of handling cases of sexual assault and their initial resistance to these ideas," Morgan said in an email.

Morgan said she is hopeful the demands will soon be implemented.

"I think [administrators] are beginning to realize that by helping this forward, they are paving the way for the UCs in terms of sexual assault reform," Morgan said in an email. "I'm hoping that this notion, along with constant pressure from those involved, will get these demands implemented within this school year."

According to Melgoza, there is still a long way to go before survivors of sexual assault receive sufficient support from the University.

"These are the lives of students; their power was taken away," Melgoza said. "It's important to acknowledge that fact and make sure those survivors are given that power again."

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Talk Highlights Military Transgender Advocacy



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Shane Ortega is the first openly transgender soldier in the military and is very outspoken for trans rights.

Amy Koo
Reporter

The Resource Center for Sexual & Gender Diversity (RCSGD) and Veteran Student Services co-hosted a talk Tuesday night in the Hub featuring Shane Ortega, the first openly transgender soldier in the U.S. Military, titled "Trans Revolution Series: An Evening with Shane Ortega."

Ortega spoke of his own experiences as a marine and sergeant in the military, as well as various transgender issues affecting current servicemen. Ortega served two tours in Iraq, one tour in Afghanistan and is currently a helicopter crew chief stationed in Oahu, Hawaii. Ortega stepped into the national spotlight over the last year, advocating for transgender rights in the military.

Ortega said the takeaway from the event should be to engage in more honest and difficult discussions about rights for marginalized groups.

"Have tough conversations with people," Ortega said. "That's the most powerful thing you can do. They don't have to be conversations where you attack or are in opposition, but you have to have tough, honest conversations with people."

We have to start the change with us. If you want there to be change ... you need to get out there and vote.

- Shane Ortega

Ortega said people have the responsibility to be involved in decision-making as conscientious voters.

"We have to start the change with us," Ortega said. "If you want there to be change ... you need to get out there and vote."

According to Ortega, the Pentagon currently has a 12-person council led by Under Secretary of the Army Brad R. Carson to discuss transgender rights in the military. Ortega said the council's decisions often correlate with the public's opinion.

"The decision about trans inclusion in the military is currently with a think tank led by Mr. Carson, the Under Secretary of the Department of the Army and 12 guys at the Pentagon with whom I correspond," Ortega said.

RCSGD director David Whitman said Ortega addressed important issues on which many students lack knowledge, such as the varying identities on a "gender spectrum."

"As a trans man and a trans masculine-presenting person, Ortega gave a lot of awareness to different identities within the gender spectrum," Whitman said. "He talked about his journey as a trans person and what

aspects of his life led to his ability to be himself and I think that was empowering."

Whitman said Ortega's talk is also applicable to university students, though the talk focused on his experience in the military.

"I would love to see UCSB students come together and prioritize diversity initiatives," Whitman said. "There are endless communities and intersections in those communities that are very much at risk but are also very much deserving of our respect, love, attention ... the more we lean into things we don't know about ... I think the healthier our communities will be."

Diversity Education Coordinator for RCSGD and third-year sociology major Khadeja Tran said the campus should

increase the number of resources for transgender students.

"There are also trans people on campus, a lot of them, who maybe aren't out yet, who maybe are in between, who need the resources or help from faculty, staff and students to feel more included and for the campus environment to be more inclusive," Tran said.

Second-year music composition major Tino Jones said Ortega carried the conversation about transgender rights in the military into public focus.

"Transgender appearance in the military is something that has been widely debated — whether or not [they] should be there," Jones said. "Shane Ortega's success is showing that you can do things even though someone may tell you that you can't."

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Zareena Zaidi
Reporter

Planned Parenthood's UCSB chapter Generation Action, a student-led advocacy group, has been increasingly active in the wake of congressional aims to federally defund the organization.

The campus chapter tables and hosts events to educate the community about reproductive health and rights. Planned Parenthood Generation Action lobbied in favor of Assembly Bill 329 (AB 329), authored by Assemblymember Shirley Weber, which passed into law on Oct. 1 and aims to strengthen sex education and HIV/AIDS prevention. On Sept. 29, members tabled for Pink Out Day of Action, a nation-wide movement to spread information about the services Planned Parenthood provides such as cancer screenings, sexually transmitted disease testing and birth control.

Director of public affairs at Planned Parenthood of Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo Gina Fischer said the UCSB chapter brought six students to Sacramento to lobby in support of AB 329 in June 2015.

"We had our students taking a lead talking to our legislators about the importance of this bill," Fischer said. "We teach them how to organize their communities and how to talk to elected

officials and how to develop their own leadership skills in the reproductive justice movement."

Co-president of Planned Parenthood Generation Action at UCSB and second-year feminist studies major Jill Pember said she attended the Planned Parenthood Generation Action Conference in Washington D.C. and spoke to politicians.

"I got the chance to lobby to representatives of our California senators and to California congresswomen and that was really inspiring," Pember said. "It was amazing to share my story with politicians and really feel like I was making a difference."

Second-year pre-biology major Anastacia Menemenlis said she is "grateful" for the services Planned Parenthood Generation Action at UCSB provides.

"I appreciate their effort and any effort to

increase student awareness about birth control and sexual health issues," Menemenlis said.

Students for Life UCSB president and fourth-year economics major Katie Devlin said Students for Life tables on campus and encourages students to consider alternatives to abortion, providing them with resources to make their decision.

"We table on campus to raise awareness about abortion and let students know that there are alternatives to abortion," Devlin said. "We have a list of resources to give to pregnant students to help them, and we work to provide a safe and supportive community."

Second-year anthropology and psychology double-major Lauren Van Oeveren said it is

positive for both organizations to educate the community.

"I think it's cool that people are sharing their knowledge or beliefs so that people can form an opinion," Van Oeveren said.

"I got the chance to lobby to representatives of our California senators ... it was amazing to share my story with politicians."

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Generation Action focuses on educating students about sexual health issues.

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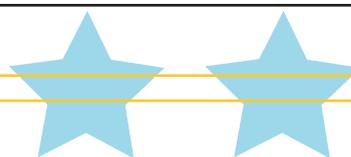
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New sentencing guidelines will shrink punishments for thousands of federal prisoners. Drug criminals who were once described as unrepentant repeat offenders by prosecutors will be released early due to fitting a more sympathetic profile of small-time dealers targeted by a "draconian" approach to drug enforcement. Those who argue in favor of lighter drug sentencing say there is no evidence that longer sentences protect public safety and there has been bipartisan determination to cut spending on an impacted prison system. *washingtontimes.com*

Florida Hypnotism Settlement

Florida schools reached settlements with parents of three teenagers who died after being hypnotized by North Port High School Principal George Kenney. The school board will pay \$200,000 a piece to the families of 17-year-old Brittany Palumbo who committed suicide in 2011, 16-year-old Wesley McKinley who also committed suicide in 2011 and 16-year-old Marcus Freeman who died in a car crash that same year after being hypnotized by Kenney. Kenney pleaded no contest to practicing therapeutic hypnosis without a license and resigned in June 2012. His current whereabouts are unknown. *nbcnews.com*

Jerry Brown Signs Fair Wage Act Tuesday

The California Fair Pay Act, authored by Democratic Senator Hannah Beth Jackson from Santa Barbara, will expand California's existing equal pay act by going further than federal law mandates by having the employer prove that a man's higher pay is based on factors other than gender. It will protect workers from discrimination and retaliation if workers inquire about other people's earnings. Workers will also be allowed to sue if they find they are being paid less than an individual with a different job title who does "substantially similar" work. *abc7news.com*

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Thursday, wounding several and killing nine students before taking his own life. The FBI and the Douglas County Sheriff's office are conducting an ongoing investigation into the motives and events of the shooting. President Barack Obama, addressing last week's tragedy, said mass shootings have become "routine" and U.S. citizens are "numb" to such events.

Weiss said mass shooters "inspire" each other to commit mass murder. According to Weiss, the shooter posted on the website 4chan referencing past shooters, including the Santa Barbara City College student who killed six victims and injured 13 in a drive-by murder spree through I.V. in the events of May 23 last year.

"It's very common with mass shooters to follow each other and keep score and try to top each other," Weiss said. "That's one of the reasons why there's a movement called 'No Notoriety' which urges the media not to publish the names of these mass shooters because it glorifies them in the eyes of the wannabe mass shooters."

Assemblymember Das Williams said the Umpqua shooting is evident of a larger "epidemic" of gun violence in the U.S.

"The epidemic of gun violence in our country is insidious," Williams said in an email. "It has become easier and easier for deeply troubled individuals to express their hatred and disdain for their fellow human beings through gun violence."

Williams said one way to increase gun control is for residents to put pressure on legislators.

"By holding lawmakers accountable and fighting for stricter gun regulations, we can begin to address the myriad of underlying causes of violence in our schools and in our society without, very literally, staring down the barrel of a gun," Williams said in an email.

UC Santa Barbara Chancellor Henry T. Yang said there are no adequate words to express the "horror" and "sadness" felt by the UCSB and I.V. community for Umpqua Community

College.

"Such a devastating loss brings back painful memories for all of us," Yang said in an email. "We extend our sincerest heartfelt sympathies to the campus and to all the victims' families, and we wish everyone strength, courage and the will to unite during this most difficult time."

Yang also said he hopes the community of Roseburg, Oregon will heal from its loss.

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- Das Williams ”

"[The shooting] also reminds us that tragedy will not tear us apart, but bring us closer together," Yang said in an email. "This is our hope for the Roseburg community — hope for peace and healing, hope for a brighter future and a safer tomorrow."

Weiss said U.S. citizens need to vote for new legislators so increased gun control can be passed into law.

"What happens after these mass shootings is everybody is upset about them for a few days or a couple weeks before it just goes back to business as usual," Weiss said. "There's going to have to be a change in our elected officials if there's ever going to be a change in the laws."

Weiss also said he agrees with Obama that Americans need

to become "single-issue voters" who elect officials based on the criteria that they promote gun safety and gun violence prevention.

"I thought Obama was very forceful and really got to the point of what we need to do in terms of who we vote into Congress," Weiss said. "We have to start voting for candidates who take a strong stance on gun violence prevention or else it's never going to change."

Williams said another solution to creating stricter gun control regulations is for voters to avoid electing politicians who oppose gun control.

"It is up to our society to say enough is enough and to stop electing politicians who are unwilling to act in the face of such an epidemic," Williams said in an email. "Our lawmakers have been complicit in allowing this deadly trend to continue, and as a society we have been forced to accept the norm of gun violence whether it is in elementary schools or college campuses, in our own homes or on the other side of the nation."

Former Campus Advocacy Resources & Education (C.A.R.E.) student staff member and fourth-year literature, economics and sociology triple-major Emily Potter said she heard of last week's shooting while studying abroad in London.

According to Potter, other students in London find it unimaginable that the U.S. has not enforced further gun control following numerous school shootings.

"To [students in London] it seems insane that we haven't done anything about it, and I completely agree," Potter said in an email. "Being removed from America itself, I really get to see just how absurd it is that we haven't changed the gun laws by now."

Potter said she agrees with Obama that mass shootings have become "too routine," but is unsure of what to do for stricter gun regulations to be put into law.

"You would think tragedy would be enough," Potter said in an email. "But it seems Obama is right and somehow we've become numb to this happening in our country."

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work as closely with LAFCO as possible to get the best possible analysis, which provides usable and accurate information. This really gives voters confidence when they go to the ballot, one way or another."

According to Schunk, representatives from Williams' office will continue to educate residents about the CSD in stakeholder meetings every Tuesday night in the I.V. Clinic.

"As far as our Tuesday night meetings, we fleshed out a schedule of events where we will be delving deep into each of the services, fleshing out how the community would like to see them enacted, what sort of contract we would want to draw out and how much we would be looking to spend on various things," Schunk said.

Associated Students External Vice President of Local Affairs (EVPLA) and third-year history of public policy major Paola Dela Cruz said her office will be working to educate students about the advantages of a CSD in I.V.

"A large part of this, of which the EVPLA office is going to take part, is voter education," Dela Cruz said. "I hope to inform students of the benefits of AB 3 and also anything that might affect them."

A.S. President and fourth-year history of public policy major Jimmy Villarreal said A.S. needs to continue providing support to the I.V. self-governance movement to ensure the success of the CSD campaign.

"We've got to support any people, power and financial resources we can to ensure that it's a successful election and start it right," Villarreal said. "There are people who haven't heard [about a CSD], so we want to continue with the educational process."

According to Santa Barbara City College Trustee and UCSB alumnus Jonathan Abboud, the 50-year-old movement for I.V. self-governance recently gained momentum because of support from I.V. residents, the university, elected officials and other local agencies.

"In the past, there were entities purposely road-blocking the efforts — LAFCO and the university were actively against those efforts and Isla Vista was powerless against these established organizations," Abboud said. "This go around, we have a lot of allies that have really assisted us in getting this through officially."

Abboud said he is "cautiously optimistic" I.V. residents will vote in favor of a CSD.

"I think that the community has had enough with the status quo," Abboud said. "There's a lot of energy to change the status quo and this is a chance to do so."



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Voter education regarding benefits and effects of AB 3 is a main concern for A.S.'s External VP of Local Affairs.



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Tuesday night meetings will be held in the I.V. Clinic to maintain communication between residents and reps.

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UCSB Reaching Peak With Undefeated Conf. Start

Michael Jorgenson
Sports Editor

A successful pair of games on the road last weekend has made the UCSB men's soccer team one of only two teams in the Big West to start a perfect 2-0 in conference play. This weekend, the Gauchos return home to welcome UC Riverside and the only other 2-0 team in Cal State Fullerton.

"It was a great weekend playing what I think are two really tough teams on the road," Head Coach Tim Vom Steeg said. "But, as we know, last weekend doesn't matter if we don't take care of this weekend. We have to continue doing what we've been doing over the past four weeks now and find a way to win conference games."

A three-game win streak has brought UCSB's record to 7-3-1 overall and 2-0 in conference, giving it sole possession of first place in the Big West North. The Highlanders come to town at 5-5-1 overall and 1-1 in the Big West. The Titans, currently at 7-4 overall, 2-0 Big West and in first place in the South, will arrive on Saturday.

For the Gauchos, every week has seemed to tell the same story for quite some time. The name of that story? Nick DePuy.

UCSB's offensive front man has so many scoring streaks and statistical anomalies going for him right now, it's hard to keep track. With a brace in his last game and three goals in the conference's opening weekend, DePuy earned his second career National Player of the Week award and second consecutive Big West Offensive Player of the Week.

"What he's doing right now is really remarkable," Vom Steeg said. "It's been one of the best runs we've had out of any forward. One of the huge advantages this year is he's got players around him that can give him the ball. We have players around him that are dangerous and that can score, so that

means [the defense] can't really concentrate all their energies on one player."

The junior has now scored in three consecutive games, giving him a Big West leading total of 10 through just 11 games, which matches his 2014 total. Since moving to forward from the midfield last year, he has compiled 19 goals in 24 games. In UCSB's 15 wins during that stretch, DePuy has scored 11 game-winners. His total of five game-winners in 2015 has him in the top five in the nation.

Backing him up on the offensive front has been a pair of first-year Gaucho forwards in sophomore Ahinga Selemani and freshman Geoffrey Acheampong. Selemani has 34 shots to his name this season, good for second in the Big West behind DePuy's 38 and is second on the team with three goals and eight points. Acheampong is currently tied for first in the conference with four assists to go along with two goals of his own to match Selemani with eight points.

On the defensive side, goalkeeper Justin Vom Steeg has been strong in the net for the Gauchos. The freshman ranks fourth in conference with a .99 goals against average that has given him an excellent record of 7-2 through his first nine career starts.

As a team, the Gauchos are undefeated in their last seven conference games dating back to last season, excluding the postseason. They are off to a 2-0 start for the second consecutive season.

Last year, the Gauchos nearly missed out on the No. 1 seed after going winless in their first three conference road games, but they pulled together to either win or tie their last five games to clinch home-field advantage throughout the playoffs. With their first two conference wins of 2015 coming on the road, they are in excellent shape to earn a No. 1 seed in the Big West Tournament for the third-straight season.

UCR travels to Harder Stadium today hoping it can win, or at least repeat the result it managed against the Gauchos last year. Playing on their home turf, the Highlanders frustrated and held UCSB to a 1-1 tie through 120 minutes. Playing at Harder Stadium this time around, Santa Barbara can expect a much different result.

"If they come out trying to frustrate us, we've just got to give it right back to them," freshman defender Sam Strong said. "We've just got to frustrate them more. Those are my type of games, so I'm excited."

Riverside possesses the conference's second-best goal-scorer of the year in Norberto Ochoa. The redshirt senior forward has notched seven scores thus far, helping UCR to a third-best ranking in the Big West with 18 as a team. This is a big improvement compared to last season when the Highlanders managed just 21 all season.

CSUF comes to town on Saturday coming off a game at Cal Poly tonight. If both the Titans and the Gauchos come away victorious tonight, then Saturday's match will be a battle between the only two teams in the Big West to start 3-0.

"What Fullerton has done in each of their games is kind of hung on, frustrated the other team and then found a way to score a goal," Vom Steeg said. "I don't think they're going to come here with any intentions of running up and down the field with us. I think they're going to try to maintain a good defense, put lots of players behind the ball and see if they can get something on a set piece or a breakout."

The Titans are led on offense by sophomore midfielder Diego Sanchez, who has five goals this season, and freshman forward Brandon West who has tallied three assists. Both marks are good for third best in the conference.

Fullerton has been especially good on the defensive side since the start of September, earning

six shutouts in its last nine games. The Titans rank second in the conference in goals against average, allowing just .91 goals per game, compared to UCSB's third-best mark of 1.15.

Junior defender Zach Bryan was largely responsible for the team's great start to conference, leading the defense in last weekend's 2-0 and 1-0 wins over Sacramento State and UC Davis, respectively. His efforts earned him the first Big West Defensive Player of the Week honors of the conference season and the first of his career.

Santa Barbara will still be without junior left back Ismaila Jome, who has missed the last five games with an ankle injury. After trying to play through an injury since spring, junior midfielder Drew Murphy has been ruled out for the season after deciding to have surgery on his ankle.

UCSB is set to take on UCR at 7 p.m. tonight at Harder Stadium before hosting CSUF on Saturday at the same time.



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The Gauchos are off to a perfect 2-0 start to Big West.

Gauchos Determined To Overcome Home Letdown

Jorge Mercado
Staff Writer

After two upsetting home losses, the UCSB men's water polo team will look to bounce back as it travels to Malibu, California for the KAP7 Southern California invitational this weekend. Santa Barbara, the No. 6 seed in the invitational, will face off against the No. 11 seed, UC San Diego, in its first-round matchup Saturday.

The Gauchos are looking to regain some confidence after losses to



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Two wins this weekend would put UCSB men's water polo team above last season's win total of 11 games.

two great teams, California and Pacific. The defeats set them back to a 9-4 overall record and started them off with a 0-2 record in conference play for the second straight year.

"We are definitely trying to move forward," senior goalkeeper Chris Whitelegge said. "Overall I think we are doing good, just looking to keep on making positive strides."

Santa Barbara also wants to improve upon its disappointing eighth place finish in this same invitational last year. UCSB started strong, beating Pepperdine in its first-round matchup, but lost its final three matches of the tournament.

"We want to be able to compete against these top teams that's the goal," Whitelegge said. "These are the games you really have to fine tune what you're doing."

The Tritons have an overall record of 6-7 and are 1-0 in WWPAA conference play. They are coming off an embarrassing 17-8 loss to UC Irvine.

"They are a crafty team," senior attacker Derek Shoemaker said. "They are always very tough to guard, we won't take them lightly."

Key players for the Tritons are senior utility Chase Cockerill and junior driver Nick Alexander. Cockerill has scored a team high 23 goals this season. The two-time WWPAA all-academic player has also registered 28 steals, another team high.

Alexander, a 2014 WWPAA all-academic recipient, has scored his fair share of goals with 17 on the season and is the leading assist man for UCSD with 26.

The last time these two teams met was one year ago in this very same tournament. The Tritons were the victors in that third-round matchup with an impressive 9-4 win and finished sixth overall.

In order for UCSB to get any type of revenge it will need performances from its top players. Senior goalkeeper Chris Whitelegge has been a dominant force for the defense averaging 10.2 saves per game. On the offensive side, sophomore attacker and 2014 MPSF Freshman of the Year Shane Hauschild will look to add to his team high of 21 goals with help from senior attacker Derek Shoemaker and his 18 goals.

Another player to watch out for is freshman driver Borislav Jovanovic. The young Serbian driver is third in goals scored for UCSB with 16 and scored an impressive two goals against California on Saturday.

"On offense we need to be less selfish and play a little smarter," Shoemaker said. "We take pride on having a lot of guys that can shoot and score. We don't have two guys that score five goals we have five guys that can each score two and that is just much harder to guard."

One big question mark for Santa Barbara will be how it bounces back from two back-to-back scoreless fourth quarters. A big contributing factor in those scoreless fourth quarters was fatigue.

The big drop in intensity is something that must be addressed if the Gauchos want to come out of this tournament victorious. Fans will have to see if the Gauchos' intensity can last for all four periods of their four matches this weekend.

"We want to be able to play four quarters as opposed to three," Whitelegge said. "The problem was not being out of shape, the game was tough and we just lost momentum. If we can limit our mistakes than we won't always be in such close games where fatigue could set in."

The invitational will be hosted by Pepperdine and the UCSB Gauchos are set to play UCSD at 12:00 p.m.

MEN'S TENNIS

Men's Tennis Set for Friday Home Opener

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Staff Writer

This weekend, the No. 54 UCSB Men's Tennis team will open up its season hosting the fourth annual UCSB Classic. This tournament will take place Friday to Sunday and will consist of individual athletes competing in both singles and doubles play.

Although the team's season does not officially start until January, the Gauchos look to prepare for the road ahead when they play against some of the top talents of other California programs.

In attendance for this tournament will be players from UCLA, Cal, LMU, Pacific, Fresno State, UC Davis and Oregon. This will be the first preseason tournament for most schools in attendance.

Along with the visitors, the entire Santa Barbara team is expected to compete in the weekend's events. This will be the first time that the Gauchos will introduce their No. 15 ranked recruiting class of 2015.



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The Gauchos are coming off their second Big West Championship in three years.

This talented list includes Nicolas Moreno de Alboran, Oliver Sec, Anders Holm and Riley Scott. Each of these young athletes will see their first NCAA matches this Friday.

"Although we are a very young team, the freshman have been quite impressive so far," sophomore Cody Rakela said. "I feel like we're going to carry some positive momentum from the tournaments over the summer into the SB Classic."

These incoming freshman will be joining an already deep roster for this Gaucha team that currently stands as defending Big West Tournament Champions. Along with their conference success from last year, the Gauchos also ran the table in the 2014 UCSB Classic, where the team took titles in all different flights.

In the A flight, consisting of players that usually hold the No. 1 and No. 2 spots for their respective teams, three Gauchos placed top-10 in a pool of 16. Junior co-captain Teague Hamilton took 10th in the classic as he nearly won the consolation championship. The other captain for Santa Barbara, junior Morgan Mays, took home sixth place last year and graduated senior Tobias Galskov put on the best performance for the Gauchos taking third.

Last year's B flight was dominated by sophomore Cody Rakela, who was just seeing his first matches as an NCAA player. Despite the lack of experience, Rakela walked to the final and defeated his opponent in two sets to take the gold.

"I loved playing in this event last year, using the crowd to my advantage," Rakela said. "I am feeling very good coming into this first tournament of the fall season."

He was only forced to play to three sets in his first match and then proceeded to sweep every other player in two. Junior Erik Johnsson finished just behind Rakela, taking third place in Flight B.

The tournament was finished off in Flight D, where senior Andrew Riminton took first place, only losing seven sets along the way.

The Gauchos will look to match and improve on their stellar performance from last year's classic, especially in welcoming in a great recruiting class of young talent to Santa Barbara. The UCSB Classic will start Friday morning with doubles matches.

MEN'S TENNIS



ONLINE FOCUS: AROUND THE NBA

The Return: 2015-16 NBA Season Close-Up

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While all of you may be saturated in watching NFL games throughout week, MLB Wild Card games this past Tuesday and Wednesday, or arguing about the newest rankings in the college football AP polls, you might have missed the memo ... the NBA IS BACK!

Last Tuesday marked the start of training camp for NBA teams. The preparation for the upcoming season was even upon the UCSB campus as the Memphis Grizzlies completed their training camp at Robertson Gym, finishing this past Saturday. The NBA preseason officially tipped off last Friday, Oct. 2nd with the Los Angeles Clippers beating the Denver Nuggets, 103-96.

Yeah, yeah, I know it's only preseason, but still, when "Ball is Life," any type of basketball is pleasing to the eyes. Let's be real: There will never be another day when the Charlotte Bobcats rank atop the Eastern Conference standings or the Utah Jazz, in a reputedly tough conference like the West. Even the few minutes that allow starting players to get their feet wet and shoot the Spalding is exciting to watch with the 2015 NBA season just three weeks away.

Certainly we have not been deprived of basketball since the Golden State Warriors' 4-2 NBA Finals victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers. From the NBA Draft, Free Agency, Summer League, Pro-Am tournaments, the Drew League, FIBA basketball and more it was an entertaining offseason leading up to now.

A lack of defense and half-hearted play are the primary reasons many NBA players put up points in the 50s, 60s, 70s and more in these recreational summer league games. But the joy of these traditional five-on-five, my guys versus your guys, blacktop type of atmosphere that lives in these games is so enjoyable.

Sure, the most minutes that a starting lineup might play during the preseason is the first quarter, but seeing the newest free agent signees, rookies, even the newest uniforms and sneakers on the court brings about an abundance of exhilarating emotions.

From the perspective of a fan who genuinely admires the game of basketball, the most enticing thing about the return of NBA basketball is the fact that its best players will finally all be back healthy. As Steph Curry, James Harden, LeBron James and Anthony Davis each dominated the 2014-2015 season, and a well-deserved

MVP was awarded to Chef Curry, things just weren't the same without the Black Mamba and Durantula on the court. It has been a while since the NBA's best players have all been healthy at the same time, and this season may be the first time in a long time that we get to witness the association's top players night in and night out.

Kobe Bryant's field goal percentage suffered from all of his shot attempts, but the Mamba definitely has something left in the tank entering his 20th season. Can you honestly say that you expected Kobe to average 22.3 points per game, which at the time was third-best in the NBA, after tearing his Achilles in 2013 only to

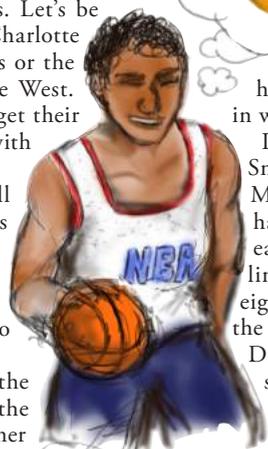
return and play in just six games before fracturing a bone near his left knee? Watching him and second overall pick D'Angelo Russell play on the same court in the Lakers' preseason debut against the Utah Jazz was exciting despite Bryant's 1-of-5 shooting performance in 12 minutes. All eyes are on the Lake Show and if they can rekindle the dynasty's winning ways in hopes of sending Kobe off with one last playoff appearance in what may be the end of his illustrious career.

I refuse to let this so-called "beef" between Stephen A. Smith and Kevin Durant spoil my anticipation of the 2014 MVP's return to the hardwood. While Russell Westbrook had one of the best post-All-Star break performances, earning 11 triple-doubles, the absence of Durant definitely limited the Oklahoma City Thunder in their chase for the eighth seed. After reinjuring a Jones fracture in his foot for the second time, causing him to miss 55 games last season, Durant was finally fully cleared for training camp this season and should be in the team's starting lineup for the regular season. The Thunders' first preseason game was yesterday. Durant played 22 minutes in the team's preseason opener, scoring 15 points while shooting 5-of-8 from the field.

Although not mentioned earlier, let's hope that Derrick Rose's fractured left orbital is the last of his injuries. Talent such as his is rare as Rose is the youngest MVP in NBA history.

The 2015-2016 NBA season opens on Tuesday, October 27th. A total of three games are scheduled: Atlanta Hawks vs Detroit Pistons at 5:00 p.m. and playoff rematches between the Chicago Bulls hosting the Cleveland Cavaliers at 5:00 p.m. along with the Golden State Warriors vs the New Orleans Pelicans at 7:30 p.m.

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NFL Round-Up Week 4: Cream of the Crop

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Sports Editor

Of the six teams that entered Week 4 undefeated (excluding the Patriots, who had a bye), only the Cardinals were unable to keep a round number in the loss column.

As it now stands, we have six teams that are potential candidates for the inescapable comparison to the '72 Dolphins, the only team to ever go undefeated from Week 1 through the Super Bowl.

In the last six seasons, 15 teams have gotten off to a 4-0 start. Two of those teams went on to win the Super Bowl, while 80 percent at least made the playoffs.

Let's take a look at the six undefeated teams left and where they stand heading into Week 5.



#1 New England Patriots

Well, when you're the defending champs, you're probably not going to be too bad the following year. When you have Tom Brady and Bill Belichick, though, you're great no matter what year it is.

All the fuss about Deflategate hasn't slowed New England down one bit, and the Tom Brady Revenge Tour is in full effect. The old man is third in QB rating, first in yards per game and has his team leading the NFL in point differential (49). Did I mention he's a two-time MVP, three-time Super Bowl MVP and four-time champ that shows no Peyton Manning-like signs of slowing down?

The receiving corps of Rob Gronkowski, Julian Edelman and Danny Amendola has gotten the job done, while solid production from shifty running back Dion Lewis has kept the Patriots offense in full throttle. Coach Belichick has done it again with this team.



#2 Green Bay Packers

At this point, there are really two players worth talking about in the MVP conversation, and Aaron Rodgers is one of them. Losing top target Jordy Nelson to an ACL tear in the preseason as well as receiver Davante Adams to an ankle sprain hasn't slowed down the Packers' offense one bit.

Randall Cobb has continued to develop into one of the most reliable small receivers in the league, while James Jones returned after being cut from the Giants to step into the role of Rodgers' favorite red zone target. Green Bay's solid defense led by Clay Matthews

and running back tag team of Eddie Lacy and James Starks makes this an all-around squad that the rest of the NFC will likely have to play through on the road to Santa Clara.



#3 Cincinnati Bengals

If they keep playing the way they have through four games, this could be the year for Cincinnati. This is the most excited Bengals fans have been since Carson Palmer had healthy knees and the thought of a name change hadn't even crossed Chad Johnson's mind yet, and there's good reason for it.

Andy Dalton is playing like an All-Star (it just sounds better than Pro-Bowler), giving the Bengals the second-best point differential in the league at +44. A.J. Green is as solid as ever, and the 1-2 punch of Jeremy Hill and Giovani Bernard in the backfield is giving teams some problems. The AFC North is yours for the taking, Cincinnati.



#4 Atlanta Falcons

Two games, six touchdowns, five syllables: Devonta Freeman. This electric back came out of nowhere to steal the show in Atlanta, giving them a ground threat that has relieved a lot of pressure from Matt Ryan and Julio Jones' backs.

Matty Ice is doing what Matty Ice does, and the Falcons have the second-most points in the league as a result. They have some issues to work out on defense, but we'll have to wait and see if they can separate themselves from the Panthers in the only division that has two 4-0 teams.

Luckily for Atlanta, they have one of the easiest remaining schedules in the league, meaning they have a great shot at challenging Green Bay for the No. 1 seed in the NFC.



#5 Denver Broncos

If there's one piece of advice 39-year-old Peyton Manning would give to Tom Brady right now, it's this: Enjoy being 38. The decline of Mr. NFL Record Book has been excruciatingly noticeable this year yet, somehow, the Broncos are 4-0.

Denver's defense has saved it on more than one occasion, but Peyton has gotten the job done when he's needed to, most notably in a comeback win over the Chiefs in which he threw the game-tying touchdown with little time remaining. Still, Peyton currently ranks 30th in the league in

quarterback rating at 80.8, completing just 63.6 percent of passes while throwing a pick in all four games.

The running game hasn't done much to help either. C.J. Anderson doesn't look like the game-changing force he was in the later parts of 2014, and other than a 72-yard TD scamper last week — Ronnie Hillman still has much to prove.

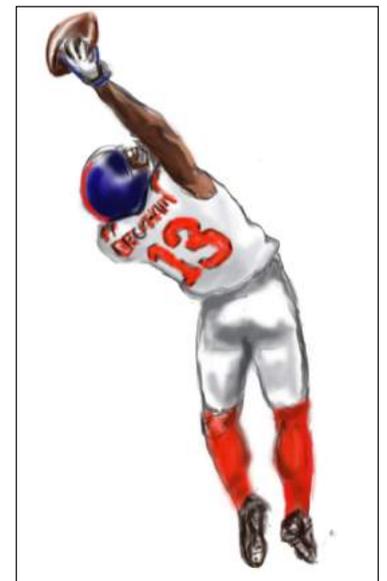
Defense and Manning's legendary track record keep the Broncos in the conversation for Super Bowl contenders for now, but we'll see how long that lasts.



#6 Carolina Panthers

There were two things we kept hearing about the Panthers offense coming into the season: their lack of depth at receiver and Jonathan Stewart's new role as the lead back. The receiving corps still isn't that good and Stewart has been disappointing to say the least, yet Cam Newton has still managed to keep his team right there alongside Atlanta atop the NFC South.

It might just be a matter of time before the Panthers show their true colors, as it seems pretty clear Cam isn't ready to make a deep playoff run until he's got a little more experience and a lot more help, but for now, Carolina can bask in its exciting potential.



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It's a thing of beauty every time this guy goes up with one hand. Even if it is incomplete.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Two of Big West's Best Face Off at Harder Stadium

Elliot Thornton
Staff Writer

After a 3-0 shutout against the University of Hawaii last Thursday, the UCSB women's soccer team (8-3-1, 1-0) shifts gears and encounters its second conference challenge this Sunday against Long Beach State (6-3-3, 1-0). Coming off a 1-0 victory against arguably the top team in the conference in Cal State Fullerton, this match will be essential for the Gauchos to prove they are a side to be reckoned with in the Big West.

Last week's matchup against the Rainbow Wahine was everything UCSB needed to start its conference play on a good note. Following a stagnant first half that featured one shot on goal, Santa Barbara tallied the first score of the game in the 72nd minute as sophomore forward Amanda Ball earned a penalty kick that she took herself, launching it into the back of the net. This was Ball's first official goal of the season after missing the Gauchos' previous eight matches due to injury.

After Ball's score, it didn't take long for UCSB to follow up with another as freshman forward Jessica Parque drove down the left line and sank a shot past Wahine junior goalkeeper Monk Berger, extending her team's lead to 2-0. A goal in the 86th minute by other freshman forward Mallory Hromatko wrapped the things up for the Gauchos, handing them their first conference win of the season with a final score of 3-0.

Thursday's victory sends UCSB to eight wins out of its last nine contests, an impressive start to its early season. Currently on a three-game winning streak, Santa Barbara moves on to play a talented and well coached Long Beach State team.

With two of the conference's most reputable head coaches in UCSB's Paul Stumpf and Long Beach State's Mauricio Ingrassia, Sunday's matchup will be a rewarding matchup highlighting two well recognized programs and their strategic ways of winning.

"[Long Beach] plays a system that matches up very well with what we want to do," Stumpf said. "But [Ingrassia] is a very intelligent person so

if we start dominating the match they will be prepared with a plan B."

Both head coaches have compiled an impressive resume for their respective programs, Stumpf culminating a record of 145-133-36 and Ingrassia posting a record of 124-76-26.

The last time these two teams faced off on Oct. 5, the 49ers cruised to a 2-0 victory at George Allen Field. Look for Long Beach to try and put sophomore forward Ashley Gonzalez in scoring position once again.

The former Big West Freshman of the Year currently ranks seventh in conference this year with five goals. Gonzalez also scored the go-ahead goal in the 82nd minute last October versus UCSB, leading Long Beach to a win.

The 49ers have had their share of success in non-conference play this year stealing two crucial wins, one at DePaul and another hosting UCLA.

"Long Beach has two huge wins this year [against UCLA and DePaul]," Stumpf said. "So they're a confident crew and it should lead to a great game."

The Gauchos host Long Beach State this Sunday at Harder Stadium. Kickoff will take place at 12 p.m.



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UCSB has won three consecutive games and eight of its last nine.

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Tchami Concludes Tour in SB

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On the chilly evening of Oct. 3, dance music and hip-hop fans alike gathered at Earl Warren Showgrounds to see performers Too \$hort and Tchami. The crowd of excited fraternity brothers and crop-top-clad girls inside the dimly lit and poorly ventilated venue grew rapidly as Bones warmed up the room. An occasional shuffler could be seen sliding across the floor around the edges of the already-sweaty mass made up of mostly students, all of whom were impatient for the main acts to get on stage.

Around 9:30, Too \$hort stepped on stage. The L.A.-born, Bay Area-raised rapper's strong presence could immediately be felt as the word "bitch" started getting thrown around nearly every song. The crowd went wild as he asked people from NorCal and SoCal to represent their cities. He played his classic hits such as "Blow the Whistle" and "Shake that Money," to which, of course, everyone sang along.

He led a group of girls onto the stage and proceeded to sing while the ladies showed the crowd some talent. \$hort's set upped the energy level of the crowd. He managed to surprise many with his high-energy showmanship and positive vibes.

By this time, the venue was so muggy that absolutely everyone in the crowd was wet. The walls dripped with moisture. The floor was covered in empty cups and God knows what else. It

became difficult to differentiate between your own body fluids and that of the adjacent dancers.

Many went outside for fresh air or to seek relief from the ridiculous heat inside the venue during the pause between sets. Of course, this did not mean that spirits were running low amongst the crowd members.

"I loved every minute of it," second-year Amanda Schweitzer said.

The same could be heard from fellow sophomore Charlton Huang.

"I thought that despite the heat, the overall vibe was really refreshing," Huang said.

Of course, at that point, the night was not over. The podium lit up, and Tchami appeared. The French DJ usually sports priest-like clothing, which is ironic considering all the dirty and unholy things that occurred in the crowd that night. He kicked off his hour-and-a-half-long set with his remix of AlunaGeorge's "You Know You Like It," which almost immediately evoked screams from the audience.

Tchami proceeded to play most of his big hits such as "Shot Caller," "Missing You" and his version of Jack Ü's "Take You There." The crowd went wild with each beat drop. Hands were thrown in the air. Shirts were taken off. Everyone flipped out to his crazy visuals and backdrops. The energy in the room was insane.

To culminate his crazy set, Tchami performed one of his newer tracks called "Afterlife," appropriate not only for the time, but also for his holy-



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ish aesthetic. People then proceeded to strut out of the venue, looking drastically different from how they did when they entered for the first time — wet and tired, but incredibly happy. Saturday night proved to be an evening many would describe as "one for the books."

During a second encounter with Huang, this time after the performance, the concertgoer

recollected his experience.

"It felt like as soon as I was tired, the next drop would come, energize me and keep me going," said Huang.

Surely Huang must not have been the only one, because similar descriptions could be heard as the nearby millennials looked back on the long, music-filled night.

'The Martian' is Out of This World

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Staff Writer

I will not deny it; writing that headline was somewhat painful. But it's true: "The Martian," the adaptation of Andy Weir's novel, is pretty damn good as a matter of fortunate fact. And, even better, it stands out amongst the other two prominent extraterrestrial survival flicks of recent years, "Gravity" and "Interstellar."

Honestly though, that's not exactly impressive in "Interstellar's" case; despite its wonderful effects and TARS (my favorite movie robot), the film still ended up being predictable and had a plethora of ridiculous moments. The moment Matt Damon's character started espousing philosophy out of nowhere to Matthew McConaughey, I started counting down to his inevitable homicidal breakdown. Dr. Mann became a cliché.

Mark Watney, in contrast, is wisecracking, extremely competent and intelligent and just a downright pleasure to watch. He goes against the typical characterization of scientists being stuffy and antisocial bores and does stuff like proclaiming himself a space-pirate and taking a goofy picture of himself for all of Earth to see. The combination of Damon's committed, charming performance and the tight writing successfully establishes Watney as the emotional centerpiece of the movie. It almost does it too well; I could do with another movie of him hanging out on the red planet. Make it happen, Ridley!

Speaking of which, "The Martian" is Mr.

Scott's first sci-fi endeavor since "Prometheus," and it shows in some familiar ways. While both films feature nigh identical dust storms, the wide, beautiful shots of Mars's landscape (Was it CGI? Enhanced imagery of Earth? I couldn't tell initially, and I loved that) provide substantial visual eye candy. As we watch Watney's rover trudge across the red planet, tiny against the glowing, inhospitable surface, we are reminded of how staggeringly the odds are stacked against this lone man.

But the extraterrestrial Robinson Crusoe isn't alone; a brilliant ensemble cast backs him up both on Earth and in space. Jeff Daniels, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Sean Bean, Benedict Wong, Donald Glover and Mackenzie Davis make up the haggard NASA scientists struggling against the clock to find out how to send supplies or rescue Watney before his food inevitably runs out. There's a very sharp dynamic here as we see these people try to help the astronaut (more to avoid public scrutiny than for the sake of his well-being) by pooling together resources and ideas both sensible and innovative. Although Earth does feel crowded at times, each character gets a standout moment. Not once did I think, "It would have made no difference if this character had been taken out."

And, up in space, Jessica Chastain (another "Interstellar" alum), Michael Peña, Sebastian Stan (both Marvel vets) and Aksel Hennie play Watney's intrepid crewmembers forced to leave him behind. Like Watney, this group is also a bunch of smart wisecrackers, and the chemistry between them is absolutely sublime; we care about



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them and like watching them interact with each other. Both of these kinds of dynamics were absent from "Gravity" and "Interstellar," the former's case because there were only two characters and the latter's case because "Interstellar" was, as Immortan Joe would say, "MEDIocre!"

But to be honest for a moment: It's pretty easy to praise a film when you compare it to other ones that lack in certain qualities. And while that may admittedly seem, in a sense, cheap, I think it shows

that Ridley Scott managed to craft a film that manages to rise to the top of the sci-fi genre scene by giving us a movie that makes survival fun for once. "The Martian" has become the fifth film I've ever wanted to go back and see twice. I have only one negative thing (if you can call it that) to say and it's actually a concern.

You'd better manage to top this, J.J.
The other four are "Godzilla," "Fury Road," "Prometheus" and "Ratatouille."

Wild Child To Return Santa Barbara

John Fortino
Reporter

Through sweet ukulele strums and rich trumpet licks, Wild Child captivates audiences like a moth to a flame. The band has seven members, each of which are masters at their respective instruments. The versatility of their instrumentation creates music that sounds simple and yet feels so full. Each instrument, from the guitar to the keyboard, layers onto the next, creating a sound that would be incomplete in the absence of even one. They seamlessly allow each other to shine alone in all the right places, then, without any hesitation, jump back in together and entrance the listener.

Originating from Texas, the band brings that warm southern charm we're always hearing about and incorporates it into their music. It can be seen through their general aesthetic and choices of rural, country landscapes for their music videos. Their music is classified as Indie Pop, and, as the genre would dictate, most of their songs carry a light feel, eliciting feelings of joyousness to all charmed enough to listen. Taking every listener on an emotional journey — flooding the mind with too many feelings and thoughts to sift through, is how Wild Child creates their musical experience.

Kelsey Wilson and Alexander Beggins, the lead vocalists of the group, seem to have perfected their ability to harmonize with one another — providing the ear with the sweet, decadent nourishment it craves ever so much. Funnily enough, Wild Child came to be because of a chance meeting of Wilson and Beggins while on tour. After discovering



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they worked so well together, Wilson and Beggins decided making music together was worth a shot. After calling on other local musicians in Austin, Wild Child was born.

From what they have done thus far, the show is posed to be whimsical and lighthearted. The band will be performing at SOHO, a local restaurant and music club, on Oct. 9. A

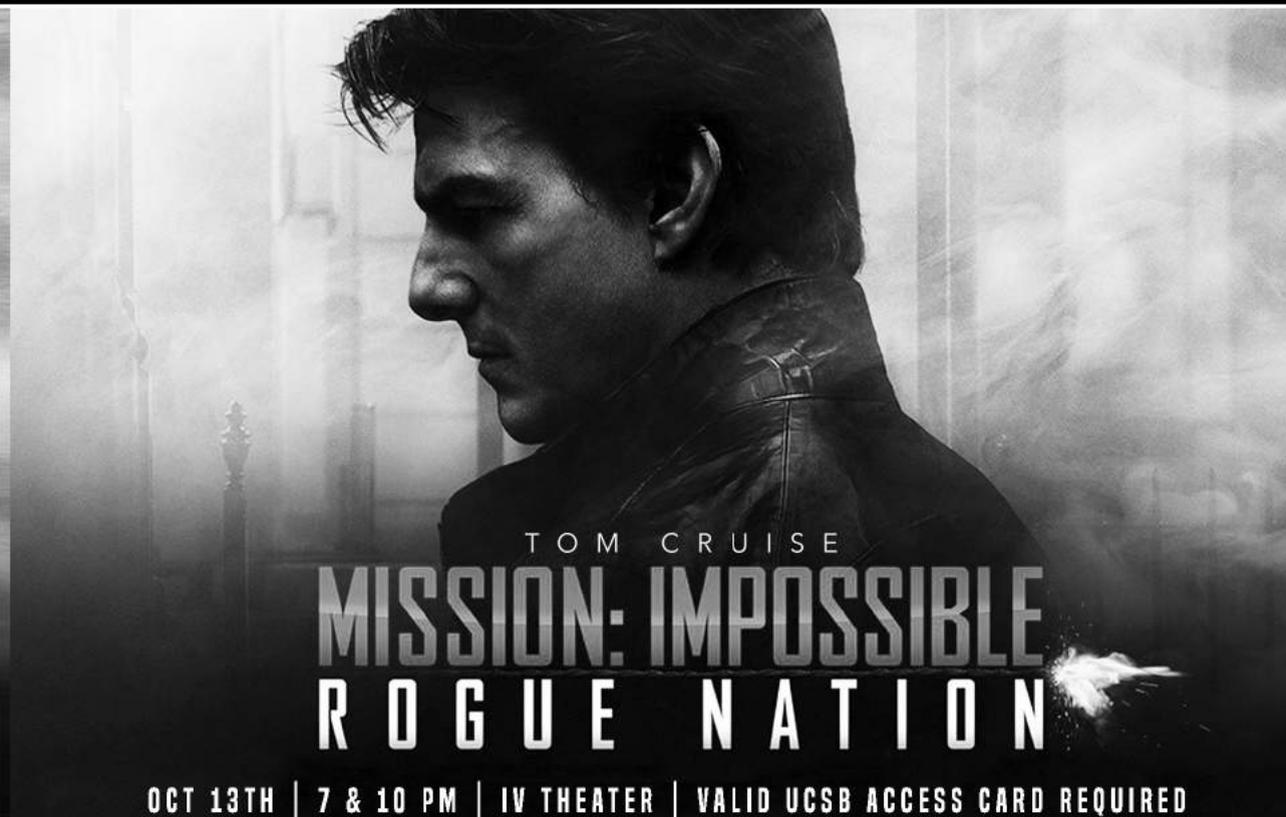
perfect environment to sing along and dance the night away, the venue, decent enough in size, is quaint and provides a calm atmosphere. Positioned in beautiful downtown Santa Barbara, SOHO, is not only classy, but also accessible to anyone who wishes to go.

Before seeing the performance, grabbing a couple of drinks and an appetizer or two

is definitely an option; after all, you will have to make sure you've set yourself up with enough energy to make it to the front of the stage before everyone else. Wild Child is definitely a band to see, and if the show turns out to be only half as good as we all expect, it'd still be worth every ounce of effort needed to secure a spot in the audience.

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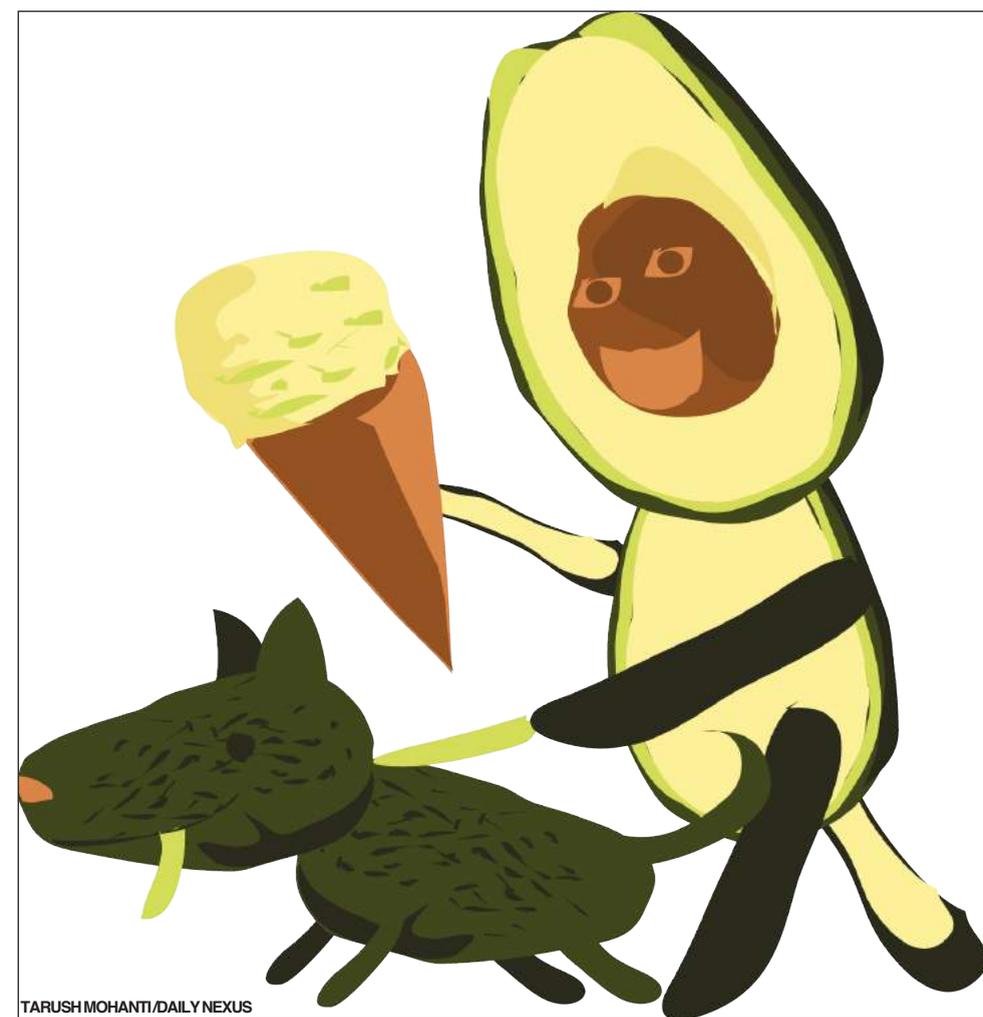
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Southern Californians rejoice: Our time has come! The annual Avocado festival, California's largest free food festival, arrived in Carpinteria this past weekend. The 29th annual Avofest featured plenty of live, local music, arts and crafts, shops and, of course, plenty of vendors featuring the star of the show: the beautiful alligator pear, better known as the avocado. As a SoCal native, it is in my very nature to adore the lime green, pitted fruit. Although my physiological conscious begs me not to with a mild allergic reaction — itchy throat, swelled lips and irritation — I continue to gobble down the creamy substance with the gusto of a professional hot-dog eating contestant.

Most are acquainted with the avocado in its classic forms: chips 'n' guac, atop a taco or jazzing up a salad or sandwich, but it can be utilized in a myriad of other ways. The avocado is a versatile fruit with a unique texture, flavor and consistency, making it useful not only in Mexican-inspired cuisine, but in plenty of other ways: sweet treats, fried fair food and health-conscious items. During my trip to what is, in my humble opinion, the greatest food fair, I made sure to try a wide variety of Avocado-featured dishes to include these different ways to eat avocado.

First things first: It's sunny California weather and I am in need of a cool down. So I hit the California Avocado Festival's Avocado and CHOCocado Ice Cream. The creamy treat

was surprisingly refreshing — a crisp pale green color, with a flavor so subtle it felt as if it was more of an afterthought. The new edition of avocado meets ice cream, CHOCocado had an earthy, smooth cocoa taste. The avocado, however, was not apparent in the flavor, only perhaps in texture. Who can think of a better pairing than ice cream and brownies? I sure can't. Perfectly positioned next to the ice cream booth was The Howard School (Food Liaison Brownies) tent. The chunky, richly flavored brownie made with avocados had a crumbly texture perfect for topping with a scoop or two. The brownie actually amplified the avocado essence within the ice cream. Flakes of sea salt adorned the brownie top and added a pleasant savory appeal to the treat.

Now that my sweet tooth had been accommodated, my next stop was Sunset Catering. They were offering a collection of savory delicacies. The menu listed several stuffed avocados: caprese, chicken Caesar and the B.L.A.T. (bacon, lettuce, avocado, tomato and blue cheese), but more importantly, it featured fried avocados. I repeat: deep-fried wedges of the beautiful creamy fruit. I, of course, instantly saw it listed and knew I had to order it. The long wait was worth it. My first thought was, "Holy Shit!" I pretty much died upon first taste. The creamy avocado melted in my mouth with a warm and inviting temperature. The crispy outside provided a thin layer of crunch, which added a beautiful texture. Do not even get me started on the toppings: a drizzle of sweet glaze and a Sriracha mayo. The glaze had a tangy

teriyaki taste and the spicy mayo had just the right amount of heat to create that perfect sweet and spicy combo that no one can resist. It was definitely the highlight of the festival.

After that mouth-watering dish I needed something to wash it down. What better option than an avocado smoothie? I went to Imlak'esh, a UCSB alumni-run business located in Goleta. The smoothie was called the Majestic Avocado, made with blueberries, banana, cashew milk, maca, coconut nectar and avocado, all of which are sourced from local farmers in Peru. The lavender-colored drink was complex, with lots of hidden undertones to create a unique flavor. The avocado was certainly present in the drink, not only in texture, but in flavor, although it had to combat against the always-prominent banana flavor. The yogurt-like consistency of this drink was complemented perfectly with a sprinkling of coconut shavings.

Of course, one simply cannot go to an AvoFest and not try traditional chips and guacamole. There were two vendors there boasting their guac was numero uno: Holy Guaca-Moly and Carpinteria High School Cheerleaders Guacamole. Holy Guaca-Moly apparently was award-winning and a crowd favorite. I tried it and was satisfied. The light green color was nice, however, the consistency was much too creamy for my taste and lacked the desired chunk of a good guac. Finally, I had to compare it to CHS's guac, of which the cheerleaders make a giant vat fresh every day. Their sign claimed "World's Greatest"



guacamole and I was not disappointed. The avocado had a nice peppery flavor, a vibrant green color and a fantastic chunk that paired perfectly with their high quality, extra-salty tortilla chips. Overall I would say between the two that the Carpinteria Cheerleaders sacked their competition.

As you can see, avocados are a versatile food that can be used in an assortment of delicious dishes. I hope that this article has convinced you that next year you need to visit the little town just down the 101 for the food festival of your dreams.

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Newly Discovered Parasite Named After UCSB Professor

Mackenzie Gorman
Reporter

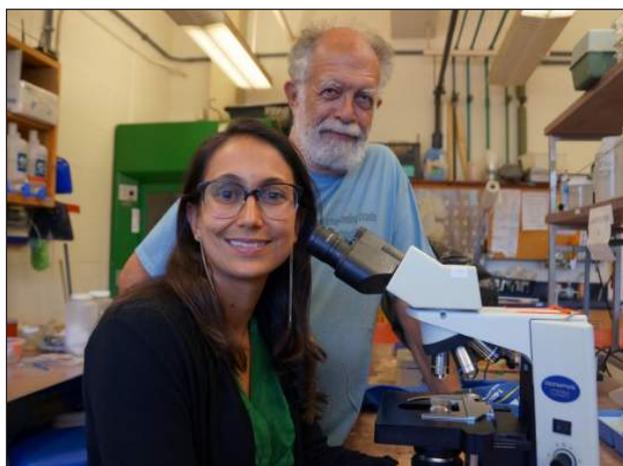


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Alejandra Jaramillo (bottom) made the discovery during her ongoing research on parasites in the lab of Armand Kuris (top).

Jaramillo, who found this parasite in the Carpinteria Salt Marsh; it reportedly did not look like anything reported in literature. Jaramillo then teamed up with biologists from Oregon State University to further identify and confirm that this was indeed the discovery of a brand new species.

At this point in the study, there is not an enormous amount known about this species or what kind of impact it has on its host, the Topsmelt fish, or environment. The parasite shares ancestors with the larger organisms — jellyfish and sea anemones — which eventually evolved to become smaller, highly specialized organisms. Kuris stated that *C. kurisi* probably does not do a lot of damage, and although the parasite seems to affect a fair number of fish, a fish that is infected would not necessarily look any physically different on the outside.

“As far as how the parasite affects the fish host, we don’t think it does a lot of damage. And for its importance with the whole functioning of the ecosystem at Carpinteria, probably not very. It’s there, it’s fairly common and it’s in a reasonably common fish,” Kuris said. The researchers are using knowledge from other parasites within the group *C. kurisi*

You may see Armand Kuris, parasitologist and professor in the Ecology, Evolution and Marine Biology Department, wearing a new T-shirt, which advertises the newly discovered fish parasite, *Chloromyxum kurisi*. Team members of Kuris Lab honored Kuris by naming the parasite, which infects fish bladders, after him for his contributions to the fields of parasitology and ecology throughout his career.

The Kuris lab focuses on understanding the roles of parasites in the ecosystem. UCSB ecologist and team member of the Kuris lab Kevin Lafferty explained that it was actually his student, Alejandra

belongs to in order to explain it accurately. It is suspected that *C. kurisi* uses two hosts in order to complete its lifecycle.

“We suspect that it has two hosts because, in this group of parasites, all the life cycles that have been well studied have two hosts, so we assume this is like the others,” Kuris said.

Lafferty explained that many fish simply have not been tested for parasites before. “Only 12 percent of fishes have ever been looked at for parasite. That leaves a lot of fish to look at. And that’s just fish; this applies to other types of animals,” Lafferty said.

Lafferty says that the biggest interest now is to understand the role that parasites in general play in the ecosystem. At this point, they can say that “parasites are everywhere and can be important, but in a stealthy, hidden way.”

Thus, Kuris elaborated: A second incredibly exciting aspect scientifically is that this discovery helps highlight that there are many, many other undiscovered parasite species out there. In concurrence, Lafferty acknowledged that this discovery shows that “we still don’t know much about the natural world.” This fact allows our imaginations to wander to think of the many other undiscovered species in this world.

“There are a lot of undiscovered species. One of the coolest things about UCSB: It is the only campus that is right

next to the marine environment. Seawater runs in half a dozen buildings on campus. When you take a course, like Invertebrate Biology, we go looking for the little things that live in the sand grains. Every student in that class is seeing species that no one has ever seen before,” Kuris said. “It is amazing how many unknown things there are when you go to habitats where people don’t spend a lot of time. This is true for parasites. Even common marine animals haven’t been examined for parasites.”

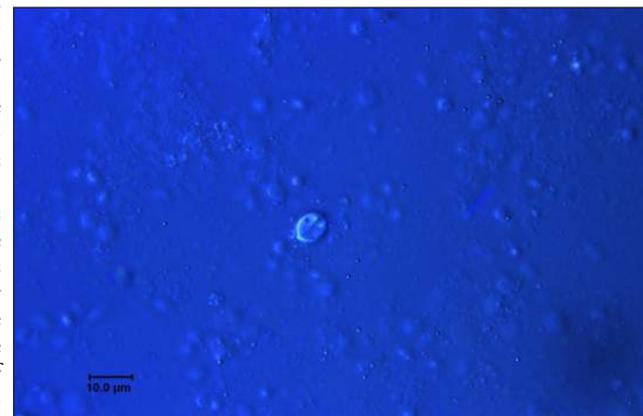


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A microscope image shows *Chloromyxum kurisi*, a parasite that measures ten micrometers and infects the bladders of topsmelt fish.

Researchers Develop Improved Method To Screen for Neural Toxicity

Lawrence Esbig
Reporter

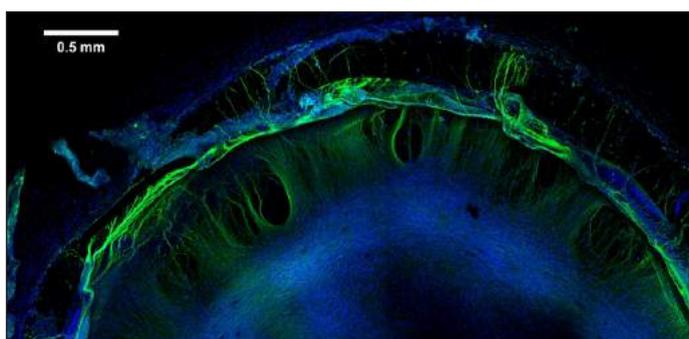


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Neural constructs of neurons (green) and nuclei (blue) resembling the human brain are developed on P.E.G. hydrogels prior to experimentation.

The research team first utilized stem cells to develop the various components of the brain during its various stages of early development. Stem cells are undifferentiated cells that have an enormous potential to differentiate into any cell type. Another remarkable aspect of stem cells is their ability to self-renew and multiply while maintaining the ability to differentiate. The team first cultured stem cells into neural-progenitor cells, vascular cells and microglia on polyethylene glycol (P.E.G.) hydrogels; these differentiated cells all have a connection to the composition and function of the brain. These constructs would then fold into three-dimensional structures call organoids, in this instance, organoids that mimic the human brain in early development. Through these methods the research teams were able to synthesize accurate models of the developing human brain at different stages of development.

Michael Schwartz, an assistant scientist in biomedical engineering at UW-Madison explained the advantage of using P.E.G. hydrogels over matrigels to culture stem cells on to create models of the brain.

“The traditional method of replicating a model for the human brain involved growing cultures on matrigel gels, which was not only difficult to process but also contained many

Traditional methods for testing neural toxicity have often been costly and, at times, have failed to detect certain compounds toxic to the brain. However, researchers from University of Wisconsin-Madison, UC Santa Barbara and Morgridge Institute for Research in Madison have developed an accurate and cost-effective method in screening compounds for neurotoxicity.

components which made experimental control very difficult,” Schwartz said. “With P.E.G. hydrogel, the only bioactive components are MMP peptide crosslinks and peptide pendant which greatly reduces unwanted component interactions and thereby increase control, uniformity and reproducibility.”

The team then determined compound neurotoxicity by analyzing 19,000 genes responsible for the functions within the various brain tissues using a machine-learning algorithm. This experiment was achieved by first taking two substances — one toxic, the other non-toxic — and exposing them to one sample of synthesized neural construct. The program would then analyze gene expression in each sample, showing a change in gene expression which strongly indicated toxicity. 39 known toxic compounds and 21 known non-toxic compounds were exposed to RNA-sequencing data from neural tissue constructs to produce an accurate predictive model using the machine’s algorithm.

The next step was to test the predictive model by subjecting each sample to a blind trial test using 10 compounds. Five toxic and five non-toxic samples were selected, but their properties were otherwise unknown to the predictive algorithm. The results demonstrated that the model correctly identified nine compounds for toxicity and non-toxicity.

“To put that into perspective, animal testing has an accuracy of 70 percent while this model surpasses that by 20 percent,” Schwartz said. “The accuracy of our model could further be improved if we exposed our machine-learning algorithm to more known compounds.”

The results not only demonstrated the accuracy of the predictive model and the algorithm from which it was derived, but also demonstrated the samples’ accurate representation of the human brain and, therefore, the utility and advantage of the method used in this experiment to produce those samples. The research teams have therefore pioneered a method incorporating the production of complex biological structures in a manner that is highly reproducible.

“Our model incorporates the complexity of cells, and that added complexity provides accurate representation of the brain,” Schwartz said. “Our model’s reproducibility makes studying tissue more quantitative, allowing scientist to be more confident that the changes observed in their neural experiments using this method are real changes.”

The National Institutes of Health, as well as 10 universities from the Tissue Chip for Drug Screening program funded, this study. A list of toxic and non-toxic chemicals was provided by the Environmental Protection Agency.



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DAILY HOROSCOPE

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is an 8 -- Be more willing to share the load today and tomorrow. You don't have to do it all, but do your share. A partner or friend contributes. You get farther by pulling together. Review instructions, and parcel out tasks. Communications flow, and all systems go.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Dress with a little glamour, for extra confidence. There's plenty to keep you busy. Provide efforts to serve an important cause. Persuade others to participate. Balance your own health with frequent short breaks, and good sleep tonight. Sometimes the most powerful action is rest.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Creativity and passion blossom over the next two days. It's a lovely day to make a glorious mess. Get into a project or a party. Your team's especially hot, and you're all about fun. Talk about direction, details and solutions. Celebrate love.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Increase the beauty level at home. Maybe some fresh flowers, gardening or new paint. Repurpose old possessions to new life. Energize you base with some loving attention. Invite friends over for games or other diversion. Give yourself freedom to play.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Curiosity excites your learning, and you soak up data with ease. Travels and adventures regale you with new flavors, textures, sounds and colors. Try things on. Write down your experience. Take pictures. Imagine how you would love your future to unfold.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Make financial decisions and bring in the money. Share what you're learning with others, for mutual benefit. Let them know what you're doing that works. Follow your highest ideals. Take time for beauty, by going for a walk or interacting with art or music.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Heart and mind feel synchronized today and tomorrow. Things flow with greater ease. You're gaining an advantage; becoming more confident (and less patient). Use your power responsibly. Consider the impacts of actions before setting the wheels in motion. When in doubt, choose for love.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- You're especially sensitive over the next few days. It may feel like the world's on your shoulders. Wrap up details so you can get some rest. Consider spiritual questions, and carve out peaceful moments. Fine-tune your domestic environment. Your curiosity makes you quite attractive.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Get social. Go out and play with friends. Get involved in a community project, or participate with a group. Together, you can push to realize a future goal. Collaborate to improve local conditions, and have fun in the process. Use your best manners.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is a 6 -- Enjoy recreational activities and down time today and tomorrow. Unforeseen circumstances could mess with the schedule. Handle your responsibilities, and coordinate with flexibility. Your talents and capacities are gaining attention. You can get stuff done and still have fun. It's allowed.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 7 -- Get expansive in your thinking. What new ground can you take? This could be literal, with travel involved, or figurative. Don't fall for a scam or waste money, but plan an agenda that includes exploration, study and discovery. Dream big.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 7 -- Handle financial matters today and tomorrow, and you may discover you're worth more than you thought. Get imaginative with your strategies. There's more than one way to reach each desired outcome. Get a partner involved... two heads are better than one.

OPINION

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An Awkward Wednesday Hump: Thursday Edition

Don't worry if you still haven't bought those textbooks; your most crucial weekly reading is back at the *Nexus*! The Wednesday Hump is a long-standing and duly respectable *Nexus* feature where we publish the sexiest (and sketchiest) stories, inside information and expert advice by and for the UCSB community. Send us those insights about sex you always wanted to share with your intellectual colleagues, or just ask the questions about sexuality most of your professors could never answer. Heat up our inbox at opinion@dailynexus.com, and look for us online at dailynexus.com mid-week!

It was my first night in Santa Barbara. I had some obvious expectations of how my first year would go, perpetuated by the "party school" stereotype. I thought there would be plenty of drinking, plenty of weed and a moderate amount of casual hook-ups. I didn't expect all of this on my first night, but when in Rome ...

The night seemed to be going pretty normally. My friends and I went to a friend of a friend's apartment; there was music and booze and boys. I was a happy camper. I was especially happy when one of these boys was actually talking to me. No, he wasn't just talking to me. He was being nice to me. Nice. Of course, he offered to walk me back to my dorm and we found out we were both staying in FT (Stupid Fuck Towers). At this point, I was having a pretty good time. So when he asked if I wanted to watch "Harry Potter" with him, the only appropriate response in my mind was "Why wouldn't I?" But let me tell you, Netflix and chill is a trap.

I sort of expected we would end up kissing, and I was cool with it. Our shirts were off and he wasn't a terrible kisser. I thought it was going to be one of those average make-out sessions that you quickly forget (or try to forget) within a few weeks. Then, oh how sweet, he lays his hand against my neck and tells me I'm pretty. It could have been a scene from a shitty teenage rom-com. Until there was nothing romantic about it anymore. At first I was uncertain if it was really happening, but after about 30 seconds there was no mistaking it. This kid was choking me. Choking me. Tension in his hands and pressure against my trachea. Needless to say, I freaked out. I had one of those damn-it-my-parents-were-right moments. When I inquired of my partner his goal in strangling me, he said he was into BDSM and wanted to try it with me.

If you're anything like me, the only experience you have had with this mysterious sexual culture is a poorly-written Twilight fan fiction that took over popular culture this past Valentine's Day season. Yes, I am referring to the infamous *Fifty Shades of Grey*. I'm sure the book series and subsequent movies have sparked interest in thousands of people. According to the highly credible magazine *Cosmopolitan*, S&M is now making its way into the mainstream. After experiencing a glimpse into this realm firsthand,

however, I thought I would look into the subculture a bit more.

Once I filtered through the porn advertisements and strange Google images, I actually found some surprising information. It turns out that BDSM (Bondage & Discipline, Domination & Submission, Sadism & Masochism) has been growing in popularity over the last few decades. In 1953, Alfred Kinsey published *Sexual Behavior in the Human Female*. One of his studies revealed that approximately half of the people who participated had been sexually aroused by having been bitten. A study published in 1999 by the German Institute for Rational Psychology found that 42

percent of women interviewed stated interest in BDSM techniques, while 25 percent were interested in bondage. In 2009, 39 percent of a sample of college-aged men stated they engaged in sadistic behaviors during sex. And most recently, a 2014 study reported that 19 percent of male participants and 10 percent of female participants found sadistic scenarios described in the questionnaire at least "slightly arousing" when asked to rate their sexual appeal.

However, I also found that this subculture stresses the importance of mutual respect and consent. Consent as an active conversation before and during any sexual activity in which partners discuss their fantasies and boundaries, to be more specific. Basically, you need to ask somebody if any sort of BDSM practice is okay with them before you start to practice with them. Without this conversation, somebody could think that you are trying to suffocate them while "Yer a wizard, Harry" is coming from your laptop. Yeah, we barely got through the first scene of the "Sorcerer's Stone." Even the seductive and successful Christian Grey was polite enough to give Anastasia a full orientation session, complete with a signed contract, and took her in a helicopter before touching her in any unconventional way.

I learned two things from this interesting experience. First, I would highly recommend getting to know any potential partners before you go to their rooms in the middle of the night. And secondly, *Fifty Shades of Grey* is actually not quite as terrible as I previously thought. You guys should give it a chance if you haven't already.

Jordan Metz reminds you to see if your partner is fully consenting to your kinks before getting down, especially if strangling is your preferred foreplay.

Sex Position of the Week:



The Orgasm Orientation