Two landmark cases were argued in front of the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) on Oct. 8. Standing before the nine justices, members of the LGBTQ+ community demanded that their equal employment rights be federally protected from workplace discrimination. Twenty-one states have non-discrimination laws protecting these rights, plus Washington D.C., Guam, and Puerto Rico, but outside of those, the LGBTQ+ community fears workplace harassment and inequality.

The joint cases of Bostock v. Clayton County and Altitude Express Inc. v. Zarda will decide if the Civil Rights Act of 1964 protects gay workers from being fired based on their sexuality, and the Harris Funeral Homes v. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) will decide if that same legislation protects transgender workers from workplace discrimination based on their gender identity.

The Beside Sexuality and Gender Alliance (DSGA), an LGBTQ+ student union on the University of San Diego’s campus, formerly known as PRIDE, will be hosting an information session and discussion on Oct. 16 regarding the recent hearings.

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The USD President Harris and AISO Chairman Gabriel Pacheco shake hands as Persephone Lewis explains the symbolism of blankets.

The Mata’yuum Crossroads Dedication began with an introduction by Persephone Lewis, a professor in the Department of Ethnic Studies and also the Tribal Liaison for USD. She explained the purpose of the event and also acknowledged Indigenous People’s Day. In her five years at USD, Lewis has seen improvement in attitudes toward indigenous people. “When I first started, nobody knew who the Kumeyaay were,” Lewis said. “Nobody thought about the indigenous people that were here before. And I think now, a lot of the students know Kumeyaay. They know how to say it, they’ve heard the land acknowledgment in their classes.”

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The man behind USD landscaping

Ernie Salazar explains how to maintain the No. 3 most beautiful campus in the U.S.

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It is still dark out as Assistant Grounds Manager Ernie Salazar makes his way to the University of San Diego. As the sun is rising, he paves his foreman for the day ahead. They discuss what to trim, and am qualified in pesticide application.”

Salazar’s office is behind Copley Library and next to the Skip and Cindy Hogan Tennis Center. He keeps his landscape organized, with weather reports, work schedules, and pictures of the school on his bulletin board. He also keeps upcoming projects on file.

“New construction is changing our landscape,” Salazar said. “Our responsibilities as gardeners change with it.”

For example, there are plans to work on a new landscape for the Skip and Cindy Hogan Tennis Center. Other projects include working on the USD Softball Complex and putting in a new putting green for the golf team.

Salazar recognizes the extent of the work that goes into maintaining diverse greenery.

USD is home to 164 different species of plants. USD’s online plant inventory explains that trees serve different purposes on campus. Some plants are for erosion control. While some trees are grown on campus for shade, others accent the landscape. Tree compatibility is important because USD is home to trees from many different regions, such as the Chinese evergreen elm from East Asia and the fern pine from East Africa.

Maintaining healthy turf is another responsibility, as the school’s sports teams need grass that can endure sporting events. Torero Stadium’s grass has successfully survived several

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ASG talks transparency

Luke Garrett
News Editor

USD students lost their digital subscription to The Wall Street Journal (WSJ) on Oct. 8 and are not going to get it back. This cuts the already stripped College Leadership Program at the University of San Diego in half. The other half of the program, a digital subscription to The New York Times (NYT), also lies in uncertainty as Associated Student Government (ASG) must renew its contract by Nov. 8 to maintain the campus-wide subscription. ASG has provided no updates on how it plans to renew.

The program exists on college campuses across the U.S. and began at Pennsylvania State University in 1997 “with the specific goal of promoting civic literacy and global awareness on campus through daily exposure to the news,” according to the University of Utah.

Over the past two years, ASG has systematically defunded the program and limited student access to high-quality journalism. In 2018, ASG defunded the delivery of three physical newspapers across campus, and the following year the program was further cut, leaving one free digital subscription to the NYT.

During Thursday’s ASG senate meeting, President Marion Chavarria Rivera did not mention the WSJ’s termination, but instead suggested that students see the WSJ’s page 2

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**Mata’yuum dedication event**

"Kumeyaay people are visible here:" USD community members celebrate new name

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body rely on Copley Library's single copy of newspapers and research-oriented digital access for news.

"Currently, right now, Copley Library has both (subscriptions) available to all students," Rivera said.

Rivera went on to describe that few differences exist between the library’s journalistic resources and that provided by the College Readership Program.

"The only comparison one could make (between the two resources) is you can’t see comments and sometimes people come in and make edits to their articles," Rivera said.

This described similarity between the two resources is missing.

In order for students to access the NYT or the WSJ through Copley Library, students need to log on to the library's website, sign into the research database, scroll through other periodicals and academic journals, click on the NYT or WSJ, then search for a specific article by name or date. This resource, as explained on Copley’s website, is explicitly designed for research and not daily use. The Copley resources do not provide students with app access or a new view of the day’s news.

The digital access provided by the College Readership Program gives students full subscriptions; meaning they have access to unlimited articles through the newpaper's apps and websites.

Despite the WSJ subscription termination, no effort has been made to allow students access to shrinking access to journalistic resources.

The ASG website contradicts the status of the program, as it still lists the WSJ as fee free for students under the "ASG initiatives" tab.

ASG officials worked to regain the free WSJ subscriptions for students, but not through its own funds.

Rivera and Finance Chair George Saunerson attempted to have the WSJ funded by the business school because they believed the businesses made up the majority of the WSJ readership.

Rivera proposed the idea to Dean David Light of the Business School, but the school declined to fund the WSJ for all students.

"It is unfortunate that subscriptions do not exist with any other source for the New York Times and WSJ cannot be provided to students by Associated Student Government," Light said in an email.

"The ASG does not have the funds to participate in the College Readership Program at this time.

ASG has an annual budget of over $1.3 million and, according to previous years’ financial records, the WSJ digital access costs $12,000 — less than one tenth of a percent of the annual budget.

According to the 2017-2018 ASG budget, a similar amount of funds was spent on the Bradford Lee Bosley Fitness Center’s DirecTV subscription.

Following the senate meeting, ASG officials spoke to the struggles they have had with the College Readership Program. Much of their frustration originated from last year’s student government, according to Chair of Diversity and Inclusion Jesse Magaña.

"We are kind of picking up the pieces that were left off by an exec team that left last year," Magaña said.

With uncertainty surrounding the program, and the Rivera claiming that the library already provides sufficient news for the campus, the fate of the College Readership Program is dim.

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**ASG senate**

Acknowledges need for openness

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News Editor

Associated Student Government (ASG) senate acknowledged the need for greater transparency, yet also voted to extend the hearing of the public while an hour still remained on the senate clock.

The student body initially granted around five minutes to the hearing of the public on Thursday, Oct. 10.

Newly-elected senators Simon Mizrahi and Justin Das each voted to extend the hearing of the public, granting an additional five minutes.

"I am looking to make this a more transparent government," Mizrahi said. "I want journalists to have more time to ask questions. We are supposed to be here until 2:00 p.m. because that is why we were elected."

Thursday’s senate adjourned at 1:30 p.m., after Mizrahi’s second motion to extend time failed, making it the third senate meeting in a row to end an hour early.

During the allotted time, ASG senate responded to questions regarding senior Tyler Arden’s request for greater transparency during the prior meeting.

"He had a valid point and we all have no reason to say why he was in the wrong," Speaker of the Senate Carolina Moreno Armenta said. "We notice the transparency issue on campus, with senate elections and the very beginning, we have talked about transparency and you can bet we are working on it."

During the third week of October, ASG senate meetings, a required weekly transcript of senate proceedings, are still available to student view. The minutes have been approved by senate but their publishing is "still in the works," according to Armenta.

President Rivera also denied an interview with The USD Vista for the third week in a row, citing unfavorable coverage of ASG in year’s past.

Senator Mizrahi commented on the President’s decision after the weekly executive meeting.

"I think that her decision should be reviewed," Mizrahi said. "I think that the presidency is not the press is fundamental. It’s how students hear what is going on. I think it is a fundamental aspect of democracy and the presidency is a fundamental role at our school. I think democracy should be supported."

The majority of the senators remained silent during the meeting.

Out of the 30 senators, more than 20 have never made a motion or said a word during senate proceedings this year.

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SCOTUS from Page 1 of the cases, and how they relate to the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

“If you look at what discrimination against a gay person is, it is ultimately that the person failed to align with the stereotypes of their sex, which assumes heterosexuality.” Sierra said in regards to her stance on the positions of Bostock and Zarda. “It is absolutely an issue of sex, because they were fired not because they were perceived as being attracted to men, but because they were men who are attracted to men.”

Sierra noted the circumstance of the law to protect workers based on their sex assigned at birth, rather than their sexual orientation or gender identity; thereby necessitating that the cases be argued as discrimination based on sex to fall under the protection of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. She added that these cases hold gravity over members of the LGBTQ+ community that are coming into their professional careers, and they are especially important for college students looking into the security of their future income and ability to work.

Sierra explained the importance of having this conversation on campus to help LGBTQ+ students and community members process the threats and opportunities these decisions present. Sierra mentioned a lack of optimism as history has not frequently ruled in favor of LGBTQ+ people.

“It is traumatic for LGBTQ+ individuals to see our rights up for debate, and oftentimes we are forced to hear about these issues in environments that encourage divergent opinions,” Sierra said. “While this isn’t inherently a bad concept, you have to remember that this is a debate on whether or not we at LGBTQ+ individuals deserve the right to live freely and to exist without fear. I believe it is imperative to protective those that will be affected by this with information in a space that doesn’t erode at their very being.”

In the case’s appearance before the Court, attorney Pamela Karlan represented Gerald Bostock and arguing on the behalf of Bostock and Matthew Zarda. “When an employer fires a male employee for dating men but does not fire female employees who date men, he violates Title VII,” Karlan said. “The employer has discriminated against the man because he treats that man worse than women who want to do the same thing. And that discrimination is because of sex because the adverse employment action is based on the male employee’s failure to conform to a particular expectation about how the basis for the discrimination,” Alito said. “And it’s sexual orientation. It’s not sex.”

Other justices were quick to seemingly defend Karlan’s points with Justice Sonia Sotomayor, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, and Neil Gorsuch intensely interrogating the defense’s rebuttal to Karlan’s points. Gorsuch went so far as to have Jeffrey Harris, the defense lawyer, admit that there was a causal relationship between sex and the firing of Bostock. Moving onto the next case, Harris Funeral Homes v. EEOC, Aimee Stephens claimed workplace discrimination on the basis that she had been fired because of her sex as a transgender woman. Harris Homes fired her on the basis that she did not fit in accordance with the male dress code as a male. David Cole, representing Stephens, laid out a simple three-point argument as to why this was a case of unequal workplace opportunity on the basis of sex.

“First, in firing her for failing to conform to her owner’s explicitly stated stereotypes about how men and women should behave,” Cole said. “Second, Harris Homes fired her for identifying as a woman only because she was assigned a male sex at birth. In doing so, it fired her for contravening a sex-specific expectation that applies only to people assigned male sex at birth, she would not have been fired, but because she was assigned male at birth, she was fired for expressing her gender as she saw fit, and that her employers had preconceived notions of what those of a specific sex were supposed to act like and fire her because she did not fit that vision. Cole described this as, “It is saying, I object to you because you fail to conform to this stereotype: The stereotype that if you are assigned a sex at birth, you must live and identify for your entire life as a man. That is a true generalization for most of us, but it is not true for 1.5 million transgender Americans.”

Harris Homes had admitted in court of the Second Circuit that had Stephens showed up to work as a woman in proper dress code, she would have been fired because it did not fit her sex. The federal court has deemed discrimination against transgender people sex discrimination for the past two decades proving judicial precedent. Additionally, Cole pointed to the Price Waterhouse case which stated that Ann Hopkins could not be fired for not being feminine enough, and for that, his client could not be fired for not being masculine enough either.

The main argument from John Bursich, the representative for Harris Homes, was that the Supreme Court did not have the right to interpret the laws on this behalf on the American people as it would disrupt the democratic process by which laws of this nature allegedly should be decided. The entire argument of the Harris Homes v. EEOC case was founded in precedent and role of the Court to make a decision like the one that will decide whether or not, on a federal level, transgender Americans can be protected from workplace discrimination.

The two decisions could come out as early as the first quarter of 2020, but in the meantime the LGBTQ+ community, and the rest of America, waits on whether they can be fired at will by employers who disagree with same-sex love or gender identity. These could be landmark decisions for civil rights in protecting the rights of queer people to live as Americans divulging their ability to succeed and participate in the workforce regardless of their sexual identity.

Retraction 10/10

In “Bryce Vine lights up the JCP” on pg. 10, the photo in the upper right corner was falsely attributed to Zoë Morales Martinez. Celina Tebor took the photo.
In a digital age, news broadcast information is in favor of entertainment.

Eric Boose
Opinion Editor

When the United States was still only a fledgling country, Thomas Jefferson wrote, “wherever the people are well informed they can be trusted with their own government.” Essentially, Jefferson says that a well-informed electorate is necessary in a democracy. In the modern era, the role of keeping voters informed has fallen squarely on the shoulders of journalists. For decades, the duty of journalists has been to seek out the truth and inform the people of it. The news has aspired to provide voters relevant information so that their choices will be based on a consideration of the facts, not just on a whim.

For the most part, journalists have done just that. The news, whether in print, on the radio, or on TV, has provided voters with information they need to know. However, it could be done better.

In an increasingly digital era where information is available at the push of a button, newspapers and radio news broadcasts have struggled to stay relevant. With its visual storytelling and short, conversational reports, TV news has managed to maintain relevance better than its print and radio counterparts. The struggle that TV news faces is far more complex.

This is not to say that TV news is inherently bad. It is not. In fact, it would be easy to look at TV news and say that there is little to nothing wrong with it. However, for someone with a strong, idealistic view of what journalism can and should be, TV news is a bit of a letdown. News broadcasters race to keep people’s attention while their producers and reporters hurriedly track down more details. So, while journalists work behind the scenes to unveil the rest of the story, viewers are treated to the opinions of an “expert” or a panel of “experts.” Despite not knowing what the whole story is, people are more than happy to give their opinion on the story. That opinion is rarely moderate. There would be no point in bringing on a so-called “expert” just to say that we should wait to get more details before forming opinions. That does not keep people’s attention.

As social media became increasingly present in our lives, the news — TV news especially — seems to have become more focused on generating sound bites than stories. Fiery quotes and heated arguments make the rounds on social media quicker than an anchor reading the news.

So, those panels of “experts” brought in to discuss the sparse details of a still-developing story become arguments; some more civil than others. And while everyone has a right to disagree with anyone else, and while discourse and debate are keys to making progress, they are not inherently news.

Now, none of this is the fault of journalists themselves. TV news exists in a different historical context than newspapers and radio. In the late 1940s, William Paley and David Sarnoff, two pioneers of broadcast journalism, made a deal with Congress and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Essentially, the deal was that broadcast networks like Paley’s CBS could use taxpayer-owned airwaves on one condition: one hour, every night, would be dedicated to informational broadcasting. That informational broadcasting is better known as the nightly news.

In that deal, Congress made one crucial error. There was nothing prohibiting paid advertisement during the evening news. In defense of Congress, it would be unfair to expect them to foresee the power of television to deliver advertisements to consumers. However, had such a prohibition been included, American broadcast journalism would be changed for the better.

Instead, news broadcasts are expected to turn their own profit. This is the root of the issues with TV news. I should clarify that as a general rule, these issues affect local news broadcasts more than national ones. Local news broadcasters were the first to shift toward a more entertaining style of doing the news, and they were rewarded with an increase in advertising dollars. National news broadcasts were quick to follow local stations’ leads, and the news changed from informational broadcasting to entertaining information.

By having to turn their own profit, news producers are in the same business as the producers of “The Bachelor” — entertainment.

Removing advertising from the nightly news, whether from a decision of the broadcasters themselves or through an act of Congress, is a step that must be taken as soon as possible. For 23 hours of the day, broadcasters should focus on turning a profit, but for one hour a night, they should work for the voters.

I have no doubt that if ratings did not drive content, the content of nightly newscasts on any channel would noticeably change. I believe we would see stories reported fully, not just a quick breaking news update followed by a panel debate. I do not know if more people would watch this new kind of broadcast, but I know the people who watch it would be better for doing so.
Unplugging is not a solution
Pacific Gas & Electric’s problems will not disappear in the dark

Eric Boose Opinion Editor

On Oct. 9, around 800,000 Californians lost power for as long as four days, according to The Sacramento Bee. The cause of the blackout was not some power surge or natural disaster, it was a conscious decision by Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) to turn out the lights on a couple million customers in Northern and Central California. The power shutdown is PG&E’s plan to reduce the risk of wildfires while the affected regions experience dry and windy weather — peak fire conditions.

Power limitations are not a new strategy for fire limitation, but The Los Angeles Times reports that California has never seen a planned blackout as widespread as this one. San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) has deployed power cuts on multiple occasions, and deployed a much smaller one — affecting only around 30,000 people according to The San Diego Union-Tribune — at the same time as PG&E’s massive blackout. The power cut is not inherently a problem, but PG&E has done almost nothing right in their handling of it.

The blackout is not only affecting homeowners in the dark, but also left businesses without power through the end of the week and into the weekend. Such a prolonged blackout can also spoil food, restrict or deny access to water, shut down highway tunnels, and threaten the lives of people who require powered devices like respirators to survive.

Of course, PG&E has been preparing for such problems, especially the last two. The utility has set up emergency power stations — generators for powerless customers to access — and they have been working with the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) to address possible tunnel closures. However, PG&E has set up only one emergency power station per county, aside from Butte and Napa counties, which each have two. Also, that work with Caltrans to deal with tunnel closures was hasty. Caltrans was notified that Caldecott Tunnel, one of the busiest tunnels in the Bay Area, would be affected only 36 hours before the blackout began. To say that PG&E has been careless in their handling of a problem they knew was coming might be an understatement. It certainly raises the question of whether a massive power cut is really the best way to prevent wildfires.

PG&E would certainly say that it is. And for them, this is the best solution. PG&E is a corporation. Their prerogative is to maximize profit. PG&E is also bankrupt, and a convicted felon. The company declared bankruptcy in January, having paid out billions in damages related to multiple devastating wildfires caused by the company’s negligence in maintaining its infrastructure, according to The Los Angeles Times. One of those fires was last year’s Camp Fire, the deadliest and most destructive wildfire in California’s history, killing 86 people according to The Los Angeles Times. In 2010, PG&E was convicted of six felonies after a pipeline exploded in San Bruno, California, killing eight people.

With dry conditions and high winds, the best — and by that I mean cheapest — way for PG&E to protect itself from even more liability is to simply cut power for over two million people. Notice that this does not inherently protect people, or even necessarily prevent fires. Brian Edwards-Tiekert of KPFA Radio in Berkeley points out, people without power will light candles, use gas-powered generators, and cook on grills. Of course, PG&E is not liable for any of that.

PG&E’s choice to blackout millions of customers is reprehensible. Their motive is not safety, it is laziness. The best way for PG&E to prevent wildfires is for them to update their infrastructure, conduct strict and frequent inspections, and to keep up with necessary maintenance. They have not done any of those things.

Instead, in April, the utility paid $8.5 billion in dividends to stockholders, according to KQED, Northern California’s National Public Radio affiliate. Later in April, PG&E spent $235 million, not on new infrastructure or maintenance, but on employee bonuses, according to CBS News. Along with refusing to update their infrastructure, the company has not changed its “shabby, corner-cutting, shareholder-favoring ways,” since 2010, according to The San Diego Union-Tribune. In December 2018, a California Public Utilities Commission Report stated that PG&E is one of the most basic duties.

So, cutting power to 2.2 million customers might be one of the more responsible things PG&E has done recently. Even then, that choice only shows how little they care about the safety of their customers, let alone Californians in general. PG&E, in its current state, has consistently put shareholders over safety. Ten months ago, regulators were considering breaking up PG&E, or at the very least, converting it into a public utility. Now, it is clearly time for some sort of transformative change.

As The San Diego Union-Tribune’s Editorial Board puts it, “this week, PG&E may have dug its grave.” If that is the case, someone ought to push them into it. Their negligence has not just left Californians in the dark, it has left them in danger.

PG&E’s incendiary track record:

Camp Fire
The deadliest fire in California history, the Camp Fire killed 86 people and destroyed more than 19,000 structures in Nov. 2018. A PG&E-owned wire was the source of the fire.

San Bruno pipeline explosion
A pipeline explosion and the ensuing fire left eight people dead in a San Francisco suburb in Sept. 2010. PG&E was found guilty of six felony charges, five of which were for violations of pipeline safety standards.

The views expressed in the editorial and op-ed sections are not necessarily those of The USD Vista staff, the University of San Diego, or its student body.
CLIMATE CHANGE is a complicated topic that can be hard for people to navigate. Understanding some of the common vocabulary and basic ideas used in news stories will allow people to comprehend exactly what they are talking about, and realize how it could affect their lives.

The USD ViSTA

Increased temperatures combined with a drying climate is predicted to create serious risks to the San Diego area in the form of heat waves and wildfires. California’s Fourth Climate Assessment estimates an expected average temperature rise of 3-10 degrees Fahrenheit by 2100. This indicates that 80 years from now, the average temperature in October could be up to 77 degrees. This rise will contribute to increased heat waves and less rainy days. Besides making San Diego a less comfortable place to live, these conditions are also predicted to make wildfires worse when they do occur in the San Diego area.

Sea level rise also poses a severe risk to the coastal parts of San Diego County, especially given that 40 percent of the county’s population lives in coastal communities. A recent climate report by San Diego County conservatively estimated a three foot rise in sea level by the end of the century. This does not sound like a lot, but this could seriously affect areas like Mission Bay and Del Mar where a large amount of properties are located at or near the current sea level. Communities set up on sea cliffs will also be affected. Rising sea levels also bring higher and more intense tides, which will erode the foundations of these sea cliffs, making them increasingly unstable. This is dangerous for structures built on top of them, as well as for the popular beaches below them, such as Black’s Beach in La Jolla.

Carbon emissions from human activities are some of the biggest contributors to climate change among others. San Diego alone produced just over 10 million metric tons of carbon in 2017, according to the city’s Climate Report, which is the same amount of carbon Panama produced in that entire year. Despite this, there are many easy ways to reduce our individual emissions levels. Well-known human emission contributions, and common ways to reduce them are listed below.

1. Personal modes of transportation are a more direct contributor to the local carbon footprint, according to the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. What can be overlooked is the fact that much of the food people buy is processed in factories and often shipped great distances to get to local supermarkets. To cut down on personal emissions, the most effective action is to eat less meat. According to a study by the University of Oxford, producing meat products can sometimes create up to eight times more emissions than vegetables.

2. Energy consumption is another large carbon contributor that is easy to cut down on. Turning off lights and unplugging appliances when they aren’t being used are simple strategies to not only reduce carbon use, but also save money.

3. People’s wardrobes also contribute, which is why it is important to try and source clothing locally or used, whenever you can. If that is too difficult, an easy rule of thumb is to not buy into “fast fashion.” Fast-fashion clothes are inexpensive and low quality which means they end up in the trash faster. Stores who make their clothes like this include H&M and Forever 21, according to Business Insider.

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What is it, and why is everyone talking about it?

USD has pledged to be carbon neutral by 2035, but this does not mean the school will no longer produce carbon emissions. Carbon neutral means producing a net zero of carbon emissions. So, for any amount of carbon that the school expels (through energy consumption, tram emissions, etc.), it will be taking that much carbon out of the atmosphere in some other way. Typically, this is done by planting trees. Being carbon neutral does not mean having zero carbon emissions, but it is a step in that direction toward being non-reliant on carbon.

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The secret behind USD’s renowned beauty lies with its Grounds Maintenance team

Salazar credits the hard work of the Grounds Maintenance team for this impressive feat.

“We get the work done because we have a prompt team,” Salazar said. “Our employees have a lot of experience, ranging to 40 years at USD.”

Being The Princeton Review’s Most Beautiful Campus in 2018 is a great source of pride for Salazar, as the award recognizes his hard work paying off.

“It is an honor to work on one of the most beautiful campuses in the United States,” Salazar said. “Being able to be part of this campus and make something that I and others can enjoy is my favorite part of the job.”

Even though the landscape is a leading contributor to USD’s beauty, water usage in San Diego is a large concern. According to a compilation of research done by USD’s School of Leadership and Education Sciences (SOLES), water consumption in San Diego County increased in residential areas alone from 84 gallons per capita in 2017 to 91 gallons in 2018. This increase is partly due to a statewide lift on water restrictions in 2017.

However, the USD website states that, in 2016, water usage at USD was at its lowest in 25 years. USD also uses weather-based sprinklers that automatically adjust to local weather patterns. Reducing over-watering and being responsive to dynamic weather conditions are two benefits of this system. General construction also reduces gardening labor and water usage. For example, the Learning Commons is no longer a green area that has to be maintained.

Salazar shared his thoughts on the future of landscaping and the importance of water conservation.

“We are in Southern California, so we don’t get as much rain as other parts of the country,” Salazar said. “On campus, we try to save water by removing unnecessary grass and shrubs whenever we can without taking away from the school’s beauty. We don’t want to just have gravel and dirt, we need balance.”

Salazar is planning to retire soon, and intends to stay at USD for the rest of his career. Once he retires, he wants to travel around the United States with his wife. However, Salazar is committed to his work until then, and wants to ensure his legacy will live on after he leaves.

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Salazar’s love for his job radiates off his person. He suggests visiting the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice to see his favorite tree, the African tulip tree, which is in bloom.

“Tulip trees are in bloom,” Salazar said. “I want to keep working until I feel like I can pass the baton.”

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Residents of San Diego know that this city is the place to be if you’re a fan of farmers markets. With year-round mild weather and an abundance of open, outdoor spaces, the city of San Diego capitalizes on these positive attributes by holding farmers markets nearly every day of the week. However, for some University of San Diego students, it can seem daunting to drive almost 30 minutes on a school night for fresh produce. Luckily, that is where the Linda Vista Farmers Market comes in. Easily accessible to campus and budget friendly, this particular market is a great option for students.

The market is held every Thursday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., a change from their summer hours of 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. that was put into effect this October. The market is located just up Linda Vista Road in the Rite Aid parking lot, with the actual address being at 6939 Linda Vista Road. Though they are one of the smaller markets in San Diego, the influence of Linda Vista’s diverse population is evident in the market, which caters to, and is staffed by, a variety of different families local to the area. The evidence of multiple ethnic influences is clear, as stands range from Mexican taco stands to Filipino food booths. Stepping into the rows of bustling booths can make a visitor feel as though they have stepped into a different world, as conversations are occurring all around in multiple different languages while people wander the aisle shopping for various goods.

One of the major draws of the Linda Vista Farmers Market is its affordability. Prices for the market’s produce tend to be significantly less than the prices on campus in Tu Mercado, and because of the market’s location it is almost as accessible for students as our own on-campus grocery option. In fact, there is a noticeably different price for produce at the market than in most grocery stores. While bundles of grapes sell for around $2 a bundle at the market, they retail for nearly $6 at grocery stores like Trader Joe’s. The market also provides a range of produce with rows and rows of leafy greens, supple peaches, and stacks of fresh eggs.

“I like how the market is accessible enough to stop by after class,” said senior Emily Bomberger. “Even though it may be smaller than some other markets in San Diego it is nice because you can be in and out quickly.” If affordable prices and accessibility to campus aren’t enough of a draw, the strong sense of community you feel when shopping at the market should be enough to persuade any shopper. Children of vendors dart between stalls and live music plays while visitors carefully survey and select the freshest of the fresh. The vendors are all incredibly kind, eager to discuss their items and help customers. Because the market is held in association with the San Diego Farm Bureau, there is a guarantee to the quality of the produce being sold, and many of the vendors also set up shop at larger markets on the San Diego circuit.

Whether you need to grab some quick groceries or want to spend an afternoon doing something a little different than usual, visiting the Linda Vista Farmers Market is the perfect way for students to get involved in the community that surrounds our school. Eating more fresh produce and supporting the local economy and community seem to be just two of the many amazing benefits that can come from simply taking advantage of what we have accessible to us as students in San Diego.

For farmers market fans, the local Linda Vista market won’t disappoint

Lizzy Jennings
A&C Editor

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Grapes are one of the many produce items that are cheaper at the market.

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At the market, farmers offer up juicy and delicious fruits like peaches, nectarines, and persimmons with more variety, and at a more affordable price, than both Tu Mercado and most grocery stores.

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A Bite of San Diego: ice cream

Even as weather starts to cool, it's always ice cream season in sunny San Diego

Ashley Ingraham
A&C Contributor

A Bite of San Diego took a look at our reader-suggested ice cream shops to put together a comprehensive list for all Toreros looking to try something new. These locations are great for late-night cravings with friends, date night spots, or indulging and treating yourself a little. Better than that, ice cream tends to be an affordable dessert for college students with a sweet tooth who are balling on a budget. So if ice cream is a favorite dessert of yours, read on to find out some of the best spots to try out.

The Baked Bear
1670 India St.
San Diego, CA 92109

First up on the list is Baked Bear, which is a franchise that has been consistently growing in popularity. The company now has shops scattered across the country, but their first location was actually in San Diego on Mission Boulevard. The owners of this ice cream spot wanted to bring inventive sweets to their hometown of San Diego, and they definitely succeeded in doing this.

This shop has ice cream sandwiches that are out of this world, made with cookies baked from scratch. They pride themselves on the quality of their product and will only serve cookies fresh from the oven. To order at Baked Bear, you first pick your top and bottom cookie options. You can mix and match any cookie or brownie of your choosing, which is no easy task with over a dozen options to choose from. Whether you’re a fan of chocolate, red velvet, or snickerdoodle; there’s plenty to pick from. Step two is choosing your ice cream flavor, arguably the most important part. All of Baked Bear’s options are original recipes, so your experience with their ice cream here will surely be unique. Their Bear Batter, a bright blue cake batter ice cream, is always a great choice.

They also have Vegan Chocolate Chip for anyone out there who is on a vegan diet. Next up, you choose your toppings. From sprinkles to crumb crusts, they have seemingly endless options to choose from for each ice cream fanatic. And lastly, you decide whether or not to have your sandwich warmed up, which is highly recommended.

The items here typically range from $2 to $6, making this place an even more perfect pick. Not only that, but this location also shares a parking lot with Urban Outfitters, so finding parking won’t be a stress.

Salt & Straw
1670 India St.
San Diego, CA 92101

What sets Salt & Straw apart from its ice cream competitors is their abundant and ever-changing menu that features unique seasonal flavors. This month’s “October Spooktacular Series” includes The Great Candycopia, Creepy Crawly Critters, Mummy’s Pumpkin Spiced Potion, Dracula’s Blood Pudding, and Black Cat Licorice and Lavender.

This ice cream shop is a little pricier than others on the list with cups and cones costing around $6 for one scoop, but their unique options make the extra few dollars worth it. Customers love their original flavors that you can’t find anywhere else. They have classic flavors loved by many like Freckled Mint TCHO-colate Chip and Salted, Malted, Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough. They also have options that you can’t get at other shops such as Honey Lavender, Almond Brittle with Salted Ganache, and James Coffee and Bourbon to name a few.

Parking can be scarce since Salt and Straw is located in Little Italy, but customers definitely won’t regret taking some extra time to find parking for this excellent quality ice cream.

Hammond’s
3077 University Ave.
San Diego, CA 92104

Hammond’s Gourmet Ice Cream is the perfect place to pick for all your ice cream needs with their menu holding 32 flavors of Hawaiian ice cream and sorbet. Their ice cream is “super premium,” meaning it’s handmade with 8% butterfat, adding a rich and creamy texture you can taste. With a menu as wide-ranging as Hammond’s, every customer can find a perfect flavor that they’ll surely love. Items like Ginger Cream, Chocolate Coconut Macadamia Nut, and Peanut Butter Guava Jelly to name a few are fun flavors that you definitely need to try. If you can’t decide on one flavor, order their “mini flights” so you can try different flavors in a small serving.

One of the many mouth-watering creations that can be made at Baked Bear, this particular custom sandwich is strewn with copious amounts of chocolate and caramel.

One of our other ice cream locations, with a small scoop being $4, and their street parking can be challenging to find at times, but their high-quality product makes it all worth it.

Mr. Frostie
1470 Garnet Ave.
San Diego, California 92109

This popular location for ice cream in Pacific Beach specializes in soft serve, reduced-fat ice cream. Customers love Mr. Frostie’s “All-American” theme, as they serve up snack bar food and classic ice cream items. The lines that can last almost to the end of the block just prove that this place is worth the wait; no one walks away from Mr. Frostie’s unhappily. Their servings of ice cream are massive, which makes the relatively cheap pricing even better. Whether you’re looking for a banana boat ice cream or a hot fudge cake, this shop has it all. The local favorite is known for their shakes, which are the perfect consistency and check full of all the mix-ins a person could desire. Fans of Mr. Frostie’s say the search for parking in Pacific Beach is never a regret with the great time spent at this joint. Better yet, their options only range from $4 to $6.

Gelato Paradiso
789 W Harbor Drive
Ste. 117, San Diego, CA 92101

Readers love this location, evident in the fact that many sent it in as a suggestion to our media poll. At this restaurant, gelato is the name, and authenticity is the game. They’re passionate and genuine in their approach to serving authentic Italian gelato to customers, and fans of this restaurant rave about the amount of gelato you get for such a great price.

Their options for flavors are bold with artisanal cocos, extracts, and fresh fruits folded into each batch. If you’re a fan of the fall season and flavors, their flavor for the month of October is pumpkin. One of our highly recommended favorites is their banana flavor. The sweetness is perfectly blended out, and it’s made from freshly-ripe Guatemalan bananas.

Parking can sometimes be a little tricky to find since it’s located in Seaport Village, but the exceptional quality makes it a must for all ice cream lovers.

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Toreros defeat Saint Mary’s

USD women’s soccer defeats the Saint Mary’s Gaels 5-0 to remain unbeaten at home

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It took a collective effort from the Toreros to get the job done as they defeated the Saint Mary's College Gaels 5-0 last Wednesday to remain unbeaten at home. The hot corner was sizzling for USD as they scored a massive four goals off of corner kicks.

The Toreros hadn’t played a home game in over a month, and the home atmosphere surely helped the Toreros shine.

“It's great to have the fans' support,” redshirt-senior goalie Amber Michel said. “How strong we came out with everyone, it was awesome.”

The first 20 minutes were quiet as both teams were aggressively trying to take control of possession. In the 20th minute, it seemed as if USD had scored a goal, but the referee waved it off as it didn’t cross the goal line completely.

The Toreros put seven goals through the net, but two were taken off in the first half. The scoring onslaught started with a corner kick in the 22nd minute. Sophomore defender Michaels Foster placed a perfect kick right to the Gaels goalie that she couldn’t handle, and it fell right into the back of the net for a goal, making the score 1-0. That score was her second goal of the season.

“Let's start with the defense because they’ve been showing what they can do,” Foster said. “They’re doing their job well.”

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USD finished with 11 corner kicks on the night.

“We practice them a lot in training,” Foster said. “We always go over what we want from the corner and make the defensive team think about it.”

Five different Toreros tallied a goal as they shared the ball and gave each other good chances to score all night long.

“We were really good with the ball,” Foster said. “I think we looked like the better team and we were passing well and our attackers came out today and showed what they can do.”

A substitution by USD in the 79th minute replaced Michel with first year goalie Ellyn Casto, ending Michel’s night. She finished with her second shutout of the season.

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“I think being at home gives us that extra energy,” Michel said. “But at the same time, we have to bring it here and we have to bring it on the away games, so bringing it to Santa Clara will be important.”

Like Michel said, USD will go on the road on Saturday, Oct. 12 to face West Coast Conference (WCC) opponent Santa Clara University. Their next home game is Friday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. against Loyola Marymount University at Torero Stadium.

The Toreros celebrate after a goal early on in the first half. Five different players scored a goal Wednesday night to extend USD’s unbeaten streak at home.

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**Volleyball wins 11th straight**

Toreros advance to 13-4 (7-0 WCC) after defeating Santa Clara University

*By Zoé Morales Martinez*

The USD women’s volleyball team advanced to 13-4 (7-0 WCC) after defeating the Santa Clara Broncos in an intense three-set victory Thursday night in the Jenny Craig Pavilion.

After a decisive win against the University of San Francisco a week earlier, the Broncos sought to end USD’s impressive 10-game win streak. Losing just five sets since their last defeat, the Toreros entered Thursday’s match determined to defend their undefeated conference record as they reach the midpoint of their season.

USD volleyball head coach Jennifer Petrie was confident in her team’s abilities, but very aware of the strengths of the Broncos as well heading into Thursday’s match.

“We know that, in our conference, in any given night, you have to come out sharp and ready to play because everyone is capable of taking down somebody in conference,” Petrie said. “Especially when you start off in the lead, people really want to gun for you at that point, so it’s important that we come out aggressive and ready to play.”

On top of the pressures already surrounding the contest, Thursday night’s match held a special significance for the players and the fans watching. With the players, fans, and court adorned in pink, the spirit of breast cancer awareness month was alive in the gymnasium, honoring and celebrating the brave and courageous souls who have or are currently battling breast cancer with a battle between two dominant teams.

The Toreros entered the match with a 10-game win streak and are currently battling brave and courageous souls who have or are currently battling breast cancer. Their efforts are fighting, and neither team ever gave up. For some, it was an incredible volleyball match, but for all, it was a beautiful homage to those who fight their own battles with breast cancer. Their fight, determination, and heart was truly celebrated Thursday night in a match that those in attendance will not soon forget.

The Toreros will go on the road this week to take on the 14-2 BYU Cougars on Friday, Oct. 18 at 6 p.m.