Bertrand Denies Conflict of Interest in Bid for County Job

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Bertrand said he supports the program to the fullest extent and is committed to making sure it is successful.

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Luke Dorsey
UC Santa Barbara and the Santa Barbara Public Works department will be implementing a bike sharing program that will span across both Isla Vista and the UCSB campus.

"We're looking at a potential launch date of June 25, 2018, for the first allocation of 600 bikes in the area," Dobberteen said.

Every CSD board member supported the program, but a few members expressed skepticism about the program not having a permanent bike rack for students to park in.

CSD Director Jay Freeman questioned how students would be prevented from leaving the bikes piled up on the side of the street.

Dobberteen said watching the flow of bikes and where they end up will be an important learning tool.

"If there are heaps of bikes all over, we have failed," he said.

Dobberteen said potential solutions include giving students incentives to return bikes to a designated location in the evening or hiring a company that would park the bikes in a designated location during the night.

Lovegreen added that UCSB's Department of Campus Sustainability also has plans to start a new outreach program for the bike sharing service starting next week. The program is directed at incoming freshmen in an attempt to persuade them not to bring their own bikes. The board of directors said the problem with the program is finding the space for the bikes and persuading students to use the bikes in a respectful manner.

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Travel bars and other discriminatory policies have become routine features of Iranian American life in the Trump Era. But anti-Iranian, anti-SWANA, and anti-Muslim racism has a hidden history that spans centuries and haunts how Iranians Americans are imagined - and imagine themselves today. Meanwhile, The Wall. Neda Maghbooleh, UCSB alum (PhD Sociology, 2012) and Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto as well will discuss and signs copies of her new book The Limits of Whiteness: Iranian Americans and the Everwaki Politics of Race.

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Tomorrow's Forecast: A long scream in an open field.

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ACROSS
1. Coal holders
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3. 9 Iked, as pirates
4. Austalian golfer Scott
5. Morn's duty
7. Pass catchers
8. Company that printed a crooked E in its logo
9. Golfer's gadget used at the edge of water hazards
10. Down Down Down
11. 2 Down Engagement was used in roofing
12. Saltwater elf girl
13. Sumac of Peru
14. Cries of pain
15. Little rascal
16. How animals are counted in sports
17. Early leader in a race
18. Cries of surprise
19. "I'll write the Days"
20. ...and many more...

DOWN
21. Arab commander
22. Form 1040 data
23. Hula dancer, race
24. Decides to join
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26. In tatters
27. Present wrapper's aid
28. Cries of pain
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34. Early leader in a race
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37. Make out
38. Buffalo's minor league baseball team
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54. "The Censor" of pirates
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56. More than calls?
57. Viking war god
58. Protein unit
59. Fabled slacker
60. Make words
61. Many rest
62. Fairies
63. Fabled slacker
66. Wyatt at the O.K.
67. Look of disdain
68. Pisa's river
69. Portly Jolly Roger

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The University of California Office of the President released a statement on Wednesday in support of a federal judge’s Tuesday ruling that will keep the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program protections in place and require the government to receive new applications.

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“For the first time, a federal judge has upheld DACA, and the Department of Homeland Security is required to receive new applications,” Bates said in his decision.

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The Department of Homeland Security has not yet responded to the UC’s decision.

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Men's Tennis Seeks 4th-Straight Big West Title

Brandon Victor
Staff Writer

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The Gauchos are coming off one of their most impressive seasons of the year. After a 3-14 record in conference play, they were still able to dominate the Anteaters 7-0.

Senior utility Kate Pipkin and stud freshman attacker Mollie Simmons have been integral to the Gauchos' success this season. Simmons led the way for Long Beach State with 35 goals and 2-3 in conference play, will face No. 17 Long Beach State on Saturday at 1 p.m. in Irvine. If they win their matchup with the 49ers, they will face UC Santa Barbara particularly struggled earlier in the season, but they are to extend their season. This has the makings of a team it is important for me to do well, and that gives confidence to the younger player in the past, and I think she is still doing a great job of that," Kay stated.

UCSB will look to continue to implement their patient play-style in the postseason as it worked extremely well in their last wins against the Aggies. "I think allowing the game to develop is important," Coach Ray highlighted. "Sometimes there are things that if they rush too much, there are many opportunities on their part which means the other team does not have to necessarily do anything to get those errors to occur. We have focused on that and this team has done a good job of maturing into that." As the Gauchos approach postseason play, they will look to follow the mantra of what has led them to their successful season thus far, as "they look to bring home a Big West title. "Work hard, be resilient and treat the process," Kay said.

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A Celebrated Career That Almost Never Happened: Atanasson's Journey

Andrew Bishop
Senior Staff Writer

Over the past three seasons, the UCSB women's tennis team has experienced a historic run, which has consisted of two consecutive Big West titles, a second consecutive Big West title this season, and going towards the same thing together," Atanasson said.

Although it may seem that singing was always a positive experience for Snyder, this was not always the case. When she was seven years old, she was told to sing to the national anthem at a local swim meet, but in the middle of the song, she forgot some of the words, which led to a very traumatic experience.

"It was scarred," she said. "I did not sing for two more years, but I finally had the courage to do it again two years later.

It would be reasonable to imagine that she would have had to sacrifice some of her time singing to primarily focus on her water polo career, but that would not be further from the truth.

"Being a student athlete is definitely time consuming, so I don't really have much time for other things, but being around the homes and the girls here," Snyder said. "It started off as a cool thing where I had friends, and it was something else to do. I could take singing because it was a way to add positivity to my life."

While Atanasson has become an integral part of the Gaucho family, Snyder is currently having her best offensive season as a Gaucho as she has tallied 46 goals on the year, which ranks fourth in the Big West Conference.

"I'm going to miss it, and it's been a huge part of my life for the past three years," Snyder said. "When I leave, she will probably carry the torch."
Portugal. The Man and Chicano Batman Ignite SB Bowl

Jasmine Rodriguez
Staff Writer

Straight from their sunset Coachella performance, Portugal. The Man brought the festive atmosphere to SB Bowl's open air space on Friday, April 27, with an energetic and immersive performance.

Setting along the stage, clad in tuxedos and Vans shoes, the band was enveloped in vibrant neon lights that were either bound to cause a temporary blindness or to metaphorically represent the band's fusion of genres.

Despite Chicano Batman's tendency to stride across the stage with a laid-back and carefree attitude, Portugal. The Man's performance was full of energy and enthusiasm.

The Portland-based band's tinge of sarcastic humor and honesty was also apparent when they projected the lyrics to the band's hit song, "Feel It Still," onto the screen.

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The cover art for Malha's "Too Much" is an '80s flick. Meanwhile, Portugal. The Man brought their ability to resonate with the audience that "We are not very good at stage banter, so our manager wrote some stuff on the screen to make up for that," said Saunders.

When the band transitioned into "Freedom Is," the crowd waved their hands and twirled around in the lengths of synth rock music, yet the band rocked it with gazing at SB Bowl's hilltop view of the ocean.

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Disillusioned with A.S. Candidate Slate, Raccoon Throws Raccoon Hat In Race

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Staff Writer

This afternoon, Isla Vista’s very own trash panda, Rodney Raccoon, announced his intention to run for A.S. President. While this was met with dissent from many A.S. hopefuls, the community of Isla Vista expressed support for Mr. Raccoon and his campaign.

“It’s time raccoons get the representation they deserve,” Mr. Raccoon said via raccoon-to-English translator. “We face unique struggles that the student body of UCSB simply doesn’t understand.”

Raccoon’s policies include improved transportation for raccoon kind, including designated crawl-lanes, personalized parking spots and priority bus access. He also aims to ensure that raccoons get fair pass times, more opportunities for financial aid, as well as a meal plan that would allow raccoons to eat at the dining commons. Improved living facilities is also on Raccoon’s agenda, as he wants to pass a measure enabling raccoons to live in any of the residence halls or undergraduate apartments at a discounted rate.

“Rodney has my vote,” says fourth year history major, Ben F. Kennedy. “He is truly the change we need. It’s time that we gave raccoons the same rights as students.”

Several current A.S. incumbents are skeptical about his chances of winning. “I just don’t think he has what it takes,” current A.S. president Hieu Le said. “He doesn’t quite understand the student body’s needs like I do.”

When asked what he thought about Le’s words, Mr. Raccoon bared his claws in a threatening manner and growled.

Voting is open from April 23 to April 26 on G.O.L.D. Let your voices be heard and vote Rodney Raccoon.

Christina Muoio wants a raccoon as a pet. They’re almost as cute as dogs. Almost.

New TA Excited to Mansplain to Female Students

Hannah Jackson
Staff Writer

Spring quarter is here and nobody is more excited than freshly minted TA Seth Jameson.

Jameson, a first-year Ph.D. candidate in the university’s Bren School of Environmental Science & Management hoping to study environmental engineering, has high hopes for the duration of his five-year program here at UCSB.

However, what Jameson looks forward to most is mansplanting to female students.

“There’s nothing more rewarding than mansplanting a basic concept to a woman so that her simple lady brain can understand,” he said.

Jameson hopes to challenge himself to mansplant outside of his comfort zone, aiming to dabble in economics, chemistry and even feminist studies.

“I feel like, as a white man, I can bring a fresh perspective to the feminist studies department here,” Jameson said as he adjusted the collar of his plaid button down shirt from J. Crew.

While bringing a new level of wokeness to the feminist studies department may have to wait, Jameson is excited to test out his mansplanting at home in the Bren School.

“Nothing empowers a woman in a S.T.E.M field quite like invalidating her questions at every possible chance,” he said with a smirk.

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We at the Nexus wish Seth nothing but the best in his TA endeavors and are confident that his future holds no shortage of extremely dry office hours, passive-aggressive emails and saying “actually” a lot.

Hannah Jackson’s tiny lady brain may not be able to handle the awesome wisdom of her haters.

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Sugar, Spice and Everything Nice at Sprinkles Cupcakes

Tiffany Velazquez
On The Menu Editor

If you’ve seen “Cupcake Wars,” then you’re probably familiar with Candace Nelson, founder and pastry chef of Sprinkles Cupcakes. The first cupcake bakery, Sprinkles opened in Beverly Hills in 2004 and proved to be an overnight sensation. Nelson was inspired by her great grandmother, who was renowned for the distinctive desserts she served at her San Francisco bakery in the 1930s, even considering Sprinkles to be an extension of her legacy. Since its opening, Sprinkles has expanded to 22 locations across nine different states, with plans to bring 34 bakeries to the Middle East. Sprinkles Cupcakes also boasts a traveling Sprinklemobile, and the first cupcake ATM, offering the same freshly handcrafted and baked treats such as their recently launched ice cream that customers can enjoy in store. During a visit home this weekend, I took a trip to Downtown L.A.’s open-air mall FIGat7th with my mom. Intending to spend the afternoon working on the ridiculous amount of assignments my own or take an assorted box of a dozen cupcakes to go.

Sprinkles Cupcakes is a familiar favorite in my house, surprisingly first introduced to us by way of their pet-friendly popcakes. Their cupcakes are always perfectly fluffy and sweet, handedrafted and baked fresh daily. Available in both mini and regular sizes, the flavors are rotated weekly to allow customers to try some of their more seasonal favorites. Of course flavors such as vanilla, milk or dark chocolate and strawberry are offered daily, alongside their popcakes and red velvet. Their red velvet is available in a gluten-free, sugar-free and vegan option. Other flavors offered include:

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Not to mention their lemon merengue cupcake, which is being offered from April 16 to 29. Some of my favorites include their cinnamon sugar and milk chocolate cupcakes, but under the guise of being somewhat healthy and sharing. I opted for their mini sampler. The sampler, offered at five dollars, includes mini versions of their red velvet, vanilla and dark chocolate cupcakes. The three are topped with their trademark dot, star and heart, respectively. Slightly more dense than their regular cupcakes, the three were nonetheless enjoyable, the dark chocolate the clear winner in our eyes and stomachs.

Sprinkles Cupcakes is popular for good reason, their array of flavors marking them as not only the first of its kind, but the best to boot. The next time you stop by L.A., or any one of the twenty other locations, be sure to pop into their shops for a sweet treat. Maybe even design your own or take an assorted box of a dozen cupcakes to go.
As the Earth’s health continues to decline, a solution that is occasionally heard is finding another habitable planet. However, distinguishing between what is a planet and what is a star can be difficult, especially at sufficiently far distances.

In order to detect planets around the nearest stars, an international team led by UC Santa Barbara physicist Benjamin Mazin has developed a new instrument for high-contrast imaging. The team presents D.A.R.K.N.E.S.S., the Dark-speckle Near-infrared Energy-resolving Superconducting Spectrophotometer, the first of several planned integral field spectrophotographs to use optical/near-infrared Microwave Kinetic Inductance Detectors (MKIDs), for high-contrast imaging.

The group, which includes Dimitri Mawet of the California Institute of Technology and Eugene Serabyn of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., created D.A.R.K.N.E.S.S., the first 10,000-pixel integral field spectrophotograph designed to overcome the limitations of traditional semiconductor detectors. It employs MKIDs that, in conjunction with a large telescope and an adaptive optics system, enable direct imaging of planets around nearby stars.

“Taking a picture of an exoplanet is extremely challenging because the star is much brighter than the planet, and the planet is very close to the star,” Mazin, who holds the Worster Chair in Experimental Physics at UCSB, said.

Funded by the National Science Foundation, D.A.R.K.N.E.S.S. is an attempt to overcome some of the technical barriers to detecting planets. It can take the equivalent of thousands of frames per second without any read noise or dark current, which are among the primary sources of error in other instruments. It also has the ability to determine the wavelength and arrival time of every photon. This time domain information is important for distinguishing a planet from scattered or refracted light called speckles.

“This technology will lower the contrast floor so that we can detect fainter planets. We hope to approach the photon noise limit, which will give us contrast ratios close to 10-8, allowing us to see planets 100 million times fainter than the star,” Mazin said. “At those contrast levels, we can see some planets in reflected light, which opens up a whole new domain of planets to explore. The really exciting thing is that this is a technology pathfinder for the next generation of telescopes.”

D.A.R.K.N.E.S.S. is the first of several planned integral field spectrophotographs (IFSs) built to demonstrate the potential of MKIDs for high-contrast astronomy. Its baseline design is for operation at Palomar Observatory with the PALM-3000 XAO system, a visible-light sodium laser guide star astronomical adaptive optics system. It also has the ability to sense atmospheric distortion that causes stars to twinkle by suppressing the starlight and enabling higher contrast ratios between the star and the planet. D.A.R.K.N.E.S.S. traveled to Palomar Observatory for commissioning in July 2016, then again for ongoing commissioning and science verification in Nov 2016, April 2017 and Oct. 2017. First-light imaging was achieved on July 26, 2016, marking the first demonstration of imaging with an MKID array on sky. D.A.R.K.N.E.S.S. represents the beginning of a multi-instrument effort to utilize MKIDs for exoplanet imaging. The demonstration work invested in D.A.R.K.N.E.S.S. has simultaneously supported the MKID Camera and the Stellar Double Coronagraph.

D.A.R.K.N.E.S.S. acts as both the science camera and a focal-plane wave-front sensor, quickly measuring the light and then sending a signal back to a reflector mirror that can form into a new shape 2,000 times a second. This process cleans up the atmospheric distortion that causes stars to twinkle by suppressing the starlight and enabling higher contrast ratios between the star and the planet. D.A.R.K.N.E.S.S. traveled to Palomar Observatory for commissioning in July 2016, then again for ongoing commissioning and science verification in Nov 2016, April 2017 and Oct. 2017. First-light was achieved on July 26, 2016, marking the first demonstration of imaging with an MKID array on sky.

“Our hope is that one day we will be able to build an instrument for the Thirty Meter Telescope planned for Mauna Kea on the island of Hawaii or La Palma. With that, we will be able to take pictures of planets in the habitable zone of nearby low mass stars and look for life in their atmospheres. That’s the long-term goal and this is an important step toward that.”

The team’s work appears in the journal, Publications of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific.

Above is D.A.R.K.N.E.S.S. electronics rack in lab at UCSB. This rack holds five readout cartridges with 10 sets of the readout boards per cartridge, installed in a custom readout crate at the bottom of the rack that distributes power signals to the boards.
Why Being Honest Is Sexy

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In retrospect of the past 20 years, I have found myself in a number of uncomfortable and often trying situations with other people. Some less noteworthy than others, but impactful at the least.

While I haven’t spent countless hours analyzing and calculating the quantitative impact each of those interactions has had on my life and the way I interact with others today, I have concluded, for what it’s worth, that honesty has played a considerable role in the outcomes of not only the emotional but especially the physical relationships I have developed.

In acknowledging how uncomfortable it can be for others and for you when you’re “laying it all out there,” and the affirmation could even add to the moment. It doesn’t have to be some cheesy PowerPoint about the logistics of your G-spot or a graph representing the sensitivity of your tip, but a simple “D’oh! That could do the trick. Plus, what’s easier than being able to trust and communicate with your partner?

Being honest also means that when something doesn’t feel good, you express that to your partner. What your partner asks “Does that feel good?” and you respond “Uh-huh, yeah…” then neither of you are getting anything out of it.

You’re reconfirming the idea that what they’re doing feels good while you are either declining the offer or your partner and your personality is completely confused. How are they supposed to know? And yes, there are the “obvious” physical reactions we have to sexual stimulation, but being told something doesn’t feel good will have a more “productive outcome” than someone trying to guess whether or not their partner is wrong.

Sometimes decks just aren’t meant to bend the way you want them to bend and that’s something honesty has taught me!

Being completely honest, sex is so much better when you’re actually genuinely enjoying yourself and not worrying about whether or not you’re making your partner feel good. If your partner tells you and shows you how to make them feel good, you can probably assume with a higher degree of certainty that you’re making them feel pretty damn good.

Although there are some more aspects to physical relationships, honesty gives you the freedom, power and peace of mind to enjoy yourself and your partner. While I’ve primarily detailed honesty in physical relationships, I do believe honesty is important in any relationship whether that be with lovers, friends, family or even acquaintances, and although the vulnerability and discomfort that comes with honesty is difficult to overcome, in the long run, your relationship, your partner and yourself will all benefit.

Aryana Kamelian opens up about the benefits of honesty in our most intimate moments.

Say ‘Hi’ to Your Desk Attendants

Erika Fandel
Opinion Writer

Shawn Achor, a psychologist researcher on happiness, claims that “when someone says hello or smiles at you, your automatic reaction is to say hello or smile back.”

For the most part, people return the gesture and say, “Hello.”

Sometimes, I even get a, “How’s it going?”

For the rest of you though, I have one simple question: Why won’t you say, “Hi?”

Some of you look me straight in the eyes, making intense eye-contact as you walk by. “Hello” I say cheerfully. Your eyes narrow as you make your way past the front desk, refusing to smile or even do the acknowledging head-nod. At that point, I have no idea what I’m supposed to do, so I generally just keep a fake smile plastered on my face until after you’ve passed by the desk.

I genuinely doubt that this is a personal vendetta against me, as I’ve never spoken to you outside of the lobby. Do you do this to everyone? Is it your job to just not say, “Hi,” to people who other people respond like I do, sitting in confused silence? There’s a few of you who just put so much effort into not saying, “Hi,” back that feel kind of bad. You enter the lobby with such purpose, avoiding eye-contact as you walk by. “Hello!” I say politely you are, and I’m glad to be one of your desk attendants.

That’s fine, I get it. At the end of the day, college is about making connections. What’s a better way to do that than to say, “Hello?”

Erika Fandel wants people to be more open to meeting new people. It starts with a hello!