

FREE CONDOMS

1 The Student Health building has a basket of them located on a counter near the entrance. Although there's a limit of one per person, June Gerrard, a pharmacy assistant who works nearby the basket, has seen students take more. If there aren't any left, you can purchase six for \$1. A display case shows the varieties — from LifeStyles Kiss of Mint to Trojan Magnum, which, on a recent day, was noticeably absent. Was there a run on these condoms made for, uh, big boys? "They wish!" said Ms. Gerrard with a laugh.

WHERE TO GET KEGS

2 A guy was recently spotted dropping off a \$49.99 keg he purchased at Isla Vista Market, 939 Embarcadero del Mar. An employee helping him unload it noticed it still had beer in it. "My moron cousins tapped it wrong, so we thought it was empty," the guy complained. This illustrates a good point — aside from keeping moron cousins away from the keg: Be sure whoever helps you load it is at least 21. Employees say police have busted underage students for minor in possession just for lifting the 160-pound containers.

COMPUTER CRASH

> : (<<<Is this how you look when your computer freezes up at 4 a.m. and your midterm is due in a few hours? Dexter Guljé, manager of UCSB's residential network services, offers this insight to such students: "They're screwed." Service centers at Francisco Torres, for those in UCSB-owned off-campus apartments, and at San Nicolas Residence Hall, for those in residence halls, are only open from noon to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and noon to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. However, we found one outside service that's available 24 hours: Mr. Pink Computer Shrink (966-2966). Rates start at \$60 per hour 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, \$120 per hour after hours and Saturday and Sunday.

PIZZA JOINT

3 Looking for an all-meat orgy? You can score big time at Woodstock's Pizza (928 Embarcadero del Norte, Isla Vista; 968-6969). Available in up to 16 inches, this grouping features everything from pepperoni to sausage. You can get a "buy-one, get-one-free" coupon for it — or any pizza — by joining the P.I.E. club online (www.woodstocksiv.com). Other discounts will be e-mailed each month. Woodstock's delivers late but Domino's (968-UCSB) delivers later — to 3 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

CHEAP BOOKS

4 Bookmark this: The Isla Vista Bookstore, 6553 Pardall Road, buys back books year-round, so there's always a large selection of used books. Don't bother buying new — you save 25 percent on used. "When they sell the books back, they're going to get the same amount whether it's new or used," added Dan Daly, general manager. That's up to half of the new price. Plus, you won't have to take notes since someone else probably already did.

PHOTOCOPIES

5 Because you never know when you're going to want to make a photocopy of your . . . nevermind. The Alternative, 6556 Pardall Road in Isla Vista, charges 7 cents, self-serve, and 8 cents, full-serve, for under 100 copies. But the real deal is the prepaid "Computer Savings Card," which gives you \$25 worth of computer services there, like Internet access, for \$20.

INSIDER'S SURVIVAL GUIDE FOR UCSB

STUDENT 101

Students looking for extracurricular activities often go to UCSB's Student Health building.

That's where they get free condoms.

"My friend tried to be smooth and grab one once," said Vanessa Mussenden, 18, a sophomore. "She dumped the whole basket."

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Something tells us you won't find this kind of information — and any of the rest provided below to help you get through the school year — in your orientation packet.

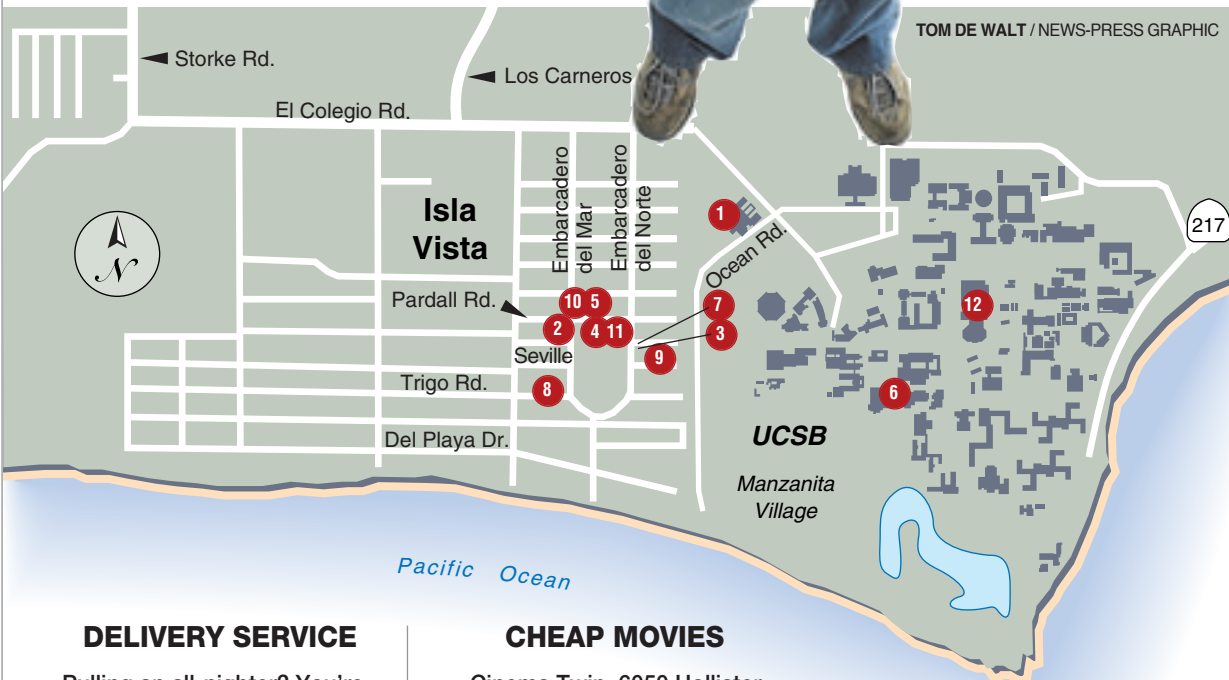
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DELIVERY SERVICE

Pulling an all-nighter? You're not alone. Several I.V. restaurants offer late-night delivery. For salads, try Silvergreens (961-1700) from 5 p.m. to midnight daily; for pitas, Pita Pit (571-PITA) from 8 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. daily; for burgers, Déjà Vu (968-8888) from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily.

POST OFFICE

6 There's one located downstairs at the UGen and is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, with pick-ups at 4 p.m.; and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday (only for incoming package pick-ups). P.O. boxes are available; if you get one, tell Mom and Dad to send mail to it, not the dorm, because, clerks say, it often gets lost or, at least, delayed.

CHEAP MOVIES

Cinema Twin, 6050 Hollister Ave., Goleta, charges 3 bucks for all movies. The Associated Students Program Board offers the same deal to students at 7:30 and 10 p.m. every Tuesday at the Isla Vista Theatre, 960 Embarcadero del Norte. The next Tuesday screening will be "Supersize Me." BYOB (Bring Your Own Burgers).

CAFETERIA FOOD

You won't find any blue-haired ladies serving mystery meat at the new Carrillo Dining Commons. "It's good food there," said Vanessa Mussenden, 18, a sophomore. "People work there for basically nothing just so they can eat there." She and others recommend the stir-fry bowls and pizza.

LAUNDRY LIST

7 You can get sudsed at several places in Isla Vista. A popular one is Isla Vista Laundromat, 948 Embarcadero del Norte. Fluff & Fold service (someone else does the dirty work) is 75 cents per pound. Wash and dry prices are comparable to other places, but if a machine eats your money here you can get it back by calling management at 637-9221. The Laundry Basket, by Albertsons, offers free dry from 5 p.m. to close Monday through Thursday with a two-wash minimum.

TATTOO/BODY PIERCING

8 Robert Lafferry, who sports nearly full sleeves, is one of three tattoo artists at Kustom Ink Tattoo & Body Piercing, 6565 Trigo Road, Isla Vista. But most clients want piercings, which start at \$30. "If you can pinch it, our piercer can pierce it," he said. The 30-year-old leaves that job to his girlfriend. "Some guys, when they get their 'other parts' done, want a female — which is fine with me!"

BAND PRACTICE

9 You've heard of garage bands. What about storage-unit bands? Many groups rent the spaces at 6522 and 6530 Seville Road in Isla Vista to practice. But you wouldn't know it unless you read the signs posted on the doors. BTW: Idiot Savant is auditioning for a new drummer. No one, including a musician spotted there on a recent day, likes to give up the info. He was hesitant to say anything, but he did say this: They do it because they don't have to worry about ticking off their neighbors and there is a waiting list.

COFFEE SHOP

10 "Friends don't let friends drink Starbucks." That's what the sign says on the coffee maker at Java Jones, 6560 Pardall Road, Isla Vista. Instead, at this popular hangout, friends buy friends — and anyone else they want — a cup of Java Jones. They can simply pay for the drink in advance and it's noted on the white board above the register so the person knows about it when they come in (BTW Dave, there's a double mocha waiting for you that Pam bought on Sept. 14).

VIDEO STORE

11 The 2004 Academy Lifetime Achievement Award goes to (cue drum roll) . . . Emerald Video, 6545 Pardall Road. Or, it should. Jared Quinn, accepting the bogus award, thanks the diverse movie selection for keeping this I.V. business alive while others have long croaked. Categories include cult and animation. Save money by prepaying for movies. Most popular student rental? "Family Guy," said Mr. Quinn, clerk. "They can't get enough of it." Awww . . . maybe they're homesick.

WHERE TO STUDY

12 Prashant Rajvaidya, a grad student, like others, heads to Davidson Library's reserve book room. "In my office, there's so many distractions," he said, working on his thesis inside the huge space that's open 24 hours. "I've spent nights here." It's not always as quiet as the eighth floor, but he can drink coffee here — a necessity for anybody studying, say, design and analysis of algorithms (yes, that's really a class).

HOW TO GET AROUND

Ever notice all the nice racks on campus? That's because bikes outnumber cars by about, oh, 10,000 to 1. Makes it easier to get around I.V. where parking is scarce — unless, of course, your bike is stolen, a common problem. Kit Delmarsh, owner of Isla Vista Bicycle Boutique, recommends U locks. "Make sure you lock it to the bike rack. Or else," he said, pointing to a pink-and-white number in his lot, "buy a girlie-looking bike."

SHORTCUTS

You can easily get to I.V. from campus by cutting across Ocean Road on foot or by bike to several of the roads perpendicular to it (like Pardall and Madrid) that are closed off to motor vehicles in that area.