

# the Lutrinae

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## Otterlands sees full house

Story and photos by Oscar Daniel Jimenez Iniguez

Otterlands was back this year and bigger than ever, delivering half a day's worth of entertainment on April 21 for the students of California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB) and the surrounding Monterey Bay area.

The concert, hosted yearly by Associated Students (AS), sold out all 800 tickets. The Otter Student Union (OSU) Ballroom was packed and attendees were energetic and seemed ready for a night full of nonstop fun.

Battle of the DJ's winner, DJ Sardine, opened up the concert by DJing with a variety of songs that seemed to get the crowd psyched for the night to come.

Flaco el Jandro, the supporting act, delivered a stunning performance with not only his blend of rock and cumbia but through his charming personality as well.

Halfway through his set, Pak Joko made an appearance on stage that seemed to take the audience completely by surprise. Both Flaco el Jandro and Pak Joko performed one song together that made for one of the night's most iconic moments.

The night ended with Bay Area's own P-Lo, who sent the audience into a craze that didn't stop until he left the stage. P-Lo performed all of his hit songs and ended his set by stating the importance of mental health and cutting out negative influences in life.

Before the main concert, attendees were able to experience Otterlands Earth Day Festival, a pre-festival hosted by Otter Media in partnership with AS, the Otter Cross Cultural Center and the OSU meant to celebrate the earth through music and fun.

Local student artists and bands were brought out to bring the vision to life. Attendees interested in listening to chill and calm music got to experience soothing music from Nicole Bonello, luv\_ela, Henry Bensco, mthrmercury, Roxy and Tybaandz.

Those feeling a bit more lively had a chance to also listen to headbanging and hype music from Akif, Pak Joko, Headsick, The Rough Cut Rubies, Cum Riot, The WET Possums, Tortured Habits and Odder.

Attendees hungry for a quick bite during the music and activities were able to purchase food from local vendors Ivan's Baked Potatoes and Pana.

Sustainable crafts and showcasings from Greek Life along with other various CSUMB organizations were present.

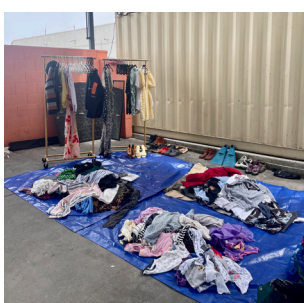
Zachary Simmions, AS Programs and Communications Coordinator, believed the festival was a success and was ecstatic about the concert selling out, which made him hopeful about the future of Otterlands.

"I hope we can bring this great day-long event that celebrates student artists and showcases a local artist back and bigger than ever next year."



### Earth Day

Monterey locals come together for an Earth Day clothing swap.



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### Carnival for a Cause

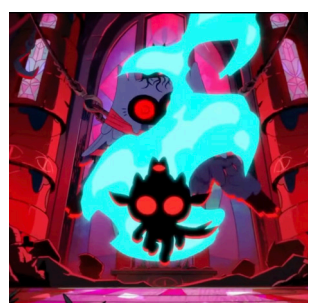
Basic Needs hosts a carnival in celebration of Earth Week.



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# Celebrating the Earth with sustainable fashion

Story and photos by Andrea Valadez

The Monterey Bay community came together to facilitate a clothing swap in honor of Earth Day on April 22. Marlow Vintage Company and the Surfrider Foundation partnered with Other Brother Beer Co. in Seaside to hold the event.

“Working with Other Brother is perfect because they let me do whatever I wanted to do today, and they were inspired by the Earth Day idea,” said Amanda Marlow, the founder and CEO of Marlow Vintage.

Marlow is a personal stylist, vintage seller and collector. She has been in the fashion industry in various facets, and now focuses “on finding really great clothes that people have thrown out or discarded and restyling them into people’s lives,” she explained.

Her idea was to hold a clothing swap, where anyone from the community had the opportunity to donate their used clothes to the event and do some free shopping of all of the donated items. The event also consisted of a planting workshop for kids.

Rijk Zwaan, a seed supplier located in Salinas, donated crystal lettuce head seeds for the workshop. Local plant nursery Dirty Girl Plant Co. also participated in the Earth Day event by donating the soil for Rijk Zwaan’s seeds.

Marlow explained that the team “made sure to reach out to all of the mom boards on Facebook and Instagram and went through schools and teachers in the community to get more kids involved” and educate children on fun and safe gardening practices.

Not only did Other Brother provide the venue, but the beer company also donated 15% of all beer sales of the day to the Surfrider Foundation.

When Marlow reached out to Surfrider and asked them to join the event and be the main beneficiary, “I didn’t hesitate to say yes. Especially when I found out

that she wanted to do a clothing swap... It’s the most environmentally friendly way to shop, as far as I’m concerned,” shared Michelle Meeshy, the special events coordinator of the Surfrider Monterey chapter.

Surfrider is a national non profit environmental organization that was formed in Malibu, Calif. in 1984 when surfers were among the first to feel the harmful effects of polluted ocean water.

“Our local chapter works to protect the oceans, beaches and coastway of Monterey county,” according to Meeshy. The Monterey chapter is completely volunteer-run and they accept members through donations.

The minimum membership donation used to be \$35, but has indefinitely been lowered to \$5 in an attempt to provide as many people as possible with the opportunity to serve and protect the treasured Monterey coast.

Surfrider will be holding their monthly mixer at Peter B’s brewpub on May 18. “We’re going to have a great raffle with a custom-made surfboard by a custom shaper. Portola hotel is also raffling off a two night stay,” said Meeshy.

The foundation also holds a monthly beach clean up on the fourth Sunday of every month. The next one will be held on May 28 at Monterey Tides North and they are currently looking to fill the beach clean up captain position on the executive board. More information on this can be found at [surfrider.org](http://surfrider.org).

Sustainability is a vital part of the conversation surrounding climate change and how to keep our planet healthy. Shopping for second-hand clothes from vintage and thrift stores is a great way to save money while reducing your carbon footprint and keeping the earth clean from harmful pollutants.

“I try to get most of my clothes secondhand if possible. Mostly from an environmental, but also cost perspective, so I’m always interested in seeing what’s available at events like this one,” said Emily Basham, a local from Monterey who participated in the swap.

“We were having lunch inside and saw all the clothes so we had to come take a look. It’s exciting to see people doing this,” shared another local community member. “It’s really helpful and good for the community.”



Amanda Marlow (left) and Michelle Meeshy (right).

## Survey to address student concerns

Story and photo by Arianna Nalbach

Otter Media has an upcoming meeting with California State University, Monterey Bay administration where they would like to address some issues they have noticed or have been brought up to them by fellow students.

They currently have a short Google Form survey open to students with concerns they’ve noticed and are encouraging people to fill it out. The survey consists of a few statements and those taking it must select if they agree or disagree with the statement.

Fill out the survey here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd6GvubrPRYWy16tkZtFaBGquBt-DYC6K58jRWCKu60w4uexQ/viewform>

Or scan the QR code here:



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# Remembering Lily, a former CSUMB student lost to suicide

Story by Max Guerrera  
Photos courtesy of Jay Funaro

Former California State University, Monterey Bay student Lily Lyman was an artist, poet, lover of fashion, and a friend who left an imprint on her campus community. She died by suicide in March after returning home to Sacramento.

Jay Funaro, Will Brooke and Grace Sjöberg, all second-year students, spoke about who Lyman was and how her death impacted them.

“You would never guess. She was always smiling,” said Funaro, a close friend of Lyman’s. “Lily called me a week before she did it and texted me the day before. None of it would have led me to believe that she was about to commit (suicide) because she wasn’t going to have anyone stop her.”

Brooke reminisced about something that he remembered bringing joy and an outlet of creativity and expression to Lyman, which was her sense of style.

“Every time Lily went to the Starbucks in the [Otter Student Union], whatever (she) would order would match (her) outfit. And (she) always had a set of playing cards that also matched (her) outfit.”

Lyman’s poetry had celestial spiritual themes “about becoming the Earth, being a child of the moon, and becoming the soil,” according to Funaro.

Sjöberg nodded in agreement and added, “Death brings life. Knowing that Lily is no longer in pain brings me peace.”

Lyman was a part of the LGBTQ community and Brooke found a way to honor her by sharing skateboarding clips on his Instagram story to raise funds for the Sacramento LGBT Center.

“I’m LGBT and even before I knew that when I was younger, I had lots of friends who were and I felt for them when they would experience stuff,” Brooke said. “Later on I figured out I was queer and started experiencing homophobia.”

Skating has been an outlet for Brooke in his grieving process. “It was nice to feel like I was doing something

and it helps keep my mind off everything. I was pretty depressed at the time, so having some skate clips to edit and watching the number on the donation go up made me feel like I was doing something.”

The fundraiser closed with \$130 donated by Brooke’s followers.

Funaro said grief comes at them in waves. “There’s shock, processing it yourself and then the depression phase where you lose function.”

Sjöberg is figuring out how to bear the weight of her close friend’s death on top of schoolwork and life in general. “I got an email from one of my professors saying that I’m failing a class and I was just like, ‘OK.’ And that’s not me. Grieving is not really caring about anything.”

Funaro said, “I thought that apathy is the worst depression that there is,” but grieving changed their perspective.

When Funaro struggles with depressive thoughts, they allow themselves to feel them and find someone who they feel will know what to say. “When it hits me I text a couple of my other friends. People have been really good because you’re sad about things and they remind you that what you’re going through isn’t normal and it’s OK that you can’t handle your life.”

The three of them agree that supporting each other has helped them through this loss.

“It’s nice to have a bunch of friends on campus who are going through the same thing so we can all be there for each other,” said Brooke.

The CSUMB community should know “Lily was kind, never took sides and rarely held grudges,” Funaro said, adding with a chuckle “And Lily was a narcissist.”

According to Brooks, “She would carry around a little makeup mirror and stare at herself when we would hang out.” They shared another laugh and Funaro added, “I would steal it from her and she would just take out another one.”

Lyman told Funaro that she wanted to go to the zoo for her 20th birthday, which just passed on April 13. The

three friends went to the Oakland Zoo with her family and others who were close to her to celebrate her life.

If you or someone you know is struggling and needs mental health resources, reach out to the Personal Growth and Counseling Center, or call the 24/7 Crisis Intervention line at 831-582-3969 in the case of an emergency. Lyman’s friends want anyone who struggles with suicidal thoughts to know that even if it seems like no one will understand what they’re going through, there are people who care and are willing to listen.



Lily Lyman (left) and Jay Funaro (right).



Lily Lyman (left) and Jay Funaro (right).

# What was your favorite performance at Otterlands?

*Otter Chatter* By Andrea Valadez



## Suzette Soto

Social and Behavioral Sciences  
First-Year

“I was very excited to see Pak Joko because he’s so talented and very hype and funny... It was just a fun time.”



## Jana Martello

Molecular Biology  
Fourth-Year

“I solely came here for P-Lo... I’m from the Bay Area, so you know, ride or die.”



## Karen Coronado

Molecular Biology  
Third-Year

“It was Flaco El Jandro. He was pretty cool and he reminds me of a lot of the artists that my best friend back home listens to. It was really reminiscent of what she likes, so it was nice to hear.”

# Everyone wins at Carnival for a Cause

Story and photos by Max Guerrero

Students were welcomed by Basic Needs and encouraged to play games in the Main Quad at the Carnival for a Cause on Wednesday, April 19. In celebration of Earth Week, Basic Needs organized the carnival, raffle and food/clothing drive while informing students about sustainability. Students who made donations to Basic Needs were entered into a raffle to win an iPad, an airfryer or 50 points at the Basic Needs Hub.

According to Jayden Saecho, the Associated Students Basic Needs Senator, “we were hoping to get as many [donations] as possible and that students will see everything that Basic Needs does for us by providing free food and free things. We want to give back to students just for being students.”

Saecho helped organize the carnival, which featured games such as inflatable ax throwing, soccer, darts and archery. While there were only three raffle winners, every student had the opportunity to release their competitive side to play – and potentially win – games.

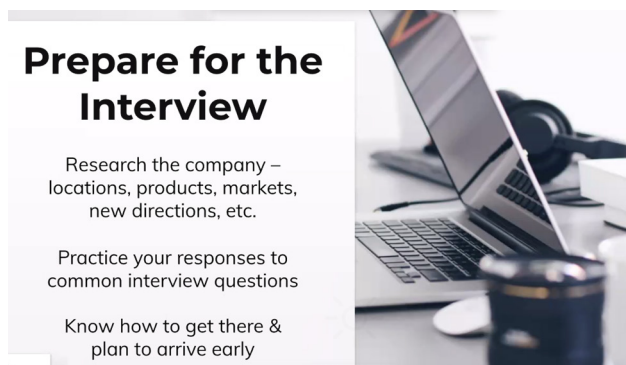
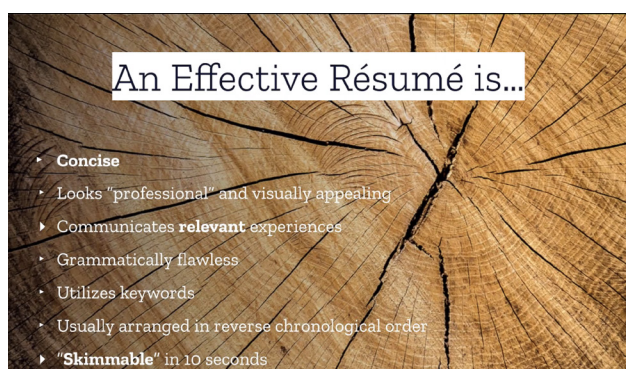
“I wanted to do something interactive for the students and have fun,” said Saecho.

Marco Herera won the iPad, Ken Hlaing won an air fryer and Elijah Raya won 50 points to the Basic Needs Hub.

Congratulations to raffle winners!



## Students learn how to prepare for interviews and resumes



Story and screenshots by Estrella McDaniel

Preparing for life after graduation can be challenging. With the help of the Preparing for an Interview event at California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB), attendees were able to get ready for the future with the help of the Center for Career Advising and Student Success on April.

Lauren Knottek, a student advisor within the Center for Career Advising Career and Student Success, started the workshop with an introduction to what is provided within the professional advising office, which included: resumes, cover letters and job/internship search strategies and more.

She then started with her presentation about interviewing, brushing up on your resume and getting straight to the point/concise with certain information.

“Research says that employers spend around seven seconds on your resume, so keeping it as concise as possible would be the best,” explained Knottek.

She then talked about formatting, which should be “clean, super easy to read, and around one to two pages.”

From this, Knottek dove into interview skills where she pulled up slides about researching the company you’re interviewing for, whether that be the location of the place you’re interviewing for or doing research on what they do and how well they do it.

Knottek also recommended you should practice for your interview beforehand, where you rehearse the questions you may be asked and your answers.

According to Knottek, you should plan out your time accordingly and plan to arrive for interviews early.

“The purpose of an interview is an opportunity for you to showcase your skills and energy that they are looking for,” she said.

It can also seem as though you’re interviewing them too and interviews are an excellent opportunity for you to see if a job is the type of environment you want to spend a lot of your time in.

Knottek ended the workshop with answering any last minute questions.

CSUMB student Asul Garcia-Melendez asked “if we have never had any job experience, would we leave in our high school experience instead?” She answered “I think you can absolutely draw on experiences in high school; what I like to tell students is to create a section of relevant coursework and ways in which you’ve showcased leadership or effective communication.”

“You always want to thank the interviewer or the panel, I am a huge fan of thank you emails and it should be done within 24 hours,” Knottek said. “You kind of want to keep it light and short, but absolutely send a thank you email.”

For more help and information when planning for life after college, reach out to your Career Advisor.

# Highlight from Nintendo's Indie World showcase

## 8-Bit

Story and screenshots by Arianna Nalbach

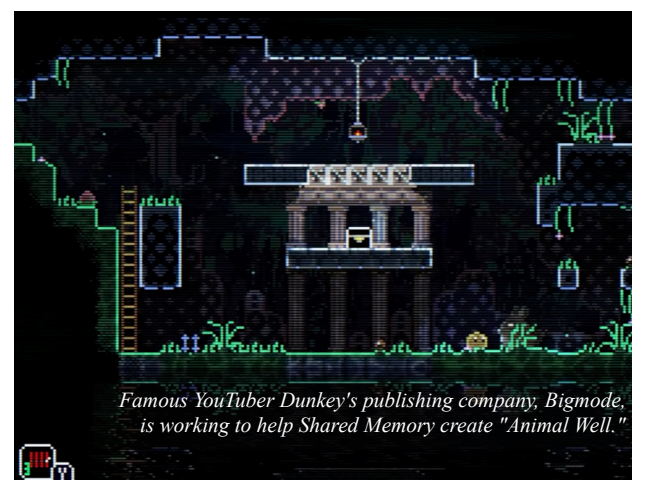
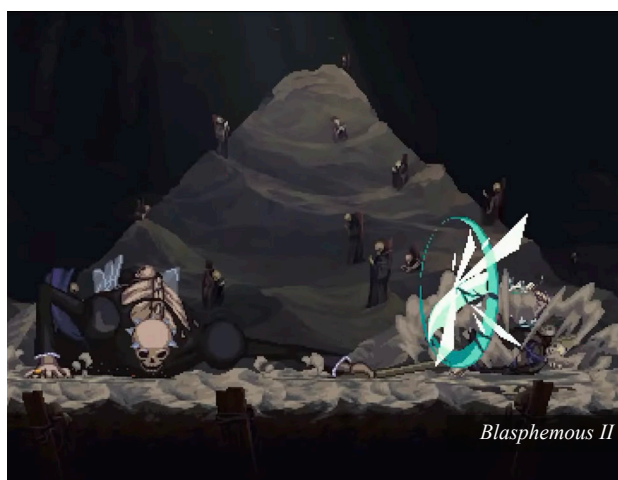
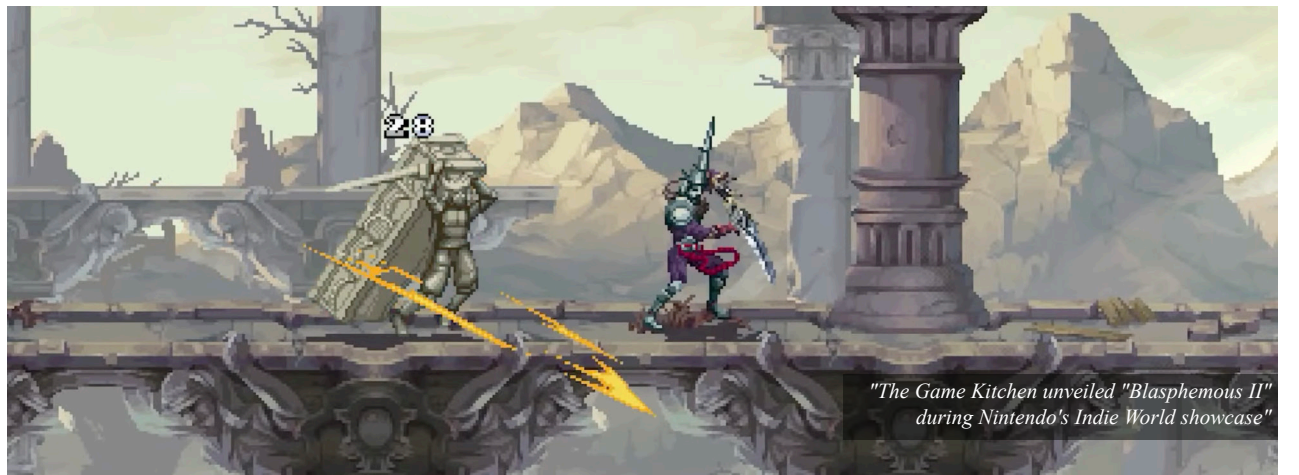
Nintendo's Indie World showcase gives indie game developers a chance to spotlight their upcoming games. Nintendo most recently held one on Wednesday, April 19.

The 20-minute YouTube video showcased a variety of upcoming indie titles from both well-known studios and studios coming out with their debut game. In case you haven't had a chance to watch it, here's some of the highlights.

One of the earliest upcoming games announced was a sequel to "My Time at Portia," called "My Time at Sandrock." Pathea Games' farming simulator "Portia" was loved by many and fans of the series have been eagerly awaiting the full release of the sequel. "My Time at Sandrock" is currently available in early access on Steam, but the full version of the game is slated to release Summer 2023 for all platforms.

"Cult of the Lamb" is also getting a free update called "Relics of the Old Faith." Massive Monster has talked about this update on Twitter previously, stating it will double the gameplay. It will be adding a new post-game story, deeper combat, revamped bosses and enemies, more replayability, photo mode and many more requested features. The update will be released April 24.

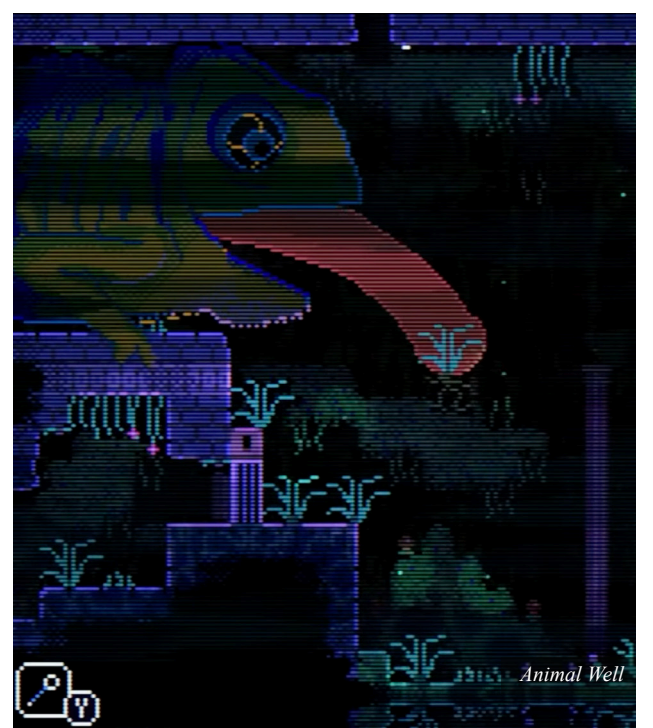
Read the full review of "Cult of the Lamb" at <https://thelutrinae.com/2022/09/cult-of-the-lamb-is-the-most-adorable-cult-game/>



The popular YouTuber Dunkey founded his own game studio in 2022 called Bigmode. In collaboration with indie game developers Shared Memory, they are working on their first title, "Animal Well," which is scheduled to release sometime in early 2024 for Windows computers, PlayStation 5 and the Nintendo Switch. "Animal Well" looks like it is going to be a gorgeous, yet challenging Metroidvania where you must explore a labyrinth while avoiding animals.

The last game that stood out to me was "Blasphevious II." In the trailer they shared, "Blasphevious II" looks to capture many of the same concepts and themes that players loved the original title for. It is going to be a brutal, action-packed platformer, expanding on the world and story The Game Kitchen established in the original title. "Blasphevious II" is set to release Summer 2023 to the PlayStation 5, Xbox Series X|S, Windows computers and the Nintendo Switch.

Read the full review of "Blasphevious" at <https://thelutrinae.com/2022/09/blasphemous-is-a-grotesque-metroidvania-like-no-other/>



# Shazam gets action-packed sequel in Fury of the Gods

Story by Estrella McDaniel  
Trailer screenshot by Arianna Nalbach

In the action-packed sequel to "Shazam," Billy Batson (played by Asher Angel), Freddy Freeman (played by Jack Dylan Grazer) and their foster family members return to battle the latest dangling plot thread in "Shazam! Fury of the Gods."

The kind of humor in "Shazam" is charming since it's finessed by the movie's cast members, particularly the on-screen characters who play the punchy, adult-aged demigods that Billy and his family transform into when they say the enchantment word.

Zachary Levi, who plays Billy's alter-ego, "Shazam" (also known as Captain Marvel) and Adam Brody, who plays "Super Freddy" (AKA Captain Marvel Jr.), both stand out as adolescents battling with thankless grown-up feelings and responsibilities.

Billy is struggling because he's aging out of foster care soon. In fear of that, he's holding on to everyone, maybe even a little too much.

The emotional scenes were excellent overall and there was a big family theme in "Shazam! Fury of the Gods" instead of being Billy and Freddy like in the first movie.

Levi still takes all the extra room he's given to create a goofy character who, like an actual teenager, doesn't have a filter or an indoor voice.

The different villains in this movie were enjoyable and it helped the plot of the movie grow and the set design was very intriguing.

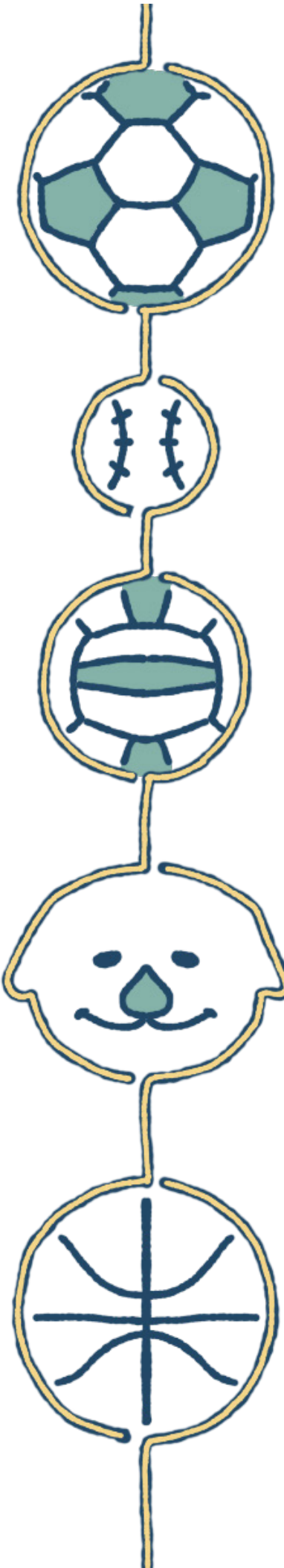
It made viewers wonder where certain things came from. For example in one scene, there's a part of a cave with multiple doors that all lead to different places.

The actors in this movie were great, especially the ones acting as children; they made you believe they were all either young teenagers or a small kid like Darla, whose superhero self was Meagan Goode.

This film was often funny and played into Billy's character more; it overall had great family scenes and would be a film to watch again for me.



# Game Results



## Baseball

- April 16 @ Cal State San Bernardino **L 3 - 5**
- April 21 vs Cal State Dominguez Hills **W 11 - 2**
- April 22 vs Cal State Dominguez Hills **L 12 - 13 (10 INN)**
- April 22 vs Cal State Dominguez Hills **W 5 - 2**

## Men's Golf

April 17 - 19 @ CCAA Championship **2nd out of 8 teams**

## Women's Golf

April 17 - 19 @ CCAA Championship **2nd out of 6 teams**

## Softball

- April 21 vs Cal State San Marcos **W 4 - 3 (8 INN)**
- April 21 vs Cal State San Marcos **L 3 - 7**
- April 22 vs Cal State San Marcos **L 1 - 5**
- April 22 vs Cal State San Marcos **L 1 - 6**

Can you unscramble these Earth Day-related words to reveal their true meaning?

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Celebration, Trees,  
Grass, Environment,  
Climate, Recycling,  
Reforestation, Clean  
Energy, Green,  
Plants