**Strong winds cause car damage on campus**

By Ana Mendoza

The Collegian

A weather advisory was sent to all students Thursday afternoon, warning of the heavy winds throughout the Fresno State campus, urging students to use caution when parking near trees and walking around campus.

Fresno State student Tery Roberts did not expect much damage to come from the winds, but he found a large tree branch perched on his Ford Mustang yesterday. “I hope the school has some kind of money,” Roberts said.

Roberts called his insurance company shortly after he found the branch on his car, which had a damaged side view mirror and paint finish because of the branch. A Fresno State Plant Operations vehicle assisted Roberts with the removal of the branch.

Fallen branches resulted in the closure of the Cedar Avenue entrance leading to the campus dorms. A sidewalk between the University Courtyard and the Henry Madden Library was also closed as a result of a fallen branch.

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**Tax increase awaits if Congress doesn’t act**

By Rob Hotakainen

McClatchy Tribune

If Congress doesn’t vote to extend a payroll tax cut by Dec. 31, Sen. Patty Murray warned Thursday, a family in her state of Washington with a yearly median income of $56,000 will pay an additional $1,130 in taxes next year.

Last year, Congress temporarily cut the employee’s share of payroll taxes on Social Security by 2 percent, a saving of 4.2 percent.

Like most Senate Democrats, Murray wants to impose a new 3.25 percent surtax on millionaires to keep the payroll tax cut in place, preventing it from reverting back to 6.2 percent.

“This vote sets up a simple choice,” Murray said in a speech on the Senate floor. “Do you vote to extend tax cuts for middle-class families and students cope with stress as finals approach

By Ciara Norton

The Collegian

With finals lurking just around that corner, some students’ stress levels are on the rise.

Finals week at Fresno State will begin on Dec. 5, but the stress of finals can begin long before that day.

“I have a lot of finals, but it’s the papers and the projects that stress me out even more,” chemistry student Mike Morales said. “It just seems like everything is always due at the same time.”

Morales had to turn in many projects this week that will have a major impact on his overall course grade.

Aside from the emotional effects, stress can also affect the human body.

“Stress creates an inflammatory response in the body that can affect the arteries,” said Elizabeth Ferris, a food science and nutrition professor at Fresno State. “This can lead to increased risk for heart disease and high blood pressure.”

“Eating foods high in Omega-3 fatty acids like salmon and nuts will help,” Ferris said.

Exercise is also a big part of keeping stress levels under control.

WebMD suggests practicing meditation and yoga to help reduce stress. The website also states that the “relaxation can do wonders to restore balance in your life and may even reduce some of the health risks associated with stress.”

Sarah Cohen, an art history student at Fresno State, tries to keep her stress levels under control during finals by exercising.

“When I’m stressed I take breaks,” Cohen said. “I go for a walk with my dog and I also like to get a good night’s rest before the test.”

According to The Better Sleep Council website, bettersleep.org, “65 percent of Americans are losing sleep due to stress.”

While sleeping may seem like an easy thing to do, it is an important step in reducing stress levels that should not be overlooked.

Food also plays an equal important role in stress reduction. Cohen doesn’t alter her eating and drinking habits very much when she’s stressed.

“I don’t really notice that much of a change in my eating and drinking habits,” Cohen said. “If anything I try to drink more water.”

The website EatDrinkBetter.com said that “black tea can help reduce the effects of stressful events by lowering the amount of the stress hormone cortisol in the body.” The website affirms that besides being packed full of antioxidants, tea has also been known to reduce the risk of heart attacks, prevent diabetes, assist the digestive system and fight cavities.

“I probably should make better eating habits all the time, but especially when I’m stressed,“ Cohen said. “When I’m busy with school or work I usually just eat whatever the fastest and not necessarily the healthiest.”

For students struggling with stress, the Fresno State Student Health Center has psychological counselors who meet with students as well as dieticians ready to advise on what to eat.

By Luke Shaffer

The Collegian

California has been prone to several natural disasters including earthquakes, wildfires and floods.

Fresno State University Police Department is planning to use technology to inform students and faculty in case of any natural disasters.

“Fresno State has taken all hazards approach to any kind of natural disasters here on campus,” chief of University Police Department David Huerta said.

Many scientists are predicting a major earthquake in California, which they refer to as the “Big One.” A study done by the U.S. Geological Survey found that there is a 62 percent probability of a 6.7 magnitude earthquake in the next 20 years.

While most California residents worry about earthquakes, the Central Valley is more prone to other disasters such as fire, drought and flood.

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**UPD natural disaster plan includes technology, but no budget**

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Fresno State University Police Department has developed a plan to respond to natural disasters on campus, David Huerta of the University Police Department said that precautions are being taken in case of a large scale disaster such as the Loma Prieta earthquake (pictured above) which occurred in October 1989.

“When a crisis of any kind occurs, we want to be able to tell everyone so that they can take a personal collective action to assist themselves individually and assist others collectively during the most critical moments,” Huerta said.

“We try to be proactive in teaching students how to be safe here at Fresno State.”

Aside from technological information, no designated budget has been assigned to address a natural disaster at Fresno State.

Funds by the university faculty board are given to the University Police Department to address any natural disaster on campus.
Legalize pot to save economy

By Skye Gage
The Collegian

Unemployment, recession, depression, budget deficit, tax increases, entitlement cuts — these are just a few of the words being tossed around in reference to the economic environment we are currently experiencing. In November 2010, the Legislative Analyst’s Office reported that California had a $25 billion deficit. Six billion dollars of that deficit will carry over into 2011 from 2010 combined with a $9 billion shortfall in tax revenue versus spending for 2011. Currently, California has a higher unemployment rate than much of the country. The Employment Development Department of California reports unemployment at 11.9 percent versus a national average of 9.1 percent. Isn’t it time to look into unconventional alternatives to solve this growing problem?

According to the Board of Equalization, it is estimated that the state would see $1.4 billion in tax revenue and reduced enforcement cost through the legalization of marijuana. This may not completely fix our enormous deficit, but it is absolutely an untapped, very attainable resource. With another potential 12 to 18 billion dollars in peripheral benefits associated with other businesses such as hemp production, tourism brought by Amsterdam-type coffee houses, etc., as well as an increase in employment the new industry would create, it is likely that the legalization of marijuana will have an even bigger impact than projected.

Consider: the expenditures spent to prohibit marijuana are huge. According to The Budgetary Implications of Drug Prohibition by Jeffrey A. Miron of Harvard College, California spends $8.7 billion on criminal justice resources that enforce laws prohibiting marijuana production, distribution, and use. The Marijuana Policy Project states that the simple decriminalization of medical marijuana in California would generate $100 million in enforcement costs.

Why are we continuing to look past what seem to be the most obvious solutions to California’s growing deficit? It is naïve to believe that if we just increase taxes on corporations and the wealthy, they are going to stick around to foot the bill. California has lost business after business both overseas and to other states because of friendlier tax programs. Growing, selling, and taxing our own marijuana would produce new jobs, more money, and funds for law enforcement and new industries. Similar to the days of Prohibition, marijuana production and distribution isn’t something the state or federal government is going to stop. Instead of trying to prevent the inevitable, maybe we should, instead, reap the benefits.

According to the Time magazine article “Can Marijuana Help Rescue California’s Economy?” by Allison Stateman, marijuana production is the most profitable “cash crop” in the state, producing $1.4 billion a year, trumping milk and dairy with revenues of only $7.3 billion per year. I do not use marijuana, but I do pay taxes and care very much about the future of our state. Legalizing marijuana doesn’t mean we have to use it or condone using it. Similarly, alcohol production and consumption is legal, but that doesn’t mean it is condoned by all California residents.

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Web Spe@k
Culled each week from discussions on The Collegian’s website.

Response: ‘Dispelling budget myths’

‘Hansie’: “Thank you for sharing such important news with the students. There really are so many things that we can do, if we really wanted to make a change.”

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‘Philosopher’: “While Selena is trying to get rid of some of the bigger myths, the reality actually doesn’t give us reason to be any more optimistic. Does anyone actually know what the ‘overex initialValue’ of these proposals is supposed to remove? Or what positions are getting removed when the $1.4 billion goes to some new administrative position? If so, then its hard to believe that this is going to make a significant difference in costs; the administrative positions seem very insulated. Are they going to remove professors? If so, then it’s hard to believe that isn’t an attack on the relevant departments where those losses are going to come from. It’s not clear to me at all what they are going to do (and, unfortunately, this doesn’t help to clarify what actually is going on) with the budget issue, and the plan seems to go from clear to legal in the abstract. The link provided by Farnes is far from helpful in elucidating that, but that is likely the fault of the committee responsible for the recommendation.”

Response: ‘Campio Leaks’: “This doesn’t clarify the situation. How about investigative journalism? I’m sorry, but The Collegian needs to go after administrators and investigate what is going on!”

Response: ‘Twilight had to happen’

‘Brittany’: “Basically, I think the author of this article needs to get a grip and not be a ‘linear thinker.’ Granted, this article is an opinion, but understand that the book is fiction. Let’s count all the other fiction books, and count the reasons why those readers are ‘sick bastards.’ I think the only reason why it’s so popular is because of all the attention it gets through people who don’t appreciate it. The Twilight Saga is not the best piece of work, but Stephanie Meyer obviously did a good job in attracting an audience. The author of this opinion piece needs to realize that there is more life than a straight line.”
DISASTERS: Fresno State explains natural disaster precautions

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The collaborations and other efforts are key to addressing natural disasters, Tehrani added. Another critical concept teaching the courses is factors that affect California’s potential earthquake, the “Big One,” what will affect when it strikes. Tehrani said that money is used to fund the campus, the ‘Big One’ because they will be less affected because of where they are geographically situated.

“The classes integrate information and connect the theories to how buildings at Fresno State are designed and built,” Tehrani said. “It also teaches on the big picture earthquake which will happen sometime in the future in California and Fresno.”

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“Last year it was open to the general public. This year we kept it closed to students and student guests.”

Zeldon said the goal this year was to make sure more students got to take advantage of the $25 round trip bus ride to San Francisco, rather than people from the community.

“We actually sold out the trip for this year,” she said. “To get to San Francisco for $25 is a lot less than a tank of gas.”

The USU Productions advisor, Shawna Blair, said the San Francisco trip has been going strong since the 1990’s.

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R.A.D. classes will be held Dec. 2 to Dec. 4 and times will vary depending on the day. Although course enrollment is limited to women, the program is open to the general public. The enrollment fee is $15 and grants program participants access to future R.A.D. classes for the rest of their life.

The course focuses on the five risks of personal safety: awareness, awareness, task recognition strategies, risk recognition and risk avoidance. The class is a 12-hour course that is broken up into three days where participants will learn about self-defense through lectures, physical instruction and practice scenarios. Some topics that will be discussed include how to identify personal weapons, vulnerable locations on the body, the importance of defensive postures and the date rape mentality and patterns.

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**Agatha Christie in her own words**

*By Tish Weil, No of pen yes*

Time in for the holiday season, the 1977 autobiography of mystery writer Agatha Christie has been reissued with an introduction by her grandson, Matthew Prichard. “An Autobiography” is the history of a unique upbringing in a time long gone. It’s a portrait of a childhood and young womanhood that vanished with World War I.

What makes this edition special is a CD of Christie dictating parts of the autobiography. The recordings were made from tapes found by Prichard after her death, and painstakingly restored.

Agatha Christie was born in September 1890 during the last years of Queen Victoria’s reign. Her happy childhood dominates the first part of the book with rich evocative detail.

For example, for her third birthday, “There is a tea-table and it is covered with cakes, all sugar icing and with candles in the middle of it. Three candles. And then the exciting occurrence...a tiny red spider, so small I can hardly see it, runs across the white cloth.

And my mother says: ‘It’s a lucky spider, Agatha, a lucky spider for your birthday...’ And then the memory fades.”

Christie taught herself to read at 5. In her teens and early adulthood she dabbed in music and singing, and fell into writing almost by accident. It was during the war years that she conceived of her famous Belgium detective Hercule Poirot.

All writers use their life knowledge in their work, and it’s easy to see where such famous sleuths as Miss Jane Marple and Poirot started.

However, fans of the latter may be dismayed to find that Christie disliked her Belgium detective.

Christie fell in love and married a Royal Flying Corps pilot named Archibald Christie in 1914 right before he shipped out in World War I. She entered nursing and end up working in the dispensary or a pharmacy. This played into her novels since she learned a great deal about drugs, their effects and potential for abuse.

And her Christie had an ugly divorce in 1926. Anyone looking for insight into the missing 11 days when she vanished needs to look elsewhere; she mentions how unhappy she was at the time and how she knew that unlocking new insights requires a great deal of work, but is always rewarding; and that the intrigue of solving the mystery has a kind of passion behind it — that passion being to help save innocence. Because it is innocence that matters, not guilt.

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**Halo: Combat Evolved Anniversary**

*By Billy O’Keefe, McClatchy-Tribune*

Though “Halo: Combat Evolved’s” impact has been exhaustively documented, there may be no finer point than the realization that the 2011 holiday season’s best new first-person shooter may very well be a 10-year-old game with a fresh coat of paint.

For the returning players, there are allusions to yester-years, to “Reach” branding, includes a code that lets you download the maps for free on the multiplayer side (16 classic maps and some match configurations that allow players to re-enact the original game’s four-player multiplayer-early access player engine to power it. As a result, the “Anniversary” pretend otherwise. The game uses the “Reach” branding, includes all of its features (from Forge mode to jetpacks), and allows you enjoyed by the press because players who purchase the but nothing mor15 download. The maps that shipped with “Reach” weren’t included on “Anniversary,” but a furious touch, “Anniversary” includes a download the maps for free and use them in “Reach” if you have a copy.
Reality TV’s new breed of stars

By Robert Lloyd
McClatchy-Tribune

LOS ANGELES — Living in the farther reaches of basic cable are a growing number of television series about what might be called “ordinary people” at work in what most of us would consider extraordinary jobs. It is lazily considered ours.

For all the hokum, these are not like people Hollywood would appear to describe these shows as redneck or blue-collar or rural, but they are mostly set away from big cities in places that are sometimes — you don’t often see on TV: Southern places and picturesque and backwoods places.


Even National Geographic Channel has its corn-pone science show, “Rocket City Reattachment,” which debuted in September. It is a sort of “Mythbusters” with an Alabama accent, whose “back, woods geniuses” make rocket fuel from moonshine whiskey and armor a truck with beer cans.

Cable TV likes to show people at work, it is an economic way to mount a series. There is built in color there and, with a little help, drama. There is always something that needs to be done (in almost any body’s life) on too little money and with too little time. The series listed above are the “mudder cousins of shows like “Cake Boss” and “DC Cupcakes,” and of the “get rich by serving the rich” series so beloved by Bravo.

It is part of their point, which is as often as not clothed as comedy, that the work they show is physically dangerous, because of the landscape and elements in which it is performed and/or because it involves things, machine or animal or human, that might kill you. In Discovery’s Appalachia-set “Moonshiners,” premiering Tuesday, the stars (Tim the Moonshiner, Tickle the Sidekick, Popcorn the Legend, as a promo spot names them), would appear — appear — to be breaking the law, which is a whole other sort of risk taking. (The network also has “Weed Wars,” about the medical marijuana business, beginning Thursday.)

Blue-collar and rednecks aside, these series are not really about class. A little financial struggle is good for the narrative, nevertheless, and we’re regularly reminded of the money an artist is able to lose when this or that thing goes wrong, but by large these are people operating on the margins. Neither is politics, which can be an alienating force in entertainment television, part of the package.

But the work does matter, especially compared to the rest of television, where it is mostly just a decoration. For all the hokum, there are shows about getting the job done. Expertise and capability, which also power cooking and home improvement shows, is just plain attractive, whether it’s knowing how to keep a big truck running in arctic weather or to wrangle a large and deadly snare into a trash can — for its own good, I hasten to add. (Not all animals are as safe here. You do not want to be an alligator in “Swamp People,” about people who kill them; ditto a wild boar in “American Hoggers” or a catfish around the Hillbilly Handfishers. Their shows come with viewer advisories you ought to take seriously.) It is probably enough to say that there will be some in the audience who will identify with these characters and others who regard them as interesting specimens. They speak in Cajun cadences, in the accents of Maine and Oklahoma. (Even MTV, which has just ordered “Buck Wild,” “following the colorful antics of a group of friends just out of high school in rural West Virginia,” is looking in that direction.)

Some smoke cigarettes, and not to look sophisticated. They dress in work clothes, for comfort or for work. Many could stand to lose a few pounds, to start. With some exceptions — the female characters tend to be conventional but, conventionally — they are not like people Hollywood casts for lead roles. Some are even odd — the men of “Gold Rush,” out of work and prospecting for gold, are almost all in their 40s, 50s and 60s, and that is part of the story. As TV, there is something refreshing about it.

As with most reality TV, the reality in these series is modified and mediated. TruTV’s motto, “Not reality, actual- ity,” is a tacit admission that reality is now an empty word, although the network is home to the comically unconvincing repo shows “Buck Swamp Recovery,” and “Lizard Lick Towing,” which pits its heroes against deadbeat strippers, prostitutes and moonshiners, as boss Ron Shirley deliv- ers his colorful play-by-play: “She’s madder than a hornet with no stinger, baby.” But as in professional wrestling, which this oddly resembles, the fabric is part of the fun.
By Angel Moreno
The Collegian

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With two wins in the tournament, head coach Adrian Wiggins talked about the impact of being crowned the tournament champions.

“To win their classic was a good confidence boost, but we still have tough games this month,” Wiggins said. “So it’s a good chance for us to get better.”

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The defending Western Athletic Conference champions will look to get the upset against both Stanford and Oklahoma behind leading scorers, sophomore Ki-Ki Moore and junior Rosie Moult. Moore has provided that scoring punch for the Dogs as she has averaged 19.3 points per game and became Fresno State’s go-to scorer. Moult is right behind Moore in the scoring department as she has averaged 14.5 points per game.

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With Moore and Moult providing an offensive punch for Fresno State, it has allowed the ‘Dogs to not miss a beat in scoring average as they have averaged 78 points a game on the season. Although Moore and Moult have stepped their games up this season, Fresno State is still going to need some of its younger Bulldogs to contribute to be able to come out of this current stretch of games successful.

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Right now, it’s about finding that identity for our team. And with Moore and Moult already making an impact on the floor, the ‘Dogs will need some of other players to get wins during this tough stretch of upcoming games. Two of the players that have contributed more this season are guard Blakely Goldberg, who is averaging 9.2 points and 5.5 rebounds per game in her first year in the starting lineup and senior Veronica Wilson, who has provided a scoring presence off the bench, scoring 8.5 points per game.

Despite an impressive start, Wiggins knows his young team still has much to experience early in the season. “We’re playing against some big, fast and strong athletes, so we’re going to have to play on a high level,” said Wiggins. “These names will really help us feel like we belong [with the best] and we’re confident.”

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Q: What has quarterback Ryan Lindley meant to the program this season?
A: I don’t think it’s this season, but more like all five years he’s been here. When he got here the team was terrible and now he’s on the verge of leading the team to back-to-back bowl games for the first time in [what seems like] forever. He lost his top-eight receivers from a season ago, so his numbers have dipped this season, but he’s still the leader of the team.

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A: Linebacker Miles Burris is the heart and soul of the Aztec defense. He has 17 tackles for loss and six sacks this season.

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A: A lot of blitzes and opportunities to crack some big plays, which the Aztec defense seems prone to give up.

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Q: What will it take for San Diego State to beat Fresno State on Saturday?
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San Diego State's sports editor

Fresno State is coming off another tough loss at the hands of Mountain West Conference rival Boise State. Now, the ‘Dogs have one more chance to get a win against Mountain West Conference member San Diego State. This game will have bigger implications than usual with the Oil Can Trophy on the line. This will be a key game for the ‘Dogs to gain some momentum going into the offseason. Antioch native is the sports editor at San Diego State and The Collegian editor Jerry Huerta caught up with him to talk about what the ‘Dogs can expect from the Aztecs in a battle between old rivals.
Bulldog Game Day

The ‘Dogs will need to spread the wealth between all of the weapons, especially to wide receiver Isaiah Burse, who led the ‘Dogs with 135 yards last week.

Breakdown: Bulldogs

Fresno State has reached the end of its 13-game season and it hasn’t really turned out the way the ‘Dogs expected. Fresno State is currently 4-8, which is the worst record since 2006. With such a disappointing record, the ‘Dogs were eliminated from bowl contention a couple weeks ago and, the first time since that 2006 season. There is still plenty of left for the ‘Dogs going forward. The most important thing is for a win so they can have something to build off of going into the offseason. The second thing is to get some experience for some of the younger players that are expected to step into leadership roles in the future. Also at stake is the Oil Can Trophy, which will restart a long-standing rivalry.

Offense: The ‘Dogs will need sophomore quarterback Derek Carr to get the ball in his playmakers’ hands, especially with sophomore Jalen Saunders on the deep ball. Carr will also have running back Robbie Rouse behind him to give him that security blanket in the run game. Another vital part of the offense has to be senior kicker Kevin Goessling, who became the all-time leading scorer in Bulldog history this past Saturday and will challenge the ‘Dogs.

Breakdown: Aztecs

This game on Saturday has much more on the line than any other nonconference game that Fresno State and San Diego State have played in this season. There is a prize for the winner of this matchup at Qualcomm Stadium: the right to the Oil Can Trophy.

This matchup also will restart the rivalry between the two schools that have battled it out 50 times in the Mountain West Conference series. With Fresno State’s 2006 win over San Diego State, the right to the Oil Can Trophy is a prize for the winner of this season’s matchup at Qualcomm Stadium: the right to the Oil Can Trophy.

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Position matchups

Keys to victory

1. Contain the Hillman

Fresno State faces probably one of the best running backs in the country on Saturday in Ronnie Hillman. He is the leading rusher in the country in yards per game with 134.4 and fifth in total rushing yards. Fresno State will need to contain him to leave Qualcomm Stadium with a “W.”

2. Limit the ‘Big Play’

It is week 13 and this is still one of the keys to victory because it has been an ongoing problem all year. This will be Fresno State’s final chance to right this problem up before the start of the offseason. San Diego State’s rushing attack will challenge the ‘Dogs.

3. Continue making plays

It’s not Carmen Sandiego and continuing the trend of big-play threats is crucial. Look for Carr to find his top target Jalen Saunders and have Rouse spell the aerial attack.

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Getting to know the San Diego State Aztecs

Player to watch:

Ronnie Hillman, running back

Quarterback Derek Carr is the 18th-rated passer in the country and needs just 52 more yards to break Kevin Sweeney’s record for the most passing yards for a sophomore.

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Winnings against:

Cal Poly, Army, Washington State, Air Force, New Mexico, Colorado State, UNLV

Losses to:

Michigan, TCU, Wyoming, Hawaii, Boise State, Nevada

Head coach: Rocky Long, 1st year

Offense: Pro-Style

Defense: 3-3-5

Key players:

Ronnie Hillman, RB, Ryan Lindley, QB, Larry Parker, DB, Miles Burls, LB

Series record: San Diego State leads 26-20-4

Last meeting: 2002, Fresno State won 16-14

Point spread: Fresno State favored by 8 points

Editor’s prediction:

San Diego State: 7, Fresno State: 24

Video: Look for the Fresno State-San Diego State preview online.

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