SITE OF THE HOLIDAY BOWL — San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium, home to major league baseball's San Diego Padres and the NFL's San Diego Chargers, will also host to the 1993 Holiday Bowl, set for Dec. 30. Big Ten co-champion Ohio State will take on Western Athletic Conference co-champ Brigham Young University in a game to be televised nationally by ESPN.
Sunny Southern California Awaits OSU Fans

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Miles and miles of shoreline, a definite Latin American influence and a world-famous theme park are all attractions which await Ohio State football fans when they follow the Buckeyes in the postseason.

However, those attractions are not in Florida, the team's bowl destination in three of the last four years. The sun-drenched beaches, Spanish heritage and theme park are located in sunny San Diego, Calif., as the Buckeyes take on Brigham Young University in the Thrifty Car Rental Holiday Bowl.

Those who have never traveled to California's second largest city are in for a treat. Although the population there tops 2.6 million people, San Diego still manages to retain the atmosphere of a resort town as it sprawls along the coast of the Pacific Ocean.

The area was discovered in 1542 by Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo, who landed at Point Loma and claimed what is now California for Spain. However, the first settlement in the area didn't come until two centuries later when a group of Spanish settlers founded a military outpost there in 1699.

Among that group was Father Junipero Serra, who founded Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá, the first of a chain of 21 missions established along California's coast. In 1774, the mission was moved a few miles up the San Diego River and the site of that original mission can still be seen in Old Town San Diego.

After California achieved statehood in 1850, San Diego grew at a much slower pace than its counterparts to the north, Los Angeles and San Francisco. However, the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941 had a direct effect on population growth in San Diego.

The U.S. Navy needed a new Pacific headquarters and selected San Diego as the site. That relocation produced an increase in industry and brought thousands of military personnel into the area. That began the city's emergence as one of California's largest and most important centers.

Today, San Diego is still home to the largest naval air station on the West Coast and its harbor continues to serve as headquarters for many of the Pacific Fleet's operations.

The city has spread more than 20 miles up and down the coast and to the east. It is also unique in that the city was not laid out to any specified grid. Rather, it follows the natural contours of the land.

San Diego is a tourist attraction by itself with its almost perfect climate. The average daytime temperature year-round is 70 degrees, although something around the mid-60s by day and upper-40s by night is what Ohio State fans can expect. Still, there is plenty of sunshine and city officials say that even midwinter days provide plenty of comfortable sunbathing days.

But the weather is not the only attraction for San Diego. It simply enhances all the others. The city plays host to some of the most famous attractions in Southern California, including Balboa Park, the San Diego Zoo and Sea World.

Balboa Park is a recreation and cultural center encompassing 1,158 acres at the northeastern edge of the downtown business district. The park's most prominent feature is the 200-foot California Tower, which contains a 100-bell carillon that chimes every 15 minutes. The tower has been featured on many television shows and movies that have been filmed in San Diego.

The park was also the site of the Panama-California International Exposition in 1915 and 1916 and many of the Moorish and Spanish Renaissance-style exhibit halls, such as the California Building and the Casa del Prado, still remain.

Balboa Park is also home to seven different museums, featuring artifacts and exhibits from a wide range of times and cultures. Included are the Hall of Champions Sports Museum, the San Diego Automotive Museum, the Railroad Museum, the Museum of Art, the House of Pacific Relations and the San Diego Natural History Museum.

The park is also home to one of the most famous attractions in the area—the world-famous San Diego Zoo. Joan Embry of the zoo has been featured on many shows and was a guest of "The Tonight Show starring Johnny Carson" for many years.

The zoo is one of the largest in the world with more than 4,000 animals of 800 species on display. Highlights include walk-through aviaries, where the birds are in free flight right above your head, koalas bears from Australia and a large reptile exhibit.

Landscape with tropical and subtropical vegetation, the San Diego Zoo has moving sidewalks to take you from one exhibit to another. There is also a special Children's Zoo that covers more than one acre and allows children to pet smaller animals.

Northwest of downtown is Mission Bay, an area comprised of two islands and one large cove and includes facilities for boating and fishing are available there and it also is home for Sea World, a 150-acre marine zoological theme park.

Marine life exhibits, rides, a marine, research labs, aquariums and shows are all available at Sea World. The star of the show is Shamu, a killer whale.

Also starring in shows are Baby Shamu, a killer whale calf, as well as porpoises, sea lions, otters and walruses.

Other highlights include the Penguin Encounter, a 2½-acre exhibit containing nearly 400 penguins, a shark exhibit and the dolphin pool. There is also a special water skiing show in the Sea World lagoon entitled the "Beach Blanket Ski Show."

Other attractions around San Diego include Old Town and Point Loma.

Old Town is the home of the Junipero Serra Museum. Exhibits include artifacts from archaeological excavations in the area as well as the site of the first mission in California.

Also in the area is the Old Town San Diego State Historic Park, a six-acre area commemorating the founding of the first permanent settlement in California. There is a walking tour through the park, featuring old homes, a blacksmith shop and stable, a school built in 1855, and various shops and museums.

The Cabrillo National Monument, overlooking the city and the harbor, is located at Point Loma. A lighthouse is also located there along with a visitor center. Tourists will also want to see the Sunset Cliffs along the shore.

Also available in San Diego is a variety of tours. The Old Town Trolley Tour offers a two-hour trolley excursion that features a narration while winding through Seaport Village, Old Town, the zoo and Balboa Park.
Tourists who would rather tour the city by themselves can do so on various walking or driving tours.

Sports enthusiasts have a lot to choose from in San Diego because the weather is always so pleasant. Water sports such as swimming, surfing, skiing, boating and fishing are prevalent, but there are plenty of other activities available as well. Tennis courts, bicycle paths, riding stables and some of the most beautiful golf courses in the world are all within minutes of almost anywhere in the city.

San Diego is also home to many professional sports teams, including the San Diego Padres of major league baseball and the San Diego Chargers of the National Football League. Both teams call the 62,899-seat Jack Murphy Stadium, the site of the Holiday Bowl, home and, in fact, the Chargers will be hosting the Miami Dolphins for Monday Night Football on Dec. 27, just three days before the bowl game between Ohio State and BYU.

If indoor activities are more to your liking, San Diego has some of the most diverse shopping centers anywhere. Just two — Fashion Valley and Mission Valley — have a combined total of 175 shops and restaurants. Another, called the Horton Plaza Centre, is located downtown and features four major department stores, over 140 specialty shops, a seven-screen cinema, two theaters, restaurants and outdoor entertainment, all on three levels.

The city is home to some of the finest restaurants in the Southwest and its most popular eateries are known for fresh seafood and authentic Mexican dishes. However, there is a cuisine to suit nearly every taste in San Diego.

Cultural offerings are not limited to museums. The 3,000-seat Civic Theatre and the 4,000-seat Golden Hall, located downtown on the San Diego Concourse, host ballets, operas, plays, musicals and concerts.

Other concerts and special events are also on the schedules of the San Diego Convention Center, Balboa Park’s Simon Edison Centre for the Performing Arts, the Coronado Playhouse and the Mandell-Weiss Center on the campus of Cal-San Diego. Popular concerts are also a staple of the San Diego Sports Arena.

If you crave something a little different, you might want to make the trek south to Tijuana, located on the Baja California peninsula. If you think Tijuana is still the tawdry border town portrayed by some books and movies, you will be surprised to find a city of nearly 700,000 with modern high-rise buildings and huge shopping centers.

Not that Tijuana hasn’t retained some of its original “charm.” The most popular tourist center is the Avenida Revolucion, featuring everything from cafes and curio shops to nightclubs and strip joints.

Also available in Tijuana are a variety of restaurants (the city is recognized as the birthplace of the Caesar salad). Horse racing, jai alai and greyhound racing are also on tap. However, if you want to enjoy the Sunday afternoon bullfights, you will have to make a return trip. The bullfighting ring operates only from mid-May through mid-September.

Tijuana is located approximately 15 miles south of San Diego and is easily reached by car or a special train that makes regular round trips.

For more information about San Diego and its attractions, contact the San Diego International Visitors Information Center at (619) 236-1212 or write to 11 Horton Plaza, San Diego, Calif. 92101.
San Diego, here we come,' say OSU fans

Should traveling fans be disappointed? "The answer is, the Holiday Bowl beats the Rose Bowl, hands down," Rectenwald said. "It's a much better experience for the teams and the bands and cheerleaders and fans. The hospitality out here is second to none."

Of course, the fact that Rectenwald also serves on the Holiday Bowl organizing committee might color his opinion.

"Clearly, you want Ohio State to represent the Big Ten in the Rose Bowl," he said. "But there's the side of me that said, 'Hey, I get to throw a great party for 10,000 of my closest friends!'

Ohio State's bowl fate was not determined until early Sunday, when the University of Wisconsin beat Michigan State University and pushed OSU out of the Jan. 1 Rose Bowl and a trip to Pasadena, Calif.

There also had been speculation that OSU might make its second consecutive trip to Orlando and the Florida Citrus Bowl on Jan. 1.

Carole Miller of Buckeye Boosters, which organizes trips to Ohio State bowl games, said the group sold many Holiday Bowl tour packages yesterday.

"We were concerned, perhaps, that people would prefer the Rose Bowl, but the phones have been ringing steadily," Miller said.

She has helped organize 11 bowl trips -- some more popular than others.

"This is no Liberty Bowl," Miller said, referring to OSU's less-than-spectacular trip to Memphis, Tenn., in 1990. "People are much more upbeat this year -- they're delighted at being Big Ten co-champs.

Miller said tours for San Diego are selling twice as fast as did those for Orlando last year.

"People are more interested in going to a new environment," she said.

"People can drive to Orlando. They've visited Disney World. This is a fresh city, a new city, for a lot of people.

"When we put people on or near the beach, it becomes a very popular package. It's San Diego that's popular. A lot of people have not had the opportunity to go there."

Travel Agency 1, which is offering both Holiday and Rose Bowl packages, had several Pasadena trips exchanged for San Diego excursions yesterday, said travel agent Joan Maiberger.

Still, Maiberger said, "quite a few" Columbus people had made up their minds to go to Pasadena, with or without the OSU football team.

"They want to do the Rose Bowl," Maiberger said. "They might not even care about the football game. They go for the (Tournament of Roses) parade, they go for Disneyland."

And, said Maiberger, the Wisconsin win resulted in the sale of more than a dozen Rose Bowl packages yesterday to Wisconsin fans. "There are a lot of Wisconsin fans in Columbus," she said. "Isn't that amazing?"

Ohio State ticket director Richelle Simpson said she expects to sell out the university's allotment of 10,000 Holiday Bowl tickets.
Bowl contingent trimmed, but trip's tab isn't

By Alan D. Miller
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Politicians are missing from the guest list this year, but it still will cost at least $59,650 to send 80 members of Ohio State University's "official party" to the Holiday Bowl.

Last year, the total cost was similar but included $12,600 to send eight government officials and their seven guests to Orlando, Fla., for the Citrus Bowl. Politicians are welcome to attend the football game in San Diego this year, but OSU will not pay their way, spokesman Malcolm Baroway said.

OSU President Gordon Gee and his executive committee decided Nov. 1 to end a 20-year-old tradition of paying for a select group of politicians to attend bowl games.

Proceeds from the game between the Buckeyes and Brigham Young University go to Ohio State's athletic department, an official said.

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About politicians on the guest list

-- for which Gee worked as a professor 15 years ago -- are to pay for the trip.

If OSU took fewer guests, unused money would go to the OSU athletic department, an official said.

Big Ten rules spell out who can be part of the official party but allow for substitutions. They include the university's president, the vice president for academics, the state's governor, university trustees, members of the university intercollegiate athletics board and faculty members, and a spouse or guest of each person.

Gov. George V. Voinovich has said he will not attend as part of the official party.

OSU's official list includes Gee and his daughter, Rebekah, and four of the 11 OSU trustees. Columbus lawyer Alex Shumate and Theodore Celeste, brother of the former governor, have indicated they each plan to take a family member. Student trustees Huaathua Francisco Jr. and Amira Allaboumi each plan to take a guest.

Three student government leaders and four faculty members will attend and take guests, as will 12 members of the athletic council with 11 guests.

Seven other former or current OSU officials will attend, and each is taking a guest. They are David Williams II, vice president for student affairs; John Barone, former chairman of the trustees; Herb Asher, special assistant to the president for legislative affairs; Baroway, director of communications; Robert Duncan, secretary to the trustees and vice president for legal affairs; Jerry May, vice president for development; and Barbie Tootle, director of special projects and special assistant to the president.

In the past, if university officials eligible to attend with the official party declined, politicians took their seats instead.

"They were always considered ambassadors of the university, and the university considered it appropriate to bring them along," Baroway said after the decision to end the tradition. "But last year, it suddenly became a big issue. Questions were raised by some of the media and some of the legislators."

In the past, invitations were routinely sent to the governor, the House and Senate majority and minority leaders, the Franklin County delegation to the General Assembly, the mayor of Columbus and the Columbus City Council president.

The citizen watchdog group Common Cause-Ohio said last year's trip was improper in light of budget cuts and university demands for belt-tightening.
NAVAL PEP RALLY

Gearing up for Thursday night's Holiday Bowl against Brigham Young, Ohio State University cheerleaders, top, run through maneuvers on the USS Constellation at the North Island Naval Air Station in San Diego. Above, Marines and sailors aboard the Constellation show their support for the Buckeyes. Details in Sports, Section G.
Ivan Renner, a member of the OSU band, uses his baritone to reflect the sun while waiting for the Holiday Bowl Parade to begin.

RIGHT: The OSU band marches near the harbor in San Diego during the Holiday Bowl Parade.
Ohio State cheerleaders try to get the tailgaters fired up outside Jack Murphy Stadium.
Buckeyes deliver on guarantee

Defense stops BYU in final minute

By Tim May
Dispatch Sports Reporter

SAN DIEGO — The Ohio State Buckeyes made good on coach John Cooper's guarantee of a bowl win last night, but don't look for him to be making many other guarantees soon.

As Brigham Young quarterback John Walsh took four shots into the end zone from within 11 yards in the last 32 seconds, he came within a dropped pass on third down and a couple of wide ones on the others of not hanging onto the 28-21 Holiday Bowl victory here.

"I was thinking that if we don't win, what a stupid fool I'm going to look like," Cooper said. "I was dry the whole game."

Led by senior tailback Raymont Harris' Holiday Bowl record 235 yards rushing and three touchdowns — he was voted the game's most valuable player — the Buckeyes (10-1-1) snapped a four-bowl losing streak.

Thus, they won the last game of the season for the first time in the six-year Cooper era. It gave them 10 wins for the first time since 1986, and only the eighth time in school history.

"Certainly I think being 10-1-1 gives us one of the best records in America," OSU President E. Gordon Gee said. "That's something we wanted to achieve, going out on a winning note. And I think it shows that persistence and patience is finally paying off."

Since beating Indiana in the 10th game of the season to clinch a share of the Big Ten championship for the first time since 1986, they have run the gamut of emotions.

The next week at Michigan, with their first trip to the Rose Bowl in nine years on the line, the Buckeyes were clobbered 28-0. After a season that saw them win their first eight and rise to third in the country, they came out flat and were promptly flattered.

Two days later Cooper told the team appreciation banquet crowd "I'm going to guarantee you a victory in the bowl game. I guarantee it."

At the time, he didn't know which bowl game and what opponent — not until Wisconsin ended its Rose Bowl dream season Dec. 5 with a win over Michigan State in Tokyo.

Then came Dec. 9 and Dec. 10, when in succession popular fifth-year starting guard Dave Mornot was lost with a broken leg, and backup defensive end Jayson Gwinn was killed in a two-car accident.
Buckeyes hang on to beat BYU 28-21

By Tim May
Dispatch Sports Reporter

SAN DIEGO — John Cooper's guarantee lives.

But the warranty; it took a beating last night before the 11th-ranked Ohio State Buckeyes were able to make good on Cooper's decree and beat Brigham Young 28-21 in the Holiday Bowl.

In front of 52,106 in Jack Murphy Stadium, the Buckeyes (10-1-1) stole their win on the legs of tailback Raymont Harris, voted the game's most valuable player after rushing for a Holiday Bowl-record 235 yards on 39 carries and scoring three touchdowns. Harris praised his offensive line. "If given the opportunity, those type of statistics should be mine," he said.

To win the MVP award, Harris beat out BYU quarterback John Walsh. But Walsh almost stole it when he took the Cougars (6-6) to the edge of a huge upset in the final minute. Walsh was 25 of 44 for 389 yards and three touchdowns.

He hit Eric Drage on a 53-yard catch-and-run to give the Cougars their last shot with 32 seconds left. Ty Howard knocked Drage out of bounds to prevent the touchdown.

But the pass Walsh probably would have liked to have another shot at was a fourth-down throw from the OSU 11 with 13 seconds left that sailed wide of Drage in the left corner of the end zone.

It came the play after a wide-open Tim Nowatzke dropped a sure TD pass.

"I thought it was done right there. I was already thinking about what we were going to have to do to stop the two-point play," OSU free safety Walter Taylor said.

Instead, when Nowatzke dropped it, "Thank you Lord," Taylor remembered thinking. "Then it went back to the huddle and try to stop them on the next play."

After an illegal-motion penalty, Walsh was wide on the throw to Drage, who had beaten cornerbacks Marion Renner, and the guarantee was validated.

"We had our opportunities to win," Walsh said. "We should have won."

"If you would have told us the defense would hold them to seven points in the second half, we would have thought we would win easy."

BYU, which had given up an average of more than 37 points a game through a whirlwind regular season, gave up 391 yards to the Buckeyes but only a 1-yard TD run by Harris in the second half.

The problem for the Cougars was they were shut out in the second half in a bowl game for the first time since the Buckeyes beat them 10-7 in the 1965 Citrus Bowl.

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the game — forced a fumble from BYU wide receiver Tyler Anderson and defensive tackle Dan Wilkinson recovered on the third play of the second quarter, everything was going the Buckeyes' way.

Whoa. That's what the OSU offense did at that point.

And the BYU offense? Walsh was just getting started.

He led the Cougars on two TD drives in the next 10 minutes. He converted a third-and-14 to keep the first one going, then found tight end Chad Lewis on a fade pattern to the left corner of the end zone on fourth down from the OSU 8. That cut the lead to 21-14 at 7:29.

After the BYU defense did what it did little of in the regular season, stop an opponent from scoring for a second straight possession, Walsh took the Cougars 56 yards. He got up from a vicious blind-side sack from linebacker Craig Powell to hit wide receiver Bryce Doman on a 27-yard post cut for the tying touchdown at 3:25 of the second quarter.

Going in with the intent of not giving up the big pass play, the Buckeyes had given up a pass in the first half, including a 27-yard TD pass from Walsh to running back Jamal Willis at 8:49 of the first quarter that had tied the score.

The Cougars kept the momentum going with the first possession of the second half and were poised to take the lead for the first time. But Joe Herrick missed a 40-yard field goal attempt.

OSU floundered again offensively, but a Paul interception, made possible by pressure from Wilkinson on Walsh, set the Buckeyes off on a 66-yard drive.

It was capped again by Harris, on a 1-yard run, but it was inspired by third-and-5 pass from Bob Hoving to Buster Tillman that had moved it to the BYU 44 moments earlier. Harris' TD, at 4:11 of the third quarter, gave the Buckeyes the lead for good at 28-21.

Not that the game was over.

The Cougars threatened twice before their final drive. Walsh couldn't find Micah Matsuzaki on a fourth-down pass into the end zone from the OSU 6 with 12:46 to go, and later his fourth-and-7 pass from the OSU 22 was hurried and sailed wide of Nowatzke.
WHAT A BOWL!
More than 2,000 students, alumni, civic leaders and fans crowded into the San Diego Convention Center to celebrate the Kiwanis Holiday Bowl Kickoff Luncheon. Players from the opposing Holiday Bowl teams, BYU and Ohio State—who first met at the 1982 Holiday Bowl—joined in the merriment. Bands from both teams played for the crowd.

Among the VIPs attending the luncheon were 1993 Holiday Bowl President Steve Horrell, BYU head coach LaVell Edwards, Ohio State head coach John Cooper and Ohio State President Gordon Gee. Formerly a BYU faculty member, Gee roused much laughter from the crowd while reciting a David Letterman--style list of "The Top 10 Reasons Why It's Better To Go to Ohio State than BYU."

The luncheon, sponsored by the Chrysler Corporation, was among the week's many highlights leading up to the 16th annual Thrifty Car Rental Holiday Bowl.

—Christina Mattson