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Anchor splash for cash
Money raised for Stockton Blind Center

Professor Stockton Blind Center and the sorority’s national Service For Sight organizations.

The Delta Gamma sorority begin planning for this year’s event four months ago. At the beginning of the day, senior, Kelly Gordon, president of Delta Gamma and Acting Drug Enforcement Administrator, John Ashcroft, named “Operation Paraphernalia,” senior, Carrie Dawn, said.

Allegedly, all defendants have knowingly, intentionally and unlawfully sold drug paraphernalia. Federal law defines drug paraphernalia as those products that are primarily intended or designed to be used in ingestions, inhaling or otherwise using controlled substances, and include user-friendly and dealer-friendly devices.

“This [Operation] is technically what Ashcroft is supposed to do, but there are so many more problems than this. Maybe they should focus on drugs getting into the country, rather than paraphernalia. The government could be putting an effort to a number of different things,” senior, Tony Silveria said.

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Future leaders

Contributed by Greg Lehr
Director of Activities

Pacific’s Division of Student Life, in conjunction with ASUOP, is proud to present the 2003 Student Leadership Conference. Pacific is looking to foster the future leaders of itself and the world by giving students a chance to learn more about how they can become effective leaders. The conference will teach students more about: Pacific’s Leadership Passport program, how to develop leadership skills, improving communication skills, how to network, and leadership opportunities on the Pacific campus.

Pacific is looking to target current leaders who want to improve their skills before leaving campus, and future leaders, especially from the large freshman class, who are excited about their opportunity at Pacific.

“The leadership conference is the first step in developing leadership skills,” Vice President of Student Life, Julie Sina said. “Students who attend the conference and then complete the passport program really have an advantage in applying for jobs that they desire, because of the skills they will have acquired.”

The conference will feature keynote speaker, Kimberly A. Bowie and her presentation of “Be WHO You Are.” Bowie is the winner of Southwest Missouri State’s 2003 Young Alumni Merit Award, and is the namesake of Virginia Tech’s Kimberly A. Bowie National Pan-Hellenic Greek Woman of the Year Award. Her keynote address will share her thoughts on leadership, team building, and effective communication.

The Student Leadership Conference will take place on this Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration is only $10 and you can register in the McCaffrey Center Lounge until Friday. For more information call, (209) 946-2174.

Operation Pipe Dreams’ leaves industry edgy

By Amber Prochaska
Editor-in-Chief

Earlier this month, Associate Attorney General, John Ashcroft and Acting Drug Enforcement Administrator, John Brown announced plans to stop trafficking of illegal drug paraphernalia.

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Pacific dancers get funky

By Allie Wager
Co-News Editor

More commonly known as "the girls who perform halftime routines for volleyball and basketball games," the Tiger Dance Team has switched their dance style.

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Heart walk to save lives

By Jen Joines
Guest Writer

For those students that need a break, or have the desire to help someone in the community, here is your opportunity!

Delta College will be hosting the eleventh annual San Joaquin County American Heart Walk at Delta College on Saturday, Sept. 27.

All students and faculty are invited to help the Heart Association raise money to cure Heart Disease—the number one killer of men, women and children in the United States.

The Heart Walk is a non-competitive walk that starts at Delta College and heads down Quail Lakes towards March Lane.

The 3.5 mile walk is set to begin at 9 a.m. (register before 8 a.m.).

The goal is to raise $200,000 to help finance hospitals, schools, doctor's offices, emergency medical systems, health departments, media and workplaces in San Joaquin County.

American Heart Representative, Susan Reynolds said, “With your help we will be able to provide the education and resources to significantly reduce the number of deaths and disabilities.”

The mission of the Heart Association is to reduce disability and death from cardiovascular diseases and stroke.

This is achieved by funding lifesaving research and education. Previous funding has already aided groundbreaking discoveries as valve replacement, defibrillation, drugs to control blood pressure and cholesterol, pacemakers, and CPR.

If you are interested in joining the Heart Walk, or would like to make a donation, contact the Baun Fitness Center at (209) 946-7606.

Executive Echoes
President addresses Pacific

By Donald DeRosa
Pacific President

The start of a new year typically features resolutions, and an academic year at Pacific is no exception. Since becoming president nearly nine years ago, I have annually presented a list of my goals to the Board of Regents. That process now extends to the Provost and Vice President of Student Life, University Advancement, and Business and Finance.

You may be interested to know that additionally the Chair of Academic Council, President of ASUOP, and President of the Pacific Alumni Association will present their own goals to the Regents when the Board meets on the Stockton campus next month.

This articulation of goals is fundamental to a systematic assessment of our progress as a University, as well as providing the means for collaboration among the important constituencies (students, faculty, staff, and alumni) of Pacific. And universities are most successful when these various groups all work together. When you consider the complexity of the University—three campuses, eight academic schools and a college, over 6,000 students, 3,000 residential students, 1,000 faculty and staff—the importance of communication and working together is apparent.

My own goals for the year include:

- Working to ensure significant progress in “The Campaign for Pacific.” Over $112 million has been raised towards our goal of $200 million, which is providing resources for student scholarships, faculty support and new and renovated facilities on the three campuses;
- Continuing to work with the Board of Regents, helping them to better understand institutional opportunities and challenges;
- Ensuring adequate resources, enabling each unit of Pacific to perform to its highest potential;
- Strengthening student selectivity and quality in all academic units;
- Enhancing alumni engagement with Pacific.

On Oct. 23, I will talk about these goals and answer questions from students, faculty and staff at an open forum in Long Theater.

On a closing note, I hope you have also set goals for the coming year and I encourage all students to be more actively engaged in the ASUOP.

Pacific prides itself on preparing students for responsible leadership and there is no better place to start than student government.
Asparagus festival relocates

By Amber Prochoska
Editor-in-Chief

Over 15 tons of asparagus were consumed last year at the biggest festival in San Joaquin County. The three-day event, held in the last week of April, brings in over 90,000 asparagus lovers.

Last week, the city announced plans to move the 19th annual Asparagus Festival from its original location at Oak Park to downtown Stockton.

The festival paid the county $150,000 for security, rent and damages done to the park last year; moving the festival's location would not only reduce these costs, it would showcase new downtown renovations.

"We're all thrilled to have the opportunity to showcase downtown Stockton, while at the same time, helping the festival and community's charities," City Manager, Mark Lewis said.

Since 1986, the festival has been a vast charitable event donating over $2.5 million to more than 100 non-profit organizations.

The celebration is the county's most renowned festivals featuring asparagus flavor in a variety of ways, such as in margaritas, ice creams, pastas, burritos and more.

Entertainment includes, concerts, a classic car show, a golf and recipe contest, a celebrity chef cooking demonstration, arts and crafts, exhibits and more on several city blocks, including the Civic Auditorium, Martin Luther King Plaza, Weber Point Event Center and DeCarli Plaza.

In addition, the city hopes to have the 16-screen Cineplex and the Fox California Bob Hope theatre complete and ready for attendees.

"This a tremendously positive opportunity for the festival. To think that after 18 years we can rejuvenate and create an urban waterfront event, which will energize the festival and the City of Stockton," Executive Director, Kate Post said. "This an exciting new development that will most importantly benefit the over 100 local charities who work so hard to raise money for their cause."

For more information, call (209) 644-3740.

Photograph by Elizabeth Card

Retraction from last week

Last week's article in the Perspectives section entitled "Legislation puts light on House and Senate," was taken from www.motherjones.com and was originally entitled, "Until the Cover of Darkness."
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cus stayed on philanthropy, though, Gordon said while adding that the D.J. would be giving the crowd information about the benefiting organizations throughout the day.

The events included a variety of relays, a "funniest swimsuit contest" and a "Mr. Anchor Splash competition." There was also a synchronized swimming event for the males.

Vince Woj Tus, a junior member of Alpha Phi Omega, said he anticipated a fun event with a whole lot of swimming. Under a tent with his fraternity brothers—where the guys were trying to throw each other into the pool before the competitions began—he was registered as an alternate just in case one of the others couldn't compete.

Alpha Phi Omega brother Ryan Arab agreed saying he didn't attend last year because he thought it was restricted to fraternity and sorority members. Arab, a sophomore, is glad he participated this year and said the event lived up to his expectations. He participated in the "sweater" relay for Omega. "I think it's an awesome event," said Arab.

Overall, those who attended said the event was a fun way to spend a Saturday afternoon. Bathing suits, swimming and a whole lot of fun rounded out the afternoon.

Lifeguards, Jessica McGovern and Kim Blair, both seniors, were on high-alert all day, making sure everyone was well protected.

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The Pacifican

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By Jennifer Murphy

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Admission is $4 for students and seniors, $6 for the general public and free for Pacific students with ID.

For more information, call (209) 946-2186.
To err is human, but to forgive is divine

By Shane Cipris
Perspectives Co-Editor

How often have you heard the hoary old cliche, "To err is human, to forgive divine?" I don't know about the second half of that statement, but I could not agree more with the first part. At times, it seems I can't go an entire day without doing something fairly lame-brained...my late cousin could have attested to that, if only I had thought twice about that brilliant "blindfolded William Tell with ninja stars" idea. It was not really my fault; maybe it was a bad idea, but cousin should have put a bigger apple on her head--but, well, that is neither here, nor there. I will always remember her fondly.

Suffice to say, we all have bad ideas sometimes. It is simply a characteristic of being human. This is not to say that animals don't have bad ideas (like monkeys flinging rocks at each other), only that animals don't come up with bad ideas in the mistaken belief that they are, in fact, brilliant and useful ideas. Such misguided enthusiasm often makes for amusing reading, a fact that must have occurred to Bruce Felton, the author of the highly entertaining new book "What Were They Thinking? Really Bad Ideas Throughout History."

One of the best things about this compendium is its potential as a way of gaining perspective on one's own mistakes and bad ideas, which, let us face it, are usually nothing of consequence. Getting "Foxy Mama Becky" tattooed across your buttocks may be a bad idea, but nothing in comparison to the Civil War colonel who stopped fighting in order to consult with a general as to whether or not his regiment should surrender.

You may well ask, what's so dumb about that? The colonel, who was fighting for the Union, crossed the battle lines with a white flag in order to ask a Confederate general whether or not to surrender.

Confederate general advised the colonel to surrender, and he did! One gets the feeling that there were some mighty annoyed Union soldiers that day, but luckily this incident was not too big of a setback for their cause.

In my opinion, the most memorable bad ideas in the book are those dreamed up for various war operations—you would assume that, given the seriousness of the situation, more thought would be put into the effort. You would, however, be assuming wrong. Consider the plot hatched by U.S. intelligence (I use the word loosely) agents during WWII, in which they sought to demoralize and discredit Hitler by spiking his car with estrogen. It was thought that the resultant mustache less, big-breasted, squeaky voiced Hitler would quickly be ousted by an embarrased German government. It was not making this up.

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Life's escapes are well worth the hike

By Paige Elisha
Staff Writer

If you already have plans, break them and go to Yosemite and hike Half Dome. Every person should go at least once. And once you have gone, you will hardly be able to wait until you go again.

Last weekend, I headed to Yosemite with some new friends. We were all eager to get out of Stockton but more importantly, we couldn't wait to get into the great outdoors. Almost within minutes of hitting the road, the rush and noise of city-life fell away, and the stress and concern of school and obligations were a distant memory. Having left at 8 p.m., we watched the world slip into darkness, noticing and savoring the absence of streetlights, traffic and billboards.

Friday night, we slept out under the stars, enjoying a skyline bounded by large swaying pines. All five of us spread out on one large tarp, snuggling warm into our sleeping bags, anticipating the day to come.

We woke at 5:15 a.m. for the remaining drive into the park and to the trailhead, and by 6:30, we were stretching our stiff and cold muscles as we began walking. Steep from the get go, the first few miles of trail up Half Dome shook the sleep from our weary bodies as the sun began to warm the air around us. A paved trail soon gave way to fairy tale-like stone steps twisting and winding up a mountain valley. To one side of the stone path was rock face and to the other, a pounding waterfall, breaking on rocks a hundred feet from its source.

As the day warmed and the miles added up, we slowed our pace and enjoyed each other's company. It is my opinion that getting to know someone is the only true way of getting to know someone. At the halfway mark we rested, gaining our bearing and considering the plot hatched by U.S. intelligence (I use the word loosely) agents during WWII, in which they sought to demoralize and discredit Hitler by spiking his car with estrogen. It was thought that the resultant mustache less, big-breasted, squeaky voiced Hitler would quickly be ousted by an embarrased German government. It was not making this up.

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True level of happiness

By Robert Christinson
Staff Writer

This is not an eye-catching article. It is not funny, witty or clever. It is not directly related to something on campus, and is not written specifically for students. So I ask you, can you do me a favor? I would like you to read this article with an open mind and to consider the nature of happiness.

There are three levels of what one might call happiness. They are pleasure, happiness and joy.

Pleasure is the rush of chemicals in your brain that gives you the sensation of being happy. Pleasure can be attained through alcohol, drugs, sexual acts, food, and other sensory delights.

Pleasure can also be derived from self-satisfaction, pride and identifying one's self with personal successes, gifts, traits or one's knowledge can bring pleasure. Attaining material possessions has been said to bring pleasure. Not acting on one’s beliefs, but rather, doing what is easy can bring pleasure, as well.

So overall, what is pleasure? A look at the seven deadly sins is a guide. Many want to soften the sins and make it seem like they are guidelines for what should not be done in excess. They are not designed for such a purpose. They are to show one what the most inferior form of happiness is: pleasure. It is always temporary and usually harm. It brings no one lasting goodness, hope, or comfort.

The second level of happiness is true happiness. It is a state when one is not seeking to maximize pleasure, but is still motivated by self-interest.

Spending time with family or friends is a time when many are happy. Feeling the closeness of a friendship, sharing one’s feelings or beliefs, or laughing and simply enjoying another's company all bring happiness. When one loves another person, they are much more likely to experience happiness.

Happiness can also be acquired though writing, athletics, art, and other activities. The act of doing these is what brings happiness, not the satisfaction of success, personal admiration of the product or ability to brag about what you have done. While expressing one’s creativity through these activities, one can be living without the negativity that leads to unhappiness.

Happiness can bring comfort and makes a person feel good. It is far superior to pleasure, yet even when experienced with those whom one loves, it is still inferior to joy. It is inferior because a person is not complete. No matter how much happiness that one’s self can acquire, they will still be seeking; they will not feel whole.

Joy is pure love. Joy is when one loves to the point where they lose their superficial identity and the love they share is all of who they are. When one experiences joy, they are left with the feeling of happiness.

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on the way up allowed us
to enjoy almost an hour and
a half on the bulging rock
summit. We stayed until
our lunch of fruit, bagels and
coffee was finished. We
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Swimming above the
many waterfalls is highly dis­
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high water periods. It can be
very dangerous. Finally, be
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receive from Mother Nature
and others you meet on the
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of the world, or at least Half
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Yosemite fell away, em­
phazing the already keen
sense of vulnerability we
felt while edging ourselves
up a rock face. Nervous yet
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The potato heads of I-da-ho must have gotten some suckles with their sign "Iva something for governor." during the women's volleyball game. You know you're trouble when spud heads start to clown on your state. Say I publicly thank the riving Pacific for 95 Years mckles with their sign "Iva dies! If Nike sweatshops iandex shorts. Nice digs an who created those an, and it had to be a making spandex like e making spandex like:edom, the right to vote (if not aroused, stoned 11? I mean after all, it's'an ad Arif; but, if you have rights...to choose your leader. It is in their hand needed something a little more appropriate...you know low unrecoming ge, case ed point number 17. What you really didn't link I wasn't going to put my two cents on the re? I mean after all, it's an real topic for the greatest journalist The Pacifican has ever produced, and as a Californian, it is my civic duty to vote for my next governor. With over 150 candidates to choose from, he may become suicidal over which candidate to se- (if not aroused, spine having a religious epiphany,) so I will be your guide in your quest for making the right choice. Remember, on as an American hold your hand the freedom and moral obligation to choose your leader. It is in the sense the true form of freedom, the right to vote who with you think will best you, Case and point: George W. Bush. In order to make the right choice, we must first familiarize ourselves with the potential that is out there. If you like fireworks or last big explosions, you can always vote for Moham­ nad Arit; but, if you have had a religious awakening within the last couple of weeks, there is also Calvin Y. Louie; or, maybe you forgot to take communion, so your obligation is Alex St. James; and for all my foreign-speaking friends, there is S. Issa. Maybe you like cute fuzzy little nicknames like Charles "Chuck" Fineda or Robert "Butch" Dole or John "Jack" Mortensen–and sticking on the John "Jack" theme, you can vote for John J. "Jack" Hickman which rhymes with the sticky-icky; and if you're into that (and God knows I'm not), you can vote James H. Green or better yet, a friendly shark whose job title lists him as a Marijuana legal attorney, Ronald J. Margolin. Maybe you like your candidates a little more intense so there are Nathan White Cloud Walton, Ari­anna Huffington and David Laughing Horse Robinson (see last week's issue). How about a little pleasure party, you can vote Dick Lane or Cruz M. Bustamante, and when it's all said and done, you can vote D.E Kessinger or if you're just lonely, you can vote Ronald Jaccard Palmieri. Let's not forget Mary "I've taken more shots to the face then George Foreman" Carey Cook, and the most famous handicapped man in the world (no, not Chris­topher Reeve), but our very own Larry Float. If you're all about your letters, there is Sharon Rushford or your looks, Dan Feinstein. Maybe you're a chemistry major, Brooke Adams or you want more champagne. Mr. Gee Porte and you're looking to shoot dice at 2, 1 and Todd Richard Lewis. Maybe your favorite TV show is Paul "Chip" Mailander or you're a big Michael Jackson fan, but if you're into the Beatles there is Mike P. McCar­thy [Editor's note: That's McCartyNeil], or boxing there is the Irish Mike McNeilly. Maybe you have a fetish for overweight guys in thongs? Well, your man is sumo wrestling, Kurt E. "Tachikaze" and it curves Rightmyer. Or you dig matching consonants in names like Badi Badinza­mani and Reva Renee Renz, or cuddly drunken farmer child actors Gary Coleman or "Predator"-killng, I'll be back"-saying Arnold 'Orgy' Schwarzenegger. Maybe you're from Todd Carson or Brian Tracy or just lost your razor so you have a John W. Beard, and if you're that guy at parties spiking girls' drinks you can vote for Cheryl Bly-Chester. If you like snowboarding, there is John Christopher, and for all my foreign-speak­ers, there is S. Issa. If you're from Todd, you're from Todd Maviv you're from Todd Miller. Maybe you're a religious awakening to their husbands closes the door to joy, but so does people acting on their own interests and maintaining separate identities. The loss of one's self is the only way to gain joy. Another way to experi­ence joy is through service to others. To enrich the life of another through unself­ish love, will bring joy to the person, who is not seeking it. If one disregards them­selves to the point where another is more important, unselfish love exists. There is unselfish love, there is joy. Joy is the essence of life. It is the meaning of life. It should be sought at all costs. For a life full of joy will be a life absent of regret.
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**Revolve Bible aimed for teens**

*Magazine-formatted bible gets mixed reviews*

This colorful magazine is the modern day look of the Bible.

**By Tori Cudlidge**

Staff Writer

If fashion advice from the Virgin Mary or dating tips from Luke the apostle sound appealing, the newest attempt to get teens focused on religion might just be working miracles on the pre-adult masses. It’s the age-old wisdom of the Bible, blended into a teen friendly magazine format.

*Revolve*, introduced in July by Thomas Nelson Publishers, is a little bit teeny bop with a whole lot of spiritual influence. This step away from the traditional mainstream is doing more than invoking interest; it's raising conservative eyebrows.

From articles in the local press, to wide coverage on MSNBC, *Revolve* is getting attention. What was first praised by the Associated Press as a hip way to get teens reading the Bible, is now causing ire.

Pacific sophomore, Chanthou Thoeun can see why.

"It looks like YM," Thoeun said. "I'm more likely to read this than the Bible." she said, flipping through the colorful 364-page booklet. "It's different, I think people will look at it and be misled." For the most recent national concern comes from Russell D. Moore, an assistant professor of Christian Theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kentucky who told the online Baptist News site, BP News, that the magazine bible "tends to trivialize the message of the Gospel."

With sections containing anecdotes such as "spiritual facial" said to "burn" out the sin the same way the hot steam routs dirt out of your pores," the Associated Press wrote that teens nationwide might consider the book "cheesy."

The front cover, which looks like the latest copy of Teen Magazine, has teasers like "Guys Speak Out" and "200 + Blab Q & A's." The inside cover has advertisements for other books.

But the new Revolve Bible isn’t all bad news. Rather, the soft-cover magazine look-a-like is just another way of proclaiming the "good news." With its easy-to-read format and emphasis on not making the Christian believer feel alienated in teen society, it is actually a striking addition to the great number of biblical products already on the market.

Pacifc alumnus Justin Perry, who is now a faculty staff member for the Torch of Fire Christian club on campus, said the new look could possibly attract the attention of those who don't like carrying a traditional bible. Perry said some teenagers are incredibly strong in their faith. "I think it definitely has a positive message," Perry said. "I like the magazine's format and I like the little stories."

What sets this bible apart the most from the traditional holy text are the colors and pictures. It is, in essence, the same New Testament grand-mama. The grandparent a read, just with added features. There are quizzes, top ten lists, bright and well-written chapter introductions.

Every message is positive. A featured entitled "Check It Out" also gives teens a chance to search the Internet for religious related organizations and topics.

Perry said the intentions of the Bible magazine seem positive. "I don't think they are trying to be controversial. I think they are trying to make the Bible cool and win over this age demographic," Perry said.

And so far, Thomas Nelson publishers have done just that.

At the Family Christian Store in College Square Shopping Center, *Revolve* is being sold as quick as it can be stocked.

"We had our first batch of 20 and they went really fast," said Jeramy Gonzales, a senior sales representative at the Stockton store. "We were out, maybe for two weeks."

Gonzales said parents are the most likely purchasers, buying *Revolve* for their teenage daughters. The major attraction isn't just the look, it's also easy and fun to follow. The store, which has the book on display at the front entrance, is almost out of its second shipment.

"It's appealing to the eye, it keeps attention," Gonzales said.

Even for the non-religious, like Thoeun, the *Revolve* Bible is somewhat intriguing. Even though the characters are not changed and Jesus' mom doesn't really give fashion tips, the look is bound to grab readers.

"It's different because it's not fat and heavy," Thoeun said. "I'm more likely to read this than the Bible."
Diddy, Eve multi-talented
Music stars launch new merchandise

Fetish by Eve
This past week, Eve finally launched her much anticipated clothing line, Fetish. Her urban-styled clothing is something similar to J.Lo, a clothing line by Jennifer Lopez, which is full of tight fitted jeans, low cut mesh shirts and velour suits. However, this line has an added ingredient that sets it apart from any other: funk.

I remember first being infatuated with Eve for her edgy, spunky style and then later, falling in love with her for her catchy lyrical rhymes.

Fetish by Eve joins the list of artists who have made a lucrative business out of fashion such as Vokal by Nelly, J.Lo by Jennifer Lopez, Sean John by P. Diddy and Damon Dash.

Junior, Jesus Hernandez said, “I wouldn’t buy one; you can get a Rover or a Benz G-class for that kind of money.” Slapping an extra $30,000 for a custom paint job and a couple of extra screens on a Lincoln, whose poor resale value and overall quality will deteriorate dramatically from the moment you drive it off the lot, is not the wisest investment.

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Poet Torregian at Pacific

By Holley Murchison
Guest Writer

In the past, Pacific has had world-renowned poets share their gift with students. Last week, Pacific continued that tradition with poet, Sotere Torregian.

The reading was held at the Pacific Humanities Center. It concluded with a Coffee House and was sponsored by the English Department, the Ethnic Studies Program and the Pacific Humanities Center.

Torregian, who has 15 books of poetry published (one of which he graciously signed at the end of his reading), was active in the 1960s Surrealist Circle with the New York Group of Poets and also helped found the African-American Studies program at Stanford.

Torregian may not be a common name, but his work is definitely embraced by the English Department, as he grew up in an immigrant community in New York City. With a diverse heritage, he traces his maternal ancestry back to the Aghlabid Dynasty of Moorish rulers who derived from Sicily, Greece, Ethiopia and to the Levant while his paternal side traces back to the Maghreb and Central Asia.

The reading was incredible. A sparsely lit room of about 40 people of different ages and colors brought together through their love of art. Torregian's soothing voice mellowed the crowd as he spat out lines that touched us all in a different way.

Michael Capurso, an instructor of Mentor I and a doctoral student in the Bendel School of Education said that Torregian is "a gift to us." Thursday's reading was Capurso's first introduction to Torregian's work but he was impressed.

Others agreed such as senior Arash Scott Behnam, "I felt the power and passion of what the sixties was all about. His poetry reminded me of how little we as humanity have changed over the last 40 years."

Torregian's work was something new to me. I attended the reading open-minded not knowing what to expect. After listening to Torregian for five minutes, I was mesmerized. His work captivated me. It was as if I was being transported from one historical era to the next.

After Thursday night, Sotere Torregian is a name I will never forget.

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Pets at Pacific

A poll of 40 Pacific students were asked Do you think pets should be allowed on campus housing?

7 replied "no"

33 replied "yes"

By Kim Nguyen
Guest Writer

Feeling tired? How about stressed out from school? Well, according to a new study, a furry friend may be the answer to a better life. It is proven that having pets can help lower your stress level.

People's heart rate and blood pressure are affected less while performing stress-full tasks when they are in the presence of their pet.

"Over years and years, if you have something good like that in your life, every day, it has to be a good thing," said study leader Karen Allen, Ph.D., a research scientist at the State University of New York, Buffalo.

So, should students include pets in their lives? Here at the Pacific I took a poll of 40 students on campus and asked them:

"Do you think pets should be allowed in campus housing?"

Out of 40, 33 students answered "yes," students should be allowed to have pets in their dorms; seven answered "no," against having pets. Though this poll was just a small sample to see how students would respond to this topic. There were more pros than cons of having pets allowed. They said:

- "It would be cool if we were allowed to have pets in our dorms. Having a pet would keep us busy and not bored," said seniors King Shinson.

- "I think having a dog or a cat living with you on campus would be fun and interesting." Freshman Linda Le.

- "Students having pets on campus would never work out, because their roommates might be allergic to animals, and not everyone likes animals." Sophomore, John Canica.

The following is Pacific's pet policy, according to the Tiger Lore 2003-2004 edition:

"No pet of any kind may be kept or maintained on University grounds, with the exception of aquarium fish. Due to health standards, only non-poisonous fish are allowed. Fish tanks cannot exceed 50 gallons...Guide dogs are also an exception and must be on a leash. Animals intended for use in projects pertaining to academic programs must be kept and maintained in the appropriate designated areas and only if approved by academic personnel. Horses are not permitted on campus at any time."
Homecoming schedule

By Alison Globe
Guest Writer

Homecoming has arrived. This is the time of year that the Pacific community and alumni come together to celebrate our school and also partake in numerous activities. The events start on Sept. 28 and run through Oct. 4.

One of the highlights of Homecoming is Greek Week. This is a week-long series of events that the Greeks compete in. The events are dynamic, including physical competitions and community service projects.

On Sunday, Oct. 28, the fraternities and sororities will be painting windows in the McCaffrey Center that display spirit for each of their chapters. Sunday, is also the beginning of the "Nickel Drive" to raise money for, "Dance for a Chance," the Greek Council sponsored philanthropy event that raises money for the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS foundation.

Members from each of the chapters will also be volunteering at a golf tournament that benefits the Mary Graham Children's Home Scholarship, which gives college scholarships to children that have been raised in foster homes.

Tuesday is a fun-filled day of activities that everyone can join in on. First, there is an obstacle course at 5 p.m. on Hand Hall Lawn. At 8:30 p.m. all organizations and other teams will go head to head in a "Quiz Bowl."

Wednesday, the fraternities and sororities are attending a speaker that will discuss incorporating chapter values and rituals into their everyday lives.

Thursday, the Pacific Women's Volleyball game starts at 7 p.m. Thursday, is the end of the "Nickel Drive." There will a table in the McCaffrey Center during the week, and there will also be a table setup at the game for donations.

Friday, is the Greek "Kickball tournament" on Hand Hall Lawn at 3:30 p.m.

The "Lip Sync" performance held on Saturday, is the most anticipated event of the week. The "Lip Sync" competition is part of the Homecoming barbecue that starts at 3 p.m. The week's events are a great way to support Pacific but also a great way to bond with fellow Pacific peers.

Five Minute Fashion

Knock! Knock! Who's there?

By Georgette Rodarakis
Lifestyles Editor

"Door Knockers" have made a comeback within the last year and are being rocked by some of the biggest names in the music industry. Most recently, Christina Aguilera sports them in her video, "Can't Hold Us Down" along side Lil' Kim. These earrings were hot during the '80s and have since been revived. Knock 'em dead with this bold accessory.
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TOON IN PACIFIC

STARTING:
GEORGE

THIS WEEK:
"CREDIT CARD FRAUD"
BY: HARRI J. CONOVER

UH, YOU DIDN'T SIGN UP AT THAT BOOTH OVER THERE, DID YOU?

YEAH... WHY?

...BECAUSE THAT'S A "VISA" CREDIT CARD BOOTH!

HEY GEORGE! WHAT'S UP? I'M EXCITED, I JUST SIGNED UP FOR A FRATERNITY! HOW ABOUT YOU?

ME TOO!

FIN.

HOROSCOPIES

by Sally Nichols
Staff Writer

GEMINI
Oh, the stars tell it all! Keep your eyes open for good things to come your way! It may seem like you are always the last to get what you want, but this time things will be different!

TAURUS
Keep your fingers crossed! It looks like your favorite sports team is going to be taking the lead! Be careful of investing money on them though, you don't want to end up in the slammer!

LEO
Lion of the Sabre, keep your eyes open, there may be someone trying to step on your territory. Don't be surprised, just be aware of your surroundings. Some people are after a jealous kind and one should stay on their toes.

VIRGO
Someone next to you might be needing some help. There are times when it is your duty to step in and make that extra effort. You are not to act as anyone's parent, just as ears if need be.

LIBRA
Let's be honest now, it is the 21st Century and one should be at least competent with computers. I know they can be scary at moments, but take COMP 25. If you can't even figure out how to play in your printer, seriously, your future job could depend on it.

SCORPIO
Something keeps telling me that for some reason you should calm down with the money business today. I know that Dillard's and Macy's are having a sale, but keep some of that cash in your wallet, you might need it when you least expect it!

SAGITTARIUS
Smoking is really bad for you. Yeah, you might look cool for like one second, but kick the habit. You can now use gum, strips, even hypnosis! Try this one last time to help your body and everyone else living around you! STOP smoking!

CANCER
I know you are in classes and you think that your body is able to handle anything; well, think again! You need to regain self-control! Yes, party on the weekend, but make sure that you get at least 35 total sleeping hours for the whole week! It will catch up with you in the end!

ARIES
It is almost time for your Study Aros and papers to be due. I know it may seem heavy to have to think about living in a different culture but take the plunge! There are so many great things that you can learn while leaving your own culture! Be a part of the world!

PISCES
Communication is key. If you are having a hard time with a class, make sure that your professor knows. They are much more likely to give you extra time and help if you tell them how you feel. Who knows, they might even think about tutoring you during office hours!
NFL Week Four: 49ers and Raiders choke

By Jehr Alfareh
Staff Writer

There were some surprising upsets in the NFL this past week, and teams that looked like they wouldn’t have a problem suddenly find themselves in a hole. The San Francisco 49ers lost to the Cleveland Browns this week at home and couldn’t score a touchdown against a defense that gave up nearly 300 yards to Jamal Lewis the prior week. They are now 1-2 and a full two games behind the Seattle Seahawks, who are now 3-0 after an impressive win over the Rams.

The Green Bay Packers are in the exact same position as the 49ers. They somehow found a way to lose to the lowly Arizona Cardinals and are now 1-2. Their only win came against a weak Detroit Lions team, and they are well off their game behind the 3-0 Minnesota Vikings. Brett Favre has not been able to get into a rhythm with his banged up receivers core and it has hurt them.

There are currently six undefeated teams in the NFL: Seattle, Minnesota, Indianapolis, Kansas City, and Denver at 3-0, while Carolina is 2-0. The most impressive team thus far has been the Kansas City Chiefs. They’ve scored 110 points in their first three games and Priest Holmes has been unstoppable. Minnesota has also been impressive, but Q.B., Dante Culpepper is hurt and is questionable for this upcoming week.

This is a must-win week for the Philadelphia Eagles, who had Super Bowl aspirations before the season started. They’ve lost two games at home and can’t afford to fall to 0-3 this week. They have only scored 10 points in their two games and need to fix their offense soon if they want to return to where they were last year. The Chargers are also 0-3, and desperately need a win in Oakland.

Arizona at St. Louis
Arizona’s stadium had more cheese-heads than Cardinals fans last week, but they found a way to win nonetheless. They are now 2-0-1 over Green Bay. The Rams are 1-2 after a loss to the Seahawks and have lost Marshall Faulk for 4-6 weeks with a broken hand. The Rams are struggling but will find a way to beat Arizona in the dome. 24-10, Rams.

Philadelphia at Buffalo
Buffalo’s offense was totally shut down last week in Miami, and they lost 17-7. Their only touchdown came on an interception return. Philadelphia is desperate for a win at 0-2. 27-17, Eagles.

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Ladarian Tomlinson finally had a 100-yard effort, and David Boston had over 90 yards receiving, but it didn’t change the outcome. They are 0-3. The Raiders have been playing terrible football all season, with their only win coming on a last second field goal to beat the Bengals. Time to start thinking about retirement. 20-13, Chargers.

New England at Washington
Patrick Ramsey has been the real deal this year, and he had another 300-yard effort in a losing cause against the Giants last week. New England was able to beat the Jets last week but still are not a solid team, and they lost Ted Washington to an injury. 30-21, Redskins.

San Francisco at Minnesota
The 49ers need a win this week and are up against the undefeated Vikings. Jeff Garcia never really got going last week against the Browns and they beat the Lions. The Vikings beat the Lions, but Dante Culpepper has some fractured tooth in his back and might not play this week. 27-24, Vikings.

Kansas City at Buffalo
The Chiefs had the best team in football this young season. Priest Holmes scored seven touchdowns in their three games this season and has been a fan’s coach’s dream. Baltimore’s defense should contain the Chiefs some but their offense won’t be able to match Kansas City’s 23-20, Chiefs.

Atlanta at Carolina
The Falcons were matched last week against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. They couldn’t use Michael Vick as successfully as possible. Even Warren Sapp caught a touchdown against them in the last game. Warrick Sapp, exactly the person you don’t want to have around when you say, “wide receiver.” Well, he is a receiver. Carolina had a great week and their defense be too much for the Falcons to handle, similar to what happened to them last week. 21-15, Carolina.

MLB postseason outlook

By Jimmy Ketotakis
Guest Writer

October baseball, the wild card, and the New York Yankees. It’s that time of year again, as the Major League baseball postseason is fast approaching. However, before we pick who gets a ring, there are still quite a few division races and wild card races to be sorted out.

In the National League, the Florida Marlins and the Philadelphia Phillies have been going toe-to-toe all season long. It is nearly a dead heat, with a simple half game separating the two teams. Florida saw its chances dwindle with the injury of slugger, Mike Lowell, along with hitters adjusting to rookie phenomenon, Dontrelle Willis. On the other hand, the Phillies have experienced a resurgence and are finally playing up to their potential.

Led by Jim Thome and Kevin Millwood, and with a slightly easier schedule down the stretch, the Phillies are my pick as the N.L. wild card champ.

The other N.L. race that needs to be addressed is in the league’s central division. St. Louis, arguably the most talented team all around, played themselves out of the playoffs with a series of poor performances in September. It has become a two-team race between the young arms of the Chicago Cubs and the Killer B’s of the Houston Astros.

Once again, one half game is all that separates these two teams in the standings. Houston has a superior offense with Jeff Bagwell, Lance Berkman, and Craig Biggio, but the Cubs possess one of the best pitching staffs in baseball. Mark Prior, Kerry Wood and Matt Clement have unbelievable talent and none of the three have reached their full potential, but down the stretch, they have all come through, with the Cubs having the upper hand.

The San Francisco Giants and the Atlanta Braves, both behind stellar offenses and solid pitching, have clinched the West and the East divisions, respectively. They are striving for the best overall record in order too see who obtains home field advantage throughout the course of the N.L. playoffs.

In the American League, the only race that has not been wrapped up is the wild card. The Seattle Mariners still have a shot to make the postseason even after another late season collapse. They trail the Red Sox by a game and a half in the division races and wild card.

Will Torii Hunter lead the Twins? standings after taking out three from the A’s showed some impressive offensive in Oakland by
Cricket is one of the few sports that many people in the U.S. don't have the slightest idea about. You would think everybody would be familiar with the sport since it is in fact it is as popular as soccer. The U.S. was one of the many countries that took part in the 2000 Cricket World Cup.

Simply, cricket can be considered a form of baseball with just a little bit more excitement, commotion and many more heart stopping moments (no offense to baseball fans...go Dodgers). Cricket and baseball, although two completely different sports, share a few similarities. For instance, both sports involve the use of a bat and a ball and a keeping of score in the form of runs; however, the similarity ends right there. Cricket does not have a World Series at the end of every season. As a matter of fact, it does not even have a season. It is played throughout the year with matches being held in different countries.

One of the things that attract widespread audience is the World Cup, which is held every four years. Between those four years, there are simply small series of matches for example: Pepsi tournament was held about a month ago between the participating countries of India, Pakistan, West Indies and England. Many other similar tournaments are held from month to month, sometimes with just three countries and sometimes with as many as 12.

If one wants to learn a sport, cricket should definitely be on the top of the list as it is one of the easiest sports to pick up. The rules are not even close to what one would call complicated and do not take much brainpower to learn. The two teams competing against each other comprise of 11 people with each player assigned to their corresponding position. The positions are almost the same as the ones in baseball, but simply assigned different names. For example, the catcher is referred to as the "wicket-keeper" and the pitcher as the "bowler." The 11 people from the bowling team are spread out all over the field and there are always two batsmen from the batting team present with one batting and the other standing across from him next to the bowler. Runs are scored when the two batsman run back and forth from the bowlers side to the wicket-keepers side.

They keep playing for as long as they it takes the bowlers to get them out. There are many more ways to get a person "out" like catching or hitting the three wickets (wooden sticks) that the batsman stand in front of while batting.

The match usually lasts for six hours with each side taking three hours to finish their turn. There are around 50 "overs" bowled with each over consisting of six bowls or pitches. Thus, the ball is thrown to the batsman approximately 300 times. The winner is determined on the basis of whichever team has the highest number of runs at the end of the game. Most teams end up scoring around 200 runs by the end of the game. One higher than this is...
Brett Boone, and living legends Edgar Martinez and Johnny Olerud.

The Red Sox, however, do have time on their side and have a less competitive schedule down the course of the season. The Mariners may have found their groove, but I don't like their chances against Pedro Martinez and the Red Sox. Look for Boston to take the A.L. wildcard.

The Minnesota Twins have dominated both the Chicago White Sox and the Kansas City Royals in September and it is only a matter of time before they clinch the title. The Royals, behind Mike Sweeney, didn't have enough juice but played hard until the end. The White Sox rode a huge year by Frank Thomas, but ace Estaban Lozda has been stuck on 19 wins for nearly three weeks. This was a fun race that ended a bit too early.

Speaking of races ending early, the New York Yankees have already clinched the A.L. East with the best winning percentage in baseball. Outstanding pitching, superior hitting, and a gigantic payroll will propel the Yanks into the playoffs with home field advantage.

The Oakland A's, behind great young pitching, a balanced offense and a very high team on base percentage, will win the A.L. West Crown again. When the dust settles and teams start playing for keeps, things seem to change.

In the N.L., a team like the Cubs will be a huge force, especially in the shortened first round of the playoffs. Whoever opens against Chicago faces the daunting possibility of scoring zero runs in 27 innings.

The Braves, I fear, will be the same problem they've had in the past. Their pitching is quite up to task and their batting is silenced against better arms.

The Giants have a great shot since they are a very well rounded team and have the most feared player in Barry Bonds. They are my pick for the N.L. pennant winner.

Over in the A.L., the A's are much in the same position as the Cubs. This time around, look for the A's to advance past the first round of competition. Neither Minnesota nor Boston have enough depth to challenge the A's in series play.

The Yankees, due to their postseason experience and new additions of Boone and Hideki Matsui along with the simple fact that they are the Yankees, are my pick for the A.L. pennant.

In the World Series, look for the Yankees to beat S.F. in six games due to better pitching and home field advantage with the A.L. winning the All-Star game. Just do not look for the Rally Monkey.

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This sport gets a lot of attention in many other countries mainly because it is one of the sports that the whole country has been familiar with for a very long time. The sport gets its origin from the British, who established their empire all most all around the world. This also could be one of the reasons why the U.S. never really followed with the sport, as everything in the U.S. goes against the British system from the right hand side driving to the simple direction of turning on or off of the light switches.

On the other hand, it is understandable why the U.S. does not want to follow the metric system, but cricket's one thing that this country is really missing out on, as I think of it as one of the greatest sports ever to be played by man.

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