

## UCSB Students Still Strained by Gov. Travel Ban One Year Later

Evelyn Spence  
Asst. News Editor

President Donald Trump's initial travel ban will reach its one year anniversary on Jan. 27 after a year of emotional uncertainty for many international students at UC Santa Barbara.

The travel ban was first issued on Jan. 27, 2017 and banned citizens from Iraq, Syria, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen from entering the United States for 90 days, as well as indefinitely refusing entry to refugees from Syria.

The ban is also commonly known as the "Muslim ban" because the majority of citizens from six of the banned countries are Muslim.

This ban has had lasting consequences for UCSB students.

Electrical engineering graduate student Maryam Rasekh said many students who plan to apply for jobs for their Ph.D. are unable to apply to positions outside the U.S. because the process includes interviews at the institution.

If students travel to their interviews, they may not be able to return to the U.S.

"We miss out on so many opportunities," she said in an email.

The *Nexus* reported in Feb. 2017 that Rasekh's entry to the U.S. was initially denied when Trump's travel ban was first introduced.

While she was later able to enter the U.S. to attend UCSB, she is currently unable to travel back

to Iran to visit her parents because Iranian visas are "almost always single entry." Whenever Iranian citizens travel outside of the U.S., there is a risk that they will not be issued a return visa.

"We can't attend conferences outside the U.S. and this fact has delayed the progress of my work considerably," Rasekh said in an email. "Many times the relevant conferences in my field have been outside the U.S. and I have had to wait long times for a conference venue that I can safely travel to."

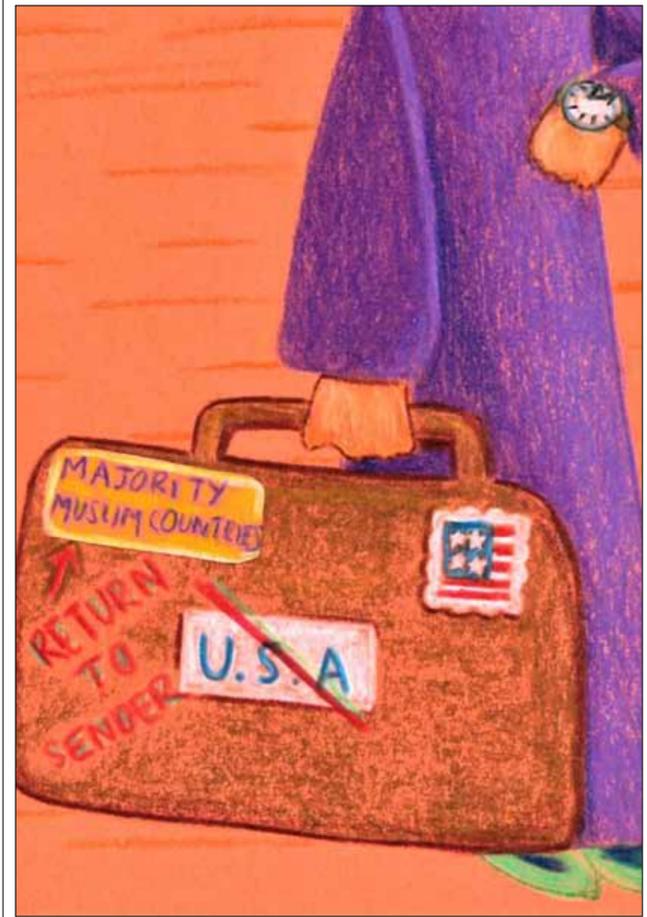
Leila Zonouzi, an Iranian graduate student in the global studies department, has also been affected by the travel ban. Her in-laws were unable to attend her wedding because they were still under "administrative processing" after almost a year.

In the days following the initial ban, federal judges attempted to halt the executive order as Trump faced both criticism and praise for his decision. U.S. District Court Judge James Robart blocked the ban nationwide in a Feb. 3 decision and a second travel ban was introduced on March 6.

The second ban removed Iraq from the previous list of countries and banned citizens from Yemen, Syria, Somalia, Sudan, Libya and Iran from entering the U.S. for 90 days and all refugees for 120 days. The ban was later blocked by a U.S. District Court judge on March 15.

While the debate over the ban's legality continued, the Supreme Court allowed a third revision of

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Students and families weigh the risks of international travel in the wake of President Trump's travel ban, which includes six countries.



XINYANG MIAO / DAILY NEXUS

In the past two weeks, mud from the Montecito area is being moved to Goleta Beach in an effort to clean up the devastation. In addition, the mud will be used to lessen the impacts of erosion from a heavy storm season last winter. All mud is tested for metals and other contaminants.

## Mud From Landslides Moved to Goleta Beach, Tested for Safety

Stephany Rubio  
News Editor

Goleta Beach is being used as a sediment deposit ground for the Montecito mudslide cleanup effort, but contaminated sewage in the transported mud is raising issues for

coastal water quality and ocean life.

The sediment is made up of mostly sand and small rock mixed with debris, said Santa Barbara County Parks Department representative Daniel Gira. The debris comes from roadways, Montecito creeks and other affected areas in the Montecito mountains. A county

permit calls for the disposal of some 300,000 cubic yards, which is the equivalent of 30,000 dump truck loads.

"We're confident that the vast majority of the material is just sand and sediment from the mountains and creeks," said Santa Barbara Channelkeeper (SBCK) Watershed and

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## Professors Push Through Disasters in SB County

Tamari Dzotsenidze  
News Editor

The year 2017 ended with the Thomas Fire ravaging the hills of the Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. The new year began with fatal mudslides that claimed 21 lives, devastated over 100 homes and forced the closure of U.S. Route 101.

UC Santa Barbara faculty and staff have been heavily impacted by these events, personally and as part of a larger community. Some lost friends and others were stranded south of the freeway closure, forced to rely on alternate forms of transportation to reach campus.

### TRAPPED

While many students fled the fires by going back to their hometowns, most faculty and staff did not have that option.

"I went stir crazy," said Janet Mizrahi, a professor in the writing department, in an email. "I continued to meet my goal of 10,000 steps daily by listening to an audiobook while I walked in circles in my small house! My dog thought I was nuts!"

For Nomi Morris, another professor in the writing department who lives in Upper Ojai, the fire originated near Ojai and blazed through her neighborhood, giving her only a half an hour to gather her belongings. While her own street was spared, many houses in her neighborhood were destroyed.

She first evacuated her home and came to Goleta with her family, until the unhealthy air quality pushed them to move further north and stay with a family friend.

Some professors living in voluntary evacuation zones also had to leave their homes just before finals week. Many made their exams optional or changed them to take-home finals.

### TRANSPORTATION DIFFICULTIES

The mudslides in January also made it difficult for many faculty and staff to get to campus.

Writing professor Ilene Miele was forced to drive through Ventura during the Thomas Fire until she ultimately decided to cancel class for a day because of the fire's proximity to Route 101. For the past week, she has been taking the ferry to Santa Barbara, initially relying on a colleague to drive her to campus before learning about a UCSB shuttle service at the Santa Barbara Harbor.

"What caused the most anxiety for me, at first, was not knowing how I would get there and make it to the first day of class," Miele said in an email. "The first day they warned us to expect a rocky ride, but it was a fairly gentle roll ... Overall, I was fortunate that we had good weather and the rides were fairly quick (an hour and a half each way)."

Morris stayed in Santa Barbara for the first week of the quarter due to closed roads and classes that end too late for her to take a train back.

According to Mary Ferris, executive director of Student Health Service, staff at Student Health also faced exceptional difficulty ensuring coverage with blocked roads and the recent flu outbreaks. Understaffing, combined with increased demand stretched the staff thin, resulting in longer hours.

She said that because of the staff's commitment to health, they went to extreme lengths to reach campus, with some staff staying overnight in Santa Barbara for the week. One pharmacist

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I just continually have this feeling that I got off easy. I just really want to make this clear that compared to what the people in Montecito are going through, I went through nothing.

NOMI MORRIS

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Smino to bring soulful sounds to the Hub Thursday



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UCSB economist and colleagues estimate effect of sustainable certification on forests in Indonesia

Sunny  
High 60°F | Low 40°F  
Temperatures hitting low 60s this weekend



Surf Report  
Fair  
Steep swells all day



# THIS WEEK'S UP & COMING



**FRIDAY JANUARY 26**  
**ARMENIAN AND MIDDLE EASTERN JAZZ ENSEMBLE**  
**MCC THEATER | 7:30PM**

Born in East Harlem to Armenian parents who fled the genocide, Souren Baronian grew up surrounded by traditional Armenian, Middle Eastern, and Balkan music at home and simultaneously got swept up in the golden age of jazz in New York City. Sneaking into 52nd St. clubs to see Lester Young, Billie Holiday, Charlie Parker and company Baronian melded a new musical language of vastly different but compatible musical traditions. A pace-setting virtuoso instrumentalist and bandleader, Souren has offered the world Middle Eastern Jazz since 1975. This concert will feature a five-piece band, and include instruments that span the globe: duduk, kaval, riq, oud, dombek, clarinet, soprano sax, upright bass, and drums.

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28**

**BEYOND THE LIMITS OF DANCE**  
**GRANADA THEATRE | 7PM**

Pilobolus is a rebellious dance company that has created and toured more than 120 pieces of repertory to more than 65 countries. They currently perform works for more than 300,000 people across the U.S. and around the world each year. Pilobolus has recently been featured on The Late Show with Stephen Colbert, NBC's TODAY Show, MTV's Video Music Awards, The Harry Connick Show, ABC's The Chew and the CW Network's Penn & Teller: Fool Us. Pilobolus has been recognized with many prestigious honors, including a TED Fellowship, a 2012 Grammy Award nomination, a Primetime Emmy Award for Outstanding Achievement in Cultural Programming and several Cannes Lion Awards at the International Festival of Creativity. In 2015, Pilobolus was named one of Dance Heritage Coalition's Irreplaceable Dance Treasures. Pilobolus has collaborated with more than 25 brands and organizations in finance, retail, media, fashion, sports and more to create bespoke performances for television, film and live events.



**MONDAY, JANUARY 29**

**POLITICS, MEDIA AND THE LAW IN THE POST-OBAMA AGE**  
**7:30PM | CAMPBELL HALL**

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**ACROSS**

- Stands
- Load in a basket
- Label
- Busts
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- Nabokov novel
- Source of mints, at times
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- 7-Across destination, eventually
- New York City's \_\_\_ River
- Chowderhead
- They often accompany stretches
- "I Loves You, Porgy" and others
- House on TV, e.g.
- Poker star Hansen
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- Invasion leaders of the '60s
- It prohibits illegal search and seizure
- The recent past
- Huit + trois
- \_\_\_-Aztec languages
- Buyer, in legal usage
- Love
- Roundup need
- Zoom
- Sub
- Once and again
- See 19-Across
- Subject of a 1922 archaeological discovery
- Santa \_\_\_ winds
- One who often doesn't pick up?
- Some chickens
- Craving
- Show closers, perhaps
- Balmoral attraction

**DOWN**

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- 1922 physics Nobel
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- Taj Mahal topper
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- Smith attendee
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- Went underground
- Attraction near U.S. 395
- Go with the flow
- Jenga and jacks
- Remote letters
- Broom alternative
- Prefix with -pod
- Pair
- Challenge
- Clarinet cousin
- French vineyards
- Agony
- Blues and others
- It's cut and dried
- Morph ending
- Emmy-winning Arthur
- Provided temporarily

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# IVYP Welcomes New Director After Three Month Search Process

Jasmine Moreno  
Reporter

After a rigorous three-month process of vetting over 70 candidates, the Isla Vista Youth Projects (IVYP) has selected Lori Lander Goodman as the organization's new executive director.

"I am so excited to be selected as the new ED for IVYP," Goodman said in an email. "I strongly believe that investing in children, providing them with all [they] need to learn, to be emotionally secure and to be successful is the best investment we can make as a society."

Goodman's assignment will begin Jan. 28, following the retirement of Executive Director LuAnn Miller after 30 years of work. The organization itself was founded in 1971 by community members after riotous protests that resulted in the burning of the Bank of America in IV.

Goodman said that she wants to expand on Miller's legacy. She described Miller as an "authentic, caring and competent leader" who grew the IVYP "from a small child care center to the diverse and impactful organization it is today."

Goodman's optimism reflects her passion for the program. She said that her main goal currently is to learn everything about the IVYP, from her duties to the people, programs and partners that surround the agency.

She explained that one of the major challenges she expects to face during her first few months is funding, as with many nonprofit organizations.

"Most of IVYP's budget comes through the California State Department of Education," she said. "I have a lot to learn about how that funding works, but my experience with governmental funding is that it rarely pays enough to provide the salary and benefits that teachers deserve."

She also described IVYP's relationship to UCSB as "unique," especially as an increase in UCSB admission rates will affect housing in IV.

"As UCSB moves forward in its plan to enroll more students, that will likely impact housing and services in Isla Vista. Anticipating those changes and ensuring that children and families are not forgotten will be part of my agenda," she said.

In the future, she wants to focus on spreading awareness about IVYP and its comprehensive role both in and out of the community.

"More people should know what we're doing. We serve children and families in IV. and Goleta, but our leadership can and should be recognized far and wide," she said.

As Miller prepares to conclude her long career at IVYP, she remains grateful for the ability to have genuinely enjoyed every day of work over a span of 33 years. She began at IVYP as a teacher and assumed the role of executive director a year later.

"I've been blessed with the perfect intersection of

education, skill set, passion and faith: the ability to do meaningful work to make a difference in our community," she said in an email.

The next stages in Miller's life include plans for traveling, cooking, focusing on her health and enjoying time with her husband.



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## LORI LANDER GOODMAN

"I hope I will be remembered as someone who led with heart and head," she said. "Someone who believed that all the children and families deserve equal access to education, safety, health and respect... someone who truly enjoyed the energy, vibrancy and goodness in Isla Vista that is often missed up those outside the community."

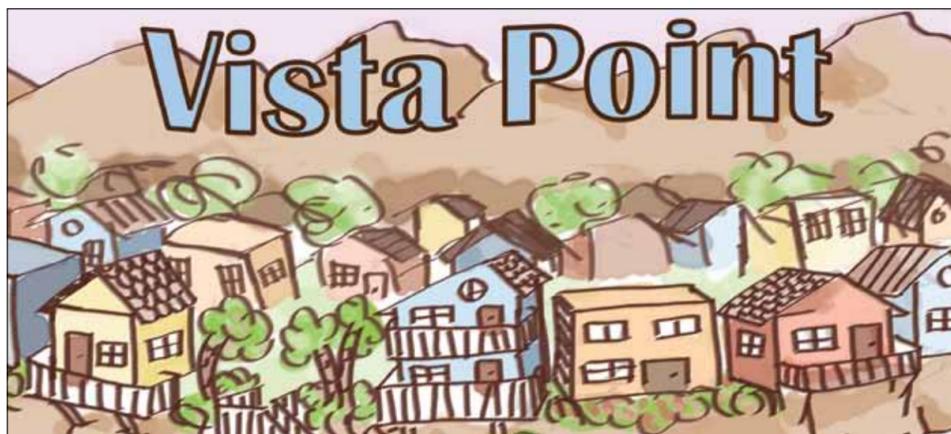
Miller hopes that Goodman will fall in love with IVYP.

"At IVYP, we are working to address the root causes of so many societal problems. When we have strong, whole children and families, our community thrives. What could be more important than that?" Goodman said.

Goodman is also no stranger to community service. She previously worked at Child Abuse Listening & Mediation (C.A.L.M.), where she served as chief development officer and as a member of the senior management team.

She has also previously worked as a camp counselor, program director, day care monitor, teacher and youth group advisor.

Goodman has a deep connection with the IV. community through her tight-knit family. Her son attends UCSB and her husband, Rabbi Evan Goodman, serves the campus through Santa Barbara Hillel. With the new gig, Goodman joked, she can now meet with her spouse for lunch at Freebirds.



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# The Goings-On in Isla Vista This Week

Staff Report

## HIIT IT

The UCSB Associated Students Commission on Student Well Being is hosting high intensity interval training classes on Monday, Jan. 29, from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. H.I.I.T. classes generally involve a combination of aerobic exercises and bodyweight training to tone muscle and increase strength and muscular endurance. No previous experience is necessary, and modifications are made for students with any injuries. The classes will be held at the A.S. Pardall Center and they are free. Free Blenders smoothies are distributed at the end of the workout.

## CUP OF CULTURE: DAZE OF JUSTICE

Cup of Culture is hosting a screening of "Daze of Justice" at the UCSB MultiCultural Center on Wednesday, Jan. 31, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. "Daze of Justice" is the story of Cambodian-Americans who embark on a journey back to Cambodia's killing fields as witnesses who are determined to recreate their memories of their loved ones to the United Nations special Tribunal prosecuting the Khmer Rouge. The film is 1 hour and 9 minutes long.

## ZERO WASTE GROCERY SHOPPING

Come to the Isla Vista Co-Op on Wednesday, Jan. 31, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. to learn about zero-waste shopping habits! There will be information on how to reduce your shopping footprint while making the most of your budget. There will also be an opportunity to taste zero-waste recipes. Reusable shopping bags will be handed out, and there will be a raffle to win a hydro flask and reusable containers.

## LAZY EYE POP-UP

The Lazy Eye Shop and the Isla Vista Food Co-op will be hosting a vintage and recycled clothing pop-up on the co-op's patio on Jan. 27 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Lazy Eye Shop is a California-based resale clothing shop and has previously held sales at the co-op. The co-op is an IV. based, community owned grocery store that has been in business for 46 years and was initially created by UCSB students. It is located at 6575 Seville Rd.

## QUACK QUACK

The Mallards will be playing a free show presented by A.S. Program Board at Storke Tower on Tuesday, Jan 30, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. There will also be free Yerba Mates. The Mallards were formed in IV. and are an alternative band with a punk, metal and indie fusion sound. They have performed at various places in Isla Vista including at parties, festivals and even inside the *Daily Nexus* office.

## NAMASTAY A WHILE

The Isla Vista Food Co-op and Yoga Isla Vista will be holding a \$5 beach brunch yoga on Jan. 28 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Participants should meet at the co-op patio at 9:45 a.m. before walking over to the bluffs at 10 a.m. Drop-ins are not welcome, and those who wish to sign up can reserve one of the available 35 spots with a cashier at the co-op or call the store at (805) 968-1401 by Jan. 27. For those worried about signing up but not being able to make it, have no fear; if you cancel on Saturday you will get refunded in the form of a gift card. Following the hour-long yoga session, the group will head back to the co-op for brunch!

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# Beaches in Goleta, Santa Barbara and Carpinteria Remain Closed Due to Contamination from Runoff

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News Editor

Goleta Beach has remained closed after ocean samples tested positive for high levels of coliform and enterococcus caused by runoff from recent storms.

Exposure to higher levels of harmful bacteria can cause certain illnesses, including rashes, chills and ear infections. All water activities such as swimming and surfing and are highly discouraged.

Eight beaches in Santa Barbara County were closed. Bacteria levels are lower than they were when tested last week and six more beaches have been opened, including Sands Beach at Coal Oil Point. Goleta, Carpinteria and Hope Ranch beaches remain closed.

The Santa Barbara Public Health Department is unsure of how much untreated sewage and chemical contamination is in the water because of the devastating effects of the Thomas Fire and significant amounts of rain, according to a press release on Wednesday. The agency is urging the public to avoid contact with any sand or water that looks or smells unusual.

In an "abundance of caution" and to help with recovery, the department is also urging the public to stay out of the 400-foot buffer zone on each side of the beach where sediment from the mudflows is being deposited. The buffer zone is clearly marked with orange fencing.

Ocean water will continue to be tested for microbial contaminants until the beaches are determined to be safe. While there has been significant improvement

since last week, it is still unclear when the beaches will be reopened.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, coliforms are bacteria generally not considered harmful towards humans. However, increased amounts of coliforms can be indicators of other bacteria, viruses and parasites generally known as pathogens that can cause illness.

Susan Klein-Rothschild, deputy director of the Santa Barbara Public Health Department, said that this bacteria is generally filtered out through the soil, but that their presence in the water could indicate the presence of sewage waste or feces.

Beaches in Goleta, Carpinteria and Hammond had more than double the state health standard of coliform, with the rest of the beaches coming in under the standard.

According to Klein-Rothschild, the amount of coliform was too high to be counted, which was a cause for "serious concern."

According to the Center for Disease Control, enterococci are generally found in the bowel and can be collected from water and vegetation generally as a result of contamination from untreated sewage.

While the standard for enterococcus contamination is 104 MPN, water tests at Goleta Beach show over 24,000 MPN. This is more than 200 times the acceptable limits. In Carpinteria, enterococcus is lower, but still 10 times the acceptable limit.

"I wouldn't go in that water, and I wouldn't want anyone I care about to go in that water either," Klein-Rothschild said.



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Large amounts of bacteria commonly found in sewage were detected in local waters after the recent mudslides. The Santa Barbara Public Health Department advises that residents stay out of the water in the affected areas.

# Isla Vista CSD Calls Special Election for New Utility Tax



SICHENG WANG / DAILY NEXUS

The language of the latest ballot measure says the tax will go toward improving "parking, public safety, lighting and sidewalks" in the community, along with providing landlord-tenant mediation services.

Shomik Mukherjee  
News Editor

The Isla Vista Community Services District (CSD) Board of Directors voted Tuesday to call a special election in June for a new user utility tax that would provide the CSD with its main source of revenue.



**If it fails, we'd be upset. But I think we've clearly shown how we can do a lot with nothing and we'd continue doing our mission of serving the people of Isla Vista.**

**JONATHAN ABBOUD**

If passed, I.V. residents would pay an additional eight percent on their gas, water, electricity, sewer and trash disposal services. Revenue collected from the tax would provide the CSD about \$642,000 a year.

This will be the second time that a version of

the Utility User Tax shows up on a ballot, after a similar ballot measure failed in Nov. 2016, leaving the CSD with no permanent funding. But the Board directors are confident that with better understanding of what the tax pays for, voters will finally pass the measure in June.

"There was not a good enough link in people's minds that the district and the money need to go together in order for government to succeed in the way it does across the country," Director Spencer Brandt said.

The language of the latest ballot measure says the tax will go toward improving "parking, public safety, lighting and sidewalks" in the community, along with providing landlord-tenant mediation services. CSD General Manager Jonathan Abboud noted some of the inclusions in the language were among the most common concerns I.V. residents expressed when surveyed.

The Board's resolution mentioned that certain people may be exempted from the tax. Director Brandt emphasized his commitment to lower-income exemptions, while Director Jay Freeman pointed out that I.V. businesses, with their sizable utilities usage, may also need exemptions.

The CSD's urgency to find funding has ramped up in recent meetings, as its internship program, Community Service Organization expansion program and planned graffiti abatement program threaten to eat up most of the \$200,000 provided by UC Santa Barbara. Board President Ethan Bertrand said the CSD has been operating in "financial emergency mode" since its inception. If the CSD fails to secure a tax by 2023, it will be forced to dissolve.

"If it fails, we'd be upset," said Abboud. "But I think we've clearly shown that we can do a lot with nothing and we'd continue doing our mission of serving the people of Isla Vista."



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## PROFESSORS

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even flew to Santa Barbara from Oxnard in the morning.

"Every day was a new challenge," Ferris said. "When you're in healthcare you can't just close."

### EMOTIONAL IMPACT

Beyond physical losses, the constant evacuations and impacted schedules have taken an emotional toll on staff and faculty.

"I managed to stay calm from day to day, but never quite sure when and if I would freak out," Paul Sonnino, a professor in the history department, said in an email. "Haven't yet, but the sense of uncertainty is taking its toll."

Mizrahi lost a close personal friend who was swept away by the mudslide.

"Losing a contemporary is a devastating kind of loss – after all, it so easily could have been me," she said in an email. "It's emotionally devastating."

For Miele, her experiences being blocked from campus and driving through the fire have left her uncertain.

"These days when I get on the 101, I think of it as the highway of doubt. Depending on the conditions, you're never quite sure whether you'll get there or if you'll get home," she said. "Much as I know we need the rain in Southern California, I'll be glad when winter is over this year."

### RETURNING TO CAMPUS

Some professors also faced backlash from students over the cancellation of classes and office hours.

"Some insensitive students – just a couple – got very upset because I did not give them automatic 'A's as compensation for my having had to cancel some office hours since the fire was approaching my house," Sonnino said in an email.

Other professors greatly enjoyed returning to campus, with students expressing concern for their well-being.

"It was a relief to see young people, you know, hear the regular questions, and I'm enjoying my students immensely," Mizrahi said.

### UNIVERSITY RESPONSE

Under the difficult circumstances, many praised the university for offering financial assistance through a special fund for faculty and staff.

Some, however, have raised concerns about the speed at which UCSB made decisions.

"As a faculty member I had the flexibility to cancel classes when I thought it was unsafe, but I know that staff members did not necessarily have that same flexibility," Miele said. "So, while I understand that there are many complexities

involved, I have concerns about the university's ability to respond more quickly."

Despite the financial assistance, the experience has been challenging for those who were blocked by the roads.

"The university has been terrific, but it is draining, it is stressful [and] it is harder to work. We're all doing our best," Morris said.

### LOOKING BACK

Overwhelmingly, faculty and staff echoed the same sentiment – things could have been worse.

"I just continually have this feeling that I got off easy," said Morris, grateful that she still has her home, despite the lingering smell of smoke. "I just really want to make this clear that compared to what the people in Montecito are going through, I went through nothing."

Sonnino echoed similar sentiments, saying that compared to tragedies around the world, losing utilities at his house or a nearby bridge shattering are insignificant.

"It only made me aware of how much worse off are people in Aleppo, Israel, Palestine, Puerto Rico, Seoul and other places who live under imminent threat day in and day out," he said.

### MOVING FORWARD

Everyone copes with tragedy in different ways. Assistant professor Leah Stokes was pushed into action after a frustrated tweet about climate change garnered positive responses.

Her op-ed in *The New York Times*, titled "Climate Change in My Backyard," addresses the impact of climate change on recent climate disruptions, and acts as a "call to action," urging people to focus more on environmental policy.

"You just need one degree of separation to meet someone affected by this," Stokes said. "My op-ed is about changing people's minds, about how we talk about these events."

She hopes that people will speak out and influence others to understand that blaming Montecito residents for not evacuating is simple. Instead, she said, people need to understand the greater causes behind the devastation.

Others focused on philanthropy and helping their community. Morris personally raised over \$3,000 for two people who she knew were in need.

For Mizrahi, the loss of her friend has pushed her to embrace the present.

"For me, it just made me focus on right now and living," she said. "It's like I got a fire built under my butt ... I'm not waiting, I'm not waiting, I'm just doing it now – because who knows what tomorrow will bring?"

# MUDSLIDE

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Marine Program Director Ben Pitterle. "In Montecito, certainly there was structural debris and some hazardous waste that was mixed into that."

The mud disposed of at Goleta Beach is currently being analyzed in a local laboratory for heavy metals, which are organic compounds that are byproducts of wildfires and aquatic toxicity that can harm ecology. Results of those tests will not be available until later this week.

"In terms of the impacts, obviously if it wasn't for retention basins, bridges, creeks, etc., much of the sediment would've found its way to the beach in Montecito, under natural circumstances," Gira said.

Santa Barbara County Flood Control conducted an initial screening of the debris and the contaminated soil is being bypassed by the central landfills.

Gira said local beaches were heavily eroded by the 2015-2016 El Niño season, so the sediment can be seen as a "real treasure" because white sand beaches are naturally formed from catastrophic flows, floods and fires, along with the sediments they produce.

This is a chance for a counterpoint to the mud effects, Gira said, since the sediment offsets the ongoing erosion.

"The county is doing its best to get as much of the sediment as possible into a littoral cell," he continued. "And when put on Goleta Beach, it'll work its way down the coast, feeding all the beaches from Santa Barbara to Ventura."

Littoral cells are natural compartments on a coastline that complete cycles of sedimentation. These cycles sort through finer material like ash, which is carried away and deposited at the bottom of the ocean, while sand is retained on the beach.

"So, it's a tradeoff," Gira said. "So far, we don't know about any obvious water quality impacts. Every measure in an emergency has been taken to prevent them. My understanding is that S.B. County Flood Control is also going to implement sediment quality monitoring of some type."

The SBCK has done daily tests for fecal indicators of waters in disposal sites as well as local beaches like Campus Point at UCSB and Rincon Beach in Carpinteria. Santa Barbara County has conducted its own testing as well.

Pitterle said that as of last week, the county was no longer testing for contaminants. The testing was limited to visual monitoring for larger debris like wood or structural material, which is then deposited at different locations, including Ventura County.

Wildfires can affect the soil and water chemistry by decreasing nutrient concentrations, such as nitrogen.

"So you can end up with algae blooms in subsequent years and we may see some of that," said Pitterle, referring to how the recent Thomas Fire triggered the mudslides by altering the landscape.

"I think what people are really worried about right now is the mud and toxicity – we just don't have any answers yet," Pitterle said, "Certainly, there are bacteria tests showing positive results for contamination, so we [SBCK] and county city officials are recommending that people stay out of the water at those beaches."

Pitterle said the bacteria results are improving near Campus Point and the water quality has met standards in the last couple of days.

"We're looking now for officials to address the muds being deposited on shore in other watersheds along roads or on other properties," said Pitterle. "We definitely want to make sure that agencies are implementing what they call 'best-management practices.'"

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"A lot of it's getting transported – I've heard as far west as Buellton. It's in new areas that weren't even impacted by the fire. We want to make sure those areas stay unimpacted," Pitterle said.

Limited by the fire. We testing expenses have been obstacles for SBCK when sampling beach disposal sites. Road closures have also made certain areas inaccessible.

"We are trying our best to balance our environmental concerns, many of which are valid with also the status of rescue efforts and emergency response that were necessary at the time," Pitterle said.



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# TRAVEL BAN

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the ban to remain in place until the court decided if the ban would remain permanent. They will rule on the legality of the ban by the end of June 2018.

Zonouzi said she "cannot begin to say how infuriating and belittling this situation feels," recalling that some of her friends went through childbirth without their mothers holding their hands.

"Although the government has claimed that parents and grandparents can still get visas under the ban, with prolonging the visa issuance process, they have implemented the ban and have hindered families from getting together," Zonouzi said in an email.

Currently, the majority of citizens from Iran, Yemen, Somalia, Chad, Libya, Syria, North Korea and Venezuela are prohibited from entering the United States.

"If the travel ban goes into effect this could get even more serious and Iranians (and citizens of other countries on the list) will practically be trapped in the U.S. until they decide to leave for good," Rasekh said in an email.

She explained that she has several friends who have missed funerals of family members because they cannot risk traveling to Iran without the certainty of returning.

"Many Iranians are forced to choose between risking their degrees and missing family emergencies or their loved ones' funerals ... having to make that choice deliberately makes it all the more painful," she said.

She added that it is "very unfair and painful to have to choose between ending a relationship or withstanding the separation for extended periods," Rasekh said in an email.

There were 3,022 international students enrolled at the UCSB campus for Fall Quarter 2017, according to the University of California website. Of those students, 44 hold citizenships from countries affected by the travel ban: 41 from Iran, one from Venezuela, one from Syria and one from Jordan.

On a UC level, there are 42,473 international students enrolled across the campuses: 507 from Iran, 28 from Venezuela, 22 from Jordan, five from Syria, two from North Korea and two from Yemen.

According to the UCSB Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS), student and scholar visas for Iranians are still being issued, while other visa categories have been suspended.

Travelers from North Korea, Somalia and Syria have had entry indefinitely suspended and those from Chad, Libya and Yemen have had all tourist visas suspended, according to OISS.

The website warns students to avoid any violations of their visas and to "think carefully before engaging in protest activities, as arrests can seriously impact immigration status or future visa applications."

All non-citizens are required to carry their documents with them at all times by law, according to the OISS website. These are the 1-94 cards for non-immigrants or the 1-551 cards for permanent residents.

"My story is a droplet in an ocean of misfortune of other Iranians just for being born in the 'wrong' place," Zonouzi said in an email. "You truly feel like you're being treated as 'less than' just because your birth place is in the wrong geographical zone."

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# SCIENCE & TECH

## Certification May Help Conservation Efforts

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As Earth's population grows, so does the demand for agricultural commodities such as cotton, corn, rice and others. This has put a strain on forests around the world.

While many corporations and countries have made efforts to only purchase and produce sustainable products, it remains unclear how successful these methods have been.

In a new study by UC Santa Barbara, economist Robert Heilmayr and colleagues were able to estimate the effect of sustainable certification, specifically for palm oil, on Indonesian plantations. They found that certification reduced deforestation among participating plantations. However, certification was mostly adopted in older plantations that contained little remaining forest. Broader adoption by palm oil growers is needed for certification to have a large impact on total forest area lost to palm oil expansion.

Sustainability certification is the tool most used by corporations to fulfill procurement policies, and around 20 percent of global palm oil production was certified by the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) in 2017.

"RSPO certification has saved 21 square kilometers of Indonesian forests that would have been deforested," Heilmayr, an assistant professor in UCSB's environmental studies program and co-lead author, said. "To put that in perspective, that area is one-tenth the size of the home range of a Bornean elephant endangered partially by loss of its habitat due to deforestation."

To evaluate whether certification fulfills such pledges, Heilmayr and colleagues applied statistical analyses to satellite-based estimates of tree cover loss to infer the causal impact of a third-party certification system on deforestation and fire within Indonesian oil palm plantations.

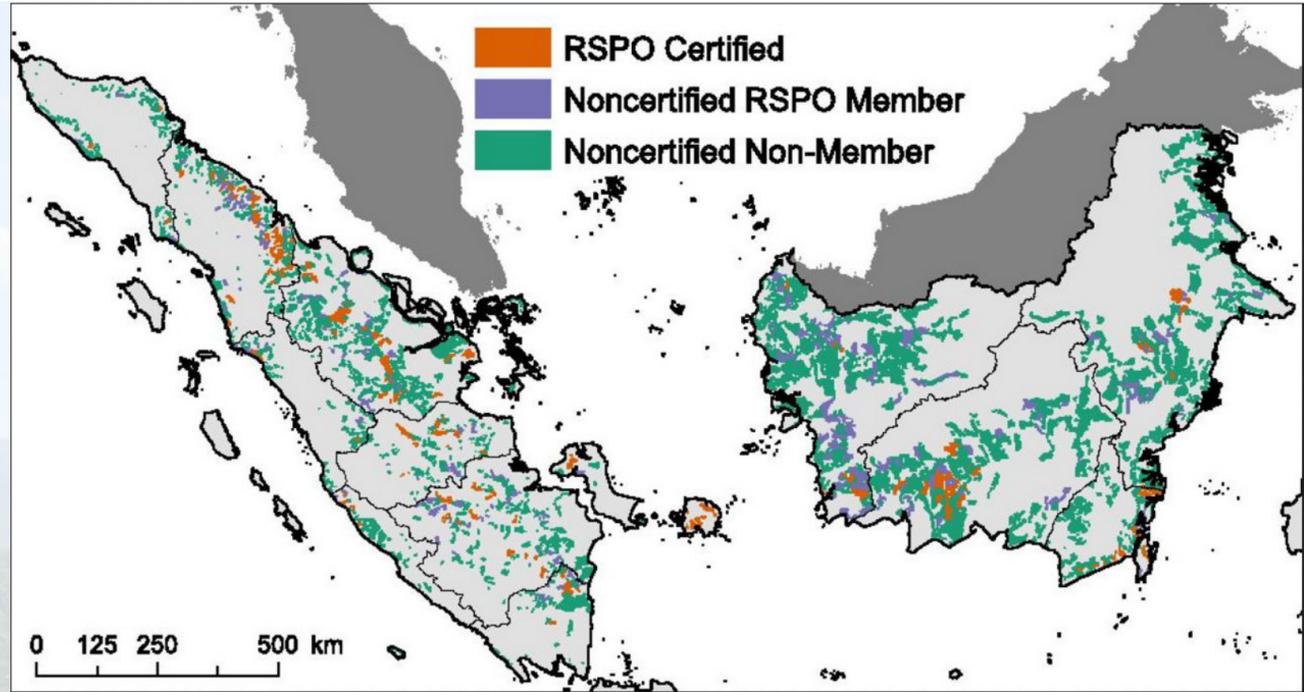
Heilmayr combined a new database of Indonesian oil palm plantations with satellite imagery of deforestation. The investigators then measured the amount of natural forest that was cleared in each of those plantations between 2000 and 2015. They estimated that RSPO certification reduced, but did not eliminate, deforestation in certified Indonesian plantations by about 30 percent, as compared to their non-certified counterparts with similar characteristics.

The researchers also found that certification did not affect fire occurrence in these plantations or the amount of carbon-rich peat swamp forests cleared and drained for palm oil.

"We were pleased to see this positive effect, given that nongovernmental organizations have substantiated real cases of deforestation within plantations held by RSPO members," Kimberly Carlson, of the University of Hawaii and co-lead author, said. "However, because palm oil companies have chosen initially to certify well-established plantations containing relatively few remaining forests, certification currently benefits less than one percent of the forests remaining in Indonesian oil palm plantations."

Thus, RSPO certification provides an indicator to guide customers toward palm oil purchases associated with lower recent loss of high tree cover and primary forests, as well as fire incidence.

They also found that lower deforestation embodied in certified products resulted largely from certification that skewed toward plantations with few remaining forests. The significant impact of certification on deforestation indicates that higher levels of certification could generate greater forest protection.



Courtesy of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences

Above is a map of the palm oil plantations the research group kept track of. Plantation area totaled 187,567 km<sup>2</sup>. About 53 percent of the total certified area was in Sumatra, including the Bangka Belitung Islands, on the left, and 47 percent was in Kalimantan, which is on the right.

The RSPO is under pressure to meet recent pledges by corporations and palm oil-importing countries to source only deforestation and peat-free palm oil. To enable compliance with procurement policies, the RSPO would need to develop a clear definition of "deforestation" that can be monitored using remote sensing. Remote monitoring of conservation set-asides, supported by ground-truth assessments, could demonstrate compliance.

The principles would need to be revised to require that certified supply bases were not developed from peatlands and areas defined as forest. However, such changes would likely increase the cost of certification, which threatens to exclude producers, especially small and medium-size growers, from the RSPO.

If membership stays stagnant or declines, the RSPO's impact on forest conservation and other critical sustainability concerns in the oil palm sector, such as workers' safety and water pollution, may decrease.

Currently, the RSPO NEXT standard allows producers that wish to meet zero deforestation commitments to become certified as no deforestation, no peat and no fire. Such tiered standards may be preferable if the goal is to retain and gain RSPO members.

Our research indicates that palm oil producers currently have few incentives to expand the area of forest under their control. It is difficult to align individual corporate decisions with broader conservation goals, such as halting tropical deforestation.

Positive incentives for forest protection, such as a price premium linked to forest conservation, may increase forest area preserved through certification. With around 20 percent of all global palm oil now certified, the RSPO has great potential to influence tropical land change. Whether or not Roundtable members embrace higher levels of stringency and transparency around land use change, and how such changes might affect incentives for RSPO membership will determine palm oil certification's contribution to tropical forest conservation.



## Zayed Energy Prize Highlights Nakamura's Research



Courtesy of sslsec.ucsb.edu

Shuji Nakamura has been a professor of Materials and Electrical & Computer Engineering at the UC Santa Barbara since 2000. He holds more than 200 US patents and over 300 Japanese patents. He is currently the Research Director of the Solid State Lighting & Energy Electronics.

Stephanie Pernet  
Science Editor

Awards for innovation in light technology are nothing new for Shuji Nakamura.

Nakamura, a professor of Materials and Electrical & Computer

Engineering at UC Santa Barbara, has received the Zayed Future Energy Prize's Lifetime Achievement award for pioneering the development of white L.E.D. lights, an innovation that will have reduced electricity consumption in the U.S. by an estimated 348 terawatt hours (TWh) by 2027, saving more than \$30 billion.

"The 2018 Zayed Future Energy Award recognizes the global impact of solid-state lighting technology on both the climate and the citizens of

our planet, and I am honored that my work in this field is again being highlighted," Nakamura said.

A winner of the 2014 Nobel Prize in Physics, Nakamura is one of three individuals credited for creating the highly sought bright-blue L.E.D. That advance paved the way for the white L.E.D. technology that is now at the heart of many energy-efficient applications, including interior and exterior lighting, displays and automotive headlamps.

The use of L.E.D. lights has revolutionized energy savings, making it possible to reduce fossil fuel use and carbon footprints. Their durability has also enabled the provision of lighting under inhospitable conditions and in places where traditional energy infrastructure is not available.

Nakamura's research fits perfectly with the idea that motivated the creation of the prize. The world is in desperate need of innovative solutions to create a new, sustainable energy future. No one knows from where or whom the next great energy solution will come from. Solutions and technologies that could change the world are being developed globally, and the \$4 million Zayed Future Energy Prize, managed by Masdar in Abu Dhabi, is ready to recognize and reward innovators like Nakamura.

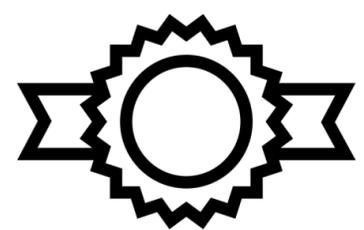
Nakamura received his award at a ceremony held in Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates, as part of Abu Dhabi Sustainability Week.

Now in its 10th year, the Zayed Future Energy Prize is the United Arab Emirates' (UAE) global awards program for renewable energy and sustainability pioneers. The prize came to fruition as a result of the vision of Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, the late ruler of Abu Dhabi and founding father of the United Arab Emirates.

At the 2008 World Future Energy Summit, his Highness General Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces of the UAE, announced The Zayed Future Energy Prize, to honor his father's legacy of environmental stewardship.

The prize annually recognizes innovations and leadership in sustainability achieved by large corporations, small and medium enterprises, nonprofit organizations, dedicated individuals and high schools from five different world regions.

Previous winners include former U.S. Vice President Al Gore, Toyota Motor Corp. and Bronx Design & Construction Academy.



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# S P O R T S

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## UCSB Faces Big West Best UC Davis, Hopes to Split Season Series

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Following its 90-74 win over Long Beach State this past weekend, the UCSB women's basketball team is currently in second place in the Big West at 4-2 while also putting up a 7-11 overall mark thus far.

For a team that once suffered a nine-game losing streak earlier this season, UCSB has come alive in conference play and continues to flash signs of maturity and improvement that could lead to the first Big West title in the Bonnie Henrickson era.

As conference play continues, Santa Barbara will look to benefit from its week-long break between games in preparation for the Gauchos' highly-anticipated matchup with 15-3 UC Davis.

At 5-0 in the Big West, the Aggies are undefeated in conference play thus far and boast a 7-1 record at home.

While the Gauchos lost to Davis at home on Thursday, Jan. 18, 68-61, Santa Barbara's big win over Long Beach State signals its persistence.

In Saturday's road win against Long Beach, Drew Edelman and Sarah Bates combined for 45 of the Gauchos' 90 points.

Edelman, a redshirt senior, posted her 23 points off her most efficient night shooting the ball this season (10-plus field goal attempts). The 6'4 forward shot 10-of-13 from the field and went a perfect 3-3

from the free-throw line, her fifth game this season being perfect from the line.

As Edelman continues to control the paint with an average of 14.7 points per game and 9.2 rebounds per game, guard Sarah Bates has kept up her stellar performance, which is especially impressive for a freshman.

Bates is Santa Barbara's second-leading scorer behind Edelman with 10.6 PPG and is also the most efficient shooter from three-point range in the conference shooting 44.7 percent.

In the win over LBSU, the freshman guard went 6-9 from behind the arc for her career high in three pointers made.

Also second on the UCSB roster in minutes played with 27.1 minutes, Bates has been an impact player both during the regular season and in Big West play.

If the Gauchos hope to end UC Davis' five-game winning streak, they'll have to get better performances than their last meeting with the Aggies from the rest of their roster.

In their first matchup played just one week ago, UC Davis visited the Thunderdome and came away with the victory in large part due to holding Edelman to only six field goals.

Plugging the Gauchos on that night was their shooting. Ending the game shooting 33.9 percent overall and 25 percent from three, UCSB will certainly aim to find the net more efficiently Saturday in Davis.

Only losing by a close seven points, Santa Barbara

has a feasible chance to redeem itself, but the Aggies have some weapons of their own.

Averaging 19.4 points per game this season, redshirt junior Morgan Bertsch has been part of the Aggies' success.

Bertsch, a 6'4 forward, has led Davis in scoring in 15 games this season and produced a 16-point and 10-rebound double-double in the last meeting with the Gauchos.

Despite struggling at the beginning of the night against the Gauchos, Bertsch was a key cog in helping UC Davis seal the win scoring six points, collecting three rebounds and assisting on two baskets in the fourth quarter of the match.

Also hurting the Gauchos in that game was Aggie Pele Gianotti, who scored 15 points despite missing all six of her three point attempts.

Gianotti, a senior forward, is averaging 10.1 points per contest and leads her team in rebounding, averaging 5.8 boards per game.

Santa Barbara will need to make the necessary defensive adjustments against Davis in order to limit Gianotti's and Bertsch's production, but the Aggies will undoubtedly be ready to compete in the clash of the top-two Big West teams.

Just one year ago, UCSB was the team that upset UC Davis in the Big West Tournament Semifinal.

The Aggies have not forgotten that, and a regular season sweep of the Gauchos will be a good token of revenge. UCSB will take on UC Davis at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27, at The Pavilion in Davis, CA.



DUSTIN HARRIS / DAILY NEXUS

Despite at one point losing nine straight games this season, the Gauchos have rallied to win six of their last eight ball games to stand at 7-11 overall.

## 2017-18 UCSB Women's Basketball Statistical Leaders

### Points/Game



Drew Edelman - 14.7

### Rebounds/Game



Drew Edelman - 9.2

### Assists/Game



Danae Miller - 3.3

### 3-PT Percentage



Sarah Bates - 44.7

### FT Percentage



Sarah Porter - 85.0

## Gauchos' Quest For 4th-Straight Big West Title Starts as Season Begins

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After pushing back the start of the season two weeks due to curriculum changes, wildfires and mudslides, the UCSB men's tennis team will finally open its season this Friday in Southern California against SMU as part of the 2018 ITA Kickoff Weekend.

The Gauchos, who will look to win their fourth consecutive Big West title this season, will be aided by the return of four of their top six singles players from last season, including junior Nicolas Moreno de Alboran and senior leader Simon Freund.

Last season, Moreno de Alboran finished with a singles record of 19-12 and also posted an 8-5 record in the No. 1 spot for the Gauchos, a spot he will most likely start in this entire year. He also played alongside junior Anders Holm in doubles play as the duo finished the season with a 15-6 mark.

Due to his wonderful play, Moreno de Alboran received All-Big West honors in both singles and doubles play last season. Following a very successful fall season, including becoming the first Gaucho to receive an invitational to the ITA Fall National Championships, Moreno de Alboran is ranked No. 42 in the ITA top 150 singles players in the country.

Freund returns for his senior season following a 19-8 record in singles play as well as winning every single conference match. Freund was awarded All-Big West second team honors for singles, and All-Big West first team honors for doubles.

Alongside Moreno de Alboran, the two claimed the 2016 Jack Kramer Invitational Doubles Championship becoming the first Gaucho duo to claim the trophy.

UCSB also returns Holm and senior Chase Masciorini this season. Holm recorded the best winning percentage of any Gaucho last season, going 20-5 and earning All-Big West second team honors.

Masciorini finished last season with a 17-12 record, and is yet another reliable starter for the Gauchos despite some spot-play during the fall season.

SMU enters the match looking to end their two-game losing skid as it currently sits at 1-2 to begin the season. They beat Abilene Christian 4-0 in their first match before losing to Harvard in heartbreaking fashion, 4-3. In their latest match, SMU got handled by No. 8 Texas, 4-0.

The Mustangs finished last season ranked No. 38 in the nation but are a relatively young team this year, featuring seven newcomers. In addition, SMU lost their top three players from last season — Ronald Slobodchikov, Hunter Johnson and Yates Johnson — to graduation.

They will need their returning standouts such as senior Charles Nettlefold and redshirt freshman Gardiner Perotti to step up in order to compete with the Gauchos. The last time the two teams played, back in 2015, SMU defeated UCSB 6-1.

With a win, Santa Barbara will then take on the winner of the match between USC or Indiana, also being played on Saturday. If the Gauchos can take down SMU, they will likely face USC, who currently resides as the No. 5 team in the nation and is a favorite to beat unranked Indiana.

The Trojans have three players currently ranked in the top 100, including Brandon Holt (11), Logan Smith (54), and Thibault Forget (96). Holt actually defeated Freund earlier this season at the Southern California Intercollegiate in two sets, and USC would present a stark early-season challenge for UCSB should they face them. The Trojans finished last season 27-6, including a 16-0 home record.

Indiana routed Ball State and Eastern Illinois in their first two matches, before losing to Memphis 5-2. The Hoosiers went 13-13 last year, but also acquired most of their losses in the highly competitive Big Ten.

Indiana is led by Senior Raheel Manji, who was ranked 125th in the country in the latest ITA singles rankings. Either way, Santa Barbara will look to acquire a signature early season win in their second match of the season.

Despite having their first three matches of the season pushed back due to the natural disasters, the Gauchos still boast a strong returning core, and should prove to be competitive in their first two matches of the season.

UCSB will begin its season at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 27, against SMU at Marks Tennis Stadium at USC. The Gauchos will play either USC or Indiana the following day with the time to be determined.



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Despite having their season pushed back due to changes in UCSB's Finals Week, UCSB is ready to begin this season anew vs. SMU.



STEPHEN MANGA / DAILY NEXUS

Following the occurrence of natural disasters such as the Thomas Fire and mudslides, the UCSB men's volleyball team has some stability to its season. The Gauchos currently sit at 3-1 and have won their last two matches straight.

## Men's Volleyball Remains on the Road for Match Against Loyola (Ill.)

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The No. 15 UCSB men's volleyball team appears to be in fine form as its stretch of non-conference opponents continues.

Now, the team is looking forward to its Thursday matchup at No. 7 Loyola University Chicago.

The Gauchos sit at 3-1 and are looking impressive as they're coming off a 3-1 victory over Pepperdine on the road. Overall, the game was intense as the two teams exchanged points, resulting in small differences in which side won each set as UCSB went on to take a 28-26, 21-25, 25-22 and 25-23 win.

The match featured a dominant performance by junior outside hitter Corey Chavers had a game-leading 24 kills on the attack.

To make this night even more special for Chavers, he was soon after awarded with Big West Player of the Week recognition for the first time ever in his career.

Meanwhile, the Loyola Wolves are also experiencing some early non-conference success as they currently find themselves at a 4-2 overall.

The Wolves, as well as the Gauchos, currently hold a two-game win streak. Notably, the Wolves have swept their last two opponents.

Concerning their most recent match, Loyola is coming off a 3-0 thrashing over Saint Francis University, whom they hosted last Saturday.

Thus far, the Wolves are 0-2 against Big West teams as they lost 3-1 to No. 6 UC Irvine and were swept 3-0 by No. 1 Long Beach State.

Statistically, the Wolves have been clinical when it comes to attacking possessions.

Totaling 272 kills on 94 errors, compared to their opponents' 258 kills on 112 errors, Loyola has gotten it done with the exact same number of opportunities that they've offered to opposing sides, a total attack count of 607.

At the forefront of Loyola's attack is junior outside hitter Collin Mahan.

At 6'5 Mahan has a team-high 76 kills.

Mahan is boasting a 3.45 kill per set ratio. Supporting him is senior middle blocker Jeff Jendryk, who has a total kill count of 46.

Helping put both in a scoring position is freshman setter Garrett Zolig, who stands at 6'3 and leads in team assists with a total of 188 on the year.

So far, Loyola has had one key game in which they faced off and bested the formerly No. 3 BYU, who are now fifth within the NCAA rankings.

The Gauchos will want to assert dominance early on and continue to get the ball to their outside hitters as effectively as they've recently done with Chavers.

This game might surprisingly turn out to be a close one, but it surely will surely result in great competition as UCSB searches to extend their latest win streak.

UCSB will head out on the road to take on Loyola University Chicago this Thursday, Jan. 25 this at 7 p.m. at Gentile Arena.

# X's and O's: Breaking Down the 2018 FIFA World Cup Groups

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## Russia 2018: FIFA World Cup, Group Draw Recap

It's been more than three years since the last World Cup match was played, and we are now a little less than half a year away from the commencement of a new global journey. The 2018 FIFA World Cup, set to take place in Russia, has recently been all the talk around the world. After years of qualification matches and cheering on their international side, fans of the beautiful game are celebrating their nation's ticket to the biggest stage in world football.

Fortunately, the wait until the summer of 2018 won't be too uneventful thanks to the World Cup drawing event that recently took place at the start of December. Now, with the group stage set and tensions high, the country comparisons will start to occur as analysts will weigh each team's chances at advancing past the group stage. This leads me to my unbiased predictions of the drawing's results ... especially since the United States didn't qualify.

### Group A: Russia, Uruguay, Egypt, Saudi Arabia

#### The Hosts Draw a Favorable Batch

For those not in the know concerning the

World Cup's group draw, each team, excluding the host nation, which is always granted the first slot, starts off placed in a competitive pot that is shared with other teams of nearly similar FIFA men's rankings. So, for informational purposes, every group is ordered by skill level as listed.

The host nation of Russia is a part of the first four designated sides. Uruguay and Egypt are the Top 30 teams in Russia's way, while Saudi Arabia is ranked just below them. Historically speaking, host nations tend to perform well at their World Cups, even if they are undervalued on paper, as in Russia's case. Nevertheless, we see Uruguay and Russia going through unless Egypt has something to say about it.

### Group B: Portugal, Spain, Iran, Morocco

#### Two Giants, Two Dreams

Both Portugal and Spain have been considered Top 10 in world football for years now. However, if you're asking FIFA, they're even better. Coming in at No. 3 and No. 6 respectively, Portugal and Spain appear to be clear-cut favorites to stand at the top of their groups when all is said and done. Unless a pair of upset losses occur within this group stage, the Top-35 side Iran and closely following Morocco won't have much of a chance due to all the star power on the opposition. Nevertheless, the Portugal vs. Spain match should provide a must-watch competition for all fans alike.

### Group C: France, Peru, Denmark, Australia

#### A Battle for Positioning

At a quick glance, one may make the mistake to simply jump to the conclusion that France has this one in the bag. Think again. Ranked at No. 9 overall, France barely holds a lead in the standings when considering Peru is placed at 11th next to 12th place Denmark. Peru is hungry for a good group stage finish after not qualifying for the World Cup for 36 years, and Denmark is a source for quality talent amongst Europe's elite clubs. Sure, we'll cheer on the Australian underdogs, but it seems like France will have its work cut out when having to deal with a group that is capable of top-tier play.

### Group D: Argentina, Croatia, Iceland, Nigeria

#### Messi is No Group Stage Guarantee

Yes, you read that right: "Messi is no group stage guarantee." Why would we word the headline as such? Well, this Argentina team has played fairly average whenever Messi is absent from the roster. Is this a lack of performance from a side full of star power, or are they just simply missing the best player in world football? Regardless of the correct answer, this group is still very much competitive considering its circumstances.

Croatia is home to some of the best football-playing athletes, and Iceland is truly living a Cinderella story of success. And, oh yeah, the 51st ranked Nigeria just came off a 4-2 thrashing over the No. 4 overall Argentina. We'll still give it just barely to Argentina, followed by perhaps the most surprising of all the group stages' victors: Nigeria.

### Group E: Brazil, Switzerland, Costa Rica, Serbia

#### A Solid Test for Brazil

Arguably the most talented team in the whole competition, Brazilian stardom has managed to excel at even an international level. They claimed the top of the CONMEBOL qualification league fairly easily in South America, and now they'll be one of the favorites to take it all in Russia. That being said, Switzerland and Serbia are still both powerful European sides, although Costa Rica might jump ahead of them both, as they proved their side deserved global recognition following last year's World Cup. In the end, there will be several great matches to watch here, and by several we only mean all three of Brazil's games.

### Group F: Germany, Mexico, Sweden, South Korea

#### The Champions Draw the Group of Death

The "Group of Death" is pretty self-explanatory as is, but for the sake of learning it is considered the most competitive and unpredictable group. Regardless, the German team has been the poster boy for elite football for several years now, especially after coming off winning the World Cup. As for Mexico and Sweden, it may very well come down to either of them as they'll try to secure the second spot in this group. Although, the last time we underestimated South Korea, they somehow made it to the World Cup semifinal...and then were beat by Germany.

### Group G: Belgium, England, Tunisia, Panama

#### England Just Might Get the Job Done

There's always a recurring meme that circulates around this time that pretty much revolves around the fact that England invented this sport, yet still sucks at it. However, after the group stage drawing, fans of England should rejoice. Tunisia and Panama aren't near the Top 16 rankings of both England and Belgium, so there might just be a chance for England. "A chance" being

the key phrase here, since Tunisia or Panama might very well join Belgium in advancing out of the group stage, and we wouldn't even consider it an upset result.

We'd apologize for this banter toward England, but banter would mean the exchange of teasing remarks. However, since the U.S. didn't even qualify (yes, we're still mad) over the likes of No. 53 Panama, we'll just sit back and practice our cockney accents. Good luck to our friends from across the pond.

### Group H: Poland, Colombia, Senegal, Japan

#### The Most Balanced of All

Now that we've gotten the entertainment factor out in this article, it's time to return to a very balanced and wholesome drawn group analysis. This might very well be the most wide open group out of all the competitors, and it might very well be the only group in which the first pot selection doesn't advance. Japan is the lowest ranked here at 56th overall; however, Poland, Colombia and Senegal are all well within range of each other in the FIFA rankings. Therefore, don't be surprised when any of these teams top their group.

It's still way too early to accurately and efficiently predict who will succeed come this next FIFA World Cup. Still, we'll make the educated guess of having Brazil and Germany as the two favorites of the entire tourney. Stay tuned as more updates will come as the greatest stage in world football nears its arrival.

To recap, here are the results of the drawing once again as well as our early Top-2 picks in asterisks:

Group A: \*Russia, \*Uruguay, Egypt, Saudi Arabia

Group B: \*Portugal, \*Spain, Iran, Morocco

Group C: \*France, \*Peru, Denmark, Australia

Group D: \*Argentina, Croatia, Iceland, \*Nigeria

Group E: \*Brazil, Switzerland, \*Costa Rica, Serbia

Group F: \*Germany, \*Mexico, Sweden, South Korea

Group G: \*Belgium, \*England, Tunisia, Panama

Group H: Poland, \*Colombia, \*Senegal, Japan



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## UCSB Searches for Season Sweep of CSUF, Looks for 3rd-Straight Victory



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Coming off another blowout victory at home, the UCSB men's basketball team looks to extend their winning streak to three against Cal State Fullerton on Thursday evening.

This will be the second time in the last week that the Gauchos and the Titans face off, with Santa Barbara having the 1-0 advantage after its 83-64 victory last Wednesday.

Cal State Fullerton currently sits two spots ahead of the Gauchos at second place in the Big West with an 11-7 overall, 4-2 conference record. UCSB has a better overall record at 14-5, but two blown leads have set them back a little bit in the Big West, where their 3-2 record is good for fourth place.

UCSB also comes into the game ranked No. 17 in the most recent Collegeinsider.com Mid-Major Poll. The Titans received three votes but ultimately couldn't join the Gauchos as the only other Big West team on the list.

The Titans come into the matchup with a 6-1 home record, which is second in the conference only to UCSB's perfect 9-0 start to the year.

One of the keys for the Gauchos will be limiting Fullerton's transition offense and momentum in general in order to keep the

crowd out of the game. UCSB hasn't done a great job of imposing itself as a threat on the road so far, as the team is currently 4-5, but a solid win against a top two team in the conference would go a long way in making that happen.

One reason why the Gauchos were successful in the last meeting between these teams was the offensive versatility of the starting lineup. While the two usual offensive stalwarts, sophomore guard Max Heidegger and graduate forward Leland King II, had a great game combining for 41 points, it was the double digit production from other players that pushed UCSB over the top.

Graduate guard Marcus Jackson had a season-high 19 points, and both senior guard Gabe Vincent and senior forward Jalen Canty ended with double digits to round out the starting five.

By diversifying their offensive attack, the Gauchos were able to spread out and overwhelm the Titans' defense, which is what led to an early 15-point lead and the eventual 19-point blowout.

Fullerton will be looking to take advantage of the scoring ability of their bench to close the gaps between these two teams.

In the last matchup between these teams, the Titans bench outscored the Santa Barbara bench 17-2, and — as far as conventional basketball knowledge says — key players perform better at home than they do on the road.

While part of the discrepancy between bench scoring had to do

with some garbage time scoring by Fullerton, the Gauchos have a real problem producing on offense when the starting five isn't in, as they have shown with their two blown 20-point leads.

While these problems with offense for the bench won't be solved overnight, they just make it that much more important for the Gauchos' reserves to continue to play hard and smart on defense.

Two players to keep an eye out for on the Titans are guards Kyle Allman, Jr. and Khalil Ahmad.

The juniors make up one of the highest-scoring tandems in the Big West, with a combined 33.5 points per game.

The Gauchos played good defense on them in the last game, holding them .5 points below their collective average; however, containing them a second time will be much harder, especially at Fullerton.

Overall, this is a big game for UCSB in terms of standings.

A win will push the Gauchos up to second place and in direct contention with first place Hawaii, who they play next week.

Because of early-season miscues, there is a must-win mentality in this squad that trickles down from the high expectations set by Coach Pasternack and his staff.

All the players have to do is get out there and execute, which they've done a good job of so far.

UCSB faces off against CSUF at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 25 at Titan Gym in Fullerton, CA.

# ARTSWEEK

## Smino to Bring Soulful Sounds to the Hub

Fresh from touring with artists like SZA and T-Pain, R&B-rap-soul whiz Smino is making a stop in Santa Barbara



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St. Louis rapper Smino is slated to perform in the Hub at UCSB on Thursday, Jan. 25 at 8 p.m. The artist has spent the past year touring with artists like T-Pain and Top Dawg Entertainment's SZA in the wake of the release of his debut album, *blkswn*.

Over the years, the Hub has been host to numerous live outings at UCSB. Acts such as Vince Staples, Khalid and SG Lewis have headlined the venue before. In conjunction with events like Delirium and Extravaganza, A.S. Program Board has utilized the venue to enrich UCSB's on-campus live music scene, and Thursday, they add a new name to their catalog.

Born Christopher Smith Jr., Smino exploded onto the American music scene in recent

months with a plethora of singles like "Anita" and "blkswn." These tracks exhibited a unique fusion of R&B and hip hop and illustrated the charismatic nature of the artist's trademarked vocal inflections. Smino has garnered attention from a handful of his contemporaries, even securing collaborations with artists such as Noname and Bari. At age 14, Smino met Bari, a local Missouri rapper, after it was suggested that the two collaborate together. Bari is featured on the track "Flea Flicka" on Smino's debut LP.

Monte Booker is credited with the vast majority of production on *blkswn*, displaying his funky, bright style for the world to see. Since then, Booker and Smino have continued to collaborate on subsequent endeavors. American DJ Sango, who, like Booker, belongs to the Soulection record label, is also credited with production on numerous Smino projects.

*Blkswn* opens up with a smooth, sensual cut, "Wild Irish Roses," which sets a warm tone for following tracks. Smino's vocal performances and verses marry perfectly with Monte Booker's production over the record. The rapper's words rebound off the bouncing melodies of each track in a way that keeps the album's sonic momentum moving at a steady yet nonchalant pace. "Glass Flows" has a flowery vocal feature from Ravyn Lenae that sounds entirely akin to its title: glassy and flowy. Some of my favorite tracks are found later on *blkswn*. "Netflix & Dusse" and "Father Son, Holy Smoke" showcase some of Smino's best lyrical and tactical abilities.

Smino's true musical prowess is exhibited on tracks like "Kolors," which was featured on Soulection's White Label record. On the track, the rapper weaves in and out of a variety of tones and volumes as he depicts a scene

of himself dancing with a girl who was just heartbroken by a significant other, leaving her nestled within a mosaic of different feelings.

Smino's character is elevating. The artist is keen on promoting his community as well as the black community around the world, often speaking publicly about his experiences as a black man. His politics are progressive; he dismantles common conservative notions of gender and race in his music and interviews. On *Real Late with Peter Rosenberg*, the artist commented on derogatory figures in music who spread messages that are oppressive to particular groups and how he and his contemporaries combat those sentiments. "There are just a bunch of kids that are non-judgemental, period... It's not even about the music. We're humans out here. Anything you're talking about, it's cool," he said.

It is of my opinion that Smino's character and music mutually enhance the quality of each other. The Hub will likely provide the artist with an intimate space in which he can share his thoughtful, eccentric personality and craft with fans.



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# Trevor Noah Takes on Late Night Talk at Arlington

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News Editor

I recently watched the new Dave Chappelle special on Netflix, and his extreme political provocativeness made me crave that type of content from Trevor Noah. I know you cannot compare the two comedians, or any two comedians for that matter, but Noah's knowledge base and experience with the current political climate sets him up for some witty Trump banter and cultural controversy.

As a News Editor, I was ready for some comedic relief from the daily issues I cover. Noah's "Daily Show" satire and his stand-up routines overlap in some ways, but he makes them their own. Noah, like in his memoir *Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood*, talked a lot about his mixed ethnicity and the racism the world faces today, so when I heard he was coming to Santa Barbara to do a night of stand-up comedy, I immediately

ing how to rile up millennials (myself included). He does not have to do exactly what Jon Stewart did for ratings. The times and the audiences are evolving and changing. Noah knows how to adapt his satirical content to the politics and culture we live in now, and last Friday's stand-up show was a testimony to his genius. I think it's safe to say, "To each his own, and to each their own comedy style."

All laughs aside, Noah's foreign and national affairs analysis is always clarifying and astute. His stand-up, like the show I got to experience at the Arlington, is almost always about racism and its role in his life and the world around him. I will admit that I wish he gave us more controversy because of the trying times we are in, but Trevor knows his audience and he still delivered and stirred the pot. As soon as he walked onto the stage he made it his own. The feeling reminded me of when I saw his first episode on the "Daily Show": I was excited and waiting for him to call out white people for their complacency and rac-



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submitted for my press pass tickets. I had to see the heir to the "Daily Show" for myself.

Trevor Noah has every right to make the "Daily Show" his own.

In the age of late-night talk shows taking over television, Noah knows how to bring in the younger viewers, and you cannot blame him for know-

ism. It's not often you see a person of color take on late night.

Noah started the evening with a few anecdotes about his end-of-the-year vacation to Bali, the time he interviewed Barack Obama and his first experience with tacos.

He pointed out the different meanings vacation



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has for people of color compared to white people. "What white people consider enjoyable on vacation are things that people of color are trying to escape," he said. "White people love camping... They're always all like, 'Let's get away from it all, there's no water and no electricity.'" To which Noah says, for a person of color, they worked hard to get those things and now you want them to pay for the life they want to escape? The audience was laughing uncontrollably at Trevor's take on white people and their sense of "adventure."

Of course having to mention immigration, he proposed that if we cannot accept immigrants into the country, then we cannot have their food either. I broke out laughing, along with the rest of the crowd, because he then said colonialism was basically a quest for white people in search of spices after a white colonizer got fed up with a "white woman's cooking."

What made these stories hysterical was not just his toying with racism and politics, but his hilarious impressions and accents. We were lucky enough to hear his French and Mexican accents as well as his Obama and Trump impersonations. "Part of me thinks he might quit," said Noah, talking about Trump. In his best Trump impression he then said, "Unlike most presidents, I did it in half the time, folks."

He had a lot to say about Trump, but the best comment I heard was that "Donald Trump just

wants to be queen" of the United States. He probably would be better equipped to be a queen instead of the leader of the free world, but Noah said something that night I feel was the main highlight. He said that we cannot romanticize villainy when it comes to the President. "Donald Trump may amplify problems, but he is not always the cause."

Noah said he often hears people say, "Donald Trump made America racist; this country wasn't like this before," but Trevor feels differently. He said, "I don't think Donald Trump made America racist. If anything, I think racism in America is what made Donald Trump."

After the show, I first talked to Kate Sullivan, a fourth-year electrical engineering major, and she told me she saw "a lot of old white people wearing Patagonia jackets." I have to admit, she put that into words way better than I could have, but then she followed up with saying she thought he had a great take on racism and that "coming from a white person," she enjoyed every minute of it.

Some other students I talked to said they felt they saw more students at this event than any other Arts & Lectures show. Armin Mahini, a fourth-year computer science major, said he thought Noah was not unfair when it came to racism and was saying very reasonable things. Mahini felt like the audience had to hear some of those things and that "the truth just hurts sometimes."

# KCSB Showcases Local DIY Bands in Weekday Jam Session

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As their Facebook biography indicates, Espresso truly displayed their ability to "melt minds and cream jeans" at their performance on Monday night put on by KCSB at The Hard to Find Showspace. The lineup for the mini festival that was held inside a Christian church included Espresso, The Crudes, Pookie, Easter Teeth and Arrington de Dionyso. Espresso and The Crudes turned the crowd into a sea of moshing Old Skool Vans.

Santa Barbara native band, Pookie, coasted through their performance by playing most of the intricate and carefree instrumentals from their latest project, "Fifteen Seconds of No Thank You." Pookie performed the picturesque soundtrack to mask despair through cheerful melodies that sound like sitting by a beach at dusk. Despite the lack of crowd attendance, the engaging post-punk band, Easter Teeth, sang their track "Truckstop Fear," which led to a couple head bangs from the crowd as the band

hands to sway in the air. The raspy "Bojangles" created a groove that placed the band's melodies on a pedestal. The Crudes showcased a performance of the sludgy track "Piglet," where the electric guitar meandered and could have made its way on a "That 70's Show" scene.

Most DIY bands that have carved a name for themselves in Los Angeles have utilized spaces such as The Smell and local backyard parties. Espresso has already released three projects and is currently touring their latest album, *Alvin Bovin's Big Break*. The guitars swelled as the romantic ballad "Piglet's Journey" crooned throughout the venue, leading couples in matching Dickies to dance around as if they were the stars of an indie coming-of-age film.

Espresso ended their set with "Space Ship, Space Dick" off their 2016 album *Bobe*, meanwhile affirming the startling beauty in mosh pits. Lead-singer and guitarist, Dashed Dupuy, admired the girls who were bravely entering the mosh pit.

"To all the girls who aren't afraid to go in the mosh pit, you're sick and I appreciate you,"



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members drawled out the lovestruck lyrics, "I wish I could miss you."

For having released their album *Graveled Guts* just last month, The Crudes looked like rock stars head banging along to the sounds reverberating from the bass. The band has musical qualities similar to those of popular indie acts Yellow Days and Cuco, which quickly caught the attention of the crowd. The slow pace of the guitar on soulful anthem "Kaby," led x-scribbled

he said.

The crowd started to dance as if they were in a '70s disco party, despite the fast-paced drumming and bass melting off the walls of the venue that simultaneously acts as a church of the venue.

Third-year economics major Melissa Saavedra commented on Espresso's ability to bring people who don't know each other together.

"It's crazy how a band can bring a group of

people who don't ordinarily hang out with each other to all comfortably jam out together," she said.

On the heels of Espresso's lively set, Washington-based Arrington de Dionyso astonished the audience with his ability to emphasize the minimal instrumentation flowing from the drums and the saxophone. By gauging the facial appearances of the crowd, I saw that they were initially put off ease by two guys who weren't singing over King Krule melodies.

Third-year English major, Chloe Anderson, compared Dionyso's instrumentals to a Spongebob reference.

"If I could best sum up Arrington de Dionyso's intense performance, I'd title it like Squidward's art piece, 'the bold and the brash.' He was able to make sounds that aren't conventionally beautiful and rather bold sound like something new and beautiful," she said.

Arrington de Dionyso put the audience in a trance by pushing the envelope, as he used a water pipe to emulate the cries of his saxophone.

Dionyso's instrumental catharsis received a standing ovation that finalized a night of groovy songs, surf beats, sax meltdowns and unexpected dynamic performances. Dionyso ended the night by pointing out the sign that accompanied his performance place that simply stated, "This Saxophone Kills Fascists."

He concluded, "In this time, it's important to build up the community, and we can start by just sharing music. Music is a language in itself, it's what brought us all together."

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# ON THE MENU

## Cuernavaca Cuisine

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Settled on W Carrillo Street and De La Vina Street, across the street from Starbucks and Rusty's Pizza Parlor, is one of Taqueria Cuernavaca's three locations along the Southern California Coast. Offering great and authentic Mexican food at a reasonably low price, Taqueria Cuernavaca sets itself apart from some of the more run-of-the-mill options we typically come across in Goleta.

My friend had initially insisted upon trying the place out after a day spent shopping on State Street, having come across it on more than one occasion but never managing to actually try the place out. So with me in tow, we made our way inside.

The menu boasted the usual classics, along with platters such as enchiladas and pozole. Rather than going for the usual tacos or burrito, I opted for *gorditas de tinga*. At times resembling a stuffed tortilla pocket, the restaurant's resembled more of a sandwich. The gordita entailed a thick tortilla that had been cooked on a comal, cut and then filled with meat and assorted toppings. With chipotle-marinated shredded chicken, lettuce, sour cream and cotija cheese all nestled between two homemade tortillas, my mouth was watering before the plate of *gorditas* had even been set before

me. The spiciness of the chicken was nicely offset by the other ingredients' milder flavors, allowing for a kick of heat without wishing I had ordered a second drink. Juicy and overall nicely flavored, it was one of the best dishes I've had since coming to Santa Barbara. As someone who is forever homesick for L.A. taco trucks, that's a big statement to make.

My friend took a different approach with the *torta de asada*, declaring it her go-to menu item at Mexican restaurants. Tortas typically entail a long, firm sandwich roll that is grilled or toasted and served with meat and a variety of garnishes inside. The torta consisted of refried beans, avocado, tomatoes, cheese and steak sandwiched inside two slices of telera bread. In the case of my friend, the torta also included a healthy helping of salsa verde, lemon and jalapeño. Judging by the smile on her face and the rather empty plate left behind, I would say the torta met her standards.

I've gone back twice since initially eating there, and I've yet to be able to pick something else off the menu; my stomach just can't justify leaving a good thing behind. So for now, I'm in a happy committed relationship with Taqueria Cuernavaca and their extremely delicious gorditas. It's a good thing that both the 24X and my friend's car drop me off right by the restaurant so I can continue feeding my addiction. At least it's not fast food.



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## Cast-Iron Skillet Care 101

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On The Menu Editor

This past Christmas, I received a set of three cast-iron skillets and have since become obsessed. If properly cared for, a cast-iron skillet will last you generations and become the only thing you need in your kitchen. If I had to choose one tool to take with me on my deserted island, it would probably be my skillet. A natural non-stick that produces even heat and dynamic flavor, your skillet is likely to become your best friend in the kitchen. However, cast-iron – as tough as it is – needs to be treated right if one day your grandchild is going to be able to use it. Here are some tips on how to keep it in tip-top shape.

Seasoning your skillet? Most modern cast-iron skillets come pre-seasoned, yet this still usually isn't enough. I noticed that the skillets weren't quite seasoned well enough, and therefore the food still stuck. So, to re-season the pre-season, I recommend doing another layer. Take your skillet and coat it in a thin layer of vegetable shortening or oil all over. Wipe away the excess oil, and then bake at 400 degrees for an hour.

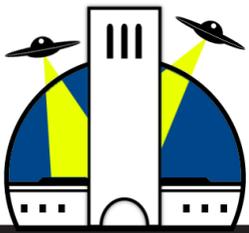
Keep it dry and clean! Your skillet should be cleaned very quickly after use. It should be cooled to just warm, and then you can use hot water, a scour brush and coarse salt to clean it. **DON'T EVER USE SOAP.** The soap will strip the precious layer of seasoning you've built and won't allow the pan to keep its non-stick nature.

Don't be afraid! Cast-irons seem intimidating at first because of all the rules, but the more you use it, the more you'll be comfortable with it. The more often it gets used, the better it will work because the non-stick layer will become uniform and the aromatic flavors trapped in the seasoning and the iron will become more fragrant and appetizing.

Where should you keep it? Your skillet should be kept in a cool, dry place. Many people will attach a hook to the inside of a cupboard and hang their skillets for ease of access and proper storage.

The most important commandments to remember for your cast-iron are season, clean, dry. It can be very easy if you remember these words. A cast-iron is so versatile; whether you're just starting to develop your kitchen arsenal or you're trying to expand your utensils, the cast-iron will be a great addition.





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## Large Pile of Money in Glasses Named New UCSB Chancellor

Early this morning, Chancellor Henry T. Yang announced that he was stepping down as Chancellor of UCSB and immediately named his successor. In a brief and unexpected statement, Ex-Chancellor Yang said, "I'm done. I've worked tirelessly my entire career and all these idiot students do is make memes out of me." He refused to offer further information on his stepping down, but he did take the time to disclose the identity of his successor.

The next Chancellor of UCSB is to be A Large Pile of Money that has a pair of glasses on top of it. Yang did not have any more information to offer, but representatives of Chancellor Large Pile of Money released a statement saying, "Chancellor Large Pile of Money is exactly what this school needs and will surely take advantage of." When inquiring about his past, representatives insisted he was qualified, but vehemently denied rumors that he was made from students' tuition dollars. A deeper investigation into his past is to follow.

Chancellor Large Pile of Money has yet to make a personal statement or address the public, presumably because he is not sentient since he is a large pile of money. His glasses are prescription. It is also reported that each

department has already taken to him remarkably well, with different deans all groveling at the door of his new office.

Upon writing this article, the Daily Nexus has received exclusive information that Chancellor Large Pile of Money was just seen by students being wheeled around in a red wagon during what looked like a tour of the new engineering building. One student who asked to remain anonymous said, "I already heard them asking Chancellor Large Pile of Money about building another engineering building." When we asked the College of Letters and Science about this incident, they simply responded, "Those fuckers."

According to his representatives, Chancellor Large Pile of Money has a Ph.D. from every Ivy League institution in this country, as well as a pair of polarized Ray-Ban aviator glasses for when he gets taken to the beach. Updates to follow on his transition and how he will represent this institution with the honor and respect it deserves.

*Ariana Marmolejo is a Daily Nexus staff writer and a huge supporter of Chancellor Large Pile of Money.*

## Fuck It, I'm Rating the Birds

Look, I already have reading for two of my classes and these winged jerks have had it too good for too long. I'm out of ideas, so here's some birds I saw and rated. Take that, you hollow-boned jackasses. You wanna see pictures? Too fucking bad.

### WHITE-TAILED KITE

Rating: 1 out of 5

Okay, I swear to god these things decide to practice their shitty barbershop quartet outside my apartment window every morning. Look at him. Smug, prissy, always looking down on me. If this bird were a person, it would be that guy who goads you into talking about music at a party and then gives you guff because you haven't heard of that one obscure band he doesn't even actually like.

"You haven't heard Knife Hits? Oh dude you've gotta hear Knife Hits."

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No.

### ISLAND SCRUB JAY

Rating: 2 out of 5

The island scrub jay is the kind of person who charges you \$2.03 on Venmo. Native to the Santa Cruz, the island scrub jay dragged its lethargic ass across a narrow land channel during the last glaciation period, and has been too lazy to move back ever since. Because of this, however, it's at least pooping on some rock instead of my car.

### WESTERN GULL

Rating: 0 out of 5

No.

### CROW

Rating: 3 out of 5

The harbinger of death in a pigeon sized package. I've never been superstitious, but every time I see a crow on the way to class I end up doing something embarrassing like trip while sitting down, or say "bless you" when someone sneezes, but in this awful, *Lord of the Rings*, Gollum-style voice, so that the person who sneezed turns and gives me a funny look. But, technically, crows have never done anything to me personally. And, I once watched a documentary where a crow cracked open a nut.

### CALIFORNIA TOWHEE

Rating: 4 out of 5

You know when you're sitting in front of the Ucen and you see a bird just waltz on in and you think to yourself, "He's got guts." That's this guy right here. Ranging in all shapes and sizes, from billiards ball, to really fat billiards ball, these things are a miracle of aviation. Plus, all I ever see them do is eat! Not only are they relatable, but they're an inspiration to us all.

### DUCK

Rating: 5 out of 5

Okay who doesn't love ducks? If you don't love ducks, you probably also drink IPA's with pictures of bicycles or typewriters on the side and wear tee shirts that say things like "Kale" but in the Yale University font. These things come in all colors and are always the best character in every animated film they're featured in. Also, Jimmy Neutron's dad was really into them.

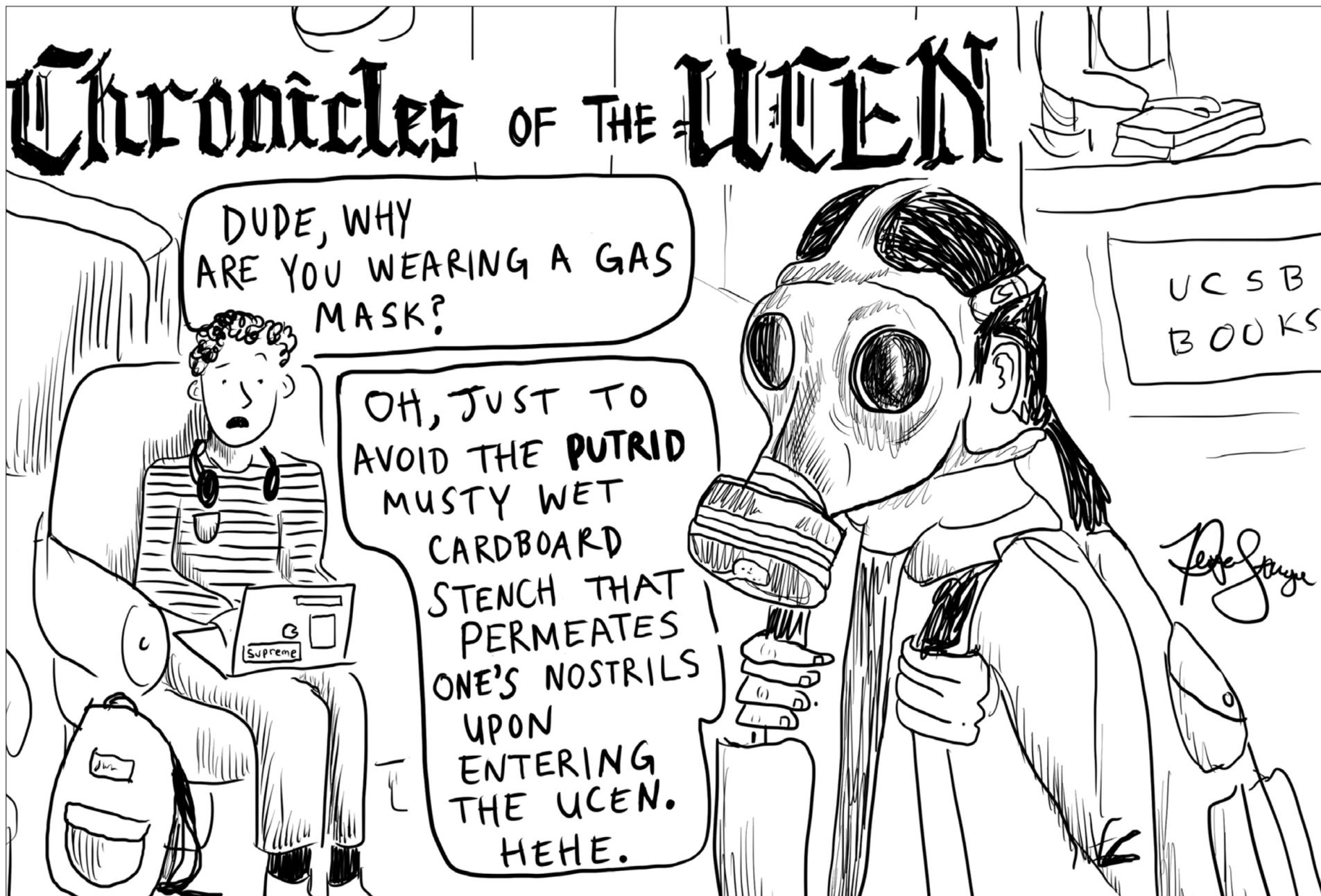
### SANDPIPER

Rating: 5 out of 5

I honestly don't even think I've seen a sandpiper in real life, but the Disney short made me cry. Remember that? It was called "Piper."

*Ryan Watt is majoring in both film and English and still occasionally looks up how to spell "cinema."*

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# OPINION

## NO DACA, NO DEAL: Don't Take Your Students for Granted

Kristin Hsu, the External V.P. for Statewide Affairs for Associated Students makes the case to hold Salud Carbajal accountable for his vote on H.R. 195



Kristin Hsu

We need to hold elected officials accountable to the promises they make to students, especially when we get them elected.

Last week, Congressman Salud Carbajal voted Yes on H.R. 195, which continued funding until Feb. 19 to avoid a government shutdown, without any mention of protection for recipients of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. Only six democrats, including Congressman Carbajal, sided with the House republicans to pass the spending bill, and it failed to make it through the Senate. The country was left with the second government shutdown of the decade, and we still do not have a long term solution for Dreamers.



**Congressman Carbajal needs not just to show sympathy for undocumented people, but to demonstrate tangible efforts behind otherwise empty rhetoric.**

Congressman Carbajal won over 10,000 votes in Isla Vista with college affordability, environmentalism and comprehensive immigration reform as his key legislative priorities. After his win, the congressman returned to UCSB multiple times reiterating his commitments to protect DACA and the immigrant community in his district. Despite his record of cosponsoring proposals to address DACA, the congressman failed to continue his support when nearly all of his fellow democrats did so by voting no on the short term spending bill without a solution to the expiration of DACA.

In fairness, the situation is politically complicated. Congressman Carbajal released a statement explaining that his vote against the government shutdown was to ensure the Central Coast would have access to full FEMA resources in light of the damage done by the Thomas Fire and Montecito Mudslide. He

but nothing can be said to adequately justify his vote on H.R. 195. A legislator's voting record is everything; it is the only way they can stand by their word. I am calling on fellow democrats, both students and community members, to hold Congressman Carbajal accountable to his campaign promises and to avoid following politicians simply because they align with your political party. If we are not critical of our elected representatives, we lose leverage and gain a reputation of being easy votes.

So what now?

In short, the congressman may find a lukewarm reception from students during his next campus visit. It is a matter of trust. Despite delivering 84 percent of the votes in Isla Vista to him, Congressman Carbajal did not take student voices and priorities seriously enough when making his decision. In this tumultuous political climate, an increasing number of young eyes watch the events unfold



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stated, "My office was in communication with these agencies ahead of the vote and they could not guarantee how long-term recovery projects would be handled during a shutdown. In light of this unprecedented and deadly natural disaster, I could not in good conscience vote to allow a shutdown when the full force of federal resources are needed on the Central Coast."

Amy B. Wang of The Washington Post reported that "[m]ore than 3,000 of FEMA's estimated 15,815 onboard employees would be suspended in the event of a government shutdown, according to the Homeland Security Department's contingency plan for a lapse in appropriations." However, in the 2013 government shutdown, the agency furloughed only those deemed to be nonessential or those not directly involved with on-the-ground relief efforts.

There is no doubt that the damages to our community by both the Thomas Fire and the Montecito Mudslide are devastating, and I hope that the Central Coast comes together to heal from these tragedies. But the fact remains that over 800,000 people will be without the ability to work and live in this nation come March 5. Over 2,000 DACA recipients will lose their status by Feb. 8 while waiting for Congress to take action. We need to call on both democrats and republicans to take action so DACA recipients are able to work, attend classes and succeed in this country without fear or uncertainty. Furthermore, it is imperative that Congress enacts comprehensive immigration reform so both DACA students and their loved ones may live without fear of deportation or detention. Although I can comprehend how the congressman ultimately reached his decision, I am disappointed that he turned his back on students, progressive voters and, most importantly, the undocumented community and their allies.

Those standing by his vote to avoid the government shutdown might list various legislation Congressman Carbajal has introduced or cosponsored benefiting students,

in Washington, D.C. with disbelief and disdain. Siding with the GOP majority to cast the interests of marginalized groups aside further contributes to proving the assumption that politicians do not care about us.

One faulty vote does not render meaningless the actions the congressman has taken on behalf of students. However, it does shatter the fragile trust between legislator and voter. To regain it, Congressman Carbajal needs not just to show sympathy for undocumented people, but to demonstrate tangible efforts behind otherwise empty rhetoric. For example, a donation to the UCSB Dream Scholar Resource Fund and a written commitment to host a fundraiser with proceeds going to an organization assisting all undocumented immigrants, especially for those who do not qualify for DACA or AB-540. We need to see Congressman Carbajal at the forefront, demanding that his colleagues in both the House and the Senate pass legislation to protect DACA recipients before the program expires. Furthermore, students need to be able to convey our concerns about his vote on H.R. 195 to Congressman Carbajal in person. Very few students, especially those belonging to marginalized and undocumented communities, have the privilege or access to meet with the congressman directly, much less hold him accountable with their vote. Therefore, I am extending an invitation to the congressman to host a town hall at UCSB this quarter where he can answer directly to the students.

As Congressman Carbajal faces his constituents in midterm elections this year, I urge each and every student to hold him and our other elected representatives to higher standards than this and demand to see our priorities carried out at all levels of government. We need to call for strong stances on immigration from the congressman, his colleagues and every individual that represents students.

*Kristin Hsu wants to emphasize the importance of elected officials to be in dialogue with those individuals that they represent.*

## HOROSCOPES

### ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 19

Your classes haven't gotten brutal yet and you're honestly kind of bored. Try jello wrestling as a fun new hobby in the meantime.

### TAURUS

APRIL 20 - MAY 20

The best way to make an impression on your hot new T.A. is to start an intense argument with them during a class discussion. They'll remember you for the rest of the quarter!

### GEMINI

MAY 21 - JUNE 20

The next time you pet an adorable dog in I.V., take some time to stop and talk to its owner. The potential for a new friendship is off the charts.

### CANCER

JUNE 21 - JULY 22

You will receive a booty call from someone you thought had finally gotten over. The temptation to link up may be strong, but hold off this time. You're about to have way finer options in 2018.

### LEO

JULY 23 - AUGUST 22

This is the sign you were looking for to order Domino's instead of cooking tonight.

### VIRGO

AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22

Now that the 101 is open, you can finally get your Amazon orders on time! Your Nic Cage pillowcase will be here before you know it.

### LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22

Is it February yet????

### SCORPIO

OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 21

You get made fun of at your next club meeting because you decided to get a Klean Kanteen instead of a HydroFlask. Your tears will hydrate you though, so no worries!

### SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21

Week Five: Have we reached a consensus on whether it's socially acceptable to juul during sex?

### CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19

Will we ever know what the J. in J. Cole stands for?? Is it justice? Find out.

### AQUARIUS

JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18

You ponder why you still have to finish midterms and essays when nuclear disaster is looming in the distance.

### PISCES

FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20

Have you ever fucked to Planet Earth? If not, cancel all your Saturday plans immediately and give that doggy style a go.