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Panel encourages action in Burmese conflict

BY ANTHONY GENTILE
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

With the political oppression and violence taking place in Burma, the distance alone can discourage USD students from involving themselves in the conflict. Even though the conflict is over 8,000 miles away, that distance is not far enough to preclude participation.

That was one of the key messages from "Burma Teach-In: will non-violent resistance succeed?" a panel held Tuesday in IPJ conference rooms C and D. The four panelists spoke for 48 minutes, followed by a 42-minute question-and-answer session.

Joyce Neu, executive director for the Institute of Peace and Justice, spoke first and provided a brief background on Burma. Neu also gave some insight into why the conflict arose.

Throughout the panel,

Burma was not referred to by its current name of Myanmar. This was done in order to not observe the military junta in control.

"It stemmed from decades of oppression by a military regime that has denied all human rights and civil liberties since 1962," Neu said. "And the current uprising was triggered by a sudden rise in fuel prices." Neu also said the Burmese government estimates the number of dead range from 400 to 500, but that thousands potentially could be dead.

Dr. Karma Lekshe Tsomo, a USD associate professor of theology and religious studies, followed, discussing her visits to Burma, Burmese Buddhism and the failure of the military junta to recognize Aung San Suu Kyi as prime minister, who was elected democratically in 1990.

Tsomo also discussed why monks have assumed a lead-



ANTHONY GENTILE/THE VISTA

USD professor Dr. Karma Lekshe Tsomo speaks at a panel held in the IPJ Tuesday. The panel provided information about the conflict in Burma, including potential solutions.

ership role in the protest. She said this is because the monks are trained in non-violence, highly respected in Burma and in touch with the suffering of

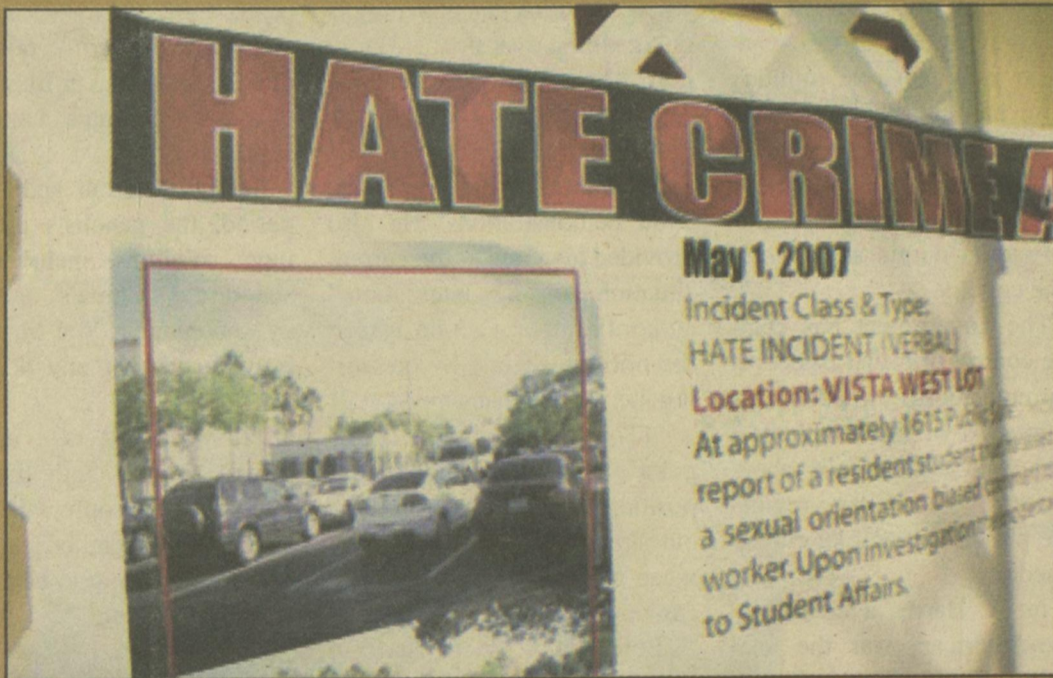
the people on a daily basis.

Zerlina Wong, a USD senior and political science major, was the third panelist to speak. Wong spoke of recent conver-

sations with her father regarding her uncle, who currently lives in Burma.

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Tolerance promoted through awareness



RYAN BRENNAN/THE VISTA

Hate Crimes Awareness Week aims to illustrate how hate crimes are prevalent within our society and also on USD's campus. The display shows four Public Safety reports of hate crimes on campus within the last three years. Events throughout the week encourage students to speak out about hate crimes and reflect on how hate crimes affect everyone. Located in the UC, the displays encourages students to "Learn to love - not hate" and participate in the many programs planned for the week. There will be a mural for students to paint and reflect on hate crimes awareness today at 1 p.m. in UC 107.

Conflict workshop fails to spark interest

BY CHRISTY WAGNER
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

five scheduled for this semester.

More than 30 seats were set up for a student seminar in the UC Forum B, but only two were filled.

The Conflict Leadership and Resolution workshop was the first of a series of leadership seminars put on by the Student Leadership and Involvement Center. SLIC offers training and advising resources for students and organization leaders at USD.

While the participants who attended the Oct. 9 workshop were part of on-campus organizations, the seminar was free and open to all students. A presenter at the workshop said that corporations pay up to \$1,000 for the same kind of event for their employees. Funded partly by Associated Students, the forum is one of

The workshop focused on resolving conflicts to increase team effectiveness. Speakers offered tips for group facilitation and also touched on the importance of understanding cultural differences in conflict resolution.

"The seminars obviously benefit leadership positions," Onar Primitivo, SLIC assistant director of leadership and involvement, said. He also said the advantages of attending are across the board for all students.

While flyers and website notifications were posted and an announcement at the Interclub Council was made for the event, attendance remained low.

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"If I listened to what the security services said, I would never leave my home."

-Russian President Vladimir Putin on reports of an assassination plot



ORLD BEAT

Sources: BBC, CNN

BY CHRISTY WAGNER
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

Prisoners flee in armed escape

Eight fugitives are still missing after they shot their way out of a Honduras prison. Ten inmates attempted the jail-break Sunday.

Police shot one prisoner outside the jail and captured another. In the armed escape, the inmates killed one prison guard and injured several others.

The prison houses 220 inmates, but is built to hold only 75. Many prisons in Central America are dangerously overcrowded due to high crime rates and large drug gang populations.

Iraq warns against Turkish raid

Attacks by the Kurdistan Workers Party sparked cross-border raids between

Iraq and Turkey. Iraq's Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki urged alternatives to these "military solutions" after the Turkish government asked for authority to launch raids against the separatists.

Kurdish fields were set on fire as Turkish gunners shelled farms across the border over the weekend. No injuries were reported, but as many as 30,000 people could be forced to leave their villages if the dispute escalates.

Putin set for Iran trip

Russian President Vladimir Putin made a trip Tuesday to Tehran for talks on Iran's nuclear plans. The trip was delayed for one day as Putin faced rumors of an assassination plot.

The talks focused on Iran's nuclear plans and Russia's involvement in building nuclear reactors.

This visit marks the first by

a Kremlin leader since the Islamic Revolution of 1979.

Giant dinosaur found in Argentina

Argentine and Brazilian paleontologists discovered a new species of giant dinosaur in Patagonia. The plant-eating dinosaur would have been almost 105 feet tall, making it one of the tallest dinosaurs ever found.

The species of dinosaur roamed the earth about 80 million years ago.

Brazil encourages biofuels in Africa

Brazilian President Luiz Ignacio Lula de Silva urged African countries to use biofuels at the start of his four-nation tour of Africa.

Lula offered Brazil's help to the nations in developing biofuel technology to be used as a tool to help fight climate change and to improve eco-

nomics independence.

This is the latest push in an intensive effort by Lula to promote the use of the biofuels that have powered Brazilian vehicles for 30 years.

Japan puts pressure on Burma

Japan halted its \$5.5 million funding for a human resources center in Burma. The economic pressure is a result of increasing international opposition to the government's actions against protesters.

During the protests last month, a Japanese journalist was killed by the Burmese military.

Promised in 2005, the funds were to be used for a center at Rangoon University where economics, management and Japanese would be taught.

Chavez imposes sin tax in Venezuela

The Venezuelan government

increased taxes on alcohol and tobacco Monday. The new campaign is meant to encourage Venezuelans to adopt the attitude of a pure socialist revolutionary, a figure called the "New Man."

President Hugo Chavez also plans to impose higher taxes on items such as artwork and luxury cars.

The increased taxes face popular opposition from Venezuelans who believe luxuries are a reward for their sacrifices.

Indian temple stampede kills 12

Twelve people were killed Tuesday in a religious festival at a Hindu temple in India. Thousands of people were said to have crowded a narrow path leading to the temple. The stampede injured another eight people. Worshippers were pushed off a bridge in the rush while others were trampled.

SLIC panels encourage student involvement

WORSKHOP, continued

"We are trying to get the word out to everyone," Cat Condliffe, a graduate assistant at SLIC, said.

A combination of SLIC administrators, alumni and other faculty members headed the panels. Tina Thompson, director of Outdoor Programs, spoke at the seminar. Thompson was enthusiastic about the program, but was also surprised by the lack of student attendance.

"The university provides these resources for free for stu-

dents to take advantage of," Thompson said.

Future workshops include Making the Most of Campus Resources, Increasing Campus Awareness, The Art of Fundraising and Leader-

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Cat Condliffe, SLIC graduate assistant

ship 101.

A schedule of the seminars can be found at the student activities website, www.sandiego.edu/studentactivities.

Students can play part in conflict

BURMA, continued

One of the reasons that this conflict has not received significant international media attention is because the military regime has significantly limited communication. This has made it difficult for regular citizens, much less journalists, to provide information within and outside of the country.

"The government has complete control of every aspect [of communication], whether it's the Internet or the telephone," Wong said. "Any talk about politics or the military regime - the phone line will be cut off immediately."

Tim A. Hardy, a local Burmese-American, was the final speaker. Having lived in Burma and participated in the 1988

demonstrations, Hardy provided a unique insight to the conflict.

"In Burma, everything that you really think can go wrong is going wrong over there," Hardy said, "from the bottom all the way to the top."

Hardy provided a personal account about what led up to the 1988 demonstrations. He also provided his view of the current situation, urging international authorities to take action against the military regime by pressuring the nations that support it.

"[These authorities need] to poke a few holes in the right positions to let that pressure out slowly," Hardy said. "Then when the time is right, then we can open the lid completely."

Before the panel, those in attendance were given a list of what they can do to help the

effort in Burma. This list, which can be found on the Facebook group, "Support the Monks' protest in Burma," includes spreading the word, e-mailing the U.S. embassy in Burma and writing to Burma's main arms suppliers.

In the question and answer period, the panelists provided more solutions, including not supporting China's economy by shopping at Wal-Mart. But Hardy said that any action is important.

"If we don't take any effective actions, both from the international community and also from the neighboring countries, this is going to be another 1988," Hardy said, "...[where] a few weeks later, let's just move on and people go on and live on with their own business."

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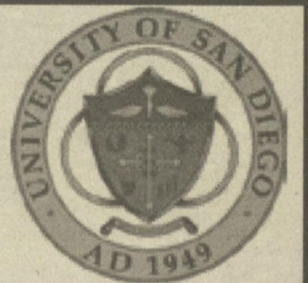
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public safety report



Oct. 8 - Oct. 14

San Buenaventura: At 4:12 p.m. Public Safety responded to a report of the theft of prescription medication, a pair of earrings and \$50 from a residence hall room. Upon investigation the theft was said to have occurred between Sept. 24 and Oct. 7.

Camino Hall: At 8:18 p.m. Public Safety responded to a complaint of excessive noise coming from a residence hall room. Upon investigation the individuals were contacted and complied with the request to keep the noise level down.

West Tennis Courts: At 10:07 p.m. Public Safety responded to a report of a community gate that had been vandalized. Upon investigation the words

"Arbeit Macht Frei" were painted on the gate. The English translation is "work makes free." Facilities management was contacted to remove the painting from the gate.

San Juan: At 12:46 a.m. Public Safety responded to a report of the theft of jewelry from a residence hall room. Upon investigation the items were said to have been left in a locked desk drawer and taken during the week of Sept. 24.

West Parking Structure: At 3:15 p.m. Public Safety observed two individuals skateboarding in the roadway. Upon investigation the individuals were contacted and advised on the university's skateboarding policy.

Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice: At 10:27 a.m. Public Safety responded to a late report of the theft of a laptop computer from a secured office between 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 5 and 8:30 a.m. on Oct. 8.

University Terrace Apartments: At 11:24 p.m. Public Safety responded to a complaint of excessive noise coming from a residence hall apartment and complaints of individuals urinating in public. Upon investigation the residents were contacted and one resident student was cited for hosting and four resident students were cited for Minor in Possession.

University Terrace Apartments: At 10:46 p.m. Public Safety observed a group of

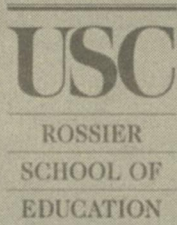
individuals carrying a number of cases of beer near a residence hall apartment. Upon investigation three individuals were contacted, identified as minor students and cited for Minor in Possession. The individuals stated that they had received the beer at a party in one of the residence hall apartments.

San Miguel Hall: At 12:07 a.m. Public Safety observed an intoxicated male attempting to enter a residence hall but unable to place his card in the access key in the lock. The individual was also having difficulty standing. Upon investigation the individual was found to be too intoxicated to care for himself and was voluntarily transported to detox. The student was rejected from detox for caus-

ing a disturbance.

Main Kiosk: At 12:07 a.m. Public Safety observed a vehicle entering campus with a male in the back seat who appeared to be unconscious. Upon investigation the driver of the vehicle refused to pull his car over and sped off through campus. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was identified as a resident student and the two passengers were identified as non-students. One of the non-students was too intoxicated to care for himself and was evaluated and transported to the hospital for possible alcohol poisoning. The driver was referred to Student Affairs.

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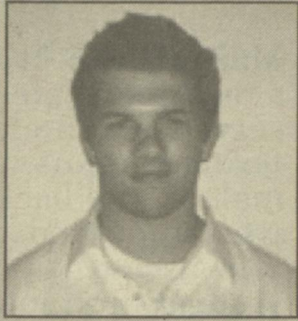
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"Do not fear to be eccentric in opinion,
for every opinion now accepted was once eccentric."

-Bertrand Russell

My date with Mandy: *Fortunately, the cookies are free*



BY ALEX ANTONE
OPINION EDITOR

So I finally got a date with Mandy (See The Vista Volume 45, Issue 1). No power tie needed; things were looking up for this 'ol lug and then the big day finally came. Playing to my strengths, I decided to go for fine Asian cuisine so that I could woo her into oblivion with the tales of my exploits in the Orient.

When we arrived at Rice King on Linda Vista, I asked the owner to seat us in my usual table in the corner. Once we were settled in, I recommended the "oyako don" to Mandy (but of course, only after a 10-minute speech explaining to her how AMAZING the "oyako don" is in Japan, and

I would know, because I went there). I walked up to the cash register and placed our orders, paid with cash - because they don't take credit cards - and sat back down to engage in more stimulating conversation with my date.

Once the meal ended and I had finished my recitation and in-depth analysis of Meiji restoration, I started to grow anxious when my mind began to wander toward the likelihood or unlikelihood of an end-of-date kiss. For every guy, this uncertainty remains a quandary and the risk of hearing the phrase, "I don't want to be that girl," or any other kind of rejection bears a heavy burden on the self-confidence of the pursuer.

Looking for answers once more, I made a decision that I may regret for the rest of my life. I decided to seek guidance from the one thing that had always given me hope and had remained a shining beacon of inspiration and fortuity at the end of every Rice King meal: the fortune cookie.

As I cracked open the delicate and delicious, crispy prophecy encapsulator, my heart began to swell and my lips began to pucker as I read the phrase, "Perhaps you've been focusing too

much on yourself."

"WHAT?!" I thought, "That's not even a fortune!" In reaction to reading those words, I began to sweat profusely, stammered something about Hillary Clinton's menopause leading to the downfall of America and decided to try to fling a piece of kung-pao chicken into my mouth, only to miss and hit Mandy directly in the eye.

Suffice to say, the rest of the night was a disaster. My fortune cookie's advice had shaken me to the bitter core, and at the end of the date, Mandy ended up throwing herself out of my car before I had even come to a complete stop in front of her house - I'm pretty sure I was still doing a good 15 mph.

Once I got home, I logged on to the internet and looked up the company behind my fortune cookie, Wonton Foods. It all came together. Apparently, Wonton Foods has recently decided to introduce a wave of "cautious" fortunes, circulating idioms like "Today is a disastrous day. If you can't beat 'em, join 'em," and "Your problem just got bigger. Think, what have you done?"

I couldn't believe the audacity of this corporation! When I opened my fortune

cookie, I was expecting something like, "If you can dream it, you can do it!" Or "You have an undeniable tact for fashion."

My perplexity turned to anger. If they're going to be negative, why not go all the way? If they've got fortunes like, "It's over your head now. Time to seek professional help," why not say something along the lines of "You're wrong about everything," or "Give it up, you'll never be America's next top model."

-Sigh-

Then, as my head began to clear, and as I recounted the details of my date with Mandy, I began to think that maybe the fortune had actually been right. Perhaps instead of rambling on about the Tokyo drift racing scene, I should have asked her how her day went, and instead of recounting my one man hike to the top of Mt. Fuji in the dead of winter, I should have told her how nice I thought her hair looked.

"Oh well," I thought to myself before I went to sleep. "I learned a valuable life lesson today - and my lucky numbers are 4 8 15 16 23 42."

Worth the price of admission

BY ELIZABETH SCOLLO
STAFF WRITER

Yes, USD is well worth the cost of the tuition, but for me it was also well worth the big transition. I'm a transfer student from a small city in upstate New York. That's right, I'm an east coaster. I knew I wanted to transfer to a school that suited me better than the one I was currently attending. What I didn't know was that my decision would lead me to the opposite side of the country.

I came across USD on the Internet, and I asked around about it. I asked professors and my advisor from my previous school. I was told it was a great school so I figured I would dissect the web site since I couldn't just hop in my car for a visit. I applied and was accepted: good thing because I didn't apply to any other schools. I know what you're thinking—how stupid, right? Well, I figured since it's San Diego it couldn't be that bad, and I had a good feeling about it. That feeling lasted until it was time to go, then it was more of a nauseous feeling.

The summer flew by, and before I knew it I was saying goodbye to my family at the airport. I was going to a new school and a new state that I had never seen before by myself. All I could do was hope that I would love it and not regret my decision; plane tickets aren't exactly cheap. When I arrived on campus I pulled one of those jaw drops. It is the most beautiful campus I've ever seen. The buildings are so different from all the colleges I've seen at home, and

we definitely don't have palm trees in New York. However, I knew I needed to like more than the campus. I needed to enjoy my classes, like the people I would meet and take advantage of all the great opportunities.

So far so good, I enjoy the classes I am taking, I really like my roommates and the friends I have made and I'm trying to get involved as much as possible.

Since I've come to USD, I've been more open to try new things that interest me. USD is a great school and should be appreciated for what it has to offer and what it provides. The people are helpful and welcoming: I truly feel like I'm in a caring community. The Department of Public Safety works hard to keep the campus safe. There are many academic majors and minors offered for exploration, as well as awesome study abroad programs. We certainly can't complain about all the places to eat; at my previous school we only had one dining hall to make us sick.

There are many places to study besides the residence halls, whether it's in one of the cafes, the library or a quiet spot outside. Also, there are many events and activities that people put time into every day to ensure USD students are always having fun. Each club and organization offers a unique experience, and there are enough of them to fit everybody's interests. It's not easy to get bored around here. I couldn't be any happier with my decision. I figure if I can be happy and comfortable so far from home, I must be in a pretty sweet place.

I blog, you blog, the state department - blogs?

BY ANNE SLAGILL
STAFF WRITER

Who doesn't have a blog? I mean, my mother certainly does. Kermit the Frog has one, along with just about every presidential hopeful on the market. Here's a silly mental image for you - Hillary Clinton sitting in her big cozy senator's chair late at night, granola bites and chai tea close at hand, blogging about her hopes to secure the presidency and end global warming. Unlikely as it may sound, I recently paid a visit to her MySpace and discovered a personal survey. You'll find it endearing to learn that she is just like any other woman. She loves crossword puzzles and Carly Simon and has a weakness for all things chocolate.

Hillary hasn't accepted my friend request yet, but when she does she is like SO going on my top eight!

I'm thrilled to report that the U.S. Department of State has also jumped on the blogging bandwagon. Sadly, they have decided to name their blog "Dipnote." The title was most likely chosen using the same careful deliberation with which the department plans and implements foreign policy - oh wait. Ironically, my dictionary widget defines a "dip" as a stupid or foolish person. Way to go State Department!

You can - and should - visit them at www.blogs.state.gov, if only for giggles.

The point is that everyone and their

mom, including my own, as I mentioned earlier, have some sort of Internet portal from which to share thoughts, pictures and recent goings-on. I myself love to keep up with friends on the net by reading and posting blogs. I am annoyed, however, when Facebook causes any issue that my favorite 14-year-old would deem "drama."

Furthermore, the display of relationship status on Facebook is a destructive menace. May the inventor of the status thingy awake one day to find that all of his pencils are dull and his sodas flat. May he also be bombarded with nosy questions instead of sympathy when he switches his status to "single" after a nasty breakup.

All in all, the situation isn't that bad. In an endless sea of weblogs one can find a gem on occasion. For instance I am pleased that former Queen guitarist Brian May has a blog entitled, "Brian's Soapbox." Classic rock fans will be surprised to find that Brian has more to offer than just great tunes and great hair; he is also an accomplished astronomer. His blog features photos of the night sky and explanations of astronomical phenomena, along with nostalgic reminiscences of the glory days of Queen and the occasional rant on animal rights.

I wish readers the very best of the blog world. Be mature, be safe and above all, be sure to giggle at the ridiculous blogs that pop up here and there. Feel free to shoot me a link if you find one that is particularly hilarious.

Plastic makes perfect: USD takes credit

BY MICHELLE TALENT
STAFF WRITER

I walk into Aromas exhausted and starving, looking at all the delicious muffins, and my mouth begins to water. A bran muffin is just what I need to satisfy my growling stomach, so I order one as well as a chai tea. I hand over my campus cash card, but it is rejected. I forgot I had used up all my campus cash two days ago. My stomach lets out a loud roar as I realize all I have on me is my credit card, no cash. I am out of luck.

How often do you crave a delicious muffin from Aromas, yet you are out of luck because you have no cash? This seems to be a dilemma for many students. Luckily for all those cash-deprived students out there, certain dining services are now accepting credit cards.

Aromas, Bert's Bistro and La Paloma started accepting Visa and MasterCard Oct. 8. Other dining locations will also implement this addition in the future.

It seems most college students carry little, if any, cash around with them. It is much more convenient to use credit/debit cards and very few places do not accept credit cards. Most of our money is fueled through our checking account, so why wouldn't you just swipe the card instead of withdrawing money from an ATM machine every time you want to make a purchase?



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Aromas, Bert's Bistro and La Paloma are now accepting credit and debit cards.

Since becoming a college student, laziness has also increased dramatically and, more than likely, I will not make that extra walk to the ATM machine just to withdraw money to get a muffin. I very rarely will withdraw money unless it is a necessity. I always just use my debit card. I predict that being able to use credit cards will increase sales in dining services on campus just because of the convenience.

USD sophomore, Marika Fedalen, is one student who agrees.

"Going to the ATM is such a hassle," Fedalen said. I never have cash on me and my only source of payment is my debit card. It would be so much more convenient if I were able to use my debit card around campus."

I can now walk into Aromas with confidence that I will not leave with a growling stomach. Thanks to the addition of using credit cards on campus, I will never leave empty-handed again. I always carry my debit card with me everywhere I go and will use it often in dining areas across campus.

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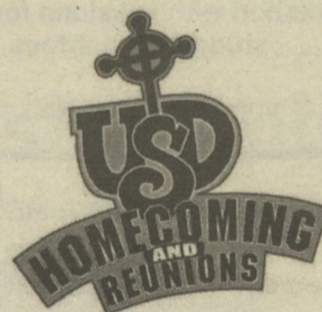
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Quakers, and not just the guy on the oatmeal box

BY JENNA JAY
ASST. FEATURE EDITOR

"You're WHAT?" My roommate yelled at me in disgust last week, as we were stretched out on her bed during a commercial break of "The Hills."

Her response to my confession made it seem as if I had just told her I was engaged, or even pregnant. "Um, Quaker?" I replied, as if she hadn't heard me the first time I said it.

I hate the part that always follows the exposure of my "Friendliness:" a long, awkward silence followed by, "So, what does that mean?" In all 21 years of defending my religion, I think I have heard every single inquiry possible about what people perceive Quakers to be.

It usually starts with, "Do you have electricity?" Followed by, "And you ride around in buggies! And wear those black top hats?" Sorry, no. "You burned the witches in Salem!" Guess again.

My favorite question is, "Okay, you're like the

Quaker Oats man, right?" Sometimes at this point, I'll tell them yes, in fact, the Quaker Oats man is my grandfather. If this conversation sounds familiar to you, sorry, I lied. Not a Quakerly thing to do, and I apologize.

To all of you now embarrassed to ask, I'll let you in on the crash course to Quakerism 101. Quakerism, also known as the Society of Friends, was started by George Fox in the 17th century. Quakers allegedly got their name when Fox commanded an English magistrate to "tremble [quake] at the word of the Lord."

The Society of Friends bases its religion off a few ideals: peace, simplicity, social equality and integrity, among others.

Quakerism is considered a branch of Christianity with a few twists.

First, Quakers believe there is part of God in everyone. This is sometimes called the "inner light," and it also helps explain our concept of silent worship.

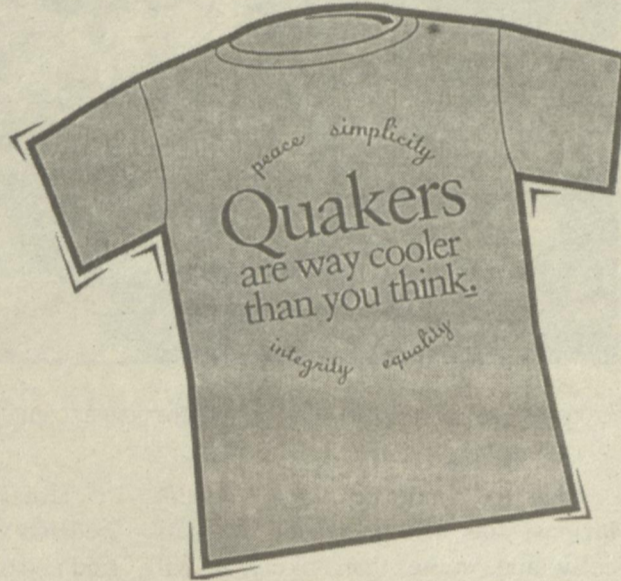
Silent worship is a vital part of being Quaker, as it is

a time for reflection. Warning: make sure you eat breakfast before coming to a Quaker church. Hunger pains tend to echo in silence. During silent worship, any member of the meeting may stand and speak if they feel as if they've been called by the Holy Spirit. In traditional, un-programmed

before silent worship.

Quakers are most well-known because of our principle of pacifism, which roots from obedience to Jesus' self-sacrificial ethics and example. Quakers do not fight in wars, and if drafted they serve as conscientious objectors.

We also value simplicity.



GRAPHIC BY VALLEY MILLS FRIENDS MEETING

Quaker churches, worship consists of an hour of silence. Some churches, mostly in the Midwest and on the East coast, are Conservative Quaker churches, where a presiding pastor gives a short sermon

Stepping foot into a Quaker church may seem like a Catholic church's version of the Grinch stealing Christmas: plain white walls, simple architecture and bare pews are the norm.

Quakers don't believe in symbolism, which is also part of the reason we don't take part in communion and do not partake in traditional Christian baptism. Quakers do not baptize with water, as we believe we are baptized daily by the Holy Spirit instead.

While many people have not heard about the specifics of Quakerism, most know some of its advocates. Quaker women played a crucial role in the 19th century women's rights movement. Lucretia Mott, Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Blackwell were all Quakers.

James Dean, Ben Kingsley, Richard Nixon, Dave Matthews: all Friends.

Quakers are everywhere. Don't be fooled by our silence.

In conclusion, we like Quaker Oats, but we're not their offspring. We like simplicity, but we're not Amish. Like beauty queens in a pageant, all we want is world peace.

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Schoolworthy:

"While the rest of the country is heading into fashion hibernation, southern California style is as 'beachin' as ever."

-Samantha Shorey, fashion columnist

Sustainability/Climate Change Task Force to the rescue New committee pledges to refocus campus on importance of being green

BY MICHELLE TRUMBO
GUEST WRITER

Soccer practice, study groups, committee meetings, work, research papers and recycling, anyone? Given all that college students have on their agendas, helping the environment is seldom at the top of people's to-do lists, especially since it is a time-consuming task.

This seems the case at USD. Many students are unaware of which materials can be recycled and they do not know where to turn for answers. Some residents have difficulty finding recycling receptacles near their housing. The campus recycling program has thus far been unable to achieve its goal of helping the environment in a significant way, though it has succeeded in frustrating many members of the USD community.

Campus organizations such as Associated Students, Club TREE and the Environmental Law Society have noticed the state of the school's recycling system. These organizations agree that USD needs to be more devoted to the issues of recycling and sustainability, but they have been working independently of one another, making progress limited.

"Although efforts are being made to make changes, the progress is incredibly slow and various efforts from different areas of campus are disconnected from one another," Jen Lagedrost, president of Club TREE, said.

With the creation of a new committee, however, the recycling program

may be reconstructed.

Under the supervision of USD President Mary Lyons, a committee comprised of representatives from departments including Student Affairs, Mission and Ministry, Finance and Administration, Academic Affairs, Facilities and University Relations has been selected to evaluate and improve the University's efforts to go green. This group of students, faculty and staff will be known as the USD Sustainability/Climate Change-Task Force.

Dr. Michel Boudrias, chair of Marine Science and Environmental Studies, will serve as chairman for the committee.

According to Dr. Boudrias, the main goal of this task force is to come at the issue of sustainability from the perspectives of both students and faculty, thus bringing everyone on board.

The committee will begin meeting in the near future and is expected to have a general plan for USD recycling and sustainability completed by March.

One of the force's immediate goals is to perform an energy audit. It also hopes to make recycling bins more accessible on campus, possibly by bringing in much larger, dumpster-like receptacles.

"You shouldn't have to drive around campus looking for blue [recycling] bins," Boudrias said.

As for its long-term goals, the committee hopes to make some additions to USD's curriculum by offering classes that incorporate environmental awareness into disciplines such as science, history, ethics, religious studies, politi-

cal science and business.

Boudrias feels that new opportunities for research, community service learning and classes will encourage the campus community to look at things from an environmentally friendly perspective.

Kym Raines, former program manager of Manchester Village, encouraged USD to look to other schools in the area for support and ideas in this

endeavor to create an environmentally conscious community.

After Raines and former A.S. President Rhett Buttle visited other San Diego schools last spring to evaluate their recycling programs, she was shocked by how far behind USD is in developing an effective system. Raines said she felt that the practices and facilities at schools such as San Diego State University, Cal State San Marcos and Point Loma were "eons ahead of us."

Raines said, however, that she is excited that USD is moving forward.



JILLIAN ANTHONY/THE VISTA

The task force's goals include making blue recycling bins more accessible around campus.

"There are so many people who are passionate about recycling and who would love to see USD commit to becoming more sustainable," Raines said.

As the university's new task force works toward fulfilling the school's responsibility as a Catholic institution to "care for God's creation," student assistance is essential. Boudrias reminds students that they need to be more vocal about USD's efforts to help the environment.

"Our biggest goal is to get everyone to work together," Boudrias said. "We're going to need student support."

Fall fashionistas can still dress with fresh frivolity



BY SAMANTHA SHOREY
COLUMNIST

When the band West Coast Grand sang, "California in the fall/ such a strange place to be," they may have been talking about fall fashion.

While the rest of the country is heading into fashion hibernation, southern California style is as "beachin'" as ever. Local San Diego ladies are left to wonder - how does one dress for fall in the land of eternal summer?

Campus fashionistas have taken a liking to the "hi-low" contrast. Pairing heavier tops with light bottoms allows for the incorporation of seasonal pieces

without leaving you sweating like Britney Spears at a custody hearing.

Leave the snow bib at home and take a page from USD's style queens by mixing and matching. The easiest way to do this is to integrate your closet.

The semi-yearly wardrobe change is better left to northerners and animals who shed their summer coats. For those who hail from cold weather climates, hesitate from hiding those sundresses and shorts like you would back home. Instead, put away summer-only items (halter tops, anyone?) and keep out those flirty tanks that are great for summer layering.

Try wearing your favorite baby-doll top over a plain white thermal for the "jumper look" that has been jumping off mannequins for the last year. Pairing winter wool sweaters with crisp cuffed shorts also strikes a good balance.

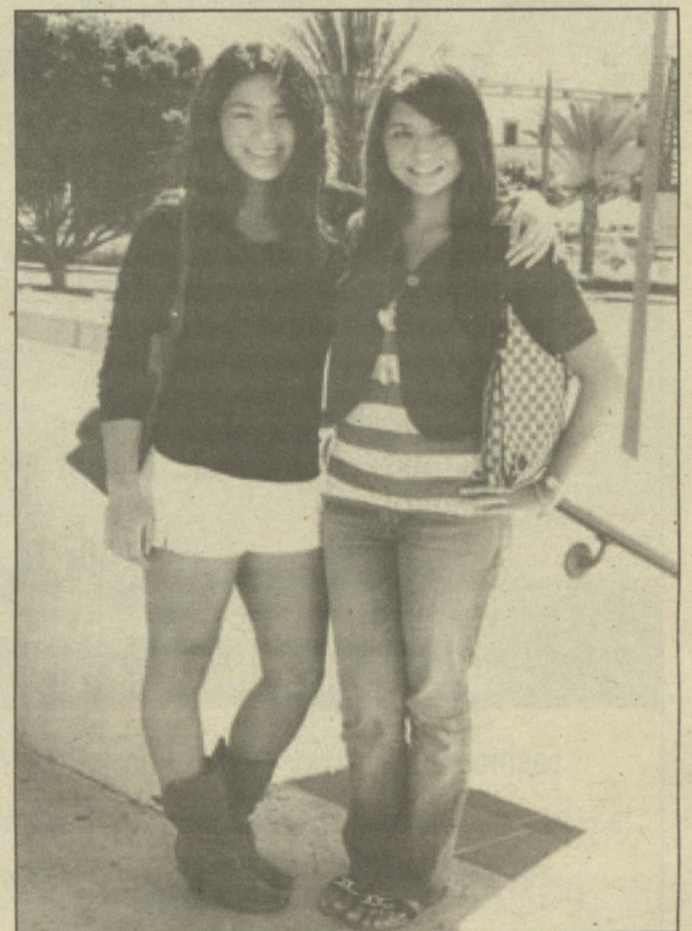
Some great news for the money-conscious fashion shopper; clothes that are light on fabric tend to be light on price in the middle of winter. To keep from looking like August in October,

buy items in fall's "it" colors of dark grays and warm browns, and even traditional fall colors of a non-intrusive shade of orange, yellow, maroon or forest green.

Be the color change you wish to see in the world! Just because palm trees avoid the green to orange shift doesn't mean you have to.

Thanks to the continually warm weather and sunny California mentality, bright colors can be layered under warmer tops or colors.

Fall, as a season, is the link between the warm weather months and the winter that awaits. In San Diego, dare to walk that tight rope. Bundle up and bare it all.



SAMANTHA SHOREY/THE VISTA

Fashionistas Kayla Wong and Nicole Zhe mix and match summer and winter pieces to adapt to fall fashions.

Marketing Club pitches experience to students

BY KIRBY BROOKS
STAFF WRITER

The School of Business Administration recently introduced the marketing major, and business students rejoiced. A few students seeking marketing experience outside of the classroom took it upon themselves to start the Marketing Group.

Five students comprising newly minted club: President Scott Novak, VP of Public Relations Stephen Hopler, VP of Finances Jaclyn Dickson, VP of Administration Noreen Arora and VP of Events Megan Peri. With the help of advisor and marketing professor Dr. Colleen Bee, the Marketing Group is hoping to provide guidance and useful experience for students interested in marketing.

The Marketing Group hopes to serve as a liaison between students and the San Diego community by connecting students involved in the organization with companies offering marketing internships and jobs.

With graduation approaching for many USD students, the chance to engage in real-world marketing situations is a valuable experience. The club hopes to engage students in programs similar to the work that the Accounting Society did with SIBC, but with an emphasis on the marketing aspect of the business world.

VP of Events Megan Peri emphasized the club's desire to gain hands-on experience.

"We would like to work with companies in the community to help them with their marketing strategies and/or learn about their ways of conducting and researching marketing," Peri said. The Marketing Group will also be affiliated with the American Marketing Association.

The group also plans to tackle on-campus issues such as student involvement. One idea is to collaborate with the sports department on campus to promote upcoming sporting events, using marketing of sports to boost school spirit, something many students say is lacking.

Joining a club is an easy way to get involved on campus. And while everyone's schedule is undoubtedly packed, a club is a small time commitment that is worth the benefits.

The Marketing Group will hold its first official meeting on Oct. 25 during dead hours. The meeting will be informal and serve as an informational get-together for students interested in joining.

The club is open to everyone; being a business major is not a requirement for joining and there will be free lunch at the meeting. Watch for more details about the meeting around campus.

Torero weekends: leave the dorms and have some fun

BY NICOLE DEFELICE
STAFF WRITER

USD students who sit in their rooms during the weekends bored and searching for stimulation need not stagnate any longer.

A great resource that many students are not familiar with is www.sandiego.edu/weekends. This comprehensive link has everything students need to know about what's happening on the weekends.

Click on "Torero Weekends" to see all USD-sponsored events, including outdoor programs, campus recreation, Saturday nights at Aromas, Torero athletic events and programs sponsored by the Torero Weekend Programming Committee.

The Torero Weekend Programming Committee is a new on-campus organization that works hard to ensure that students have something fun to do each weekend. Thanks to donations from the Elardi Foundation, the committee is able to sponsor its own activities and co-sponsor events with other clubs on campus.

Among some of the plans for this semester are beach day-trips, movie nights and even a trip to haunted houses for Halloween. Events like this allow students to get out and have fun with little-to-no cost, and transportation is almost always provided.

One way that the weekend committee co-sponsors events is by providing food for other clubs' events, such as athletic games. It tries to complement existing programs and works with the weekend task force, which consists of numerous departments, such as parents, athletics and Greek life.

All of these departments and organizations collaborate to ensure that there are a variety of activities and events and to avoid overlapping as much as possible. The committee will be co-sponsoring a go-kart event with the Automotive Club Nov. 10, from 12 to 3 p.m. at the Miramar Speed Circuit. Tickets are limited and transportation will be provided.

Onar Primitivo, assistant director of the Student Leadership and Involvement Center, is the moderator of the Torero Weekend Programming Committee. Primitivo looks forward to the upcoming year for the club and hopes to market and enhance the program while finding out what students really want to do.

"This is all student-run -- for students, by students, and we welcome new ideas," Primitivo said.

If you would like to join the club, or contribute your ideas or suggestions for future events, e-mail Primitivo at lcprimitivo@sandiego.edu.

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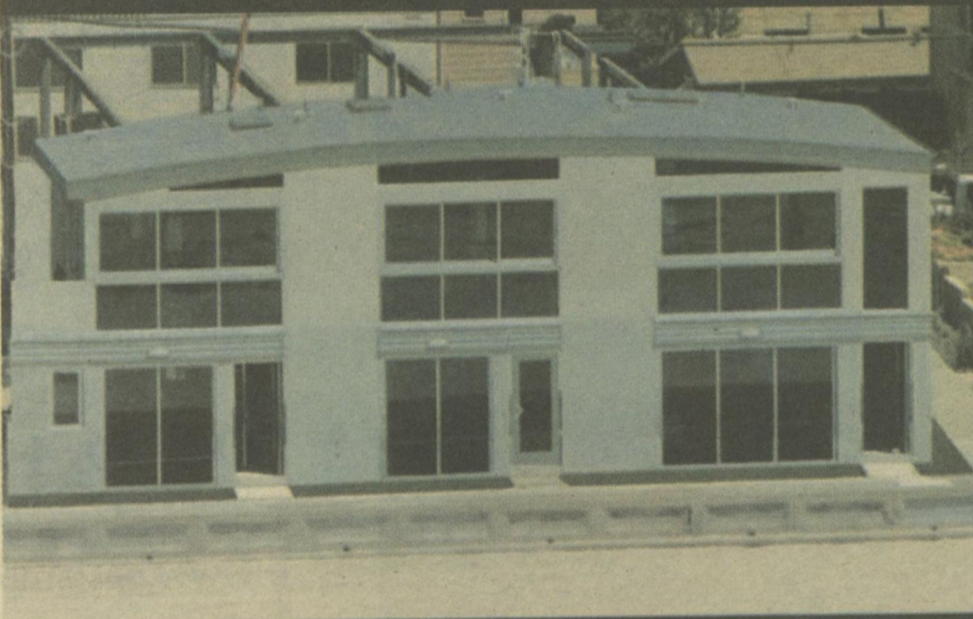
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Fall is in the air

... even though it's 70 degrees and sunny

BY JENNA JAY
ASST. FEATURE EDITOR
BY CHRISTINE IMPERATORE
GUEST WRITER

Autumn is here, and so the days of sweaters, pumpkin spice lattes and the occasional crunchy leaf have once again hit the San Diego scene. In the lull between beach and snowboarding seasons, the fall grants an opportunity for exploration away from the sand.

From workout buffs to nature lovers to food and drink connoisseurs, San Diego opens its outdoors to everyone, hosting a number of fall activities. The following suggestions are local affordable getaways for students to enjoy the mild season and San Diego's natural side.

TAKE A HIKE Torrey Pines State Reserve, located between La Jolla and Del Mar, just north of UCSD and west of Highway 101, has several different walking and hiking trails. The park overlooks Torrey Pines State Beach, and its one-of-a-kind coastal wilderness

features pine trees, sandstone canyons and a variety of wildlife.

12600 North Torrey Pines Rd., La Jolla.

PICK APPLES Known for its apple pie, historic Julian is a day-trip away from the beaches, presenting a completely different setting. Amid Julian's peaceful nature lie several apple orchards, open in the fall for a festival and available to the public for apple-picking until late October. Gastil Orchards, Peacefield Orchard and Raven Hill Orchard are all still open for business this fall. The famous Julian Pie Company, located on Julian's Main Street, makes numerous varieties of apple pies, fresh and ready to take home.

2225 Main St., Julian.

EAT OUTSIDE Patio furniture and candlelit tables fill the lawn of 5119 Cass St., where Rafaela's Italian Restaurant hides in a mostly residential area. Customers get free Parmesan bread and dessert, and may bring their own wine into the restaurant with no

"My favorite fall memory would have to be playing in the raked-up leaves in my backyard when

I was a kid."

-Senior Megan Menconi



JENNA JAY/THE VISTA

American Barnyard Company in Escondido gives customers the opportunity to hand-pick a pumpkin for the holiday festivities.

corkage fee.
5119 Cass St., Pacific Beach.

SEE A MOVIE First opened in 1958, the Santee Drive-In Theatre is slightly worn-down but well worth the \$7 movie price and the best seat in the house: car-side, of course. The drive-in is currently showing *The Game Plan* and *Mr. Woodcock* or *The Heartbreak Kid* and *Superbad*.

10990 Woodside Ave. N., Santee.

GO CAMPING The Kumeyaay Campground at Mission Trails Regional Park is open for weekend camping and hosts activities such as a trail guide walk around Kumeyaay Lake, twilight walks, bird watching and stargazing. Campsites include a picnic table, restrooms and running water. The park is a popular place for hiking, biking and horseback riding.

2 Father Junipero Serra Trail, off Mission Gorge Rd.

VISIT A PUMPKIN PATCH Inland North County is home to pumpkin patches at outdoor farms like Bates Nut Farm or American Barnyard Company. At the American Barnyard Company, pre-picked pumpkins and fresh produce cluster around the front of the property, while customers also have the option of clipping their own pumpkin from the patch. Clippers and wheelbarrows come free with the experience and pumpkins are only 30 cents per pound.

2115 Miller Ave., Escondido.

PICNIC IN THE PARK Balboa Park's luscious lawns are ideal for picnics. Though tourists swarm the museums during the summer, the fall cool-off offers seclusion for a romantic picnic. The grassy hill across from Spreckels Organ Pavilion is a perfect area to lay a blanket and enjoy a packed lunch.

Park Blvd., off 10th Ave. exit from I-5.

WATCH A SPORTS GAME With football season in full swing, Qualcomm Stadium, home to the San Diego Chargers, is a popular destination for sports fans. The Chargers host two conference opponents in the next month: the Houston Texans on Oct. 28 and the Indianapolis Colts on Nov. 11.

9449 Friars Rd., Mission Valley.

Fall Events

Calendar of upcoming fall activities in San Diego

Oct. 26- Nov. 4

Día de los Muertos Festival in Old Town
www.gothere.com/sandiego/oldtown

Oct. 29, 4 TO 11 P.M.

Gaslamp Quarter Fall Back Festival in Downtown
www.gaslamp.org

Nov. 3, 9 A.M.

San Diego Pumpkin Patch 5K Run at Oma's Pumpkin Patch in Lakeside
www.pumpkinpatchrun.com

Nov. 4, 8 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

Carlsbad Village Street Faire in North County
www.carlsbad.org



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A cat lounges on a bale of hay at the entrance of American Barnyard Company, near a variety of pumpkins already picked from the patch in the rear of the country store.

"I love fall because of pumpkin pie, pumpkin spice lattes and pumpkin scones from Starbucks; I love pumpkins"

-Freshman Bernadine Locsin

Pumpkin Pie Recipe

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 1/2 cups cooked, strained pumpkin (or canned)
- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 1/2 cups evaporated skim milk
- 3 eggs
- 3/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/4 teaspoon ginger
- 1 teaspoon grated orange peel
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 unbaked pie shell

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 425°.
2. Mix pumpkin, sugars, orange peel and spices in large bowl.
3. Add evaporated milk and eggs.
4. Mix all ingredients well.
5. Pour pumpkin filling into pie shell.
6. Bake at 425° for 15 mins.
7. Reduce heat to 350° and bake for 45 mins more.

www.pumpkinnook.com

Pumpkin Chip Cookies Recipe

INGREDIENTS:

- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1 2/3 cups flour
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup pureed, cooked pumpkin
- 1 cup cinnamon chips

DIRECTIONS:

1. Cream shortening and sugar.
2. Add eggs and mix well.
3. Add dry ingredients, mix well.
4. Add pumpkin and mix.
5. Add cinnamon chips and mix.
6. Set oven at 350°.
7. Grease muffin tins or use liners.
8. Bake at 350° for 20-23 mins.

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Apple Crisp Recipe

INGREDIENTS:

- 8 medium Cortland or other cooking apples
- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine

DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 375°.
2. Peel, core, and cut the apples.
3. Place them in a 9 by 13 in. dish.
4. Mix remaining ingredients.
5. Sprinkle mixture over the apples.
6. Bake until apples are tender.
7. Bake at 375° for 30-35 mins.
8. Can be served warm or cold.

www.foodnetwork.com

"This here's Vanessa. I know she looks like an apple, but she's actually a full-grown woman, and she fell in love with her boyfriend, Dewy, here, and they go off into outer space and then they... they get married"

-Meatwad, Aqua Teen Hunger Force

ARTS & CULTURE

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Puttin' the Gore on a pedestal



BY SAM WOOLLEY
A&C Editor

Want to talk about something very awesome? How about the fact that Al Gore and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize on Oct. 12?

I could honestly dance in the streets for this news, and actually would if I wasn't so scared of slipping and busting my squash due to the fact that the streets are so wet with premature rain caused by man-made environmental change.

Why am I so happy, you ask? Well, because this reward offers some well-deserved, and massive, vindication for both the UN panel and the man who should have been president.

Skeptics have been denouncing both the panel and Gore for believing in global warming since day one. Then again these same people also likely don't believe in evolution and think the world is only a few thousand years old; I propose we instill some poetic justice by crafting a time machine and sending them back to the Stone Age.

This reward absolutely trumps global warming as some silly partisan issue and brings it to the highest of high platforms. Boo ya, in yo' face nay sayers!

Even if Al Gore rubs you the wrong way, I hope that you can see that he is doing the world a favor for Christ's sake. Literally, he may be an angel sent here by Christ. So please go see Gore's movie "An Inconvenient Truth," which won the 2007 Academy Award for Best Documentary.

If you are among those who do not believe in the reality of global warming please come to the Vista office in UC 114 so I can laugh in your face.

POW! COMICS ON THE RISE

BY ALEX ANTONE
Opinion Editor

Comic books nowadays are more than just snappy dialogue and cool poses. Over the last decade, comic books have slowly crept their way back into the mainstream, with multiple big screen adaptations being released each year. The "Spider-Man" and "Batman" franchises have grossed over \$1 billion in box office sales, and studios are buying comic book properties like Girl Scout cookies.

It's not just about capes and tights either. Frank Miller, creator of "Sin City" and "300," has been at the forefront of the comic book resurgence and Garth Ennis' supernatural masterpiece, "Preacher," is now being turned into an HBO series.

It seems to be that big-time Hollywood creators are citing comic book storytelling as a serious influence, and even breaking into comic-writing themselves. Joss Whedon, creator of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," writes "Astonishing X-Men" and "Runaways" for Marvel, and Alan Heinberg, who has writing credits on shows such as "Sex and the City," "The OC" and "Grey's Anatomy," writes "Young Avengers" for Marvel and "Wonder Woman" for DC Comics.

If you still find yourself skeptical about the intellectual value of comic books, look no further than Alan Moore's "Watchmen," published by DC Comics. To many comic fans, "Watchmen" can be considered

one of the best graphic novels of all time. In fact, "Time" magazine ranks "Watchmen" among the top 100 novels written since 1923. On a list that includes "Animal Farm," "Lord of the Rings," "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" and "The Grapes of Wrath," clearly, "Watchmen" is in good company. In "Watchmen," the intense vision created by Moore's deconstruction of the superhero genre makes costumed vigilantes feel almost scarily real. It is no wonder that Moore, also responsible for "V for Vendetta," has been hounded by Hollywood-types for many years, but refuses to write for the screen, expressing that he prefers the comic book medium above all others.

Writer Brian K. Vaughan continues Moore's quest to push the medium. Now also an executive script editor on ABC's "Lost," Vaughan's current work includes "Y: The Last Man," a story about a plague that kills every animal on Earth with a Y chromosome, and "Ex Machina," a political thriller about an ex-superhero who turns to politics to save a post 9/11 New York City.

Moore also spent many years writing for the DC Comics imprint company, WildStorm, as featured on "The OC," and hitting shelves this month is WildStorm's newest event: "Armageddon."

WildStorm senior editor, Ben Abernathy, gave The Vista a preview of this earth-shattering crossover. "Armageddon" takes familiar characters from the WildStorm Universe pantheon of heroes and transports them to a post-apocalyptic future, where the majority of humanity is dead



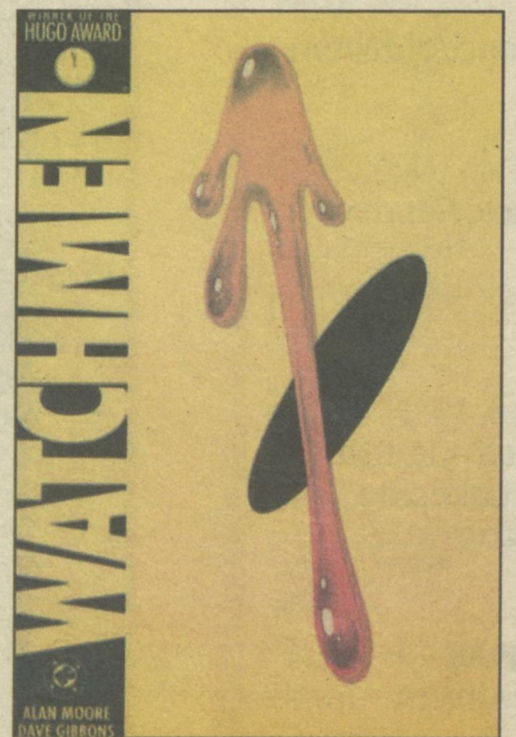
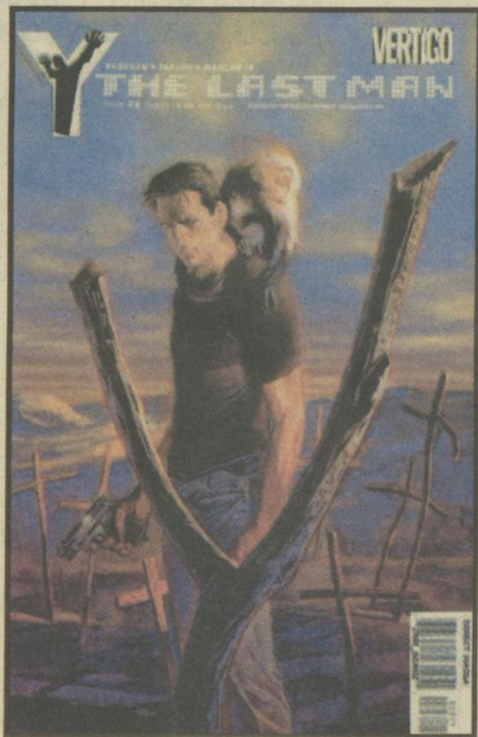
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WildStorm's "Armageddon" event begins on Oct. 31.

and Earth is a blasted rock. Each character will see what's befallen their teammates and, through this, the reader will get a global look at this catastrophe – so we'll see post-apocalyptic visions of everywhere from New York City to London to Prague. It's got the sci-fi/horror elements of all good post-apocalyptic stories, but also leaves the reader wondering – "is this a future that can be averted or is it a look at things to come?"

It's never too late to jump

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Brian K. Vaughan's creator-owned titles like "Y: The Last Man" (left) published by Vertigo and "Ex Machina" (middle) published by WildStorm are being adapted for the big screen. The "Watchmen" movie is scheduled for release nationwide on March 6, 2009.

Rilo Kiley gives a little love to enthusiastic fans at Soma

BY KAITLIN PERRY
Asst. A & C Editor

"It's a Hit" was not only the opening song of Rilo Kiley's show at Soma on Oct. 12 but also the perfect way to describe the impressive performance.

Jenny Lewis, wearing sparkly silver Lycra "Daisy Duke's" over shimmering white tights, jeweled Mary Jane's and a belted black vest, stood out against the all-gold set and established an immediate connection with the audience, smiling and making eye contact with her many admirers as soon as she stepped onstage.

After the somewhat controversial August release of "Under the Blacklight," Rilo Kiley was criticized by their fans for being experimental with their musical style. Their single, "The Moneymaker," was hated because it was different from what people expected the band to come out

with once they reunited. The songs from "Under the Blacklight" are in actuality an eclectic mix of genres, instruments, lyrics, subjects and vocals, proving that Rilo Kiley is one of the most versatile and talented bands today.

Soma was packed with fans appreciative of Rilo Kiley's hard work and positive attitude. With all of the bright lighting, strobe lighting and blacklighting, the venue was in a constant state of upbeat. Though it was surprising for the band to start with a song from their latest release, "More Adventurous," the crowd loved being caught off guard. Fans went crazy as Lewis rocked out while playing guitar for "Portions for Foxes" and "Close Call," one of the best songs on "Under the Blacklight."

Rilo Kiley never missed a beat, even while things slowed down as Blake Sennett played the ukulele for "Ripchord."



Jenny Lewis and her fellow Omaha rockers graced the stage of Soma Friday, Oct. 12. Rilo Kiley's latest album, "Under the Blacklight," was released in August.

Though they didn't actually play the title track, "Under the Blacklight," Rilo Kiley did play the synthesizer intro and did an impressive transition into "The Moneymaker," invoking bass euphoria throughout the venue.

Song after song was played, every one a major crowd pleaser, especially "Silver Lining" and "With Arms Out-

stretched," in which Lewis messed up the lyrics in the middle and had the audience sing the rest, which they did with boisterous voices.

The show was better than I expected it to be, in spite of my high expectations. Lewis' smile never left her face, Sennett played his guitar as though he would never play it again; he went insane, and the

shout outs to San Diego were much appreciated.

After the one-song encore, fans stood in awe, wanting and needing more, even though the lights had turned on and the band had left the stage. The presence of Rilo Kiley will be hard to forget, and tickets for their next southern California show will definitely be purchased without hesitation.

Wes Anderson's latest may just be his greatest

Schwartzman, Wilson and Brody act with great success across India

BY CHRIS BROWN
staff writer

Every once in a while, a movie comes along that could potentially change your life. "The Darjeeling Limited" is one of those movies. Its witty dialogue, cool cinematography, smooth acting, exotic setting, uniquely catchy music, free-flowing plot and, not to mention, its unexpectedly powerful scenes scream profundity. Following the subtly comical styles of his past movies, director Wes Anderson ("The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou" and "The Royal Tenenbaums") delivers another addition to the growing list of impressive contemporary independent films.

"The Darjeeling Limited" is a story about the self-proclaimed "spiritual quest" of three wealthy brothers, Francis

(Owen Wilson), Jack (Jason Schwartzman) and Peter (Adrian Brody), whose "itineraried" journey becomes an improvised adventure through the back lands and train stops of India. Francis, the oldest brother and organizer of the expedition, aspires to bring his now distant brothers back together following a near death experience that leaves his face in bandages. When their plans are altered, however, the brothers are left stranded in India and forced to deal with each other, as well as their own personal issues. As the plot appears to be getting relatively serious, the movie throws in some ridiculousness in a way only an indie film could; over-meaning is nar-

rowly averted.

The only negative aspect of the film was that the fine line

Anderson uses longtime friends Wilson and Schwartzman to match his unique style

...the unexpectedly powerful scenes [of "The Darjeeling Limited"] scream profundity."

between a discreetly profound independent film and a ridiculously forced one is walked so closely at times that it depends entirely upon the perspective of the viewer to determine which of these descriptions better suits "The Darjeeling Limited." However, even the most skeptical moviegoer should be able to appreciate most of the jokes. After all, "The Darjeeling Limited" is foremost a comedy, and then a meaningful movie.

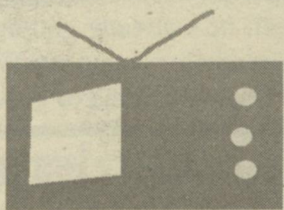
of comedy in a perfect way. Even newcomer Brody is seamlessly funny throughout the film. The cohesion and believability of characters is what makes this movie work as a comedy. Other common Anderson actors make appearances in the film, including Bill Murray, Angelica Huston and Kumar Pallana.

The most original aspect of the "The Darjeeling Limited" is that it is the second part to a short film called "Hotel Chevalier." "Hotel Chevalier" is a must-see, not only because it is insightful and Natalie Portman is stripped down to

socks, but also because it's free to download off iTunes. In addition, the slyly placed references to the short film throughout its full-length counterpart allow for many humorous moments that will pass right over the head of the unaware audience member next to you.

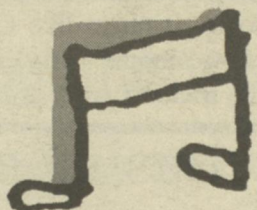
That included, "The Darjeeling Limited" is a complete package of solid work. Don't listen to me, though. Roger Ebert gives the movie three and a half stars and calls it, "a better film [than 'The Life Aquatic with Steve Zissou'], warmer, more engaging, funnier and very surrounded by India, that nation of perplexing charm." So even if this movie doesn't change your life, it is definitely worth seeing; if not for the bits of sneakily placed meaning, then to experience excellently written eccentric comedy.

Editor's Picks: where you try and pretend you care



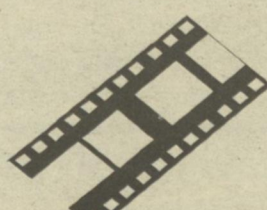
"South Park"

Season 11's second portion kicked off a few weeks ago and it's good as ever.



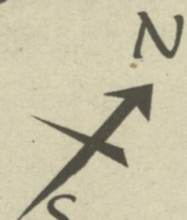
Coconut Records

Jason Schwartzman is one bad mo-fo. This album is awesome, the single "West Coast" recalls his Phantom Planet roots.



"The Darjeeling Limited"

Wes Anderson's latest is funny as hell. Go see it. It may be a cure to some forms of depression.



Crest Cafe

Go to this place in Hillcrest some weekend for breakfast. The menu has so many delicious things that you won't know what to order.

Band of Horses gains indie cred with new cd

BY KAITLIN PERRY
ASST. A&C EDITOR

Band of Horses, a group comprised of three men from Seattle, released their sophomore effort, "Cease to Begin," Oct. 9.

Both "Cease to Begin" and their 2006 debut, "Everything All the Time," were released on SubPop Records, the same label as indie giants The Shins and The Postal Service. Band of Horses is accompanied by some of the most talented artists of the past seven years, and rightfully so.

Lead singer Ben Bridwell's voice leaves listeners feeling as though they have experienced a whirlwind of emotion, pleasure and contemplative thought.

"Everything All the Time" and "Cease to Begin" truly have a sound all their own that's catchy and intriguingly easy to listen to.

"Is There a Ghost," the opening track on "Cease to Begin," sets the stage perfectly for every other song on the album. With a pleasant balance of subtlety and voice inflection, the climax of the song hits you that much harder and leaves you with a smile on your face and wide eyes, amazed at what your ears just experienced.

"Detlef Schrepf" is a piece of sensual genius. The lyrics are simple, but Bridwell's voice makes this song intense; it's the type of song you could listen to on repeat all day.

The barely one-minute-long "Lam on the Lam (In the City)" leaves you wanting more as the guitars build up an anticipation that can't be satisfied.

In both "Marry Song" and "The General Specific," Bridwell's voice has a little bit more of a country twang to it, which could either be considered a nice change of pace or an interruption. Either way, the album would not be complete, or as affecting, without them.

The 10th and final song, "Window Blues," is a perfect closer for the album, kind of like a somber goodbye, leaving listeners anxious to start the whole process over again.

When you listen to an artist and the first thing that comes to your mind is that you absolutely need to see them perform their songs live, you know that you have found something special. "Cease to Begin" is one of 2007's nicest gifts and will leave you fulfilled and maybe even a little bit more in touch with your surroundings, your music taste and yourself.

Community guide special: OB farmers' market *Hipping the High-Minded*

BY CARRIE WIDDER
GUEST WRITER

Are you curious to try something new? Are you tired of hitting up Ralph's to buy that special loaf of artisan bread? Is Trader Joe's getting a little tough on the wallet when you want to buy some spicy red pepper hummus? Well look no further than your own backyard, because the farmers' market in Ocean Beach is calling your name every Wednesday evening with all of the above, and more.

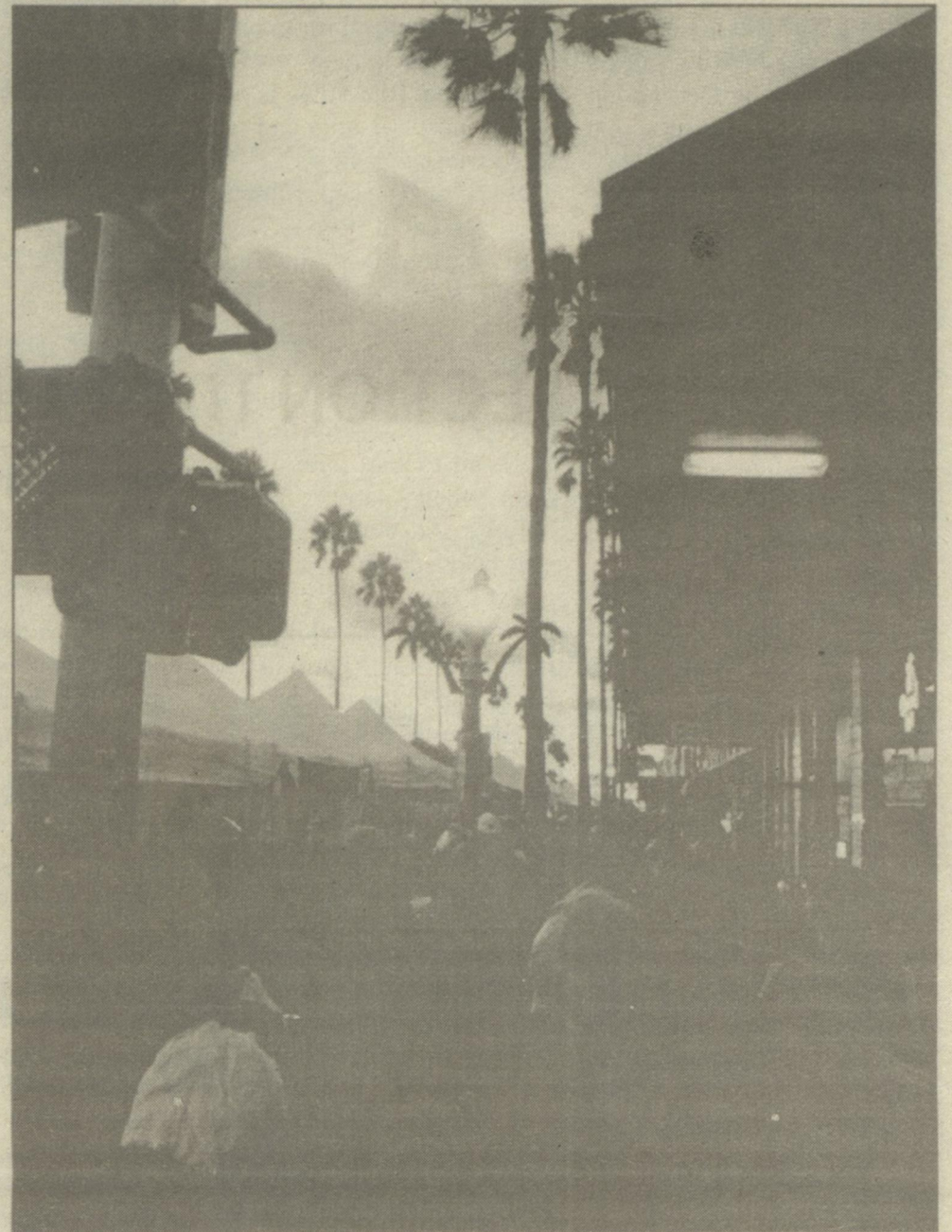
When one enters the market, it may be difficult to even know where to begin. On one hand, you could start at the north end by the bounce house, but my recommendation would be to start at the south end of Newport Avenue and work your way up the street, and then back down. Upon entrance, to your right you will see a live band, which changes every week. They range from rock to reggae to hoedown country music, so there is a little something for everyone.

Fresh flowers are abundant all over the market. Every stand has beautiful and reasonably priced flowers available for your choosing, and will usually give you some sort of deal when you purchase in bulk.

Jewelry, clothing, houseware and more also await you. Don't be surprised to find yourself pausing at every stand for at least five minutes to peruse the different types of necklaces and rings handcrafted by the owner. There are gorgeous wrap dresses and skirts to please the bohemian soul within us all, as well as an assortment of wind-catchers, hand-made vanilla lip balm, and blown-glass vases with intricate detail. Add the smells of tamales and kettle corn cooking, along with a DJ nearby spinning "Red, Red Wine," and you're there.

What is a farmers' market review, however, without describing the food? This is the most exciting part of the market, and for good reason. One must remember to try to keep a straight and clear mind while checking out each stand, because you could find yourself walking out of there with more food than you had intended on purchasing in the first place!

An important tip to keep in mind is to go to the farmers market with an empty stomach. Do not, I repeat, do not eat before you come. Every stand has samples for customers to



CARRIE WIDDER/THE VISTA

The bustling stands of the Ocean Beach farmers' market provide customers with everything from delicious food to various arts and crafts. Visitors can even take a real-life llama ride. Whoopee!

test their palettes with, and they aren't stingy about it either. The best place to stand and snack is the hummus table. There are about 15 different flavors of hummus, from avocado and cilantro, to roasted red pepper and basil. Delicious. Don't even think about buying the hummus without its perfect companion, pita bread. Baked is usually the way to go, but mix it up each week and you won't be sorry.

As you walk up the street you'll notice many bread stands offering all types of carbohydrate goodness. They have raisin, olive and cheese artisan bread, some even baked in exciting shapes. Wake up Thursday morning and make yourself some toast. Wonderbread will never satisfy you again.

As you walk around, try to stop by the cookie stand. You can buy any cookie for just 50 cents; trust me, they're good. I recommend the molasses cookie. It tastes like Christmas came a few months early. Here's a trick of the trade as well: come closer

to closing and they'll give you a few of the "broken" cookies free of charge. Not a bad deal.

The classic farmers' market staples are there too. Sweet honey, savory nuts and deliciously fruity jelly are all within relation to one another, and they've never tasted this good. The honey comes in a ton of different flavors, and makes the best snack when you're on the run and need a little sweetness. Crack open the honey stick and you're good to go. As far as the nuts go, pick your poison. Salted, unsalted, honey roasted and, for all those itching to try something new, crème-brûlée roasted nuts. Yes, they exist. Lastly, the jelly stand. The jelly man alone is one of my favorite merchants at the market. He insists that you try any one of his jelly flavors and you will not be sorry. He even has a little sample on a spoon just waiting for your approval. As you taste test, he's already getting another sample ready for you to try. What's not to love about that kind of generosity?

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Your Destiny Awaits!

Hillcrest residents chow down some delicious noodles at Chow

BY JACLYN KURTELA
GUEST WRITER

I don't know if it was the light tunes of a very Zen-like Incubus song or the giddy feeling of being in Hillcrest that put me in the mood to enjoy some noodles.

Whatever the case, I found myself sitting in a very chic and casual noodle house by the name of Chow.

Upon approaching the restaurant, I wasn't too sure if I wanted to "chow down," on classic greasy chicken fried rice or regular Thai noodles enveloped in a calorie-packed peanut sauce – not to mention I didn't want to walk out of the restaurant smelling like a beef pot-sticker or a fried wonton. However, by taking this leap into the wondrous side of Hillcrest, I enjoyed a very refreshing meal.

The menu was filled with so many options that I didn't know where to start. I asked the waiter what his most popular dishes were, and he replied with the options of drowning in the "Drunken Noodles," or having a good time with the "Chow Fun."

My guest and I opted to try both, along with sea-salted edamame and the Thai fried rice.

While we waited to get "drunk" and have some "fun," I didn't know who to look at – myself or my date, as the seating was very snug and our table was aligned against a mirror wall, which created the illusion of a very large space.

The food arrived steaming. My mouth watered at the upside-down bowl-shaped rice lounging on its side, topped with freshly scissor-cut cucumbers.

My guest's plate was filled with sautéed flat noodles, spinach, fresh tomatoes and some crispy delicacies catering to its taste. The chowmein had a very tasty sauce and delicious fresh veggies. Our very energetic waiter, Chris, cleared our plates and left us with two slices of cantaloupe. It was not the average mint, but a cold bite to end our delight.

My guest drove me home through the lights of Hillcrest and I think it was the only "drunken" drive I will ever experience.

Jesca Hoop to croon at the Casbah tomorrow evening



COURTESY OF NETWORK MUSIC GROUP

Rad new singer/songwriter Jesca Hoop, who released her debut album on Sept. 18, is set to perform at the Casbah tomorrow. Though Hoop's songs are difficult to label as far as genre is concerned, she is best described as a cross between Feist, Joanie Mitchell and Imogen Heap. Hoop found much of her roots and folk influence while growing up in a traditionally Mormon household that championed the putting on of musicals and the singing of murder ballads.

More events to check out this week

Jimmy Eat World

Arizona's superpop 90s allstars will attempt to rock the stage at House of Blues tomorrow. Check out the show review here next week.

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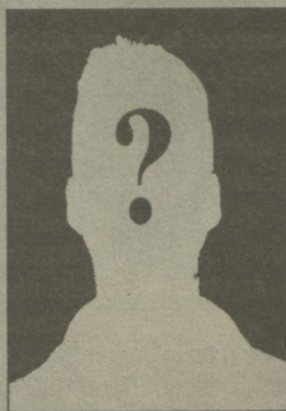
This awesome indie rock group plays at the Casbah Tues., Oct. 23. Look for an interview with them in next week's issue of The Vista.

Jesus and Mary Chain

Just reunited this year, the Jesus and Mary Chain touch down at 4th and B for what promises to be a stellar show. Their tunes have been featured in many of Sophia Coppola's films.

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Is there anything Jason Schwartzman can't do?

BY LINETTE MANRIQUE
STAFF WRITER

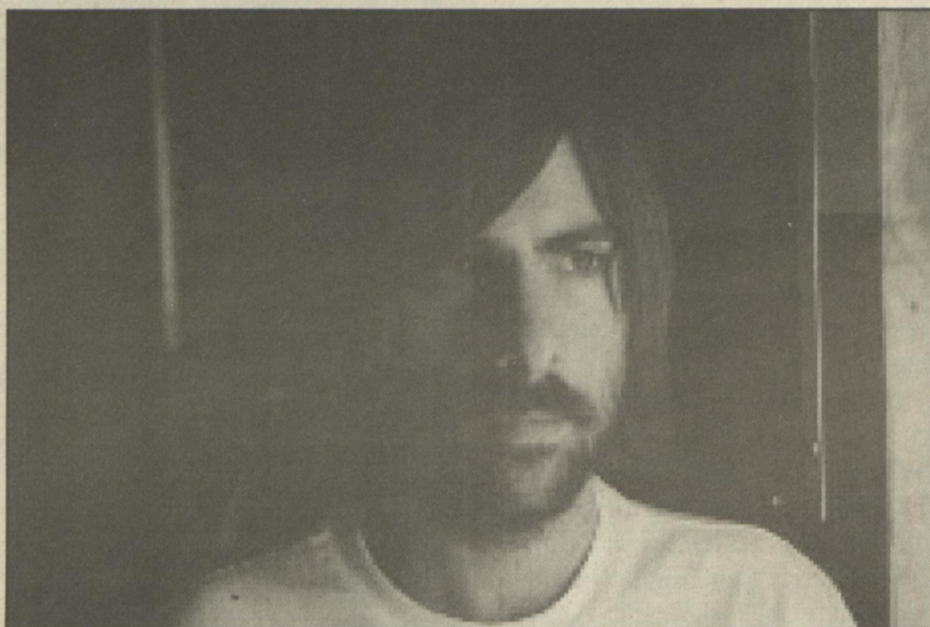
For those who only know Jason Schwartzman from his quirky, hilarious performances in movies like "I Heart Huckabees," "Shopgirl" and the newly released "The Darjeeling Limited," the thought of him releasing an album might make one cringe. Understandable – rarely does an actor-turned-musician release something good or worthy of a record collection.

Schwartzman, however, started off as a musician. Before landing his role as Max in Wes Anderson's "Rushmore," he was the drummer of the alternative rock band Phantom Planet. He eventually left the band to pursue acting as a full-time career.

Now that Schwartzman has made a mark in the film industry, he returned to music with Coconut Records, his new solo project, and his charming, indie-pop debut album "Nighttiming".

The opening track, "This Old Machine," is a poppy-acoustic tune in which Schwartzman yearningly sings "All of my life I waited for you," which sets the mood for the rest of the album. This is followed by the strongest and best song "West Coast" – a wistful, mournful anthem of Schwartzman's return to the west coast.

"West Coast" shares a lot of qualities with Phantom Planet's biggest hit "California." The twinkling pianos, strummed acoustic underpinnings, beach-ready rhythms and contrasting quiet/loud



COURTESY OF BOOM LA

The renaissance man in Jason Schwartzman emerges with his solo album under the pseudonym "Coconut Records." This year alone Schwartzman has released the album and starred in Anderson's "The Darjeeling Limited," which he helped write.

chorus crash are all present, but instead of that song's exuberant anticipation of going back to California, "West Coast" is suffused with melancholy and longing. Schwartzman reluctantly says goodbye to someone and tells her he wishes he could put her in his suitcase so she could come with him.

While Coconut Records feature melodious, California-based, anthemic pop reminiscent of Phantom Planet in songs like "It's Not You It's Me," others, like "Minding My Own Business," are Weezer-worthy pop-rock gems.

What sets Coconut Records apart from these two bands are Schwartzman's melancholic musings, like in the acoustic,

country-tinged song "Summer Day." In this song Schwartzman sings in a reedy voice, "If it's a summer day.../ then tell me why/ it feels like it might rain on me" – hinting that not even the California sunshine can cheer him up. This is followed by the infectiously upbeat, disco-fueled, foot-stomping title track, "Nighttiming," which is impossible to get out of your head after you listen to it.

Although the album is a bit uneven – one moment a song seems to be a ballad, the next a rambling rock number – the songs are nonetheless a batch of pretty, catchy and unique indie-pop that everyone can enjoy.

Kite Flyers rock Aromas

BY KAITLIN PERRY
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Kite Flying Society was the Tuesday Night Buzz at Aromas, Oct. 8. This light-hearted yet highly entertaining band brought their good-mood-inducing beats to USD's nearly empty on-campus café.

The band consists of one girl and four guys who switch off on vocals and instruments. With music harmonized by synths, an acoustic guitar, electric guitars and a xylophone, among other instruments, one would think the 20 or so people in line for caffeine would stay to experience the happy sounds created by KFS. Unfortunately, not very many people seem to appreciate what the Concert Committee is giving them: free access to talented up-and-coming musicians. And yes, Kite Flying Society, a band local to San Diego, is indeed receiving recognition from the music world.

This indie-rock band was awarded Best New Artist of the Year at the 2006 San Diego Music Awards and deemed the "#1 unsigned band in the country," as well as "proof that southern California pop is not a dead art." Their album, "Where is the Glow?" has received four and a half out of five stars on iTunes. They have even been compared to well-known bands such as The Shins.

Those who did not attend Kite Flying Society's uplifting show truly missed out and would be wise to take advantage of the next Tuesday Night Buzz performance. It's free, so why not?



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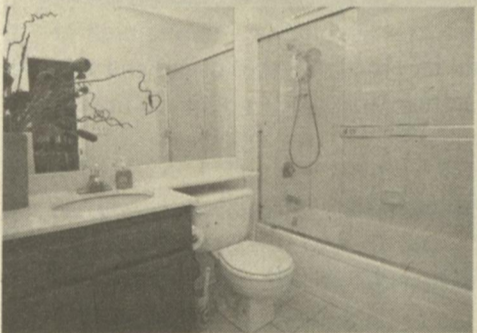
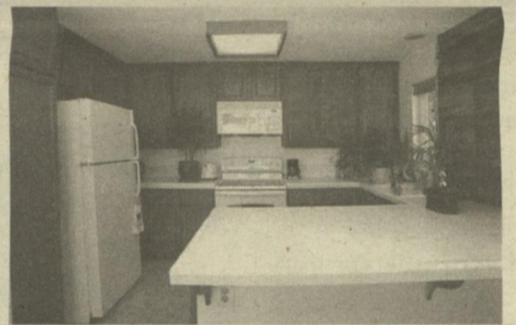
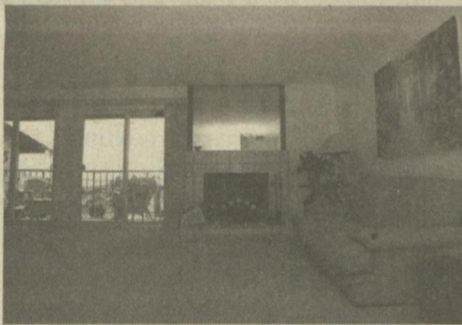
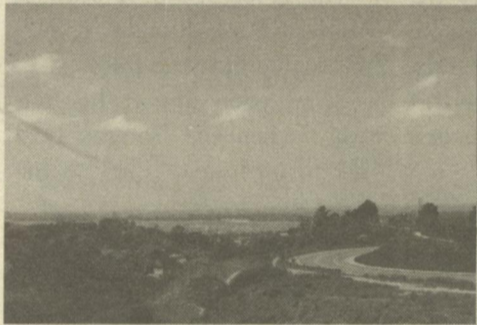
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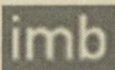
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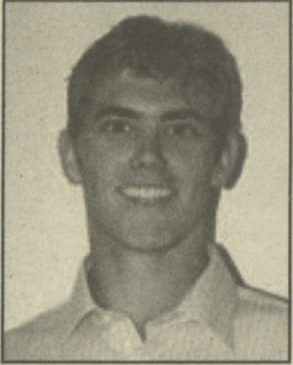
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"Baseball's policy needs to be one of zero tolerance and it needs to have teeth."

-Elijah Cummings

Stripped by justice



BY ANDY KAESTLE
SPORTS EDITOR

The topic of steroid usage is constantly being discussed within the realm of professional sports in a curiously casual fashion.

With insignificant suspensions and fines being dished out to convicted Major League Baseball and National Football League athletes, the benefits of using steroids, at first glance, clearly outweigh the consequences.

Global events such as the Tour de France and the Olympic games are now a completely different story.

Within the last month Marion Jones, internationally recognized for her sprinting, had to relinquish her most-prized possessions.

At the Sydney games in 2000, Jones was awarded three gold and two bronze medals, all of which she complied to give back.

This unfortunate and embarrassing debacle doesn't end there for Jones.

Discussion is now in progress, moving closer to making a decision of whether or not her team members from the victorious relay events should also give up their medals.

It's unfortunate for the other athletes who competed against Jones in these events and were defeated unjustly. Even more unfortunate is that the medals supposedly earned by Jones' team members are now in jeopardy.

Our culture's steroid usage problem is fueled by the sports icons whom young people of our generation look up to.

Like it or not, steroid usage today is quickly heading towards being accepted as an influential element of professional sports.

National title in sight for No. 16 Torero volleyball

VOLLEYBALL, cont.

With the 34-32, 30-19, 24-30, 30-23 win the Toreros still find themselves in a three-way tie for first place with a 4-1 WCC record, a record shared with Pepperdine and Santa Clara.

Quickly gaining a six-point lead early on, the Toreros put on an impressive show against the Lions in game one. Trailing 21-11, LMU came back with an 8-2 run to tie the score at 24.

After USD recaptured the lead, the two teams were never more than two points apart from each other. Both teams had opportunities to win the game, but an Abrahamson kill sparked a 3-0 run that gave the Toreros a 34-32 victory over the Lions.

With the thrill of game one motivating the Toreros, they took a 5-1 lead over the Lions early in game two. USD began with a Jessica Nyrop service ace and capped the run on a kill by DeGroot off a set from Nyrop.

LMU countered with an 8-4 run to tie the score at 9-9. The Toreros continued to fight and regained the lead

with a kill by Abrahamson that sparked a 5-2 USD run and gave them a three-point lead, 14-11.

The Lions roared back and came within two points, but the Toreros didn't give up. Outscoring the Lions 15-6, the USD Toreros claimed the victory. Abrahamson had six kills in game two.

LMU avoided a sweep by coming out strong in game three with a 5-1 lead. Although coming within one point several times in the match, the Toreros never rallied for the lead and the Lions claimed game three with a 30-24 victory over the Toreros.

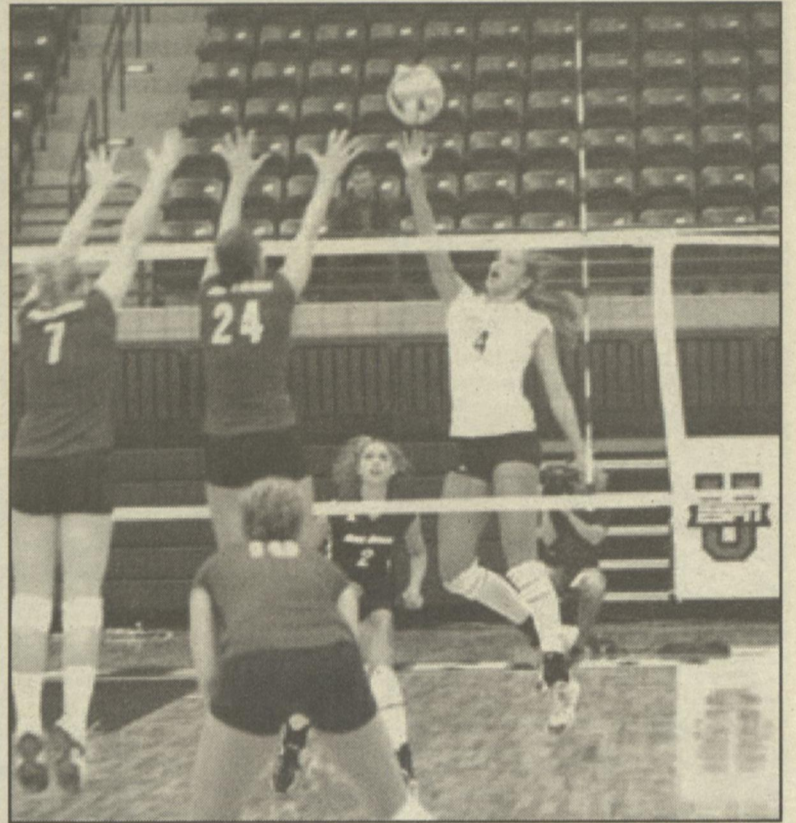
Game four saw the Toreros take an early lead when an LMU attack error sparked a 6-1 run for San Diego.

Erin Wiskar's service ace gave the Toreros a 12-6 lead. The Lions pulled back within two at 13-11 but San Diego countered.

Although the Lions came within two again at 18-16, USD rallied to a 7-2 run with a kill a-piece by DeGroot and Abrahamson.

Despite hitting just .174, the Toreros won the final frame 30-23 and secured the match.

Laurel Abrahamson led the Toreros with 21 kills and six



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Sophomore Amy Degroot winds up to spike past the LMU defense.

blocks. Abrahamson has been awarded the honor of WCC Player of the month.

"My team has helped... We've been working hard both as a team and individually by doing extra work," Abrahamson said. She hopes the wins this past weekend will motivate the Toreros to continue their success the rest of the season.

"Our team has great depth,"

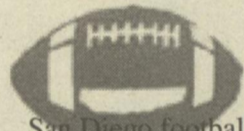
she said. "All of us are working to show that we are the defending WCC champions... We're working to go undefeated from now on."

The Toreros will be back in action at home tonight as they take on the Portland Pilots.

Show your support this Saturday when the Toreros host Gonzaga in their "Dig for the Cure" match.

Week in Toreros

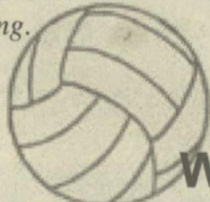
BY ANDY KAESTLE
SPORTS EDITOR



Football

San Diego football defined themselves this weekend as the definite No. 1 team in the nation after turning an anticipated close game into a runaway blowout. The Toreros sent the Drake Bulldogs back to Iowa with a 59-19 bruise.

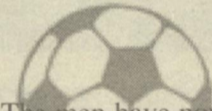
Next Game: This weekend they are home again to host Jacksonville. Kickoff is set for 6 p.m. Saturday evening.



Women's Volleyball

The women continue to present a threatening force within the West Coast Conference, going 2-0 this weekend. The Toreros won 3-0 and 3-1 over Pepperdine and Loyola Marymount respectively. The wins moved the women to No. 16 in the nation going into another tough week of match-ups.

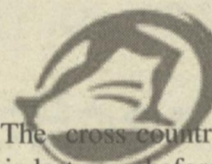
Next Game: Tonight at 7 p.m. the Toreros are set to take on highly-stocked Portland here at home. On Saturday Gonzaga will travel to the JCP to try their luck against the Toreros. The game will start at 1 p.m.



Men's Soccer

The men have now won two straight after winning both of last week's games. The team recorded victories of 2-1 and 1-0. The 1-0 win was decided in overtime when senior Colin Jennings scored the game-winner.

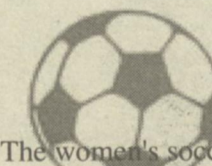
Next Game: Their next match-up is tomorrow night set for 7:30 p.m. here at USD. The Toreros will be taking on St. Mary's, looking to improve their 5-6 record.



Men's Cross Country

The cross country team finished in respectable fashion at their last race before the WCC championships. Junior Chris Jacobs led San Diego's six racers finishing 14th with a time of 27:17. The Torero runner-up was freshman Kevin O'Malley, finishing 27th with 28:48.

Next Game: The regular-season-concluding race is scheduled for Oct. 27 in Belmont Calif. San Diego is hoping to build off of last year's successful WCC championship race.



Women's Soccer

The women's soccer team moved up to No. 11 in the latest national polls after last weekend's 1-0 win over Santa Clara.

Next Game: The women are hosting Loyola Marymount for a Friday night match-up set to start at 5 p.m. This game is one of the season's more highly anticipated matches.

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San Diego dismantles Bulldogs 59-19

Toreros decisively earn top mid-major spot in nation

BY BEN CROOKSTON
STAFF WRITER

While showers dusted the grass of Walter J. Zable Field throughout the afternoon, the Torero football team provided the only storm Saturday. USD annihilated the second-ranked Drake Bulldogs, bringing its record to 6-0.

The San Diego defense, captained by senior defensive end Eric Bakhtiari, brought the early thunder by forcing seven total turnovers and shutting down the Bulldogs' high-octane running back Scott Phayadavong.

Phayadavong, who in his last visit to Torero stadium ran for 247 yards and two touchdowns, was bottled up by San Diego's front seven. In the game he managed to rack up a pithy 63 yards on the ground.

The manic relentlessness of potential pro athlete Bakhtiari allowed him to post a San Diego-record four sacks, three of which led to fumbles.

Bakhtiari has developed a nearly unstoppable pass rush, managing to power through even the best offensive units.

"Our defense created six first-half turnovers, which were huge," USD head coach Ron Caragher said.

The feat of six turnovers alone in the first half theoretically qualified the Toreros for a guaranteed victory.

Making contributions to the potluck of turnovers were redshirt junior cornerback Ben Hannula and junior linebacker Jordan Sinclair, who returned interceptions for touchdowns of 99 and 43 yards, respectively.

While the defense came out on fire, the offense lagged behind.

"It took us a little while to get our offense going, which is uncharacteristic of us, but our defense just kept creating opportunities for us with



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Senior quarterback Josh Johnson threw for five touchdowns and recorded nearly 400 all-purpose yards in the Torero's win over Drake.

those turnovers. Once we got it going offensively, we really got it going," Caragher said.

Johnson provided the majority of the lightning strikes for the Torero offense, burning the Bulldogs for 305 yards passing and five touchdowns.

The senior field general spread the wealth, hitting seven different receivers in a 15 of 23 effort.

Leading the platoon of receivers was redshirt senior Wes Doyle. Using his size and strength, Doyle out-muscled Drake defensive backs, nabbing seven

receptions, two of which went for touchdowns.

The Toreros will try to match their stellar performance next Saturday at home against the Jacksonville Dolphins who they struggled against last season. Kickoff is scheduled for 6 p.m. This weekend's game will be the Toreros' last contest at home until Nov. 3.

For students who live off campus, the USD tram will provide its services to and from the beach, starting its route promptly at 4 p.m.

Volleyball earns pair of WCC road wins

Women go 2-0 on weekend, improve national rank to No. 16

BY RAY AYALA
STAFF WRITER

Three close games were played in a grudge match between the USD Toreros and the Pepperdine Waves last Thursday night. The Toreros, ranked No. 17, won each of them, 30-28, 30-27, 30-26.

Pepperdine (11-5, 3-1) was the last unbeaten team in the West Coast Conference. San Diego (11-5, 3-1) matched the Waves in the standings with a sweep.

The Toreros had an impressive balanced attack with five players collecting at least eight kills. Sophomore outside hitter Amy DeGroot led the Toreros with 16 kills while Laurel Abrahamson, WCC player of the month, racked in 12 kills on 23 attempts.

In game one, the Waves got off to a strong start. Pepperdine went on a 6-0 run early on but the Toreros countered

with a 5-2 run to stay in the game. The Waves responded and brought their lead up to seven at 23-16.

The Toreros kept it close, however, and finally tied the game at 27-27. After a Pepperdine point, USD scored the next three to claim game one 30-28 on an Abrahamson kill.

Numerous hitting errors for the Waves enabled the Toreros to gain a 9-3 lead early in game two. After a time out, the Waves scored the next five to get the score back to 9-8, and then a 6-0 run a little later by the Waves gave them their first lead of the game at 18-17. That didn't last long as the Toreros went on a 7-4 run to take over and finally claim the win at 30-27.

In game three the Toreros again came out strong when Erin Wiskar sparked an early 5-1.

With the Toreros leading 10-5, the Waves picked up the pace with an im-

pressive 8-0 run. Pepperdine turned it into a 13-10 lead but the Toreros kept it close. Tied 16-16, Pepperdine scored four straight points to stretch ahead. San Diego went on a 7-2 run of its own to regain the lead at 23-22, as Wiskar had a kill, an ace and two block assists. Tied 23-23, the Toreros rattled off another three points in a row. Another Wiskar service ace gave USD the lead for good, as the Toreros claimed the match with a 30-26 win.

San Diego hit .255 and Pepperdine hit .212 overall.

Abrahamson and DeGroot led the Toreros Saturday with a combined 39 of the team's 70 kills to help lead USD to a 3-1 win over the LMU Lions at their den.

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Former USD football coach leads Stanford into history

BY JOSH SUTCHAR
STAFF WRITER

The last time USC lost a football game in the Los Angeles Coliseum was Sept. 29, 2001. The Trojans' last defeat at home came during head coach Pete Carroll's first year as head coach. Since then, USC ripped through its competition with absolute dominance, winning 63 of its next 70 games since the loss to Stanford in 2001.

USC has won five consecutive Pacific-10 titles and has finished in the top four in the AP polls for the last four seasons.

Pete Carroll, had 31 years of NFL and college experience going into USC's conference match-up against Stanford. Meanwhile, Stanford has won just two national championships in its 115 years of college football (1926 and 1940) and yielded just one Heisman Trophy winner in its history. Stanford has not won the Pac-10 since 1999, while USC has achieved that feat five times since then.

Stanford, coached by first-year head coach Jim Harbaugh, came into their Oct. 6 match-up against USC, USA Today's top-ranked team, without their starting quarterback, T.C. Ostrander, due to a seizure he suffered earlier in the week and without starting running back, Toby Gerhart, due to injury. Stanford was a huge underdog, to say the least.

The "experts" announced 41 points as the spread in favor of perennial powerhouse, USC. As far as the world was concerned, Harbaugh's Cardinal didn't have a chance.

That is exactly why the Cardinal took the field in the sold-out Los Angeles Coliseum. They thought they had a chance, and they were right. Against all odds, Stanford's inexperienced quarterback replacement, Tavita Pritchard, found Richard Sherman on the game-winning drive to convert a 4th-and-20. The catch kept the drive alive and set up Pritchard's touchdown pass to wide receiver Mark Bradford.

Bradford's father, who always dreamed of having his son play for the Trojans, passed away less than two weeks prior to Stanford's meeting with the Trojans.

"In my head all I saw was my dad's voice," Bradford told the Associated Press. Bradford soared through the air, fully extending his 6-foot-2-inch, 215-pound frame, causing arguably the greatest upset in college football history.

"They are without a doubt the best team in college football and they might be the best college football team ever," Harbaugh said of the Trojans in a pre-season press conference. Regardless of physical talent and against all odds, it was truly a fairytale ending and will forever be remembered in college football.