Annual Safe Trick-or-Treat Taking Place Today

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Pacifican Copy Editor

This evening the University of the Pacific’s tenth annual Halloween Safe Trick-or-Treat will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Pacific’s campus. Children 11 and younger will be invited to come for a fun-filled evening of guided trick-or-treat tours, as well as a carnival featuring a variety of games, activities, and the popular bounce house.

“This event is to build and maintain a positive connection between the University and the city by providing a safe environment for Stockton families to enjoy Halloween,” said Hillary Yip, an RA in PWI.

Financial Woes Hit Home

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Student loans, like other lending areas, have been affected by the recent problems on Wall Street. Luckily, the issue is focused on only one sector: private loans.

“[Federal loans are in] better shape than other loan markets,” said Kevin Bruns, Executive Director of America’s Student Loan Providers (ASLP). “It’s easy to think Wall Street is literally affecting you, but it’s not you.”

ASLP forecasts the federal loan market will be stable through the 2009-2010 school year. Bruns said it is even more important now to make sure you submit your Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) in time to make sure “you get every federal dime you can.”

Private loans, however, have been weakening since the Wall Street crisis came in April. The Education Resource Institute (TERI), America’s largest not-for-profit private student loan guarantor (a company that will repay the loan if you default on it), declared bankruptcy. TERI’s absence meant lenders had to scramble to find another company to be their “insurance” against newly extended loans for this and for future school years.

Following the news of the bankruptcy, private loan lenders started tightening their belts this summer.

See LOANS, page 3
SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT
KENSINGTON WY
10-19-08
Officer conducted a check on a male subject. Subject was interviewed and revoked from campus.

AIDED STOCKTON
PERSHING AVE
10-19-08
Officers assisted SPD on a report of a citizen having one detained for the theft of her bicycle. Officers made contact and determined victim did not want to file charges at this time.

CASUALTY
PACIFIC & KNOLES
10-19-08
Officer and medics responded to a report of a male subject unconscious in the crosswalk. Subject was transported to a local hospital via ambulance.

VANDALISM
BONNIE & FULTON
10-19-08
Victim reported the rear driver side mirror was smashed. Officer responded and initiated a report.

VEHICLE ACCIDENT
PACIFIC & BROOKSIDE
10-19-08
Officer responded to a report of a non-injury vehicle accident. Both parties exchanged insurance information.

JUVENILE
INCIDENT
BROOKSIDE HALL
10-19-08
Staff reported a male subject attempting to start a fight. Officer responded to deal and requested medics for one of the subjects. SUSPD PD requested and responded. Four juveniles detained and one in custody by SUSPD.

SUSPICIOUS INCIDENT
PACIFIC HOUSE
10-21-08
Officer responded to a report of a male subject going through the dumpster. Subject was advised on the SMC section regarding recyclables and the outstanding warrant.

CASUALTY
WEBER HALL
16-21-08
Officers and medics responded to a report of a male subject who fell. Subject was transported via ambulance to a local hospital.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT
DAVE BRUBECK & PACIFIC
10-21-08
Officer reported a three vehicle accident with no injuries and tows required for all three vehicles. SPD took report and officers assisted with traffic control in the area.

ACCIDENT (GOLF CART)
MCCAFFREY CENTER
10-21-08
Staff reported being involved in an accident involving a golf cart. Officer initiated a report.

"I think it will be a positive outcome, but whatever it will be a total reaffirmation, I cannot say," said Mark Plownick, dean of the School of Business and Public Administration.

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Safe trick-or-treat draws large crowd
Hundreds of children tour campus on the never ending search for more candy.

Field of dreams
Krystine Ongbongan
Staff Writer
Last weekend, the field hockey team completed their trip to St. Louis with four wins. Those wins signaled the best record for the Pacific field hockey team has had since 1989 with seven wins and six defeats.

"With only one game left for conference play, we can at the least be at 500," sophomore Dana Walsh commented about their record.

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Volunteer seizes opportunity
"Supporting the students of the Pacific on October 25. A seminar for a new student center will be located on the former site of the Quonset huts that were demolished last year. The UOP administration has been planning for a new student center for the past two years. They now feel that they have a firm grasp of what they want in a new center and are talking with an architectural and design firm to make the University center possible within the following years.

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New university center planning continues
Kristine Nethers
Assistant News Editor
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Warrant arrest
PERSHING & ROSEMARIE
10-22-08
Officer conducted a vehicle stop and learned the driver had an outstanding warrant and his license was also suspended. Driver was arrested and transported to the county jail.

FORCIBLE OFFENSE
DAVE BRUBECK
10-23-08
Officers responded to a report of a subject who reported being fondled. Officers met with the victim and initiated a report.

VANDALISM
KNOLES HALL
10-24-08
Officers responded to a report of a subject who reported being fondled. Officers met with the victim and initiated a report.

WEAPONS ARREST
BROOKSIDE RD
10-28
Officers responded to a report of a possible auto burglary in progress. The suspect ran from area on foot. Officers located the victim's vehicle with the window smashed. The suspect was located on Bonnie and Fulton. Suspect was arrested for the violation. Suspect was also arrested for possessing a firearm on campus that he was carrying in his backpack, possession of stolen property (the gun and ipod) and a warrant for being a parolee at large and other charges. Suspect gave officers an incorrect name and tried to run when transporting to the county jail.

DUI ARREST
PACIFIC & KNOLES
10-24-08
Officer arrested for possessing a firearm and a driver passed out at the wheel. At 3:43 AM driver was arrested by CHP and transported to the county jail.

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LOANS, continued from front page
approved for a loan, upping the interest rates or by getting out of the student loan market completely. ASLP predicts the number of private lenders will continue to decrease significantly in the next two years. Pacific's Financial Aid office is maintaining a positive outlook on the situation. Lynn Fox, Director of Financial Aid, has not noticed any effect on students right now and said there are "no problems so far." The majority of loans used by Pacific students are federal loans. Private loans are primarily used on this campus to fill the small, but important gap between what the federal loans and grants don't cover.

Tiger PAC

The Tiger PAC will be handing out candy to anyone dressed in orange and good food. The most spirited individuals will be entered into the running for a Tiger Spirit PAC that includes a t-shirt, pom pom, foam finger, and tiger cup. We'll be doing an online vote at www.pacificalumni.org/spiritvote to pick the most spirited person.

Friday, October 31 is Orange and Black Day!
Because it's not just about Halloween anymore.
Show your school spirit and wear your orange and black all day!
The Tiger PAC will be handing out candy to anyone dressed in orange and black on Friday, October 31st from 11am to 2pm in front of the DeRosa University Center.

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If so, Admissions is looking for you!

Every year, high school seniors visit Pacific and many of them want the opportunity to have a full Pacific experience by staying overnight on campus.

The Office of Admission is looking for students interested in hosting prospective students overnight in their residence hall room.

If you AND your roommate are interested in hosting, please email paws@pacific.edu or contact Danielle in the Admission Office at 209-946-7416.
Politics at Pacific

What People Around Campus Have to Say about the Elections

Giovanna Arieta
Managing Editor

Katie Nichols:
"I think Obama is going to win just because of the hype this year, but I'm personally voting for McCain.
I'm voting for McCain because there is a lot more of his policies that I agree with. I feel like Obama is more of a celebrity because he has not had a lot of experience."

Casey Ardrey:
"I'm not sure about the presidential election. I'm still deciding because I need to do research in all of the issues. I'm independent so I don't blindly follow my party platform."

Malachy McCormick:
"I'm really dissatisfied with both of the candidates. I actually vote green, but I'm going to vote for Barak Obama because he's closer to what my actual political views are. But I'm extremely disappointed with how the campaigns have been run and a lot of their views, but I agree with Barak more than I do with McCain and because we live in a two party system you cannot vote for a third party and expect them to win."

Marty Bormolini:
"I'm gonna vote for Barack Obama. I think this election is interesting because the amount of coverage of the elections has been increasing exponentially for the last few elections to the point that they're on TV almost all the time. Elections almost becomes like a reality show. It's more about who likes the person and less about issues."

Amber Darby:
"So far for the election I feel like it's gone on and on for a long time. I am a supporter of Barak Obama and I have been since his first speech at the DNC four years ago. I think he is a formidable candidate to hold that position. I also think that it's not now about race as much as it was in the beginning. I think it's about quality and character, period. I respect him and I think he would make an excellent president. If anything, it is one of the most historical events to have a woman vice president and a black man who is going to be president with a black wife who is going to be first lady."

Brittany Gorman:
"I think the political election is gonna be very interesting and I can't wait to hear the results. I think Obama is gonna win and that's who I'm voting for."

Kate Casey:
"As of now, I'm voting for Obama. I think the election has been a little bit disappointing in that it's not very competitive. I'm excited that Obama is doing so well and I'm excited for his reports."

Andrew Basham:
"I voted absentee for McCain for Virginia. Unfortunately, I think Obama is probably gonna win. Either way it's been an interesting race. I think a lot of republicans are gonna have to sit down and wonder what they did wrong in this race. It's gonna be a fun four years."

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Perspectives
Get Out There and Vote!

The time has finally come! Voting is just around the corner, and for many of us, it may be the first time that we will step up to the polls. The hardest thing about voting is trying to understand all of the views presented, and basing your own view on either side of the arguments. Though we are all busy with midterms and Halloween, it is important to research the different views and to make correct decisions on which way to vote. The Pacifican has been encouraging readers to vote, and even in this issue has provided readers with information on propositions and where either party stands. If you have registered to vote, make sure to be well-informed on Tuesday, and to make decisions based on your best judgment. Congratulations to all of those who vote—you will be taking a large step in helping to shape your future!
Thursday, October 30, 2008

Jane Jones
Pacifian Advice Columnist

Dear Jane:

I'm debating about whether or not to propose that my boyfriend and I move together over the summer. We've been together for almost three years (we're 22) and have a strong commitment to one another, but I just wonder if we are mature enough for the move. Any advice on how to know when we're ready of if we're ready to take this step? I'm worried if I ask him to move in and change my mind at a later time he'll feel disappointed and like he got his hopes up for nothing.

Sincerely,
Wouldn't You Like To Know

PERSPECTIVES

Just Ask Jane

The Republican

Ruben Moreno
Pacifian Staff Writer

Election season is almost over, Pacificans. It has come down to the last few days before you decide which candidate is best to lead our nation from its current status into prosperity. The choice is clear; John McCain has the experience and expertise to lead our country out of its current financial crisis and he is the candidate who will lead our nation into victory from our war in Iraq.

Barack Obama first came to spotlight announcing his candidacy after only serving one year in the U.S. Senate. The man also served only three terms, two years terms in the Illinois State Senate. It is evident he has prepared for higher office each and every time he has been elected. In 2006, Obama had mentioned he never had any intention on running for the highest office of the 50 nation. The transcript below shows Obama mentioning he will not be planning to run, on Tim Russert's "Meet the Press," interview on January 22, 2006:

SEN. OBAMA: I will serve out my full six-year term. You know, Tim, if you get asked enough, sooner or later you get weary and you start looking for new ways of saying things. But my thinking has not changed.

MR. RUSSELT: So you will not run for president or vice president in 2008?

SEN. OBAMA: I will not.

During the democratic primaries, both Joe Biden and Hillary Clinton acknowledged Obama's inexperience and have stated John McCain would be a great president if elected. Now that the tide of the election has changed, Biden and Clinton are out about roasting for Obama. After the vicious primaries fought by Clinton and having 18 million supporters speaking out with their votes, she was still not chosen as Obama's running mate. It is clear that both democratic candidates dislike one another and express different views on the liberal ideology.

McCain is the candidate ready to act as our commander-in-chief from day one, unlike what Senator Joe Biden stated about Obama during the primaries, this is what Joe had to say about his running mate:

"I think he can be ready but right now I don't believe he is, the Presidentcy is not something it let's itself onto on the job training," stated Senator Joe Biden.

Time and time again, we question Obama's preparedness for the oval office. Just recently, our democratic vice presidential nominee went and stated:

"Mark my words. It will not be six months before the world tests Barack Obama like they did John Kennedy. The world is looking," Biden said.

"Remember I said it standing here, we're gonna have an international crisis, a generated crisis, to test the mettle of this guy... I don't know what the decision's gonna be, but I promise you it will occur. As a student of history and having served with seven presidents, I guarantee you it's gonna happen," Biden continued. (According to CNN.com)

Why should we assume he is ready to lead our nation from day one? Many say they like the way he talks, but honestly students, is that what we want? Shouldn't we select a candidate with the besetr credentials? The media has not criticized Obama nearly as much as they did McCain. This man comes to the political arena with almost no on the job training," stated Senator Joe Biden.

The Democrat

Ally Mengarelli
Pacifian Staff Writer

In 2002, when the majority of Washington still agreed with President Bush to proceed with the war in Iraq, Obama had the good judgment and character to speak against such a bold decision, warning of an occupation of underdetermined length, with underdetermined costs, and underdetermined consequences. Not only was Obama right, but now the university of Washington agrees: not only has this war lasted longer than World War I, World War II, and the Civil War, but 4,000 Americans have been killed, and a whopping 60,000 have been injured and wounded. This does not even come close to the Iraqi civilians and military personnel that have also lost their lives in the line of fire. On top of that, America is now less safe around the globe (as our reputation as a fair, diplomatic, and just society has been completely tarnished) and the country itself is completely divided. And then, of course, there are the costs: the U.S. may spend $2.7 trillion on this war and its aftermath (www.barackobama.com) meaning not only our generation, but our grandchildren and their grandchildren will have to pay for what the Bush Administration has so selfishly done to this country. Obama realizes that the American troops are doing all they can to contain the violence in Iraq. However, he also acknowledges the faulty strategies that got us there in the first place. Obama also sees how America is seen through the eyes of others around the globe and will work on restoring America's security and standing in the world.

Obama realizes that we were careless going into Iraq, and acknowledges that we must be even more CAREFUL getting OUT of Iraq. When Obama takes office he will remove the troops responsibly and efficiently with help and direction of the military commanders and in consultation with the Iraqi government. Military experts believe we can safely deploy combat brigades from Iraq at a pace of 1-2 brigades a month, the complete removal occurring in no more than 16 months. Under the Obama-Biden plan, a residual force will remain in Iraq, and within the region to conduct targeted counter-terrorism missions against al-Qaeda in Iraq, in hopes of protecting American diplomatic and civilian personnel. This means that the U.S. military will work toward reconciliation and away from sectarianism.

To prevent further humanitarian crisis in Iraq (which was what we were mistakenly led to believe we were there for in the first place), Obama and Biden will form an international working group to address the crisis, providing at least $2 billion to expand services to Iraqi refugees that have been displaced from their country and to insure that those within Iraq can find sanctuary. They will then work to stop the genocide that occurs within Iraq.

It is obvious, then, that Obama will not only pull our troops safely from Iraq, but will work on issues circulating within the country. Not only will this better the Iraqi's government and state of living, but it will solve the issues that so many of us were led to believe we were there for in the first place! The Obama-Biden plan is the best one out there. Not only is this war unjust, bloody, greedy, and futile, but it is EXPENSIVE for the American people. I personally do not want us to keep spending millions of dollars a month, nor do I want the burden of living under another greedy and malicious war hawk as president. It's time for CHANGE. VOTE OBAMA.
In less than a week, the fateful day will finally arrive. Most of us will rush to the polls. Others will be sunbathing. Yes, sunbathing. That's what the man in the poem "Election Day" does. Written by American poet William Carlos Williams, this poem paints a picture of political apathy.

Notice how the old man "sits in the doorway" and "strokes the head/of a spotted dog." The fact that this poem is titled "Election Day" shows how this fellow is literally sitting idly in the sun while others are out doing what most people do on Election Day—voting.

Look at how practically nothing goes on in the poem. Not only is this man being lazy on one of the most active days of all, but the house appears lazy as well. Observe how it isn't just any old house, but a "broken house" with "boards for windows" and "plaster falling."

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As with most poetry, you could definitely read the poem another way. Consider this reversed interpretation. The house's ramshackle appearance rubs off on the man instead, making him dilapidated in terms of being lazy and indifferent on Election Day. If you read this in the context of the recent housing crisis, you could see this man's lethargy as disappointment from being unable to afford a decent house, due to ridiculous subprime rates. Consequently, he is left to live in a crappy abode. Consequently, he has lost interest in everything else, most apparently of which is Election Day.

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Perspectives
While Sipping a Cup of Java...
the ballot is cast
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Funny Class Notes
"Heart of Gold"

Matt Brady
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You've heard the phrase. When someone is "without malice," having a "loving and caring" nature, they are said to have a heart so pure, it is made of gold. The line is delivered regularly in conversations in a seemingly complimentary way, but is it really positive?

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Ultimately, HOG is a negative remark thinly veiled as a compliment. Guys may use it inadvertently (just as they will insult their girlfriends without knowing or intending to), but the phrase's proper place in the dictionary of popular vernacular is under the "insults" tab. The next time someone "compliments" you on your HOG, mentally add four words to their sentence: "You have a heart of gold. Cold, hard and yellow." That will give you a more accurate picture of their meaning.
Preparing For the Financial Future

Lindsey Ball
Pacifican Copy Editor

The disastrous crisis on Wall Street has dominated the news for the past couple of months. The bailout plan has stirred the masses weeks before the presidential elections without the average citizen understanding beyond the idea that it will just lead to another increase in taxes. People are confused and misunderstand the degree to which the crisis will affect the average individual. It is important to clarify what students must prepare for in these coming years, because even with the bailout plan, what changes will come to the financial markets in the U.S. Having good credit and cushioned up savings accounts will be key for young people for taking out loans at reasonable interest rates. Buying a house will prove a challenge as banks cast out the liberal methods used in the past eight years that got us in this financial mess.

In order to prepare for the conservative lending techniques banks are embarking on you must watch your credit score. Your credit score is a value between 300 and 900 points that shows how desirable you are for any type of credit, essentially, lines of credit such as credit cards, home loans and auto loans are heavily dependent on this score. A good credit score is something above 725 which is difficult for young people to achieve because the score depends on how long you have maintained and paid down credit card balances and loans. The best way to jumpstart a good credit score is by opening one credit card and using it consistently and paying the balance off within one or two months. After you have had your credit card (just one) for a year, you will have an established line of credit which boosts your score. The longer you have a credit card that is consistently paid off, the higher your credit score will be. It is suggested a credit card balance should never exceed more than 25% of the limit.

The main things that negatively affect your credit score are pretty self-explanatory: two many lines of credit, home foreclosure, prolonged unemployment, any type of bankruptcy (although consolidated bankruptcy does come off your credit report much sooner than complete forfeiture of all bad debts). The most common among young people is simply not paying your bills on time. Utility expenses, credit card payments, car payments and cell phone payments all affect your credit score and should always be paid on time. Having a credit score strengthens your credit score but this doesn't mean you should go out and open three credit cards and charge five bucks on all of them and pay them off. The credit score is typically negatively affected if more than two credit inquiries occur within six months. Every credit card you apply for requires a credit inquiry causing a ding to your credit score. So don't go opening up a card for a measly 10% off of a purchase, from personal experience you lose more than you gain from that 10% off.

The auto industry has seen the first signs of a credit crisis being that people can't take out auto loans as easily as a couple of years ago, and G.M. is seeing a drastic drop in automobile sales because there is no credit with which to make loans to the prospective buyers in the market. In order to prepare for purchasing a car maintaining a high credit score is key for a sensible interest rate of six or seven percent on an auto loan.

The ability to save money is a rare but extremely necessary trait in Americans. American spending is around 90% of total income. The problem may be that too many Americans live off lines of credit and month to month income rather than preparing for future investments or retirement. With spending so high, Americans are looking at an overall decline in the standard of living with a decrease in available credit from banks. With this in mind, saving money has become more important than ever within recent months.

Students, those of you who usually get financial aid and help from parents for living costs should use this opportunity to save as much as your paychecks as possible. After all, purchasing a home with a standard loan requires twenty percent of the total loan amount down. If you want to buy a two hundred thousand dollar home within the next ten years, you better make sure you have forty grand in savings to get a loan or with the direction banks are headed in, it will be very difficult, if possible.

My theory of why Americans really don't save money is because of the recent excess of credit in financial markets. For the past fifteen years, Americans could put anything on credit. Promises were made that a person could buy a four hundred thousand dollar furniture set and not make one payment till two years later. Which begs the question: what if they don't even have a job two years later? Americans have strayed away from savings because they had equity and credit cards to live off.

Another assumption one may take as to why Americans do not save much of their income is that people saw how much equity was in their houses during the peak of the housing market and simply did not see the point in saving, they felt well off and okay with spending their entire paychecks. They considered their equity their source for future needs.

There you have it, basic strategies for a successful financial future in this desconcerting economy. With the government intervention, one can only hope that the worse isn't too bad after all, but fluctuations in markets can only be predicted according to theory and the actual impact the housing market failure has had on the economy is still unknown. Considering economists do not know the degree to which the economy will go into a recession (assuming we are in one which is still subject to debate), it is important for every day individual to hope for the best and plan for the worst. Establishing a solid credit score and saving a percentage of every paycheck could decide whether or not you will be taking the bus and living in a rental studio for the next ten years...think about it.

Proposed ‘Gay’ High School Misleading

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In September, Chicago proposed to open a high school geared towards gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered (GLBT) youth. The school has become a hot topic in the city of Chicago.

Most surprisingly, the working name is Social Justice High School — Pride Campus. Even if approved by the Board of Education, Pride Campus will not open until 2012.

Misconceptions arise due to the keywords 'gay high school.' First, Pride Campus will offer the same curriculum as regular public high schools, while weaving in stories and struggles of gays and lesbians. Second, admission is voluntary. It is not mandatory for all students to register at the school at Pride Campus and is open to students of any sexual orientation.

Chad Weiden, presumed principal of Pride Campus, said, "If it's a quality, high class education, any kid would want to come. And we want to investigate what does it mean to be an ally when we work for social justice. That means having a wide variety of students."

The idea of a gay high school is so that GLBT youth can feel safe and have a sense of community. But will segregation result in more discrimination? Being from liberal San Francisco, I am all for gay rights and protecting the gay community against harassment.

Designating a gay campus is not the way to go. Although students are protected within the realms of the campus, they are still vulnerable beyond the walls of the school. Students of Pride Campus may be targeted for harassment at local shopping malls, restaurants, and other popular hangouts.

I do not see a need to designate a school to be 'gay-friendly.' If the purpose is to raise awareness of GLBT issues, these issues can be incorporated into the current curriculum or it should be offered as an elective for those interested. With raised awareness, the bullying and harassment will subside.

Currently, there are 4,000 registered Gay-Straight Alliances (GSA) in middle schools, high schools, and universities nationwide. They serve as peer support and a bridge to community resources, as well as to create a safe environment for students and educate the school community about homophobia.

Final decisions by the Board of Education will be made on Nov. 19. If approved, Chicago will pride itself in housing the Nation's second GLBT-oriented school, the first being Harvey Milk in New York.
California Legislature

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The California Legislature is comprised of two sections: a state assembly and a state senate. The people who hold these offices are elected by voters who live in the divided district boundaries designated by the state's legislators.

In California, the state senate consists of 40 members. In the current legislative session, 25 senators are Democratic and 15 are Republican. In the state assembly, there are 80 members, 48 Democratic and 32 Republican.

The part of Stockton in which University of the Pacific resides, is in the 5th Senate District and the 26th Assembly District. Democrat Michael Machado is the incumbent senator and Republican Greg Aghazarian is the incumbent assemblyman.

This year, Assemblemen Aghazarian is running for state senate against Assemblywoman Lois Wolk. Both candidates support energy efficiency but differ on many of the current issues.

For the assembly seat, farmer and businessman Bill Berryhill (R) is running against farmer John Eisenhut (D). Both candidates have vast amounts of knowledge on agriculture as both are farmers and oddly enough, they share similar views on issues pertaining to agriculture, education, and energy.

For a full description on all candidates stances on issues, visit their campaign web sites:

- Greg Aghazarian: www.gregagha.com
- Lois Wolk: www.loiswolk.com
- Bill Berryhill: www.billberryhill.com
- John Eisenhut: johnesenhut.com

The Electoral College

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The Electoral College is key for every presidential candidate. In order to win the presidency, a candidate must claim a majority of the Electoral votes. The magic number stands at 270. No matter what the popular vote is, the Electoral College determines who wins the presidency.

The Electoral College is made up of 538 electors who represent both the House of Representatives and U.S. Senate; three electors come from the District of Columbia.

The red states represent the electoral votes George W. Bush won while the blue represent the votes for John Kerry in the 2004 election.

Historically, most of the southern states and mid-west states tend to lean Republican whereas the northeastern and west coast states lean Democratic. This election, some identify the key battleground states as: Florida, Ohio, North Carolina, Virginia, Colorado, New Mexico, and Nevada.

According to many polls, Obama leads in all battleground states. However, some of these polls that have hirt listed as the front runner were also incorrect during the Democratic primaries. For instance, USA Today/Gallup estimated Obama was going to win the New Hampshire primary by a 13 point victory when his rival, Senator Hillary Clinton ended up winning by three points. This shows how unreliable some of the polls we have seen can be. The graph below illustrates one of the possible outcomes of the election. This scenario leaves Ohio once again to decide who the President of the United States will be; McCain or Obama.

In general, Republicans identify themselves with conservative views and measures. Broadly speaking, conservative views can manifest themselves in social conservatism, economic conservatism, or both. Socially conservative Republicans subscribe to the belief that they know what is best for every American and thus believe that the government should have a deciding factor in moral decisions that affect individual Americans. Furthermore, social conservatives favor the implementation of religious or spiritual ideology into the government as a way to make sure that social order and morality are maintained. Current issues of interest to the social conservative are theinstigation of prayer in school, limiting or outlawing abortion, and banning gay marriage on national and state levels.

Democrats and Republicans are divided by the divergent theories of government that they uphold. Candidates chosen to run for the presidency in either party typically support goals or plan to implement changes that correspond to their party's platforms. Just how do Senator John McCain and Senator Barack Obama's goals match up with the larger ideals endorsed by their political party?
What It Does: Authorizes $980,000,000 in bonds, to be repaid from the General Fund, to fund the construction, expansion, renovation, furnishing and equipping of children's hospitals. It will designate 80% of bond proceeds to go to hospitals that serve children with illnesses such as leukemia, cancer, heart disease, sickle cell anemia and cystic fibrosis.

What It Does: Changes California Constitution to prohibit a minor from being emancipated until it has been released from the hospital or other care provider for (30) days after the minor has been discharged from the hospital.

What It Does: Limits court authority to incarcerate offenders who commit certain drug crimes, break drug treatment roles or violate parole. Substantially shortens parole for certain drug offenses, increases parole for serious and violent felonies.

What It Does: Makes approximately 30 revisions to California criminal law, many of which cover gang-related offenses. Revisions create multiple new crimes and additional penalties, some with the potential for new life sentences. Increases penalties for violating a gang-related injunction and for felons carrying guns under certain conditions.

What It Does: Mandates that all electric utilities in California generate 20% of power from renewable sources by 2010; 30% by 2015; and 40% by 2018. Imposes penalties for noncompliance.

Proposition 8: Eliminates Right of Same-sex Couples to Marry. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.
What It Does: Adds an amendment to the California State Constitution that says only marriage between a man and a woman will be recognized by the state.

What It Does: Expands the legal rights of crime victims. Restricts the early release of inmates. Changes the procedures for granting and revoking parole.

What It Does: Allocates $3.25 billion to help consumers purchase alternative fuels, plus research into alternative fuel technology. Allocates an additional $1.25 for research, development, and demonstration of renewable energy technology.

Proposition 11: Redistricting. Initiative Constitutional Amendment and Statute.
What It Does: District boundaries for state Assembly, Senate, and Board of Equalization will be drawn by a 14-member commission of registered voters consisting of five Democrats, five Republicans, and four independents.

I don't know about you, but I can not believe that Halloween is this Friday. Thanksgiving is on Friday, the perfect day to chill out, relax, and get some sweet treats. It seems like a month has already passed by, and Thanksgiving is just around the corner.

Halloween is one of my favorite holidays because it offers so much fun with not much planning. For starters, you get free candy! There is nothing better on a Friday night than to go out and have a blast while showing off some chocolates or staying home and watching a horror movie with the caramel popcorn.

If you are in the mood to go out and have some old-fashioned amusement, check out Lathrop’s annual “Pumpkin Maze,” a massive labyrinth produced with authentic corn stalks. From personal experience, getting lost in a corn maze provides a surge of adrenaline and self-confidence with the right essentials. The corn maze, visible from the highway, is affordable at $10 and also features a variety of activities, such as a pumpkin blaster, “gem mining,” a petting zoo, a highway, and a haunted house. The event is open until Halloween night from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

For those of you who are more interested in having fun indoors, try pumpkin carving. Although I’ve never personally carved a pumpkin, the idea is fresh and allows bonding time between roommates, friends, and peers. Pumpkins are easy to get at nearby grocery stores this week, and last time I was there, Wal-Mart was selling them for $3. Don’t know what to carve? A good place to start is to find a stencil on the internet, print it out, and then use a sharp knife to trace the outside of the design. The pumpkin is not the only one that can be decorated. The seeds can be dried and roasted to create a delicious snack. For baked goods containing the pumpkin meat, make sure you use sweet or sugar pumpkins because the pumpkins used for carving will not work as well.

Lastly, for those who love watching movies, give yourself a scare and watch the recent film, Saw V. The fifth sequel of Saw is now playing in local theaters, and is supposedly even better than its previous sequel. Or, rent a DVD classic horror movie, such as The Exorcist, The Shining, Jeepers Creepers, or my own recommendation, the Descent.

To top it all off, you can sprinkle in some goodies for your movie night! For caramel popcorn, melt butter, brown sugar, corn syrup, salt, baking soda and vanilla in a medium saucepan over medium heat, and coat the popcorn with the mix. Bake it in the oven to finish. You can also use the same caramel mixture to make caramel apples. Instead of putting the finished apples in the oven, place them in the refrigerator to retain its crispness and sweetness.

Take some time to relax and enjoy the wonders of Halloween! Go all out and play dress up, because tomorrow is the only day it’ll be legal.
We've Done the Time Warp, Again!

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What better way to usher in the Halloween season than with a midnight showing of the cult classic, Rocky Horror Picture Show?

The film, based on a play, has been around since 1975, and continues to rake in audiences every screening. Pacifc's own midnight showing on October 25 was no exception.

A huge group of students waited outside Pacific's theater, in anticipation of the movie and live shadow cast. However, the small size of the theater could not accommodate the amount of eager audience members. With just a few minutes left before the show, the usher called out: "Sold out! No more seats!" Members of the cast helped to apologetically relay the message to the disappointed group.

A groan spread through the crowd of students who had not been early enough to snag a seat. Nearly a hundred people waited outside; some were even dressed up for the occasion. A few people shouted out a hopeful request for a second showing as they reluctantly turned away from the theater, but it was to no avail.

On the inside of the theater, lucky audience members buzzed excitedly, anxious for the show to begin. Members of the cast passed out bags filled with audience participation props and the show finally started.

Tara Hodgetts, the show's director who played the role of "Janet," also functioned as an emcee. She kicked off the night with audience participation games and a warning: "This is NOT family-friendly!"

Once the movie began to roll, the audience seemed to fit right into the grooves of the show. Everyone "Time Warped" and appeared to enjoy themselves amidst a minor glitch that occurred toward the middle of the show, leaving the cast to entertain while the movie cut out. Within minutes, the film was on again and picked up right where we left off.

After the show, Hodgetts shared the details of putting on such a program. She revealed that the movie rights cost $750, but $1150 more was needed for props and costumes.

"Organizations like ASUOP, RH, Social Justice, Multicultural Affairs, Pride Alliance, and the Film Studies Dept. helped to fund the project," Hodgetts said. "I am glad to be apart of this tradition.

Being that this was my first time seeing the Rocky Horror Picture Show with a live shadow cast, I am glad that I was able to have the experience although it was quite different from what I had anticipated. Fortunately, I had seen the movie itself several times already, so the scripted outbursts of the cast throughout the show did not interrupt my viewing of the film. For someone who has never seen the movie, it may have been frustrating to try to follow the dialogue, but perhaps that is why these types of performances are geared toward people who are already fans of the movie or the play.

Overall, the showing was a success. The turnout was incredible, the cast was well prepared, and the audience was definitely entertained. I hope that next year the tradition continues, with a whole new audience who will be able to witness and participate in the old story of a few quirky Transylvanians. It's important to bring new fans to these shows, because, as said by cast member Roman Suarez, Rocky Horror is "about the people."

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Delta Phi Epsilon is a new addition to Pacifc's Greek community, a fraternity that promotes interest in foreign affairs within the campus and student body.

According to Vice President Gloria Gunn, the purpose of the organization is to, "create a sense of awareness and awareness of global affairs."

Delta Phi Epsilon was founded in Georgetown University in 1920 by Alfred O. Arsenal, Wesley A. Ash, Samuel C. Bartlett, and TJ Patrick. The fraternity "encourages service to the international and domestic communities through direct involvement in education and collaboration with other organizations that promote a future in global careers while enhancing the welfare of humanity," said Gunn.

"Our event will provide information, activities, and ethnic food booths. For students interested in Delta Phi Epsilon, meetings are held on the third and third Tuesday of every month at 9 p.m. in the Spruce Room."

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Two very dynamic Organizations are gaining popularity in Stockton. "The Peace Love And You (P.L.A.Y) Multi-Cultural Arts Organization is in association with the Cultural Heritage Council (CHG)," according to Founder and President of both, Robert Rojas.

This unique pair of organizations is sweeping over the San Joaquin County to bring the level of commitment by, responsibilities for, and nurturance of the people that make up the blend community and society in Stockton.

The Cultural Heritage Council, a non-profit organization, has several goals including growing cultural awareness, cultural economic development, neighborhood and community cultural development, cultural facilities, cultural infrastructure, and public and private sector funding sources for the Arts.

P.L.A.Y. Multi-Cultural Arts Organization provides entertainment services to the entire range of culture in this community, such as an annual event which showcases all those who choose to perform or as the new language term would have us saying, "represent". "Our event will... break down barriers and provide an environment to create social relationships within our community" reads the organization's internet homepage. The event will be held May 9, 2009.

Rojas has been highly active in seeking out the leaders and developers of our community including city officials, San Joaquin County officials, city members, business owners, education directors, college students, religious affiliates, other non-profit organizations, and more. "Everyone needs to get involved," Rojas said.

For more information, questions, and comments about either of these organizations or to contact Rojas, go to www.playmulticultural.com.
As an introduction into “Salsa y Mas,” the Latino dancing class taught at the Baun Fitness Center, instructor Sergio Acevedo shouts, “Welcome to the Salsa community!”

Acevedo, the Director of Multicultural Affairs, says, “Salsa y Mas introduces people to common Latin social dances so that participants will learn dance technique and build confidence to survive a Latino wedding and demonstrate intercultural competence.”

Acevedo has been teaching the class here at Pacific since 1994 and encourages students to give it a try. “Part of a college experience is to learn about new people and experiences and this is an easy and accessible way to do so.”

Every class begins with the students standing in a circle, holding hands. This is an odd way to begin a class, but do not forget that the students are being formally welcomed to the Salsa community at this time, and that salsa is a close-contact dance. Holding each other’s hands is a great way to relinquish personal boundaries and warm up for the class.

Acevedo instructs the class with easy-to-follow steps, and soon enough, students are marching happily along to traditional Latino dances with ear-to-ear grins that can only be interpreted as “Wow! I’m actually doing it!” In no time, students master the basic steps that give them confidence to boisterously march into any Latino wedding with their dancing shoes on.

One of the students, Ben Adler, is quite a dedicated fan of the class. In fact, he has been attending for four years. When asked what keeps him coming back, his response was, “Salsa is great for distressing. It gets all the nervous energy out.”

The salsa class is more than just a bunch of beginning dancers attempting to keep rhythm to the quick tempo of Latino music while trying not to breaking each others arms in an effort to do some of the more complicated turns. Learning Latino dances is a way of broadening one’s mind to other cultures.

Through the class, Acevedo, as well as the rest of the multicultural center team, hopes to extend a welcoming arm to all Pacific students, encouraging them to stop by the Center, located on the bottom level of the McCaffrey Center, and further broaden their minds to other cultures.

The Salsa y Mas class is taught every Wednesday of each fall semester from 9 to 10 p.m. All different types of dance are taught, including merengue, bachata, banda, cumbia, zapatiada, and of course, salsa. Tango is taught occasionally, but usually by a different instructor.

So come explore the wonders of Salsa y Mas and the Salsa community!
Where did Halloween Come From?
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Only one day remains until witches, ghosts and ghouls come knocking at your doors and horror flicks get added into your DVD player. So the question remains: how did we get this cavity-infesting night of fun?
It all started about 2,000 years ago, a people known as the Celts, who lived what is now the U.K., northern France, and Ireland. November 1 marked the beginning of their new year and the end of their harvest season, so they would celebrate the night before a festival called Samhain.
The Celts also held this festival in belief on this night, the boundaries between the living and the dead dissolved. As a result, they were costumes and dancing around bonfires welcomed the spirits of ancestors and to ward off any bad spirits that might cause sickness or damage to crops.
Later, the Roman Pagans combined Samhain with their own celebration of the dead, All Ferialia. Unlike the Celts, this festival fell on the beginning of their harvest season instead of the end of it. Therefore, they spat fresh fruit coming from the god Pomona, which explains how bobbing for apples became a Halloween activity.
Eventually, Christianity swept through Europe, and the Romans were put to door begging for contributions to a community feast, and those who gave generous amounts would have a prosperous new year. On the contrary, those who gave little would supposedly be cursed, and even threatened.
With so much Irish influence on Halloween, it is not surprising that it brought it to America after immigrating in the 18th and 19th centuries.

What's Your Favorite Candy?

Students and Faculty Spill Their Sweet Tooth Secrets!

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As the weather turns colder and Halloween decorations start appearing all over, there is one thing on everybody's minds: candy!
Now, we all know that you don't have to be a kid to like candy, so I went around and asked some students and faculty to tell me what candy they like best.

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rude and turned this Pagan holiday into All Saints' Day, which ultimately combined bits with the honor of the dead. Another name derived for this day was "All Hallows' Day," so naturally, the day right before was termed "All Hallows' Eve." From this name the variation "All Hallows' Even" originated, which is the term Halloween became to be.
People in Ireland believed there were bad spirits roaming the streets on this night, so they wore masks and costumes to ward them away. As another way to scare away bothersome ghosts, they placed candles in carved turpots outside their homes. Since turpots were difficult to carve, the infamous pumpkin became the vegetable to carve.
The idea of trick-or-treating is also an Irish invention. Villagers would go from door to door begging for contributions to a community feast, and those who gave generous amounts would have a prosperous new year. On the contrary, those who gave little would supposedly be cursed, and even threatened.
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book review

The Wedding

The Wedding follows Nicholas Spark's first book, The Notebook, Wilson, a hardworking, fun lawyer, finds himself left alone in his house with his wife of 29 years. His children are grown, and his wife has fallen out of love with him. They no longer have anything in common. They live separate lives and hardly ever find time together.

When his daughter announces her own elopement, Wilson fears his own 29th wedding anniversary, he decides to put in an elopement plan to win back the love of his wife. Although he lives his life with his own mistakes, his love for his wife endears him. This romantic tale of lost love gives hope for anyone woman out there.

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The Stories Behind the Stars

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(Ass of press time, the Philadelphia Phillies were leading the series three games to one against the Tampa Bay Rays, with Game 5 postponed because of rain.)

Who would have thought that two cellar-dwelling teams would make it to the World Series? I know I certainly did not. But now that the Phillies and Rays are here, let me break how rare this Series seems to be.

The Philadelphia Phillies are the first team in Major League Baseball history to amass 10,000 total losses since they began as a team in 1883. In 125 years, the Phillies have appeared in three World Series contests (not including 2008) and have won only one. The Phillies most recent appearance in the World Series prior to this year was in 1993 when they lost 4 games to 2 to the Toronto Blue Jays. Not only did they lose the Series, but they lost the final game on a game-winning homerun by Joe Morgan. The Phillies just seem to have lots of bad luck.

The Rays’ luck does not seem to be much better. The Tampa Bay Devil Rays, as they were formerly known, were created in 1998. Since joining the league, they have only finished out of last place in 3 of 10 years. Their best finish was in 2004, when they finished 3rd in their division, but the Series seems to be their first. With no clinching game yet and plenty of baseball left, they’re looking forward to making it to the World Series next year. The Rays seem to be just as likely to go on a hot streak as they are to continue to lose games.

With the stress of two sports and a 54-26 record in college, Lydia Jackson has learned how to be a role model. Jackson graduated from Valhalla High School in El Cajon, California to play soccer for Pacific.

Jackson started playing soccer at the young age of five. Back then she used to look up to the older club and women's soccer players. Jackson started club soccer at the age of nine and continued through her eighteenth year. She played on one particular team for 8 years and really bonded with her teammates. The team spirit of soccer drew her in as she continued to play throughout her high school years.

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Athlete Profile: Lydia Jackson

As an international relations major, college junior and a woman accomplished in two sports, Lydia Jackson is a force to be reckoned with. Sporting number 15, Lydia Jackson came from Southern California to play soccer for Pacific.

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In her junior year she earned All-Grossmont League First Team honors in golf. To even up her trophy case she won the same honor for soccer in her senior year. In 2004, Jackson led her team to the CIF Championship title. Jackson ended up choosing to pursue soccer because she still loved the team atmosphere it provided.

Jackson became interested in Pacific because two of her uncles are alumni of the university so she knew all about its excellent academic programs. At Pacific, Jackson in an International Relations major and plans to study abroad in France the spring semester of her senior year. One day she hopes to be an archaeologist, so she studies the world to decide which culture she'd be interested in.

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This soccer season has been going very well. The team is a young team with only one senior. Jackson feels they play well with one another and can go all out this year. The girls are her twenty best friends and they are one big family who are always there for each other and this really shows on the field. They have had a solid season so far, and October 24 was a big game for them. They played Cal Poly and needed to win. Jackson was ready with her usual pregame ritual of eating her power food, a sandwich, and three hours before the game. It's her secret to success on and off the field.

When Jackson is not on the field she tries to give back to her community. Every Monday she and her soccer family go at 3:30 to read with kindergartners and first graders at Kohl school. They also host camps during the summer for soccer fans of all ages. Now her role is reversed and the younger soccer players can look up to her as she becomes their role model.

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Pacific Women's Soccer Falls to Cal Poly

The Tigers played Cal Poly Saturday in Ojai last Friday night, Oct 24, in Stadium, but suffered a 2-0 loss. Without senior Laura King at center field did not keep the girls from hitting hard, as they held off the Mustangs and attacked well through the middle. The Tigers came out strong, linking passes together and playing physical. After only a few minutes, freshmen Angelica Figueroa finished a breakaway, but was denied a goal by the Cal Poly defense, which closed to rolling into the Mustangs in the 40th minute, the Mustangs went on a beautifully driven ball into the box, which was headed in by a player goal. At the start of the second the Tigers came out strong, linking passes together and scoring the ball. Not the ball could not find the net. Just as the Tigers were looking to find the tying goal, the Mustangs tuck a breakaway out of the box, which was turned in by a Cal Poly winner. Pacific is now 8-7-1 overall, finishing the regular season 3-3-1. To head to Cal State Bakersfield for the first match, starting at 300 pm.
Pacific Lacrosse Defeat Alumni for the First Time in 27 Years

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On Saturday Oct. 25, Pacific Lacrosse challenged their old teammates in their annual alumni game. Though the alumni have won for the past 27 years, Pacific finally made a comeback by defeating them 16 to 6. This can only mean that Pacific Lacrosse is the strongest they have ever been.

The alumni scored the first goal, but Pacific quickly took the lead by scoring 8 goals in the first quarter. The Pacific squad set the tone early in the game by controlling ball possession and winning the battle for ground balls. The defense stepped big and prevented the alumni from being able to get back in the game offensively. The proud alumni awarded this convincing win by donating $2260 to the team.

This game proved a great start to the Lacrosse season. Pacific is looking to carry this momentum through the fall and into their regular season in the spring. If you want to catch some of the action for yourself, Pacific will be participating in a lacrosse tournament at St. Mary's college in Moraga on November 15.

Athlete Profile: Anthony Brown

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Anthony Brown is a senior here at Pacific. You may recognize this 6'7" Northern Californian from the Pacific Basketball billboard on Pacific Ave, or you may have seen his signature slam dunks at a Tiger Basketball game. Either way his passion for basketball is difficult to miss.

Growing up Brown tried every sport imaginable, from taekwondo and soccer to football and basketball; he even played the piano and drums. With all these sports and arts to practice, Brown was a dedicated child. He credits his parents for raising him to be the hardworking man he is today; he will work himself to the point of exhaustion. While growing up his father worked the graveyard shift and would come home around 6 a.m. in the morning. Without resting, Brown's father would wake him up and take him to train or workout to build his athletic skills. His father would also show him old basketball and football tapes.

Anthony Brown graduated from Capital Christian High School in June of 2003. There he was a McDonald's All-American nominee and the Golden Empire League MVP. Brown was distinguished as First Team All-City, All-State and All-Golden Empire League honors in just three years. This is quite an accomplishment for a teenager who also led his league as a wide receiver for Capital Christian's football team. Brown was subsequently recruited by many teams for both basketball and football. Ironically he was recruited by about five more teams for his football skills than he was for basketball. Luckily for Pacific, family is the most important thing to Brown. Pacific was close to home, and he chose it because it was the best school academically. With this spectacular history, this year Pacific fans are expecting even more greatness from Brown.

With all his honors and high scores Brown's life is full of basketball, but he makes time for his academic career here at Pacific. Brown graduated last spring with his communications major, although, he decided to pick up a double major at the very last minute causing him to stay at Pacific longer. The night before his deadline, the family man made a decision with his parents to add a double major to his list of accomplishments. He shared that many friends encouraged him to take classes that would require less of his time, but Brown is determined to make the most out of his academic experience here at Pacific. He is enrolled in two courses for his Sports Science major, and aspires to be a sports broadcaster so after he's retired he can still be part of the action.

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With the kick off of Midnight Mania Brown is back to a schedule he knows the best; hard work. Brown practices basketball at least three hours a day while making sure all his homework is done every night. He does not allow himself to slack in any avenues of his life, especially in his dancing. He loves to dance and was recently approached and asked if Pacific Men's Basketball would perform with the Tiger Dancers at Midnight Mania. The dance was a hit, but when asked if he would perform again, his body allows him, he might be interested in dancing. Brown may just be a future contestant on Dancing With the Stars. I'm going to hold him to that.

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NFL
Mike Nolan is gone, and Mike Singletary is in. All Singletary can do is remind Frank Gore that running ball is like making love and electricity. Singletary looks like a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle, but speaks with the voice of James Earl Jones.

Carson Palmer is out for the rest of the season debating whether or not to have Tommy John surgery on his throwing elbow. His back up: Ryan Fitzpatrick, who has 65.7 quarterback rating and the economics degree from Harvard. He has a better chance of solving our financial crisis than the catastrophe in Cincinnati.

Pac-man Jones was suspended four games for the scuffle he had with one of the members of a security team assigned to keep Pac-man out of trouble around the clock. If you had to make a wager about the future of Pac-man Jones in the NFL, “not playing again” is clearly the safest bet. I hate to say it, but betting on anything that involves a significant amount of faith in Pac-man Jones feels like hitting on 17.

FREE PAC-MAN AGAIN

DeMarcus Nelson, Come on down! It’s time to save the 2008 Warriors team (Wait for the laughter). Or at least cover for the humorous off-court activities of Monta Ellis and the shortcomings of Mar­cus Williams and C.J. Watson. Get ready to play point guard for the Golden State Warriors, even though you never played point guard for Duke.

Paul Pierce thinks he is the “best player” in the world. To bad you needed Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen to win the championship. If he were really the “best player,” he would have been able to lead the Celtics two years ago to at least an Eastern Conference Championship like Lebron. When Pierce talks in the future, I’m going to treat it the same way when I hear a politician speak. I will zone out and think about how good funnel cakes topped with strawberries and whip cream taste. (On a side note: I was gone during the weekend

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DeSean’s Sports Update

MLB
World Series
Rays v. Phillies: The way I feel about the World Series is the same way I feel about the U.S. Presidential Race: I just want it to be over.

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