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Court Case Could Bring Financial Strain to Public Sector Unions

Evelyn Spence
Assistant Editor

Unions in the federal court case Janus v. AFSCME could potentially suffer the financial resources of public sector unions, including some of the ten million different labor unions at UC Santa Barbara, according to Lawrence Young, union representatives for Teamsters 2010.

If Janus v. AFSCME passes, it will resolve a 30-year dispute between Teamsters and Teamsters that currently affects public pay those fees if they do not want to pay and affirmed that workers cannot be forced to join public sector unions.

However, the case stated that non-unionized workers are still required to pay “fair share fees” because they ultimately benefit from union bargaining activities.

“We really see this as an attack on unions to make us weaker,” Young said. “This is really about getting rid of unions and making everybody individualized and atomized so that they don’t work together collectively.”

Some argue that they should not be required to pay fees for representation, and that the case would make it so that individuals not represented by a union would no longer have to pay fees.

“Fair share fees will have to be represented by a union. If the first-takers have any grievances or any other issues like that, the union still has to pay the cost of the bargaining contract that the workers benefit from, and that the case would make it so that individuals not represented by a union would no longer have to pay fees.”

public sector unions. Young said. Public sector unions are funded by taxpayers, while private sector unions are funded by business entities.

Janus v. AFSCME would affect public sector unions. Private sector unions would not be similarly affected.

“Another issue to be concerned with is the public sector union law. One way to think to come up in terms of state law, whereas the public section is done state by state. We fall under the California State Labor Law Code, the union representatives would lose the case if they don’t think it,” Young said.

Teamsters 2010 is statewide and covers all 10 U.S. campuses as well as the UC campuses, according to Young.

Young explained that when a similar law was passed in Wisconsin recently, public sector workers wages immediately decreased, and even the non-unionized workers saw their wages go down.

“This just really hurts the whole economy because here we’ve we’re the large employer in Santa Barbara. Underwrite my wages, then I’m not going to be able to sleep locally, right? I’m just going to have to work on the bare minimum,” he said.

Right now, unions act as a check on workplace safety issues and workplace discrimination, said Steel.

“[Unions are] able to do that because they have the financial resources to provide resources for their members, to provide legal guidance to establish a fair and equitable workplace,” he said.

“If the unions lose this financial backing, because we don’t make sure even union members don’t have the financial resources to provide resources for the individual members, the case would make it so that the financial resources of an employer are going to be diminished.”

He explained that if Janus v. AFSCME is passed, employers could face challenges similar to those from the late 1800s and early 1900s, when “employers did not have a voice that was able to control the wherewithal of the employees.”

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Proposed Calif. Offshore Oil Drilling Faces Opposition

Anil Chang
Reportet

Santa Barbara County’s response to the Trump Administration’s initiative to allow offshore oil drilling in nearly all U.S. coastal waters is predictable, negative, most demonstrated by Congressmenopped a bill for the exemption of California’s Continental Shelf from oil drilling in January 4, 2018, the District of Columbia (DOIA) Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, proposed a five-year plan that would be proposed by the Trump Administration or offshore drilling that attempted to push the nation toward more domestic sources of energy.

The proposed plan, which would be effective from 2019 to 2024, is in a letter addressed to President Donald Trump and DOI Secretary Ryan Zinke, and I am particularly concerned that expanding drilling for the union was taken out of his paycheck.

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Transfer Student Alliance To Receive A.S. Resources With New BCU Status

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The Transfer Student Alliance (TSA) is the first of the Boards, Commissions and Units (BCU) to specifically represent transfer students at UC Santa Barbara after a unanimous vote at an A.S. Senate meeting last week.

The TSA will now be able to use A.S. resources and collaborate with other BCUs on campus. They will also receive an advisor and a significant increase in funding.

The resolution was authored by Matt Nielson, vice chair of the TSA, Julian Armada, chair of the TSA and Kian Maalizadeh and Ileana Ochoa, who are both A.S. Senate liaisons to the organization.

The four worked on the resolution during Fall Quarter and filed a motion to get the TSA certified as a BCU.

The amount of funding the TSA will receive is still being discussed. According to Armada, Maalizadeh first suggested that the budget should be around $20,000, but then expectations were lowered to $10,000.

When the TSA was an entity of the Office of Student Life (OSL), their budget was no larger than $500, Armada explained.

Prior to the TSA becoming an A.S. entity, they received their funding solely from fundraisers and donations.

“We had to spend a lot of time raising money before we even put on events,” Nielson said.

The TSA had their first meeting as a BCU on Monday, Feb. 12. Armada said he had seen an increase in membership since the TSA officially became a BCU.

“It’s small now, but I’m hoping that their interest will keep growing,” he said.

“We’re one of the only UCs who didn’t have a transfer organization as a part of the Associated Students. That was shocking to me considering how many transfer students are being accepted, and it’s only increasing each year,” he added.

The previous board of the TSA had intended to make their organization an entity of A.S., but failed to do so due to a lack of guidance from Senate, according to Nielson.

With the help of Maalizadeh and Ochoa, the TSA was able to draft the proposal and complete the internal paperwork needed.

“A lot of the things we want to do is just advocate for resources. With transfers, there’s no centralized voice,” Maalizadeh said. “There’s only so much a single person can do, but there’s so much that an organized group can do.”

Maalizadeh envisions the TSA using its position in A.S. not just to hold community events, but also to advocate for resources such as more tutoring services and a better transfer student organization.

The TSA plans to work with the Transfer Student Center (TSC) by collaborating on events and utilizing the resources provided by the center.

“Right now, I am a Transfer Peer Educator at the TSC, and I felt a division with the two even though we are serving the same constituents,” Ochoa said. “Now I hope having a TSC liaison with the TSA will create more of a bond and collaborative efforts.”

All four authors of the resolution emphasized that they hope to see transfer students having a larger presence on campus now that they have adequate representation in A.S.

“Transfers come from everywhere, but we all have the same common identity of being a transfer,” Maalizadeh said. “I want to make sure that when people go to UCSB as a transfer, they aren’t an afterthought.”

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Program for Recovering Addicts Expands to Meet Diverse Community Needs

At the beginning of the Gauchos For Recovery program, there would be less than 10 people in attendance. However, there are now at least a few dozen attendees at every meeting, which is why they are expanding.

SB County Seeks To Improve Disaster Preparedness

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of about 250 people we’d need to call, like ‘We made it!’ Lee recalled. ‘We laughed. ‘Not even from friends, even strangers turned into friends along the way.’

Connell says after 100 miles on the road, they have not yet found a place to sleep, instead relying on the kindness of locals including families, farmers and policemen who welcome them into their homes and workspaces. On other nights, they have camped in parks, basketball courts, at bus stops or on the side of the road.

They still尊严 a hammock strung between two broken semi-trucks one night.

‘If it wasn’t the best rest we ever had,’ Lee recalled.

The bikers will admit that the most challenging part of the journey has been the biking itself; pedaling up rocky mountains for hours on end in extreme heat with their tires that range about 140 pounds can take a toll.

Both agreed the exercise has been as much a mental exar- cise as anything else. Often they ride on freeways with trucks whizzing past them with a clamor of honking horns in the back- ground.

Lee once faced off with a bull in the middle of the road, Lee said. The horn came within inches of his handlebars. ‘I think those are the kinds of situations that a ‘mental game’ is helping us to deal with.’

Connell said one of the best moments of the trip has been ‘talking to people that are often portrayed in the media as the “bad guys,”’ he added.

Connell and Lee said they planned to go to an island in the next 24 hours. They kept friends and family updated on their where- abouts.

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“We’re using this tool [bicycles] to stay healthy and keep going, to be strong, and it’s really unfair because we’re doing something good,” Connell said.

The organization brings bikes to impoverished commun- ties around the world that lack proper modes of transportation. Connell and Lee’s goal of $5,000 to date has already been hit.

“We’re raising money through the organization’s web- site and their personal blog,” Lee said. ‘We keep friends and family updated on their where- abouts.”

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UCSB Selected to Host Its First SASE Conference

Three years after its founding in the fall of 2015, the UCSB Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers (SASE) chapter was selected to host the organization's West Regional Conference for the first time. Bringing together students from around the region as well as professionals, recruiters and representatives from national organizations and companies to provide a forum to discuss opportunities to play the various resources and amenities the UCSB SASE chapter has effectively solidified its place among other universities' chapters.

The conference serves as a place for young Asian American and Asian American scientists and engineers to explore professional and networking opportunities outside of academia. For many members, the conference marks their first foray into the perhaps daunting world of industry.

“[SASE] has helped me become more ambitious,” Leung said. “I never have to suppress anything I may have been conscious about before; I’m around people who are doing what I want to do.”

For its younger members, the conference provides an opportunity for students to comfortably network and to grow within their Asian cultural identities.

Moreover, both the club and the conference provide an opportunity for students to comfortably navigate their professional future, while immersed in an environment that is keen on embracing their cultural identities.

“I feel like being around like-minded, very ambitious individuals is very inspiring. Surrounding myself with professionals, ambitious people has helped me become more ambitious,” Leung said. “SASE has helped me be more in touch with my roots. Being around other (Asian American), I never have to suppress anything I may have been conscious about before. I’m around people who practically grew up in the same culture.”

For its younger members, the conference provides a chance to experience first-hand the work that goes into putting on such a large event.

“It’s nice to see how a conference like this is set up,” Allen Hattori, first-year chemical engineering major, said. “I’ve never done anything like this, where lots of companies come and you can meet a lot of students.”

The club has really helped me,” Karen Cahalane, a first-year physics major, said. “Academically, for example, they bring a lot of people from certain research companies to talk about how to get interviews, explore research opportunities and go over resumes. Learning about the companies and what they do and seeing what I can do to improve before the next conference.”

As these young students only tentatively begin to feel a foot for what the world is like past graduation, the conference provides an incomparable learning experience. With so many large companies like the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory and Northrop Grumman in attendance, there is a high chance for them to connect with something they are truly interested in pursuing.

“[SASE] is important because they bring in lots of people who are interested in the industry. For a freshman who’s not really used to taking meetings, this was my first time getting involved in these sorts of [professional] events, watching how people interacted,” F.A.C.E.S. bio major Se Hyun Park said. “I wanted more exposure to these kinds of events, to learn about these companies and what they do.”

Overall, the SASE conference and the UCSB SASE chapter provide an unrivaled resource for students looking to embrace the intersectionality of being an Asian American in the STEM fields. By providing invaluable networking and research opportunities, they aim to prepare their members for success in the world outside of university.

AWMAT Combines Women in Art with Technology

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“AWSM Combines Women in Art with Technology”

When women help each other, amazing things can happen. That is the principle that is at the core of the Alliance of Women in Media Arts and Technology (AWMAT). Technology is often seen as a male-dominated field, but the community at AWMAT offers a broad range of support, programs and resources to advance women in technology.

One of those resources is the conference they bring every year. AWMAT provides an opportunity for women of color, transgender women and anyone looking to embrace the intersectionality of women, people of color, women and animals to explore the fields of art and science.

In this instance, Kimura was speaking about her children and the problems other families with young children face. Many of the guest speakers got to where they are now because of the help they received from people who supported them.

This idea of helping one another was also seen in Katie Rae Huffman’s talk. Huffman is an independent curator, currently based between Berlin and Los Angeles. She is also the co-founder of FACE, an international online community for women in media arts.

“In addition to talking about why it is important to help one another, other guest speakers spoke about how that network could benefit bigger issues, such as climate change.”

Victoria Vona, an artist and professor at the UCLA department of Design Media Arts and the director of ArtSci Center at the School of the Arts and California Nanosystems Institute (CNSI), spoke about an exhibition she co-curated that challenged reductive, binary mindsets and aimed to foster artistic interventions on feminist and ecological activism.

According to Vona, even environmentalists who generally refer to non-human nature as the environment, the natural resources for human use and often still hinge on the anthropocentric view of nature as a source, not a part of the world. Her current research explores these boundaries and the ways in which humans and non-humans are interconnected.
The Gauchos' bench play will need to be productive to keep up with CSUF's bench play. Spencer Ault

UA SPORTS

The UCSB men's basketball team is riding high. Winners of their last seven games and sitting in first place in the Big West with a conference record of 8-2 and an overall record of 19-5, the Gauchos can afford to be proud of themselves.

What they can't afford, however, is complacency. It's a brutal stretch of games, but it's also a chance for UCSB to solidify its position atop the standings and not get too comfortable before the Big West Tournament in early March. The road to the NCAA Tournament will likely go through at least one of these three teams, after all. The first two meetings on the schedule, Long Beach State and UC Davis, are both locked in a three-way tie with Cal State Fullerton for third place in the Big West. They are behind the Gauchos and the Anteaters, respectively. First up are the Long Beach State 49ers, who have struggled against their peers in the Big West standings. The 49ers are 4-1 in games against UCSC, UCI and CSU Fullerton, with the lone win coming against the Titans back in January. Those four losses make up the entirety of Long Beach's conference nonconference.

The 49ers are 7-4 in the Big West, and they have suffered from some bad luck with three single-digit losses.

Offensively, the Long Beach game plan revolves around transfer senior Gabe Levin. The 6-7 forward is averaging a team-high 18.1 points per game. If Levin can't get going, the Gauchos will need to turn to the bench for help.

The Gauchos have an opportunity to make a statement against the visitors. They are the top team in the Big West, and the Gauchos are looking to prove themselves to be road warriors, having won at UC Davis over the Aggies most recently.

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The Gauchos have been able to overcome Moneke's absence due to a suspension for the most part. Against UC Davis, the Gauchos were able to do so thanks to a balanced team offensive effort. Four players finished in double-digits, with Leland King II leading the way with 19 points and 10 rebounds, for fifth-straight double-doubles in his most recent game against Cal Poly.

The Gauchos will host the Gauchos on Thursday, which plays to a major advantage for a Long Beach State team that is 7-4 at the Walter Pyramid and just 5-8 away from home.

The Gauchos, on the other hand, have proven themselves to be able road warriors with a 7-5 away record, including a major win in Davis over the Aggies most recently. That win last Thursday is what propelled UCSB to its current 19-5 start.

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A new championship is here, and the NFL season is over, but this doesn’t change the falsehood of who “America’s Team” is.

**Kendra Jackson**
**Staff Writer**

We all know nostalgia. At a ’90s baby, I get it. I remember everything from the bulky SEGA Genesis cartridges to when PlayStation was the lone wolf and America isn’t just flashy; America gets stuff done. Something these current Dallas Cowboys wouldn’t know anything about. It’s ironic if you think about it - Jerry Jones has billions and billions of dollars, but sadly, he still can’t seem to buy another Super Bowl win.

And for all of you folks who miss Tony Romo and what he (debatably) brought to the table. I’ve got something for you: Blake Bortles, who just became a starting quarterback in the 2017-2018 season, has as many playoff wins as the former quarterback. In the words of Jay-Z: “Men lie, women lie, but numbers don’t.” And the numbers for the Cowboys, or lack thereof, speak volumes. 

So the next time you find yourself watching yet another unbelievable Thanksgiving showdown between the Dallas Cowboys and some other team who is probably more deserving of a home game, I challenge you: Don’t call the Cowboys America’s Team.

Instead, just change the channel. They probably won’t be in the Super Bowl anyway.
Southern Rapper J.I.D Makes SB Debut at Velvet Jones

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Reporter

Regardless of what kind of music you listen to, KCSB is sure to have something that’ll tickle your fancy. Located under Storke Tower, KCSB has been spinning tracks since 1962 when its founder, Bill Harrison, launched the station. Since then, it has grown into a platform where local students and community members can share underrepresented music and foster a sense of community among listeners. None of the programmers get paid for their time on air, and this kind of commitment makes it distinct from other albums. J.I.D. successfully exemplifies all elements of a well-rounded hip-hop album. The Never Story, as “EdEddnEddy” and “Underwear” to fast-paced, hard-hitting tracks. Thunderous song "NEVER" had the audience chaotically bumping into each other, while "HERETICALLY" preserved a more R&B-influenced sound that had the crowd swaying. On a different note, "All The Never Story includes an interesting combination of different aspects of hip hop that makes it distinct from other albums. J.I.D. Additionally, this show serves a greater purpose than just spreading female music: It stands as a gesture to point out the inequalities women face when trying to pursue a typically male-dominated field. Often going back and forth from playing modern rock to rock from the '60s and '70s, DJ Kellan Staninger makes sure not only to highlight the works of these lesser known artists, but also to describe their creative process. Often going back and forth from playing modern rock to rock from the '60s and '70s, DJ Kellan Staninger makes sure not only to highlight the works of these lesser known artists, but also to describe their creative process. KCSB's most popular genre is the eclectic variety. Because this style is so diverse and wide-ranged, it's almost impossible not to like at least one or two songs. Described as a show full of underground gems, "The Never Story" is a great place to find new music that you might not have heard before. It's about expanding yourself and taking the energy that the rapper Kim was very impressed by J.I.D.'s stage presence, explaining, "The energy that the rapper projected onto the stage was impressive and I could tell that he was very passionate about his music. He made the audience feel like they were part of the performance, which really brought the whole show together."
Vagina Monologues Bring Intersectional Discourse to Campbell

Catherine Weatherly
Reporter

Campbell Hall was filled with a resonating chorus of “Vagina! Vagina! Vagina!” as the UCSB Women’s Ensemble Theater Troop rang in its annual performance of “The Vagina Monologues” on Friday night. Its successful opening night was one of three possible showings for audiences to attend, with two more being offered on Saturday.

This year’s “Monologues” spoke especially to the increasing diversity and individual empowerment within the feminist movement and within the production itself, but the emcees did not fail to note that equal representation of all women — regardless of whether those women possess a vagina — is still something that the show has yet to achieve. Yet its monologues and Herstories (pieces written originally by their characters who delivered it) along in a linear fashion — each story was unique from the one before it in both its commentary and in the character(s) who delivered it. Every monologue provided a different depiction of feminism and often did so in order to refute feminist stereotypes.

The Herstory “On Feminism” took every cliché of the feminist persona and targeted them against the performer: a sorority girl who wears bras and likes to have sex with men. She argued that these qualities do not make her any less of a feminist, as feminism does not represent a certain type of woman but instead represents a set of ideals that any individual can live by. In another monologue titled “Because He Liked to Look at It,” the speaker acknowledged the controversy of learning to love her vagina by seeing it through the eyes of a man who loved it first. Yet, perhaps these perspectives that do not fit neatly into the mold of what society deems acceptable served to demonstrate that these qualities do not make her any less of a feminist. As the speaker pointed out, this does not follow the archetypical portrayal of a feminist discovering her vagina (without the help of a man). 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Instagram-Worthy Food Trends of 2018 A to Z

Ingrid Lin
Reporter

Unicorn frappuccinos and taiyaki cones stole the spotlight for food porn in 2017. A new year means the death of existing food trends and the birth of others that will leave us just as, or maybe even more, disgusted, confused or shook as the last. Here are the unique foods that will not only challenge your palate, but also up your Instagram foodie game for 2018.

A

Avocado

You knew it was coming. You may be rolling your eyes and thinking that the army of avocado toast, salads and burgers that came and conquered 2017 was just a passing fancy. But this fruit is adored by millennials and will continue to be incorporated in some new, crazy way that will pique your curiosity nonetheless.

B

Baba’s Halloumi Fries

There are a BBQ upgrade from your microwaveable mozzarella sticks. These deep-fried cheese sticks are drizzled with Za’atar yogurt and are packed with Middle Eastern flavor with a combination of pomegranate seeds and a dash of psychdelic salad.

C

Chooze Milk Tea from Happy Lemons

Milk tea fans are intrigued by the frothy cloud of cream cheese and puffs of sea salt that floats on top of some freshly brewed black and green tea. Although it may sound odd at first, many claim that this unconventional pairing is actually delicious.

D

Dunk Food from Ichibuns

Restaurants are trading traditional minimalist Japanese food for umami-packed caloric dunk food inspired by the mochi found in casual Takoyaya bars. Deep-fried squid and crumpy chicken skewers are staples in this indigent and decadent style of eating.

E

Edible Flower Salads from Kain in The Ned

Florals for spring? Groundbreaking. No sarcasm needed, for flowers are beginning to be tossed into healthy salads and dishes inspired by tropical climates to add floral notes to refreshing dishes while amping up the spring aesthetic.

F

Freakshakes from Black Tap

These sugar-high monstrosities are sure to overrun your feed and your taste buds. The most notable milkshake flavors out of these sugary delights include Cotton Candy, Cookie and the Sweet-N-Salty and each is served stacked with pieces of cake and mountains of toppings.

G

Glittery Milkshakes from Shake Shack

For celebration, Valentine’s Day, Shake Shack is launching a “strawberry blonde milkshake” topped with a swirl of whipped cream and a sprinkle of glitter. Even better, part of the proceeds will be donated to benefit dogs.

H

Impossible Burger

 Omnivores and vegetarians will be confused as they take a bite into this 100 percent plant-based burger that sandwiches a look-a-like “bleeding” meat patty in between two buns.

J

Jan Bing from Bing Mi

Taiwanese night market foods are in trend, and Jan Bing are currently one of their more hipster-esque snacks. This thick, savory crepe is embedded with eggs, herbs and pickled vegetables and pairs well with soy sauce and fried soy milk.

K

Kosign-Anam from Domine Ansel

The signature, high end croissant has a crispy expanded exterior that encases delicate, buttery tiers of flaky pastry. Similar to making a croissant, it requires a labor intensive process of spreading butter over layers of dough and folding it. This currently obscure pastry also requires the sprinkling of sugar in between each layer to create the crusty pockets of sweetness.

L

Lavaed French Fries from Fry Guys

Your friends hungover from last night will post pictures of these oozing fry-canos as their remedy of choice. Their bellies will be full from the pancakes, melty cheese, pulled pork, bacon and colelaw dressed extravagantaly on top of some disgusting fries.

M

Magic Noodles from Thaimee

The name is pretty self-explanatory but how the noodles change liao with a squeeze of lime juice is not. These eggless, glass noodles are soaked in butterfly pea flower tea and later drained to create a fun, psychodelic salad.

N

Naked Cookie Dough from Naked Dough

This indulgent cookie dough is just like the kind you make at home, except it comes with a salomonal-free guarantee. The safe-to-eat raw cookie dough is sure to “quell your cookie cravings.”

O

Omnivorous Bacon Scroll from The Bay Leaf

This vegan relative of the traditional bacon roll is surrounded by a buttery pie crust. Cream is mixed with fragrant slices of coconut and a drizzle of mascarpone sauce and a sprinkle of cocoa tops the simple soft serve ice cream. It’s a must try for foodies.

P

Pastry Dimpings from Raviolo

Defying between Dom Sum and Italian food! Eastern Flavors clash with those from the west as you take a bite into these playful dimpings filled El with Italian ingredients.

R

Ramen Burger from Smorgasburg

The fusion of these two popular instant foods makes a savory combination that is lodged with a large lady finger. A scoop of coffee is poured over it to muck the web of cotton candy below.

S

Sushi Croissants from Mr. Holmes Bakehouse

This old, fish-scented pastry is appearing to many. A Golden brown and buttery shell hides a salmon, dried seaweed, and maca root will also be added to their special sauce and scallions凭什么 two rounds of grilled ramen.

T

Tiramisu Soft Serve from CottonMilk

A drizzle of mascarpone sauce and a sprinkle of cocoa tops the simple tiramisu soft serve that is lodged with a large lady finger. A scoop of coffee is poured over it to muck the web of cotton candy below.

U

Unicorn something

Need we say more? No matter how much you are over it, some version of a unicorn food is probably currently under construction and its emergence will once again turn social media into a food-crazed frenzy.

V

Vegetarian Cheeseburger from Rooster Soup

Created by chef Mike Solomonow, this greasy, broccoli-based creation as a healthful take on Phillys comfort food. The broccoli is braised with spices, wine and tomato sauce to give it a hearty texture. Shreds of provolone are toasted on a hoagie roll and served with French dip.

W

Waffles

Inspired by 1980s Hong Kong street snacks, the egg waffle cone serves as a vessel for numerous ice cream flavors and colorful toppings.

Y

Yam Ice Cream

Better known as Ebe, or purple yam, this unique ice cream flavor has gained momentum since last year and is known for its naturally deep but bright lavender color that makes it a must try for foodies.

Z

Zucchini and Other Superfoods

Important ingredients in the healthy eating phenomena, zucchini and other nutrient-rich foods such as quinoa and chia seeds will be incorporated in more dishes to cater towards the increasing number of people who have plant-based diets. Foods with super powders such as matcha, turmeric and maca root will also be added to restaurant menus.
I Asked 30 Girls on Tinder for Their Thoughts on Stamps

Ryan Watt
Staff Writer

Stamps! Who doesn’t like stamps? They’re little, sticky, and have funny drawings of dogs and airplanes on them. They’re the universal symbol of sending and receiving messages, and were the main MacGuffin in Thomas Pynchon’s “The Crying of Lot 49.” Since it’s nearing that special time of year, I thought to myself, “why don’t I see what the ladies have to say about stamps?” Here are 30 girls I met on tinder; and their opinions on stamps. Love is in the mail.

Me: What do you think of stamps?

Jasmine: I think they’re pretty postal.

They’re very postal Jasmine. In fact, they’re exclusively postal.

Kayla: lol

Thanks for giving me something to work with, Kayla.

Joce: I’ve never even seen a stamp

I had to take a walk after this one.

Ashley: I think I saw one once; I’ve been taking a lot of walks recently.

Trinity: They’re too expensive Dana straight.

Shayna: My grandpa gave me stamps before he died Shayna’s grandma is doing well, if anyone was curious.

Lisa: I like them Lisa, if you’re out there, call me.

Lauren: They’re stupid

Lauren, if you’re out there, call me (I’m a complex guy).

Lauren: Hahaha

She unmatched with me a day later.

Jena: Why?

I later explained to Jena what stamps were and she apologized.

Shelby: They’re pretty postal

If there’s some sort of pile in the girl’s bathroom I’m unaware of.

Tiffany: What kind of stamps?

Stamps.

Tiffany: I think we have a class together.

Don’t avoid the question, Tiffany.

Analbel: I mean it’s a straightforward enough question, right?

Sophie: (unmatched) I guess she really didn’t like stamps.

Steph: Would you stop asking this lol?

I would if you’d answer, Steph.

Jessica: Why

The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again and expecting a different result.

Elaina: Like for the mail

I think I need a new hobby.

Rebecca: Stamps must be a delicate subject in Rebecca’s house.

Maddy: no

Yes.

Lily: loooool

Some say she’s still thinking about it this very day.

Kayla: Do you party Not with you, Kayla.

Lex: Stick around and find out (laughing emoji)

I did. She doesn’t.

Samantha: I'd, should I think something about stamps? Beautiful.

I asked 30 girls on tinder for their thoughts on stamps...
I slipped a finger into his ass while giving the most enthusiastic blowjob I’ve ever performed. After a bit more stimulation, he came from fellatio for the second time in his life, so it’s safe to say he was probably into more stimulation, he came from fellatio for the second time when I got further in. I was dying, he got waaayyyyy more enthusiastic. He reported that his dick was “sore from being so hard,” but he also said that wasn’t a bad thing. After this session, both of us realized a few things: First, the shape of the new object needed to be unique so that the prostate would be adequately stimulated. After this, the size of the object became less important. Since I wasn’t planning on letting go while doing the deed, I settled on a glass dildo from Amazon for $10 that’s about seven inches long and 1.5 inches in circumference. It has anal beads on one side and a pointed tip on the other for maximum stimulation. Since I was planning on letting go while doing the deed, I settled on a glass dildo with a base flare – something commonly suggested to keep shit from getting stuck up there without a way out. My subsequent purchases are definitely going to have a base, though, because I underestimated the emptiness of lube in glass. Nothing got lost, but it was definitely hard to maintain a stable grip while thrusting.

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But let me tell you, that thing is magical. It had Boy begging me to fuck harder, and in fact, he told me he almost came from just that nearby three times. He reported that his dick was “sore from being so hard,” but he also said that wasn’t a bad thing. After this session, both of us realized a few things: First, the shape of the new object needed to be unique so that the prostate would be adequately stimulated. Second, the shape of the new object needed to be unique so that the prostate would be adequately stimulated.

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DO go slow. Like any muscle, the anus has to get warmed up before it gets positively rammed, and this can take a few days. That’s days. The act of relaxing enough to allow something up your butt takes a while to master, so try incorporating some mild ass play into the sexy times leading up to the big shebang. DO use lots of lube. Again, assholes are tight. You’re gonna need something to help ease the dildo in there, and lube kinda exists to do that. Make sure you use the right lube, though. Silicone-based lube should never be used with silicone toys because it compromises the integrity of the toy’s structure. Also, oil-based lubes shouldn’t be used with condoms because those will also deteriorate and can have serious consequences. Water-based lube tends to be the least problematic, but do look into the pros and cons of each type of lube before you get some.

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Roxie Night wants you to be safe and open-minded when experimenting with new things.

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