Regatta What?

Engineering Students Test Their Skills in Annual Cardboard Boat Race

Left: Team Black Pearl paddles across the pool, hoping not to sink as they complete four laps from shore to shore.
Right: Another team begins their journey through the perilous waters.

Kelly Volkar
Pacifican Copy Editor

Pacific's School of Engineering and Computer Science held its annual Regatta Festival on Friday, Oct. 2 at Kjeldsen Pool. Every year freshmen engineering students participate in a competition for building boats solely out of cardboard and duct tape. This Festival is basically the "sink or swim" test for the budding engineer students' designs.

There were boats of all shapes and sizes, all complete with one or two people sitting inside, using their arms as paddles. One boat was a full blown ship, overshadowing all the others by far, and was complete with a flag denoting it as "The Black Pearl" with the "crew" wearing eye patches. This attributed ship to the Pirates of the Caribbean fared pretty well, until it reached roughly halfway, broke in half, and sunk in a manner much more reminiscent of the Titanic.

Macy Campbell-Unsoeld, a sophomore student, said, "The Regatta Festival was the highlight of my fall semester last year, and so far for this semester it has been as well."

"I'm always really impressed when they actually make the two laps," Zoe Hastings, a fellow sophomore agreed, "But it's just hilarious when they sink."

Campbell-Unsoeld and Hastings are two of a medium-sized, dedicated fan base that enjoys attending this event every fall semester. Plus there is always the free food to consider. If this sounds like some serious fun to watch, students can make some engineering friends, and find out the date for the Regatta Festival next fall.

Coming Out, Pacific Style

Ann Mazzaferro
Pacifican Staff Writer

October 11 is National Coming Out Day, and Pacific's PRIDE Alliance has planned a week full of film screenings, field trips, speakers, and marathons to raise awareness of LGBTQIA issues and create a safe space for people of all sexual orientations.

Starting this Sunday and running through Oct. 15, there are many exciting ways to get involved with the festivities. To kick off the week, PRIDE Alliance and Pacific Feminists are co-sponsoring a trip to San Francisco so students can participate in the annual Marriage Equality USA Coast to Coast Bridge Walk, which will take place at San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge.

Monday October 12 will see PRIDE hosting a barbecue on the University Center Lawn from 4:00 to 7:00, which promises to be full of food, drink, and great music. Students will also have the chance to share their stories of "coming out" on Tuesday at the annual Coming Out Forum, which will be held in Grace Covell Dining Hall at 6:00 pm.

Scarecrow Visits Pacific

Alex Ruano/ The Pacifican

A mechanized scarecrow, built by Pacific engineering students, was on display last Thursday outside of Khoury Hall. The motion-sensored figure dons a suit and leans forward with an extended hand when triggered. The scarecrow is currently on display at Dell' Osso Farms in Lathrop through the month of October. Visitors to the Dell' Osso corn maze will get the chance to vote on the best scarecrow. Pacific's entry is titled "The Pacific Haunting."
**COMING OUT**, continued from cover

"Diversity Extravaganza: Viewing the World through Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered, Queer, Intersex and Androgyne (or Ally) Lenses" will be the highlight of Wednesday Oct. 14. An entertaining, interactive and educational event designed to initiate discussion of the LGBTQIA experience and promote inclusivity, the Diversity Extravaganza will take place at the Multicultural Center at 8pm. Free food will be provided.

The final event of Coming Out Week will be a screening of the 1996 film "Beautiful Thing" at 8pm, Oct. 15, in the Pacific Theatre. The film is a coming-of-age story centered around the love between two young men growing up in southeast London, and was adapted from Jonathar Harvey's play of the same name.

For questions regarding the bridge walk, students are asked to contact Malachy McCormick at m_mccormick@pacific.edu. Students with questions regarding the barbecue should contact Aerin Morneau via a_morneau@pacific.edu. More information regarding the Coming Out Forum is available from Alexis Duclos at a_duclos@pacific.edu.

**FIREARMS TO SOON BE ALLOWED ON AMTRAK**

**Kelly Asmus**
Pacifican Staff Writer

On Wednesday, Sept. 16, a bill approved by the U.S. Senate that may allow passengers on Amtrak to check unloaded and locked handguns in the near future. Even though Amtrak officials say this measure may raise "numerous challenges," it is not a new thing for Amtrak.

Travelers used to be able to check-in licensed guns on Amtrak. However, after the events of 9/11 Amtrak imposed restrictions on weapons, and completely ended the practice after the Madrid train bombings on March 11, 2004, or 3/11 as it is sometimes called.

This is only one measure among many that are leading to the expansion of gun rights in America. The Senate had also already allowed gun owners with permits to carry their firearms with them in national parks and loosened gun laws in Washington, D.C.

Twenty-seven Democrats and one Independent, mostly from states where gun rights are heavily supported, voted with the Republicans voting yes on this new Amtrak measure.

The measure requires people carrying weapons to declare that they have a weapon, and that it is locked in a proper case. This will bring Amtrak policy more in line with what airlines allow. Only the registered gun owner may be able to unlock the hard-sided case holding the gun.

An area of concern for Amtrak is its inferior screening technology available at stations. Also, unlike airlines, Amtrak's luggage cars are much more accessible.

During an interview with The New York Times, Thomas C. Carper, the chairman of Amtrak's board, stated that "as a result of these significant differences with the air industry, Amtrak would need significant amount of time and funding to properly address a congressional mandate."

This is not a voluntary change by Amtrak. Amtrak will lose all of its federal subsidies if they choose not to put in the necessary systems to allow guns in checked baggage. If Amtrak were to lose all these funds, it would mean the end of Amtrak services throughout the nation.

People in support of the measure feel that Americans should not have their Second Amendment rights restricted for any reason, and have all stated that Amtrak is the only federally subsidized form of transportation restricting the rights.

People against this measure mainly argue that it would be too costly to bring current Amtrak stations up to par in allowing guns. Amtrak would have to implement a whole new way of running their trains and employees in the short time of a few months. By early spring Amtrak would have to implement new systems in place or they would lose their federal subsidies. The measure is currently being evaluated by the House of Representatives. It may be some time before the bill reaches President Obama's desk. Also, it does become a law, Amtrak will issue information on a later date to its passengers who will have to follow.
San Joaquin County Has Bleak Economic Outlook

Ana Gabriel
Pacifican Staff Writer

San Joaquin County has been greatly affected by the economy. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the county has one of the highest poverty rates as well as the lowest average income in most of the United States.

In recent years, the poverty rate for the county was beginning to steadily decline until 2008 when the rate jumped 4% in 2007 to a total of 16.8%. This is higher than the nation's poverty rate, which is 13.2%.

Even worse, about one in five children are living in poverty. These children are living in homes where the average household income is about $20,000. In comparison, the average four-person household in California makes $77,014 a year.

The increasing unemployment rate has contributed to such low income levels. Currently, the unemployment rate of San Joaquin County is at 15.2%, ranking 52 out of the 58 California counties. The University of the Pacific Business Forecasting Center has predicted that during 2010, the county's unemployment rates will have risen to 17.8%.

This gives many students who plan on staying in the county upon graduation reason to be pessimistic about their futures.

However, not all of San Joaquin County is facing economic problems. While the domestic production of the county fell from $16 to $15 billion, the county's agriculture is still thriving. In the annual crop report, the county's agriculture output exceeded $2 billion, with a total gross of $2.3 billion showing an increase from previous years.

The Forecasting Center also provides more optimism for the residents of San Joaquin County. Since the economy is expected to improve in 2010, job growth is expected to increase up to 2.8% in 2012.

Community Involvement Program Celebrates 40th Year Anniversary: Program Graduates include Jose Hernandez, Chris Issak

Media Relations

If it were not for the Community Involvement Program, astronaut Jose Hernandez might not have reached his dream of flying into space. Chris Issak might not have become a famous singer and song writer. And many other graduates of University of the Pacific might not have gone to college at all.

Because of Pacific's Community Involvement Program, also known as CIP, more than 1,000 low-income students from Stockton have been able to attend Pacific. This year marks the 40th anniversary since the scholarship program was founded. In honor of the program's success, Pacific will hold a private ceremony for current and former CIP students on Sunday, Oct. 11.

"It is an honor to celebrate this wonderful program which has been critical to the success of so many deserving students," said CIP Director Pov Chin. "A student's financial status should never be a barrier to obtaining a college education and pursuing their dreams."

In 1969 a group of students, community members, professors and staff members came together to design a program that would provide educational opportunities for Stockton's youth. As a result, CIP was created and it has been paving the way for aspiring college students ever since.

To be eligible, incoming freshmen must be Stockton residents for the past three years (unless they are a transfer student from San Joaquin Delta College), show financial need, and demonstrate an interest in serving the community. They must also be a U.S. citizen and come from a family where neither parent graduated from a four-year university.

Currently 137 students are in the program. Not only do they strive for academic success, they also continue to serve their communities. CIP students volunteer at a number of local agencies, including American Red Cross, Big Brothers Big Sisters, St. Mary's Dining Hall and Delta Keepers. This year the CIP students have also volunteered to serve as tutors at Cleveland Elementary School, which reduced its after-school tutorial programs due to state budget cuts.

For more information, or if you are a current or former CIP student who would like to attend the private ceremony, contact Pov Chin at 209.946.2436.

Federal Law Bans Flavored Cigarettes

Blair Paula
Pacifican Staff Writer

Pacifican students who smoke may find themselves in for a surprise the next time they attempt to buy a pack. Over the summer, the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act, a piece of anti-terrorism legislation, was amended. The President signed the legislation into law on June 22. The amendment bans the production, distribution, and sale of flavored cigarettes.

The ban went into effect Sept. 22. The amendment outlawed clove, candy, or fruit-flavored cigarettes. Menthol has been left specifically untouched by the legislation. All flavored cigars, chewing tobacco, and snuff have also remained exempt from the law.

In a statement explaining the reason behind the ban, Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Commissioner Dr. Margaret Hamburg stated, "Almost 90 percent of adult smokers start smoking as teenagers. These flavored cigarettes are a gateway for many children and young adults to become regular smokers," according to US News and World Report.

In a statement to ABC News, Lawrence Deyton, head of the FDA's newly created Center for Tobacco Products, said, "Studies show that 17-year-old smokers are three times as likely to use flavored cigarettes as smokers over the age of 25."

Deyton went on to say that the new law also would require tobacco companies to register with the FDA and will soon have to submit the components of their products.

Those who use flavored cigars or other flavored non-cigarette tobacco may soon be affected as well. The FDA has stated a desire to regulate the contents of flavored cigars, chewing tobacco, and snuff in the near future. Deyton has not ruled out the possibility of attempting to expand this legislation to include those products, as well. He also refused to rule out covering menthol-flavored cigarettes also.

What is Your News Source of Choice?

Kelly Volkar
Pacifican Copy Editor

During college it is extremely hard to keep up with what is going on in the world while also attempting to finish the piles of homework one always has to do. However, most students find one or two sources that they look at on a fairly regular basis in order to try and keep up.

"I read the Wall Street Journal because, as a Business Student, I am required to for class," said Kara Saavedra, senior.

"But other than that I rarely have time to watch the news due to my crazy schedule. When I don have some time, I usually watch "News 10, Evening News" on TV, because it is based in Sacramento, which is where I am from."

Another senior, Dan Bristow, also gets the majority of his news intake from TV. "I used to read newspapers, watch a multitude of different news TV channels, and check online news websites as well, but in college I never have time. Now I mostly just get my news from CNN because it is usually playing while I'm at work. CNN is also my favorite news channel."

There is, of course, also always the option of looking the news up online at one's leisure. Sophomore Julie Sugano chooses to take this route: "I prefer to get my news from New York Times or BBC World News, mostly online. I like to know what's going on in the world, but I don't really like the common TV news channels like CNN and Fox because I feel like they tend to be repetitive."

What is your news source of choice? Feel free to share with Pacifican staff members!
“Bon Appetit:” A Student’s Response

Roy Lee
Pacifican Guest Writer

I feel that the reason why students created an unproductive and negative Facebook page about Bon Appetit is for specific reason. We want a place to vent our anger and frustration against an entity that does not seem to care. I will admit that the staff at Bon Appetit works hard, it's not easy to prepare, plan, and serve so many customers every day. However working hard doesn’t guarantee success; it's like how I believe works hard, it's not easy to prepare, and Pac Seminar was called Mentor. One thing has stayed the same the whole time I have been here: the quality of Bon Appetit, which is garbage (in my opinion).

The only time Bon Appetit ever provided what I would consider a good meal was when they had the “Road Show,” an event where local chefs came in to showcase their recipes. In the real world, restaurants can go bankrupt if the food isn’t up to par. At Bon Appetit the food has consistently disappointed me in quality and flavor and especially price. The many times I ordered a burrito here on campus the only thing I could really taste was the tomatoes in the salsa. It was as if there was no seasoning as the rice, beans, and meat in the burrito tasted like nothing. Even salt, a fundamental seasoning used in most recipes, was absent. I feel if they tasted the food before they sent it out, they would honestly know there’s something wrong with it. If they cant they shouldn’t be working in the culinary industry.

For a much better price I get more food at better quality off campus. For example a breakfast burrito at The Grove costs $4.19. At Adalberto’s (off Hammer Ln.), I get a breakfast burrito that’s at least twice the size for $3.92 including tax, plus get access to a salsa bar and chips. That Adalberto’s burrito is loaded with thick meaty bacon (not that thin stuff they serve at the UC), potatoes, and eggs. Also Adalberto’s has regular burritos like my favorite the “California” which is again twice the size of marketplace burritos loaded with carne asada and french fries (no joke) for $4.25. Don’t feel like traveling so far? Taqueria Carolina down Pershing Ave. also has a super burrito at the price of a regular burrito here on campus. For less than the price of a super here on campus you get enchilada sauce on your super burrito at Carolina. Also at Carolina you get as much chips and salsa as you would like and a free drink if you show your Pacific ID. At Swagit Indian near Grand Canal Blvd., I grab a takeout box with two curries, rice or biryani, and naan for $5 including tax. Or how about the Hong Kong Deli next to Tiger’s Yogurt that offers a #1 combo with chow mein, fried rice, and an egg roll for only $4.95 + tax?

And instead of buying cereal at $6.29 at The Grove, I get the same cereal for $2.98 at Food 4 Less down the street. Clearly Food 4 Less is still making a profit at that price.

Why is it that these places carry higher quality food for cheaper prices and yet still make a profit? I think it’s because Bon Appetit has a monopoly on this campus, whether if be through your meal plan, an inability to leave campus, or if you don’t have time to leave campus. If the off-campus restaurant restaurants provided food at Bon Appetit quality and prices I am 95% confident they’d be bankrupt. If there was actually competition for Bon Appetit I feel quality would go up and prices would come down because if they didn’t the consumer would walk away.

As student’s only food choice, it seems there is no incentive for Bon Appetit to actually change their quality or price, as they seem to be making money and it works for them.

That’s why I support local businesses and try my very hardest to make sure they are successful. It’s the same motive that keeps me to live off campus, along with the many other freedoms I enjoy. I will buy stuff from The Grove or the UC when I honestly have no time for driving off campus but I’d much rather support the competition since they provide a better product at a better price.

I hold no animosity against the employees, as they are only trying to meet ends meet. It’s the organization that seems to be out to screw both the students and staff. It’s just tiring when you’ve been consistently disappointed.

Dear Emma:

Dear Readers, before you complain about the little things, please stop and give a moment of silence to those who lost their lives or their possessions in 2009 Samoa Earthquake, wiping out villages and taking 189 lives. Those with spare change can donate to the various organizations listed at: http://www.google.com/tsunami_relief.html

Dear Emma:

My boyfriend has told me that we are going to take a break from each other. He tells me it’ll be better for us because then we can focus on our extracurricular activities and school. What do you think?

- IS THERE A BREAKTIME FOR LOVE

Dear BREAKTIME:

Were there any major events in your relationship lately? If so, there may be some unsettled feelings that your boyfriend has that perhaps you settled. It is best to be gentle at first with this, if you plan to get his feelings out into the open. If not, the first question you must ask yourself is whether you are sure you don’t want to draw the line in the relationship immediately. Why does your boyfriend think it is better for you to spend time without him? A hiatus in a relationship usually signals a red flag. Your boyfriend’s declaration may be from his doubt of the way the relationship, or worse, he may have already decided he doesn’t want to be with you, and is putting it gently. The best thing to do is to sit down and have a serious talk with him. If he doesn’t truly have a good reason for his actions, it is likely best to draw an ultimatum before you start to fight for a relationship that doesn’t truly exist. Good luck.

Dear Emma:

In college, I’ve realized that most people I’ve met are actually close to their siblings, but I am not. I don’t even really talk to my brother or my older sister, and I think I should reestablish relationships with them before it is too late. What is the best way to approach this situation?

- I WISH I WAS CLOSER

Dear CLOSER:

Perhaps the best way is to visit them, if they live close enough to the place in which you are currently living in. If that is not possible, the second best way is to call them, if you happen to have their phone number. If you do not, contact your parents and ask if they do. These two options are perhaps the best way to make first contact with your brother or your sister, because it the most physical ways of contacting someone. Because you haven’t talked to them in awhile, it is best if reestablishment begins on a physical plane, rather than over email exchanges or Facebook messages. Good luck.

Send your questions and concerns to Emma at pacificanperspectives@pacific.edu.
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What: Oggi: Contemporary Art in Italy

When: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 5 through Nov. 2. Usually closed weekends.

Where: Reynolds Gallery

Description: "Oggi: Contemporary Art in Italy," an exhibition in conjunction with Pacific's Italian Festival, runs Oct. 5-Nov. 2. Featured artists include Bruno Aller, Aldo Bertolini, Marisa Facchinetti, Angelo Monaco, Antonio Riello, and Federico Spadoni. There will be a public wine and cheese reception on Sunday, Oct. 18 from 5-7 pm. The Reynolds Gallery is open M-F 8:30-4:30. Beginning in Oct., we’ll also be open select Saturdays. Please check our website for more information. http://web.pacific.edu/x26481.xml

Let’s Play a Love Game Part 5: Romance Friends

Candi Camelot and Roxi Rimmington
Pacifican Staff Writers

Have you recently been thinking about that certain friend you’re attracted to? From the very beginning, everyone seems to notice that there is some sort of attraction between the two of you; not only do you constantly flirt with each other when you are together, but you randomly text each other almost everyday. People begin to expect you two will hook up when alcohol is added to the mix, but soon they’d rather you just hook up at this point than bear constant witness to the flirting!

In reality, though, neither of you is ready for a relationship and neither of you actually wants one. And guess what? That’s perfectly OK because with our help, you can enjoy this little love affair without the stress of commitment. We’ve dubbed it “romance friends,” which is defined as harmless hooking up/getting ass from someone you care about but who also does not want to commit to something serious. With a “romance friend” you can hang out whenever and act like a couple if you want without the pressure. He doesn’t have to pay for everything and she doesn’t have to buy him something on his birthday, or act like the overly sincere and caring girlfriend when he’s stressed.

In essence, it’s the “perfect relationship,” as everyone gets a little something without putting in too much effort. Just make sure you talk it through before you get to this point. After all, nothing can be more confusing than putting in the effort and time, then realizing you’re more into it than the other person.

In a romance friendship there should be no shame in hooking up with another person. Another added bonus is that you can hook up with anyone you want and still have that shoulder to rely on if you don’t snag another date on that late Saturday night (provided your romance friend doesn’t already have plans, of course).

Alas, proceed with caution as there’s always the chance that real feelings and the desire to be exclusive will emerge. The problem with this is that typically one person develops those feelings before the other, causing the original provisions to become muddled as exclusivity emerges on the side. This can become tricky because it can lead to a loss of friendship when one person brings up being more exclusive and is rejected. This is a tough one; after all intimacy + a friendship = a close friendship that would be hard not to miss.

So do you stay friends? Or do you move on to being friends with benefits? It’s clear that a friend with benefits is a more physical relationship, whereas a friendship has actual, emotional ties. Is it worth it to possibly ruin that closeness? After all, you can’t be a “romance friend” forever. And how hard is it to talk these feelings through with a friend you are hooking up with?

Before you decide to take this route for your friendship, outweigh the pros and cons. Think about the other person, your feelings, her feelings. After all, a lot changes once you take things from friends to friends with benefits.

Rotaract Recycling Pickup Program

Save your cans and bottles! Rotaract officers and members will come by and pick them up at the end of the month.

Next pickup date:
Wednesday, Oct. 28 5:00pm
Forbes: Best places to begin a career

Metropolitan areas (population greater than one million)
1. San Jose, Calif.
2. Cambridge, Mass.
3. Houston, Texas
5. Washington, D.C.
7. New York
9. Minneapolis, Minn.
10. Dallas, Texas
12. Chicago, Ill.
14. Orange County, Calif.
15. St. Louis, Mo.
16. Charlotte, N.C.
17. Baltimore, Md.
18. Denver, Colo.
19. San Diego, Calif.
20. Milwaukee, Wis.

Cities with fewer than one million:
1. Bridgeport, Conn.
2. Madison, Wis.
3. Greensboro, N.C.
4. Winston-Salem, N.C.
5. Raleigh, N.C.

Cities with fewer than 500,000:
2. Boulder, Colo.
3. Santa Barbara, Calif.
4. Burlington, N.C.
5. Iowa City, Iowa

Forbes came out with a list this July of the best places to begin a career.

Seniors, thinking about places you might want to look for a job after you graduate next semester? Forbes came out with a list this July of the best places to begin a career.

Fall Festival - A Weekend for Parents, Families & Students

Join us for the weekend of October 16-18 for the 2009 Pali Peso on the Stockton campus of University of the Pacific. Through this three day affair there will be many opportunities to enjoy a wide range of events including the following:

- "Back to School" session for Parents & Families, Fri. 11-12:30, Fri. 1:30-3 & Sat. 12-12:30
- Orange & Black Baseball Scrimmage at Klein Family Field, Fri. 7pm
- Midnight Mania first official practice for Men's & Women's Hoops at Spanos Center, Fri. 10:30pm
- Annual Lip Sync Competition, Sat. 3:30pm
- Head of the Pacific, Fall Festival Regatta, Sun. 8am
- And much more

Visit the University of the Pacific Parent website to view the entire list of events at http://web.pacific.edu/x24738.xml

The Pacific Fund would like to encourage members of the Pacific community to attend one or more of the "Back to School" sessions where the Pacific Fund will highlight various grant recipients focused on student achievement, academic innovation, and outstanding faculty. Also, on Fri., October 16, please come by the Pacific Fund booth at Klein Family Field beginning at 5:45pm and get your free picture taken before the baseball scrimmage with Pacific's mascot, Powercat, and show your Tiger spirit.

A&E Event Listing

Wednesday 10/7:
Karaoke hosted by ASUOP
8 p.m. in the Lair

Wednesday 10/21:
Karaoke
8 p.m. in the Lair

Sunday 10/25:
Bridge School Benefit Concert (TRIP), $30
Tickets on sale at UC Front Desk

Saturday 10/17:
Loni Love
8 p.m. in the UC Ballroom

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Senior Profile: Becca Parker

Cassie Peters
Pacifican Staff Writer

How many people at Pacific have studied four languages? Becca Parker may very well be the only one.

In her freshman year, Parker started out studying Latin. During her second year at Pacific, she added Greek to her repertoire. Now, as a senior, she is taking the third semester of German and Japanese, and will continue studying them until the end of spring semester, giving her four semesters of each of the four languages under her belt.

Parker is one of the few students who were given the opportunity to design their own major. She and her advisors call it Linguistic Studies; they had to "piece together courses from different departments that are language and linguistic based," Parker said.

 Besides her academic life, Parker loves to sew and spends a lot of her free time designing and making her own costumes, which are usually based on characters from Japanese anime and manga. She and her friends attend numerous anime and manga conventions, and Parker won Best of Show at the recent FanimeCon, the third largest anime convention in the country.

When they are not going to conventions, Parker and her friends set up appointments with professional photographers for photoshoots. The end result is what Parker describes as, "a new type of art for the photographer and the cosplayers," cosplayers being the fans in costume, "playing" their parts.

After graduation, Parker would like to continue studying linguistics at the graduate level, and is currently studying for the Graduate Record Exam (GRE). She is not sure what she will actually do with her studies as far as a career goes but she is "focusing on what I love, what I'm passionate about, and what I'm good at."

Even though she would like to attend graduate school, she is keeping her options open. She has thought about looking for jobs or internships that will enhance her studies, or even going abroad as a translator for the government or the consulate. If Parker could go to any country in the world, it would be Germany, because she is thinks that the country has an interesting history, and is "interested in the culture and likes the environment of the European Union."

Becca Parker is an exceptional student with an interesting life both in and outside of Pacific, and considering her unique linguistic studies, she will surely make an excellent contribution to society and to the reputation of our university.

GAMES AND PUZZLES

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CRYPTOQUIP

Each letter in this quote has been replaced by a different letter. To solve the puzzle, substitute letters given the clue below.

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Today's cryptoquip clue is: J equals M

Answers on page 6

Movie Review: Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs

Courtney Wood
Pacifican Staff Writer

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs serves up a generally tasty dish, although a few of its ingredients are on the sour side.

How amazingly wonderful would it be if everyone's favorite foods fell from the sky, like rain, snow, or hail? This movie explores such a potentially appetizing phenomenon.

On a small island called Swallow Falls, aspiring inventor Flint Lockwood (Bill Hader) creates a machine that turns food into food. Due to a mishap, the invention becomes lodged into the sky and soon hamburgers begin pouring down in buckets.

The machine can be programmed to create any type of food imaginable, and Lockwood suddenly finds himself in control of the daily weather. He programs the invention to create all kinds of delectable goodies; it snows ice cream, rains soda, and hails gum balls. Lockwood even takes requests from the community so that he can make the weather better suited to their taste buds.

Meanwhile, a news station intern, Sam Sparks (Anna Faris), sent to Swallow Falls to cover a small story, quickly takes advantage of the unusual "weather patterns" and becomes the town's perky meteorologist. Sparks finds all of Lockwood's inventions fascinating and Lockwood is instantly smitten with Sparks' braininess, a quality that she has learned to hide under a more conventional facade of vapidity.

As the food keeps falling, much of the Swallow Falls population becomes obese and the portions dropped by the food generator begin dramatically increasing in size. Syrup-drizzled, butter-smothered pancakes become large enough to crush houses, and a giant spaghetti tornado whirls menacingly above Swallow Falls. The fate of the world rests on Lockwood's shoulders; can he whip up the courage he needs to save the world from threateningly oversized goodies?

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs certainly is a whimsical affair. The film, adapted from a popular children's book that came out in the late seventies, serves up a generally tasty dish, although a few of its ingredients are on the sour side.

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Tumblr: Not Like Twitter

Andy Lee
Pacifican Staff Writer

First, the online world became fascinated with Myspace, then Facebook and Twitter. From high schoolers to Senators, everybody nowadays seems to want in on the online socializing craze. Now, Tumblr wants to throw its hat, or “tumble” into the fight.

Tumblr is more similar to Twitter than Myspace or Facebook. Like Twitter, it is specifically a microblogging service, whereas Myspace and Facebook offer other services beyond that. Upon reaching the Tumblr site, users are greeted with a simple sign-up form that consists of a request for an Email address, a new password, and a choice of an URL. Once that’s done, a page is created in that URL for the user.

Unlike Twitter, Tumblr allows direct posting of photos, analytics, chats, audio clips, and videos, in addition to the usual text and quotes. Users can also post verbally over the phone as an audio file, through AIM, or through email. Tumblr is known for its extensive catalog of interchangeable themes, and there are only two buttons after every post: Like or Reblog, which allows readers or Internet surfers to share their feelings about the posts.

So far, Tumblr has nearly two million users, and have produced over 200 million posts in the last two and half years it has been out. According to fastcompany.com, the rising microblogging website has kept an 85% retention rate, much higher than its closest-related competitor, Twitter, which has only kept a 60% retention rate.

“[Tumblr’s] nice, and I like getting Tumblrarity Points,” commented sophomore Michael Park. Tumblrarity Points are points received when one’s posts are liked, or if a post receives 100 to a 1,000 notes. Slowly, Tumblr is becoming the next big craze of the online socializing world.

The Truth about Energy Drinks

Amp, Redbull, Rockstar; it’s the stuff college kids are made of. Do energy drinks really improve your performance and stamina, as the labels often claim? Sure, your energy might improve considering some drinks have as much caffeine as 14 cans of soda. Perhaps this is why manufacturers of such drinks, label them as “dietary supplements” instead of beverages, because they don’t have to follow guidelines for caffeine limits. A look at some of the most popular drinks:

Red Bull: Arguably the start of the energy drink craze. Too bad the amount of sugar (27 grams) is enough to inhibit your bodies’ ability to metabolize fat. And the added Taurine? Researchers at Weill Cornell Medical College found it to have more of a sedative than stimulant effect.

5 Hour Energy: 5 hours! Wow! That’s because this shot is essentially caffeine. The 5 hour label comes from the amount of time it takes half the caffeine to be eliminated from your body. No crash effects? That’s because there is no added sugar. If you’re looking for a cheaper alternative, grab a cup of black coffee- you’ll reap the antioxidant effects and save a buck.

Starbucks Double Shot: Coffee and energy together! This combination also contains 26g of sugar and packs 210 calories. Maybe that’s where all the energy comes from, as calories provide energy, the kind nature intended.

Looking for a boost? Try getting enough sleep and eating balanced meals of whole grain carbohydrates, lean protein and healthy fats. If you’re still fighting to stay awake, schedule in some recreation time at Baun Fitness Center. Studies shows fatigue decreases after a bout of exercise.
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children's book that came out in the late seventies, creates imaginative visuals properly suited for such a fanciful children's story. Many of the scenes serve as delectable eye-candy for the child in everyone. Who hasn’t, at some point in their childhood, wished that rain could be mouth-watering "lemon drops and gumdrops" like the song from the children’s program Barney?

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Although the movie’s artwork and cast rise to the occasion, the last third of the film falls peculiarly flat. While the first two-thirds of the film are engaging and fun, the last third is a bit over-the-top, messy, and falls into a predictable climax and resolution pattern.

It is true that the film is based on unrealistic circumstances and situations, but there are limits to the suspension of disbelief.

For example, throughout the movie, food is always presented as inanimate. However, near the conclusion of the film, the audience is suddenly expected to believe that some of the victuals, like gummy bears and headless turkeys, have mutated into evil, cognizant beings. This may have been less off-putting if food had been presented as sentient from the start of the film, although this probably would have provided even stickier problems for screenwriters.

Despite the film’s few sour patches, Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs is actually a sweet venture that even has a few life lessons folded into its creative batter.

Movie Review: Sin Nombre

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In celebration of Latino Heritage Month, The Pacific Theatre premiered Sin Nombre (Nameless) on Thursday, Oct. 1. Sin Nombre is a beautifully crafted masterpiece that grips the audience with subtle contrasts of dark, heavy images while balancing more bright and promising images to show the tenderness of life. The film opens with colorful sounds and vivacious imagery, but is quickly overtaken by the grim, dark and lifeless images of gang life, poverty, and exodus of departing people in Central America. The film follows the lives of Willy aka "El Casper" (Edgar Flores) and Sayra (Paulina Gaitan) to see what happens when the two meet and embark on a journey to make a better life for themselves in America.

It becomes clear that Willy is at a crossroads in his life. He will have to decide whether he will continue his life as a gang member, or betray the gang that took him in as family by leaving for America. After betraying his gang, he is forced to make his journey with his gang hunting for him. Sayra, Willy’s companion, shares the same attitude towards life for herself in America. After betraying his gang, he is forced to make his journey with his gang hunting for him. Sayra, Willy’s companion, shares the same attitude towards life for herself in America.

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Sin Nombre drips with raw energy and gives a realistic idea of what life might be like for many trying to make the perilous yet incredible journey to America. Junior Graphic Design major Carolina Aguirre would "highly recommend the film" and agreed with "the portrayal of the Hispanic perspective of the quest for the American dream" The respectful perspective is due to the film not featuring a word of English and featuring a local cast-both adding credibility to the reality of the film. The soundtrack of traditional music and local rap music guides Sin Nombre through lush banana plantations and filthy barrios and does the job of keeping the audience captivated. The same soundtrack also provides a tale of young love and sets the mood for the chilling fear of being hunted.

Sin Nombre teaches the open eye and ear that a universal story can warm the heart and chill it at the same time. Most importantly, Sin Nombre is a magnificent movie because it did not limit itself to the confines of a "Hollywood movie" or a "Latino Movie" but rather, it presented a real human story.

ChartJackers Take Over the Music Charts and Help Kids While They’re At It

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There may be many original events organized for charitable reasons, but so far, no one’s ever tried to raise funds by making a radio hit.

Everyone may not know about the ChartJackers, but they are slowly making its way across the Atlantic through the Internet. The ChartJackers Project, as it is formally known, is collaboration between four YouTube celebrities: Charlie McDonnell (Charlieiscoollike), James Hill (Jimmy0010), Alex Day (Nerimon), and Johnny Durham (JohnnyDurham19). The collaboration focuses on attempting to "hijack" into the UK Singles Chart, and the resulting profits from the single will be donated to Children in Need, a charity event organized and broadcast by the BBC.

The ChartJackers, however, won’t be the ones writing or performing the music. They are reaching out through the Internet for people willing to contribute parts of the lyrics or wanting to audition for positions in the song. So far, the ChartJackers have compiled the melody, written by "jonnydarkmusic," and have gotten backing support from many well-known British bands and celebrity vocal coaches.

The project will be highlighted on the BBC Switch, a subsection of the BBC with content aimed towards teens. For more information and updates, follow the ChartJackers on Twitter (twitter.com/chartjackers), watch their video blogs on Youtube (youtube.com/chartjackersproject), or watch the mini-episodes of the documentary of the BBC Switch site. After the melody is compiled and performed, BBC Switch will conclude the project with a half-hour documentary.
Har-Sean’s Sports Update

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Pacifican Staff Writer

NFL

Get ‘cha popcorn ready, there’s gonna be a show! Four weeks into the season and T.O. watch is already under way. After a horrendous 38-10 loss to the Ched Henne-led Dolphins, Terrell Owens might be regretting talking his way out of Dallas and into “loserville” Buffalo. Journeyman Ryan Fitzpatrick is not the answer to the team’s struggles at the quarterback position leaving the Bills to stick with the digressing Trent Edwards, and for Terrell Owens to beat him with that same stick.

Time has come for you to learn your Steve Smiths. There is Smith the Giant on one hand and Smith the Panther on the other. The differences? One has a Super Bowl ring and the other was moments away. One catches passes from a Manning the other from a Del-Who? With both speedsters leading their respected clubs in yardage and catches, opposing cornerbacks should fear the Smiths. Too bad former top overall pick Alex Smith doesn’t fall into that category.

Fantasy Stud: Vernon Davis TE SF

When Head Coach Mike Singletary named Davis the 49ers’ team captain earlier this season after 3 unspectacular seasons, Singletary knew exactly what he was doing. With 3 touchdowns in 2 consecutive weeks and Atlanta’s soft cover-2 defense next week, Davis is an instant start as “the freak” is finally starting to play like a top 10 pick.

Sleeper Alert: Jerome Harrison RB CLE

Harrison rushed for over 130 yards against a tough Bengals defense and with Jamal Lewis still nursing an injury, Harrison will start next week. The dismal Bills defense has allowed an average of 150 yards rushing per week and should allow Harrison to have his way.

College FB:

With QBs Tim Tebow and Sam Bradford out, look for potential darkhorse Tony Pike of Cincinnati to divert the attention of scouts from this year’s “Top 3,” which also includes Texas senior Colt McCoy. After an impressive victory over Miami(OH), Pike has his team (now ranked 8th) and his draft stock on the rise.

Game of the Week: Wisconsin Vs. Ohio State

The Badgers are unranked after an impressive 5-0 start, but they’ve returned to their roots as they lead the Big Ten in scoring and rushing. Knocking off the 9th ranked Ohio State team should get them ranked.

however that is a big if. OSU has scored more than 30 points in each of its past three games and will do everything in it’s power to drop Wisconsin from the ranks of the unbeaten.

MLB

Boy do I wish I was Ken Griffey Jr. right now. Actually, never mind... I prefer being 20 over 39 anyday. However, the 5 million the Mariners are offering him to return next season might make it worthwhile. Especially for Griffey, whose batting and fielding skills are nowhere as near being polished as they once were.

Tiger X Schedule for Week of Oct 8 - Oct 14

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Record Increase in RecSports Participation

Tracy Johnston
Pacifican Staff Writer

With a record number of signups for flag football teams this fall, RecSports continues to be a strong physical and social outlet for Pacific's students, staff, and faculty. There are many new official and four leagues running simultaneously, which provide many opportunities and options for all who wish to participate. If you wish to become involved in this growing program, the entry forms can be found in the Baun Fitness Center underneath the RecSports information board. Sports being offered in Season 1 this semester are grass volleyball, flag football, softball, and tennis, among others. Once you have filled out the form, it can be turned into the RecDesk inside the Baun Fitness Center. The cost varies for each event and ranging from 5 to 30 dollars.

The residence halls have been the main focus this year for the RecSports marketing team. The marketing team has set up tables outside the University Center, visited the residence halls, provided the RA's with posters, and have also utilized Prowl TV. All of these efforts have been rewarded because many fraternities, sororities, student groups, and residence halls are very active participants.

If you want to participate in a team activity but do not have a team, there is a free agents meeting where you are able to arrange individuals on teams at the beginning of each season. The time and location of these meetings are listed on the info sheets for each of the upcoming leagues, which are located in the Baun Fitness Center. Each league and tournament has different skill levels available including competitive, moderate, and recreation for your desired intensity. Every winner of these events receives a RecSports Champion T-shirt to show off their success. Not only are there the standard leagues and tournaments, but RecSports is also going to be hosting The Big West Basketball Shootout and a RecSports Olympics this upcoming spring. To stay updated for the upcoming events, students can join the Pacific Recreation Facebook group. They are also working on RecSports Center episodes that will air on campus to promote the upcoming events.

If you have any questions, you can go to the RecDesk inside the Baun Fitness Center or contact Bryan Lenz at blenz@pacific.edu.

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Baun Fitness Center Becomes Eco-Friendly

Seema Ghatnekar
Pacifican Managing Editor

If you've been to the gym recently, you've probably noticed the changes since last year. The Baun Fitness Center is making an attempt to become more environmentally friendly and is trying to encourage Pacific students to do the same.

Baun now turns off some of the lights in main areas until 8:00 p.m., using daylight as the main light source. It is also employing energy-saving washing machines and dryers.

Future advents include a new water dispenser faucet, which will enable students to conveniently fill their reusable water bottles, along with air dryers in the restrooms to replace paper towels. Staff member Kelley Hoang states, "Students are appreciating the changes we are making in attempting to become more eco-friendly."

So look out for the new changes, and get ready to bring your reusable water bottles!

Pacific to Host 15th Annual Tigers In Tennis

Media Relations

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